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Hudson sails into local school

Henry Hudson showed up at Farnsworth Middle School on Friday, Oct. 9, to talk about his life and travels, and eventual discovery of the river now named after him.

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A 'Sleepy' rewrite

Mary Jane Hansen imagined the events that prompted Washington Irving to write his classic "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" in the New York State Theater Institute's latest production.

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Eagles' lead doesn't last

The Bethlehem football team was up 10-7 on LaSalle after the first quarter Saturday, but the defending Section II, Class AA champion Cadets pulled away for a 42-10 victory.

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Demonstrators opposed to the idea of erecting a cell tower on BC property as a revenue generating measure gathered in front of the district offices prior to a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Tower plan draws protests

Opponents of district's proposal cite health risks, diminished property values

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Central School District's idea of erecting a cell tower on district property to bolster the budget had a group of area residents dialing in their concerns at a recent Board of Education meeting.

Hoisting signs reading "Cell towers harm our teachers and children" and "Trees not towers" and "Don't nuke our children," approximately 15 people demonstrated outside the BC district of-

fices prior to a school board meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7. A number attended the meeting afterward, and spoke during a public comment period at the end of the agenda.

Opponents said they had several concerns about the placement of a cell tower, especially near schools: the possibility of health effects, as well as the aesthetic impact and how it might affect the property value of nearby homes.

"It's one thing to use a cell phone; that's your choice. To have your child assigned to a school with a cell tower, that's not your choice," said Myer Kutz, a member of the recently formed No School Towers Coalition.

Demonstrators said they think the district is trying to push the plans forward without public

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War of the roses

Fire department and flower shop at odds over Valentine's Day fundraiser

By DAN SABBATINO
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A local business and fire department could use a shot from Cupid's arrow as they spar over a Valentine's Day fundraiser.

Jean Simmons, owner of Classica Florist and Gifts, said she is unhappy with two separate votes from the Guilderland Board of Fire Commissioners to sell flowers as a fundraiser for the Guilderland Fire Department near Valentine's Day.

"They receive a tax base," she said. "They're going to shut me

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Candidates set debate

Candidates for New Scotland town supervisor and town board have given verbal commitments to debate on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

Scheduled to participate in the debate are Republican Town Board candidates Doug LaGrange and Roz Robinson, Democrat Daniel Mackay

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Food pantries feel pinch

Organizations trying to stretch dollars as they enter holiday season with increased need

By CHARLES WIFF
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The fall season brings a bevy of traditional imagery to mind — vibrant colors, brisk mornings and, of course, Thanksgiving and the other bounties of the harvest season.

But as the holidays appear around the bend, area food pantries are preparing

for what tends to be a time of increased need. And with the far-reaching implications of the faltering economy, some are already stretching themselves as it is.

"People just can't make it, there's so many bills to pay, and last year's heating bills were so high ... you choose to either buy food or pay a bill," said Jane Sanders of the Bethlehem Food Pantry, a division of the town's Senior Services department.

This September, the pantry served 42 families, up from 26 two years ago. Considering the fact some users have

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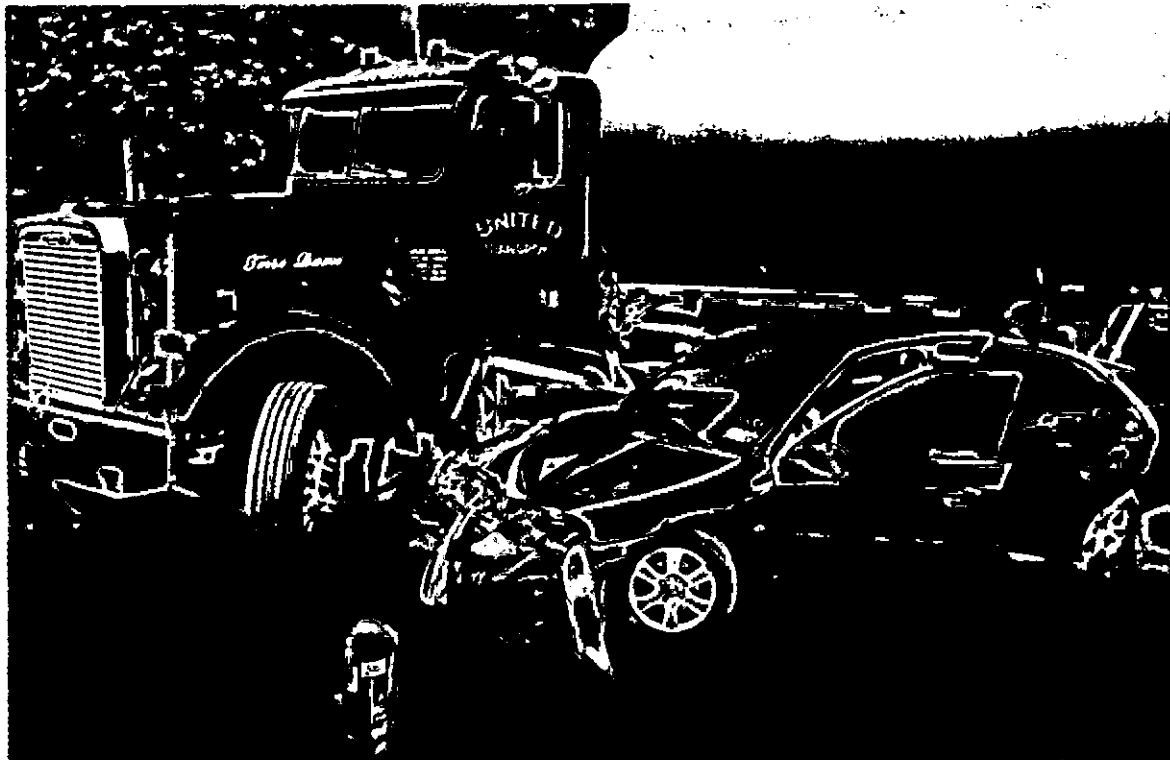
Tom Docous, a volunteer firefighter with the Selkirk Fire Company No. 2, stocks shelves at the Venture Churches Food Pantry in the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight



Police Blotter

Tanker accident on Route 144



A two-car accident occurred at about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, on Route 144 near the Citgo Terminal. According to a Bethlehem Police officer on the scene, the tanker was traveling north and getting ready to make a left-hand turn into the Citgo Terminal when the black passenger vehicle also traveling north, attempted to pass a school bus and slammed into the tanker. Both drivers were taken to area hospitals. Bethlehem Police are investigating.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Glenmont man killed in ATV accident

Police in the Town of Bethlehem are reporting that a 48-year-old Glenmont man suffered fatal injuries while riding an ATV on Sunday, Oct. 11.

The accident occurred on a private driveway off of Jolley Road in Glenmont at approximately 2:18 p.m., according to Bethlehem police. The operator of the vehicle struck a rope used as a property gate and sustained severe head trauma after being ejected from the ATV and losing his helmet, police said.

The operator, who was not identified, was transported to Albany Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. Police are investigating the incident.

Arrests

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Joseph Alexander Whitney, 20, of 147 Cherry Ave., Delmar, and charged him with DWAI and traffic violations on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Police stopped Whitney's vehicle at 86 Cherry Ave. in Delmar for having inadequate exhaust, according to arrest reports. His vehicle was allegedly found to be uninspected, police detected an odor of marijuana

coming from the car and observed Whitney having watery, bloodshot eyes, police said.

Whitney allegedly told police had had a clear plastic baggie of marijuana in the glove compartment, which police identified and secured. Standard field sobriety tests were administered, which Whitney failed, according to police.

Whitney was transported to Albany Medical Center, where a blood test was drawn. He was released to his mother, with a return date of Tuesday, Oct. 20, in Bethlehem Town Court.

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Anthony Michael Perry, 18, of 165 Dove St. 2nd Floor, Albany, and charged him with DWAI-Drugs and traffic violations on Monday, Oct. 5, following a traffic stop at 960 River Road, Selkirk.

Police allegedly observed Perry traveling southbound on River Road in a vehicle with an inadequate tail lamp. When stopped, police detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car, and Perry stated he had smoked marijuana prior to being stopped, police said.

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Bethlehem cops arrest man in cop-car hit and run

Colonie police charged a man who was arrested by the Bethlehem Police Department in connection with a personal injury hit and run accident that involved a driver striking a police vehicle in the parking lot of the Scottish Inn, at 1384 Central Ave. on Friday, Oct. 9, at 7:20 p.m.

James A. Hughes, 44, of Farmington Hills, Mich., was charged with criminal mischief in the second degree, a felony, and reckless endangerment in the first degree, a felony, as well as misdemeanor charges of assault following the accident in which he left the scene.

Police said investigator Jeffrey Lockart was responding to a call for an annoying person at the Scottish Inn. Police said the investigator pulled into the parking lot in a marked police vehicle, which was struck at that time by a car that was carrying a tractor-trailer with three

pickup trucks, causing damage to the front of Lockart's vehicle.

The tractor-trailer then headed east on Central Avenue, police said. The vehicle was found a short time later unoccupied at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Kraft Avenue.

Colonie police sent out a description of Hughes as being a white male, 6 feet tall, 180 lbs. with gray hair and "scruffy looking," in his 40's and wearing jeans, a blue shirt and a white jacket.

Colonie Police Lt. Robert Winn said Hughes was located Saturday, Oct. 10, by Bethlehem police at the Selkirk rail yards. He was arrested by Bethlehem police and transported to the Colonie police department.

Investigator Lockart was transported to Albany Memorial Hospital for treatment of back injuries sustained in the accident.

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A stroll to support Carey Foundation

Supporters flock to Bethlehem Town Park for third annual event

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Town Park was not only filled with the colors and brisk wind of fall on Saturday, Oct. 10, but also dozens of people who turned out for the third annual Jonathan Carey Foundation Walk.

Participants who completed a loop around and through the park also raised money for the foundation, which was founded by the parents of Jonathan Carey, an autistic child who died while in the care of state workers in 2004. Since then, Michael and Lisa Carey have worked to help pass six pieces of legislation that improve protections for disabled adults and children and make state-run institutions more transparent.

But the benefits of Saturday's walk will extend beyond those continuing legislative goals, said Michael Carey. The foundation will pass along funds to a number of other organizations that fight childhood hunger, human sex trafficking and the growing pool of orphans in America and elsewhere.

"We really want to make a public stand for children," said Carey. "The more people that get involved today, or on an ongoing basis, the bigger the impact."

Among those who gathered at the park were local politicians and candidates for the upcoming election. Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham said he was proud to have the event held in the town park, and praised those who came out to show their support.

"Unfortunately, it took Jonathan's passing to bring about this level of attention," he said. "Your presence here is a great testament to his legacy."

The Careys had hoped that legacy would include a law that would have increased the penalty for neglecting the disabled to



Proceeds from the third annual Jonathan Carey Foundation Walk on Saturday, Oct. 10, will go toward funding the Jonathan Carey Foundation's legislative efforts and to other charities that assist vulnerable children locally and worldwide.

Photos by Charles Wiff/Spotlight

a felony offense. Gov. David Paterson vetoed the bill after it passed through both the assembly and senate, saying that the language needed more clarity.

"I am still really in shock and disbelief he would have done this," Carey said.

Assemblyman Tim Gordon, I-Bethlehem, said his office is dedicated to the effort to reverse Paterson's decision and get the legislation passed. He said he has worked with the foundation before and will continue to do so.

"What they've been doing is really quite amazing, and working together we've been able to pass some significant legislation," Gordon said.

The next legislative goal for the foundation will be to approach the issue of caregivers taking excessive overtime. Carey said that some of Jonathan's caregivers worked hundreds of hours over the course of a few weeks, limiting their ability to provide proper care.

"This shouldn't have been an



Michael Carey, front, addresses the walkers as Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham looks on.

issue, it should have been dealt with years and years ago," he said. "We don't want any other children or adults to lose their lives prematurely like Jonathan."

Besides continuing his efforts to have new legislation passed, Carey said he would soon be embarking on a project to add a children's and adult's shoes and clothing donation structure on the foundation's headquarters property at 90 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Following the walk, lunch and entertainment was provided

and a raffle was held for gift certificates and items donated by local businesses.

Carey encouraged those who want to help vulnerable children to contact the foundation, which can either provide information about reputable charities or service opportunities or distribute donations to specific causes. He emphasized that there is an opportunity to do good work no matter what your goal might be.

The foundation is on the Internet at www.jonathancareyfoundation.org.

Judge keeps ballots sealed

Supervisor files appeal in Bethlehem primary ruling; WFP matter will go back to court Thursday

By CHARLES WIFF
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A state Supreme Court judge handed down a decision Tuesday, Oct. 6, that will keep sealed 11 absentee ballots cast in the September primary for the Working Families Party line in the race for Bethlehem town supervisor, but an appeal will bring the matter back to court.

Supervisor Jack Cunningham, one party against whom a lawsuit was directed, said that he has filed an appeal and will seek to have the ballots opened and counted. Arguments will be heard in the Court of Appeals on Thursday, Oct. 15.

As it stands now, Councilman Sam Messina has 11 votes, and incumbent Cunningham, who staged a write-in campaign for the line, has five. There are 28 voters in Bethlehem registered with the WFP.

Messina filed a lawsuit against Cunningham and the Albany County Board of Elections on Friday, Sept. 25, alleging that 12 voters who registered with the Working Families Party on the eve of the cutoff to vote in the primary election did not properly verify their identities, and thus the absentee ballots they submitted for the September election should be invalidated.

Judge Kimberly O'Connor found that argument without merit, but also said that the Board of Elections did not have the authority to issue the absentee ballots because the ballot applications were signed before the voters were registered.

"A review of the 11 absentee ballot applications in evidence show that they were all executed prior to Aug. 20, 2009, the date the applications were delivered to and filed with the BOE. ... It would have been impossible for these voters to have believed that, at the time they executed their absentee ballot applications, they were already registered to vote," the decision reads.

Now Cunningham will argue that Messina and his attorney, James Walsh, were wrong in questioning the applications, as this was a late-breaking amendment to the lawsuit that Cunningham and his attorney, Justin Corcoran, were not properly notified of.

"These are real voters who have a right to vote," Cunningham said. "I think it's to the benefit of everyone that those votes are counted."

Messina said he was pleased with Tuesday's ruling.

Democrat Cunningham will also appear on the Independence Party line. Messina—a registered Independence Party member—will appear on the Republican and Conservative lines for the Nov. 3 general election.

V'ville vote would create reserve funds

District officials would like to set aside money for repairs, land purchases

By DAN SABBATINO
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The Voorheesville Central School District will hold a special election on Tuesday, Oct. 20, to vote on the creation of two

separate reserve funds — one for repairs and one for land acquisitions.

The district is planning a \$25,000, initial deposit for a 20-year, long-term land acquisition fund and up to \$200,000 in a repair reserve fund if voters approve the motions.

If approved, money will be added each year on top of the \$25,000, depending on the financial state of the district. As much as \$200,000 for the repair fund will go in all at once, officials said.

District officials have released a pamphlet highlighting the details related to the funds. It states that there is no specific piece of land the district is hoping to purchase, but it is prudent to plan for the future.

No land can be purchased without a separate vote on that

specific parcel, said Assistant Superintendent for Business Sarita Winchell, meaning the money is not bound to a particular project.

According to the district, there is a possibility that environmental regulations will require them to make improvements on the bus garage, located near a "class A" body of water, and having the reserve fund will ease the tax burden if that time comes.

Winchell said the garage is meeting all current standards, but with the potential for changes in the regulations, it would be a good idea to have a reserve on hand to make repairs if needed.

"This is to plan long-range, for the future," she said. "I think this is a real important fiscal decision on the part of the taxpayers. The state is not getting any better."

The fund would help alleviate a tax increase for future projects, Winchell said.

The district cannot keep more than 4 percent of its budget in an unspecified fund, where the money is now, she said, and so that money must either be used for tax relief next year, or put in a fund with a specific purpose.

"We are hoping that the voters see that this is a good move for the future," she said.

There will be no tax increase with the creation of the reserve fund, as the money has already been accumulated.

Winchell said the May 2008 budget vote had 1,011 voters, and 2009 had 856. A capital project vote in September of 2006 passed by 65 percent with 574 votes, and she said she is hoping for a similar turnout.

The vote will be from 2 to 9 p.m., Oct. 20, in the Middle School Foyer, 432 New Salem Road, Voorheesville.

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A meal to linger over when you have something to say

By CAROLINE BARRETT
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The author is the food writer for The Spotlight and the mother of three children, Lucy, age 9, Zoe, age 8, and Elliot, age 5.

Ever since Zoe learned to talk, she hasn't stopped. My 8-year-old daughter loves to talk. As a little girl, with a ponytail high on her head and a pink and purple flowered outfit (long before she realized she had a choice in these matters,) she talked and sang in a sweet, cartoonish voice. As we strolled around town, to the library or the market, people would stop us to say how she looked just like little Cindy Lou Who from Whoville. Cindy Lou Who had big eyes, a little face and a tiny voice, but she wasn't afraid to use it. Just like Zoe.

Paul still tells the story about how he took our 3-year-old Zoe out for a father-daughter evening. It was a warm summer night, and so after dinner they set out for an ice cream cone and live music at a local park. Zoe was so excited to go, it was a big event for her, this night out with her father. She talked and talked about it for days. She was so happy to be with Paul, she talked all through the ice cream cone, during the drive to the park, and the band didn't stop her from more talking, either. After hearing a few songs and deciding it was time to go, they walked back to the car, Zoe talking

From a Caterer's Kitchen

Caroline Barrett



and Paul listening. Driving home, she suddenly stopped talking. All was quiet. Paul looked over to find that she had fallen asleep, mid-sentence. It might even have been mid-word.

And now fast forward to the present. We don't get to eat together every night. Sports, clubs and work often get in the way. But when we do, it's pretty much the same scene, again and again: everyone helps, washes up, and we sit down. After food has been served and we settle into our dinner, I always ask if someone has something interesting to say.

"Ooh. Ooh. Ooh. Me!" Zoe will raise her hand just as if she is in the back of the classroom, dying to answer a math question. And then she will tell us, in exact and precise detail, everything that happened to her that day. We eat and nod, listen and eat some more. She tells her story, from start to finish. Good stories, all of them. Lots of detail, a book the class is reading, information about her classmates that we didn't know, art projects, math tests, who's nice (and not so nice) on the bus. Occasionally she forgets a part of her story. So just as Paul and I are about to turn our heads to someone else, to hear about life in kindergarten or what's

happening with the fifth grade science projects, she'll say, "Wait. No, no, wait. Well, before all that stuff happened? What I just told you about? There was something else that happened first."

She launches into the story of what happened before the first story. It's a story in itself. So we all take a second helping of our dinner and listen patiently to the story of what happened before the story. I love to hear all that Zoe has to say. She is enthusiastic, fun and silly. For Paul and I, hearing just a little, or in Zoe's case, a lot, of our children's day is satisfying.

At the point when Zoe is finished, really finished, with her story, dinner is over. The salad bowl is empty and we've picked out the bits of leftover cheese and nuts from the bottom. Plates have been pushed aside, and whatever was disliked is still there. Milk glasses are drained. Lucy is a little dreamy, staring into space. Perhaps she is thinking about her untold story. Elliot's plate has long since been abandoned. His head is down on the bench and he quietly talks or sings to himself.

Paul will push his chair back and announce, "Well, it's time for a couple minutes of the world news." That is the official signal, it's over and everyone is free to play.

But wait! No, no, no, it can't be over so soon. We never heard about Lucy's math test. Or Elliot's show and tell. Paul had mentioned

Pasta Bolognese with Fall Vegetables

- 5 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 stalk fresh rosemary
- 1 pound each ground turkey, pork, lean beef
- 1 medium zucchini, grated
- 3 carrots, peeled and grated
- 4-5 stalks Swiss chard, stems removed, leaves chopped fine
- 3 (28 oz) cans crushed tomatoes
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1-2 teaspoon kosher salt
- fresh ground pepper
- cooked pasta, penne or rotini works well
- fresh grated parmesan for serving

In a large pot over medium heat, cook the bacon until just brown. Remove from the pan and drain on paper towels. Wipe out most of the oil from the pot. Add the onions, garlic and rosemary and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the meat, and continue cooking, breaking up large pieces with a spoon. When the meat is almost cooked through, add the vegetables, stir and cook a few minutes more. Add the crushed tomatoes and simmer for 1/2 hour. Remove from heat, stir in the milk, season with salt and pepper, and serve over the pasta. Pass the cheese at the table.

that he had a funny story to tell, something that happened early in the day. I might even have said a thing or two about my day.

I tell everyone to sit back down. For just a few minutes. And we get abbreviated versions of the math test and show and tell. Now people are tired and fidgety. Paul's funny story and my day will have to wait until another dinner.

This is not a complaint about my dear daughter Zoe, no. We love her spirit. Her humor. And her stories. What I figure is, if Zoe is going to tell stories at dinner, then I have to make dinners that go with her stories. On busy nights, we have been known to eat eggs, pancakes, grilled cheese and veggie burgers. Dinners meant to fill up a belly at the end of a busy day. Nothing meant for second helpings and definitely not worth lingering over.

So what to eat on an evening when Zoe's got a story to tell? A story night can happen at any time, when you least expect it. And I want to be ready. I want to have a big pot of something tasty

and warm simmering on the stove. Nothing that is controversial, no exotic spices or unidentified vegetables. Something everyone will eat heartily. The one dish in my repertoire that fits this description is Pasta Bolognese. It's something we eat at least once a month throughout the cold months. I usually make enough to feed a small army, enough to put into lunch boxes and dinner for another night.

Bolognese combines a lot of what people in this house believe to be good food: it's not vegetarian, it's creamy, goes well over pasta and it's made even better by grating cheese over top. This recipe works well for me because it has a few fall vegetables stirred into the sauce. If my kids ever notice that, they don't mention it.

My shopping list now contains everything needed to make Bolognese this weekend. I'll make this extra big batch, pour wine for Paul and myself, and we'll all dig in. With a plate of Pasta Bolognese in front of me, I do hope that Zoe has a story to tell.

Back2Basics

By Matt Zalen

10/14/09

HOW ARE DANNY AND HIS WIFE DOING WITH THE BABY?

I DON'T KNOW. HIS WIFE'S UPSET FOR NO REASON.

NO REASON....

YEAH! I MEAN, HE'S TRYING TO POTTY TRAIN THE KID, AND SHE KEEPS YELLING AT HIM! WHAT THE HECK!

POTTY TRAIN?? THE BABY'S ONLY FOUR MONTHS OLD!

SO? SO IF HE'S NOT BIG ENOUGH TO SIT ON A TOILET, HOW ON EARTH CAN HE BE POTTY TRAINED???

MEANWHILE....

(DEAR, PLEASE, JUST THINK OF IT LIKE A PLAY-PEN WHICH SAVES US MONEY ON DIAPERS)

(TAKE HIM OUT!!)

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

TIME WARNER CABLE

Albany Almanac

Record high/low/year

AVERAGE HIGH	59°	AVERAGE LOW	38°
Day	High/Year	Low/Year	
Wednesday, October 14	81°/1920	21°/1958	
Thursday, October 15	86°/1897	27°/1978	
Friday, October 16	88°/1947	25°/1978	
Saturday, October 17	85°/1947	21°/1940	
Sunday, October 18	82°/1968	22°/1978	
Monday, October 19	79°/1963	20°/1974	
Tuesday, October 20	80°/1965	18°/1972	

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

31.80 inches as of Thursday, October 8th
1.69 inches above average

This week in weather

October 19, 1844 The famous "Lower Great Lakes Storm" occurred. Southwesterly winds were at hurricane force for five hours, driving lake waters into downtown Buffalo, NY. The storm drowned 200 persons.

Rivers & Recreation

Fall foliage outlook for Oct 17, 18

Capital Region	Berkshires
Near peak valleys. Past, peak, hills.	Near peak valleys, Past peak: mountains.
Adirondacks	Vermont
Past peak. Still some color valleys, lakes.	Past peak north, mtns. Some color valleys.
Catskills	New Hampshire
Past peak, mountains. Better color valleys.	Past peak north/central. Near peak south/coast.

River Levels

Hudson River	Mohawk River
10, 14, 26, 24	15, 281, 223, 20
5.0, 4.9, 18.1	7.0, 268, 213, 11.7
North Creek, Hadley, Fort Edward, Troy	Little Falls, Tribes Hills, Schenectady, Cohoes

Levels as of October 9th, 2009

STAGE LEVEL FLOOD STAGE

Factoid

In Ancient times the Greeks would fence off spots that had been struck by lightning so that man would not tread on ground touched by the Gods.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:07am	6:14pm
Thursday	7:09am	6:12pm
Friday	7:10am	6:11pm
Saturday	7:11am	6:09pm
Sunday	7:12am	6:08pm
Monday	7:13am	6:06pm
Tuesday	7:14am	6:05pm

Moon Phases

Oct 18th New Oct 25th First

Planets	When	Where
Venus	Dawn	Low, East
Saturn	Dawn	V Low, East
Mars	Dawn	Dim, High E
Jupiter	Evening	Bright, SE/S

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Albany County executive proposes cuts in 2010

Layoffs, tax hike and downsizing the nursing home part of proposal

By CHARLES WIFF
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Albany County Executive Neil Breslin released a 2010 county budget proposal on Thursday, Oct. 8, that would cut jobs, increase the tax levy by 5.9 percent and begin the downsizing process for the county-run nursing home.

The \$11.6 million in spending cuts — which includes 109 layoffs and the elimination of 130 vacant positions — is largely due to lagging revenues and increasing employee pension and health insurance costs, said Breslin.

He added that this is the 15th budget he's prepared as county executive, and these outside issues have made it problematic.

"This is the most difficult budget I've had to face, and there were some very difficult choices," he said.

"I don't like imposing it in these times, but I really don't know how much further we can cut here without giving up vital services."

Albany County Executive Neil Breslin

The \$71.9 million tax levy will represent a tax increase of \$19 to \$42 per year for the owner of a \$150,000 home, depending on the municipality, according to Breslin's office.

"I don't like imposing it in these times, but I really don't know how much further we can cut here without giving up vital services," Breslin said.

In addition to making cuts, the county would use \$6.6 million of reserve funds under the executive budget. The total proposed appropriations for the year would be \$571.4 million, an \$11.6 million decrease from this year's levels.

The layoffs would be centered in the county nursing home, where 74 employees would be released during the course of

the coming year. The other layoffs would be across the county departments, said County Executive Office Spokeswoman Mary Duryea, as would most of the vacant position eliminations. Included in that figure are 40 employees who took advantage of a buyout program earlier this year and were not replaced.

"We were hoping that more people would take advantage of that voluntary separation plan," said Duryea.

Cuts at the nursing home might not bring immediate benefit to the county, but with the specter of future hardship, phasing out that service and moving to more at-home care for the elderly is part of Breslin's plan.

While costs at the nursing home are being cut, Breslin also proposed increasing funding for the county's in-home elderly service program by \$500,000.

The economy is at the root of many of the county's problems, and that includes the expectation that unemployment will continue to rise in the coming months. Social Services programs will see more money under the proposed plan; Family Assistance was budgeted an extra \$589,000 and the Safety Net program was afforded \$1.6 million more.

"As the unemployment rate continues to rise, we just don't see light at the end of the tunnel as far as county finances are concerned," Breslin said.

Total appropriations to the

Department of Social Services would decrease by just under 5 percent.

Now that the budget is submitted, members of the County Legislature will review and amend the proposal. They must adopt a budget by the end of the year.

While this year brought hard decisions, Breslin emphasized that things are not expected to get any better in 2010, especially considering that about \$12 million in federal stimulus money will be expiring.

"Next year will be worse than this year," he said. "It's imperative that we do things this year that are lasting. It was in that context that we put together this budget."

Judge to decide fate of N.S. First Party

McNamara to rule on ballot lines for supervisor, Town Board candidates

By DAN SABBATINO
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A judge has not yet decided the fate of the New Scotland First Party following a challenge to the prospective ballot line, but members are already preparing for the outcome.

New Scotland supervisor candidate Mike Fields, and Town Board candidates Roz Robinson and Tim Stanton said they are expecting a decision soon, with Robinson and Stanton expecting the line, and Fields likely to not get it, as he had fewer petition signatures. The challenge deals with notaries not properly swearing in themselves and those signing the petitions.

Judge Thomas McNamara's office said the decision has not been signed as of the Spotlight's press time, and could be made later in the week.

Fields, who also has the Republican nod on the general election ballot, said he will have to make do with what he has.

"I guess I'm going to have to win on that line," he said.

He said the challenge was "ridiculous," and noted his disappointment that fellow Republican John Dearstyne initiated it.

"It eliminates a second line for me and the people of New Scotland. They must be running scared," Fields said. "You wonder if you're in the United States or not."

Stanton said he will be happy to have the line if the official ruling goes in his favor, but he was also disappointed that matter came up in the first place.

Stanton said he will mount a write-in campaign without any other line on the ballot.

"We're still running together as New Scotland First," he said, even though Fields will likely not have the line on the ballot form.

He said the argument put up by the challengers was a waste of time and money.

"It seems to me like a lot of money spent for not much gain."

Robinson, who has won the Republican and Conservative lines, could not have all three based on a state statute. She said that with no decision made by the judge as of Friday, Oct. 9, the last day to accept or reject the Conservative line, she will take the Conservative line to be safe.

Check for an update and an official decision at www.spotlightnews.com

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A new and exciting feature for our readers is our "One Click Local News." As part of our commitment to providing readers with hyper-local coverage of the news that most affects them, no longer will readers have to pore through headlines looking for their town or city. Individual pages, easily found and navigated to from *The Spotlight's* home page, will be devoted to each of *The Spotlight's* major coverage areas. There, readers will find local updates, photos and stories.

The new site also features one-click access to many of *The Spotlight's* features found only on the Web. Our Public Payroll Finder remains so readers can see what public officials make across the Capital District and where their tax dollars go. Our At The Polls page is where readers can go to comment on local politicians and elections.

A new Talk to Us feature lets readers submit questions, comments, suggestions or concerns to *The Spotlight* staff by way of a convenient online form.

Readers will also be able to view obituaries and police blotters online, and our community and arts calendars remain prominent features of the site.

We encourage readers to check our site and check it often. Many of the stories you read in print began as local updates posted on our Web site. News happens daily in your community, and we recognize that. And that's why we update the Web site so frequently: We don't wait to report it and you shouldn't have to wait to know about it.

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And rest assured that, though the Web site may be new, our commitment to quality local journalism is unchanged.

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The final date that campaign-related letters will appear in *The Spotlight* is Wednesday, Oct. 21. *The Spotlight* reserves the right to limit the number of letters from any one writer. However, there is no limit on the number of comments that may be made on our At the Polls Web site, found at www.spotlightnews.com/atthepolls.

Editorial

Take steps to improve your health

By ED MITZEN

The writer is owner of FingerPaint Marketing in Saratoga Springs, where he now lives. He grew up in Voorheesville.

News about health care is everywhere these days, whether it's about swine flu or the policy debate that's taking place on a national level. It's easy to feel powerless and a little bit lost about the best course of action. I think if we or someone close to us has been affected by a major illness, we are even more concerned about health care and the state of our own health. I was 18 when my father died of a heart attack, and I watch my own health carefully. That's why I've partnered with the American Heart Association.

I'd encourage you to join us at the North Country Start! Heart Walk on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Saratoga Race Course. We all think of the track as a summer destination, but with all the foliage in its peak colors, it's a great place to bring family and friends in the autumn. The walk is a celebration of health, and raises funds for research and programs of the American Heart Association.

There are many reasons I agreed to chair this year's walk. Science and medicine have come a long way since my father had his heart attack, and I want to help keep that going. The money we raise at the walk this October will help keep others alive in the years to come.

There is a long history of leadership and philanthropy among Saratoga's business community, and I'm honored to be carrying on that legacy. Walking is a particularly good fit, because we still have a charming and walkable downtown. Maybe after the walk, you'll head for Broadway and enjoy a heart-healthy lunch!

We've worked hard to make

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sure the North Country Start! Heart Walk will be an inspiring and enjoyable day out. So many volunteers have come forward to make this day possible — our emcees, Mark Baker of FOX23 and Kate Sullivan of Froggy



Ed Mitzen

107.1; Mike Gilman, the DJ, our exercise warm-up leader, and all the people who will cheer you on as you follow the course along the back stretch.

St. Peter's Hospital, Blue Shield of Northeastern New York, CR Bard and Saratoga Hospital have also invested in the Heart Association and the success of the walk. Check out their tents for information and health screenings while you're at the walk.

Of course, the participants themselves are the people whose energy, enthusiasm and devotion make the walk a great event. Everyone has a story to share, and it's touching to read those on the tribute wall. And when the survivors wearing their identifying red caps gather at the front of the stage for their tribute, it's clear why we walk. We walk to guarantee them and all Americans a healthy future.

I also agreed to chair the walk because walking is such a great and easy way to get some exercise. You don't need expensive gear, and you can walk just about anywhere. Walking has the lowest dropout rate of any exercise. Research has shown that the benefits of walking and moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes a day can help you:

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- Enhance mental well being
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Walking is something you can do alone, if you need a mental health break from your daily life, or it's something you can do with a friend if you're craving some social interaction.

The American Heart Association is so sure that walking is beneficial that it has built a corporate wellness program based on walking. The Start! Fit Friendly program is available to every business, and offers tips and suggestions about improving corporate wellness around activity, healthy food and a healthy corporate culture. Companies that achieve Fit Friendly status will be recognized at both the Capital Region Start! Heart Walk and the North Country Start! Heart Walk. In our area, 10 companies received Gold Fit Friendly status, and St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam received platinum status.

A recent policy statement in "Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association" stressed that worksite wellness programs are a proven strategy to prevent the major risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Programs can help increase worker productivity, reduce absenteeism, lower turnover rates and reduce healthcare costs. As an employer, I'm glad to see such a useful tool available to the Capital Region and North Country workforce. For information about the Start! Fit Friendly program, americanheart.org/start.

Individuals can also make use of mystartonline.org and create a walking program — indoors or out — that works for them.

If you're not already a walker, I hope that you will take those first steps toward a new exercise program.

I also hope you will join me and all the businesses, volunteers and walkers at the North Country Start! Heart Walk on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Saratoga Race Course at 267 Union Ave. in Saratoga Springs. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the walk starts at 10:45 a.m. For information, call the senior director of the Start! Heart Walk, Meredith Cohn, at 869-4046, or visit www.saratogaglensfallsheartwalk.org.

Your heart will thank you for taking this walk. Hope to see you there.

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Public servants should be just that Kotary a true citizens' advocate

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I am troubled by our town government's treatment of ordinary townspeople recently.

The Albany Times Union reported that Ginny Siciliano was billed for enough water to fill six swimming pools. The town billed her for 17,700 cubic feet of water for the relevant three months versus 4,500 cubic feet for the same period in 2008.

Calculating the overage from her regular use as the difference equals an overage of 98,736 gallons. The plumber quoted by the reporter said that a leaking toilet can leak as much as two gallons per minute in serious cases. That means a loss of 2,880 gallons per day. Dividing the overage, 98,736 gallons, by the loss per day of 2,880 gallons yields a quotient of 34.28 days. Ginny would have had to have had an easily audible, really bad toilet leak for 34.28 days to have used the amount of water the town claims.

I made this arithmetic

calculation in less than five minutes. Why can't the Public Works Department, the town supervisor or the town councilmen make the same calculation and know that the town's claim of water usage is ridiculous? Why is our public works department bullying Ginny, and why are our town supervisor and council allowing it to happen?

Jay Jakovic sent me a letter informing me that the town has started construction of a sidewalk along his pasture north of Feura Bush Road, which is enclosed with an electrified fence with up to 2,400 volts. He has placed warning signs along the fence and sensibly has asked the town to install a chain link or other solid barrier along the sidewalk to keep sidewalk users away from the electrified fence or to move the sidewalk to the opposite side of the street.

It is irresponsible not to build such a barrier, given the attraction to cattle of children who might view his pasture as a

petting zoo. The town might also be liable in torts to injured users under a number of tort doctrines, judgments that would be paid by town taxpayers. Although there has been correspondence, neither the Public Works Department nor Supervisor Cunningham has agreed to building a fence or moving the sidewalk.

Chain-link fences are not all that expensive, low-to-mid thousands with installation, for the 275 feet length. Installation of a solid, recycled plastic fence would cost approximately twice as much. Given the risk of injury to sidewalk users and the liability to taxpayers, the Public Works Department and Supervisor Cunningham's conduct are terribly wrongheaded.

Perhaps our elected officials should remember that "public service" refers to their serving of the public, not the public's serving of them.

Jared King
Delmar

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I write to urge my fellow Bethlehem residents to support Kyle Kotary for re-election to the Bethlehem Town Board this coming Election Day.

Kyle has made the most of his first four years serving on the Bethlehem Town Board, demonstrating that he is deserving of another term.

Kyle, in conjunction with Supervisor Jack Cunningham, has worked to keep the cost of government down while looking for efficiencies to provide better services to Bethlehem residents and taxpayers.

His successful advocacy for forward-thinking economic development projects and infrastructure improvements

will help maintain the high quality of life in our community for years to come.

I am particularly impressed with Kyle's attention to constituent service. I have had a number of conversations with him regarding open space protection, and he has regularly provided me with progress reports on the Canadian Pacific Railway Rail-Trail (which I look forward to riding with my children in the not-to-distant future).

We should reward Kyle Kotary's smart, progressive approach to government and effective leadership with another term on the Town Board.

Mandy and
Michael Fallon
Bethlehem

Stop Cunningham, stop development

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

When Democrats took over the town board and supervisor's office, they promised to slow development throughout the town. Unfortunately for homeowners, just the opposite has occurred.

Today, I learned of another development before the town Planning Board. This time it includes the construction of apartment buildings and stores,

all to be located on vacant property at the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road.

Although the consideration of additional apartment buildings in this part of the community is irresponsible, its even more disturbing to learn stores will be constructed here as well. Neither is wanted in our community due to the increased traffic and crime that has already occurred from the

development of Route 9W.

Before residents enter the election booth in November, they deserve to know whether Supervisor Cunningham and his "team" will stop this development. If it were up to me and my neighbors, the development would be stopped — and if its not, hopefully Jack Cunningham will be stopped from returning to office.

Brian Nevin
Glenmont

WFP ruling denies voters

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

My name is Anne Fast and I am a legal and legitimate voter.

I read on The Spotlight Web site that my vote, along with the votes of several of my fellow new legal and legitimate voters in the Working Families Party, have been thrown out because of a lawsuit brought about by Sam Messina.

This is truly a travesty and a prime example of why politicians like him should not be given the opportunity to be community

leaders. To disenfranchise voters in order to make sure you win an election is the equivalent of stuffing the ballot box.

To say my vote doesn't count is to say that my opinion doesn't matter. This is the opposite of what I have been taught over the years.

I am truly disappointed with Mr. Messina and the process that allows something like this to happen.

Anne Fast
Delmar

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

I would be honored to be your town clerk Cunningham, Kotary dedicated to town's youth

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The following is an open letter to the residents of the Town of Bethlehem:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those I haven't had the pleasure of meeting. I am running for town clerk and currently work for the town as the planning and zoning board's administrative assistant. I have lived in this community for the past 19 years and was very active in the PTA when my daughters, Beth and Leah Mosall, attended. I was a co-leader of the Elsmere 4-H Eagles and many former Elsmere School children will remember me as "picture lady," as I snapped shots

for a yearbook I created for them.

I am a member of the Quadracentennial Committee and a regular participant of Community Clean-up. In my current position I assist the public and staff with projects before the planning and zoning boards with items such as research, tracking and maintaining files, attending meetings and answering residents questions about those projects. I have brought my twenty-five years of computer experience to this position increasing the efficiency of managing records and processing applications.

Kathy Newkirk's dedication to serving our community, as town

clerk, is well known and appreciated. I would be honored to have the opportunity to continue that tradition of public service. If elected I would extend the office hours one day per week so busy families have more time to utilize the services offered by the clerk's office.

And as I continue to walk door-to-door I hope to meet as many of you as possible. As the town clerk candidate endorsed by the Democrats, Independence and Conservative parties, I respectfully ask for your vote on Election Day, Nov. 3.

Nanci Moquin
candidate for
Bethlehem town clerk

Editor, *The Spotlight*

For the past several years, I have volunteered on the Board of Directors for the Bethlehem Soccer Club and have focused on the Club's efforts to improve the SoccerPlex facility in Glenmont. Our aim was and remains to provide the youth of our town with the opportunity to develop a love for the game of soccer and promote healthy living, physical fitness and sportsmanship.

Local support from parents, businesses and town representatives, such as Jack Cunningham and Kyle Kotary, are vital to the success we have enjoyed and hope to have in the future. During this work, Kyle Kotary and Jack Cunningham partnered with the club and worked side by side with us in our efforts to improve the recreational opportunities for our children. Both Jack and Kyle have contributed significant time and effort to the Club both on and off the field.

Their working partnership helps our club's plans to develop fields and facilities, which will improve our children's athletic experiences and demonstrates the commitment Jack and Kyle share to promoting youth sports in our town.

Their commitment to the youth of our community is not limited to the soccer club by any

means. I have learned much from Jack and Kyle about the town's efforts to get the most from the town's parks to for the benefit of all youth sports. I believe it is through the continued leadership of Jack Cunningham and Kyle Kotary, their sound fiscal policies, commitment to preserving open spaces and increasing recreational opportunities in our community are key to seeing such projects become a reality.

I support Jack Cunningham for supervisor and Kyle Kotary for Town Board.

Mark Sweeney
Delmar

Organize for Pancreatic Cancer Research

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Sunday, Sept. 13, about 250 men, women and children joined together for the Sixth Annual Capital District Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk.

With the generous support of Rensselaer Honda, Price Chopper, CDPHP, Jules Ianniello's Allstate, Spectrum 8 Theatres, Sign-a-Rama, Hannoush Jewelers, Albany Ballroom and local media, this year's walk once again grew both

in the number of participants and in the amount of money raised to fight Pancreatic Cancer.

This year, we have already raised over \$47,000, and donations are still coming in! Funds go to The Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, the nation's largest private supporter of pancreatic cancer research. Thanks to a generous gift by Cablevisions Systems Corp. (the Foundation's founders) to underwrite all

administration and overhead costs, 100 percent of tax-deductible donations raised directly support the mission. Since its founding, The Lustgarten Foundation has awarded grants totaling more than \$22 million in support of pancreatic cancer research.

Our work is far from done. We invite you to join us for our first 2010 organizational meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community room of the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave, Delmar, 439-9314. For more information about the meeting and our cause, please contact Shari Piper at sharipi@aol.com

Shari Piper
Bethlehem

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Messina a very giving man

Editor, *The Spotlight*

I am the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Slingerlands and consider myself blessed to be able to count among my parishioners the Messina family.

Sam Messina is currently a candidate for the Bethlehem town supervisor's position. As a resident of the town for only a short time I do not have a firm opinion concerning the incumbent. I do, however, have a very strong opinion concerning Sam, which I wish all my neighbors to know. Sam

is a family man, a church-going man and citizen of great depth and intelligence whose moral character is beyond reproach. I have seen his empathetic, spiritual side serve folks well in Sam's service, whether it is as a hospital chaplain, to the Bethlehem Seniors, to DWI impact panels and in suicide prevention counseling. I have seen his very effective administrative side as a church leader, including the chairmanship of our board of trustees. Sam gives himself earnestly and generously to every task he undertakes. And in every task and role undertaken he is eminently capable.

I have no doubt whatsoever that Sam Messina would be an exemplary town supervisor for Bethlehem.

Rev. Robert J. Zittel
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Kendall Square moves forward

Plans for Longstanding housing project brings new proposal to town

By CHARLES WIFF
wiffc@spotlightnews.com

The Town of Bethlehem Planning Board on Tuesday, Oct. 6, made the initial moves in an environmental review process for a proposed development of commercial and apartment spaces at the intersection of Feura Bush Road and Elmsmere Avenue.

The board voted unanimously to declare the town lead agency in the SEQR environmental review process. The developer will likely be back before the Planning Board on Nov. 17 to deliver a project update, said town Director of Economic Development and Planning Michael Morelli.

The proposed project, which first came before the town in May, would include four, 5,000-square-foot commercial buildings and 18 residential buildings of varying sizes housing a total of 112 apartment units.

Planning Board representatives and the developer also met with concerned residents — mostly from the Walden Fields area — the week prior to Tuesday's meeting. Town officials described the meeting as cordial and constructive.

Colonial Acres resident Tim Nimmer expressed his reservations at Tuesday's Planning Board meeting.

"This just seems like too much on too little space," he said. "We'd just like the hamlet to be designed so it has less instead of more."

He also said he had concerns about an increase in traffic and large buildings blocking views.

The area of the proposed development is zoned "Hamlet," which Morelli said is part of the town's comprehensive plan that recognizes the need for neighborhood-scale services in that area of town.

"It kind of equates to the traditional main street look," he said of the zone's intent.

Planning Board Chairman George Leveille said that while there are valid concerns about the project, it is still early in the process and not all of the details have come to light yet.

"A lot of the issues are issues that as we move through the process toward a final decision will become critical to our review," he said.

Developer Francis Bossolini said the developer is in the midst of a traffic impact study that should be completed in a week to 10 days and will be submitted to the town and Department of Transportation.

Phillipin Kill Manor

A developer who has been seeking to build homes on a plot of land near Phillipin Kill presented the Planning Board with a new design that cut back on the number of units from 96 to 83.

Fifty-three buildings would be single-family homes on lots of varying size, and 30 would be two-family townhouses. The changes were largely made to avoid disturbing the area's wetlands after meetings with the Army Corps of Engineers, said Richard Tice of Brewer Engineering Associates.

"To lay the project out in any other manner would be impossible because of the wetlands," he said.

Less than half an acre of wetlands would be disturbed under the new plan, while the larger development proposed in 2007 would have disturbed around three acres. The project has been appearing before the town in various designs for seven years.

Three entrances to the development were proposed along Fisher Boulevard, which would lead to groups of estate lots, conventional detached single family homes and townhouses.

The developer suggested the donation of 40 acres of land along Phillipin Kill to the nearby Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. While no agreement has been finalized, Peter Lynch of Lynch & Hetman, the developer's legal representation, said that initial conversations with Five Rivers have been positive and noted that because of wetland issues, the developer would not have been able to use the land in question anyways.

One remaining detail was how the public might gain access to the donated property, as Lynch said that it would be undesirable for visitors to be parking along the streets of the development.

"We believe that we've really achieved a balance between the environment and economic concerns," said Lynch.

The developer is seeking to establish the project as a Planned Development District that would be subject to special zoning. This would require action by the Town Board, and the Planning Board is acting in an advisory capacity in the process.

Morelli said that the composition of the project is consistent with the town's comprehensive plan in that there are a variety of different types of housing.

"I think it's a good mix of housing that's being proposed," said Morelli.

New board member



Emilio Genzano, right, served his first day on the Guilderland School District's Board of Education on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Genzano will serve the remainder of the late John Dornbush's eight month term after being chosen by the board among a field of eight candidates.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

Elementary school plans fun run, book sale

Guilderland Elementary School will hold its annual Pumpkin Fun Run and Gently Used Book Sale on Saturday, Oct. 17.

The book sale runs from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and the Pumpkin Fun Run kicks off at 9 a.m. Both

events are free and open to the community.

For information, or to donate a gently used book to the sale, call the school's main office at 869-0293 or email seiberg-hughes@guilderlandschools.org.

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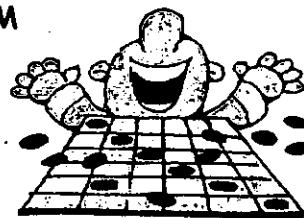
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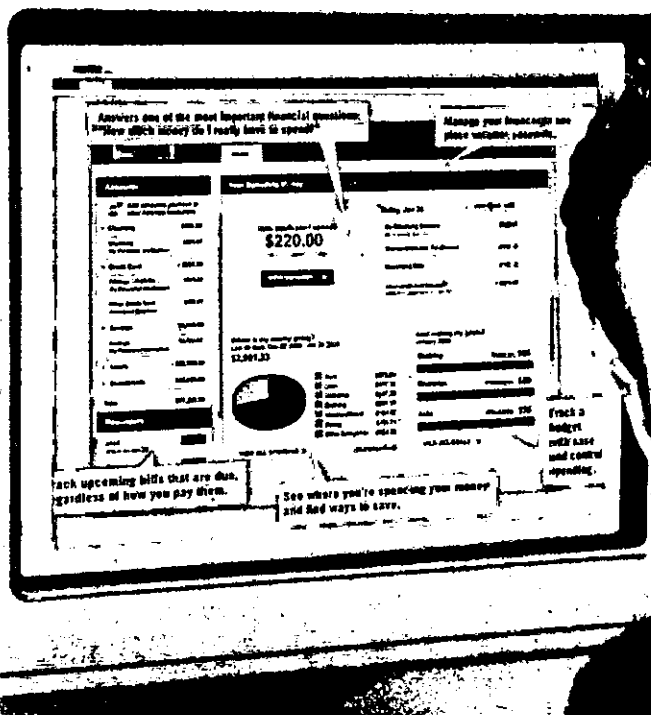
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Budget season gets under way in Guilderland

Supervisor proposed \$30.5 million spending plan, no tax hike

By DAN SABBATINO
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Guilderland residents got their first taste of budget season, as Supervisor Ken Runion presented his tentative budget to the board Monday, Oct. 5.

The more than \$30.5 million spending plan does not include a tax increase for 2010, and the board has scheduled a public hearing for Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the budget.

Board members took the opportunity Tuesday to raise questions and concerns about the budget, as well as discuss individual line items.

Everything from the parks and recreation spending plan, to the amount of money spent filming the meetings was discussed.

Republican Town Board member Warren Redlich went line by line with his questions and had some concerns about the long-term goals of the town. The board grappled with issues about how far ahead to plan for issues like the need for a third justice and increases in the town's contribution to the pension fund.

Sales tax revenue projections, Runion said, are within an "earshot" of where it was in 2007 at this time, and the tentative budget is based on those numbers. The town anticipates \$10.05 million in 2010.

In 2009, the town received \$4.86 million in sales tax revenue for the first half of the year.

Redlich said he does not know what the town will have for the second half of the year, but if it is the same, then it will total close to \$9.7 million. He also said budgeting for \$10.05 million is not "fiscally conservative," as that is what the town is doing.

The town expected that same sales tax number for 2009, and is on pace to come up short, Redlich said. The difference is \$400,000, and the town will have to make that money up from somewhere, he said.

Runion said the second half of this year's receipts have not been tallied yet, but even though the town may come up short of what it budgeted initially for 2009, the town does not spend what it does not have.

"I think we're going to be right on target," he said. "We never spend what we budget."

Runion based his projection for sales tax revenue off of 2007 figures and said revenue figures seem to be getting better.

Redlich disagreed, and said he is concerned that sales tax has seen slight decreases in recent quarters, and there is no reason to expect it to rebound. He said to budget for \$10.05 million is too optimistic, and a more conservative number is appropriate, such as \$9.7 million.

Redlich also reminded fellow town board members the possibility

of a third town justice.

The board voted 4-to-1 earlier this year to add the justice, however, Runion said the "dysfunctionality" of the New York State Senate has prevented the law from being passed in both houses, and would not likely be approved until at least 2011.

"I don't think we need to consider it for the 2010 budget," Runion said.

The town is considering an increase to the budget line for spending on video recording the board meetings, as it budgeted for more than \$4,000 this year and has already exceeded \$5,000 due to the length of the meetings.

The 2010 budget calls for a nearly \$8,000 for recording.

"We're trying to beef up that line for all that extra video," Runion said.

The town pays \$25 per hour for video, Runion said.

"I'm expecting a thank you card," Redlich joked to video operator Tom Quaglieri, who owns What's Happening Productions, the company that has the contract for the town, referencing the often-heated conversations that take place between the board member and supervisor.

Redlich said he was concerned that retirement contributions would exceed 50 percent this year. Runion said that money comes from a number of line items, and when the town takes its biggest hit, which will likely be in 2011, it will be able to handle it.

He anticipates approximately \$600,000 in increases for the pension contribution.

"We want to prepare for that substantial hike," Redlich said.

Runion said he does not see it as an issue for the 2010 budget.

"We have to evaluate our whole budget," he said.

Redlich said the town might face a deficit in the coming years if it does not address these issues going forward.

"We either have to cut spending or raise taxes," Redlich said. "I don't have the answers to these questions."

The town also has several stormwater studies lined up, including one in McKownville, and Redlich inquired about having those budget items changed from the contingency line to other lines, since they do not constitute contingencies anymore now that they are planned.

The board members are considering that possibility moving forward, and Runion said he would look into it.

Runion said the money will likely come from other budget lines over the next two years, where those projects are built into the budget.

The board discussed paramedics, and the additional sum of money for new summer camp programs and the expectation senior services will spend less money this year and health insurance.

Redlich also expressed concerns

that the board members are not being given enough information, and that is affecting the budget process.

"We should know how much we have in the bank," Redlich said.

Redlich said that should a majority of Republicans win seats on the board, "these books are going to be audited faster than you can say lickety-split."

Runion said Redlich, and the rest of the board members are given reports every month.

Redlich said he had concerns that Runion was blocking e-mails, and other contact from him.

Runion countered that anything Redlich wants is "an open book," but noted that, "I shouldn't have to spoon feed him information."

"He can call my secretary anytime," Runion said. "I don't block anything from anyone."

Town Board member Mark Grimm said he is worried that paramedic coverage is not up to par.

"This has to be fixed," Grimm said. "How are you staffing during the day, and how are you staffing during the night?" he asked.

Runion said in an effort to make the schedule more efficient, the contract for the paramedics has been renegotiated, but the coverage is still sound.

A letter sent by the paramedics union representative in January expressed concerns that the coverage was not enough for the town, but Runion said there had been paramedics out on sick leave during the time the letter was written, and coverage has been beefed up since.

"That's no longer the case. They're back," he said. "That letter was in the heat of negotiations. We're running right at full strength."

Runion also noted there have not been any cuts to senior programs, but money has been shifted from one item to another.

Runion criticized Redlich and Grimm during the budget process.

"They are two individuals who basically don't want to learn how the system works; they just want to go on the attack," he said.

He also said his goal in the budget process is to avoid raising the town tax at all costs.

As of press time, Runion has proposed three meeting dates to discuss the budget: Wednesday, Oct. 21; Monday, Oct. 26; and Wednesday, Oct. 28.

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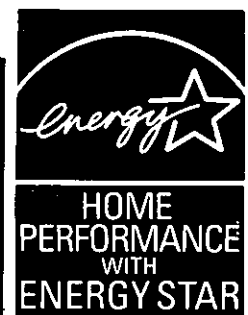
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Submitted photo

Antique study club to discuss Norman Rockwell

Loretta Carney will lead this month's discussion on Norman Rockwell at The Tri-Valley Antique Study Club on

Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Rockwell, the illustrator,

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Bottle bill expansion being reviewed by judge

Retailers expect a flood of water bottles if law moves forward

By CHARLES WIFF
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Bottled-water drinkers be forewarned: by the end of the month, your habit may be more costly.

That's because a federal judge may very well choose on Oct. 22 not to extend an injunction preventing some measures of an expansion to New York's Returnable Container Act from going into effect. If that happens, redemption centers will begin accepting empty water bottles and consumers will pay a 5-cent deposit on bottles of water along with their sodas, beer and wine coolers.

Though consumers will have to make changes, the real challenge will come to grocers and bottle return centers (often one and the same). Many have already begun preparations.

"In order to keep the product on the shelves, we'd better be ready to go on Oct. 22," said David Caruso, vice president of legal and government affairs for Price Chopper.

That involves reprogramming cash registers and "reverse vending machines" that take empty bottles and give you money back. Also, bottles on the shelf will need to have the proper labeling and signage informing customers of the changes will be installed.

Perhaps the most obvious and important change will be the volume of new materials that will have to be processed. According to the Container Recycling Institute, 3.2 billion bottles of water are sold in New York annually, and if 70 percent

"It is placing a burden on all retail businesses, but particularly on smaller retailers."

Jim Calvin, president of the New York State Association of Convenience Stores

of those are returned—as is the case with beer and soda—that means another 2.2 billion bottles entering the annual returnable container stream.

"Because it's expanded, there's more volume, and so essentially the challenge is to make sure we're being as efficient as possible with the space we have," said Michael Norton, a spokesman for Hannaford Supermarkets. "In some facilities it will be easier than others, depending on physical layout."

But some say that making better use of space won't help them.

"As we've told the Legislature for the last seven or eight years...smaller stores don't have extra room to store additional bottles and cans," said Jim Calvin, president of the New York State Association of Convenience Stores. "It is placing a burden on all retail businesses, but particularly on smaller retailers."

Retailers are only compelled to accept returns on the brands they sell, but they can take others if they choose to do so.

While the idea of expanding the bottle bill is far from new — initiatives began when the original legislation was passed in 1982 — the state budget crisis played a major role in pushing the bill into law along with other revenue generators included in the 2010 budget.

Some of the provisions went into effect in April, like extending the handling fee collected by redemption centers from 2 cents to 3.5 cents. In addition, the state now collects 80 percent of unclaimed bottle deposits, when in the past they all went back to the manufacturer.

Altogether, the state plans to take in an extra \$115 million through this measure.

Calvin, whose trade group represents 77,000 mini marts and convenience stores, added that the increase in the handling fee to 3.5 cents from 2 cents wouldn't be much help since it will just be passed on to consumers.

"Soda and beer have already gone up dramatically this month," he noted.

Where efficiencies cannot cover the needs, the handling fee increase will likely go towards new equipment and labor.

"It's probably not going to cover all of it, but it certainly is a lot better than it was," said Caruso, who said his company would likely employ more labor to satisfy the law's new requirements.

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Supervisor Cunningham says that my electric fence has an outside barrier fence to protect against contact.

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Supervisor Cunningham encourages you to contact me to recommend that I cut off the electric current to my fence if I am truly concerned about your safety.

Supervisor Cunningham’s recommendation is silly. The purpose of my fence is to contain my livestock. You do not want my cows in your yards and I do not want them there. It is dangerous for both you and for my livestock for them to be outside of their pastures. It is the height of irresponsibility for him to ask you to do anything to lessen the effectiveness of my fence.

Supervisor Cunningham complains that I did not tell him about my concerns about the sidewalk along my electric fence.

As a threshold question, I must ask whether such a risk really needs saying? What Supervisor Cunningham does not tell you is that I wrote to his predecessor who confirmed that she had forwarded copies of my correspondence to the relevant Town Departments including the Town Engineering Department. My correspondence with the Town Engineer referenced this letter and Supervisor Cunningham was copied on it. No one ever asked me for a copy of my letter or otherwise indicated that it had not been considered. Quite obviously, Supervisor Cunningham and his staff did not care enough about these concerns to even address them in their next letter to me.

Also, Supervisor Cunningham was fully aware that correspondence with me was terminated without the Town Engineer replying to my last letter. Terminating correspondence is hardly a way for

Supervisor Cunningham to obtain information. The conclusion is inescapable: Supervisor Cunningham turned a deaf ear to my concerns for your safety and he is looking for an excuse for his carelessness.

Supervisor Cunningham says that Mr. Jakovic has opposed the construction of a sidewalk in front of his property since we notified him of this project.

This statement is self contradictory. How would Supervisor Cunningham know that I have opposed the sidewalk’s construction unless he was aware of my letters? Possibly he bothered to read them only after the public outcry occasioned by my recent letters. What Supervisor Cunningham does not tell you is that my letters have addressed sidewalk safety and been replete with examples and photographs of dangerous sidewalk conditions.

Supervisor Cunningham complains that my fence was installed in June of this year, after I received notification that the sidewalk was coming through.

Again, Supervisor Cunningham is only telling you half of the story. He does not tell you that my fence replaced one that was removed; that I submitted an application for a building permit for my electrified farm fence; and that permit was approved and issued by his staff before I erected the fence. If Supervisor Cunningham did not want me to rebuild the fence, his staff should not have given me the permit. If Supervisor Cunningham does not know what his staff are doing in their jobs, he is not an effective manager and is not qualified to be Supervisor of our Town.

Supervisor Cunningham states that the electric current in the fence is the equivalent of receiving an electric shock from your outlet at home.

I do not possess the technical knowledge that the Supervisor appears to possess, nor do I know its accuracy, but I can tell you that I have received a shock from the fence; it has knocked me to the ground and I can assure you that the shock hurts! If Supervisor Cunningham wants to get a “firm grasp” of the situation, **I challenge him to come to the farm publicly and to firmly grasp the electric wire. Maybe the experience will enlighten him as to my concerns.**

When I was a student, I was told not to make excuses, rather to make good. Supervisor Cunningham should stop trying to finger point and blame me for his deficiencies; rather he should focus on the problem and make permanent his temporary barrier along my electric farm fence or relocate his sidewalk to the opposite side of the road where it adjoins my fence. I reply to him: stop wasting time and energy; get your ego out of the way and get on with making our Town safer for all our families.

Jay Harold Jakovic

This ad was paid for by Jay Harold Jakovic, Attorney at Law.

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down if they sell roses another year."

She said between the three or four local florists in the area, there is \$150,000 in lost revenue due to competition with the fire department.

She said she lost 80 percent of her Valentine's Day business last year and is considering closing next season if she takes another big hit. She said a normal Valentine's Day yields 3,000 to 6,000 rose sales, and last year the shop mustered only 700. Simmons said she overbought 500 flowers and had to dump them.

She said buying smaller numbers of flowers means she has to pay more, causing her to lose even greater profit.

Simmons and the department

tried to reach a compromise Tuesday, Oct. 6, but both said none was possible.

"They can vote not to sell roses," she said.

She suggested they hold a "sweetheart" breakfast of other food related fundraiser.

Simmons' son is a firefighter in the department and chooses not to participate in the fundraiser, she said, as a sign of support for her.

She said the department can afford to take a hit, while the flower shop cannot take any more revenue loss this year.

"I thought the fire department would be compassionate to the community and local business. I don't understand why they would go out of their way to hurt small businesses," Simmons said in an email circulated Thursday, Oct. 8.

She said she hopes that while the department is in the budget

planning stages, people will send letters asking them to reconsider the flower sales.

Chuck Meyers, president of the Guilderland Fire Department said that the department is reliant on the fundraiser for a number of items, such as parade uniforms and educational puppet shows, not paid for by taxpayer money that comes from the district's levy.

He also said the \$150,000 cited by Simmons is a misleading number, added up between several businesses, and does not necessarily represent profit lost, just total revenue.

The department is part of the Guilderland District, he said, and there are limits to what the tax levy can be used for, and what money can be added to the tax levy. He said no taxpayer money goes in to purchasing the flowers. He said Simmons' argument that the department

has a large reserve fund is false, and taxpayer money has nothing to do with the fundraisers, which are for separate issues.

"This is the fourth year in a row that we will be having this fundraiser," Meyers said. "Jean is the only one who has written a letter."

Meyers said while many people will often come out on Valentine's Day to support the volunteer fire departments, Simmons' flowers are of a higher quality, giving them a competitive edge.

"We're not taking all of her customers," Meyers said.

Meyers said he has nothing against Simmons' business personally, but if the department chose to do a car wash, breakfast or dinner it would be competing with other local businesses anyway.

"We don't want anything to happen to their business," he said.

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Bethlehem can't afford "Politics as Usual"

October 14, 2009

Dear Bethlehem Residents,

I am a professional manager. I am not a politician. To have truly good government in Bethlehem we need to stop "politics as usual". It's time that I provide facts and details on what I mean when I say "Bethlehem can't afford "politics as usual":

MACHINE POLITICS

When former Town Supervisor Terry Egan and I wanted to consider additional candidates for the \$44,000 part time Bethlehem Town Justice appointment, Democratic Party Chairman Matthew Clyne called my home and told me: *"When we give you our candidate, you don't have a choice. If you want to look at other candidates, you are committing political suicide."* (I did not vote for the candidate.)

POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mark Jordan, Bethlehem Independence Party Chairman, was on the Independence Party panel that interviewed me for the Town Board and then for Supervisor at the very same time he was seeking Democratic and Independence Party endorsement for a Town Board seat for himself.

BALANCED REPRESENTATION??

Bethlehem Democratic Chairman Clyne is also Vice Chairman of the Albany County Democratic Party and Commissioner of the Albany County Board of Elections. My opponent is Vice-Chair of the Bethlehem Democratic Party and Bethlehem Town Supervisor. Independence Party Chairman Jordan is a current Town Board candidate, and Assembly Tim Gordon's chief of staff. Do you think these men, in their party leadership positions can fairly represent all citizens of Bethlehem? All of my opponent's appointments to the paid Planning Board and Zoning Board jobs (6 in all) are Democratic Party Committee persons, except for the Chairs.

CRONYISM

My opponent appointed Mr. Clyne's friend, a Democratic Party Committee person and professional lobbyist, to the position of Deputy Supervisor. During the last two years, this individual's only official connection with the Town Board was to preside at two meetings in my opponent's absence. Chairman Clyne applauded this appointment as "the logical choice", even though three other current Board Members expressed interest in serving in this position. Does this appointment benefit your Bethlehem Town government or is it just plain "politics as usual"?

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

My opponent has refused to post paid Board vacancies and all of the many volunteer committee positions on the Bethlehem website, saying to me, *"I don't need to do that. I have resumes in my desk."* He will not open up our Town Government by web casting Town Board meetings, explaining and expanding the agendas, or having Town Board meetings in different parts of town. My opponent claimed it is "too costly". The fact is this can be done for as little as \$2,000 per year, a far cry from "too costly". More to the real issue, my opponent has said to me, *"every time [he] and Chairman Clyne open things up a little, problems occur."* Problems? Apparently, an informed citizenry creates "problems" for my opponent and Mr. Clyne. **That should speak volumes to Bethlehem residents.**

QUESTIONABLE PRACTICES

In the current race for Supervisor, my opponent, a Democrat, was approved by the Bethlehem Independence Party Chairman Jordan, to run against me (the Independence Party member). However, Bethlehem Democratic Chairman Clyne denied me the opportunity to compete in a Democratic primary. Why would Mr. Clyne not grant me the same opportunity to compete in the Democratic Primary as my opponent was given in the Independence Party? In his May 26, 2009, denial letter, Chairman Clyne cited this reason: *"you did not vote in the 2007 general election."* I find it very disturbing and inappropriate that in his capacity as a Board of Elections Commissioner, Chairman Clyne is checking my voting record, and using it to deny Democratic Party voters the opportunity to choose their candidate.

SOLUTION: I have tried on numerous occasions to work and negotiate in good faith to get some change in the direction of good government. Chairman Clyne and my opponent have not budged one inch. As a result, I have spoken out publicly against all of the "politics as usual" described above, and more. I have advocated persistently and strongly for good government and clean politics. Machine politics must not be tolerated in our wonderful town, **from any party**, and I have made this crystal clear to the parties that have endorsed me. As a candidate for Supervisor I will continue to advocate for politics and governance that is open and responsible, and not about power, arrogance and control in the hands of a few party bosses.

As your Supervisor, I promise that I will use all of my 40 years of leadership and management experience to bring all people and political interests to the table, so that we can reduce costs, boost our government's efficiency and effectiveness, and bring needed balance to our Town Board with fairness and integrity.

I encourage you to call me at my home (439-0346) if I may provide any additional information, or if you would like to discuss any of this further.

Thanks for your consideration,



Sam Messina

Hey Buster!

Buster the Bus presented himself to the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education on Wednesday, Oct. 7. A gift from Matthew's Buses, Inc., Buster helps the district's Transportation Department teach school bus safety to young children. The department's old model was 10 years old and in need of replacement.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight



IN BRIEF

Heritage Society plans craft fair

Shaker Heritage Society will kick off the annual Shaker Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 31.

The fair will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through December 19. Admission is free.

More than 50 local artisans will offer a wide variety of hand-made items including jewelry, photography, pottery, and woodenware. Each vendor

was reviewed by a jury to ensure that their work reflects Shaker traditions of high quality craftsmanship. A portion of all sales will benefit the Shaker Heritage Society and its efforts to preserve the site of America's first Shaker settlement.

The craft fair takes place in the historic 1848 Shaker Meeting House at the Shaker site, near the entrance to Albany International Airport off of Heritage Lane.

For information, contact Starlyn D'Angelo at 456-7890 or visit www.shakerheritage.org

Ladies auxiliary to hold nickel social

Cornell Hook & Ladder Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a Nickel Social on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the firehouse on Gill Road in New Baltimore.

Browsing begins at 9 a.m. and the drawings begin at 10 a.m.

Set up will be on Friday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. To donate items for the social, call Frankie Wallace at 756-3015 or Denise Taber at 756-3769, or bring them to the firehouse on Thursday evening.

Guiderland fire districts to hold budget hearings

Officials expect low turnout

By DAN SABBATINO
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Fire districts across the state, including the five in Guiderland, will host workshops on Tuesday, Oct. 20, to discuss their budgets with the public.

William Young, general counsel with the Association of Fire Districts for the State of New York and for each of the individual districts in town, said although the public will not vote on the budgets themselves, they will have an opportunity to weigh in on the spending plan if they choose.

Thomas Remmert, secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Westmere Fire District said the state requires each district to host the hearings, and has done so for the past three years, but they often do not have a large turnout.

"Most times no one shows up," he said. "We wish the public would find out more. [We support] anything that we can [do to] get out about who we are, what we do and how we do it."

Young said it is "unfortunate" more people have not attended the workshops in the past, and suspects it is either apathy or satisfaction.

"Most people are happy with the service they are getting," he said. "As long as you show up with your red truck."

He touted the service the volunteer program in New York state provides, and said it saves between \$5 million and \$9 million a year.

Young has had a hand in shaping some of the local budgets, and said there are number of restrictions for a fire district, such as how much a district can

propose in its spending plan, based on the assessed value of the area it protects.

He also said the money that is spent is often used to keep up with state mandates on equipment and safety regulations.

Districts must grapple with planning for future spending on apparatus, building repair and insurance. Voters are often required to vote on bonds for large purchases such as new fire trucks.

Young also noted that a fire district and fire department operate under different statutes, and a city or village, like Altamont, will usually have a department. A municipality has the option to reject a department's budget, although extremely rare, Young said, while a district is a separate municipality.

Westmere has the largest spending limit for a Guiderland fire district as it protects the area of town with the highest assessed value. Crossgates mall falls within Westmere's jurisdiction, Young said.

The Westmere Fire District will have a budget hearing on Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will take place at the Westmere Firehouse at 1741 Western Ave.

The five-member board of commissioners votes on the budgets after the public has commented, Remmert said.

The budgets for the fire districts servicing the town: Guiderland, Guiderland Center, Westmere, Fort Hunter, McKownville and Elmwood Park are available at the town clerk's office, located at Town Hall, 5209 Western Ave.

A public hearing for Elmwood Park will be at 7 p.m. at the 589 Russell Road, and is the only other fire district with a time listed on the town's Web site.

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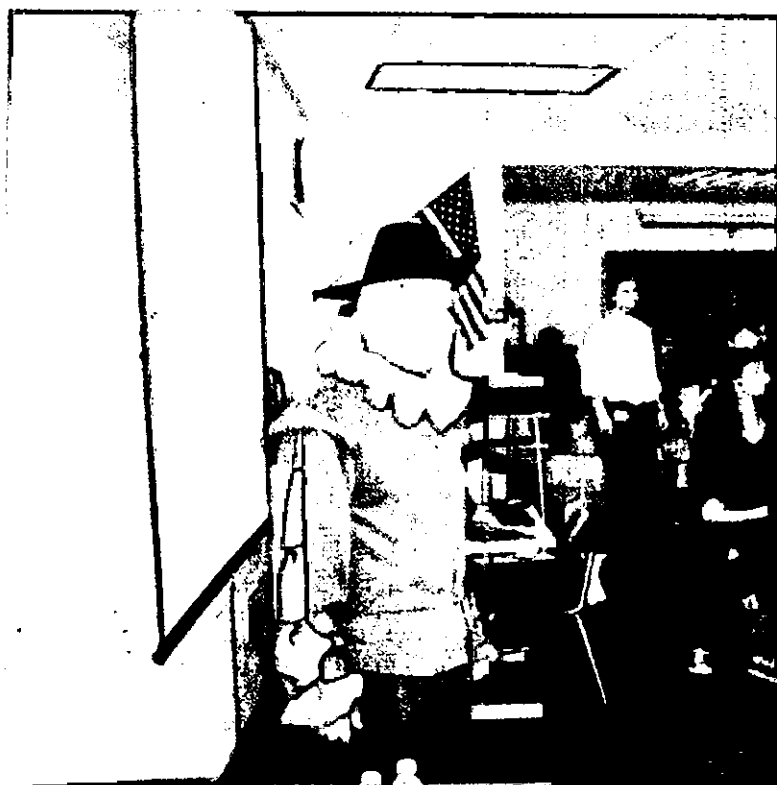
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Henry Hudson sails to Farnsworth Middle School



Carl Bensi portrays famed explorer Henry Hudson for Farnsworth Middle School students on Friday, Oct. 9, as part of an educational push to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Hudson's journey to the Capital District.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

Tour guide brings history to life with presentation

By DAN SABBATINO
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For 400 years, historians have wondered what happened to Henry Hudson.

On Friday, Oct. 9, he showed up at Farnsworth Middle School to give a presentation detailing his life and travels, and eventual discovery of the river now named after him.

Aqua Ducks tour guide Carl Bensi, in full Hudson garb, spoke to nearly 200 seventh-graders at the Learning Center classroom on Friday afternoon, just days before the country celebrated the achievements of another legendary explorer, Christopher Columbus.

Librarian Shelia DiMaggio, who helped organize the event with teacher Keir Aspin, said the experience allowed history to become something more for the students who saw the presentation.

"It absolutely makes an impact

with students, him being in costume and being in character," DiMaggio said.

DiMaggio touted Bensi's way with the kids, and said he likely called on his experience as a teacher at Albany High School.

"This makes it come to life," she said. "History can be very dry."

She said she is glad the district is expecting to have him back within the next two weeks, and will be glad to have the rest of the seventh-grade class watch history come to life.

Bensi said he has been with the tour program for three years, and has been doing special Henry Hudson presentations in honor of the quadricentennial anniversary of the famed explorer's exploits in North America.

Bensi spoke of the "rumors of a northwest passage" between Europe and the "spice islands," now the Indian and Indonesian region.

Hudson explored the river that now bears his name while searching for the Pacific Ocean in a vessel known as the Half Moon,

which was funded by the Dutch. The currency they used at the time, Bensi said, was the "guilder," which is where the town got its name.

He also quipped about his birthday last month.

"Believe me, when you are 439 years old, you look forward to your next birthday," he said.

His presentation focused on the historical facts of Hudson's four trips, but also about the human side of the legends surrounding the man. He spoke about the often poor treatment a captain might have with his crew, and the reality that Hudson's discovery of whales near Greenland led to the slaughter of tens of thousands of them for profit.

Bensi told students of the myths of Hudson's mysterious disappearance and the few who remained faithful to him after his crew mutinied.

Some believe he died, others think he was adopted by local tribes, and others, Bensi said, believe he is now giving presentations to middle school students in Gunderland.

Blotter

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Perry performed standard field sobriety tests and was arrested and transported to the Bethlehem police station.

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Jennifer Lynne Greenfield, 23, of 301 Elm Ave., Delmar, and charged her with DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree and a traffic violation in the early morning of Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Greenfield's vehicle was stopped at 1206 Delmar Bypass, Delmar, for allegedly having a cracked taillight. Upon investigation, Greenfield showed indicators of alcohol consumption, police said, and failed field sobriety tests. She was arrested and submitted to a breath test that showed her BAC to be 0.13 percent, according to police.

It was also determined that Greenfield's license was suspended for failure to pay fines in the Town of Bethlehem. She was dropped off at her residence after processing, and was scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

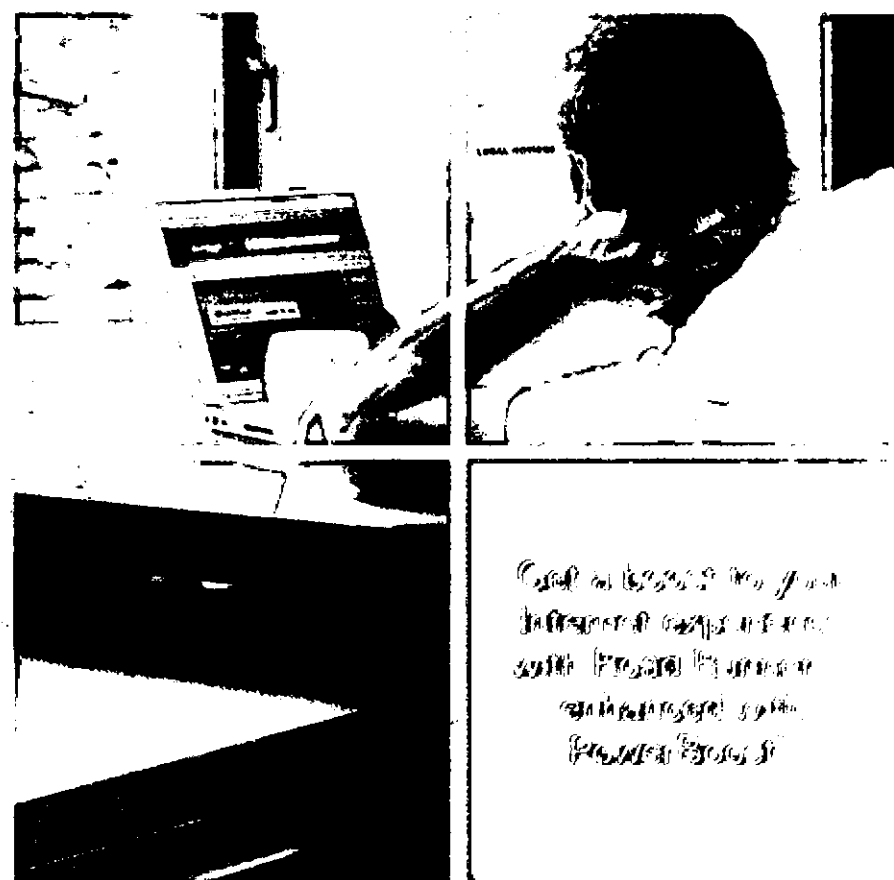
• Gunderland Police arrested Dakota R. Kohler-Lander of 3002 Evelyn Drive in Schenectady on felony rape charges on Thursday, Oct. 1, according to police.

The report states Kohler-Lander had intercourse with a 17-year-old girl against her will in July. A \$5,000 bail was posted, and order of protection has been issued. He was arraigned later on Oct. 1.

• Gunderland Police arrested Edward W. Lawrence, 43, of 259 S. Pearl St. in Albany on charges of grand larceny in the third degree and possession of a forged instrument in the second degree on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Lawrence allegedly committed the offense at 8 New Karner Rd. for an offense dating back to July. He was arraigned later on Oct. 6, the report states.

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Pinch

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left her pantry for other options closer to their homes, Sanders estimated that the need for pantry services has doubled in town, while donations have simultaneously diminished.

"We used to pride ourselves on being totally supported by the community," said Sanders. Now, like many other pantries, the Bethlehem Food Pantry relies on organizations like Food Pantries for the Capital District as an outlet for low-cost supplies.

At the Venture Churches Food Pantry, organizers are busy collecting items to put into Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy families that might otherwise not have a holiday meal. More than 100 families are signed up for the program, a figure that Co-Director Tricia Kandefer-Margic expects will go up before the holidays arrive.

"With the economy the way it is this year, I think the need is increasing," she said.

The Venture Pantry, which is located at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk, covers areas of Glenmont, Selkirk, South Bethlehem and

"It's going to be tight. We're starting to put things aside for the baskets now."

Venture Pantry Co-Director
Carol Broderick

Feura Bush. Glenmont Community Church and South Bethlehem Methodist Church are also members of the pantry program, and are pivotal in collecting the donations that serve 25 to 30 families each month.

The holiday baskets that Venture distributes include a turkey or ham, along with nonperishable cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, vegetables and cake or brownie mix. Each family will also receive margarine, a loaf of bread and a dozen eggs.

While this gesture is an important part of Venture's program, it does pose a challenge for the shelter and the roughly 25 volunteers who work there.

"It's going to be tight," said Co-Director Carol Broderick. "We're starting to put things aside for the baskets now."

Margic and Broderick took over the Venture Food Pantry earlier this year, and have since introduced a refrigerator for

perishables and established a relationship with Food Pantries for the Capital District and the Regional Food Bank.

Most food pantries provide consultation services so users can apply for HEAP, food stamps and other programs. Sometimes government help doesn't stretch as far as it needs to, though, and that's where food pantries come in as an emergency measure.

"We fill in at the end of the month," said Onesquethaw Food Pantry Director Betty Koban. "When people run out of food stamps, etc., we provide food the last Tuesday of the month."

The Onesquethaw Pantry, which is run out of the Onesquethaw Reformed Church, is also supported by the Unionville Dutch Reformed Church, Jerusalem Reformed Church and Clarksville Community Church. The pantry served 26 families last month, which is about average.

All of the pantries *The Spotlight* spoke with said they appreciate donations of non-perishable food and personal items like toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers and the like. Especially as the holiday season approaches, there will be food drive opportunities throughout the community. Cash donations are also acceptable.

Tower

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input, but school officials argued that there would be ample opportunity for public comment before any plans are finalized.

"This is not a done deal and the idea that we haven't been transparent with this is really in the eye of the beholder," said Superintendent Michael Tebbano.

The district began examining ways of opening new revenue streams during last year's budget process, Tebbano said, and placing a cell tower on district property was one option that was deemed worthy of investigation. In May of this year, the school board selected Independent Towers LLC as a consultant after issuing a request for proposals.

Independent's proposal highlights three possible tower locations: Clarksville Elementary, Hamagrael Elementary and land near the district's Operations and Maintenance department near the High School.

Tebano said that the district did not give Independent any guidance in the location selection. The district has previously examined the site near the High School as a possible location, but construction was not pursued.

"They were asked to look at our properties," Tebbano said. "I was surprised they had mentioned the two elementary schools."

Kutz said that the No School Towers Coalition is against towers on school property in general, even at a site like near the Operations and Maintenance department, which is located further away from instructional spaces, in part because he and others are fundamentally opposed to commercial activity on school property.

Opponents roundly cited the possibility of health impacts associated with cell towers, and read a statement attributed to David Carpenter, director of the Institute for Health and the Environment at the University at Albany.

"There is increasingly strong evidence that prolonged ex-

posure to radiofrequency radiation, such as that from radio and cell towers, increases the risk of leukemia, and that prolonged use of a cell phone held against the head increases the risk of brain cancer," read the statement.

Carpenter could not be reached for comment.

"I don't think it's a price worth putting our children's health at risk for," said Guillermo Martinez, whose daughter is in sixth grade at Bethlehem Middle School. "We don't need to be exposing our children to harmful radiation."

Depending on how many companies want to place equipment on a tower, the district could make anywhere from \$1,000 to \$20,000 annually, Tebbano said.

Opponents argued that figure is a marginal revenue when considering the district's \$88 million budget. Board of Education President James Dering acknowledged that while the figure is not staggering, it is hard to find sizable savings considering the majority of the budget accounts for personnel and instructional services.

"When you look at the school budget, there really is no fluff," he said. "Every little bit helps, and it's a concern to us."

Dering said that the district has received supportive comments from the public who generally favor ideas to keep the tax levy down, and also noted that exploring commercial ventures was one idea the public brought to the board during budget forums.

The next step in the process will be to submit a letter of intent to the Bethlehem or New Scotland Zoning Board so they can schedule public hearings. The district will also hold public forums in which all the elements of project — including the possibility of health impacts — can be examined in full, said Tebbano.

He added that the district has not entered into an affidavit of agreement with Independent, and that the district's attorneys are reviewing the process. Any final decision on construction of a cell tower will be made by the Board of Education.

Debate

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and New Scotland First hopeful Tim Stanton. Incumbent Democratic Town Supervisor Tom Do-

lin will debate Republican challenger Mike Fields.

The debate, scheduled to be held in the high school's performing arts center, is sponsored by the Albany County League of Women Voters and

The Spotlight. The public is encouraged to bring questions for the candidates.

For more information, contact *Spotlight* Managing Editor William R. DeVoe at 439-4949, ext. 16.

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The you you'll never know: Identity theft, fraud and how to protect yourself

By ANTHONY J. LANZILLO,
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In 1998, a 30-year old man walked into a California Department of Motor Vehicle and signed for his license. His name: Eldrick T. Woods.

For those who follow golf, you know the "T" is for Tiger, the world's greatest golfer and one of sports highest income earners. The only problem is that in 1998 Tiger Woods was only 22 years old. He was also not a repeat criminal offender, but the man who fraudulently obtained the license was, and he used the license and Tiger's social security number to rack up \$17,000 in illegal purchases in Tiger's name.

Tiger Woods was lucky. The person who stole his identity was caught and sentenced. Justice was served. However, for many Americans (according to the Federal Trade Commission, an estimated 9 million people have their identity stolen every year) the person who commits fraud against them remains unknown, a figure lurking in the shadows who does not discriminate and leaves behind a trail of costly damage.

How does identity theft and fraud occur?

The Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act of 1998 defines identity theft as knowingly transferring or using, without lawful authority, the identification of another person with the intent to commit a crime. Here are some common examples of how identity theft can occur:

- **Stealing**—stealing wallets; mail, including credit card statements; preapproved credit card offers; and personnel records.
- **Dumpster diving**—going through bills or personal papers that you have thrown in the trash.
- **Skimming**—obtaining creditor or debit card numbers by using a special storage device when processing your creditor or debit card.
- **Phishing**—posing as a financial institution or company through phone or web contact to get personal information from you.
- **Change of address**—diverting bills and statements to a new location with a change of address form at the post office.

The truth about debit cards and credit cards

How many times have you stopped at the ATM to pick up a little extra cash, or stopped at the gas station and swiped your credit card? You probably thought nothing of it. But any time you use your card is a risk. It leaves a trail of information. However, the question is, how exposed and liable are you if that trail of information is illegally obtained and misused?

First, anytime your personal and/or account information falls into anyone's hands other than your own, you are very exposed.

Your liability should someone use that information, though, is limited. And contrary to popular belief, this is as true with debit cards as it is with credit cards. In fact, debit cards have the same protections credit cards do. Your liability is limited to \$50 provided you file a notice with your card issuer or bank within 48 hours of detecting fraudulent activity. Also, any money that has been removed from your bank account will be restored, and any fees or rate changes due to the fraudulent activity will be reversed.

Also, financial institutions have developed very effective fraud prevention systems that track your pattern of spending and scores the probability of risk for your purchases. For instance, if you live in New York and make a high-priced purchase in Los Angeles, then there's a good chance you'll be getting a call to verify the purchase from your bank.

The point is: you don't have to be paranoid or suspicious using the ATM or making purchases with your credit cards. They are more secure than most people think. Just be mindful of the risks. Don't use an electronic card reader if it looks suspicious, and protect your PIN. And always contact your bank or credit card company as soon as you see any suspicious activity with your account.

The truth about online banking

Consumers can feel confident about online banking and e-commerce. As use of the Internet expands, banks have to offer more web products and services to stay competitive, gain new customers and enhance communications with clients. Safe banking online involves making good choices to help you avoid costly surprises or scams. The most important thing you can do is to make sure your online bank is legitimate and FDIC insured. You can verify this at the

FDIC Web site: http://www2.fdic.gov/idasp/main_bankfind.asp. Also, keeping your personal information private and secure will enable safe online banking and protect you from identity theft.

Exposing some myths around identity theft and fraud

In the early days of online banking and web-based transactions, it was widely accepted that the bad guys were a step ahead of the good guys. But that's simply not the case anymore. In actuality, a lot of information that the public receives in mainstream media is more myth than reality. Here are just a few examples.

1. Online identity theft is growing.
2. Banking online makes you more susceptible to fraud.
3. Internet transactions are more dangerous than face-to-face transaction.

The truth is, identity theft is still very old fashioned. Lost wallets, credit cards, debit cards and checkbooks account for 43 percent of all identity theft and fraud. Also, the 2005 Javelin Identity Fraud Survey Report released by the Better Business Bureau and Javelin Strategy & Research shows that "despite growing fears about identity theft and online fraud... these crimes are more frequently committed offline than online... [and] are actually less severe, less costly and not as widespread as previously thought." In addition, the cost of fraud is not rising in proportion to the increase in theft. This indicates that consumers and businesses are becoming more aware of the risks of identity theft and taking strong actions to limit the cost of fraud associated with it.



Anthony Lanzillo

Avoiding identity theft

Even with more consumer awareness and more institutional precautions in place, identity theft still happens. From Oprah to your

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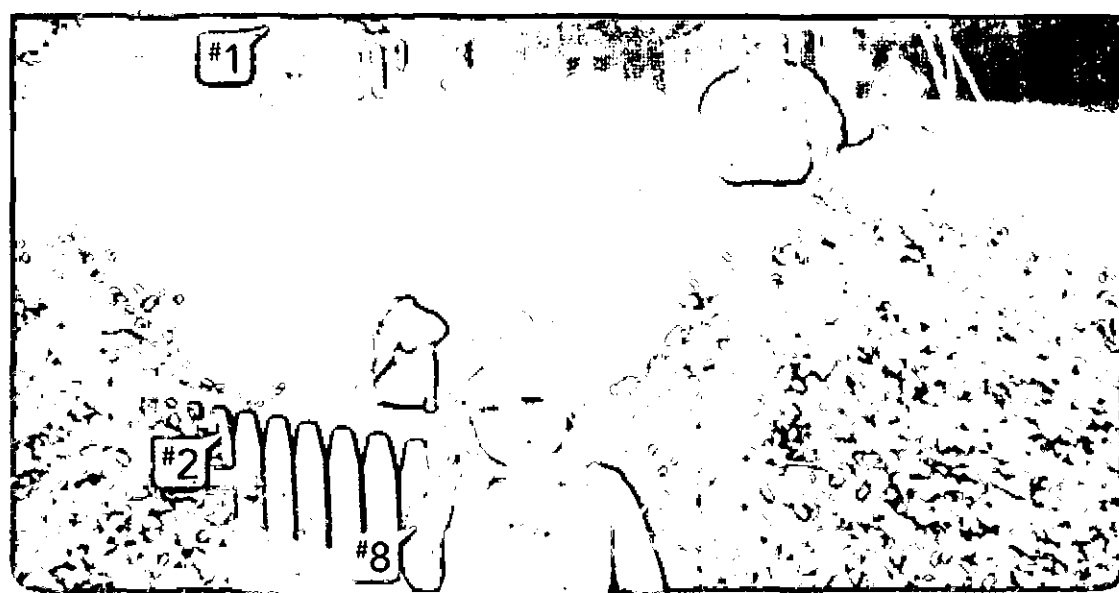
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Protect Your Personal Information

Identity theft is a serious and costly crime in the United States. In fact, in 2008, it accounted for \$48 billion in fraudulent activity. Here are some tips to help prevent it from happening to you.

- Replace paper bills, statements and checks with Internet (paperless) versions.
- Consider moving to an electronic bill payment service.
- Monitor account activity on a regular basis.
- Sign up for automatic payroll deposits
- Shred all private documents.
- Keep passwords hidden and change them frequently.
- Use and regularly update firewall and anti-virus software.
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Lawmakers propose new nursing home

Amendment to county executive's plan includes long-term care campus

By ARIANA COHN
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Albany County lawmakers are planning to introduce to County Executive Mike Breslin's long-term health-care plan an amendment that would include the construction of a nursing home campus with several facilities in the portion of Heritage Park that was purchased by the county last year.

Breslin's plan currently does not include the construction of a nursing home to replace the Albany County Nursing Home — a facility that was opened in 1974 and is in need of costly updates. He is proposing to eventually phase out the nursing home, moving residents to other, private, nursing homes and replacing the county's nursing home beds with assisted living beds. Breslin's plan also includes many stay-at-home initiatives, which he said are intended to keep seniors living in their homes

longer.

According to a draft of the amendment, which is being sponsored by Majority Leader Frank Commisso, D-Albany, the Special Nursing Home Facilities Committee, a panel studying the nursing home and long-term care plans, embraces the stay-at-home concepts outlined in Breslin's plan, but would like it to be expanded to include the construction of a nursing home at Heritage Park.

According to the draft, "We continue to be of the opinion that long-term care in Albany County needs to include the replacement of the nursing home and want to have it included in the plan for future long-term care preparation."

Commisso said Breslin's plan doesn't do enough to cover the needs of those who take advantage of long-term care.

"His plan lacks," Commisso said. "It's a shallow plan."

Commisso said his main concern was for the current residents of the county nursing home.

"If we take and close down our nursing home, there's 231 people left out there," he said. "Who's going to pick them up? It's not something you can just pull the plug on."

According to Commisso, the county has "a moral obligation to the people of Albany County" who use the current nursing home, and he and others were led to believe that a new nursing home would be a part of the county executive's plan.

In response to the committee's amendment, Breslin said, "The members of the Legislature and I agree that we need to expand the choices available for those needing long-term care. ... I look forward to working together with the County Legislature over the next few weeks to develop a solution that serves our residents in need and is the least expensive for county property taxpayers."

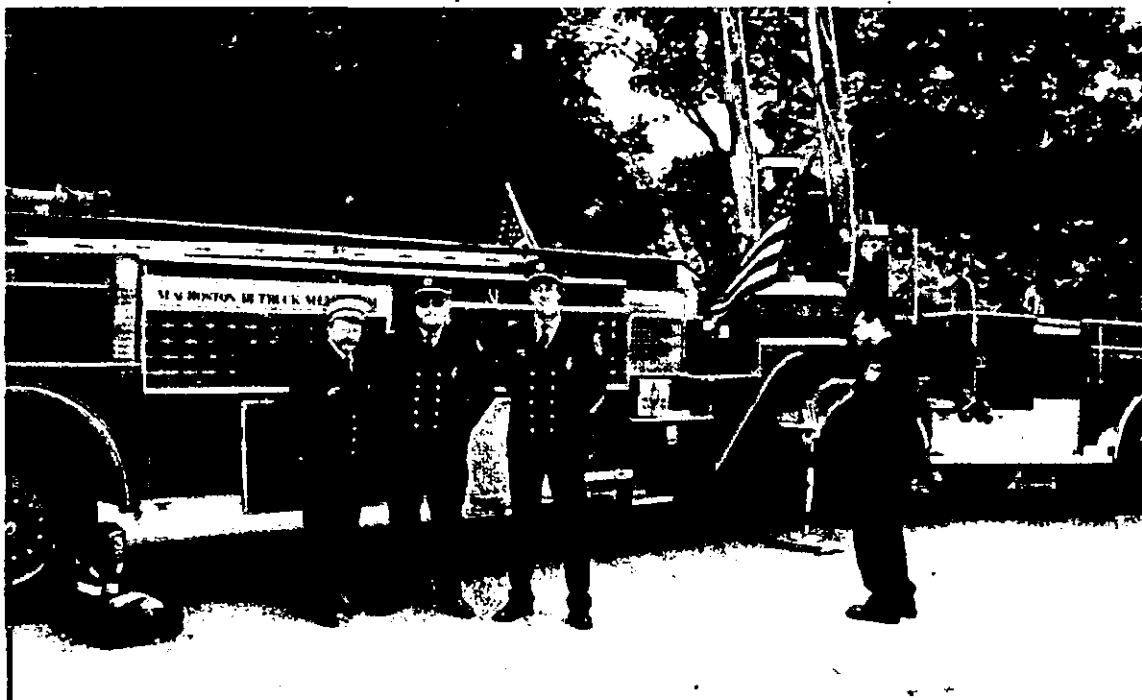
Commisso said the committee is not simply looking for a new nursing home to be built, but instead, a campus that will include facilities that will help people through every stage of their elderly lives.

"What we envision is a long-term health care campus," said Albany County Legislator Gary Domalewicz, D-Albany, also a committee member.

Domalewicz said that this facility, once constructed, would be able to help the county's most needy residents receive the quality care they deserve.

"We believe that we need to have a nursing home so that we can take care of the most needy of our county, the elderly of Albany County who don't have the money and have no place to go," he said. "[We need] to continue providing the best care possible for all the people of Albany County."

The amendment, which will include the nursing home campus, was to be introduced and voted on along with Breslin's plan on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the County Legislature's meeting.



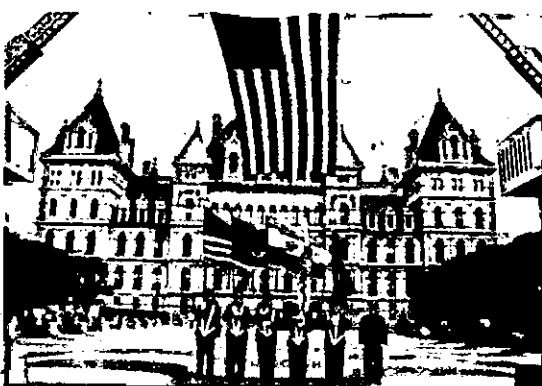
Solemn ceremony

Local officials and firefighters came together for the annual fallen firefighters memorial ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 6, as 12 firefighters were added to the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Wall at the Empire State Plaza.

ABOVE: Elsmere firemen stand next to "MacBoston 18 Truck."

RIGHT: The Albany Fire Department color guard.

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Equinox, Inc. is preparing for its 40th Annual Equinox Thanksgiving Day Dinner. In order to get home delivery, we need to update our list of dinner recipients, so please contact the Senior Office, 356-1980, ext.1095, to make your reservation as soon as possible.

Monday, Oct. 19

- Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones+
10:30 a.m. Sr Fitness
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones+

Tuesday, Oct. 20

- 9 a.m. Strong Bones +
11:30 a.m. Speech: "What is 211?"
11:30 a.m. Luncheon Chicken, Lo Mein or Cold Plate
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, Oct. 21

- Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Bridge
11:45 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, Oct. 22

- Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
1 p.m. Pinochle/Games

Friday, Oct. 23

- Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
1 p.m. Quilting

**Seniors invited
to CarFit program**

Senior Services of Albany and AARP will present CarFit, a free program designed to give older adults a quick but comprehensive check of how well they work together with their vehicles, Thursday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Louise Corning Center parking lot, 25 Delaware Avenue, Albany.

Car Fit is by appointment only, with two appointments available each 30 minutes.

Call 465-3325 for a free appointment or information. Mechanical services are not offered.

Golf tournament, concert a success

Special thanks to all who participated in Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.'s golf tournament at the beautiful Colonial Acres golf course on Sept. 23, as well as those who attended "A Celebration in Song" at the Delmar Reformed Church on Sept. 25. Proceeds of both events will benefit Bethlehem Senior Transportation Services, helping to fund the purchase of new replacement vehicles. We appreciate the support and generosity of all who attended these events.



**Program highlights
Saturday, Oct. 17**

• Delmar Farmers, Market, Bethlehem Middle School, 322 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interesting variety of vendors.

Sunday, Oct. 18

• Roast beef dinner at the Berne Fire Department, in Berne, noon. Cost \$10 at the door; take-outs \$11. Bethlehem senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation is \$5. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176, with only wait-list tickets available at this time.

Monday, Oct. 19

• "Steps to a Cognitive Vitality," the last of four classes in a special wellness program to help sharpen

your memory and stay mentally fit, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Presenter: Diane VanDusen, CSW, Eddy Alzheimer's Services, Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 101, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Register by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• "The Best is Yet to Come," a volunteer's lifestyle and perspective on retirement, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Presenter: Barbara Traynor, retired volunteer and author of "The Accidental Camel." For information or reservations, call the Bethlehem Public Library at 439-9314.

• Food Stamp Assistance - Legal Aid Society and Albany County Dept of Social Services Medicaid representatives at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, will be available to answer questions and assist with food stamp applications, 10 a.m. to noon. To make an appointment, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• Seniors age 62+ can play at Colonial Acres Golf Course for \$11 (greens fee for nine or 18-holes). Special Senior rates on Mondays Thursdays. For information, call 439-2089.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

• Albany County Veterans Bureau officer available to meet with veterans and/or family members at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1 to 3 p.m. Representative will answer questions and provide details about numerous veterans, benefits. For appointment and/or more information, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 21

• "Medicare Basics," Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 101, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free and informative program for anyone turning 65 this year. Learn the basics of Medicare, what Medicare covers and other important and helpful information. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group meets at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7:00 p.m., 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For more information, call the Alzheimer's Association at 438-2217.

• Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar,

Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, Oct. 22

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• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable social afternoon of games and entertainment, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 11:30 a.m. All seniors welcome. For information, call 439-4955, ext.1176.

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

Friday, Oct. 23

• Seniors in Motion (see Tuesday's activities for details)

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

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

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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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New York State Theater Institute director Patricia Snyder wanted the theater to try a retelling of Washington Irving's "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" for its current season.

Mary Jane Hansen had an idea. She wanted to explore the story behind the story: how did Irving create a classic at a time when there really were no novelists in America, and the rest of the world had never embraced an American author?

The result is Hansen's "A Legend of Sleepy Hollow," which opens at NYSTI on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. It will run through Oct. 30 at the Schine Fine Arts Center at Russell Sage College in Troy.

Hansen said that when she first started looking into a retelling of "Sleepy Hollow," "I didn't know what story to tell." But as she learned more about Irving's early life, she was captivated by how he was able to establish himself as one of America's first great writers with the publication of several stories in Europe around 1820.

One of those stories was "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Hansen imagines the inspiration for the story coming from a meeting with Aaron Burr, the one-time vice president and, like Irving, a resident of the Hudson Valley. In Hansen's story, Burr wanted Irving to help him defend Sleepy Hollow resident Brom Bones, who was arrested after a headless skeleton was discovered in town. The remains were believed to belong to Ichabod Crane, Bones' one-time romantic rival.

While Hansen's story is fictional, it's steeped in history. She poured countless hours into researching Irving, Burr and other characters, and the play's actors did likewise.

"It's a joy because there's a wealth of information out there to go to," said David Bunce, who plays Burr. "It's great fun to read biographies."

The cast even took a trip to Irving's estate, called Sunnyside, in Tarrytown.

"He was obviously in several ways a very eccentric man,"

said David, who plays Irving. Girard called Sunnyside "creepy," noting that it was a mix of several different types of architectural styles. Irving was an ambassador to Spain; his time there inspired a Spanish tower on his house.

Before he was an ambassador, the New York City-born Irving was simply an American living abroad, spending 17 years in Europe. He had a collection of short stories published, which included "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and began to earn him acclaim from Europeans who, to that point, had more or less looked down upon American writers.

"He had to go. They really did think we were a bunch of hicks," Hansen said. "Americans didn't have that respect."

Burr, meanwhile, has suffered from a similar lack of respect in the annals of history. Angry about remarks political rival Alexander Hamilton made about him, Burr challenged Hamilton to a duel. Burr mortally wounded Hamilton, which put a serious dent in Burr's political career as he was roundly criticized and indicted on charges of murder. Later, he faced charges of treason as rumors swirled about a filibuster he was going to lead into Spanish possessions in Mexico. He spent several years in self-imposed exile in Europe before returning to practice law in New York City, where he lived until he died.

"He became a pariah," Girard said.

Hansen's story, though, shows a softer side of Burr. Hansen noted that Burr was an abolitionist and an early supporter of women's rights, even introducing a bill to the state Legislature to give women the right to vote.

"We get to see a little of his side of the story," Girard said. "He was not necessarily this dastardly character."

Girard likes that the play doesn't portray Irving as simply a one-dimensional writer. In 1809, Irving's fiancée, Matilda Hoffman, died when she was just 17.

"I think that stayed with him," Girard said. "He was living with loss. That really personifies it for me. It gives me something to hang my hat on."

Girard said he wasn't much of a fan of Irving or the Romantics before doing this play. But he gained appreciation for both through this story.

"I think we sometimes think it was a simpler time," he said. "It wasn't. It really wasn't. These were very, very intelligent, complicated men."

Hansen hopes that people will leave the show "with a reminder of the complexity of relationships."

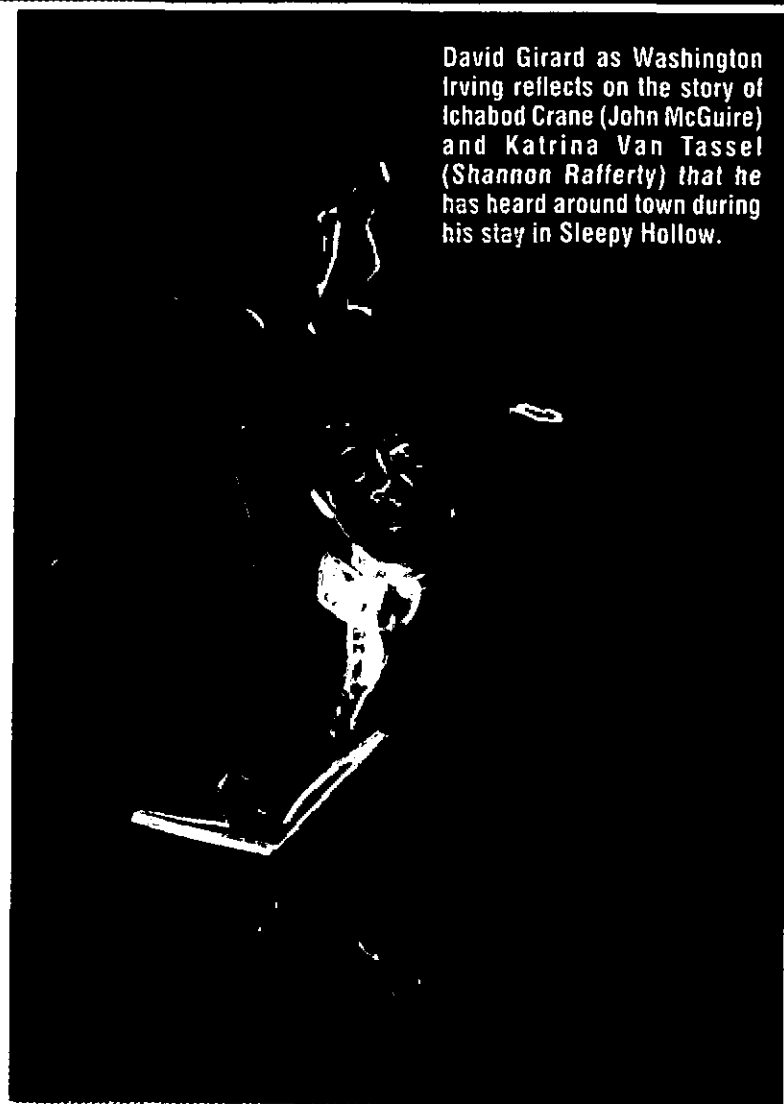
While that may sound heavy, she promised the show is entertaining, too.

"I tried to put something in it for everyone," she said. "You can come to see it for the laughs. You can come for a period piece. You can come to see a story about people and their baggage."

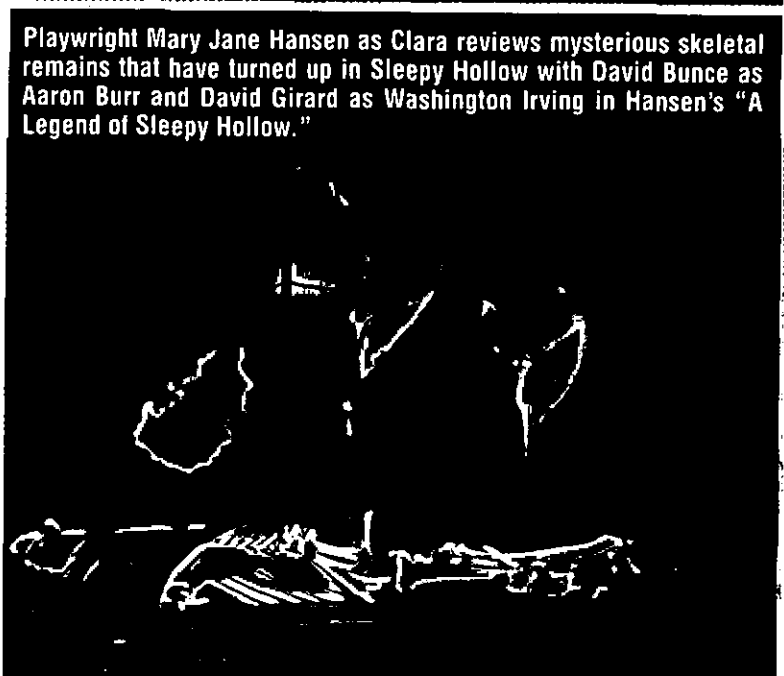
David Bunce as Aaron Burr and David Girard as Washington Irving investigate the mysterious goings-on after a headless skeleton turns up in Sleepy Hollow.



David Girard as Washington Irving reflects on the story of Ichabod Crane (John McGuire) and Katrina Van Tassel (Shannon Rafferty) that he has heard around town during his stay in Sleepy Hollow.



Playwright Mary Jane Hansen as Clara reviews mysterious skeletal remains that have turned up in Sleepy Hollow with David Bunce as Aaron Burr and David Girard as Washington Irving in Hansen's "A Legend of Sleepy Hollow."



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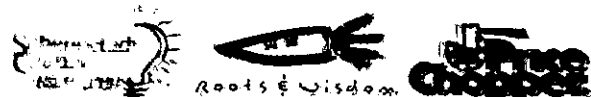
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DAVE FISK

Capital District jazz saxophonist, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., Stockade Inn, 1 North Church St., Schenectady, free. Information, 346-3400.

BRIAN MURPHY

Folk musician, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland. Information, 250-4196.

BOB RIVAS & DAVE RENDER

Acoustic duo, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

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Folk duo, Oct. 17, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

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Visual Arts

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"Sound in Structure," paintings by Stephen J. Tyson, through Oct. 15, Stanish Library, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2435.

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"Lives of the Hudson," through March 14, 2010; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

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"Through the Seasons: Japanese Art in Nature," through Oct. 18; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Degas & Music," through Oct. 18, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

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Teaching all aspects of improv comedy, Wednesday evenings, through Nov. 11, ZuZu's Wonderful Life, 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany. Information, Gary Arzberger 466-4586 or garzberger@nycap.rr.com.

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

SARATOGA ARTS

Seeking local artists and fine crafters to display their works at its downtown gallery shop. Information, Adrianna Flax 584-4132 or aflax@saratoga-arts.org.

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.

SARATOGA SPRINGS HOLIDAY SHOWCASE OF ART

Seeking fine arts and crafts vendors for second annual show at the Art Center Theatre, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs on Saturday, Nov. 21, booth cost \$50. Information, Frenchy Loeb 461-4893.

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Holding auditions for a substitute accompanist to provide music for its improvised comedy shows. Information, contact Michael Burns at michaelburns@mopco.org or Kat Koppett at katkoppett@mopco.org.

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 Orlanso and Western avenues, Albany. Information, 785-3567.

TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

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.

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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.

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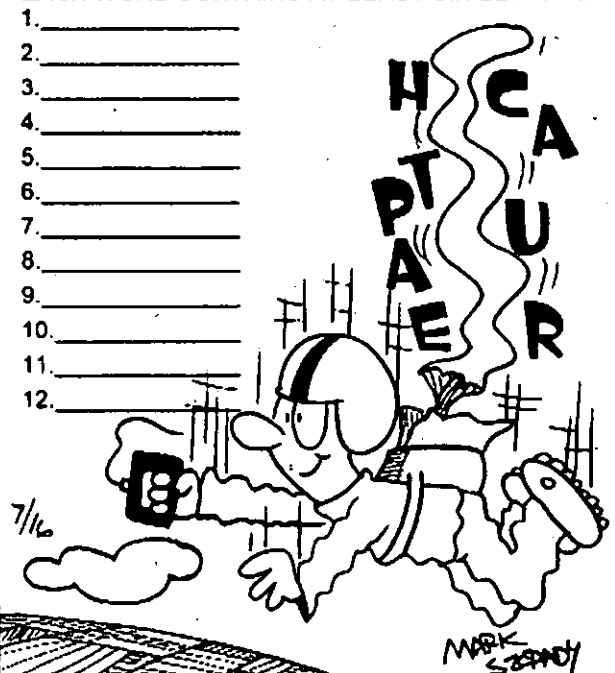
Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

WORD PILE

By Mark Szorady

COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 12 WORDS. EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST SIX LETTERS.

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CHATEAU, CURATE, PARACHUTE,
CARPET, CHAPTER, CHAPEAU,
ANSWERS: ACUTER, CAPTURE,

Weekly Crossword

BOYS WILL B BOYS

- ACROSS**
 - Mine entrance
 - AMA member
 - Celtic
 - Staccato's opposite
 - Marked period
 - ___-do-well
 - "Peter Grimes" composer
 - Tome preface
 - Start for ami or ton
 - Trojan War epic
 - Queue after Q
 - Three-time Wimbledon winner
 - High schooler
 - Chemical suffix
 - Elie's son
 - Canadian novelist Wiseman
 - Start of a famed palindrome
 - JFK sight
 - "My Favorite Martian" regular
 - Opposite of NNW
 - Wel's pleasure-loving race
 - Haute ___
 - Japanese equivalent of a purse
- DOWN**
 - Philosopher Camus
 - Domain of some divers
 - Set off
 - ___ Mahal
 - Cub Scout unit
 - Heavenly body
 - South American Indian
 - Allure
 - Improved film shoots
 - Farm machines
 - Bald-eagle look-alike
 - Poet/priest John
- Across**
 - Transfer or messenger: abbr.
 - Headland
 - "Signs of Life" star
 - Pretend
 - Lauder of cosmetics
 - Leatherworking tool
 - Fraternity letter
 - Star of "Double Jeopardy"
 - Mannheim mister
 - Geller, of spoon-bending fame
 - Smear
 - Deuce beater
 - Clinton's musical forte
 - Liberal ___
- Down**
 - Banister ___
 - Melville work
 - About
 - ___ du Diable
 - Stuck
 - Highway hauler
 - Go bad
 - Snout
 - Taradiddle
 - English length measure
 - Dismiss, in a way
 - TV network
 - Actress Singer
 - Over there
 - Bro or sis
 - Antagonist, often
 - Deletion
 - Apprentice
 - Uninherited land
 - Clamor
 - "I've Got ___ in Kalamazoo"
 - Wood ibises
 - Nectar gatherer
 - Picture puzzle
 - Woolly females
 - Feature of some skirts
 - Food preservative: abbr.
 - Zoological mouths
 - Year in Tiberius' reign
 - La's partner

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Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wed., Oct. 14

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m., Information, 767-2015

EVENINGS ON THE GREEN (JULY)

Bethlehem Public Library's Free Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9341.

BINGO

American Legion Blanchard Post No. 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar. 7:30 p.m. Food available.

PLAYGROUP MEETING

First United Methodist Church playgroups will meet from 10:30 to noon in the nursery. Playgroup provides opportunity for child caretakers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, call 439-9976, ext. 228.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB (NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST)

Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857. First and third Wednesday of each month.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

NortheastNY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. 439-9252

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

Evening prayer service 7:00 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m.; 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4955. First and third Wednesday of each month.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

District office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

PRAYER MEETING

Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 to 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. 765-2895.

Thurs., Oct. 15

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Meets Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Town Hall Auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave. Activities include cards, games, bingo and conversation. A bi-monthly newsletter is available in the senior services office. Information, 439-4573.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 6:30 p.m.

V'VILLE LIBRARY

Lap sit stories for newborns to age two at 10:15 a.m. Signup required. Call 765-2791. First and third Thursday of each month.

PRAYER MEETING

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Fri., Oct. 16

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.

CHABAD CENTER

Friday services, discussion and Kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

PRAYER MEETING

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STORY TIMES

Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

Sat., Oct. 17

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET

The Delmar Saturday Farmers Market will be open June 6 until October 31 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. rain or shine. The market is located at the Bethlehem Middle School, 322 Kenwood Ave. For more info, go to www.delmarmarket.org.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Information, call 439-4328. Glenmont Story Hour at Tea and Tattered Pages Used Books, 329 Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 447-9910.

PRAYER MEETING

Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

Sun., Oct. 18

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135. Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328. Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252. Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929. Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512. First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243. First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976. Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710. Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132. King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955. KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792. Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510. Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766. Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314. South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953. St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265. St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951. Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Gunderland, 475-9086. ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m. Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916. Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021. Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870. First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895. Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548. Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390. Oneshaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133. New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454. St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805. Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001. United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410. DAY -

Mon., Oct. 19

SLINGERLANDS

Adamsville Ancients Fife and Drum Corps; rehearsal 7-9 p.m., October-May. Information, 439-8727.

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners Intersection, Delmar, 5 to 6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

PLAYGROUP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. Meets 10:30 a.m. to noon in the nursery. The playgroup provides opportunities for child care takers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, 439-9976 ext. 228

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CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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Tues., Oct. 20

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS MARKET (SUMMER ONLY)

Market and Chicken Barbeque, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

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CHURCH LUNCH (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST)

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NEW SCOTLAND

STORY TIMES

Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356 Fourth Tuesday of each month.

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Wed., Oct. 21

BETHLEHEM

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BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Daytime Caregivers Support Group. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Every fourth Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-4955.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for Mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org. Second and fourth Wednesday during the school year. www.mops.org

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

Evening prayer service 7:00 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m.; 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

SECOND AND FOURTH HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist; 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

PRAYER MEETING

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PIONEER CLUBS

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TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. 765-2895.

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Milestones *in the* Spotlight



Rebecca and Tyler Kramer

Cortesi, Kramer wed

Rebecca Lynn Cortesi and Tyler Christian Kramer were married June 20, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown in Yorktown Hts, NY. The Rev. Russ Ferce officiated. A reception followed at the bride's grandparents' farm - Wilkens Fruit and Fir Farm in Yorktown, NY.

The bride is the daughter of Guy and Susan Cortesi of Latham, NY. The groom is the son of Curtis and Delores Kramer of Reinholds, PA.

The Maid of Honor was Rachel Cortesi (bride's sister). Bridesmaids were Suzi Brander, Rachel Frey and Kristamarie Pratt (bride's cousin). The Best Man was Chad Kramer (groom's brother). The Groomsman were Jesse Manning and Nate Ritter.

Rebecca is a graduate of Shaker High School. She went on to the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY, where she graduated in 2005 with a BS degree in Optics Engineering, and continued on at the U of R to earn her MS in Optics Engineering in 2006. She works as a Senior Member - Technical Staff at Aerospace Corporation in Chantilly, VA.

Tyler is a graduate of Conrad Weiser High School in Pennsylvania. He earned both his BS and MS in Electrical

Engineering at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. Tyler is a Member - Technical Staff at Aerospace Corporation as well.

The couple honeymooned at the Ti-Kaye resort in St. Lucia and now reside in Sterling, VA.



Allison Voetsch and Anthony Pinto

Voetsch, Pinto engaged to marry

Arthur Voetsch of Hudson, NY, and Betsy Smith of Glenmont, NY, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Voetsch, to Anthony Pinto, son of Anthony and Jill Pinto of Staten Island, NY.

The future bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She then earned a BS - Environmental Science from University of Rochester and a Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School. Allison is an Attorney for

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in Manhattan.

The future groom is a graduate of Stuyvesant High School in N.Y.C. and SUNY Albany. He went on to earn a Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School. Anthony

is Assistant District Attorney for Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, NY.

The couple will marry on October 2, 2010, at Delmar Reformed Church in Delmar, NY.

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Milestones in the Spotlight

Mary E. (Betty) VanOostenbrugge

Mary E. (Betty) VanOostenbrugge (Lyon) died peacefully on October 3rd at the age of ninety. Betty was the daughter of James B. and Marie J. Lyon, and a lifelong resident of Cedar Hill (Selkirk).

Betty graduated from St. Agnes School and Bennett College. She was an active volunteer throughout her life and was involved in several community organizations, including: the Junior League of Albany, the Hannacroix Chapter of the DAR, the Dana Society, and the March of Dimes, and was a charter member of the Bethlehem Historical Association. She loved to chat with friends and community members about local history, or just about anything, and was a regular volunteer at the Red School House museum she so often tended to.

She is survived by her daughters, Mary Katherine Zeh, Voorheesville, and Jeannie

Langdon, Cedar Hill. She is also survived by her brother, Robert Lyon, Homosassa, FL, six grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Betty was predeceased by her brother, William (Pete) T. Lyon, Atlanta, and by her friend of many years, James B. McCarthy, Albany.

In the same way she gave of herself unselfishly to family, friends, and her community, Betty donated her remains to the Albany Medical College Anatomical Gift Program.

A memorial gathering will be held at the home of Tom and Lisa (niece) Evans on Sunday, October 18th, in Cedar Hill from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations may be made to the Bethlehem Historical Association, P.O. Box 263, 1003 River Road Selkirk, New York 12158.

Mary Ann Hurd

DELMAR - Mary Ann Hurd, 73, of Delmar died on Friday,

October 2, 2009, at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Albany on August 8, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Garrett and Mary (Shevlin) Roche. Mary Ann had worked as a teacher's aide at the Bethlehem Central Middle School and High School until her illness. She loved to read and enjoyed sports, especially the New York Mets and Giants. Mary Ann loved spending time with friends and family.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Frank A. Hurd and a brother, Garrett Roche.

Mary Ann is survived by her children, Michael F. Hurd of Clifton Park, David P. Hurd (Natalia) of Marietta, GA, Susan M. Grizzard (Patrick) of Cumming, GA and Garry C. Hurd of Delmar; a brother, Edward Roche (Carol) of Delmar; sister-in-law, Pat Roche of Hilton Head, SC; and five grandchildren, Alyssa, Nick and Eric Hurd and Ryan and Riley Grizzard.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Wednesday, October 7th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 9:30 am Thursday, October 8th at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Pl., Delmar. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Those who wish may send a remembrance in her name to Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205.



Patrick Breen and Lindsay Wilkinson

Wilkinson, Breen to wed

Lindsay Wilkinson, daughter of Carol Wilkinson of Delmar and Joseph Wilkinson of Glenmont, and Patrick Breen, son of Gail and Michael Breen of Schoharie, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Cortland. She is a public relations specialist

and graphic designer for Seton Health in Troy.

The future groom is a graduate of Schoharie Central High School and Berklee College of Music in Boston. He is a buyer for Sysco Foods in Halfmoon.

The couple plans a September 2010 wedding in Maine.

Schmidts celebrate 50 years

The Schmidts (Donald and JoAnn) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 3, 2009, with family and friends at the Century House in Latham.

Donald retired from IBEW. JoAnn retired from Travelers Insurance.

The couple resides in Delmar. They have two sons, Peter (Holly) of Delmar and Andrew of Glenmont.

They are grandparents to Kathryn.

The Schmidts were married on October 3, 1959, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Albany.

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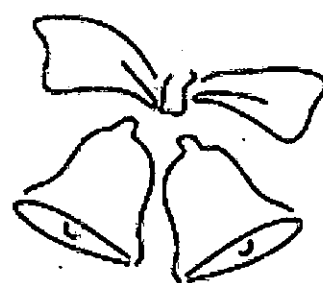
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Library planning radio show

Move over, Glenn Miller! Tune in to "Until It's Over Over There" this Friday, Oct. 16, at 1p.m. This "radio show" at the library is a dramatic recreation of a World War II home-front radio broadcast. Local historian and entertainer Gary Ferris will host the program in the style of a typical 1940s broadcast before a live studio audience.

The great bandleader Glenn Miller hosted the radio show "I Sustain the Wings" in New York in 1943 to 1944, then left for London to better serve the American armed forces in the European theater. Ferris wrote and produced his show after listening to over 100 hours of Miller broadcasts and adapted his "on-air" monologue from a 1943 Bob Hope broadcast.

Friday's performance will transport the audience back to the summer of 1944. They will be the "live studio audience" as Ferris, in uniform, assumes the role of a captain in the Army Air Force Technical Training Command based in New Haven, Conn. — the same rank and role as Glenn Miller before he left for Europe. Ferris both hosts the show and sings all the songs, using recorded soundtracks.

The program is a production of WarStory.US and is cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects Inc. with funding from the Albany County Department of Aging.

Community directory available

The 2009-10 edition of the library's "Community Contacts" directory is now available at the information desk. The booklet provides descriptions and contact information for 55 service and interest groups in and around

Bethlehem, and an updated list of meeting rooms in the Delmar area. This information is also available online at www.mybethlehem.org. "Community Contacts" is a handy compilation of community groups that don't have a regular staff, office space and phonebook listing.

PARC update

The new exit driveway is now open. Entrance and exit driveways are now one-way only. Traffic flow around the old parking lot is one way counterclockwise. If you wish to park in the old lot, you must turn right at the "T" between the lots.

Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

If you wish only to drop off passengers or use the book drops (the curbside bookdrop should be permanently relocated by the end of this week), you may make a left at the "T" and another immediate left into the exit driveway.

For your safety and the safety of others, please use caution, drive slowly, watch for pedestrians, and obey all traffic signs. Occasionally, ongoing construction will change traffic flow temporarily; direction will be provided whenever possible.

We expect that construction will be substantially completed by the end of this month.

Yarnover books

Thursday, Oct. 29, 7p.m.
"Rosewater and Soda Bread" by Marsha Mehran. Copies available at the information desk. New members welcome.

Quick craft club

Friday, Oct. 30, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
Do a craft in 20 minutes or less. Up to grade 5 and families.

Coraline

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2 p.m.
PG, 2009.

Louise Grieco

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

Program to focus on Adirondacks

If you enjoyed Ken Burns' national parks program that recently aired on PBS, then you'll love Phil Brown's upcoming presentation, "Bob Marshall in the Adirondacks."

Brown became interested in this celebrated hiker and conservationist while working as editor of the *Adirondack Explorer* newsmagazine; he'll share his insight into Marshall's accomplishments at the library on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m.

Phil's program is built around his anthology, "Bob Marshall in the Adirondacks: Writings of a Pioneering Peak-Bagger, Pond-Hopper and Wilderness Preservationist." His presentation includes photos taken of and by Marshall, including some of the earliest color shots of the Adirondacks.

Small business series

A "Start, Finance, Market" series of Small Business Workshops, co-sponsored by the SUNY Small Business Development Center, the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce and the Guilderland Public Library, will be held at the library on Oct. 17, 24, and 31, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The first of these free workshops starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 17; it provides a general overview of business start-ups by John Skrobela, Business Advisor at SUNY SBDC. Attorneys Bob Serenka and Maxine Barasch will then explore the many legal aspects of starting a business. Registration is required. To sign up for these free classes, call the

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www.guilpl.org

Guilderland Chamber of Commerce at 456-6611 or email kburbank@guilderlandchamber.com.

Ghost Huntings and Hauntings

Ghost Huntings and Hauntings is the title of an enthralling presentation to be given on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m., by author David J. Pitkin, who's written several books on ghosts in the Northeast and New York. He will share his experiences tracking ghosts in this area and the stories that he discovered about the ghosts.

Water conservation presentation

You can find out how simple it can be to save water, drop by drop, by attending Water Conservation on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. This program will look at water conservation from a global perspective by viewing the film, "Flow: For the Love of Water," and locally by sharing some tips to save water on the home front.

"White Snow"

We may have flipped the words in the title of the popular Disney movie, but you know what we're getting at. This is the story of Snow White, a charming little princess who is saved from the evil deeds of her wicked stepmother by a group of seven adorable dwarfs. (Can you name them all?) This movie starts at 7 p.m. and will probably be in the Helderberg Room.

Family history basics program canceled

The Family History Basics program planned for Oct. 12 is canceled. The program will be rescheduled, but it's unknown when it will be held.

Mark Curiale

Note: All library events are free unless otherwise noted. The Guilderland Public Library is at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Call 456-2400, ext. 12, for information, or visit the library's Web site at www.guilpl.org.

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Notice of Formation of MYCURATOR LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/27/09. 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. LD-21615 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: FF BONBON LLC.

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/10/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Cowen, DeBaets, Abrahams & Sheppard, LLP, 41 Madison Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, New York 10010. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21616 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: FROST-FRENCH USA LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/31/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Cowen, DeBaets, Abrahams & Sheppard, LLP, 41 Madison Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, New York 10010. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21617 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Application for Authority of UNIVERSAL BUILDERS OF AMERICA, LLC ("FLLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 17, 2009 effective on the date of filing. The jurisdiction of its formation is Wisconsin. The formation date is September 14, 2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the FLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the FLLC at 25 Kraft Avenue, Albany, NY 12205, which shall be the principal business location. The address of the principal office of the FLLC which is maintained in the jurisdiction of its formation is: 5349 N County Rd M, Milton, Wisconsin 53563. The name and address of the authorized official in its jurisdiction of organization where a copy of its certificate of organization is filed is: State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions, 345 W. Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Madison, WI 53703. The purpose for which the FLLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity. LD-21618 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Trevalas, LLC, a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the NY Secretary of State on 7/20/2009. Office location: Albany County. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC,

## LEGAL NOTICE

100 Hudson Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. LD-21626 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GREENVALE COLONIAL HOUSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/2/09. 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. LD-21627 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SDE GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/10/09. 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. LD-21628 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: COLUMBIA MAHOPAC LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 4, 2009. 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 Extension, Albany, NY 12203. LD-21632 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Teg Taurus LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/02/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21634 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Ascend Integrated Media, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/31/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Kansas (KS) on 8/18/09. 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. KS address of LLC: 130 N. Cherry, 3rd Fl., Olathe, KS 66051. Arts. of Org. filed with KS Secy. of State, 120 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS 66612. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-21636 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: HADA GUILDERLAND, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 10, 2009. 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 29 Windsor Court, Slingerlands, NY 12159. LD-21639 (October 14, 2009)

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Notice of Publication ROUND SHAW LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/2/2009 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21646 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication HARLEYFORD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/2/2009 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21647 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication MANSELL LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/2/2009 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21648 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication INVICTUS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/11/2009 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21649 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SFERA INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/8/09. 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. LD-21650 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: TAX TIME OF NEW YORK, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 11, 2009. 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 421 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205. LD-21652 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: COLUMBIA 17th STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 11, 2009. 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

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302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY 12203. LD-21653 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CUTLER INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 320 85th St., #14, Miami Beach, FL 33141. Purpose: any lawful activity. Notice of Formation of CUTLER INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 320 85th St., #14, Miami Beach, FL 33141. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21660 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of LASER MIDSTREAM COMPANY, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 10/29/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the TX address of LLC: 333 Clay Street, Ste. 4500, Houston, TX 77002. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1100 Congress, Capitol Bldg., Room 1E.8, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-21661 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

CAMERON TRADING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 09/08/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o CorpCo, 910 Foulk Rd., Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21663 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Thrive HR AO, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/8/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 8/17/09. 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 FL: 13014 N. Dale Mabry #362, Tampa, FL 33618. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. Of State, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21666 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Paper Planes, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/4/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/23/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Address to be maintained in DE: National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Cover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21667 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: ARES SYRACUSE, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 26, 2009. Office Location: 21 Euclid Avenue, City of Delmar, County of Albany SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 21 Euclid Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 for any lawful purpose. LD-21670 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Squid Ten LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 09/15/09. 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, 121 Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205. The street address of the principal business location is 121 Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205. 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. LD-21672 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

The name of the Limited Liability Company is THREE PINE AVENUE LLC, the articles of organization of the LLC were filed with the NYS Secretary of State on 9/16/2009, the purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity, the office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County, the street address of the principal business location is 3 Pine Ave, Cohoes, NY 12047, the Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served, the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Lifford Rd #1, 7 Forest Avenue, Cohoes, NY 12047 LD-21675 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication - NAMU ARTICULATIONS, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/16/2009 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21681 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Slingerlands Fire District Commissioners of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, will hold a public review of the Slingerlands Fire District Annual Budget for the year 2010. The review will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Slingerlands Firehouse, 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York. NOTE: As at all public Fire Commissioner's meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available. Gayle A. Griffiths Secretary to the Board Slingerlands Fire District LD-21683 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JALOSA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may

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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. LD-21685 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 505 MCDONALD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/22/09. 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. LD-21686 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

BLANDI INTERNATIONAL LLC. Notice of Organization: BLANDI INTERNATIONAL LLC was filed with the SSNY 5/17/05. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Rotondi & Associates 230 Park Ave., Suite 2300, New York, NY 10169. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. LD-21689 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Larry's Foods LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of New York (SSNY) on July 20, 2009. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: the LLC, 8 Paxwood Road, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21690 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: D'Arrigo Residential Properties LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/15/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC c/o LLC, 42 Huntswood Ln, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21691 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE The Selkirk Fire District will hold a public hearing on Tuesday October 20, 2009 at 7:00 PM at Selkirk Fire station No. 3, 480 Bridge Street (South Bethlehem) for the purpose of presenting the 2010 preliminary district budget. At that time, anyone who would like to comment on the 2010 preliminary budget shall be heard. A copy of the preliminary district budget is available for viewing on the district website: <http://www.selkirkfd.org> or is available at any Selkirk Fire District station upon request: Selkirk Fire Station No. 1: 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, NY 12158 Selkirk Fire Station No. 2: 301 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, NY 12077 Selkirk Fire Station No. 3: 480 Bridge Street, Selkirk, NY 12158 Douglas Ophardt Acting District Secretary LD-21693 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of QualityTech, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of

## LEGAL NOTICE

NY (SSNY) on 9/22/09. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/5/09. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LP: c/o CSI, 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Name/ address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-21694 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of QualityTech GP, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/5/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: c/o CSI, 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-21695 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ANDRICK MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/25/09. 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. LD-21696 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ZULINAKA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/28/09. 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. LD-21697 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication MILES REAL ESTATE HOLDING LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/24/2009 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21699 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Belvedere of Albany LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/11/02. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 5/3/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 3 East Comm Square, Albany, NY 12207. DE office addr.: Incorporating Services, 3500 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21700 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1520 48 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed



# Story time to get a little bit Rowdy

Rowdy, the Albany River Rats' mascot, and a River Rats player will visit the RCS Community Library for a special story time on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 4 to 5 p.m.

The library and the hockey club are teaming up to introduce "Reading with Rowdy," a program that allows kids to track their reading minutes to earn tickets to a River Rats game.

Kids of all ages are invited to join the action and bring photos or memorabilia for autographs. Pick up your Reading with Rowdy reading chart and check out our sports books and movies!

## Time 4 Teens

The regular schedule has changed to Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 6. Saturdays have been dropped; the kids seem to be sleeping in.

## Halloween party

Kids ages 10 to 16 are invited to celebrate Halloween at the library with the Timé 4 Teens group. The supervised costume party will be held on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The kids are planning fall crafts, face painting, games, poetry and music. No party is complete without fun food, so spooky snacks, goody bags and beverages will be a part of the celebration. The party is

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just around the corner, so start planning your costume today.

## Romp and read

If daytime story times just don't work for your family, Romp and Read has your solution. We have added a Tuesday evening session at 6:30. Toddlers, preschoolers and their siblings are invited to join Kathy Meyer at the library for a story, songs and games, and then to enjoy time to play and make new friends while parents are close by.

## What's new

### • Adult fiction

"A Change In Altitude" by Anita Shreve

"Every Man Dies Alone" by Hans Fallada

### • Juvenile nonfiction

"National Geographic's Earth In The Hot Seat" by Marfe Ferguson Delano

"The Frog Scientist" by Pamela S. Turner

• All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. For information, call 756-2053 or visit [www.uhls.org/RCSCL/](http://www.uhls.org/RCSCL/).

# Have a fun fall evening at library

The seasonal treats of apple picking, carving pumpkins and raking leaves will be part of our evening stories and our art activity. Families with preschoolers through grade two are invited to enjoy this fall evening with Miss Amy on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. Sign-up is requested.

## Paws for reading

Paws for reading on Oct. 18. Bella and Jill, our Paws dogs, want to help your child feel good about reading. If your child is in grades one to five, schedule an appointment with Gail Brown to help build reading confidence in your child.

## Remembering Betty

An event is planned to honor

## Voorheesville Public Library

the spirit of Betty Smith, one of our Nimblefingers ladies who died this year on June 9, a few months short of her 100th birthday. Betty was a longtime resident of Voorheesville and an avid and talented quiltmaker. This party is for all to gather and celebrate her life. Come for an afternoon of food and fun at the library from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25.

## Teen Read Week

We are celebrating Teen Read Week Oct. 18 to 23 with "Read Beyond Reality," a festival of films that originated from books. There will be Jeopardy-like quizzes with prizes, too. Join us on Friday, Oct.

23, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the VPL community room. Sign-up please - grades six and older.

## 'Fantastic Mr. Fox'

Fourth- and fifth-graders should love reading and discussing "Fantastic Mr. Fox" by Roald Dahl on Friday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. Register at the reference desk and pick up a copy of the book.

## Call for recipes

Don't forget to bring a recipe for the community cookbook.

Barbara Vink

• All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2791 or visit [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org).

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with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 06/19/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corporate Svcs Corp., 1 Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21701 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

INSPIRED HEALTH COACHING LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State ("SOS") on 9/22/2009. LLC office is in Albany County, NY. SOS was designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SOS shall mail copy of process served to Inspired Health Coaching LLC, 6254 Johnson Road, Albany, NY 12203. The purpose is any lawful act or activity. LD-21706 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of United Debt Holding LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/14/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/23/08. 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 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of the principal office: 4833 Front St., Unit B, Ste. 243, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Cover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of

## LEGAL NOTICE

State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21707 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Veruca Salt of New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o David J. Kuter, 111 E. Wayne St., Ste. 800, Fort Wayne, IN 46802. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21708 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication SPECKLED LIZARD LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/30/2009 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21711 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CYPRIANA CATERING & EVENTS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 1, 2009. 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

## LEGAL NOTICE

1975 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. LD-21717 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE  
1. The name of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is Jeffrey Ryan Family Medicine, PLLC.  
2. The Articles of Organization were filed April 23, 2008.  
3. The office of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.  
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agency of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.  
5. The purpose of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which a Professional Service Limited Liability Company may be formed. LD-21721 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of IT OF NYC, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 8/24/09 Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 2692 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-21722 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RONIA AMIRA SKIN CARE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with

## LEGAL NOTICE

SSNY on 7/31/09. 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. LD-21724 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AA CAPITAL SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/29/09. 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. LD-21725 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KOB WORLDWIDE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/29/09. 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. LD-21726 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Labouriau, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/1/09. Office

## LEGAL NOTICE

location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21727 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY at 6:00 p.m. on the 28th day of October 2009 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained. Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's office at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor \$109,028  
Councilmen (each) 14,386  
Town Clerk 70,725

## LEGAL NOTICE

Superintendent of Highways 97,244  
Receiver of Taxes & Assessments 63,029

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such Notice shall be published once in the following newspapers: THE SPOT-LIGHT, the official newspaper of the Town on October 14, 2009 and the TIMES UNION, an Albany newspaper, on October 14, 2009.  
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, MMC, RMC TOWN CLERK  
Dated: September 23, 2009  
LD-21728 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Gary & Regina Bohl for a variance under Article XIII, Section 128-100, percentage of lot coverage, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem for the construction of a three (3) season room at 8 Olympian Dr., Slingerlands, NY. Michael C. Hodom, Chairman, Board of Appeals  
NOTE: The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate in the public hearing, should contact the

## LEGAL NOTICE

Town Clerks Office at (518) 439-4955 ext. 1183. LD-21729 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication PINDER AND VINDER, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/7/2009 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21730 (October 14, 2009)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a New York Professional Service Limited Liability Company  
The name of the Professional Service Limited Liability Company is NATALIE LOPASIC, M.D., PLLC (the "Company"). The Company was formed, and the Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State, on October 2, 2009. The Company's principal office is located in Albany County. The registered agent for the Company, upon whom process against the Company may be served, is 711 Troy-Schenectady Road, Suite 109, Latham, New York 12110. The Company does not have a specific date of dissolution. The character or purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Professional Limited Liability Company Law. Respectfully submitted, JAMES F. SEELEY, ESQ. October 7, 2009. LD-21731 (October 14, 2009)

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## FOUND

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Found on September 29th, orange and white cat under 1 yr old on Village Drive, Delmar. Please call 451-9913.

## FURNITURE FOR SALE

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## GARAGE SALES

Estate Sale: furniture + other items for sale. If interested please call 542-6599 to set up an appointment.

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Park Avenue Nursery School Multi-Family Yard Sale: October 17th, 8:00am-2:00pm at 1102 S. Country Club Dr., Niskayuna.

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## LOST

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## MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

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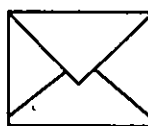
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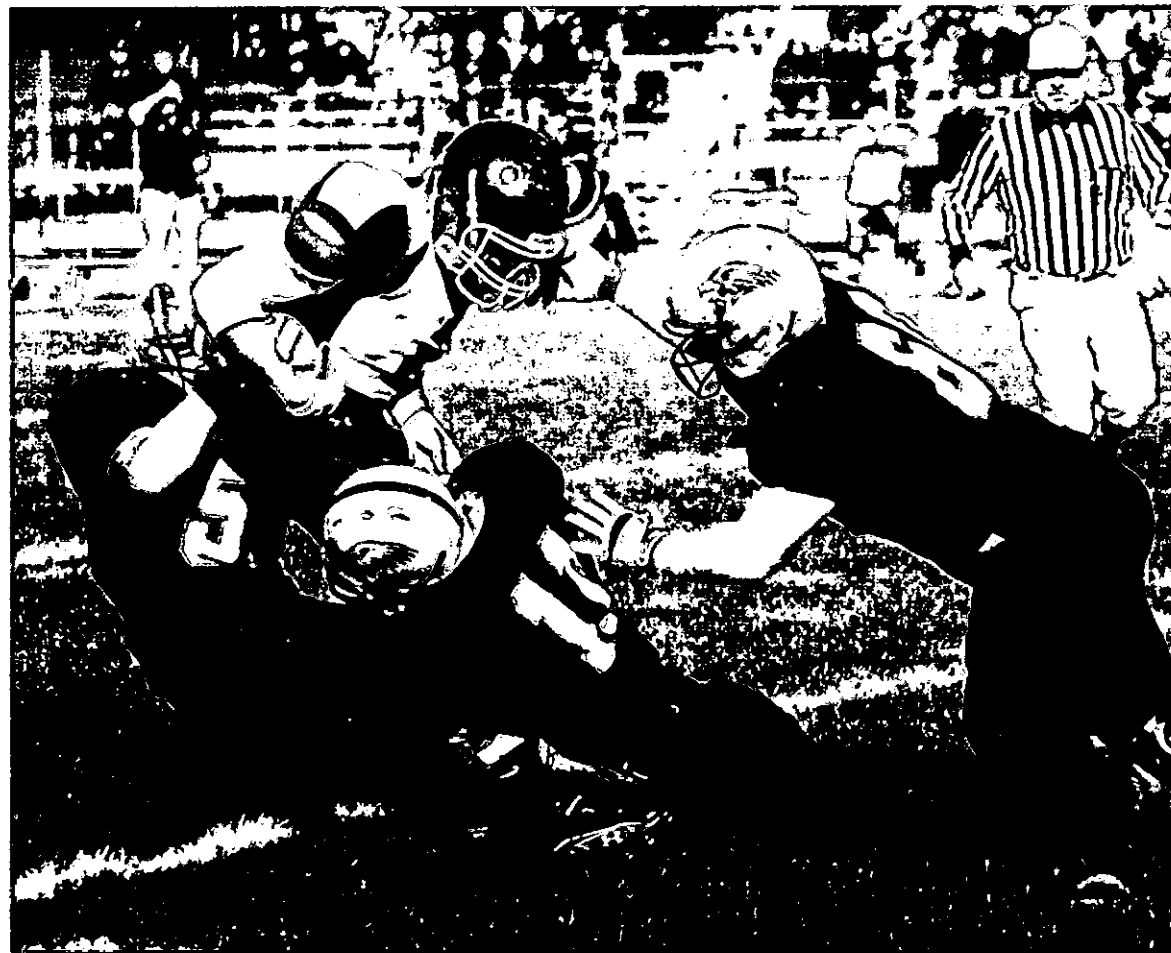
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Bethlehem's Zach McDowell (55), Mike Kerins (11) and Ted Abriel tackle LaSalle's RJ Williams during Saturday's Liberty Division game in Delmar.

Robert Goo/Spotlight

# Eagles maintain hold on first place

The Bethlehem boys soccer team returned to its winning ways last week with shutout victories over Ballston Spa and Averill Park.

The Eagles (9-3) scored a goal in each half to knock off Ballston Spa 2-0 last Tuesday. Mike Mulhall tallied once and assisted on Chris Wilsey's goal to lead Bethlehem's offense.

Goaltender Dan Maddock stopped nine shots to pick up the win for Bethlehem. Ballston Spa netminder Adam Myers made three saves.

The Eagles turned in another dominating performance to beat Averill Park 4-0 last Thursday. Bethlehem held a 15-2 advantage in shots as it maintained its half-point lead over Guilderland for the South Division lead.

Mulhall had two goals, while Kenny McDermith and Brian Spina contributed goals for Bethlehem. Danny Carillo added two assists.

After hosting Mohonasen Tuesday, the Eagles welcome Colonie to Delmar Thursday before closing the regular season next week with games against Columbia and Guilderland.

The Dutchmen (7-3-2) broke out of a three-game winless streak last Thursday by beating

Mohonasen 6-0 in Rotterdam.

Jordan Weeden recorded a hat trick to give Guilderland its first victory since beating Averill Park 9-1 Sept. 24. Jimmy Quinn, Nick Cannistraci and Chris Talone added goals for the Dutchmen.

Guilderland entered the Mohonasen game off a scoreless tie against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake last Tuesday. The Dutchmen held a 2-to-1 advantage in shots, but they couldn't get anything into the net.

Guilderland returned to action Tuesday against Colonie. The Dutchmen visit Columbia Thursday before hosting Averill Park next Tuesday.

In other boys soccer action last week, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (2-8 league, 3-8 overall) won its second Colonial Council game of the season Saturday with a 2-1 victory over Cobleskill. Chris Bowman scored both of the Indians' goals, while Matt Williams tallied for the Bulldogs.

Voorheesville will be looking to build off the momentum of last Tuesday's 1-0 overtime victory over Colonial Council-leading Schalmont when it travels to Cobleskill Wednesday. The win moved the Blackbirds (7-1, 9-1) within four points of the Sabres with two games in hand.

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## Blackbirds sweep Raiders

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Morgan Vanderwort recorded 11 kills and seven digs to lead the Blackbirds, who won their games by scores of 25-14, 25-10 and 25-15. Kesley DeZalia had 21 service points, and Eljlie Wagner added 13 digs.

Voorheesville remained a half-game behind Schalmont in the Colonial Council standings after the Sabres (9-0) defeated Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk in four games last Friday.

Hilary Swift had 14 kills and 10 blocks for Schalmont, which won the first two games 25-10 and 25-13. Haleigh Morrow's nine kills and 18 digs led R-C-S (7-2), which won the third game 25-14 before losing 25-21 in the fourth game.

In other girls volleyball action, Bethlehem (11-1) defeated Averill Park 25-18, 25-13, 25-18 behind 10 combined service aces from Nicole Howland and Julie Landrigan.



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## Bills

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completed two out of 17 pass attempts for a grand total of 23 yards – for the entire game. You could have taken a Pop Warner quarterback out of the stands and done better than if you played Anderson.

Not that Buffalo could take advantage of Cleveland's lack of a passing game. The Bills submarined themselves time and again with penalties. It got so bad that after the umpteenth false start, my nephew removed the Bills' T-shirt he had been wearing over his clothes and told me he was now going to refer to his favorite NFL team as "that football team."

As the game stumbled along, I kept wondering what it would take to turn the tide in one team's favor. What it took was a fumbled punt return by Buffalo's Roscoe Parrish – who, by the way, is supposedly one of the Bills' best players – to set Cleveland up with the field position necessary to kick the winning field goal. Of course, the Browns had to kick for the win because their offense couldn't figure out how to get into the end zone. Still, they got the ball close enough to the end zone (actually, the 2-foot line) before kicking the winning field goal. So, that's an improvement.

When the final gun sounded (luckily, it was pointed into the air and not at any of the players or coaches), neither me nor my nephew felt good about what we endured. My nephew arguably felt more miserable than me because his team lost, but I didn't feel much better. After all, by law an NFL team shouldn't win when I could out-throw that team's quarterback – and I have a horrible arm.

Still, there was one saving grace to the whole horrible afternoon. On one of the other TV screens, they showed Jonathan Papelbon's ninth inning meltdown as the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim

(Orange County) came back to beat the Boston Red Sox 7-6 and sweep Boston out of the playoffs.

At least that made my nephew – who is also a New York Yankees fan – smile.

Having detailed the worst NFL game, let's switch gears and look at the best high school football Section II has to offer. It's this week's power rankings.

### Class AA

1. LaSalle – The Cadets are ready for their Liberty Division showdown with Schenectady following Saturday's 42-10 victory over Bethlehem.

2. Shenendehowa – The Plainsmen are cruising into Friday's clash with Saratoga Springs. They've outscored their last three opponents – Guilderland, Albany and CBA – 134-34.

3. Saratoga – The Blue Streaks have been getting things done with their defense. They haven't allowed an opponent to score more than two touchdowns in a game since their opening week 21-16 loss to LaSalle.

4. Schenectady – The Patriots keep rolling along on offense, as last Friday's 42-21 victory over Columbia showed. But, can Schenectady do that against LaSalle's defense?

5. Ballston Spa – The Scotties took a tumble, but they can still earn a share of the Empire Division title if they beat Guilderland and Shen beats Saratoga. At that point, tiebreakers will determine who gets the No. 1 seed.

### Class A

1. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake – Were the Spartans anxious to prove something when they scored 21 first quarter points on their way to a 55-6 victory over South Glens Falls last Saturday? Perhaps they didn't want a repeat of Week 5, when they struggled in the first half before pulling away from Glens Falls.

2. Troy – The Flying Horses are still searching for an opponent who can test them for a full

game. Perhaps Niskayuna will be that team when they meet in Saturday's Southeast Division finale.

3. Niskayuna – The Silver Warriors looked very strong in beating Scotia-Glenville 35-14 last Friday. Still, they'll have their work cut out for them trying to contain Troy's offense, which has scored 303 points through six games.

4. Gloversville – The Huskies can lock up the No. 2 seed in the Northwest Division if they beat Glens Falls or Queensbury loses to BH-BL Friday. Frankly, I like Gloversville's chances.

5. Queensbury – Shutting out Glens Falls 21-0 last Saturday was a nice accomplishment for the other Spartans. Somehow, I doubt they will do the same to the BH-BL Spartans Friday.

### Best of the rest

Class B – Lansingburgh. Despite their 23-20 loss to Broadalbin-Perth last week, I'm leaving the Knights in this position because, frankly, I think it was a fluke.

Class C – Hoosick Falls. I don't think the Panthers' 21-19 victory over Cambridge is a fluke, though. I also think these two teams will meet again in the Class C playoffs.

Class D – Rensselaer. Frankly, I think it would be a fluke if the Rams lost to anyone else in this division.

## Guilderland girls place second at Manhattan

The Guilderland girls cross country team had a big day at Saturday's Manhattan Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx.

The Lady Dutch finished second out of 25 teams in the Varsity B division. Red Bank Catholic was first with 80 points, followed by Guilderland with 111 points.

Three Lady Dutch runners placed in the top 20, led by Michelle Fish's ninth-place finish in a time of 16:10.07. Erin Mossop was 14th in a time of 16:23.36, and Jenna Robinson placed 20th in a time of 16:28.22. Anna Pickett (24th place, 16:37.29) and Lea

Cure (46th, 16:59.18) rounded out Guilderland's top five.

Guilderland's boys team placed sixth out of 28 teams in the Varsity E division. The Dutchmen had 187 points, 38 points behind fifth-place West Windsor-Plainsboro. Baldwinsville won the division title with 72 points.

Andrew Coy led Guilderland with a 24th-place finish in a time of 13:49.72. Nico Turek followed in 37th place with a time of 14:00.77, and Andrew Klug finished in 38th place with a time of 14:01.18. Austin Miller (41st place, 14:03.74) and Caleb Doak (52nd, 14:16.39) rounded out the Dutchmen's top five.

## Hockey team car wash

The Bethlehem varsity hockey team is holding a car wash Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hewitt's on Feura Bush Road in Bethlehem.

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After having a 38-game unbeaten streak snapped two weeks ago, the Bethlehem girls soccer team is building another winning streak.

The Lady Eagles won their fifth consecutive game last Thursday by shutting out Averill Park 3-0 in a Suburban Council South Division game in Delmar.

The win came at a price, though. Leading scorer Kaitlyn Martin tore her ACL in the first

half and is out for the rest of the season.

"That changes things a little bit for us," said Bethlehem coach Tom Rogan. "We just have to do our best to move forward."

Without Martin, Kristina Maksuti handled all the goal scoring for Bethlehem (10-1) with a hat trick against Averill Park. Anna Gray and Michelle Primomo contributed assists, and goaltender Katie Nickels needed only two saves to pick up the shutout.

The Lady Eagles used a more balanced scoring attack to down Ballston Spa 7-2 last Tuesday. Martin had two goals and two assists, while Tara Teal chipped in a pair of goals for Bethlehem.

Kristina and Marjana Maksuti each contributed a goal and two assists in the win.

"Any game is nice to win, but it's nicer when the scoring is across the board," said Rogan.

Bethlehem looked to extend its winning streak to six games Tuesday when it traveled to Rotterdam to face Mohonasen. The Mighty Warriors were hoping to be in better physical shape than they were last Thursday, when they had to postpone their game at Guiderland after several players became sick.

In other girls soccer action last week, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk had its three-game winning streak snapped by Lansingburgh with a 1-0 Colonial Council loss Friday.

Sarah Cipperly scored the game's lone goal in the second half for the Knights.

The Indians (6-4 league, 6-5 overall) entered their game against Lansingburgh off a 1-0 victory over Cohoes last Wednesday. Emily Scott scored in the first half, and goaltender Teagan Waddingham made the lead stand up with 11 saves.

R-C-S traveled to Albany Tuesday to face Holy Names.

Voorheesville (5-3-1, 6-4-1) had a more successful day at the offensive end against Cohoes with last Friday's 5-0 victory. Hannah Brackett led the Blackbirds with two goals, while Caitlin Abelseth, Carrie Gorka and Eryn Ryan added the other goals.

## LaSalle handles BC

The Bethlehem football team had a 10-7 lead on Liberty Division-leading LaSalle after the first quarter.

After that, it was all LaSalle (4-0 division, 6-0 overall) as the defending Section II, Class AA champions defeated Bethlehem 42-10 Saturday in Delmar.

Cory Rifenberick scored on a 1-yard run early in the second quarter to give the Cadets the lead for good. Rifenberick added touchdown runs of 19 and six yards in the third quarter to break the game open.

Bethlehem's Jon Martin kicked a 36-yard field goal to give the Eagles (1-3, 2-4) a 3-0 first quarter lead. LaSalle's Mike Murray connected with Vinny Planz on a 10-yard touchdown pass to put the Cadets ahead 7-3, but Casiem Maxwell took off on a 72-yard scoring run on the next play from scrimmage to give Bethlehem the lead back.

Maxwell carried the ball 19 times for 146 yards for the Eagles, who will need a victory over Colonie and a Shaker win against Columbia this weekend to earn a Sectional berth. Columbia (1-3, 2-4) owns the tiebreaker



Bethlehem running back Casiem Maxwell cuts through LaSalle's line during last Saturday's Liberty Division game in Delmar.  
Robert Goo/Spotlight

over Bethlehem, courtesy of its 24-7 victory over the Eagles last month.

In other football action last weekend, Guiderland defeated Albany 19-14 in an Empire Division contest, while Voorheesville edged Canajoharie 26-22 in a Class C South Division game.

Quarterback Ryan Smith rushed for a touchdown and passed for another in the first quarter to give Guiderland (2-2, 3-3) a 13-7 lead. Smith then

connected with Luke Stark on a 27-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter for what proved to be the winning points.

Smith passed for 168 yards and ran for 22 yards to lead the Dutchmen, who close out the regular season Friday at Ballston Spa in an Empire Division game.

Voorheesville quarterback Ryan Duncan had a big day against Canajoharie: Duncan threw for 163 yards and four touchdowns — three of which

went to James Currier — to lead the Blackbirds (5-1) to victory. Duncan's fourth-quarter 30-yard scoring strike to Elliot Stryker sealed the win.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's hopes of making the Class B Sectionals ended with last Friday's 28-0 Reinfurt Division loss to Hudson.

The Indians fell to 0-4 in the division (1-5 overall) with a game against Lansingburgh left in the regular season.

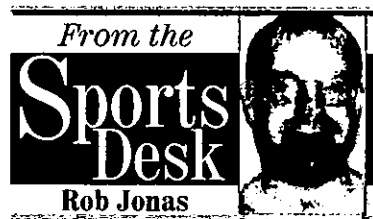
## Bills-Browns was 'Must-Not-See TV'

You know that feeling of utter frustration when you see a bad movie and know that you could have done a better job of directing?

Anyone who watched Sunday's Cleveland-Buffalo NFL "game" probably had that feeling.

I did because I sat through the whole three-hour debacle — "won" by the Browns 6-3 — from start to finish.

I decided to put myself through this hell and drag my 22-year-old nephew with me because ...



A. I'm a Cleveland Browns fan (yes, you can start laughing now)

B. He's a Buffalo Bills fan (yes, you can continue laughing now)

C. What else are a Browns fan

and a Bills fan going to do on a Sunday afternoon?

Since the game wasn't being broadcast locally, we went to the newest sports bar in Troy, the Recovery Room at the Hilton Garden Inn. We faced one of the many big-screen TVs, tuned in the audio portion of the broadcast and settled in to watch the game.

What we saw could hardly be called an NFL game. Between an inept Cleveland passing attack and Buffalo's penchant for false starts (nine of them, to be exact),

the two teams spent an entire game going nowhere fast.

At least Cleveland had one good player — punter Dave Zastudil. The guy was dangerous, especially with the wind at his back. Three of his punts were downed inside Buffalo's 5-yard line, including two at the 1-yard line.

On the other hand, Browns quarterback Derek Anderson wasn't dangerous with or without the wind at his back. Anderson

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## Varisty schedule

### Wednesday, Oct. 14

#### FIELD HOCKEY

Bethlehem at Guiderland, 4 p.m.

#### BOYS SOCCER

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Lansingburgh, 4:15 p.m.

Voorheesville at Cobleskill, 6:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS SWIMMING

Mohonasen-Schalmont at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

Niskayuna at Guilderville, 4:30 p.m.

#### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Colonie at Guiderland, 4 p.m.

Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Oct. 15

#### BOYS SOCCER

Colonie at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

Guiderland at Columbia, 7 p.m.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Bethlehem at Colonie, 4 p.m.

Voorheesville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 6 p.m.

Columbia at Guiderland, 7 p.m.

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Bethlehem at Colonie, 4 p.m.

Columbia at Guiderland, 4 p.m.

Voorheesville at Lansingburgh, 5:30 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 16

#### FIELD HOCKEY

Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

Guiderland at Shaker, 4 p.m.

#### FOOTBALL

Guiderland at Ballston Spa, 7 p.m.

Lansingburgh at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7 p.m.

#### BOYS SOCCER

Voorheesville at Mechanicville, 4 p.m.

Cohoes at R-C-S, 4:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS SWIMMING

R-C-S at Albany, 4:30 p.m.

#### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Bethlehem at Colonie, 4 p.m.

Guiderland at Columbia, 4 p.m.

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Cohoes at R-C-S, 5 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 17

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Bethlehem, Guiderland at Burnt Hills Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

#### FOOTBALL

Taconic Hills at Voorheesville, 1 p.m.

Colonie at Bethlehem, 1:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Mechanicville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 1 p.m.

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Guiderland at Queensbury Tournament, 9 a.m.

### Monday, Oct. 19

#### FIELD HOCKEY

Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Voorheesville at Lansingburgh, 6:30 p.m.

#### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Bethlehem at Columbia, 4 p.m.

Guiderland at Shaker, 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, Oct. 20

#### BOYS SOCCER

Voorheesville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 6 p.m.

Averill Park at Guiderland, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem at Columbia, 7 p.m.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Bethlehem at Columbia, 4 p.m.

Guiderland at Averill Park, 7 p.m.

#### GIRLS SWIMMING

Guilderville at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Columbia at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Albany Academy, 5 p.m.

Cobleskill at Voorheesville, 5:30 p.m.



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## North Colonie schools perennial top performers

By Superintendent  
Randy Ehrenberg

In the North Colonie School District, we strive to bring the best education to our students. The 2009-10 school year promises to be one of great accomplishment. We look forward to another wonderful year, building on the successes of last year.

In the 2008-09 school year, North Colonie was once again ranked the top performing school district in the Capital Region by *The Business Review* for the sixth time in the last nine years. We are proud of this accomplishment and will continue to provide students with exceptional educational opportunities at a reasonable cost to our taxpayers.

This past year, we saw 96 percent of our graduating seniors receive Regents diplomas and 70 percent of them received advanced Regents diplomas. We had 74 percent of our special education students earn Regents or Advanced Regents diplomas, which is one of the highest percentages in the state.

Since the beginning of this new school year, North Colonie has had opportunity to host a number of exciting and educational events. Students from Shaker Senior High School welcomed a group of Costa Rican students for a two-week exchange program. The visitors attended classes and got a taste of American family and classroom life.

On September 21, Southgate Elementary School celebrated its first International Peace Day. Students planted "Peace Pinwheels" on the lawn in front of the school in a visual display of peace.



Superintendent Randy Ehrenberg

Loudonville Elementary School recently held its annual Field Day. An interesting approach was taken to the opening ceremonies. Students from each grade level summarized the history of sports dating back to the early twentieth century. These displays included examples of song, dance, and spoken word.

I often hear new teachers say how much they are benefiting from their colleagues. Our Teacher-Mentor program has been in existence since 1989. The program covers all matters ranging from procedural questions to instructional techniques. The mentor program provides a highly professional relationship that prepares our teachers well.

North Colonie is fortunate to have talented faculty, staff, and administrators and to work with both supportive families and Board of Education members. We are committed to bringing the best education possible to all of our students. We continue to improve on our performance and focus on the areas in which we can grow and improve.

North Colonie Central Schools

American philosopher John Dewey once said, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

## Voorheesville committed to effort and achievement

By Superintendent  
Dr. Teresa Snyder

I am writing to you from our lovely District at the foot of the Helderberg escarpment, vibrant with autumnal colors, as the new Superintendent of Voorheesville Central School District.

I am so glad to be here and to bring to the community what I have found in my early months here. Voorheesville is a high performing school district in a community that values education. There is a commitment to providing, for all children, an opportunity to uncover their personal strengths and to develop their talents. The Board of Education, the administration, the faculty, and staff share a

determination that this District will be about more than the scores on any particular set of assessments. We work from the conviction that the District will create a learning environment that challenges all of our children:

- to practice exemplary scholarship;
- to broaden experiences in cognitive, physical, and social environments;
- to demonstrate outstanding character;
- to practice habits of good health and wellness;
- to understand the



Superintendent Dr. Teresa Snyder

responsibilities of good citizenship.

I have long been a believer that going to school is not about being smart — it is about becoming smarter — and I am committed to the mission that every person here, regardless of the age or role, will be smarter at the end

of the year than we are now. Learning is a life long adventure and believing that affirms for our students that we are committed to effort and achievement in its multiple forms.

We look forward to a terrific year.

## South Colonie schools a partner in the community

By Superintendent  
Jonathan W. Buhner

As we embark on another school year, the entire South Colonie community celebrates our successes as a school district and looks ahead to the upcoming initiatives and challenges we all face together.

Some of our recent accomplishments include:

- Enhancements to our early intervention program with the expansion of Universal Pre-Kindergarten and the transition to full day kindergarten district-wide;

• A New York State School Report Card which rates South Colonie as being "in good standing" academically and the implementation of systems to monitor and track the growth and success of each student;

- Comprehensive programs, which promote good character in our young people across all grade levels.

None of this could be accomplished without the exceptional parent and guardian participation in our schools. Thank you to all of our parents, PTA units and the Special Education PTA unit. Your involvement in the educational process is critical.

As we look forward, some of the initiatives we will be focusing on during the 2009-10 school year include:

- Early intervention services to ensure student success from the start;



Superintendent John Buhner

Continuation of tracking individual student growth; Enhanced professional development for South Colonie instructional staff;

- New programs focusing on Character Education and the celebration of diversity;

- Continued monitoring, evaluation and maintaining of your public facilities;

• Unveiling of new parent communications/information tools with the redesign of the district web site and a new emergency notification system.

Finally, as we begin planning for another difficult budget year, we will continue to evaluate all facets of our operational budget to provide the highest quality programs at the most reasonable cost. Our Board of Education, administration and teachers are committed to providing the quality programs you expect at a cost the community can support.

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# Reflections of a Headmaster

By JEFFREY P. LOOMIS

*The author is Head of School at Saint Gregory's School in Loudonville.*

Each morning I sit in my office or stand in the hallways and watch eager children come to school for a day of learning. Each afternoon, as I am outside supervising dismissal, I watch those same children leave school for music lessons, sporting events, family activities, and a night's worth of homework and studying. I wonder what type of day they had. Did we do all we could to enhance their learning? Was today not just another day, but a special day?

I have been in education for twenty years in one capacity or another. I have always enjoyed my responsibilities as an educator and taken them seriously. Whether it was teaching in the classroom, coaching on the basketball court, or counseling a student in my office, I knew that my words and actions would have an impact on the child that was in my presence.

Seven years ago, I had one of the most joyous, life-altering events anyone can have. I became a father for the first time. I started to see education in a new light. I no longer saw it merely from the point of view of an educator trying to do what is right for the children entrusted to me. I saw it in terms of being a father and what I want for my son. I knew he would grow up and participate in a very different world than I did. What is it I want for my son in this twenty-first century? It is the same thing we all want for our children.

Many of you would think that first on the list would be a top-notch academic program. Make no mistake about it, that is very important, but not the only priority. We want our children to be in an educational environment that shares and fosters the same values as our families do at home. We want them to learn about respect and how to treat other people. We want them to learn about what true friendship means. We want them to understand the concept of forgiveness and that there are

more important things in life than the daily squabbles that sometimes consume so much of our day.

We want our children to look upon the world with confidence and know that with hard work, they are going to be successful. We want them to look people in the eye and state their name in a loud, clear voice. With a firm handshake, we want them to communicate that they are self-assured and confident about their capabilities. We want them to know that the world is their playground and not the other way around.

We want a small educational environment where the teachers know our children as individuals and not another member of an overpopulated classroom. We want teachers who recognize the talents our children possess and push them to new heights. We want our children to feel comfortable and confident about taking risks.

This requires teachers who will challenge our children to take great leaps of faith and our children will do so because caring people will put out a safety net for their landing. We want an education that goes beyond the '3 Rs' and incorporates athletics, the arts, community service, and leadership opportunities.

Yes, we do want a strong academic education as well. So many doors can be opened or closed depending upon our education. A strong education is one where students are given the necessary skills to be at their best. They need to know how to study, how to be organized, how to communicate, both from an oral and written perspective. They need to learn how to work independently and with others.

They need to know how to meet deadlines. They need to know how to share in the glory of a successful project and stand up

**"Every day is special, because every child is special."**

Jeffrey P. Loomis

Head of School at Saint Gregory's School in Loudonville

and take the responsibility for something that has gone wrong. They need to deal with failure and be able to bounce back the next time around.

Do these skills sound familiar? They are the same skills many businesses are looking for in potential employees. Many businesses provide a significant amount of on-the-job training. While they expect you to have a proper education, they will train you to perform your duties. Many business leaders state that potential candidates are falling short in all of the categories mentioned above.

Have you ever had a conversation with your child where they are asking for everything? Do you remember saying something to the effect of you do not get everything you wish for?

I am very fortunate. Everything I have mentioned in the preceding paragraphs I have for my son. He gets this type of value infused education everyday at Saint Gregory's School in Loudonville, New York.

Not only do I get this for my son, but I am ever so fortunate to be head of this school. Every day I see teachers use their subject matter as a vehicle for growing all of these skills in the children entrusted to them. I wonder, was it just another day, or a special day?

I know.

Every day is special, because every child is special.

# New school year off to a great start at GCSD

By Superintendent John W. McGuire

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, Guilderland Central School District students returned to their respective buildings to kick off yet another exciting school year. I would like to commend all of our school community members—faculty, staff, and parents—for coming together as a team to start out a successful school year for our children.

Looking back over the past few months, it is clear that this was not a typical summer for our district. Most notably, we began the first phase of a two-year capital project at the high school and within all of our elementary schools.

Throughout July and August, our buildings were in various stages of renovation. Heating and ventilation systems were replaced; technology cables were installed; tile was replaced; site systems were adjusted; and additions were built. Needless to say, access to these buildings was restricted and many staff members were relocated to the middle school for the duration of the summer work.

Yet despite these challenging circumstances, I am pleased to say that all of our buildings opened on time and in good order. This is due, in large part, to the outstanding members of the district's buildings and grounds department, as well as our



John W. McGuire

maintenance and custodial staff. Their dedication ensured that all of our facilities were prepared for the start of the new school year.

In addition to the improvements being made to our buildings, GCSD is proud of the improvements being made to our educational programming, as well.

Beginning in 2009-10, the district is now offering a full-day kindergarten program for our youngest learners. Research has shown that students engaged in a full-day model achieve higher levels of academic skill and show enhanced self-confidence, independence, and social-emotional development. We are very excited to share the benefits of this transition with our district families.

Also new this year is the expansion of our Foreign Language Early Start (FLES) program to all students in grades K-4 and the addition of the next sequential course in our high school technology education program, Project Lead the Way.

Indeed, things are off to a great start in Guilderland. Please accept my best wishes for an outstanding school year!

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# More turning to education in tough economy

**Rising enrollment attributed to a number of factors**

By ARIANA COHN  
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We live in a time of unpredictability, when little is certain about the future of jobs and the economy.

But one certainty that more and more people are turning to is that of education, and the simple fact that by obtaining more knowledge you can go further in life.

This seems to be the motto for many students who are attending colleges and universities throughout the Capital District to extend their education and enhance their opportunities of coming out with greater potential for a decent job.

"Our enrollment is through the roof," said Wendy Diefendorf, director of graduate and adult admissions at The Sage Colleges. "A lot of people are coming back to school and changing directions in life."

According to Diefendorf, many people who have been in the workforce who might have obtained their bachelor's degrees in years prior are coming back now to obtain master's in other study areas. Diefendorf said that colleges are really beginning to see people coming back to school with a real sense of urgency to jump into a field foreign to what they have been working in.

"We're seeing more and more people go into the field of education," she said. "It may very well be because so many corporations are laying off and people start to think about, all of a sudden, 'I really wanted to be a teacher.'"

While this sense of urgency is holding true for people who want to receive their bachelor's degrees as well as those wanting to earn their master's,



Students at Hudson Valley Community College take part in a class on electricity for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration taught by Dave Fuller.

Diefendorf said, more students are enrolling in the graduate program in the past few years.

Other students are returning to school after serving in the military. Though they can be at times older than other students, some former military students decide to further their education after serving their country.

Just-In'Love Smith, 26, originally of Sacramento, Calif., served four years in the Army, and after being deployed and coming back from Iraq, decided he wanted to eventually take up a career in comedy.

Before leaving for Iraq, Smith

completed one year of studies at Hudson Valley Community College, and once coming back, completed another year to earn his associate's degree.

Smith now attends Siena College, playing as a shooting guard for the Siena Saints and working towards his bachelor's degree and then eventually his master's.

"I have lots of options," Smith said of his career future, acknowledging that without these degrees, none of them would be possible. Some of the choices he is considering include becoming a comedian, a state Trooper or a Border

Patrol officer.

At Hudson Valley Community College, in Troy, many adults are going back to school to receive training in specific areas, whether it be taking a few credit or non-credit courses or going on to complete degrees in new subjects, according to Eric Bryant, assistant director for communications and marketing for the college.

"We offer both credit and non-credit courses and obviously a variety of different training options," said Bryant. "People can come in either as a new younger student, or as an older adult student for a career change or a new career."

Bryant also said that community colleges are often one of the first places an adult looks to switch careers because many times, community colleges make the training

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director of graduate and adult  
admissions at The Sage Colleges

simple, easing the transition from one career into the next.

"I would say that community colleges, in general, are often a first option for returning adults because we offer a huge variety of coursework. We probably have a dozen programs from heating and ventilation to nursing," he said. "You can basically work a full-time job and come to courses and complete a degree at night. That's very attractive to some students."

While community colleges typically come with a cheaper price tag than many other four-year colleges and universities, in a time when financial circumstances that could be preventing many from returning to school are prominent, some financial institutions are doing what they can to help those individuals wishing to return to school to be able to afford it.

Capital Communications Federal Credit Union's College Bound Program helps students—traditional or adult—fund their education through loans that are easily manageable.

Paula Stopera, president and CEO of Capital Communications, said that while younger students typically need a co-signer to take a loan, adults have many options when it comes to financial assistance.

"If you're established in employment, you do not need a co-signer. If not, there are other ways that we can help to support you. We have lots of alternatives for student loans," she said. Another option for adults who own homes is to use the equity on their homes to obtain the loans.

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# Mildred Elley adds Microsoft IT program

**School can now provide advanced level certification**

Mildred Elley prides itself in continuously updating current programs and adding new programs to meet the ever-changing needs of local employers. The Information Technology program at Mildred Elley's Albany campus has been the latest program to "download software upgrades" to say the least.

Mildred Elley is now an advanced level Microsoft IT Academy member. As a member of this highly regarded program, students are prepared to take several Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) examinations that collectively lead to certification as a Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA). Additionally, students are also prepared for CompTIA+ certification exam.

Mildred Elley's Information Technology program now uses Microsoft-approved materials, textbooks, and software for many of its Microsoft Official Academic Courses that support the MCSA credentialing preparation.

Microsoft Certification is one of the most challenging and esteemed approvals in the industry.

"The Microsoft IT Academy Web site states that Microsoft has certified more than three million professionals worldwide. In a recent study, IT hiring managers found that team performance improves as each new team member becomes certified.

Managers also reported that top teams on average have 40 to 55 percent Microsoft-certified team members who are trained on relevant Microsoft technologies.

Mildred Elley decided to align itself with Microsoft IT Academy because it provides students the ability to prove their skills in performing real-world tasks through Microsoft's certification exams.

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Brian Hendron, an IT Support Technician at Mildred Elley, holds MCP, MCSA and multiple CompTIA certifications. In addition to these, he is also currently working towards his MCSE (Microsoft Certified System Engineer) certification.

"Certifications represent your level of expertise," Hendron stated. "When applying for a job, potential employers are looking for a combination of three things: education, experience and certifications."

Hendron went on to explain the importance of continuously taking certification exams. "The field of Information Technology is always changing. If you're not taking the latest certification, you're light years behind."

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**WTEN news anchor Lydia Kulbida exemplifies the non-traditional student**

By ARIANA COHN  
cohnna@spotlightnews.com

When Lydia Kulbida isn't preparing her pieces for the 4 o'clock news, she's hard at work preparing her homework assignments for the following days' class.

Kulbida, former WNYT news anchor and now WTEN news anchor, is a graduate student in The Sage Colleges graduate program, and

While Kulbida is not your typical student, she decided to go back to school to follow another career path after the economic slump made her question the future of her career in broadcast journalism.

Kulbida said she had tossed around the idea of going back to school after watching her friends go back, but she was afraid that she would be unlike many other students.

"I think I thought about it probably for two or three years before I actually did it. I had seen other friends going back to school," she said. "And then, when I finally took the plunge, I was in a math class. So I'm in this college level math class and I look around and say, 'Wow, not only am I not nearly older than the professor, but I'm not even older than many of the people in my class.'"

Kulbida, who earned her bachelor's degree at New York University, then felt more confident that she was not alone when it came to adults returning to school to obtain higher degrees. She began a master's program part-time while she also worked part-time at WNYT.

"I started part time when I was still in my other job [at WNYT] just because of the ways the journalism industry was going and I just wasn't sure," she said.

And then, unexpectedly, Kulbida lost her job with WNYT which she held for over 10 years, and was forced to consider what career path she would like to



*"I find I appreciate it much more at this time in my life."*

— Lydia Kulbida, WTEN news anchor

follow, and how quickly she wanted to obtain her degree.

She began thinking back to when she was a little girl and what she had wanted to be when she grew up. While she was still applying for new jobs, Kulbida decided to pursue graduate school full time.

This time, going back to school, Kulbida said she found a new appreciation for her education.

"I find I appreciate it much more at this time in my life," she said.

Connell Frazer, former dean of the school of education at The Sage Colleges and currently the dean of online learning and Kulbida's advisor, said that Kulbida, like many students, proves that a person's real-life experience can enhance a student's educational experience.

"[The students] come in knowing that the market is not good, but they know from their life experience in business and with their families that they are just drawn [to this profession,]" Frazer said. "They're very planful people. These are extremely motivated folks."

Frazer said she sees two types of people typically enter the education programs at The Sage Colleges: People who come in knowing what they would like to do when they get out and people who have been out of college, had other careers and come back wanting to pursue something else.

While Kulbida was recently hired by WTEN as a news anchor and is now back to taking classes part-time, she still wants to pursue her degree in elementary education and hopes to teach in an urban setting once she is finished, she said.

Kulbida is currently in her third semester at The Sage Colleges.

She does have some advice to offer other students like her, that are perhaps considering continuing their education but unsure of whether or not to go through with it.

"The more skills you have, the more valuable you are and no matter what you take you can always learn something to apply to your life in any setting," she said.

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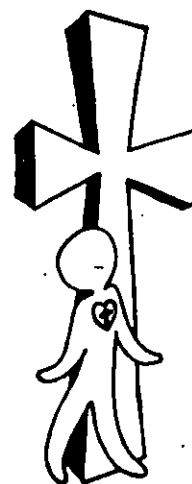
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# BH-BL ranking reflects continued goals

by Superintendent  
Jim Schultz

While the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake school district is proud to be ranked by the *Business Review* newspaper as one of the highest performing school districts in the Greater Capital Region, our staff and Board of Education remain focused on planning for the future and on raising student achievement to even higher levels.

For instance, on December 9, BH-BL residents will go to the polls to consider a Renovations Referendum that, if approved,



Jim Schultz

preventative maintenance, BH-BL voters have a long history of approving major renovation bonds every 5 to 6 years. This history has both kept our facilities in good shape and increased the

will allow us to address our most critical school infrastructure needs in the most cost-effective manner. Just as wise homeowners invest money annually in

amount of state money available to pay for renovations. Projects in the December referendum will include both the basics (like fixing leaky roofs and 50-year-old septic systems) and the forward-thinking (like using fiber optics to improve teacher and students' ability to access the internet). We will be sharing much more information about the upcoming vote over the next month.

Another recent development at BH-BL is the creation of a Strategic Framework Committee, which the Board of Education has charged with developing key questions that can guide the direction of our instructional

planning and budgeting over the next 10 - 15 years. This kind of long-range analysis and planning is how we build the foundation for our students' continued success.

I am extremely proud that this June our graduating Class of 2009 achieved an amazing Regents diploma rate of 97 percent. That sort of success did not happen overnight. On the contrary, it took many years of hard work by our students, supported by their parents and by the entire staff of this school district - everyone working together to ensure the best possible outcome for our children.

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## Mohonasen plays host to new programs, new buildings



Dr. Kathleen Spring

By Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Spring

Each new school year brings with it a variety of new and exciting happenings. But this year is especially exciting because we kicked off the start of our full-day kindergarten program which now allows more time for enrichment activities, individual and group tasks and projects, and intervention for at-risk students. Our young students now have more time to master the basics—reading, writing, speaking, listening, and exploring the arts.

Our high school students can now study criminal science (fingerprinting, handwriting analysis, etc.) and criminal justice through Mo-Tech, the district's new career-centered program.

These new programs are housed in newly renovated schools thanks to the voter-approved EXCEL building project (Phase I) that improved the schools' infrastructure, at no cost to taxpayers.

Construction crews spent the summer making our schools safer and more energy efficient. Each building received structural upgrades as well as improvements

to security and safety features. Additionally, there are three new fine arts classrooms and corridor being built this fall at the high school. (For details, visit [www.mohonasen.org](http://www.mohonasen.org)).

Phase I of the district's long-term facilities and programmatic plans made basic physical improvements. The next step will focus on enhancing Mohonasen's programs and expanding options for our students by providing them with the services, space, and equipment they need to be prepared for the 21st century workplace. The Phase II building project is slated to go before voters this winter, and the district will receive 95 percent state aid resulting in little or no cost to taxpayers.

Details of Phase II are being discussed, and negotiations to acquire land behind the high school are ongoing. However, preliminary plans include the construction of a classroom wing and a new library/media center at Draper; a high-tech science wing and cafeteria at the high school to accommodate new programs (horticulture, culinary arts); new athletic fields; a new transportation facility; and the expansion of the gym at Pinewood.

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"In small steps, as well as in the occasional huge, scary leap, parents become comfortable and knowledgeable about what is important to them and their child. Of course, when a child is three or four years old, the decisions get more complicated and the ripples from those decisions extend much further."

That is why now is such a good time for parents to start thinking about the kind of music education they want for their child.

"Few decisions in the life of a parent are more important than those concerning the kind and type of education their child will receive," says Liberty. "As a parent I live with those choices daily and as an educator, I see the cumulative effect: 'Informed decisions' are far superior to impulse decisions. For more than thirty years, I've seen the value of taking time to ask questions."

For those beginning to plan, Liberty recommends that music education begin at three years of age.

"Young children tend to experience music with their entire bodies. They can't listen without movement. They hear with their ears, but they feel it and show it with their hands and feet. The child who gets a chance to play with music in this way will approach actually playing music differently."

Liberty also feels that it can be important to let a child visit a class or take part in a "practice" class first. "Some kids are great with new experiences, but some want to dip just their toes in first. Do what's best for your child."

"Finally," says Liberty, "think about what you want your child to receive from their music education. There is much evidence as to the developmental benefits of music education, but that is far less important than the joy a lifelong love of music can give. I would compare it to buying art for the purposes of investment, which all the experts say is a bad idea. They recommend buying art you love. With music education,

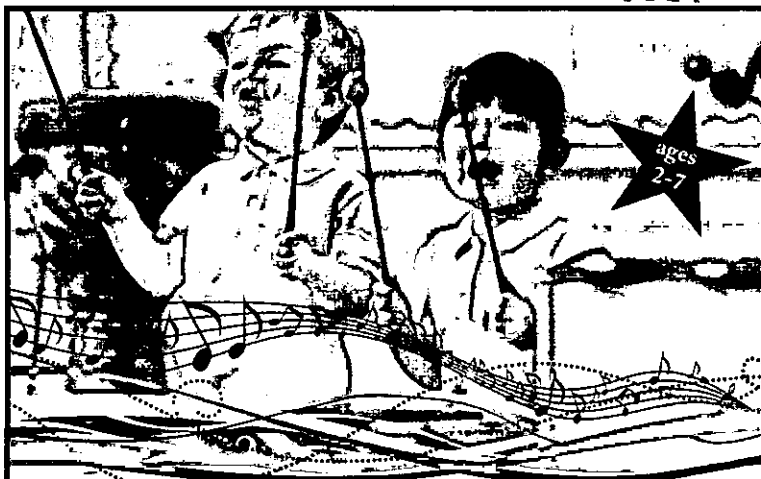


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it's the same. It shouldn't be about better SAT scores, but about bringing a love of music into your child's life."

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# Scotia-Glenville schools boast many initiatives

# Schalmont students find success in academics, extracurriculars

By Superintendent  
Susan Swartz

Whether it's laying the groundwork for a future career in science research or running on a treadmill, every Scotia-Glenville student will be affected by the many initiatives underway during this school year.

These efforts will continue to strengthen the school district's overriding mission – to provide a solid, excellent education that promises success in the future for its nearly 2,800 students.

Many of these initiatives were included in the 2009-10 budget proposal approved by the community in May. That budget included – for the first time in memory – a reduction in the proposed tax rate.

We are very excited about this school year and the many efforts undertaken to strengthen our instructional program. The initiatives being undertaken this school year will expand new opportunities for our students and our community.

During this school year:

- Architectural plans will be further developed for two building renovation projects – totaling nearly \$12 million – approved by the community in May. That project will likely be submitted to the state for approval by the end of November. Beginning in the summer of 2009 – and continuing in the summer of 2010 – the Middle School library will be expanded and improved, the high school track replaced, technology upgraded

and various maintenance improvements will be made at all six school buildings.

- The school district welcomed 201 kindergarten pupils for its new full-day kindergarten program – the largest entering class at Scotia-Glenville since 2000. The developmental kindergarten program will enhance the acquisition of language, play, behavior and social-emotional skills. In addition to time in the classroom, students will participate in physical education, music, art, and instruction in technology skills during the kindergarten program.

- A new English Language Arts series is being implemented for students in kindergarten to grade 5. This new series emphasizes ELA skills including speaking, listening, reading, and writing, while stressing the application of skills to different types of materials and content.

- A \$1.1 million federal grant over the next three years will boost physical education opportunities for every Scotia-Glenville student. The grant will be used to purchase fitness equipment, heart monitors, pedometers and other items to promote lifelong healthy lifestyles.

- High school students will have additional opportunities to earn college credit through an intense, multi-year science research course and an additional University in the High School program in child development.



Superintendent  
Susan Swartz

By Superintendent  
Dr. Valerie Kelsey

Many positive things are happening in Schalmont Central School District. As Superintendent, I continue to be impressed with our students' accomplishments and our community's support for public education.

In 2009, Schalmont students in grades 3-8 achieved a 95.4 percent rate of proficiency on state math tests. This was the second highest score in Schenectady County and the fifth highest score in the Capital Region. Also last year, 92 percent of Schalmont High School graduates received a Regents, Advanced Regents or Advanced Regents with Honor diploma.

Our schools offer challenging and diverse programs to nurture this academic success. Examples from our curriculum include the Everyday Mathematics

program and a literacy initiative at all three elementary schools; the Gateway to Technology program and accelerated math and science classes at the middle school; and the Project Lead the Way pre-engineering program and advanced placement, distance learning, and college-credit classes at the high school. Extracurricular examples include the Math and Science Summer Academy; science, foreign language, engineering, writing, and math clubs; and numerous honor societies.

Schalmont students are also successful athletes and musicians. Our sports teams can often be found in the Colonial Council and Section II championships. Our musicians



Superintendent  
Dr. Valerie Kelsey

regularly participate in regional and state competitions as well as school performances throughout the year.

Community support has allowed Schalmont to continue to offer students a quality education system. Work is almost complete on a \$9.7 million capital project designed to extend the life and usefulness of school facilities. The project work will further enhance our energy conservation and management program, which helped reduce energy costs by more than \$140,000 during the 2008-09 school year.

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## Saratoga Springs hosts Parent University

By Superintendent  
Janice White

This school year marks the official launch of the Saratoga Springs City School District Parent University initiative. The concept of providing learning opportunities to parents in the four strands – parenting awareness; 21st-century learning; health and wellness; and personal growth and development – is one that is rich in promise and possibilities. It is by strengthening the bonds between home and school that the ultimate success of every

child is ensured.

Collaboration was the seed of this endeavor. The Saratoga Partnership for Prevention and the school district have been partnering for eight years with the common goal of reducing the risks and increasing the protective factors for youth in our community.

As a way to celebrate and promote this program, a special event – "Parent University Summit and Community Breakfast" – is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, November 7, at the Maple Avenue Middle School. There is no charge for the summit or for any courses it sponsors. Child care will be provided.

The program features a community breakfast; a keynote address by Jay Rifenburg, president of Rifenburg Associates and a Board of Education trustee;



Superintendent  
Janice White

and two workshop sessions with four choices each.

Topics include financial literacy, career planning, early childhood development, adolescent development, technology applications, personal growth, and health and wellness issues.

The specific schedule and agenda will be posted on the district Web site ([www.saratogaschools.org](http://www.saratogaschools.org)) when they are finalized.

For more information, please contact Courtney Lamport at the Saratoga Partnership for Prevention (581-1230 or [Courtney@preventioncouncil.org](mailto:Courtney@preventioncouncil.org)) or Michael Piccirillo, assistant superintendent for secondary education (583-4714 or [m\\_piccirillo@saratogaschools.org](mailto:m_piccirillo@saratogaschools.org)).

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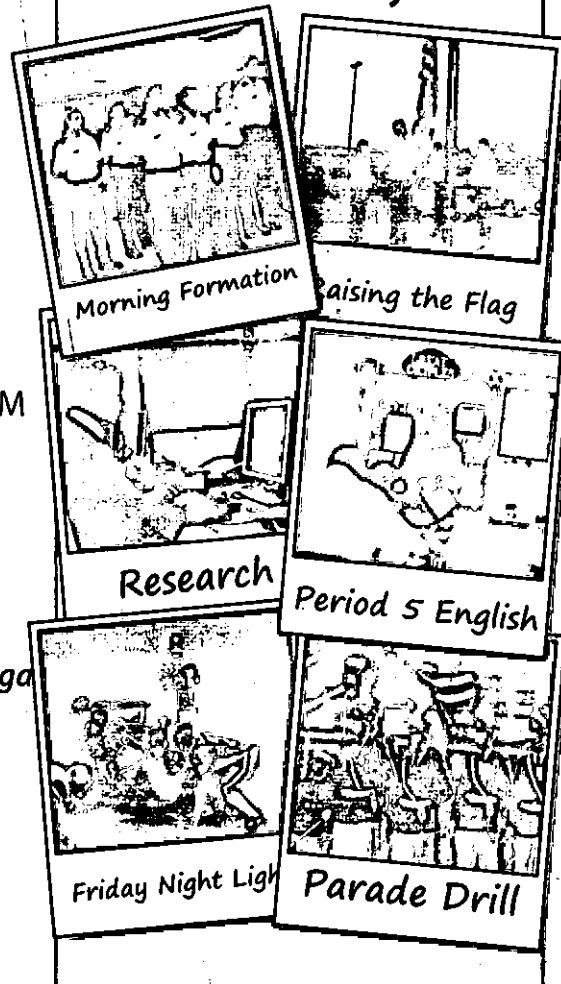
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