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## Merry shopping

The shoppers at Barnes and Noble in Colonie Center were rewarded with a musical treat on Saturday, Dec. 3.

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## Pieces of the past

The inaugural Albany Paper and Postcard Show is coming to the Polish-Community Center on Saturday.

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## He's a believer

Guiderland boys basketball coach Ron Osinski was impressed after Bethlehem beat his squad 77-66 last Friday in Delmar.

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The Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post on Everett Road in Albany hosted a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

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On the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, survivors and other veterans came together for

# A SOMBER SALUTE

Seventy years ago, Sunday, Dec. 7, dawned sunny and calm in Hawaii. Joe Ryan, then 24, had just finished breakfast and was standing by the rail of the USS Argonne, gazing across Pearl Harbor to Battleship Row.

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In an instant, the serenity was shattered and his life changed forever.

"All of a sudden, an airplane hangar blew up and from behind came the roar of dive bombers ... dropping torpedoes in a well practiced formation with devastating results," said Dennis Ryan, Joe's son. "In an instant, that paradise was transformed into a flaming hell."

Ryan spoke on behalf of his father, who died four years ago on the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor at age 90, at a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post on Everett Road in Albany.

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# Nursing home debate rages on

No action taken last year on future of Albany County facility

By GREG FRY  
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The future of the Albany County Nursing Home remains unclear as questions continue to be posed about the need for county-run facilities in tough times.

On Monday, Dec. 5, the County Legislature adopted a \$598 million dollar budget, which would raise property taxes by 8 percent. County Executive Michael Breslin vetoed that budget on Dec. 12. One reason for the veto was

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\$1.4 million in Personnel Service Savings, which Breslin said would have "severe consequences" for the nursing home, due to an inability to hire certified nursing assistants.

Despite the battle between Breslin and lawmakers, little conversation over the long-term future of the nursing home was incorporated into the budget talks.

"I think every single member of the legislature has a sincere interest in protecting the elderly and those that need our care," said Legislator Richard Mendick,

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# Club scales back soccerplex plans

Group hopes to present new proposal in early 2012

By GREG FRY  
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For years, the Bethlehem Soccer Club has prepared to build an indoor soccer facility at its complex on Wemple Road.

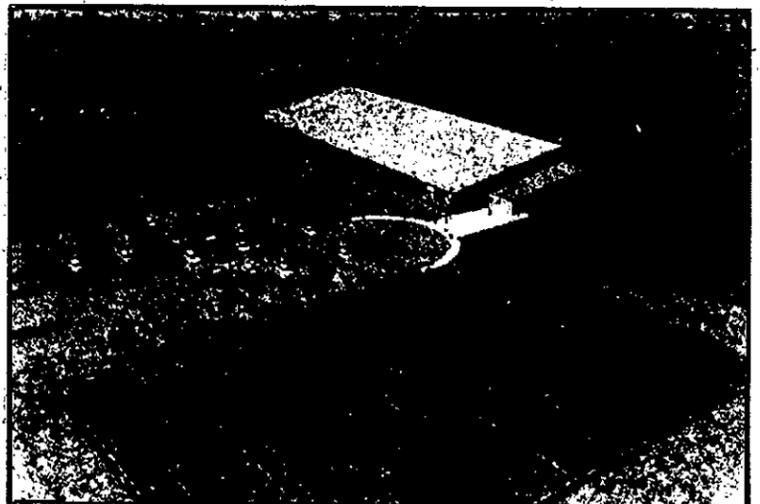
Now, club officials are looking to meet their needs for indoor fields while scaling back their

original plans.

At their annual meeting held Thursday, Dec. 8, club leaders said they were retooling the plan after analyzing costs and the feasibility of the project.

"The reality is, once we saw the plan for the smaller building, it actually fits in a nicer spot at the Soccerplex," said club Co-President Brian Whitman. "It's less intrusive. It affords us just about everything we need anyway, and it's half as much money."

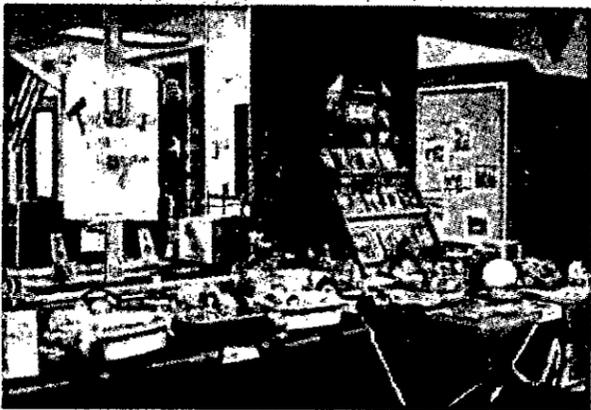
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The Bethlehem Soccer Club is modifying plans for an indoor sports facility at its location on Wemple Road. Initial plans (pictured) called for an 87,500 square foot building. The new building will likely be half that size.

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# Elementary toy sale benefits Schoharie County school



Students at Westmere Elementary School in Guilderland sold gently used toys and games to parents, teachers and fellow students during the week of Dec. 5.

Greg Fry/Spotlight

## Students in G'land raise money for Irene victims

By GREG FRY  
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By selling slightly used toys within their school, a group of second graders at Westmere Elementary School in Guilderland have raised money for those deeply impacted by Tropical Storm Irene.

During the week of Dec. 5, students in Westmere teacher Dorine

Phelan's class committed their time to running their own "toy store" in a main hallway of the school in order to raise money for the Middleburgh Central School in Schoharie County. The idea stemmed from the need to teach students about communities as part of their curriculum.

"I was thinking beyond knowing what your community is and what the physical part of the community is," said Phelan. "What about being a good citizen within your

community as well?"

While the storm hit some areas of the immediate Capital District hard, the damage was minimal compared to the destruction in parts of Schoharie County. Phelan reached out to parents during an open house in September and asked them if they had any connections to communities impacted by the storm. One parent, who works at Albany Medical Center, told Phelan that a coworker's sister taught in Middleburgh.

That school suffered severe damage to its wood shop and technology center. Estimates are that the tech center alone sustained over \$200,000 in damages.

"In this case, it was a financial need to replace things they had lost," said Phelan.

She went back to her class and asked them how they could raise money.

"They came up with having a lemonade stand or a bake sale, because that's their range of experience," Phelan said. "Some kids said let's have a garage sale. I thought about how we could do that in our school."

At the same time, a used book sale was taking place at the school. Phelan and her students put all their ideas together and came up with the idea for a used toy sale.

"I was just going to have my class donate their toys, because I didn't want it to be too huge, 'cause I was afraid if we could handle it," said Phelan. "Then, we really didn't have enough, so I asked staff if they had any toys from their family."

Phelan wound up sending out a flyer to every family and student in the school. The result was a hallway of tables filled with slightly used toys and games.

Along with completing their basic class work, the students were also helping to develop a makeshift department store they called G.U.T.A.G.'s, which stands for Gently Used Toys and Games. Two or three students at a time would run the store, helping parents, teachers and fellow students make purchases.

"It's fun to do projects like this, and it's important to do them, but you also have to do the regular stuff, too," said Phelan. "It's great because you can combine them."

Jennifer Rehberg, a teacher at Middleburgh Central School, called the Westmere students "amazing young citizens."

"We appreciate their efforts and the support that so many have shown our community as we continue to recover," said Rehberg. "They exemplify the holiday spirit and we thank them for their thoughtfulness and generosity."

Phelan said the sale was a win-win for everyone involved.

"Some kids were buying gifts for the holidays," said Phelan. "Those kids feel like they're giving to the cause. People got rid of toys, kids were buying things and teachers were buying things for their classrooms."

The students raised about \$1,000 through the sale. Phelan said that the idea could work for other classes and schools looking to raise money for a good cause.

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# Teen organizes Adopt A Child fundraiser

**Bowl and Give benefit to help needy children**

A Bowl and Give for Christmas fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 1 - 3 p.m. at Del Lanes in Delmar. For \$10, attendees will receive unlimited bowling and shoes for two hours. Partial proceeds from the event will benefit an Adopt A Child At Christmas Program, coordinated by Slingerlands resident Lily Killar, 14.

The monies raised will be used to purchase gifts for children from Killar's Adopt A Child wish list, for children who have not had gifts purchased for them.

Each year, Killar sends out emails and coordinates events to raise money for the Adopt A Child Program. The children she collects gifts for reside in the city of Albany, and are children that she either knows personally from her mother's work in the community, or people who her mother or father hear about and share with her.

Del Lanes is donating a portion of the \$10 Bowl and Give admission to Lily's cause so that she can purchase gifts for the children. This year, the children on the list range in age from 7 months to 16 years old. Lily works hard to find families who have little or no other resources, and tries to give each child five gifts from their list.

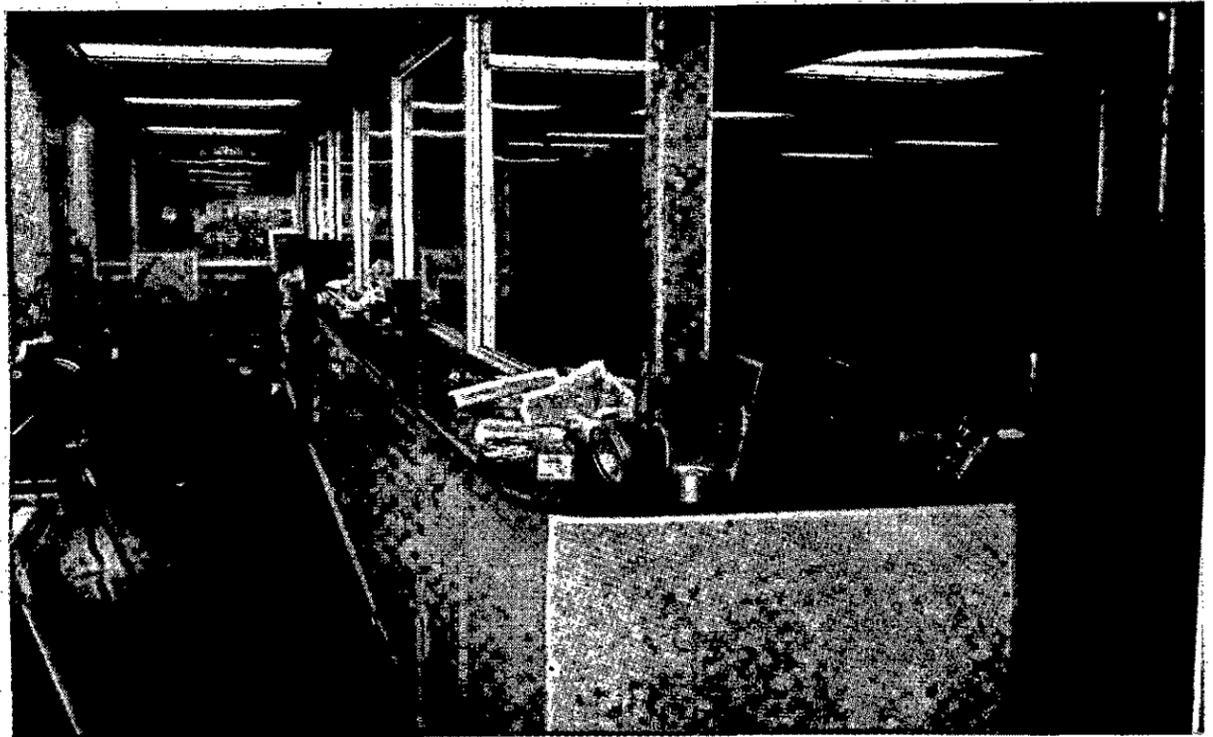
Killar has also hosted other fundraisers, sponsored projects and volunteered to

help, including the coordination of Hearts for Haiti, a fundraiser that raised \$1,300 after the Haiti tragedy, a band aid collection for Albany Medical Center so children with cancer and other challenges needing ongoing blood work would get character band aids instead of gauze and tape and an annual back to school supply collection.

Lily is in the ninth grade at the Doane Stuart School. She lives in Slingerlands with her parents and her two brothers.

To RSVP to Bowl and Give for Christmas, or if to donate a gift, contact Lily Killar at [lilysadoptachild@yahoo.com](mailto:lilysadoptachild@yahoo.com) or 439-9914.

## Making a move



The Bethlehem Central School District's Business Office has moved to the second floor of the Library Media Center at Bethlehem High School. The office will be open during regular business hours at that location. The office of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Registrar, along with the Communications Department, will remain at the district office building at 90 Adams Place, likely until mid-February.

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Police Blotter

Bethlehem police charge Rensselaerville man with sex crimes

Bethlehem police arrested a man they say grabbed the buttocks of one woman and masturbated in front of another.



Patrick M. Bates

Police arrested Patrick M. Bates, 23, of Pond Hill Road in Rensselaerville, on Monday, Dec. 5. Bates is charged with the misdemeanors of forcible touching and public lewdness, and the violation of harassment in the second degree.

Police said on Nov. 20, Bates approached a woman walking on Harrison Avenue in Delmar and grabbed her buttocks at

about 6:44 a.m. Police reports indicated the woman said the man was driving a vehicle and reached out of the window as he passed.

Bates is also accused of masturbating in front of another woman sitting in her vehicle in the Delaware Plaza in Delmar at about 8:08 a.m. on Nov. 30.

Bates was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail. He was scheduled to reappear in court Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Anyone with additional information about Bates or who was approached by him is being asked to contact Bethlehem police at 439-9973.

Albany woman charged with DWI

Bethlehem police charged an Albany woman Dec. 3 with DWI following a traffic stop in Delmar.

According to police, Samantha Marie Cobb, 23, of Washington Avenue in Albany, was speeding and unable to stay in her lane. Cobb was stopped in the 500 block of Delaware Avenue. Police said Cobb made an abrupt turn and pulled approximately 2 feet onto a grassy area before stopping.

When asked her name by police, Cobb allegedly gave officers her sister's name. Police said Cobb's license was revoked

for a prior DWI related incident in 2007.

Cobb was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation in the first degree, a felony, DWI, and numerous misdemeanors.

Arrest made in G'land burglaries

Guilderland police have arrested a man they say entered several unlocked cars, garages and homes in the Westmere area of the town.

Robert Fisher, 22, formerly of Guilderland, has been charged with two counts of Burglary in the second degree. Police said more charges are expected.

Fisher is accused of stealing

items such as laptops, iPods, cell phones, credit cards, gift cards and money.

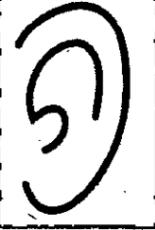
Police said the arrest is unrelated to a string of home burglaries in the Guilderland Center and Fort Hunter areas of the town.

Anyone who may have information on cases in the area is asked to call Guilderland police at 365-1501.

Police arrest two after finding 89 pot plants

Two people were arrested after Albany County Sheriff's

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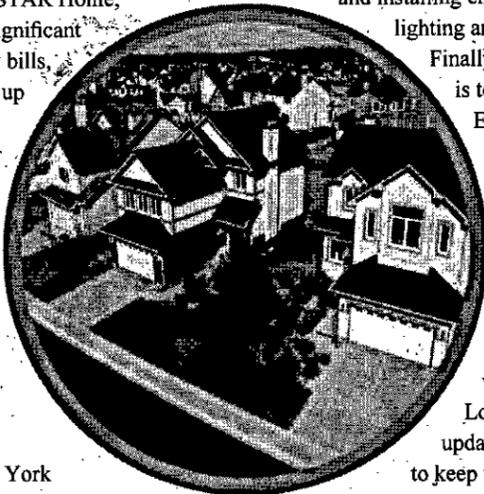
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## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

### A star-crossed success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Last weekend's production of "Romeo and Juliet" at Bethlehem Central High School was a great success, and many thanks go to everyone who supported the show, and will make next week's production equally enjoyable.

Thanks to media that promoted the show, especially *The Spotlight*. Thanks to all the merchants who bought ads in the program that keeps the show running, and thanks to all the merchants who hung posters in their shops to advertise the show. Thanks to the parents who volunteered their time and energy to help make the show possible. Thanks to all the schools that hung posters and put notices in their newsletters to let people know about the show.

Thanks and praise go to the students who have worked hard since September on this special event. You do our whole community proud!

And countless thanks go to Jim Yeara, who has brought Shakespeare to Bethlehem for 23 years. We're all richer for it.

If you haven't seen the show, treat yourself to something special this Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students, seniors and military, and \$10 general admission. For information and reservations, visit [theatrewithoutanet.org](http://theatrewithoutanet.org).

Thank you again.

Laura Taggart  
Publicity Chair, "Romeo and Juliet"

### Congratulations to super swimmers

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

We would like to congratulate the Bethlehem High School girls swim and dive team on their 6-2 season and recent 3rd place finish at Sectionals! The hard work and dedication of head coach Allison Ayers and diving coach Jennifer Gough, and most of all, their athletes was evident throughout the season. The entire team worked very hard. These girls practice 6 days a week and push each other to reach their individual goals. All of the girls had a great season, but a couple of items deserve recognition. We would like to mention that the 200 medley relay of Tara O'Donnell, Grace Ayer, Bethany Powhida

and Lauren Zemerling, finished 3rd at Sectionals, breaking the school and Section 2 record they set last year and earning All-American consideration in the process. This group then finished 5th at the NYS Public High School Championship meet (States) held in Buffalo on November 18th and 19th. In addition, the 400 free relay of Tara, Bethany, Lauren and

Kelsey Bohl, finished 2nd at Sectionals, breaking the school record and 3rd at States. Further, Grace broke the school record in the 100 breaststroke and Tara broke the school record in the 100 backstroke.

We are extremely proud of each and every member of this terrific team!

Paula & Simon  
O'Donnell

### Bazaar means more flood relief

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The annual Thacher Nature Center Holiday Gift Bazaar, held on Dec. 3 and 4, raised several hundred dollars in donations for continued flood relief in Schoharie County. Vendors generously handcrafted items for a silent auction, which raised \$355. Combined with proceeds from the 50/50 raffle, the total donation amounts to

\$575.50.

Thacher Park and the Thacher Nature Center wish to thank all of the vendors and patrons for their kind generosity and continued support. Additionally, Thacher Park would like to thank the musicians for their live performances during the event.

Proceeds from the auction and the 50/50 raffle will be donated

to Schoharie County Community Action Program and will be earmarked for much needed continued flood relief.

Please visit the park website at [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com) for additional information about parks events.

Joy Scism  
John Boyd Thacher  
State Park

### It's not 'X-Mas' time

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

RE: Maggie Whelan's Point of View in the Dec. 1 issue, "X-Mas means family memories". X-Mas, really? X-mas? Thankfully, in the rest of the article

it was actually called Christmas. However, X-Mas should not appear anywhere. We don't celebrate the birth of X.

Kathy Hedgeman  
Ballston Spa

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### Visit a museum

Guilderland residents who possess a valid GPL card can get free or discounted admission to any of a dozen interesting and fun museums through the library's Museum Pass program. Ranging from the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake and the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie, to the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., and the Schenectady Museum Planetarium, these are an outstanding way to learn something new and pass a cold winter's day.

Museum passes are available on a first-come,

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### Holiday hours

The library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24, and Sunday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday. On Saturday, Dec. 31, the library will close at 2 p.m., and remain closed all day Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, for the New Year's holiday.

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 at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the library's website at www.guilpl.org.

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# Adult story times take a break

Library story times and adult programs take a holiday break between Dec. 19 and Jan. 2, with Wii Game Day on Dec. 29 the only scheduled event. The Library will close Saturday through Monday of each holiday weekend. No loan items are due on those days.

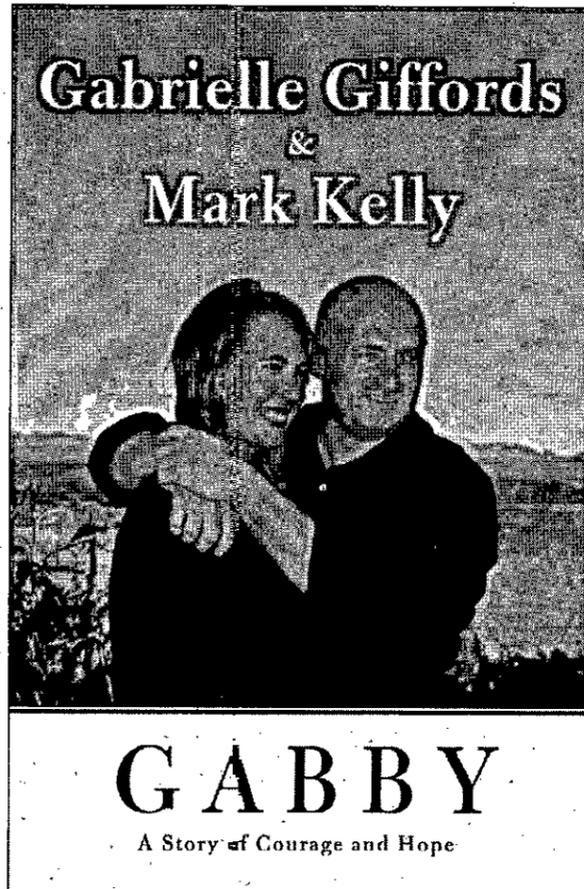
### Wii game day

The library becomes "Wii Game Central" to break up the school vacation week. On Thursday, Dec. 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., tweens, teens and adults can play Wii games in the library annex. Whether you are a new, casual, or experienced gamer, this is your chance! Challenge yourself and some friends. Each group of four (or three or two) can reserve half an hour. You can choose from Wii Sports, Wii Music, several Mario games, DecaSports and Super Smash Bros' Brawl. Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org today!

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the class!

Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m.

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## Learn about e-readers at V'ville library



staff will demonstrate how to download library books onto the Nook, Kindle, iPod, iPad and Literati. Bring your own e-reader, tablet or smart phone or

try out one of the library's devices.

### Fine free is coming!

Start looking for those long overdue library items, now is the time to bring them back. Tuesday, Jan. 3, through Saturday Jan. 14, return Voorheesville

items to the Voorheesville library and pay no fine on the items. Fine free applies only items owned by the Voorheesville Public library and only items returned to the Voorheesville library during the period of Jan. 3 to 14. Fines and fees previously accrued or from other libraries cannot be waived.

### Holiday hours

The library would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. The library will be closed Saturday Dec. 24, Sunday Dec. 25 and Monday Dec. 26. We will reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday Dec. 27. In observance of the New Year, the library will close at 1 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 31; we will remain closed on Sunday Jan. 1 and Monday Jan. 2. The library will reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday Jan. 3.

Barbara Vink

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## Transportation service

The Town of Guilderland provides transportation service to medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, and area shopping centers such as Wal-Mart. Bus service is also given to those who attend the Tuesday Luncheon Program, special events, and selected trips. To register, please make an appointment with the Senior Office.

## HEAP can help

Cold months approach. Heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under \$2,146

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for one person, or \$2,806 for two people, etc. are eligible for the Heating Assistance Program called HEAP.

This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each person is determined by income, living expenses and type of fuel used. Applications are available in the Senior Office. If you need assistance, please set up an appointment with Cindy or Mary Ann.

### Monday, Dec. 12

Aerobic Registration  
Scheduled Shopping  
9 a.m. Aerobics  
10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters  
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness  
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### Tuesday, Dec. 13

Aerobic Registration  
9 a.m. OsteoBusters  
Noon Holiday Luncheon Mallozzi's Clubhouse

### Wednesday, Dec. 14

Aerobic Registration  
9 a.m. Line Dancing  
10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster  
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness  
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### Thursday, Dec. 15

Aerobic Registration  
Scheduled Shopping  
9 a.m. OsteoBusters  
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Medicaid, Blood Pressure & Legal Help  
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No Aerobics  
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No Pinochle

### Friday, Dec. 16

Aerobic Registration  
Scheduled Shopping  
10 a.m. Painting  
10:30 a.m. Bridge  
1 p.m. Quilting

# Come together for Christmas

Join your friends at the annual Christmas Day Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 25, at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. The event begins with hospitality at 1:30 p.m., and a turkey and ham dinner will be served at 2 p.m. There is no cost, but a good will offering will be accepted. Transportation for Bethlehem residents, age 60 and over, can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

A. A. R. P. tax counseling will be available on Wednesdays starting in February from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 after Jan. 3 to make an appointment.

Our outreach workers are available to assist with Home Energy Assistance Program (H.E.A.P.) applications for help with heating related bills. Call 439-4955, ext. 1173, 1174,



Town of Bethlehem

or 1175, to make an appointment. Bethlehem Senior Services and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., provide transportation for town residents, age 60 and over. Call 439-5770 to make reservations.

Bethlehem Senior Transportation will not be available from Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, January 2 for the holiday recess. However, the Senior Services Office will be open on Dec. 26 through Dec. 30.

### Wednesday, Dec. 21

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

### Thursday, Dec. 22

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

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

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

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By Dr. Roger Shannon D.C.  
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# Progress made at prominent intersection

IN BRIEF

**Bank, medical building to be occupied in 2012**

By GREG FRY  
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Construction work at one of the busiest intersections in Delmar is moving at a rapid pace, and two projects are set to wrap up in the new year.

Bethlehem town officials said the former Saratoga Shoe Depot site at the intersection of Delaware and Elsmere avenues would likely be ready for occupancy by Berkshire Bank in the early part of 2012. The bank will relocate to the site from its branch in the Delaware Plaza.

Across Delaware Avenue, it's likely that construction of the new Delmar Medical Arts Building will be finished by next summer, allowing for doctors to move from their current location next door. Doctors from Community Care Physicians will occupy the first floor, with medical office space making up the second floor of the facility.

"Once the building has been completed, and they get their certificate of occupancy from the town, the doctors will then move in to the building, and the old 15,000-square-foot building will be torn down," said Michael Morelli, the director of economic development and planning for the town.

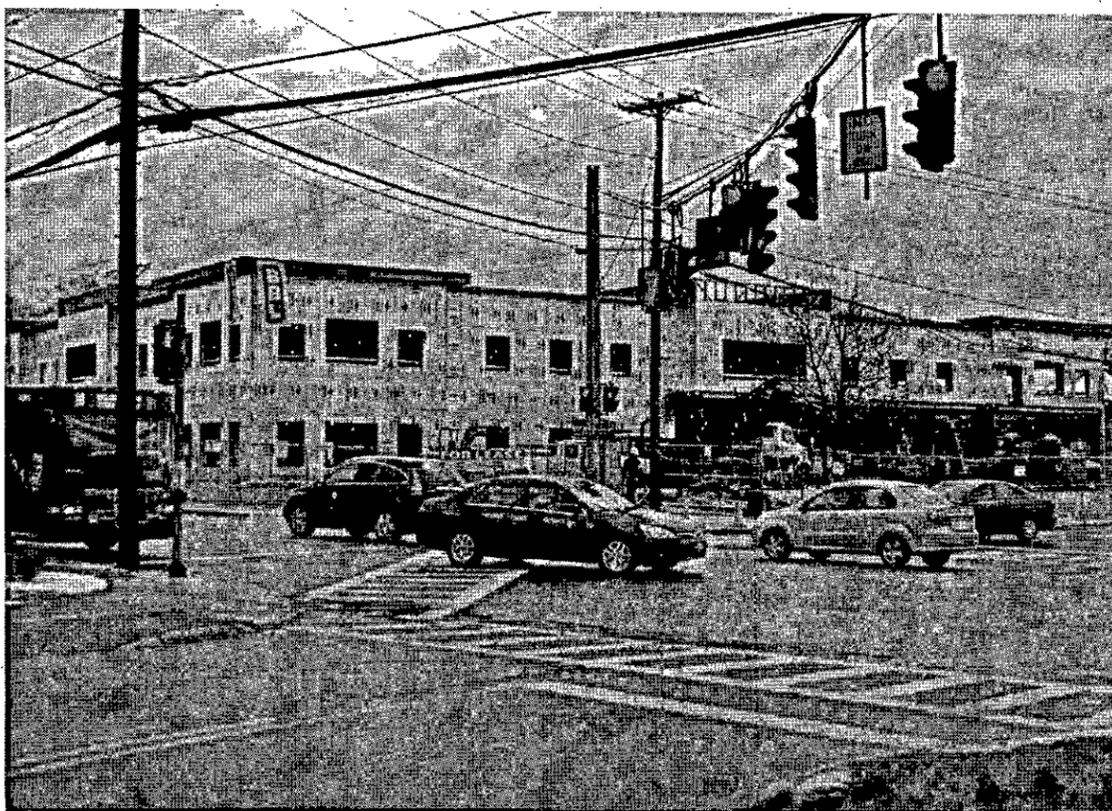
The vacant space will then be used for landscaping, parking and for stormwater management purposes. It's progress that Morelli is happy to see.

"You had two vacant buildings sitting across from each other," said Morelli. "You're talking about an adaptive reuse of existing, previously developed sites. That's a good thing."

Morelli pointed to the mandate in the town's comprehensive plan to refurbish existing sites wherever possible, rather than starting from scratch.

The intersection is considered a "gateway," a description used in the Delaware Avenue Hamlet Enhancement Study developed by an advisory committee but never adopted by the Town Board. Morelli is hopeful that the board will act on the study in 2012.

"It was a good guide that we



ABOVE: A new Delmar Medical Arts Building will be completed in 2012 at the intersection. Town officials say once the current medical building is torn down, the amount of green space at the property will increase from 4 to 16 percent.

LEFT: The northwest corner of Delaware and Elsmere Avenues in Delmar will be the home for a new Berkshire Bank branch. The location was formerly home to the Saratoga Shoe Depot.

Greg Fry/Spotlight

could share with the developers and say, these are some of the things the town is trying to develop and articulate along that corridor," said Morelli.

The intersection, Morelli said, is considered by many to be the entrance to the more traditional part of Delaware Avenue.

Over 12,000 vehicles pass through the intersection, but town officials and developers aren't anticipating that number to rise significantly.

"The surrounding businesses are going to see a benefit from new traffic and new employees at the location," said town Senior Planner Robert Leslie. "That's

also one of the things we look at in considering these projects."

Traffic flow also is expected to improve as well due to the elimination and relocation of existing curb cuts.

The exterior designs for both locations will be somewhat similar to what already exists at the CVS location across the busy roadway. The buildings are more oriented toward the street and were designed with elements such as decorative lighting and better pedestrian access in mind. Morelli said it's good to be able to point prospective developers toward existing projects so everyone is

on the same page.

"You can look at them and say, these are good examples," Morelli said. "And then, it's a snapshot for them."

The two projects are not the only action in terms of development along Delaware Avenue. Morelli confirmed that there is interest in the former Friendly's site and recently the town's Planning Board approved designs for renovations and an expansion of the Valero gas station at the intersection of Cherry Avenue. That project will include the re-establishment of the car wash at the station.

## Lupus group gives scholarships

The Lupus Alliance of America, Inc., Upstate New York Affiliate is now accepting applications for the Annual Lupus Scholarship.

Applicants must meet the following qualifications: be diagnosed with lupus or be the child of a person diagnosed with lupus with acceptance into professional or graduate school or be in undergraduate school with a minimum of two semesters of college completed and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and be a resident of one of the counties of central or northeastern New York.

The deadline to submit applications is Jan. 31, 2012. For more information and applications call the Lupus Alliance of America, Inc., Upstate New York at 800-300-4198.

## League seeks nominations

The Preservation League of New York State is seeking nominations for its 2012 Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards, which recognize significant achievements in historic preservation throughout New York State. The postmark deadline for nominations is Feb. 16. The awards will be presented during the Preservation League's Annual Meeting on May 16 in New York City at the New York Yacht Club.

The league especially encourages nominations that may provide case studies or models incorporating energy efficiency, adaptive reuse, or New York's Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit program.

To review guidelines or download a nomination form, visit the Preservation League's website at [www.preservenys.org](http://www.preservenys.org). For additional information, call 462-5658, ext. 17.

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# Town reviewing soaring costs for ambulance services

## New ambulance board examining contracts, services for savings

By GREG FRY  
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The Town of Bethlehem could achieve substantial savings through a reworking of contracts with providers of emergency medical services.

That's according to Supervisor Sam Messina, who has been in conversation with and awaiting

recommendations from a three-member Board of Ambulance Commissioners formed this year. The board was established for the purpose of reviewing financial, contractual and service matters relating to ambulance services.

Emergency services in Bethlehem come from several providers. The county provides advanced life support, or ALS services, while agencies like Bethlehem Ambulance, Delmar EMS, and Western

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— Town Supervisor Sam Messina

Turnpike Rescue Squad provide basic life support, or BLS services.

Emergency calls within the town that are more serious in nature typically require response from the county EMS service. The skyrocketing cost for medical response from the county has more than doubled over the past decade, according to Messina.

On Thursday, Nov. 22, the Bethlehem Town Board authorized the execution of an Advanced Life Support ambulance contract with Albany County for the year. The contract was in the amount of \$761,079. Messina said the agreement has been characteristically late in getting to the town for approval.

"There was a legitimate reason, while we are in the current

year, to look at this, to see what we can do differently in terms of systems and deliverables for Bethlehem, or negotiate something different with Albany County," Messina told the Town Board at the November meeting.

The town has also been notified that the cost of the county contract will continue to rise.

"In projecting the 2012 budget, we were given an estimate by Albany County that costs would go up about 8 percent again," said Messina. "It's time to take a hard, close look at that."

For now, the county does not bill for ALS services, but contracts are being developed between the town and county to change that.

"Currently, if we have an ALS-type call that requires a county

paramedic, there's no billing that takes place for the ALS side," said George Lenhardt, the Chairman of the Board of Ambulance Commissioners. "It's only for the BLS side from a transporting agency. If billing starts to occur there, they (the county) should derive a good amount of their revenue through the insurance billing process. Hopefully the cost to the town taxpayers stays steady or goes down."

Estimates are that by modifying the contract to allow for ALS billing, the town could save \$200,000-\$300,000. It could also result in lower rates for individuals billed for services. Attorneys for both the town and county have been in discussions to make the proposal a reality.

Both Messina and Supervisor-elect John Clarkson have had ongoing conversations with the commissioners to find out if savings can be achieved.

"I think the work they're doing is very important in terms of helping to point out how we can maximize revenues by having a contract between the county and the

transporters," said Clarkson.

Lenhardt said he couldn't explain why the town hasn't explored the contracts in the past to find savings. He ventured a guess that town officials weren't looking at things in any great depth or understanding the extent of the impacts.

Lenhardt said the board of three commissioners would like to get more involved in reviewing the contracts.

"These current contracts require periodic financial reporting by our vendors," said Lenhardt. "We're going to propose that the reporting come through our board, and then go to the Comptroller's office. We're going to review those things. If it looks like it's possible to derive even more savings by other methods, we're going to explore those."

Following the adoption of contracts for ambulance services, the commissioners will turn their focus to a service issue. Lenhardt said they will seek to mandate equal performance standards across all agencies that provide emergency medical services to the town.

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# School board hears updates on BCBS, Clarksville

## DA to offer resources, district to explore installation of security cameras

By GREG FRY  
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Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Michael Tebbano provided the Board of Education with an update regarding recent drug incidents at the high school during a Dec. 7 meeting.

The district has received plenty of attention in recent weeks following the arrests of five students accused of selling and possessing methadone and marijuana.

Tebbano and high school principal Charles Abba have issued comments in letters and blog posts. The outgoing superintendent addressed those comments during the meeting, which was held at the high school's Library Media Center.

"Because there was a blog by the superintendent last week, because there was a letter from the principal to the parents,"

doesn't necessarily mean that we're in a state of crisis," said Tebbano. "In fact, I would contend that what's occurring in Bethlehem is probably no different than what's happening in any other community, any other school, any other district throughout the country."

Tebbano said there have been incidents with students "who have taken some liberties."

"I guess the reason why Mr. Abba and I decided to contact the community through various venues to get information out is because one serious situation can be fatal," said Tebbano.

The superintendent, who will retire at the end of the year, said the district is stressing enforcement and education. Forums have been held with students to address their concerns about what's happened at the high school.

The district is getting outside help, as well. Tebbano said Albany County District Attorney David Soares' office has offered resources to teach students about the negative effects of drug abuse.

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Soares confirmed that he has been in touch with both Tebbano and Abba.

"Sometimes it takes an incident like this to wake up a community to the realities of substance abuse," said Soares. "We have many resources from which we can lend to this effort and are eager to be of assistance."

"We have prosecutors from the DA's office coming to talk to the students about what the drug penalties are really all about," said Tebbano. He added that the district is also working with State Police, Bethlehem police and the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

make a single mistake and then make the right choices with the help of programs such as youth court, where students are given punishments by their peers and kept out of the formal criminal justice system. The board took no action on the proposal.

The board did grant district administrators permission to pursue an investigation into the costs of installing cameras at the school, as well as at the district's operations and maintenance facility. Over the summer, thousands of dollars in damage was inflicted on district vehicles there.

"This high school is a very large complex. We've cut back on hall monitors and security. We have had some issues with vandalism, especially at the O & M center," said Tebbano.

That plan, including potential costs, could be presented to the board as early as January.

## No decision yet on Clarksville

Tebbano reported on the progress made in negotiations to turn

Clarksville Elementary School into a substation for the Albany County Sheriff's Office, though no decision was made. It had been thought a ruling might be seen at the Dec. 7 meeting, but a vote could come at the BOE's last meeting of the calendar year.

"I'm confident we can put an agreement together for the board to review and approve at the Dec. 21 meeting," said Tebbano.

The superintendent and Albany County Sheriff-elect Craig Apple met for the first time face-to-face on Dec. 1. Tebbano called it a constructive meeting.

Few details of the agreement have been disclosed, but both sides have said that one stipulation could include policing by the Sheriff's Office at Bethlehem High School during the final weeks of the academic year. The district has previously entered into an agreement with Bethlehem police for those services. Apple said the "in-kind services" would save the district money while making the agreement more palatable for the county.

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Joseph R. Cronin, of 25 Patterson Dr, Glenmont, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1st quarter at Rochester Institute of Technology. A first year student in RIT's college of Engineering, Joseph is studying Civil Engineering.

Joseph is the son of Timothy Cronin and Ruth Charlesworth of Glenmont. He is a 2011 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

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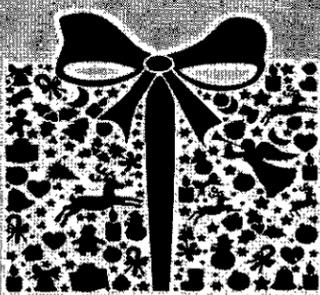
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# Lawmakers weigh in on proposed tax reforms

## Cuomo cites economy in introducing package

By ALYSSA JUNG  
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"The economy has taken another turn for the worse," said Gov. Andrew Cuomo in a video address on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Then, he introduced a package of legislative and executive proposals to create jobs, cut taxes for middle class New Yorkers and provide additional flood relief.

Cuomo presented the Fair Tax Plan, which would generate \$1.9 billion in additional revenue for the state and would result in a tax cut for 4.4 million middle class New Yorkers, including a \$690 million reduction for middle class taxpayers.

The changes to the tax code would slightly reduce the tax rate for most income levels from \$40,000 per year up through over \$2 million annual income. Those making under \$40,000 per year would not see a change in their tax rate.

Any unspent funds from the revenue generated by the tax code reform would be held in a new priority reserve fund to go toward future needs regarding job creation, local mandate relief, education, health care and mortgage foreclosure protection.

"This comprehensive plan will reduce the tax rate for middle class families to their lowest levels in more than 50 years, create thousands of new private sector jobs and begin to turn our economy around," said Majority Leader Dean Skelos in a statement.

But not all lawmakers feel that way. Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin

**"If we had our way and I had my way, I would have cut taxes further and concentrated on spending reductions, but that's something we'll take to the mat next year."**  
Assemblyman Jim Tedisco

R-Schaghticoke, said he voted "no" and doesn't consider the tax code reform to actually be reform.

"I think the tax code reform ... doesn't mean much for most of my constituents," said McLaughlin. "If you're making below \$40,000 you get no relief at all and if you're a retiree on Social Security or pension you get no tax break at all. The people that I think need the most help didn't get any help."

Assemblyman Jim Tedisco, R-Glenville, said he considers the deal to be a sign that New York State government can work together.

"Nobody's totally happy with this package. It's not a perfect package, but I think we were able to compromise and make sure those small businesses who are in the wheelhouse of about \$220,000 up to about a million, have got a meaningful tax cut," said Tedisco. "We wanted to eliminate taxes completely, Democrats wanted to keep the millionaire's tax, and we got to a compromise in between."

Tedisco said he'd have liked to see taxes cut even more.

"If we had our way and I had my way, I would

have cut taxes further and concentrated on spending reductions, but that's something we'll take to the mat next year," said Tedisco.

McLaughlin said he felt the legislation was a sign that government was not working functionally.

"[Cuomo's] just going to slam it through, that really bothered me. It was government at its worst, not at its best," said McLaughlin.

McLaughlin said he took issue with the speed at which Cuomo presented the legislation and put it up for vote.

"At the very last second he rushes everything through without proper debate, without proper vetting. ... I find that pretty disrespectful to the legislature," said McLaughlin. "I think what it achieved was just a lot of smoke and mirrors. ... I don't think it did nearly what it could have."

Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, said the legislative package was a long time coming.

"For years and years, the tables have been very unfair. They treat people with modest incomes the same as they treat people that are making \$300,000 and now we've begun to make it more progressive," said Breslin.

Breslin said the package is a good sign for New York State government.

"I think it's a recognition by all sides that the only way we get good government is to compromise and hopefully it'll be a good example to

Congress," said Breslin. Cuomo also created the New York State Tax Reform and Fairness Commission to address

"long-term changes to the tax system" and boost economic growth. The commission will have 13 members, including

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into the core reading, writing and arithmetic disciplines. Participants will receive a free Project WILD curriculum guide full of stimulating activities, correlated to the NYS learning standards, for students in grades K-12.

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## GCSD music fest raises thousands

The shoppers at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Colonie Center were rewarded with a musical treat on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The Guilderland Central School District held a music fest featuring over 40 musicians from the school. Performances included a variety of small ensembles from the elementary schools, the Farnsworth Middle School and the High School, as well as the High School Chamber Choir.

Barnes and Noble bookstores around the country have periodic book fairs such as the one with Guilderland. Portions of the sales throughout

the day were contributed to the Guilderland Music Parents & Friends Association, which is a volunteer organization dedicated to fostering the music education of the students in the Guilderland School District. Customers simply identified themselves as a supporter at the register. Over \$2,200 was raised from the fair.

Jacqueline Guidarelli, secretary of the GMPFA



said the event went very well. "With the school budgets getting tighter each year, funds for music are getting harder to obtain. Fund raisers, such as this from Barnes and Nobel are very important to keep a quality program."

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A formal groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for Dec. 15 at the Vista Technology Park off Route 85 in Slingerlands.

Developers of the 1.4 million-square-foot complex have received commitments from ShopRite, SEFCU and Berkshire Bank. More than 80 percent of the park is zoned for technology businesses, manufacturing and other office space.

Construction is underway on Vista

Boulevard, the 3/4-mile long road that will lead through the park and connect to Route 85.

In November, the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency approved payment in lieu of taxes, or PILOT agreements for the first three tenants at the tech park. The agreement will result in nearly \$200,000 in tax breaks.

"This will be a time to celebrate all that has been done to jump start the largest economic development project in

Bethlehem's history and to tell everyone about what Vista's exciting future will mean for the Town of Bethlehem and Albany County," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina.

An announcement about new tenants is also expected at the groundbreaking.

The groundbreaking will be held at noon at the Vista Technology campus. The public is welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided.

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# Award given in honor of youth sports pioneer

**Former president of soccer club helped grow sport in town**

By GREG FRY.  
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In the minds of many, soccer wouldn't be as popular as it is in Bethlehem without the help of Bill Silverman.

The former president of the Bethlehem Soccer Club has been called a "forefather" of soccer in the town. Silverman passed away in February after a long illness.

Club co-President Brian Whitman said

Silverman and his wife, Bonita Sanchez, were involved with the club since it was founded in 1979.

"It was Bonita and Bill that ran the club from a room in their attic," said Whitman. "It's almost folklore among the people in the club."

At the beginning, Silverman wore many hats. He even coached when needed, at a time when his young son Willie was just learning the game.

Silverman is credited as being the leader of the effort in the early '90s to secure land at the club's

Soccerplex located on Wemple Road. The land was purchased from a Boston developer for \$120,000.

"Bill's legacy is the Soccerplex," said Whitman. "He was instrumental in securing the land and actually getting donations of time and like-kind exchange to physically build the fields there."

Art Scheuermann serves on the club's Board of Directors, and recalled Silverman's role in turning the club from a "rag tag recreational program" into an organization with

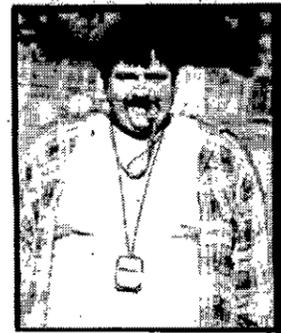
well-respected travel and premiere teams.

"Bill was a dynamic guy," said Scheuermann. "He had a vision, and he would plow through to make sure that vision got done."

At the club's annual meeting Thursday, Dec. 8, the first Bill Silverman Volunteer of the Year Award was given to Bill Yates, an active member of the club's nearly 800 volunteers.

Scheuermann commended Yates for his "tireless dedication, commitment and personal sacrifice."

The award is given in memory of a man revered by club members for his work. At a 15th anniversary celebration for the Soccerplex held in 2009, board members



Bill Silverman, who passed away in February, was recognized as one of the pioneers of the Bethlehem Soccer Club. On Dec. 8, the club gave its first Silverman Volunteer of the Year Award to a deserving volunteer within the organization.

Submitted photo

said past presidents and members of the club consistently mentioned Silverman and his wife as they recalled stories

*"Bill was a dynamic guy. He had a vision, and he would plow through to make sure that vision got done."*

—Art Scheuermann, Bethlehem Soccer Club Board of Directors

of the club's past. "To hear his name mentioned throughout the time of all these different people that had been involved, right up until our current board, I think it's a testament to the legacy that he set up," said club co-President Mark Sweeney.

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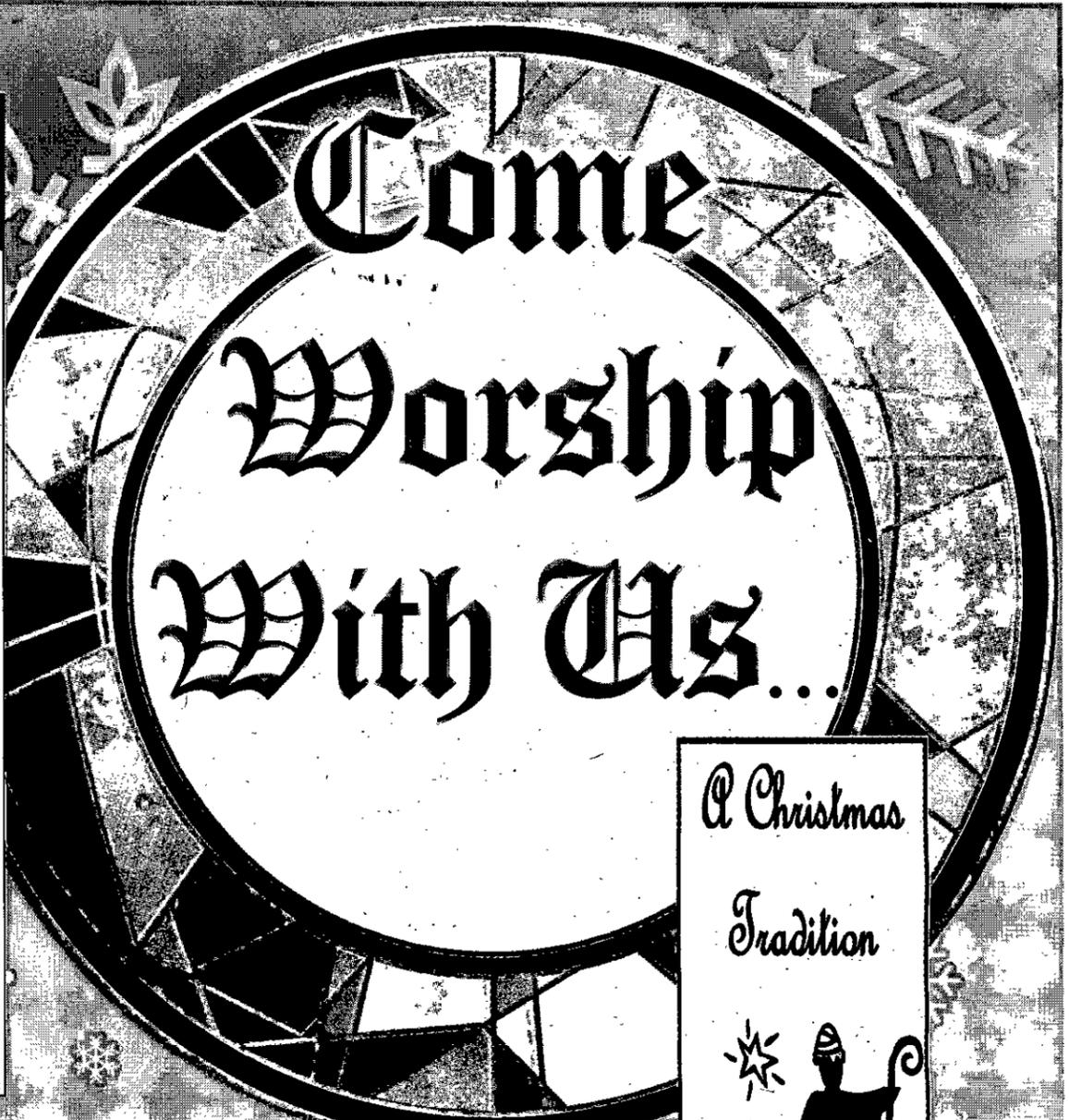
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## Soccer

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The club first presented plans for the building to the Town of Bethlehem in 2009. An updated version of the plan for the 87,500 square foot building was presented to the town's Development Planning Committee in February. Initial estimates then put the project's cost at \$3 million. Club officials weren't firm about a new cost for the scaled-down version at their latest meeting, but floated a number of \$2 million during their discussions.

"The other thing that's advantageous for us right now is interest rates are so low that when you look at the business plan for this, even with a smaller building to bring in less

revenue, we can afford to actually borrow a higher percentage of the cost of the building, and still have the same debt service," said Whitman.

Co-President Mark Sweeney told board members that a study of the project created with the help of a consultant would likely be presented to the club in the next couple of months.

"We came to the realization that we wouldn't be able to raise quite as much money as we would hope, so we kind of changed the plans to fit what we think is a reasonable budget and to make it work," said Sweeney.

Sweeney said that the cost to the club's families is also being taken into consideration.

"We could have a Taj Mahal of an indoor facility, but if it costs too much

money for our kids to play, what have we done?" Sweeney asked.

Putting up a structure is not the only challenge for the club. Both Sweeney and Whitman detailed the challenges of infrastructure work that will need to be done in preparation of construction. Additional traffic and a demand for more parking are likely to be key components of any plan the club seeks to have approved by the town. Initial plans would have added more than 80 parking spaces at the Soccerplex.

The modified indoor complex would likely be split into two turf fields. Sweeney explained that the end result would be a safe facility for kids to practice in.

"It will probably not be a metal building," said Sweeney. "It won't be a

bubble either. It will be a building that will be in between."

Whitman said the idea for indoor fields has been discussed for about six or seven years.

Drawing other sports teams and organizations to the facility and collecting usage fees still remains one of the main goals.

"We still get all the practice time we want and still have enough free time left over to sell to the other soccer clubs and other sports clubs in town," said Whitman.

One example would be an opportunity for youth lacrosse practices to be held at the indoor facility. Club officials are preparing once again to embark on a fundraising campaign and believe the work could be completed sometime in 2013.

## Books

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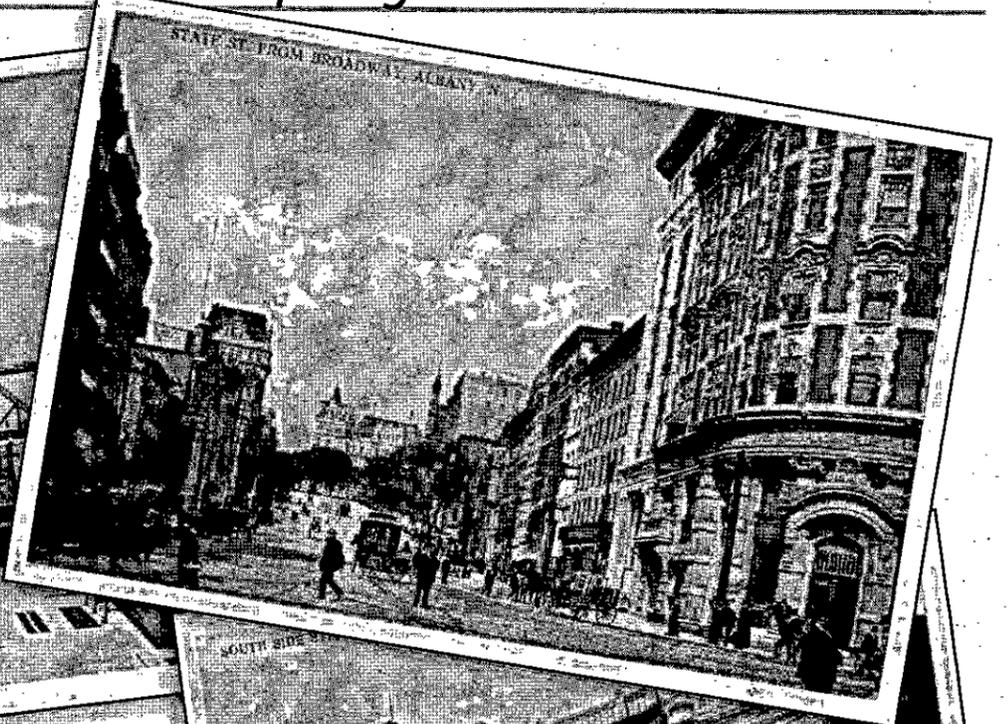
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# Entertainment in the Spotlight

Mary Martin's postcard collection includes several vintage pictures of Albany, as well as some Christmas-themed cards.



## Wish you were here

### Postcard mogul comes home for inaugural Albany show

Mary Martin had had about enough of her husband's stamp and coin shows. Bored, she decided she'd seek out something of her own to collect. And that's how Mary Martin Postcards was born.

The original Mary Martin died about 10 years ago, but her daughter, also named Mary, carries on the family business, which has grown into the world's largest postcard shop. The younger Mary was just a newborn when her mom and dad were traveling the coin-and-stamp-show circuit around Albany. Not long afterward, Bill Martin was relocated to Maryland, where Mary now runs the postcard business with her son, Joe.

This weekend, Mary will return to the Capital District for the inaugural Albany Postcard and Paper Show at the Polish Community Center. About 35 postcard vendors from across the country will be selling vintage and current postcards and ephemera.

Martin said part of the area's lure is her roots here, but more than that, Upstate New York is home to many serious postcard collectors.

"We've heard from a lot of them," she said. "They're pretty excited about it."

The great thing about postcard shows, though, is that you don't have to be a serious collector

to enjoy them, she said. So many hobbies, places and activities have been captured on postcards over the years that there's bound to be something that appeals to everyone.

"There are postcards on every single subject matter," Martin said.

"Maybe you're not a collector, but I can show you a picture of the church in Poughkeepsie where your grandmother got married."

Turn the postcard over, and you'll find another selling point.

"The messages are always interesting," Martin said.

For her mom, postcards proved far more interesting than coins and stamps. And once the older Mary Martin got into the hobby, her family was along for the ride.

"Her hobby turned into our life," Martin said.

Not that it was a hard sell. Postcards aren't just Martin's livelihood—they're one of her great loves.

"You don't want to be surrounded by millions of postcards and not enjoy them," she said with a laugh.

She is particularly drawn to pictures of places and things she remembers from her childhood, especially buildings and institutions that are gone now, replaced by malls or parking lots.

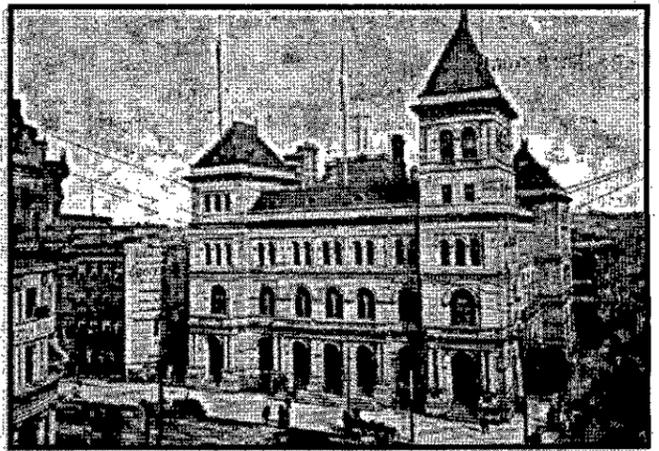
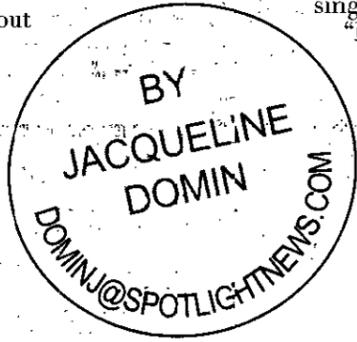
She keeps many of her cards in photo albums, bringing them out when she has visitors.

She and her son also have a storefront, located in Havre de Grace, Md. There are millions of postcards inside the showroom, which is open Monday to Friday. On weekends, Martin often travels to postcard shows throughout the U.S. Last month, she was in York, Pa., for a show; come January, she'll be in Orlando.

Martin hopes people around the Capital District will join her this Saturday, whether they have large postcard collections or are looking for their first cards.

"It's a nice family thing to do," she said. "There are a lot of things small children can look at, like postcards of boats and dinosaurs, and they can learn a lot of history."

Admission to the show is \$3. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Polish Community Center is at 225 Washington Ave. Ext. in Albany.



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# Arts and Entertainment

## Theater

### ELVIS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Regional premiere of holiday comedy, produced by Curtin Call Theater, 110 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Dec. 31, shows Thursdays through Sundays, \$22. Information, 877-7529.

### THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Children's book comes to the stage, presented by Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Dec. 16-18, shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, adults \$18, children 12 and under \$12. Information, 587-4427.

### 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.

### MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

Christmas tale, GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Dec.

18, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, adults \$17.50, students/seniors \$14.50. Information, 346-6204.

### SNOW WHITE

The classic fairy tale comes to life on stage, presented by Steamer No. 10 Theater, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Dec. 17-18, 3 p.m., \$12. Information, 438-5503.

### A WONDERFUL LIFE: THE MUSICAL

Classic holiday tale, presented by C-R Productions, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, Dec. 15-18, shows 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, \$25-\$35. Information, 237-5858.

## Music

### RUNNING THE RIVER

Originals and a variety of covers from Johnny Cash and the Beatles to Bob Dylan and the Grateful Dead, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### ALAN GOLDBERG

Acoustic guitarist and singer-songwriter, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### THE BERKSHIRE RAMBLERS

Featuring Deborah Titus, Bear Grass, Rick Sacchetti and Dan Johnson, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$50. Information, (800) 323-9262, ext. 171.

### SINGER-SONGWRITER NIGHT

Featuring Deborah Titus, Bear Grass, Rick Sacchetti and Dan Johnson, Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### TOBY WALKER

Acoustic blues guitarist, Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

### RUPERT WATES

British-born singer-songwriter, now residing in Brookline, Dec. 17, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### EVEREST RISING

Progressive folk band, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### CAFFE LENA HOLIDAY FOLK SHOW

Featuring Addie & Olin, Linda Schrade & David Kiphuth, and John Kirk & Trish Miller, Dec. 17, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door price \$18. Information, 583-0022.

### LEXY CASANO

Family show featuring New York City singer-songwriter, Dec. 18, 1 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### NICOLE PEYRAFITTE & THE TROJANS

A mix of poetry and experimental music, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$12, door price \$14. Information, 583-0022.

## Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

## Dance

### ALBANY BERKSHIRE BALLET

Performing the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," Dec. 18, 2:30 and 6:30 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State

Plaza, Albany, adults \$35, seniors \$32, children \$25. Information, 473-1845.

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

### BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"The Threads of Time," through Jan. 31, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-4000.

### MABEE FARM HISTORIC SITE

"A Journey Through History: The Ancient Works of Len Tantillo," through Dec. 18, 1080 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information, 887-5073.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCING

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.

### 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

"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

"Ruse," through Dec. 31; "Sub Mirage Lignum," through Dec. 31; "The Work-ers," 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

### THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

Women's singing group entering its 93rd year, practices held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 765-4536.

### THE CHORALERS

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

### ETUDE CLUB

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

### CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### CAPITALAND CHORUS

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

### TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

Auditioning professional dancers by appointment at Arthur Murray, Dance

Studio, 75 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 306-4173.

### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS 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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### Here's How it Works:

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

## Weekly Crossword

### Presidents' Day

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### ACROSS

- 1 Economize
- 6 Brit. Airways predecessor
- 10 Computer
- 14 Computer disk manufacturer
- 15 Fast food symbol
- 16 City on the Brazos
- 17 LINCOLN
- 20 She sheep
- 21 Clinton-Rodham connector
- 22 Seeks help from
- 23 Fr. holy woman
- 24 SANDBURG subject
- 25 LINCOLN
- 33 JUDCAN king the Great
- 34 Overhangs
- 35 Pretend
- 37 Over
- 38 Less ruddy
- 39 River to the Baltic Sea
- 40 Women's counterpart
- 41 Kind of protest
- 42 Express, as a point of view
- 43 WASHINGTON
- 46 Covenant holder

- 47 Relieved exclamations
- 48 Heavenly offerings?
- 52 Trouble
- 53 Spelldown
- 56 WASHINGTON
- 59 Pinballer's default
- 60 Southernmost Great Lake
- 61 Actress Berger
- 62 Ward, of Sisters
- 63 Depression
- 64 Obscures

### DOWN

- 1 Trig ratio
- 2 Was associated with
- 3 The Beatles' *Let*
- 4 Sea, in Sorbonne
- 5 Made beds, in a way
- 6 Suffer in the sun
- 7 pro nobis
- 8 CPA
- 9 *Driving Miss Daisy* role
- 10 Peanut
- 11 *Peanuts* plotline
- 12 One kid's ball game
- 13 Kind of shirt
- 18 Oracle
- 19 Univ. employees

- 23 Put away, at sea
- 25 Explosion sound
- 26 Continue, as a subscription
- 27 Ryan, of *The Beverly Hillbillies*
- 28 Defense assn. disbanded in 1977
- 29 Actress Shire, of *Rocky*
- 30 Chooser's choice
- 31 Olympic great Comaneci
- 32 Redolence
- 36 Mahogany or maple
- 38 Protected, in a way
- 39 Elected
- 41 Narrow ridge
- 42 City on Lake Winnebago
- 44 Holy places
- 45 Poi ingredient
- 48 Cats and dogs, e.g.
- 49 Pop singer Brickell
- 50 Void companion
- 51 Aching
- 52 Yeah, sure!
- 53 German auto manufacturer Karl
- 54 Art deco designer
- 55 LAX postings
- 57 Tin Tin
- 58 Mauna

## Milestones

# Layne, Van Sickle marry

Stephen and Nancy Layne of Latham would like to announce the marriage of their daughter Julie Marie Layne to Scot Van Sickle, son of John Van Sickle of Troy and Kathi Dermott of Gloversville on August 20, 2011. The Rev. John Knarvik presided over the ceremony at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Loudonville. Matron of honor was Amee Layne, sister-in-law to the bride. Bridesmaids were friends, Amanda Gauvreau, Stephanie Weaver, and Angela Perry. The best man was Jonathan Van Sickle, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were friends, Matthew Dziewulski, Andre Hollingworth, and Frankie Salvaggio. A Reception was held at the Century House in Latham. The bride, a graduate of SUNY Oneonta and is a literacy specialist. The groom, a RPI graduate and is an IT Consultant. The couple spend their honeymoon in the French Polynesia, Tahiti, Moorea, and Bora Bora. The couple will reside in Loudonville.



Julie and Scot Van Sickle



The annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post on Everett Road in Albany drew a large crowd this year, the 70th anniversary of the attack.

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

## Salute

(From Page 1)

There were four Pearl Harbor survivors in attendance listening to Ryan recount his father's heroic experience, perhaps recalling their own memories of that fateful day.

Bill Langston of Cohoes was a fireman on the USS West Virginia, a battleship hit by six torpedoes and two bombs that settled at the bottom of the harbor. AJ (Adolph) Krenn of Delmar was blown over the side of the USS West Virginia after a torpedo hit and swam to Ford Island. Charles Ebel of Westmere was a seaman first class aboard the USS Curtis, a battleship that fired at enemy planes during the attack. Edward Bartholomew of Troy was a gunners mate first class on the USS Pennsylvania.

More than 2,400 U.S. servicemen were killed in the surprise attacks.

"It's important for all of us to remember what happened on that day and also to make sure that others remember," said Town of Colonie Supervisor Paula Mahan, who has attended the annual event for four years. "Sometimes these really important events that have happened in history don't get enough recognition and it's a really nice way to say 'thank you' to those men and women who served our country with grace and honor."

Remembering those who served was Ryan's

mission in sharing his father's heroism. His father spent the first wave of the attack loading ammo for a 50-caliber machine gun to fight back at the Japanese plans raining bombs and torpedoes. Then, he and a few others took a rig to Battleship Row and pulled men from the burning waters, which is when the second wave of the attack hit.

"They were right in the middle of the harbor but they kept going," said Ryan. "There was not time to think, only to take action as best they could."

The actions of servicemen like his father will go down in infamy, said Ryan, but it's equally important to recognize the strength of their loved ones back home, like his mother, a nurse in Troy.

"On Dec. 8 she got flowers from my Dad, only to learn that those flowers were ordered on Dec. 5," said Ryan. "... My mother waited three weeks before receiving a postcard on Christmas Eve to know that her husband was indeed alive."

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Ryan's father was on a cruiser in the South Pacific for the duration of the war where he saw 11 major sea battles.

It may seem impossible for a memory like the Pearl Harbor attack to be matched, but Ryan said the moment the war ended was memorable in its own way for his father.

"Dad was home on leave in New York in August 1945 when ships in the harbor all started blasting their signals in

Morse Code—V, V, V, J," said Ryan. "Dad had started the war in Pearl Harbor and was in Times Square on VJ Day."

Years later, his father was always asked (once by a CNN reporter on the 60th anniversary), "How scared were you during the attack?" His answer was blunt.

"Scared? Hell, we weren't scared, we were pissed off! Those Jap bastards were trying to kill us," his father would say.

"You can take the man out of the Navy but you can't take the Navy out of the man," said Ryan.

There was one thing that Ryan wanted the room of veterans, survivors and family members to remember; a motto his father kept close to his heart.

"Don't ever forget them. Keep America alert," said Ryan.

Also in attendance were Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, Albany Mayor Gerald Jennings, Rensselaer County Executive Kathleen Jimino and USS Slater and Christian Brothers Academy color guards.

"The sacrifice of the American servicemen and women who served during World War II safeguarded our democracy and the freedom we enjoy today," said Breslin. "We gather here today to honor these four men and their comrades who served with them, and also to ensure that all who defend our country, including those serving today, are always remembered."

## Blotter

(From Page 4)

investigators found 89 marijuana plants growing inside an East Berne residence, according to the sheriff's office.

Andrew W. Writer, 27, of 2724 Vermont View Drive in Colonie was charged with criminal possession of marijuana in the first degree, a Class C felony,

and unlawfully growing cannabis without a license, a Class A misdemeanor, according to police reports.

Kimberly A. Sim, 43, of 10 Emmet St. in Albany, was charged with criminal sale of marijuana in the fourth degree, a Class A misdemeanor, according to police reports.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, investigators uncovered a marijuana growing operation at 289 North

Road in East Berne where 89 marijuana plants were growing inside the residence, which was being rented by Writer, according to police reports. Police said Writer was not present at the time the search warrant was executed and went into hiding until turning himself in with his attorney on Thursday, Dec. 8. He was released on \$15,000 bail, said police.

Sim is the mother of Writer's girlfriend and according to police sold marijuana to a confidential informant.



Andrew W. Writer



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# Milestones

## Nellie Jane (Danforth) Evans

DELMAR - Nellie Jane Danforth Evans was reunited with her husband, her parents, siblings and God December 1, 2011. She was born April 21, 1919 in Absecon, New Jersey and left this life surrounded by the love of her family.

Nellie was the wife of Robert Carlisle Evans, who died in 1999. Nellie was the daughter of Harold and Mildred Danforth, of Absecon, New Jersey. Nellie is survived by her devoted sons: Norman and his wife Anne and their daughter Sarah Talbot Danforth of Maryland, Jeffrey and his wife Nancy and their son Alexander Heath Carlisle of Stillwater, New York, and Douglas of Frederick, Maryland, and his companion Dail McElroy, and many nieces and nephews. Also surviving are several dear friends who meant so much over the years. Nellie was pre-deceased by her brother Lewis Danforth, her sister Rosemary Clanton and her sister Nancy Houseworth.

Nellie spent her childhood years in New Jersey. While growing up, her father was given assignments for I.T.&T. in South America, and their family lived in Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. Nellie met her future husband at a church youth group in Hempstead, Long Island. They were married in June, 1942. Shortly thereafter, Robert was drafted into the Army and they lived in a number of locations from

Maine to Florida during the war years. Their three sons were born while they lived in Farmingdale, Long Island

Nellie was committed most to her family. She and Bob moved to Delmar in 1958 from Farmingdale and made their home in the community, raising a close knit family. Nellie and her husband believed in time-honored values, beliefs and traditions and passed along these standards to the next generation. Recognizing the importance of a good education, they supported the Bethlehem Central School District and its programs. Nellie and Bob insured a college education for all three of their sons. They encouraged their sons in career matters.

Nellie and Bob were active members of the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. The Church was home to them. The Church was central to their lives and their beliefs. All three of their sons joined the Christian community in this Church. Nellie was active in the Friendship Club, the Progress Club, and the Mary Martha Society. Nellie and Bob supported the Church with their time, energy and prayers. They had many strong friendships through the Church and many fond memories. In return, they drew great strength from the Church, its members and its Pastors. In particular, Nellie was very grateful for the support of Reverend Sherwood ("Woody") Carver. Reverend Carver was with Nellie during the final illness of her husband, and he provided Nellie great comfort after Robert's death.

Nellie was an active member of the Delmar and Bethlehem community.

She worked for 20 years for City and County Savings Bank in Delmar. She treasured the memories of the many fine people she was able to help at the Bank. Through Robert's membership in the Rotary Club, they were active supporters of the Bethlehem Festival Fund.

Nellie loved to garden. From the lilies of the valley planted in the backyard with help from her father to the magnolia tree by the road and the black eyed susans along the side of the house, the yard was always alive with life and color. She enjoyed walking and bicycling around Delmar with her husband. They also took pleasure in canoeing on the Mohawk River. Nellie liked cross country skiing at the Elm Avenue Park.

Nellie saw much of the world. In addition to her childhood years in South America, she traveled as an adult to Italy, Canada, Mexico and Britain with Robert. They saw much of the United States from Cape Cod, Florida and North Carolina to Arizona, California, Wyoming, Alaska and Hawaii.

Viewing hours were held on Wednesday, December 7 from 4 to 7 pm at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Avenue in Delmar. A service was held at the First Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Avenue, in Delmar Thursday, December 8 at 10:00 A.M. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery in Albany. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Nellie Evans's name to the Bethlehem Festival Fund, P.O. Box 341, Delmar, New York 12054 or the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

## Lois Louise (Wisburn) Myers

GLENS FALLS: Lois Louise (Wisburn) Myers, 75, of Broadalbin, formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, November 26, 2011, at Glens Falls Hospital. Lois was born in Albany, N.Y., on August 2, 1936, to the late William Wisburn and Louise (Walrath) Wisburn. She was a 1954 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and married Robert E. Myers, Sr., on February 18, 1956. They were married 23 years.

Lois was a member of the Glenmont Homemakers Club and the Glenmont Community Church. She worked as a noon hour aide at Glenmont Elementary School and as an insurance agent at Burt Anthony Associates, Delmar.

Lois was a big fan of the New York Mets and the Boston Red Sox. She was an avid bowler, loved camping and fishing, and loved to cheer on the

Glenmont Community Church softball team. Lois loved taking trips to the outlet malls in Massachusetts and to Cape Cod. She was very proud of her three grandchildren, Sarah, Matthew and Nicholas and occasionally made the eight-hour trip to Bucksport, Maine, by car by herself to spend time with her grandkids, her son Kevin and daughter-in-law Michelle. She frequently made the trip to Glens Falls each September to attend the Adirondack Hot Air Balloon Festival with her son Bob and daughter-in-law Beth. Lois loved cats and dogs, especially her dog Thor and cats Tiger and Woody. She was a big fan of Bill O'Reilly and looked forward to reading every book he published.

Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her late father-in-law, Charles C. Myers, Sr., of Delmar; her late brother-in-law, Charles C. Myers, Jr., of Chesapeake, Virginia; and a nephew, Brian Myers of

Watervliet. Lois is survived by her son Robert E. Myers, Jr., of Glens Falls and Kevin and Michelle (Monks) Myers of Broadalbin; her granddaughter Sarah Myers of Portland, Maine; her grandsons Matthew Myers and Nicholas Myers of Broadalbin; and numerous cousins.

The family would like to thank the Glens Falls Fire and EMS squads and the doctors, nurses and staff in the ICU at Tower Five at Glens Falls Hospital for making Mom's last hours peaceful.

Friends may call on Tuesday, November 29, from 4 to 7 pm at Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar. A funeral service will be held at 7:00 pm. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

The family asks that donations in her memory be made to Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, NY, 12077.

## Spotlight on Poetry

This month's column is sponsored by The Spotlight Newspapers and the Hudson Valley Writers Guild.

**On Bennett Hill**  
by Alan Casline  
stop in pitch pine and listen  
first hear silence  
then at the edge of hearing  
faint distant caws  
crows in their field  
another mountain over

This poem feels Japanese, with its sparse descriptions of nature

in winter. It allows us to feel the significance of the season without being told about it. Bennett Hill overlooks Clarksville in Albany County, a favorite hiking spot for locals.

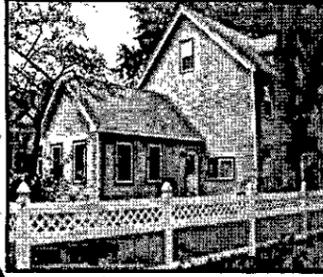
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# Your Community in The Spotlight

## YMCA to host alumni game

For the 6th consecutive year, The Bethlehem YMCA will be hosting the alumni game for veterans of the Bethlehem Varsity Hockey Team on Monday, Dec. 26 at 8 p.m.

Any former players on the varsity roster are welcomed and encouraged to take part in this event. Players should register in advance by contacting Cindy Guntner at [cmgski@hotmail.com](mailto:cmgski@hotmail.com). The fee to play in the game is \$15.

Fans, friends and family can come to cheer on the alums as they sharpen up those rusty skates and flex the muscles that powered them throughout their Varsity career.

This annual event is named in honor of Jon Albert, a 2002 BCHS graduate.

## Learn about weasels

A program on the natural history of weasels 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. 31, at 10 a.m.

Many fascinating weasel species live throughout the world. Some of them might be in your own backyard! At this indoor/outdoor study, Center naturalists will discuss the lifestyles of weasel species found in our area, such as otter, fisher and mink.

Afterwards, weather permitting, staff and participants will venture out to visit likely weasel habitat to search for signs of these secretive creatures.

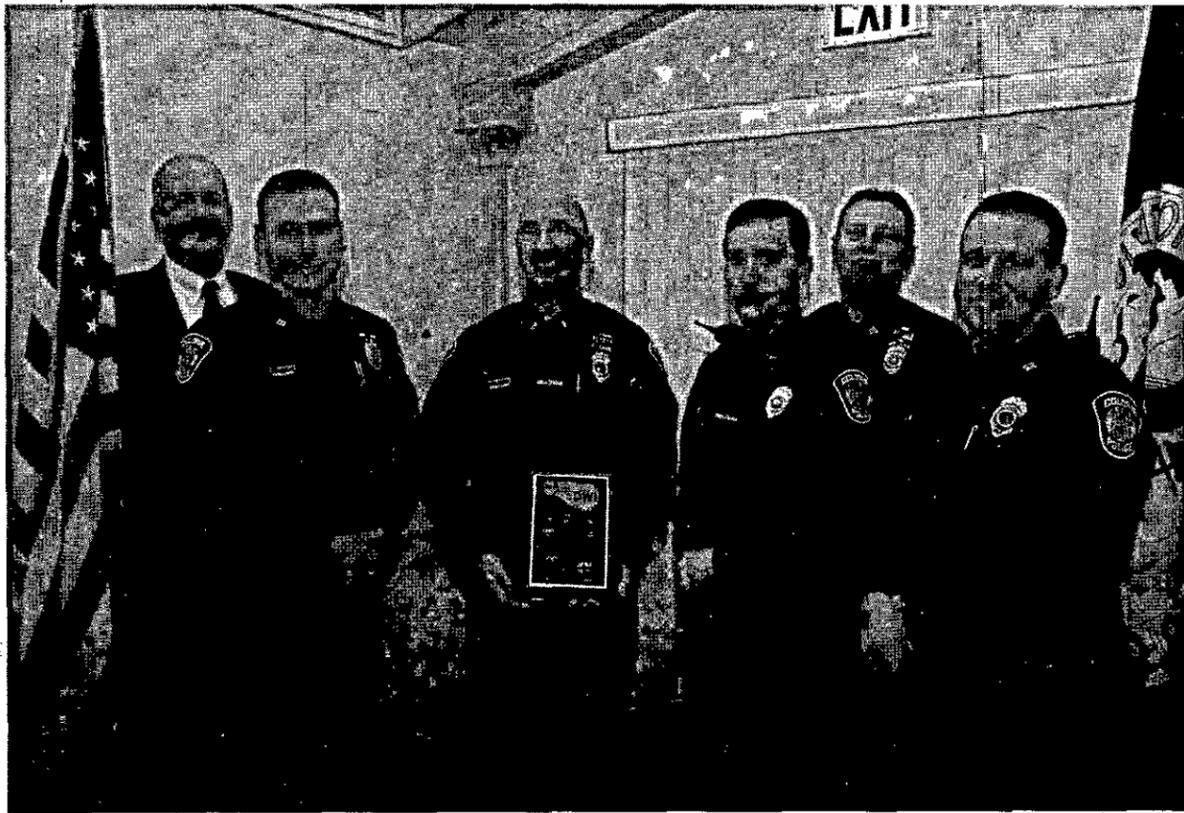
This program is open to the public free of charge. Children must be accompanied by an adult. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled. Call 475-0291 for more information.

## Church to host 'Blue Christmas'

The Journey United Church of Christ will host a special "Blue Christmas" worship on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at their 500 Kenwood Avenue location in Delmar.

The special worship service recognizes that,

## Going above and beyond



Members of the Colonie Police Department Traffic Safety Unit received the Unit Citation Award at the Albany County Stop DWI annual recognition awards ceremony Friday, Dec. 9, at the Crossroads Restaurant. The following officers were also recognized for excellence in DWI and drug enforcement: Officer William F. Warner, Albany City Police Department; Officer Todd J. Potts, Cohoes City Police Department; Officer Ryan F. Johnson, Coeymans Police Department; Deputy Vincent P. Igoe, Albany County Sheriff's Department; State Trooper Charles R. Donovan Jr.; and State Trooper David S. Notarino.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

for many, Christmas is anything but merry. It allows participants to acknowledge that the holiday season can be difficult for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, who have difficult family relationships, who struggle with addictions, physical and mental illness, depression or stress, and who feel deeply the pain of those in our world who suffer the effects of war, poverty and disease.

The worship service is open to all. For more information about JUCC, visit [www.journeyucc.com](http://www.journeyucc.com) or call 729-7127.

## Orchestra has holiday show

The Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Michael Blostein, will present a Holiday Concert on Monday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall (445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar).

The concert, which will include classical selections, show tunes and holiday favorites, is free and open to the public. For more information about the

Orchestra, visit [www.delmarcommunityorchestra.com](http://www.delmarcommunityorchestra.com).

## Hearing Loss annual party

The Hearing Loss Association of Albany will hold its annual Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 17, from noon to 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

The potluck party will be at the Church of Christ, 30 Russell Road, Albany. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

There will be a \$10 unisex grab bag gift exchange. Bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food pantry.

Santa will make an appearance and there will be crafts and activities for the kids, too.

Contact Pat at [pattyjean118@yahoo.com](mailto:pattyjean118@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Preservation nominees sought

The Preservation League of New York State is seeking nominations for its 2012 Excellence in Historic Preservation Awards, which recognize significant achievements

in historic preservation throughout New York State. The postmark deadline for nominations is Feb. 16. The awards will be presented during the Preservation League's Annual Meeting on May 16 in New York City at the historic New York Yacht Club.

The League especially encourages nominations that may provide case studies or models incorporating energy efficiency, adaptive reuse, or New York's Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Tax Credit program.

The awards program is supported by a grant from the Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Foundation of Miami, Florida.

To review guidelines or download a nomination form, visit the Preservation League's website at [www.preservenys.org](http://www.preservenys.org). For additional information on the awards contact the Preservation League office at 462-5658 x17; or by email at [awards@preservenys.org](mailto:awards@preservenys.org).

## Count birds in New Year

The 32nd Annual New

Year's Day Bird Count will be conducted on Sunday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m. at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

During this outdoor program, bird experts from Five Rivers, the Audubon Society of the Capital Region and the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club will lead field parties along Center trails in search of resident species as well as late migrants.

During the three decades that this program has taken place at Five Rivers, 70 different bird species have been recorded. Years of data from Five Rivers, added to that of other New Year's Day bird counts taking place across the continent, contribute to scientific research into ornithological trends related to climate change, habitat modification, disease and other environmental influences.

The program, one of the Center's many ongoing citizen science projects, is geared for the birding novice and is free of charge.

Participants are urged to bring binoculars and dress for outdoor activity. In the event of severe weather, this program may be canceled.

Call the Center at 475-0291 for more information.

## Hanukkah On Ice

If you are looking for a unique way to have some Hanukkah fun this season, what could be more delightful than a combination of sparkling ice and a dazzling menorah?

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m., men, women and children from Bethlehem will converge at the YMCA at 900 Delaware Avenue in Delmar for skating, arts and crafts and lighting the "Can-o-rah" for the ultimate celebration of Chanukah.

The construction of the first ever "Can Menorah" in Bethlehem is going to be the highlight of this year's annual Hanukkah On Ice.

You can participate by sponsoring canned foods which will be used to assemble the Menorah. The 200+ cans will be donated to the Bethlehem Food Pantry for families in need.

Hanukkah is about bringing light into this world. A menorah built with food cans is sure to add more light into our world. After assembling the menorah, candles will be placed on top and the Can Menorah will be kindled.

"The meaning of Chanukah is the Power of Light over Dark," said Rabbi Simon, of Bethlehem Chabad. "There is no better way of spreading light than giving food to those in need. In this way we will be including hundreds of people less fortunate than ourselves in our festival of lights. We are very excited and proud of this effort. We hope that everyone will participate"

The afternoon will begin with open skating, followed by lunch, crafts for the children and the "Can-o-rah" lighting.

Admission is \$5 per person and includes skate rental and lunch. For more information, email [info@BethlehemChabad.com](mailto:info@BethlehemChabad.com), call 439-8280, or visit [www.BethlehemChabad.com](http://www.BethlehemChabad.com)

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# Breslin vetoes county budget

**Executive calls plan 'impractical and unsustainable'**

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One week after the Albany County legislature overrode the state tax cap and adopted a 2012 budget of \$598 million with an 8 percent property tax hike, Albany County Executive Michael Breslin used his veto power.

In a letter to members of the legislature, Breslin called the budget adopted on Monday, Dec. 5, "impractical and unsustainable" and said he objected to several budget amendments, urging the body to "consider the short- and long-term financial implications of any actions they might take."

Breslin said his 2012 Executive Budget "prioritized services" and was "purposely crafted to preserve the county's core functions" and said he was "gravely concerned" about those services being negatively impacted by the budget that was adopted.

"While the legislative changes may lower the tax increase on paper, they put the county in a precarious position to maintain operations," said Breslin in the letter.

Shawn Morse, chair of the audit and finance committee, said the budget preserved every service the county currently provides, like the nursing home, dental care and mental health.

"Those services will still be available to those people in need of them and who qualify for them," said Morse.

Breslin, though, said the budget relies on "unrealistic savings and overly optimistic revenue estimates,"

with county departments having "no flexibility" to meet mandates or deliver critical services.

"These legislative amendments are fiscally irresponsible and are tantamount to deficit spending in 2012, which will create a need for future tax cap overrides and significant tax increases in 2013, 2014 and beyond," said Breslin in the letter.

Breslin took issue with \$1.4 million in personnel service savings that were gleaned by not filling positions, and said it would have "severe consequences" for the county nursing home.

Breslin also criticized \$750,000 in contractual and equipment savings budgeted by the legislature and said the savings would be difficult to achieve without cutting programs and services.

"The vast majority of the provider contracts generate state and federal reimbursement revenue so that a dollar cut does not equate to a county dollar saved," said Breslin.

The legislature projected an additional 1 percent in sales tax revenue over what was included in Breslin's Executive Budget, a move he called "risky" and that would "likely result in a budget shortfall" at the end of 2012.

Budget amendments regarding the sale of real property, savings associated with purchasing the family court building and savings related to health insurance were also on Breslin's list of gripes.

"I urge the legislature to reconsider their actions," said Breslin.

The budget is now passed back to the legislature, which has the option of overriding Breslin's veto. Breslin is retiring at the end of the year.

Reporter Greg Fry contributed to this story.

# Home

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whose district covers areas of Selkirk, South Bethlehem and Glenmont. "We also have to protect the taxpayers. Unfortunately, the Albany County Nursing Home has run in a significant deficit."

That deficit has climbed over \$20 million and county officials, in a November appeal to the State Department of Health for a Certificate of Need for a new facility, projected that the deficit will climb to over \$36 million. In the past two budget cycles, County Executive Michael Breslin has advocated that the county sell the home.

"Clearly there are a number of legislators who feel that we should build a new nursing home, and regardless of the cost, we should run that as a county-owned nursing home," said Mendick. "I'm of the opinion that there are better alternatives, there are cost-effective alternatives, such as looking at running it publicly-owned, but privately run."

There are others who agree with Mendick. In November, the League of Women Voters of Albany County released the findings of its study of long-term care needs. The study was based on six months of research and interviews with experts, facility staff and patients. One recommendation in the report is that the county should delay plans to build a new facility.

"We recommend that the County continue operation of the current facility and delay plans to build a new facility," the report reads. It goes on to say that alternatives have not been adequately explored.

The League of Women Voters report also suggests creation of a public-private task force that would explore the full range of options over a six-month period, with considerations given to expansion of assisting living residences, incentives for private nursing homes to accept Medicaid and the size and scope of the problem concerning patients who

are hard to place.

Legislator Charles Dawson, whose district lies entirely within the Town of Bethlehem, said the county can no longer afford to be in the business of operating the nursing home due to the unreliability of the state as a fiscal partner.

"The extraordinary costs of institutional care at our home deprives our county of its ability to help those who wish to remain at home in a non-institutional setting as well as short-changes funding available for many other important programs for seniors, children and others in need," said Dawson.

Those who support construction of a new facility stress that a county-run nursing home would accept patients that other facilities wouldn't, would provide better-paying and stable employment to health care professionals and would meet the needs of a county that already has too few beds.

Many counties around New York are considering what to do with their facilities. In Ulster County in the Hudson Valley, lawmakers recently voted to transfer control of the nursing home to a local development corporation, with the hopes of selling the facility to a private owner in 2013. Mendick agreed that the trend is to move away from county-run nursing homes.

"People are now trying to stay in their own homes or in the care of loved ones for a much longer period of time, reducing the need for nursing homes," said Mendick.

No matter the arguments, the consensus is clear that some action has to be taken.

"We have a structural deficit within the budget that we continue to cover up by increasing the tax rate and cutting where we can," said Mendick, who added that vacant positions have been cut and revenues have been inflated.

"The cost of the nursing home is clearly having an impact on the county's finances and jeopardizing other programs which are taking drastic cutbacks to make room for the nursing home," said Dawson.

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## 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) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Dynamite Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on

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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) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is MARK R. LASSONDE, LLC  
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on November 1, 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 6348 French's Hollow Road, Altamont, NY 12009.  
6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.  
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. 77412 (D) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 288 Morton Ave, LLC  
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability 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) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 288 Morton Ave, LLC  
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice of Formation of USA SUPPLEMENTS 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 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) (December 14, 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 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) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM BERK 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. 77699 (D) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 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

## LEGAL NOTICE

County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1512 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. 77705 (D) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DIAMOND CUSTOM INTERIOR RENOVATIONS, LLC. Art. 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: c/o The LLC, 54 Hudson Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 77726 (D) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 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

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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. 77853 (D) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Genesis Associates II, LLC.  
b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on September 30, 2011.  
c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.  
d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her: Anthony Grasso  
1 Arizona Avenue  
Sherwood Park  
Rensselaer, New York 12144.  
e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. 77854 (D) (December 14, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ACUMEN 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 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 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) (December 14, 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 may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The

LEGAL NOTICE registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77861 (D) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 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 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) (December 14, 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) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation The Law Firm of Daniel M. O'Hara PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/8/2011

LEGAL NOTICE 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. 77869 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation CGB Realty Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77870 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation 163 Fourth Ave Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/14/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77871 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Yellow Dog Media, LLC (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 15, 2011. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to 3049 Evelyn Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12303. Duration: Perpetual. Purpose: to conduct any lawful act or activity for which limited liabilities may be formed under the law. 77878 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of Kenneth Gibbons L.L.C. (a foreign professional service limited liability company) App. for Authority filed with Secy. of State NY (SSNY) on 9/26/11. NY Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey on 11/5/10. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail process to its foreign add: 7 Riggs Place West Orange NJ 07052. Arts. of Org filed with NJ Sec of State Division of Revenue 33 West State Street 5th Fl Trenton NJ 08608. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to practice the profession of public accounting. 77879 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC CBM Farm LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 11/15/11. 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, 60 Meriam Street, Lexington, Massachusetts 02420. The street address of the principal business location is 348-350 Albany Hill Rd., Rensselaerville, NY. 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. 77880 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THINKING HORSE

LEGAL NOTICE ES LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of NY on 11/3/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 110 Salisbury Rd, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77881 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of HELEN OF TROY ANTIQUITIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77882 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Success Symbols, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on October 11, 2011, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 28 Upper Wedgewood Lane, Voorheesville, New York 12186; which is the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 77883 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Lake-shore Holdings Group LLC, Art. of Org. filed: Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/19/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO Box 1933, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 1/1/2109. 77886 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Jan's Wash and Wax, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 56 Haswell Rd., Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2110. 77980 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Digital Age Distribution, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/28/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 12 Petra Lane, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77981 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qual. of CSP Albany LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/31/11. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 10/20/11. SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of Global Leveraged Capital Partners & Co, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/15/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also

LEGAL NOTICE SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to Robert Heidenberg, Lemer-Heidenberg Properties, 234 Closter Dock Rd., Closter, NJ 07624. DE off. addr.: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp.: any lawful activities. 77982 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation 40 Butler St Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/23/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77983 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation Rare Books Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/22/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77984 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of INCBERT INSURANCE BROKERAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/21/11. 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. 77987 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of HELTER LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/28/11. 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. 77994 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of GLC Advisors & Co. Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/10/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77995 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of Global Leveraged Capital Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/15/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also

LEGAL NOTICE the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77996 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of AMBIT MARKETING, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 9/27/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 1801 N. Lamar St., Ste. 200, Dallas, TX 75202. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1901 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 77998 (C) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of Global Leveraged Capital Partners & Co, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/18/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77999 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of GLC Investment Advisors, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/18/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78000 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of ATIO-GLU JEWELRY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/23/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78002 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of CBM MGMT LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 1/31/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Principal office address: 655 Mariners Island

LEGAL NOTICE Blvd., Ste. 304, San Mateo, CA 94404. Address to be maintained in CA: 868 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Arts. of Org. filed with the CA Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78004 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of AES MGMT LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 1/31/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Principal office address: 655 Mariners Island Blvd., Ste. 304, San Mateo, CA 94404. Address to be maintained in CA: 868 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Arts. of Org. filed with the CA Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78005 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of LTF Lease Company, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/24/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78006 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE SPINFORWARD, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State ("SOS") on 11/22/11. LLC office is in Albany County. SOS was designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SOS shall mail copy of any process served to 134 Fernbank Ave., Albany, NY 12054. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful act or activity. 78007 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE MGU, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/19/07. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1380 Dahill Rd., Ste 303, Brooklyn, NY 11204. General Purposes. 78117 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of F&D VENTURES LLC, Art. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/31/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 20 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The Reg. Agt. at such address upon Frank A. Grant. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78122 (D) (December 14, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of HBSM PROPERTIES LLC, Art. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/31/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as

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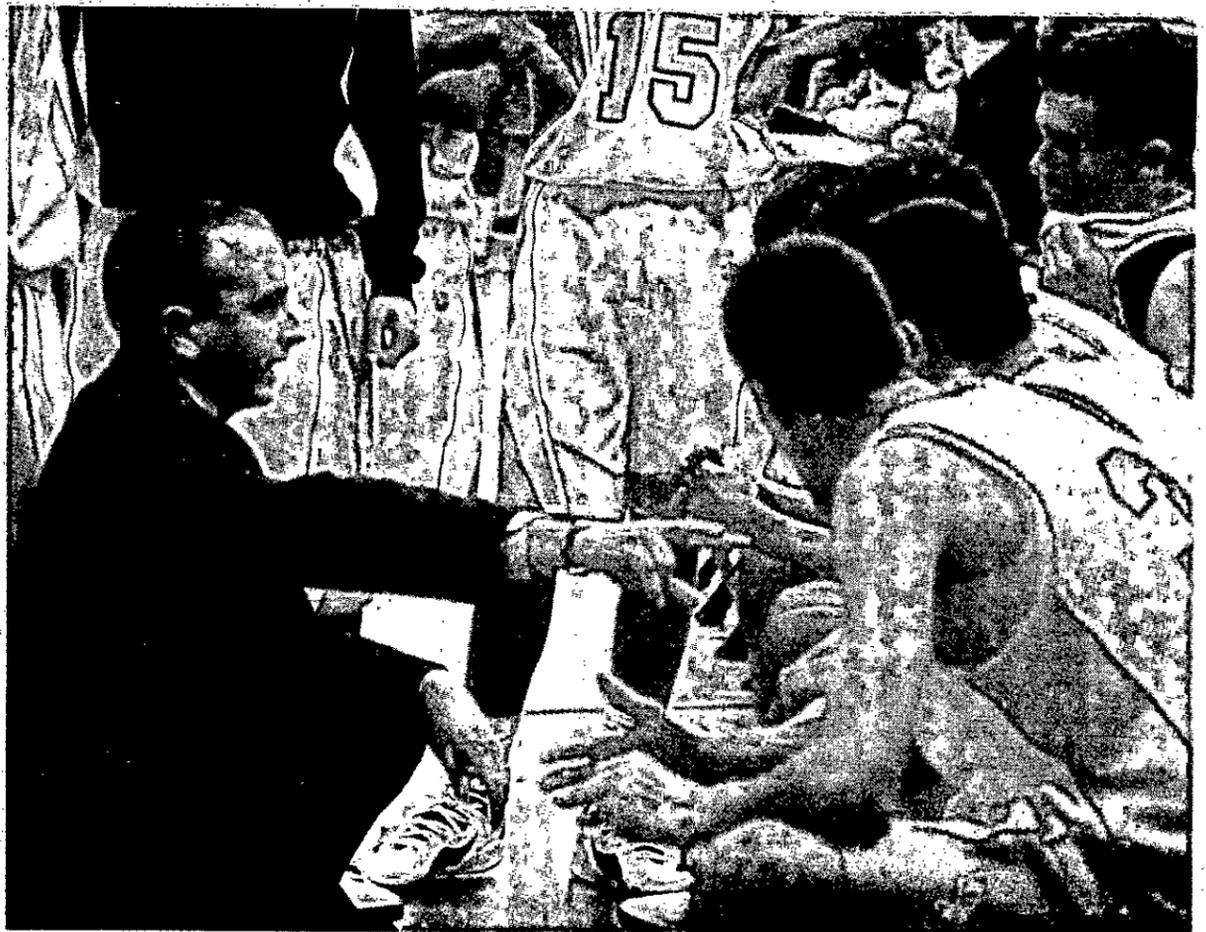
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Bethlehem coach A.G. Irons talks strategy with his players during the fourth quarter of last Friday's Suburban Council South Division game against Guilderland in Delmar. *Rob Jonas/Spotlight*

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**Eagles**

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(1-1, 2-2) earned its first Colonial Council victory and its first non-league loss of the season. The Indians edged Ichabod Crane 42-41 Friday before losing to Scotia-Glenville 56-43 Saturday.

RCS withstood Ichabod Crane's one-two punch of Joe Fey (21 points) and

Tyler Zeh (12 points) to pull out the one-point league victory Friday. Matt Shear had 11 points, and Connor Zeoli added nine points for the Indians.

RCS had no answers for Scotia-Glenville (3-0) in Saturday's non-league game in Scotia. The Tartans held the Indians to five points in the first quarter as they took the lead early, and they never looked back.

Alex Sausville poured in 22 points, and Chris Zanta contributed 13 points for Scotia-Glenville. Zeoli netted 14 points for RCS, and Christian Hodson added 12 points.

RCS returned to Colonial Council action Tuesday when it traveled to Cohoes.

Voorheesville (1-1) posted its first league victory of the season last Friday by beating

Fonda-Fultonville 55-46 in Fonda. The Blackbirds took control by outscoring the Braves 35-24 over the second and third quarters.

Russ Daly scored 12 points, while Noah Crawford and Logan Hotaling each chipped in with 11 points for Voorheesville. Fonda's Charles Parslow led all scorers with 18 points.

Voorheesville hosted Schalmont Tuesday.

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# Brawl

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on to their post-collegiate careers over the next three years before looking at renewing the crosstown game. And when the rivalry is renewed, both coaches should make it clear to their players that they need to maintain a level of respect for their opponent.

Hopefully the next time Xavier and Cincinnati play each other, there will be a different result on the floor. By that, I mean that both teams walk off the floor having shaken each other's hands instead of punching each other with their fists.

In more pleasant sports news, NBA preseason training camps finally got underway last week - nearly two months later than normal, thanks to the lockout. That means only one thing for area basketball fans:

It's time to bring back Jimmermania.

Yes, folks around here - especially around Glens Falls - will be spending many late nights through the winter and early spring watching Sacramento Kings games to see what Section II alumnae Jimmer Fredette can do in the big leagues.

Area Fredette fans (Jimmermaniacs?) are accustomed to watching late night hoops. When he played at Brigham Young, Glens Falls bars would be packed around 10 p.m. on game nights with locals who wanted to watch their native son shoot three-pointers from all points on the basketball court. I'm certain that the same pattern will hold true now that Jimmer is the NBA.

For those wanting to see Jimmer play in person, there are three possible destinations this season: Jan. 10 in Philadelphia, Jan. 11 in Toronto and Feb. 15 at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The bad news is that they are all midweek games, but the good news is that you might be able

to get some good deals on tickets. After all, the Sacramento Kings are hardly a marquee NBA franchise, which makes them less desirable to see in person for a season ticket holder in New York, Philly or Toronto than a team like the Boston Celtics or the Los Angeles Lakers. And there may still be some hard feelings among basketball fans about the lockout that cost them the first month of the regular season, which could leave even more empty seats in arenas.

I realize that even a midweek trip to Manhattan might be a bit much for the average Capital District sports fan, but you have the opportunity to say you were there to watch one of the all-time great Section II players drop 30 points on the Knicks.

Finally, I'm beginning to believe that the Suburban Council South Division will be tougher from top to bottom than the North Division when it comes to girls basketball.

Yes, the North Division

has two premier programs in defending Section II Class AA champion Shaker and Shenendehowa, but there are at least three - if not six - quality teams in the South Division this season. Bethlehem, Colonie and Averill Park should have some epic battles between them, and it would be difficult to dismiss Guilderland, Mohonasen and Columbia as possible upstarts.

We've already had one epic South Division clash this season as Colonie edged Averill Park 39-38 last Friday, and Tuesday's game between Colonie and Bethlehem had the same possibility of producing an exciting finish as that contest.

Another South Division game to keep an eye on is the Jan. 10 meeting between Averill Park and an improved Guilderland team. That may be hard to do since that is the same night that Shen and Shaker are scheduled to meet for the first time, but the Averill Park game may determine just how much of a factor Guilderland will be the rest of the season.

All in all, the Suburban Council South Division should produce more interesting games than the North Division, where Shen and Shaker are ruling the roost in the early going.

As always, feel free to follow me on Twitter at [jonasr\\_spotlight](http://jonasr_spotlight).

# League

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to close the gap to 2-1. Rye, though, scored twice in the final two minutes to seal the victory.

Goaltender Kevin Cooley did what he could to keep Bethlehem in the game. The junior goaltender made 31 saves.

"If it weren't for him, it would have easily been 5-0 in the first period," said Rodrigue.

Cooley and freshman Zach Sanchez will split this upcoming week's goaltending duties for the Eagles as they continue to battle each other for the starter's role. Rodrigue said Sanchez will play against CBA Friday, while Cooley faces LaSalle next Tuesday.

"I will continue to give them equal time in goal until one of them proves otherwise," said Rodrigue.

In other hockey action last weekend, Guilderland/Mohonasen came

close to winning its first game of the season before falling to Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa 4-3 Friday at the Schenectady County Recreation Facility in Glenville.

Chase Godfrey and Andrew Sovern each recorded a goal and two assists to lead Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa (2-0-0 league, 2-2-0 overall) to the victory. Clark Grabb and Nick Van Liew also tallied, and goaltenders Austin Clark and Will Lamparelli combined to make 22 saves.

Guilderland/Mohonasen's record dropped to 0-2-0 in the CDHSHL and 0-3-1 overall.

The Dutch Warriors play CBA Saturday at the Times Union Center prior to the start of the Albany Devils' AHL home game against the Springfield Falcons. They then play in another AHL arena next Tuesday when they meet South Glens Falls/Hudson Falls at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

# Eagles swim past Dutchbirds

The Bethlehem boys swim team improved its duel meet record to 2-0 last Thursday by beating Guilderville 102-73 in Voorheesville.

Evan Ginsburg led the Eagles with a pair of individual victories. Ginsburg won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:15.78, and he finished first in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:01.19.

Gunnar Zemering, Cole Reagan, Ryan Frederiks and Brian Negri also won individual events for Bethlehem.

Zemering posted a time of 23.52 seconds to win the 50-yard freestyle, while Frederiks finished first in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.90 seconds. Negri took first place in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.11, and Reagan won the diving competition with a score of 152.20.

Christopher Zanotta had a pair of wins for Guilderville. Zanotta finished first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:58.92, and he won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:26.88.

Matthew Pietrykowski

added a victory in the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:13.99 for the Dutchbirds.

Bethlehem began the season last Tuesday with a 105-76 victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake in Delmar.

Zemering and Alex Lednev each won two events to lead the Eagles past the Spartans. Zemering finished first in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles, while Lednev won the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke. Frederiks, Negri and James Starr also had wins.

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## Sports in the Spotlight

## Eagles handle Dutch BC begins league play

## Bethlehem deals Guilderland divisional loss

By ROB JONAS  
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Guilderland boys basketball coach Ron Osinski sees Bethlehem as being the team to beat in the Suburban Council this season.

"I would say that they shouldn't lose a game this season," said Osinski. "They are solid in all areas of the game."

The Eagles (2-0 league, 2-0 overall) showed the Dutchmen (0-2, 2-2) how solid they are in beating them 77-66 last Friday in Delmar. Bethlehem built a 52-36 lead after three quarters and withstood a pair of Guilderland rallies in the fourth quarter to pull out the 11-point win.

"I knew coming in that it would be a great test for us to see how our season is going to go," said Bethlehem coach A.G. Irons. "We got up on [Guilderland] and a couple of times they got back at us, but I was happy with how we weathered the storm."

The Eagles suffered an early blow when senior guard Jack Baynes — who scored the team's first four points — suffered an ankle injury and couldn't return to the game. But Bethlehem overcame Baynes' absence with a balanced approach to its offense, as four players reached double digits in the scoring column.

"The guys all look for each other," said Irons. "If someone isn't open, they're going to look for someone else."

Guilderland's offense wasn't quite as balanced as Bethlehem's offense. Senior guard Cameron



Bethlehem's Connor Morelli stops to shoot the ball during the fourth quarter of last Friday's Suburban Council, South Division game against Guilderland in Delmar. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Dobbs scored a game-high 24 points, but he only received marginal help from his teammates as Alex Gaines and Brian Crupi each added 10 points.

"We needed to be a little more consistent," said Osinski. "I wasn't happy with the way we ran our offense against them."

Junior guard Nate Kane

paced Bethlehem's offense with 21 points including five three-pointers. Senior forward Casey McGraw contributed 14 points, while senior forward Matt O'Keefe and freshman forward John Sica each added 13 points.

O'Keefe also chipped in with eight rebounds, and Sica had four boards, three assists and two steals.

Bethlehem and Guilderland returned to action Tuesday by playing against Suburban Council South Division opponents. Bethlehem traveled to Colonie, while Guilderland hosted Mohonasen.

In other boys basketball action last weekend, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk

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## Eagles host CBA in CDHSHL opener

By ROB JONAS  
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After playing four out-of-section teams in its first five games, the Bethlehem hockey team gets to start league play this weekend.

The Eagles (4-1-0) host Christian Brothers Academy (1-4-1) Friday in a Capital District High School Hockey League game at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. Bethlehem is the lone remaining Section II team not to have played a league game.

"We need to work hard this week [in practice] because CBA will be tough," said Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue. "We have to go out there and play focused with the right intensity."

The Eagles showed perhaps a little too much intensity in their most recent game, a 4-1 non-league loss to Section I's Rye last Friday at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. Bethlehem was called for 12 penalties, and Rye took advantage with three power play goals.

"We played them well five-on-five, but we need to be more disciplined," said Rodrigue. "That's something I can't really do for the guys. They have to take it upon themselves to do it."

Michael Bennincasa scored Rye's first power play goal in the first period to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. Joseph Chin tallied on another man advantage midway through the second period to double Rye's lead before Bethlehem's Chris Caswell scored in the third period

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## Late run seals victory

## Lady Eagles pull away from Lady Dutch

to pull away from the Lady Dutch (1-1, 2-1) \*

Gabby Giacone turned in another impressive performance for Bethlehem, as the freshman forward scored a team-high 16 points. Senior guard Allie Olsen contributed 11 points.

Cristal Benton had 12 points, and Amanda Kernozek contributed nine points for Guilderland.

Bethlehem hosted Colonie Tuesday, while Guilderland visited Mohonasen.

The Bethlehem girls basketball team needed a big fourth quarter to defeat Guilderland 55-45 in last Friday's Suburban Council South Division game in Guilderland.

The Lady Eagles (1-1 league, 2-2 overall) led by only four points after three quarters before scoring 18 points in the final period

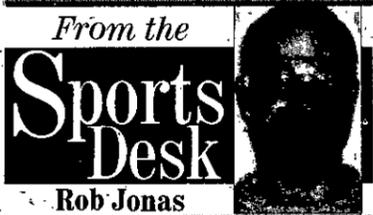
## Rivalry should be put on hold following brawl

Crosstown rivalry games are not a prerequisite for schedule makers unless the two teams play in the same league.

With that said, I think that time has come for Cincinnati and Xavier to end their crosstown basketball rivalry for at least a couple of years — maybe more.

As everyone in the country saw on the highlight reels, Saturday's game between the two Cincinnati universities ended with 9.4 seconds left when a bench-clearing brawl took place. One of the Xavier players caught up in the action was Schenectady High School graduate Mark Lyons, who was seen making comments toward the Cincinnati bench that resulted in the brawl.

Lyons was hardly the only one at fault for what took place. The Cincinnati players could have taken the high road and ignored what Lyons was saying, but once Bearcats' senior Yancy Gates started swinging his fists, the fight was on.



Rob Jonas

Neither Lyons nor Xavier teammate Tu Holloway made things any easier on them or their team following the game. Both made comments supporting their actions in the brawl, with Holloway claiming that the Muskateers were "gangsters" and, in essence, were not going to be disrespected by the Cincinnati players — some of whom had made disparaging comments to the media and on Twitter in the days leading up to the game.

In the brawl's wake, several players from both teams — including Lyons, Holloway and Gates — received suspensions from their respective coaches. Lyons must sit out two games and Holloway has to sit out one game, while Gates received a six-game suspension from Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin. Two other Cincinnati players received six-game suspensions, while Xavier's Dez Wells and Landen Amos earned four-game bans from their coach.

Frankly, that doesn't resolve the underlying problem here. Cincinnati and Xavier players made a crosstown rivalry personal, and that is something no athlete should ever do.

Look at all of the rivalries we have here in the Capital District. Siena vs. University at Albany in men's basketball. Union vs. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

in football and hockey. Shaker vs. Colonie in just about every sport imaginable. Christian Brothers Academy vs. LaSalle Institute in football, basketball, baseball and hockey. Shenendehowa vs. ... well, just about anybody, but especially Saratoga Springs. How many of their games end in brawls between the players? None.

(Side note: I know there was a brawl at a basketball game between Albany and Schenectady a couple of years ago, but that was between the fans — not the players.)

The thing about our local rivalries is that the players and coaches typically respect each other. In interviews, they always talk about the significance of the game without disparaging their opponents. No one tries to turn the game into a personal attack on someone wearing the other team's uniform.

Cincinnati and Xavier failed to do that. Somewhere along the way, the annual rivalry turned personal, and the end result was a brawl that both universities will be regretting for a long time.

The best way to resolve that issue is to end the Cincinnati-Xavier basketball rivalry for the near future. Let the players who were part of the brawl move

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