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The Journal, Guilderland High School's student-run newspaper, has received 12 awards from the Empire State School Press Association for work published in 2008 and 2009.

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Singing for their supper

Local songwriters will come together on Sunday, Nov. 22, for "Singing for Their Supper," a benefit concert for the Regional Food Bank. The First Unitarian Universalist Society in Albany will host the concert from 2 to 6 p.m.

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Quick strikes doom BC

Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse scored twice in the first five minutes and held on for a 3-2 victory over Bethlehem in Saturday's Class AA girls soccer regional final at Stillwater High School.

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Messina wins in tight race



Jack Cunningham, left, Sam Messina, third from left, attorneys and supporters of both sides gathered at the Albany County Board of Elections on Thursday, Nov. 12, for the opening of absentee ballots.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Absentee ballots decide the victor in Bethlehem

By CHARLES WIFF
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After much waiting, the results of the election for Bethlehem town supervisor can be declared: incumbent Supervisor Jack Cunningham conceded to challenger Sam Messina Thursday, Nov. 12, after it became clear it was mathematically impossible for him to be victorious.

Election workers opened absentee ballots from 12 of the town's 30 districts on Thursday before Messina's lead became insurmountable. He had a 115-vote advantage going into the count. The Albany County Board of Elections received 182 absentee ballots.

"I have to admit that I'm very disappointed, because I truly loved doing this job," said Cunningham. "The voters are the ones that make this decision, the voters have made a decision, and I'll abide by that."

"I'm glad the entire process is over," said Messina. "I look forward to functioning as the supervisor."

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Town adopts \$40M budget

Plan drops cost of living increases for workers

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Town of Bethlehem adopted a 2010 budget Tuesday, Nov. 10, that weighs in at about \$40.17 million and includes a tax rate increase of 2 percent, bringing the town tax rate to \$2.77 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The Town Board adopted the budget in a 4-to-1 vote, with Councilman Sam Messina dissenting.

Messina, who narrowly won the office of supervisor from incumbent Jack Cunningham (see related story), said during the recent campaign season that he would like to pass a budget without a tax hike, and would obtain that goal by seeking out efficiencies in every department and program.

"I have voted for tax increases in the past; I may in the future. This year, I didn't think we needed to do that," he said.

The other four Town Board members disagreed, saying that the increase is modest (\$16.20 for the owner of home assessed

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Trivet pursuits

Bethlehem Middle School PTO members paint trivets with the help of National Art Honor Society Members Tara Keir, Tessa Kansas and Kaelyn Haggerty and the art department. Twenty-two parents and community members painted, glazed and put leaf imprints into ceramic trivets. They will be fired in the art department's kiln, which the PTO helped the school purchase last year. The kiln night was also held last year. "It's a nice thing that the Art Department was willing to do on their own time," PTO President Debbie Schultze said. "It lets parents know what the Art Department is and what their children are up to." Participants will pick up their trivets in a few weeks.

Submitted photos

Police Blotter

Former River Rat pleads not guilty

Former River Rats player Robert Hughes was arraigned in Albany County Court on Thursday, Nov. 12, and pleaded not guilty to two charges, criminal sexual act in the first degree and criminal sexual act in the third degree, both felonies, according to the Albany County District Attorney's office.

The charges stem from an alleged incident in October 2008 that occurred "near 7 Elm Avenue" in the Town of Bethlehem, the unsealed indictment reads. Hughes is being charged with performing an act of sodomy with

a female victim who was incapable of giving consent. The name of the victim is being withheld.

Bail was set at \$50,000, which Hughes later posted. A conference between attorneys and the court will be held in two weeks time.

Hughes, 22, now plays for the Bridgeport (Conn.) Sound Tigers, and was arrested at a practice on Wednesday, Oct. 4, by U.S. Marshals. A native of Canada, he played two seasons with the River Rats.

— Charles Wiff

Bethlehem police arrest two in Glenmont

The Bethlehem Police Department made two arrests in the parking lot of the Comfort Inn at 37 Route 9W in Glenmont on Sunday, Nov. 8.

Shelley A. Foy, 48, of Tennessee, was charged with aggravated DWI. Police were called to check on two subjects in a car at the Comfort Inn, and upon arrival, Foy allegedly told police that she had driven from Applebee's to get a room, but the room was too costly and she and her male passenger were going to stay in the vehicle. Police observed an odor of alcohol on her breath and an open can of Busch Beer on the driver's side floor, according to arrest reports. Foy allegedly said she had one brandy with her spinach salad at Applebee's.

Foy produced a military ID, was subjected to standardized field sobriety tests and tested positive for alcohol on a breath test, according to police. At the police station, a chemical test showed her BAC to be 0.22 percent, police said.

Foy was also found to have a suspended Arizona driver's license and two warrants, one out of the Coeymans Police Department for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree in May of 2000 and another out of Arizona for probation-violation for

dangerous drugs on Feb. 24, 2009.

During the search of the vehicle, police allegedly located a duffel bag that Foy's passenger, Harvey D. Campbell Jr., 41, of Tennessee, claimed ownership of. Inside, police found a bottle of Aleve with one purple pill inside that was found to be a 30 mg morphine sulfate pill, as well as 37 50 mg pills of Tramadol in a pill bottle prescribed to Foy, according to arrest reports. Campbell was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree.

Both subjects were remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of bail. Bail was set at \$1,000 for Campbell and \$2,500 for Foy.

Other arrests

Bethlehem police arrested Robert Charles Teen, 54, of 270 North Pearl St., Albany, on charges of petit larceny and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Walmart store in Glenmont.

Walmart loss prevention officers contacted police. Teen allegedly stole a battery charger pack and a car charger for a cell phone from the store, items valued at \$28.53.

When Teen was searched, they allegedly found a quantity of the drug Clonazepam on his person.

Teen was arraigned and bail was set at \$1,500. He was remanded to the Albany County jail and was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

• Guilderland Police arrested Laura A. Norgrove, 38, of 120 Garnett Lane in Slingerlands, on a felony charge of vehicular assault on Thursday, Nov. 5, according to police reports.

The report states that Norgrove was arrested for an incident dating back to Aug. 8, where she was allegedly involved in a "personal injury auto accident," while intoxicated. The incident occurred near the corner of Church Road and Western Avenue, the report states.

It also states she turned herself in to authorities, and Norgrove was arraigned later on Nov. 5.

• Guilderland Police arrested Aaron Thomas Neal, 23, of 42-8 Woodlake Road in Albany, on charges of DWI on Saturday, Nov. 7, according to police reports.

Neal was arrested near 1706 Western Ave. and is scheduled to appear in court on Thursday, Nov. 19, the report states.

IN BRIEF

Theatre Without a Net presents "As You Like It"

Two dukes, two daughters, one clown, two brothers, a wrestler, shepherdesses and a band of merry men will all take the stage in disguise and as themselves to move from court to forest in William Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It." This is the 21st annual Shakespeare production at Bethlehem Central High School, and will take place Dec. 11 - 13 and Dec. 18 - 20.

Directed by James Yeara, show times are Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 1 and 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. For ticket information and reservations, visit theatrewithoutanet.org.

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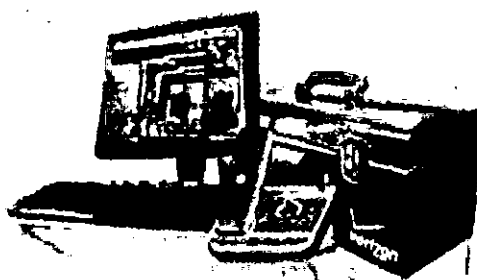
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BC briefly steps up security measures

The Bethlehem Central School District briefly increased its security measures Friday, Nov. 13, due to what was perceived as a possible threat to students but turned out to be a "miscommunication."

According to Bethlehem police, a parent of a Slingerlands student was involved in an altercation at work in the City of Albany the previous day, and school staff heard about the situation when the parent dropped the child off for school on Friday. Staff informed the principal, who in turn informed Superintendent Michael Tebbano.

"There was what we felt at the time was a legitimate concern to our schools' safety," said Tebbano, who ordered all district schools to increase security measures.

Classes at elementary schools were held inside for recess and the front doors of schools were locked so people entering could be screened. Parents were alerted about the situation via the district's School News Network e-mail and text message system.

By about 1 p.m., Bethlehem and Albany police had completed an investigation and schools returned to normal operation. Classes were not disrupted, and staff were instructed not to inform students of anything that could cause undue concern.

"It really was a miscommunication; no one was ever in any danger," said Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department. "It was really about a harassment that occurred in the City of Albany. ... Once everybody actually sat down and talked it was determined that there was no danger to students or faculty."

Tebbano said he was pleased that the district's notification system and security protocols were used effectively during the incident.

"In this day and age, you can't be chintzy with safety," he said. "We felt there was a credible situation that we needed to be concerned about."

— Charles Wiff

Illegal dumping can sully area's image, create work for town

By CHARLES WIFF
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Glenmont resident George Bercharlie doesn't like it, he says his neighbors don't like it and officials in the Town of Bethlehem aren't crazy about it either. Then again, who really likes garbage?

Illegal dumping, while described by town officials as an isolated problem, nevertheless impacts the town and its residents by visually affecting neighborhoods and creating extra work for highway crews. For Bercharlie, at issue is a wide shoulder area off of Route 144 near his home on Old River Road that has several times over become the home of tires, trash and recently, a deep line of apparent building materials like broken cement and brick.

Just down the road on National Grid land is another dumping site where Bercharlie and his neighbors like to take hikes and walk their dogs. There are dozens of tires, broken glass and shingles strewn about.

"This is our back yard somebody's turning into a landfill," Bercharlie said. "I'm just sick of looking at it."

The shoulder is a place where truckers and motorists often pull off to eat or talk on the phone, he continued, and as such the effects of littering are a constant, but with the larger items locals can't simply clean it up. The refuse even stopped his son's school bus from using the shoulder as a turnaround, forcing a longer detour.

So Bercharlie contacted the town, and Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph said that on Saturday, Nov. 14, highway workers cleaned the shoulder up and hauled off seven large dump trucks full of material. But removing the debris probably won't solve the problem, he said.

"When we clean it up we just make space for them to dump more," Sagendorph said.

Illegal dumping is a problem, he said, especially in the more rural areas of town. This particular location has been cleaned up before, he continued.

"We usually find it more on the dead end country roads, where it's kind of secluded. It's unusual to find it like this on a state highway," Sagendorph said.

As for private lands, it's ultimately the landowner's responsibility to clean up refuse, but the town will work with landowners if practicable.

"This is our back yard somebody's turning into a landfill. I'm just sick of looking at it."

— Glenmont resident George Bercharlie

Taking out the trash



This area off of Route 144 in Glenmont and on National Grid land has long been the home of discarded tires, according to nearby resident George Bercharlie. He'd like to see the area cleaned up and chained off to traffic, as would Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight



ABOVE and RIGHT: This shoulder off of Route 144 in Glenmont is the frequent home of illegally dumped refuse, which include tires and apparent building materials. While town Highway Department workers cleaned this area up recently, it is not the first time that dumping has created extra work for the Town of Bethlehem.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight



"There's no sense cleaning it up until there's a gate with a lock in place," said Sagendorph of the dumping in Glenmont. "Once the gate's up we can work with National Grid to get it cleaned up."

Doing cleanup work can take workers away from other tasks and uses up town resources, though, and the cost of illegal dumping is ultimately assumed by the taxpayer. The nature of the crime means catching perpetrators can be difficult, as well.

"It depends on what the property is," said Lieutenant Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department. "If it's bags of garbage, there's a good chance that they left an envelope or part of a bill or something... If it's just miscellaneous stuff with

no names on it, that can be difficult."

Heffernan said that the police department doesn't receive a lot of reports of illegal dumping, but if they do the investigation will center around finding some sort of identification for the person doing the dumping, whether it's a piece of trash or vehicle identification. Police may also step up patrols in hopes of deterring the activity or catching a perpetrator.

Town code prohibits illegal dumping. If it's done on private land, trespassing charges could also come into play.

"Generally, we do get maybe a couple complaints throughout the year, it's not something we deal with that often," Heffernan said.

Sagendorph said the cost

of recycling and disposing of garbage, including construction materials, drives illegal dumping. In Bethlehem, higher tipping fees went into effect on Monday, Nov. 16, for the disposal of construction materials. The town has to close its Rupert Road landfill by the end of the month and will transport refuse to another site, and the fees are reflecting that cost by increasing to \$120 per ton from \$60.

"People are finding these places as alternatives," Sagendorph said.

Bercharlie said that he'd be on the lookout for any more instances of illegal dumping, and hopes others will do the same.

"It's not fair anyone gets stuck paying for it but the person who threw it there," he said.

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Laughing off those 'I Love Lucy' moments

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR
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If you've had a difficult week, just be thankful you haven't inadvertently exposed your underwear in public. Of course, if you did suffer a recent embarrassment, you can always do what I do: Write it off as an "I Love Lucy" moment.

For example, one late afternoon in February 2009 I was trying to raise a window shade in my den to let in the last of the day's sunlight. The shade kept dropping lower instead of bouncing back up. After three brief yanks at the shade, I looked up and saw that about one-quarter of the width of the shade was no longer connected to the rod at the top of the window. I decided to try to fix the problem.

I knew that standing on the wheeled desk chair probably wasn't the safest move, but I was too lazy to walk a few feet and retrieve a chair from the kitchen. I just rolled the desk chair over to the window, carefully stepped onto the seat, and—"whewwwww"—off I went for a little ride. I'd forgotten that the seat swiveled. It felt like I was standing on a merry-go-round at the end of the ride. To top it off, my body was turning in the opposite direction of my outstretched arms (I had been

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reaching for the rod at the top of the window). Luckily I didn't go flying off the chair.

Clearly this could have been a scene in an episode of Lucille Ball's old TV sitcom.

Perhaps even more comical is an incident that happened in the early 1990s when I was in graduate school. I was wearing a yellow shirtwaist dress. I was returning to a classroom after a trip to the bathroom. Just a few steps from the door I realized that the back of my dress was tucked into my underwear. Luckily I was alone in the hallway.

I recently told this story to my 13-year-old daughter. After she stopped laughing, she said, "You wore dresses in graduate school?"

"I was working full time and going to school part time. I had come to class directly from work," I told her.

Then she said, "What kind of dress is so short that it could get tucked in?"

"It wasn't a short dress. It fell below my knees." And then

I stood and pantomimed a re-enactment of how I must have pulled up the skirt to use the facilities and then inadvertently got the back of the dress caught in my undergarments.

"You'd think that the front part of the dress would have looked askew," I explained, "but there was no indication that anything was out of place."

Maybe this is why most women go to the restroom in pairs. I mean, surely Ethel would have saved Lucy from backside exposure.

So now I fast forward to this past summer. I had rushed from the locker room at the gym up to the aerobics room. Class had already started and it was moderately crowded. I found an open spot toward the back of the room and joined in the warm-up routine. The wall on my left was mirrored and when I glanced over at my reflection I noticed that the sides of my black biker shorts looked weird. And then I realized that I was wearing them inside-out and what looked odd were the exposed seam lines. That wasn't such a big deal. I see lots of people wearing ripped jeans and T-shirts with bumpy outer seams.

But then I stretched toward the floor and glimpsed the exposed white cotton crotch part. Maybe the black seam lines down the sides of my black

shorts could have passed for a "feature" of the apparel, but the inside-out cotton area was clearly a warning that I should not have left the house that evening.

I grabbed my water bottle, as if it needed a refill, and dashed out of the room and into the adjacent restroom. Again I was able to correct my wardrobe malfunction before anyone noticed.

Clearly I need to take a longer look in the mirror before going out in public. Here's another example why this is true:

Recently I was attending a work function where I briefly wore my name badge in my hair. I did this without even trying.

The badge was in a plastic sleeve and was supposed to be hanging from my neck via a thin elastic band, similar to the kind that held Halloween masks around my head when I was a kid. The ends of those elastic bands were usually stapled inside the mask. However, on my name badge, the ends of elastic bands had metal tips that went through a hole at the top edges of the plastic sleeve. Once through the hole the metal tip was turned so as to form the top of a capital letter T. This secured the elastic band to the sleeve.

But my band had faulty metal tips that would not stay put.

On my way to a meeting I saw out of the corner of my eye that

one side of the elastic band was dangling to my left. I realized that it had become detached from the plastic sleeve. I reached out and grabbed the badge, which appeared to be floating alongside me at ear level. The badge wasn't actually floating. The metal tip at the end of the elastic band was tangled in my hair and the band was swinging from my head. Again there were no witnesses.

However, there were witnesses when I wore mismatched earrings to work. This isn't as bad as wearing mismatched shoes, but I think that only happens to movie characters rushing off to job interviews.

The silly thing about my wearing the two different earrings is that I did it multiple times. And the earrings didn't look anything alike.

After a colleague asked, "Are you wearing two different earrings?" I decided to act like I did it on purpose. I wasn't trying to appear artsy. I was simply afraid that I'd lose the earrings if I removed them from my ears.

So the next time you find yourself in an embarrassing situation or experience a wardrobe malfunction, try laughing it off with the special Ethel, Fred or Ricky in your own life. And pretend you'll be collecting royalties every time the re-run plays.



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AVERAGE HIGH 45°	AVERAGE LOW 29°
Day	High/Year Low/Year
Wednesday, November 18	71°/1928 10°/1972
Thursday, November 19	71°/1921 12°/1972
Friday, November 20	72°/1991 6°/1986
Saturday, November 21	70°/1931 7°/1879
Sunday, November 22	70°/1931 9°/1969
Monday, November 23	72°/1931 5°/1972
Tuesday, November 24	69°/1979 7°/2000

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

35.51 inches as of Friday, November 13th
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This week in weather

November 24-25, 1971 Heavy snow fell from Wednesday through Thanksgiving Day, preventing many from reaching home for Thanksgiving dinner. Albany picked up 22.5", the greatest November snowfall on record, with amounts of up to 30" reported elsewhere.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:51am	4:30pm
Thursday	6:52am	4:29pm
Friday	6:53am	4:28pm
Saturday	6:54am	4:27pm
Sunday	6:56am	4:27pm
Monday	6:57am	4:26pm
Tuesday	6:58am	4:26pm

Moon Phases



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

Rivers & Recreation

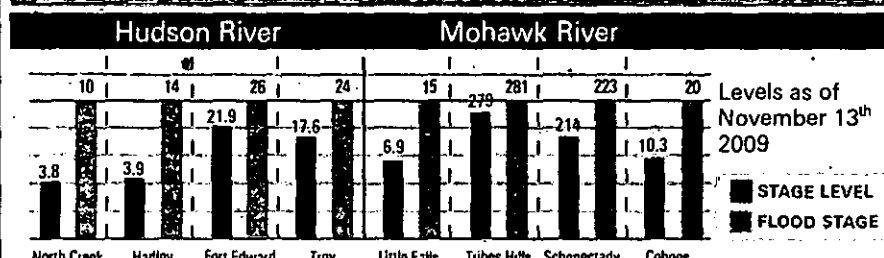
Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	5:38am, 5:57pm	12:03pm
Thursday	6:19am, 6:38pm	12:43am, 12:47pm
Friday	7:00am, 7:19pm	1:27am, 1:32pm
Saturday	7:42am, 8:00pm	2:12am, 2:19pm
Sunday	8:27am, 8:45pm	2:58am, 3:08pm
Monday	9:15am, 9:32pm	3:45am, 4:00pm
Tuesday	10:07am, 10:23pm	4:34am, 4:54pm

Factoid

No two people see the same rainbow. Though many may see a rainbow, each person will see one formed from different droplets than you see, thus a different rainbow.

River Levels



New Colonial Acres Veterans meeting veterans garage approved

The Bethlehem Town Board unanimously approved on Tuesday, Nov. 10, the spending of \$40,000 out of the Parks and Recreation Department's Parkland Set Aside Fund for the construction of a maintenance garage at the Colonial Acres Golf Course.

The work had previously been budgeted in the 2010 General Fund, but was relocated before the budget was adopted. By drawing from the Set Aside Fund, the town will avoid impacting the overall budget.

The new garage will replace the old maintenance garage and several other aging structures and will ultimately house all of the town's maintenance equipment for the course. It will be a modern structure, complete with office space, a bathroom and other amenities, said town Parks and Recreation Administrator Nan Lanahan.

"It will definitely be more modern than what's there now," she said.

The town hopes to do foundation work and get a concrete slab poured during the fall so that construction can continue in the winter and spring.

The project will be paid for out of the department's Parkland Set Aside Fund, which is filled through building fees levied

on developers putting up new structures in town. As such, it doesn't have a direct impact on the department's overall budget or capital improvement plans.

Before the vote, there was question as to whether building a garage was an appropriate use for money designated for parkland improvements. Town Attorney James Potter said that the project fits within the intent of the fund.

"The Parkland Set Aside Fund is for parkland purposes ... the maintenance garage is a parkland purpose," he said. "You can't have a park without having buildings such as this."

The Town Board in October approved the spending of \$30,000 out of the Set Aside Fund for new playground equipment at the South Bethlehem Park and to provide matching funds for a shoreline stabilization study at the Henry Hudson Park.

Minus that \$30,000, the fund stands at about \$133,000. Spending down the fund is not a sizable concern for the department, said Lanahan, since it will be replenished with future development.

"This was a way to do some significant projects that won't impact our operating budget," she said. "This is the kind of thing that it's there for."



The Severn Milers retired men's club observed Veteran's Day by enjoying a presentation by Chief War-ant Officer 3 Richard Walker, New York Naval Militia. Walker, center, is a longtime volunteer with the USS Slater museum ship moored on Albany's waterfront. After describing the museum's mission and some of its trials and triumphs, the speaker met with two club members, veterans of the World War II Navy. John Alden, left, served in submarines and Al Davis, right, served aboard PT boats.

Submitted photo

IN BRIEF

St. Thomas to hold Thanksgiving musical

A Thanksgiving musical event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

The event will feature a 135 person choir from various Bethlehem churches and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Bell Ringers.

St. Thomas the Apostle church is located at 35 Adams Place in Delmar. Voluntary donations can be made to benefit the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless.

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People, not parties

It's easy to look at political parties and say that one town is decidedly Republican or Democrat, but we are seeing in local races a trend to value the individual over the group, the merits of their actions over the rhetoric of their party.

Editorial

But that generalization does happen, and it's refreshing to see, at the local level, at least, that it is happening less and less. Maybe people are catching on to the fact that political parties seem to work against what it means to be an effective governor — whether that governance is happening at the local, state or national level. Political parties are divisive and spiteful, exclusionary and elitist — hardly conducive to representing an entire constituency as fairly as possible.

"It's the people, stupid."

Once again, people over parties. Apparently that goes a long way for candidates like Sam Messina, newly elected Bethlehem town supervisor, and Doug LaGrange, newly elected New Scotland Town Board member, both of whom appeared on numerous party lines on Election Day.

The people have entrusted all of our elected officials with the good governance they want and expect. Whether they chose you in spite of your party, because of it, or simply because you aren't the other guy, don't let them down.

Get on with your life without getting on my nerves

My favorite part of graduating from college was returning to my hometown and running into people that I haven't seen in years. Be it that one guy who was on the track team with me or the girl who sat next to me in biology, it's always a treat to see what they have been up to for the past four years.

Apparently, for the people I run into, their favorite part of graduating from college was telling me all the great deeds they've done for society in the past four years.

Maybe it's a Darwinian instinct that "only the strong shall survive" or our "kill or be killed" mentality since the plummet of the stock market, but everyone I talk to tends to whip out a resume at every given moment.

People my age like to brag. I think it comes not from Charlie Darwin but more from our upbringing in the bright and sunny suburbs or this great nation of ours. We get told for the first quarter of our lives that we're special and different, so much so that the littlest achievement is grand in our eyes. Someday I hope taking out the trash will win me a Nobel Prize.

A few weeks back, I was hanging out at a local watering hole near my house with a few friends of mine. We were all excited to finally be out of school and getting on with the next part of our lives. For some of us, that includes going to graduate school full time or pulling two jobs to make ends meet, and for others, it meant working long hours at local theater companies in hopes of

Point of View

a big break. There are very few things we can brag about, and I don't understand why others would want to. I can only speak for myself, but I know talking ad-nauseum about what we do during the day does not make for good conversation during the night. I'd rather be talking about the newest Green Lantern story arc and less about news reporting (which I enjoy very, very much).

I don't get why some people must give constant updates about plans, goals or achievements that will make a person fit for the workplace or graduate level work. I don't understand why people must one-up each other about where they went to school or what nonprofit they are working for. It just does not make sense to me to brag about something you choose to volunteer for.

I was recently talking to someone who had graduated from high school a year before me. We spoke about our future goals and our present situations.

"So I'm a reporter for a local paper, and I'm working a second job to make some extra ca—"

"Oh that's great, but I'm working towards my Ph.D in genetics while helping Capital Region orphans get through the winter months while juggling piano tutoring for members of ESYO who need extra help during the week and making sure to walk the dog and, and, and....."

"Take a breath, you're turning blue."

"No, no its OK. I worked with Tibetan choirs for six months in Shangri-La, so I know how to talk without taking major breaths, and then I climbed K2 and ..."

• You get my drift. It's as if

online blogs like LiveJournal or Wordpress weren't enough to explain to the world why you are getting your master's degree in Japanese Lawn Darts and why it's a "legitimate study path, Dad, geez."

Maybe it's my own insecurities that make me think others are doing bigger and better things than I, but I would like to think that is not the case. My dad taught me a long time ago that the measure of a person's worth comes from the hard work put in, not the amount of time spent talking about the wonderful deeds they have done. Maybe I'm just jealous that some kids are going to be doctors and I will be the lowly janitor reporting their first case of malpractice. I'm not really too sure these days.

Its like when you go to a concert for the first time and there's that really hip looking kid in the corner who said he used to like the band on stage, but that was back six years ago when they were "less mainstream." It could be that those in my immediate community are trying to be that hip kid and show off to everyone else, telling them that they knew of The Ramones before they were The Ramones. I could never understand that type of attitude in my younger days, and I still don't understand it now.

People my age like to pontificate, like what I'm doing right now, to make them feel better about themselves and validate themselves in the eyes of the rest of the world if not their parents. It's a phase, just like the awkward teenage years or the period of your childhood where you thought that Hulk Hogan could totally beat up Serpentor if given the chance. I know it will pass, and I wish I could hide like a hermit in the south of France, but then I'd have nothing to say to anyone else.

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

St. Thomas reminds parents of traffic concerns

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Faith Formation Committee (FFC) of Saint Thomas Parish recognizes that there is a serious issue that needs to be corrected.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening between the hours of 4:30 and 9, there are literally hundreds of precious boys and girls who attend their faith formation (religious education) classes at our parish school. These boys and girls are your children and we consider their religious education and personal safety to be of upmost importance.

We are very proud of the quality of education that your child receives. However, we are very concerned with another aspect of your child's evening.

Every child in the religious education program recently received a letter directed to you, their parents. Each family also received an e-mail of the same letter. Our concern is the safety of your child when you drive them to their religion class and when you come to pick them up. The amount of traffic and the driving conditions on Adam's Place during this period is of grave concern to the FFC.

Parents are strongly reminded

that there is to be no stopping of cars, no waiting in parked cars, and no dropping-off of children on Adam's Place on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings.

If you continue to do this you may be placing your child and other children in harm's way. Adam's Place becomes too congested for this amount of automobile and pedestrian traffic.

Therefore we remind you that when you drive your child to religion class, please park in the church parking lot. You may walk them to the school if you so desire. This will eliminate the congestion and help to create a safer physical environment for everyone.

The Town of Bethlehem Police Department also realizes this problem and has begun to work with the FFC. They will begin to issue traffic tickets to those drivers who violate the traffic policy. Please try to help us. We all love each and every child. Please help us to create a safer environment for them. We all need to do our part.

Thank you.
The Faith Formation Committee
of St. Thomas Parish

Congrats, Bethlehem, on your new supervisor

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The day that every chairperson looks forward to each January is the day when your candidates are victorious. Finally, nine days after the election, I can say, we did it. And the key is, "We did it."

There were many people who were not thrilled when we crossed party lines and endorsed Sam Messina a registered Independence Party Member as our candidate for Supervisor. We had numerous meetings with Sam and within the committee to make sure our choice would be the right choice for Bethlehem. We wanted to ensure we offered all members of our town a candidate that understood our core principle, good government, and we found that in Sam Messina. So winning this election is a win for good government.

Congratulations, Bethlehem, on your new supervisor. As the chair, I am disappointed that our entire slate was not elected. Each of our candidates — Fred DiMaggio, John Flanagan and Melanie Calzone — worked very hard and offered our town balance, quality leadership and an understanding of community. They would have served all of our community and been very effective. I am also proud we reinforced the community's belief in Gregg Sagendorph's

commitment to his job by casting many votes for Gregg. Since he was unopposed, he could have won with a one vote total but the community recognized the quality of leadership Gregg brings to that position and overwhelmingly cast their vote for him. Gregg is part of our current team of Kathy Newkirk and Nancy Mendick. All three are proven leaders with a strong commitment to Good Government.

I am proud to be a Republican, the town chair, and to be a part of a great team of dedicated individuals who stand for good government. I want to thank our candidates for devoting so much time to the election process, giving up the past six months of their lives to run for office, their families for sharing their time and for this community for voting for good government and responsive leadership.

As we look forward to the next election cycle, I would like to invite members of our community to attend a committee meeting to learn more about the "new/old" Republican Party. Our monthly meetings are the fourth Monday of every month at the Selkirk No. 2 Firehouse in Glenmont at 7pm. (the next meeting is Monday, Nov. 23).

We welcome all members of the community to come and talk local politics and to get involved. In 2010 we will be supporting an Assembly and Senate candidate and a few others. You can learn more about the Bethlehem Republican Committee by visiting our Web site, www.bethlehemrepublicans.org.

Thanks again for voting.
Melody D. Burns
chair, Bethlehem
Republican Committee

IN BRIEF

Hamagrael Elementary to hold craft fair

Hamagrael Elementary School will hold a Handcrafted Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, featuring 80 craft vendors, will also include a bucket auction, a bake sale, and lunch for sale. Admission is free. Hamagrael Elementary School is located at 1 McGuffey Lane in Delmar. For more information, call Sue Napierski at 478-0735 or Mandy Fallon at 478-9548.



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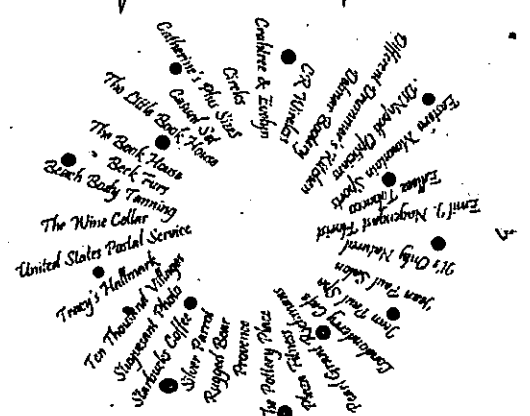


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Senate bill does not address underlying health care costs

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I am in despair about health care reform in this country.

The bill that cleared a key Senate hurdle recently will only pile on a huge increase in costs to the middle class who already have insurance. I run a small business in New York state and have recently expanded our operations into six additional upstate counties, including Albany.

In New York, we have 26 employees on our health insurance and, through a community-rated, no-pre-existing-condition-limits plan, we currently share the cost with them about 80/20. We enjoy the attributes the Senate Finance Committee bill and the House bills want everyone to have. Just recently we learned our renewal for 2010 is increasing a staggering 19 percent. By 2013, if we continue to receive 19 percent increases every year, we — and our employees — will be subject to the proposed tax on "Cadillac" plans. Even if we opt to change plans to one with a higher copay — and shift more cost to the

employees with deductibles and other gimmicks — the Senate Finance Committee's bill has a premium tax to raise \$6.7 billion a year, which will ultimately get passed on to us in the form of higher premiums.

Doesn't anyone in Congress understand that we already pay fees and charges to fund our states' bad debt, charity care pool and graduate medical education? All the Senate Finance Committee bill is proposing to do is federalize what has been done by the states for decades. And the states' fees are not going away.

Proponents will claim they have not raised taxes. Maybe not income taxes, but taxes on premiums that will be passed along directly to middle class consumers in higher premiums.

Nothing in these bills addresses the underlying cost drivers in health care that have caused a 19 percent increase in one year.

John Baackes
CEO

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Replacing the dykes the only way to save Henry Hudson Park

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

For the past 15 years, I have warned the Town of Bethlehem that the decaying wood sheet piled dykes at Henry Hudson Park and Schermerhorn Island must be replaced to prevent both land areas from being eroded away and eventually being covered by river water at high tide.

I also warned that the cost of replacement will be very high and the town should require that the Army Corps of Engineers be responsible for the replacement cost.

An article in the Nov. 4 Spotlight (South Bethlehem playground to get new equipment) confirms that the cost of replacing the dykes will be very high. However, the article includes the recommendation that other ways to prevent shoreline erosion should be studied.

I will explain why there is no other choice to stabilize the shoreline to save the park other than replacing the dykes.

The original dykes were

built in the 1830s, replaced in the 1860s and replaced again in 1916. The major purpose of the dykes was to retain material dredged from the river, and placed behind the dykes, from being washed back into the river. All design and construction work was done by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The 1916 dykes, or retaining walls, were successful for 70 years and most of the Henry Hudson Park land area grew out of the River as a result of dredging activities. However the dykes have failed because of wood decay and the soils in Henry Hudson Park are now being washed back into the river.

The 4 to 6 feet of tidal water level change every 12.5 hours causes the water in the ground to wash out the soil wherever the dyke, or retaining wall, has failed.

The erosion caused by the Vlomanskill, where it flows into the Hudson River, will eventually eat away the

southeast tip of Henry Hudson Park and the northeast tip of Schermerhorn Island.

The concrete cap ice bumper, built on top of the crib type wood dykes, has crumbled because the rock rubble underneath has settled and moved toward the river. The rock rubble, pieces of crumbled reinforced concrete and decayed wood piles make the shoreline unfit for recreational use.

In the 1980s, the Army Corps of Engineers announced that maintenance of the dykes has been abandoned and the Hudson River will be allowed to return to its natural state creating more wetlands.

This means that a large amount of the land area in what is now Henry Hudson Park will eventually be under water at high tide unless the retaining wall (dyke) is replaced.

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Bethlehem Chamber decides to run free membership promotion

Numerous businesses join during hard economic times

By CHARLES WIFF
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Becoming a small business owner can be a tough proposition, even in the best of times. These days, with the economy still staggering, it can be a huge challenge.

That's the big reason the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is offering new memberships for free to area businesses. Most of the businesses taking advantage of the program are relatively new, and it's targeted as a "hand up for start ups," said Chamber President Marty DeLaney.

"When you start out in a business you need a hand up," she said. "A business gets all the benefits of being in the Chamber and gets to meet other businesses. ... It's all about businesses helping businesses."

The program offers businesses that have never been Chamber members six months of full membership benefits. Chamber members can buy health insurance through the Chamber, are provided discounts for various services, appear in the Chamber directory and can take part in Chamber events, including an upcoming breakfast with the Colonie and Guilderland chambers on Friday, Jan. 29 and the Bethlehem Chamber's annual awards dinner on Friday, March 25.

More than two-dozen businesses have taken advantage of the offer in the few weeks it's been running. Imperial Travel, The Wine Reserve in Glenmont, Corner Gateway in Slingerlands, Moment Catcher Photography of Delmar and Chancery Lane of Delmar are just some of the ones that signed up for free.

Membership dues are on a sliding scale, depending upon the size of the business.

Chamber member and owner of Glenmont Car Wash Dennis O'Shaughnessy first proposed the program. Since then, Chamber leadership has found it's bringing a swell of new members to the circle.

The Chamber has 578 members as of last count, but fully expects to reach 600 in the coming weeks, said Gina Bulman, who does membership development for the Chamber.

"It's a good time to be creative; it's a good time to help businesses," she said. "It's exciting for us to be able to help in this way, and it's exciting for businesses who are still trying to put up Web sites and get the word out."

Chancery Lane owner Ingrid Capron said that Chamber membership has already provided her with a leg up through providing mailing lists and even emergency printing

services. She's offering a 10 percent discount for Chamber members at her store, which carries new and antique gift and décor items that range from under \$5 to over \$500.

Capron's story is a lesson in recession economics. She was laid off in January after working in sales, marketing and public relations for 17 years. Facing a dismal job market, she instead turned to a longtime desire and a family history of entrepreneurial spirit and went into business for herself.


"After months of searching for work, I just decided to take matters into my own hands and start my own business," she said.


"I've always loved antiques, loved retail and I love being my own boss," she said.



From left are Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney, Chancery Lane Owner Ingrid Capron and Gina Bulman, who does membership development for the Chamber, at the Chamber ribbon-cutting event for Chancery Lane. The shop is one of several businesses that have taken advantage of the Chamber's free membership program, which runs until the end of the year.

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Stuyvesant Plaza celebrates a half-century



From left, Edward Swyer, president of Stuyvesant Plaza, is joined by special guests Indian Blessing, played by Cira Masters, and Henry Hudson, played by Stephen Peltier. The special guests were included in the plaza's 50th anniversary celebration to commemorate the history of both the plaza's ancestry and land.

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Popular shopping center
has a day named
in its honor

By DAN SABBATINO
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"It's pretty exciting
for us. It was a fun
day."

Janet Kaplan

A lot has happened since 1959 – The Korean War, a moon landing and the invention of the Internet to name a few.

And through all of that stood Stuyvesant Plaza, the Guilderland shopping destination that celebrated its 50th anniversary Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Stuyvesant Plaza was recognized as regional landmark on Wednesday, and was adorned with a plaque celebrating its 50 years in operation, as well as proclamations of "Stuyvesant Plaza Day," in honor of its anniversary.

Janet Kaplan, vice president of real estate for Stuyvesant Plaza, said the recognition ceremony was a great opportunity to celebrate the tenants, many of whom have been in business a number of years:

"It's pretty exciting for us," she said. "It was a fun day."

Kaplan said 17 out of 58 tenants in the plaza have logged more than 20 years at the Guilderland shopping center, and 14 of them are locally owned and operated.

She said that even in the tough economy, many

businesses are doing well, and this month is the first that sales are up compared with last year.

Featured at the festivities was a presentation by a costumed Henry Hudson, who announced prizewinners for contests that ran through the summer. In addition, both Albany County and the Town of Guilderland issued proclamations deeming Nov. 4 "Stuyvesant Plaza Day."

In honor of the 50 years that the plaza has been around, the tenants are issuing a holiday shopping guide title "50 gifts in 50 days," in which a different gift idea will be featured until Dec. 23.

Kaplan said the plaza participated in the proclamation as a whole, but the focus is really on those that own and operate the establishments.

"We'd rather just have the focus on the stores," she said.

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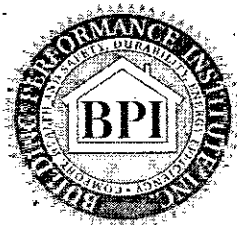
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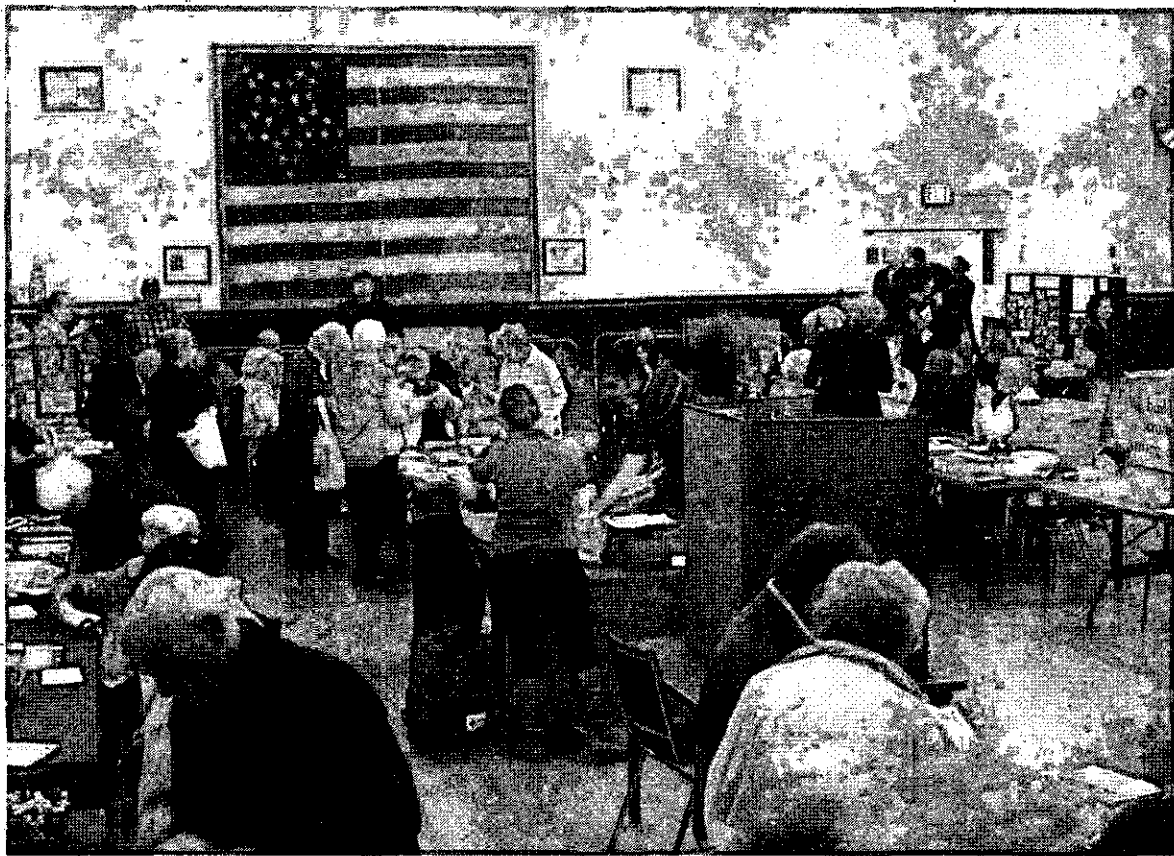
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Hundreds flock to health fair



Hundreds flocked to Bethlehem Town Hall for the annual Community Health Fair on Friday, Nov. 13. In the meeting hall, medical services set up informational booths and people waited for a seasonal flu vaccine, 500 doses of which were available. A smaller-than-usual supply of the shot increased demand this year, said officials in the town Senior Services office. The Bellevue Women's Hospital Mobile Mammography Coach was also stationed in the parking lot. The event was sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Project, Inc., Bethlehem Senior Services and was supported by a grant from the Alban County Department for Aging.

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State enacts texting ban

County lawmakers say legislation takes the teeth out of measures they had put in place

By ARIANA COHN
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As of the first of the month, text messaging while driving could result in a traffic ticket, but only for those being pulled over for another traffic offense.

Legislators from Albany and Schenectady counties say the recently passed state law is not as strict as their county laws would have been on texting-while-driving offenders.

In Albany County, Legislator Chris Higgins, D-Albany, introduced the county law last year, which took effect Aug. 1.

He said his law would have allowed officers to write tickets solely for texting while driving as opposed to the state law's requirement that texting tickets only be issued in concert with other traffic offense tickets.

"A state police officer or a local municipal police officer cannot pull you over if he sees you texting while driving," Higgins said.

He said the state law will preempt the county law.

"I believe the county law was stronger," Higgins said.

Higgins' law was based heavily on a Schenectady County law introduced by Schenectady County Legislature Chairwoman Susan Savage in 2008.

The Schenectady County law was passed later that year and, like the Albany County version, allowed police officers to pull people over for simply texting while driving.

"Actually, the Albany County and Schenectady County laws are identical," Savage said. "We thought that it was a way to help the legislatures to get a uniform policy." Savage said she is concerned that the state law is not as strong as the law she had introduced on a county level.

"I do share that sentiment that I am disappointed because I do think that if an officer sees someone texting while driving, that they should be able to be pulled over. That's the type of behavior we're hoping to discourage, and the state law takes us a step back," she said.

While Higgins said he does not plan to pursue a county measure that would ensure that those who are only texting while driving can be penalized, Savage said she is looking into it.

"We're researching that at this point," she said, but added, "State laws take precedent over local laws."

Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace to host screening

On Saturday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., the film "Rethinking the War in Afghanistan" with a discussion led by Connie Houde, will be presented at First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., across the street from the downtown SUNY campus.

Directed by filmmaker Robert Greenwald — whose screen credits include "Outfoxed," "Wal-Mart," and "Iraq for Sale" — this film exposes the true costs of the military occupation of Afghanistan, the daily struggles facing U.S. soldiers, and the

hardships endured by Afghan civilians. At this time when the U.S. role in Afghanistan is being debated among government officials and the public, "Rethink Afghanistan" could not be more timely.

A discussion after the film screening will be led by Connie Frisbee Houde, who recently returned from a visit to Afghanistan.

This event—co-sponsored by Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace, Upper Hudson Peace Action, and Women Against War. Admission is free, and free refreshments will be provided by the Honest Weight Food Coop. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call 466-1182.

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IN BRIEF

American Legion to host Thanksgiving dinner

The American Legion Post No. 1493 in Voorheesville will host a community Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

The dinner is free and open to the public, but voluntary donations will be accepted to benefit local food pantries. Take out dinners are available on request. The American Legion Post No. 1493 is located at 31 Voorheesville Ave. in Voorheesville. For more information, call 765-4359.

AAC to sponsor canned food drive

The AAC Family Wellness Centers in Guilderland and Ballston Spa will sponsor a canned food drive for the Northeast Regional Food Bank throughout November and December. Donations can be dropped off at the Family Wellness Center at 2558 Western Avenue in Guilderland or at 402 Rowland Street in Ballston Spa. For more information, call the Guilderland Center at 456-3100 or the Ballston Spa Center at 363-0202.

Guilderland YMCA to hold book sale

The annual Guilderland YMCA book sale will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. The sale will feature gently used books of all kinds including children's books. Books can be donated for the sale until Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Books can be dropped off at the Guilderland YMCA at 250 Winding Brook Drive, where the sale will also take place.

Call 456-3634 for more information.

G'land Chamber announces events

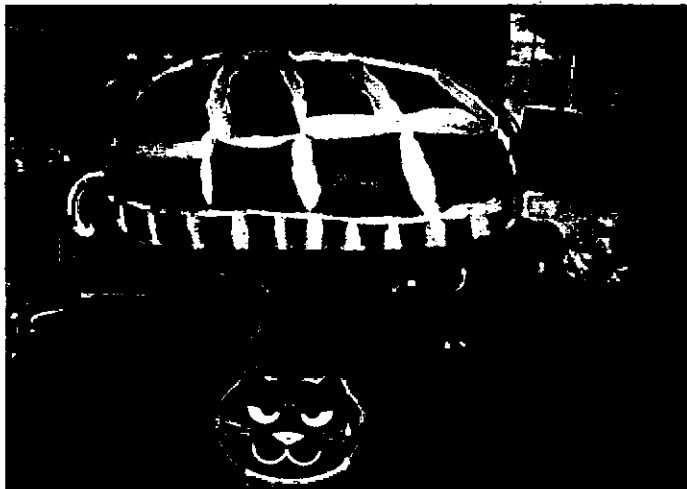
On Thursday, Nov. 19, the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce will host an affordable health care panel with information on insurance carriers, health savings accounts, prescription plans and AFLAC plans. The purpose is to educate and empower consumers to do research and decide how to spend their limited resources. The event takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Heritage Village Social Room, off Route 155 by Farnsworth Middle School (follow signs to rental office). Cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, the chamber will host "A Taste of Guilderland" Holiday Mixer at GCC Offices, 2050 Western Ave. Kick off the season with six local restaurants, gift basket raffles, and awesome door prizes! The event takes place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Call 456-6611 for more information, or RSVP

at www.guilderlandchamber.com/calendar.html.

On Friday, Dec. 4, the chamber will host a small business group at GCC Offices, 2050 Western Ave. The topic is "Search Engine Optimization & Web Site Promotion", with a special two-hour presentation from guest speaker Roger Lipera. Web Design breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m., the program starts at 8 a.m. Cost is \$5 and includes refreshments. Call 456-6611 for more information, or register at www.guilderlandchamber.com/calendar.html.

Slow and steady wins the race



Employees of the Delmar Animal Hospital sharpened their carving tools for the annual pumpkin carving contest that has been a tradition at the hospital for many years. All employees carve a pumpkin and bring it in for Halloween, and everyone who stops into the hospital that day is encouraged to vote. Bridget, Delmar Animal Hospital's longtime receptionist, took home the gold by carving "The Turtle." Visit www.delmaranimalhospital.com to view all pumpkin entries. The staff of the Delmar Animal Hospital wishes to thank those of you who stopped in to vote and share the fun.

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Chamber members trade food for thought



Event brings in cash and non-perishables for Regional Food Bank

By DAN SABBATINO
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Guilderland Chamber of Commerce members swapped donations for business strategies at the "Food for Thought" event hosted on Friday, Nov. 6.

The event yielded two boxes of food and cash donations for Regional Food Bank, according to information from the GCC.

After a presentation titled "The Subtle Sell," from Pauline Bartel, a marketing and public relations specialist, members were invited to donate canned goods for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York for a one-on-one session with Bartel.

Dave Giminiani, owner of CDE Bookkeeping Services, said he was happy to be a part of the event, and was glad to be able to make a contribution to those in need.

"I thought it was great with Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday coming up," said Giminiani. "It was a great two-way street, a win-win."

Giminiani said his one-on-one session allowed him to discuss ideas about reaching out to the small businesses he caters to, and also about ways

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Dave Giminiani, owner of CDE Bookkeeping Services

to market his business.

"She gave me a couple of really good ideas," he said.

Bartel holds a degree in English and a post-graduate degree in public communications, both from the College of Saint Rose in Albany.

"The Subtle Sell: Strategies that Drive Customers to Buy," is based on the acronym, SELL, which stands for Strut your stuff, Engage others, Link to prospects and Leverage accomplishments.

Bartel also teaches several courses at Hudson Valley Community College related to marketing and writing.

The Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York collects donations and distributes it to charitable agencies serving people in 23 counties from Plattsburgh to Newburgh. The Food Bank provides nearly 20 million pounds of food a year to over 1,000 agencies, according to information from the organization.

Pauline Bartel of Bartel Communications gave 15-minute marketing consultations to selected Guilderland Chamber of Commerce members on Friday, Nov. 6. In return for a donation of five non-perishable food products, Chamber member Dave Giminiani, owner of CDE Bookkeeping Services, benefited from Bartel's years of experience.

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IN BRIEF

Tom Minnick to address Chamber

The Bethlehem business community and residents are invited to attend a discussion of New York State labor rules and how they impact business owners and employees at a meeting hosted by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7:45 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Tom Minnick, vice president of human resources at the Business Council of New York State, will discuss how New York's labor regulations affect employers, including recent changes in

minimum wage, smoking in the workplace, meal periods and paycheck deductions.

"Labor standards and rules in New York are very different than those on the federal level and those in other states," said Minnick. "Not only can it be confusing to comply, but the standards are continually changing."

Minnick will also review new state labor laws from the 2009 state legislative session and outline what measures are ahead for 2010.

Minnick will speak as part of the Bethlehem Chamber's monthly Business for Breakfast

series offered to members and the community. The November 19th meeting is sponsored by Capital Communications FCU.

"These meetings offer our members and the business community as a whole a great opportunity to catch up on the latest news that may affect their day-to-day operation and ultimately their bottom line," said Marty DeLaney, Chamber President. "Participating in the Business for Breakfast meetings, gathering this important information and joining with other local business owners to discuss common interests and concerns are some of the benefits

of participating in Chamber services."

For more information on the upcoming meeting or any Bethlehem Chamber events or services, contact the office in Delmar at 439-0512.

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RSVP and payment is due no later than Tuesday, Nov. 24. For information, contact Linda Cure at Parks and Recreation at 456-3150 or email curel@townofguilderland.org.

Workshop to focus on holiday decorations

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Finance *in the* Spotlight

A very happy unbirthday: Gifts that surprise...and last

By RUTH MAHONEY
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In life, just as in fiction, Alice in Wonderland author Lewis Carroll had a penchant for the unbirthday celebration—a spontaneous commemoration of any day that is not your birthday...highlighted, of course, by a gift.

Unlike traditional birthday gifts, no strings are attached to the unbirthday gift. Only ulterior motives—such as improving relationships, inducing action, inspiring relaxation...or teaching the value of financial responsibility or charity. It comes without the burden of expectations, is not a must-have item on a wish list and, best of all, is a complete surprise and always welcomed. So if you want to let someone you love know you care, here are some age appropriate, money-minded gifts that are available 364 days a year for the unsuspecting unbirthday boy or girl in your life.

Newborns to five-year olds

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For kids who are old enough to appreciate a gift, piggy banks and safes are fun toys that can introduce the concept of protecting and saving money. As with all toys today, the more annoying it is to you (flashy and noisy), the more engaging it will be for your little one.

Six- to 12-year olds

Fund the opening of an interest-bearing savings account. One of the great joys of being a kid is getting a lollipop when you go to the bank with your parents. However, few things in a young child's life make her or him feel more grown up than walking into a bank to open an account. For many kids, it's a memorable moment. The thrill is only heightened when they see their name on a check or bank statement.

If you have the financial wherewithal, agree to match their contributions. For example, if your child deposits \$100 to his or her savings account over the course of one year, without making any withdrawals, contribute an additional \$100 into the account. This is a great way to teach your children both the value of savings and the power of leveraging gifts, which will benefit them later in

life when they can contribute to 401(k) accounts.

Teenagers

Teenagers all have their favorite stores and brands (McDonald's, Gap, Apple—the list is endless). Purchase them stock, and show them another side of the business—mainly profits and losses—that they usually don't think about. Monitor the stock with them, explaining the market forces that are driving its performance. You can even challenge them, or have them compete against others, in a fantasy stock market game. Youngmoney.com has a free simulator, as well as many resources that will improve

your child's financial literacy.

After age 18 you can gift children her money to open an individual retirement account (IRA). There is no more valuable gift a parent can give their children than the lesson of compounding interest. Make them understand that the time to save for their future is now by explaining that \$1,000 invested when they are 20, as opposed to when they are 30, will be a difference of nearly \$50,000 by the time they reach age 65. So the key is to get your kids in the mindset of investing early. They can invest significantly less money and reap much higher earnings.

College graduates

Unfortunately, when faced with the choice of some extra spending money or health insurance, most young adults will opt for the spending money. After all, they're young and healthy. Nothing could possibly go wrong. As wise, life-experienced adults, we know better. So forgo big gifts, like a car or costly trip, and instead keep recent college graduates healthy—physically and financially—by helping them extend their insurance coverage. In many states, catastrophic policies are available and are relatively low cost. While it won't cover a trip to the doctor's office for the flu, it will cover any lengthy and costly hospital stay due to accident or illness.

Another option for recent graduates is to jumpstart their home savings fund. With all the things they're juggling for the first time in their lives—landing a job, rent, student loans, groceries, taxes and car payments—it's easy for them to disconnect from the big picture. Helping them with a modest down payment for a starter home will instantly give them equity in a traditionally sound and stable long-term investment.

Friends and spouses

Birthdays are often a reminder that we're getting older. Who wants that? But the truth is, we never get too old to enjoy a thoughtful gift, especially if it doesn't remind us of our own mortality. So the perfect gift for the "mature" people in your life

is the gift of charity. Fortunately, socially responsible gift giving has become trendy, and there are many organizations, such as justgive.org, that make giving the gift of charity easier. You can simply buy them a gift certificate that they can redeem to support the charity of their choice. Locally, the Community Foundation manages more than 325 charitable funds for individuals, families, businesses and organizations. Together, these funds and their donors have a far greater charitable impact than they could individually.

Make it matter... make it last

The best part about giving an unbirthday gift is that they are never disappointing. Still, the best gifts are always defined by understanding the needs and desires of the person you are gifting to. While we all enjoy something superfluous from time to time, we also appreciate a meaningful gift that we would not generally give to ourselves. Money-minded gifts fall into this category. The key is to get creative, and be sure that you are thinking about their values, not yours. If you're at a loss,

talk to your banker. They should be full of ideas. And don't stress. As Humpty Dumpty tells Alice in Alice in Wonderland, you have 364 days when you can give—or get—an unbirthday gift. Time is on your side, and so is the element of surprise.

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Ruth Mahoney

Charitable gifting

According to the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, charitable gifting has long been a holiday tradition in America. However, indications are that charitable gifting for other occasions is a growing trend, as donations to the nation's 400 largest charities grew by 4.3 percent in 2007 to \$67.5 billion. Here are three ways to make a difference when you give.

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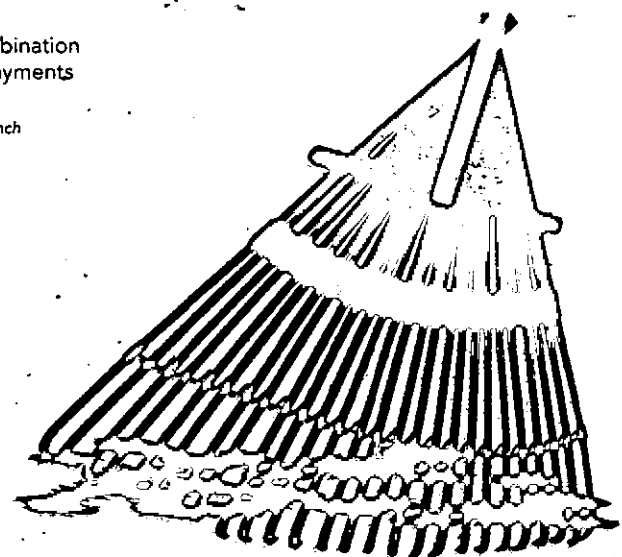
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Guilderland High School paper makes the news

Award-winning student-run publication is one of most-honored in state

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While many high school student spend time gossiping about their favorite restaurants and Friday's football game, the staff of Guilderland High School's *The Journal* is busy writing award-winning articles about them.

The Journal, Guilderland High School's student-run newspaper, has received 12 awards from the Empire State School Press Association for work published in 2008 and 2009, according to school officials.

Christopher Mazura, the paper's faculty adviser and a teacher at GHS, said he is proud of the newspaper's staffers, but, he added, the awards are business as usual for the hardworking students who run *The Journal*.



From left are Kat Keegan, Casey Geraty and Sohee Rho. All three are editors at the award-winning newspaper *The Journal*, Guilderland High School's student publication.

"This is a typical year for us," he said. "We typically bring home that many [awards]."

He said for the past 10 years, the paper has annually

received gold awards from the ESSPA.

He was quick to give credit to others, though, and said without a lot of hard work, the paper would not be so well received.

"It's the students who put in the hard work," he said.

He said past advisers, like Tom Smith, who "helped take the program to the next level" in the 1980s and 1990s, deserve a lot of credit as well.

Mazura said the foundation of the paper is based on sound journalistic ethics, a pivotal starting point for any publication.

"[The paper] gives them real-world skills," he said of the staffers.

Mazura said working as a team to make a newspaper requires the students to rise above common

high school conflicts, and *The Journal* is a great starting point for those interested in the field of journalism.

Sohee Rho, a senior and the paper's editor-in-chief, said getting the students to write the stories is sometimes easier than putting together the whole paper.

"To get a group of 30 or 40 students working together is the challenge," she said.

Rho and Hallways Editor Becky Glazier, also a senior, received a Silver Award for in-depth coverage for their article: "Sexting: How far is too far?" Rho also won honorable mention in the on-site writing competition.

"Stories are everywhere," Rho said. "Just look around. Talk to people in the hallways."

The Journal publishes six or seven issues each year, Rho said, and she is hoping to get another out before Thanksgiving.

Mazura wanted to note the contribution of Chris Levy, co-editor-in-chief, who graduated last year but played a big role in bringing home the awards.

Levy got a Gold Award for layout and typography portfolio.

The Journal staffers meet every other day to discuss story ideas. Mazura takes care of housekeeping with the group, as well as discusses ways to improve the paper.

Kat Keegan, a senior and the Around Town section editor, said the writers and editors try to give readers a diverse product.

"We try to make something that will target each of the different readers," she said.

Keegan often finds information from the Guilderland Public Library and Town Hall about new businesses and restaurants in town, a popular topic in her section.

She noted the responsibility that the paper has, as well as its influence.

"We have the most power in the school," she said, and quipped that students sometimes watch what they say around the vigilant *Journal* staff.

Keegan was recognized Thursday, Nov. 5, along with several of her colleagues for her ability to go outside of school walls and get a comment from a New York state senator.

Casey Geraty, a senior, and co-sports editor, echoed the sentiment of offering a well-balanced product to readers.

"I like covering girls' sports because I do feel they're under recognized," she said.

The Journal's other ESSPA honors, based on judging by professors at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communications, include five Gold Awards – the contest's highest honor.

The *Journal* received a Gold Award for overall achievement and for front page design. Briana Del Bene received two Gold Awards, for Best Sports Photograph and Overall Photographer Portfolio and a silver award for a second Overall Photographer Portfolio. Mike Marcantonio won a Bronze Award for Sports News for his article "Guilderland girls' lacrosse 'let it reign.'" Graphics Editor Priyanka Tanavde received an Honorable Mention in the category Sports Feature for her article "Cross country team focuses on hard work." The staff of the *Journal* also received two Honorable Mentions in the category Editorial Page for their "Election Special" section.

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Mix and match at middle school

Anti-bullying program encourages students to get to know new people at lunchtime

By SEAN AHERN
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The students of Draper Middle School in Rotterdam were divided into different groups, sat down at lunch tables and asked to do something painful on Tuesday, Nov. 10: talk to someone outside their own group of friends.

As a part of Respect Month in the Mohonasen School District, students at the middle school have participated in "Stop Bullying Now" week as a way to inspire respect and unity among the students at the school.

During their Tuesday lunch period, students were divided into groups based on the color of their shirts for the Mix It Up at Lunch event. The students were then asked to learn something new about their lunchroom buddies.

"We try to have an environment where the kids feel comfortable with talking to counselors and adults," said guidance counselor Debbie Wood. "The kids are good; most of them are non-judgmental, and the kids have learned about accepting one and other."

Wood said Mohonasen has gained from the teaching methods of educators, guidance counselors and administrators who make it easier for students to discuss issues in their lives. She cited the work of Principal Debra Male as a guiding force in this philosophy.

"Debra Male is a big promoter of this kind of camaraderie," Wood said. "She sees kids all the time and promotes that kids come to adults. She's a very good person."

Male said it is all a part of the effort to be "a community school."

"We want the kids to get along in the school," said Male.

She said students should learn to talk to people outside their comfort zones not only because it means better communication among peers but also because of future life situations they will encounter.

"It's good for social situations and good to stop prejudging people," she said.

Some students were resistant to the change and tried to hang out with their friends in the lunchroom, but members of the school's staff, as well as student groups such as Peers for Peace, help to open up students to new ideas.

Male said the anti-bullying week also helps students recognize in themselves that when they act out for any reason, they may be bullying someone without their knowledge.

Encouraged by a sign above the front with positive slogans like, "Don't be shy, introduce yourself!" students are asked to connect and strengthen the bonds of the school community.

"It's a great activity to open their own groups," said faculty advisor to Peers for Peace Maria Pacheco. Pacheco stated that students may

not like the idea of spending a lunch period away from friends, but learning something new about someone can help open up new ideas and expand groups of friends within the school.

"It's a slow process," said Male. "Some kids are resistant, but some kids are meeting new people."

As part of the program, students are given prizes for talking to new people and learning new things about their lunch cohorts. Gift cards to Dunkin' Donuts and peace sign paraphernalia were among the prizes.

"The kids are really into it," said Amy Molina, the seventh-grade home and careers teacher at the school. "They want to stop it [bullying] but don't know how."

Molina taught a section on anti-bullying in her class and has helped school guidance counselors create an anti-bullying forum for students to speak out against bullying in the school.



FROM LEFT: Sixth graders Chris Radliff, Tim Zarecki, Justin Cullam, Connor DeMyer, Nolan Carroll, Shiva Bhoge, Jason Heinrichs, Zak Payton and Chris Miller of Draper Middle School meet up at lunch as a part of the school's "Mix it up at lunch program," which is a part of the school's Anti-Bullying Week.

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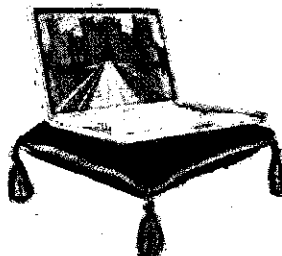


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Salvation Army rallies troops

Race

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Group expects to see increased demand

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Area Salvation Army groups are making an appeal to residents to make donations and offer their time to help keep up with the high demand during the upcoming holiday season.

"It's a great community service opportunity," Felix Perez, director of development for the Albany County Salvation Army, said. "It's very rewarding work."

Perez said the Salvation Army is looking for holiday assistants to handle the large number of families expected to use the organization's services this year.

He said he expects close to 500 families – 1,500 children – to use the Albany County Salvation Army from November through December.

"It looks like demand is up 25 to 30 percent," Perez said.

The Salvation Army works with food pantries and provides meals and toys during the holiday season.

There are 35 collection sites in Albany County, which will be

manned beginning on Friday, Nov. 20.

Starting on Saturday, Nov. 7, the Salvation Army will offer special deals with the minor league hockey club the Albany River Rats, to raise money. Opportunities to donate money during the team's 10 remaining home games through Dec. 24 will also be available.

Last year, Perez said, the Salvation Army raised \$120,000 in donations. This year, he anticipates they need close to \$250,000 to keep up with increasing demand.

The organization will require 11,520 hours of service to handle the 35 sites. Without volunteers, the organization will be forced to pay \$7.50 per hour for rangers, which Perez said is counterproductive.

Perez said that with \$25, the Salvation Army can provide lunch for five days for a person.

Corporations and business that make "in-kind" donations are also welcome. A Saratoga businessman with a music shop did maintenance on the Salvation Army's instruments, while others have donated school supplies and other items.

The Salvation Army of Saratoga Springs is also inviting "local clubs, organizations, churches,

schools, businesses, families and individuals to team up to help ring bells for its Red Kettle campaign starting in mid-November," according to information from the group.

"A bad economy hits our at-risk families and seniors first," said Roger Miller, director of The Salvation Army in Saratoga Springs. "Increased requests for rent and utilities assistance and for food pantry access rapidly exhausted our available funds."

Miller said the impending chilly winter is one more reason the Salvation Army and its volunteers need to step up.

"Now, with the holidays ahead and cold weather looming, we need a very, very successful kettle campaign that enables us to respond to cries for help," Miller said in a statement.

Miller said Saratoga County is also expecting an increase in demand, somewhere around 10 percent.

He said last year donations and volunteers were down, as well as the utilization of "Angel Trees" which are opportunities to donate toys through local banks.

He asked people to look for the trees at their banks and "pick up a tag and fill one out," to help a family in need.

In Schenectady County, a Kettle Breakfast at the Glen Sanders Mansion kicked off the holiday season on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

"A bad economy hits our at-risk families and seniors first," said James Guest, director of the Salvation Army in Schenectady.

Guest said the Schenectady County Salvation Army will run breakfast and lunch five days per week, with a food pantry on three days per week and a clothing pantry all week.

Unique to Schenectady County is the year-round women and children's shelter.

There will be opportunities to donate online, and a company can host a virtual kettle, where it collects online donations in its name over a secured site.

A list of everyone who donates is then made available.

Schenectady County residents can contact the Salvation Army at 346-0222 and Albany County residents can call 463-6678. The Saratoga Springs Salvation Army can be reached at 584-1640, or The Red Kettle Center, toll-free, at 877-764-7259.

Online users can visit www.redkettles.org for information, and to volunteer or make a donation.

Messina, who sits on the Town Board, said that he would be looking toward transitioning into the office of supervisor in the coming days and weeks. The Independence Party member emphasized his desire to reach across party lines and keep an open dialogue going in Town Hall.

Cunningham said he has already asked department heads to prepare briefs on their ongoing operations, projects and challenges for the incoming supervisor.

"This was my livelihood, so next I'll be looking for something in order to pay the bills," said Cunningham. He previously worked in banking, but said he would also like to continue work along the lines of what he did as supervisor.

"One of the things I enjoyed so much as town supervisor was working on policy...and doing something for the community," he said.

After the race was decided, the board of election switched gears to begin counting absentee ballots from the Town of Colonie, where there was a tight race for a Town Board seat. The BOE was not done counting the remaining absentee ballots when *The Spotlight* went to print. Visit www.spotlightnews.com for the final tally when it becomes available.

Budget

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at \$300,000) and important to maintain vital services. The town will also tap its fund balance for nearly \$1.7 million.

"The 2 percent increase was the right thing to do in August, it was the right thing to do two weeks ago and it's the right thing to do today," said Councilman Kyle Kotary.

"This budget protects our reserves to the extent we can at this point while allowing us to

keep the services the residents of this town enjoy," said Councilwoman Joann Dawson.

"These are flat times, you need a budget that reflects the state of the economy," said Councilman Mark Hennessey, who has previously said he is pleased the budget will play down the town's reliance on fund reserves. "This is a sound budget; it will get us through to next year."

Several significant changes were made from the budget unveiled in September. A cost of living increase for town employees was decreased to 1 percent from 1.5 percent for a savings of \$21,316. Elected and appointed officials will still not see a pay increase.

Messina singled out this element for disagreement, saying that the town's personnel are a vital resource.

"I think we could have been able to keep that with some efficiencies," he said of the cost of living increase.

In addition, pavilion work at the Colonial Acres Golf Course will be deferred at a savings of \$50,000. The construction of a new maintenance garage there will be covered by the Parks and Recreation Department's Set

Aside Fund, saving the general budget \$40,000.

Cunningham said that it has been a struggle to keep the budget down in the face of rising costs. In 2010, the cost of pension contributions will rise 34 percent, the cost of health insurance will rise 4 percent and the cost of Medicare contributions will rise 27 percent, he said.

"We have no control over those increases," he said.

Cunningham also argued that spending would be decreasing in many areas when big-ticket equipment and capital improvement leases and bonding are factored out. The Highway Department is scheduled to purchase \$360,000 worth of equipment, the Water Department \$725,000 worth of upgrades and the Sewer Department is scheduled for \$395,000 in big-ticket expenditures.

He also mentioned that the town's recent credit rating upgrade to AA would be a boon for the town, especially as it prepares to issue \$8.1 million in general obligation bonds later this month. Getting better interest rates on these bonds would save the town between \$240,000 and \$330,000 over the life of the

bonds, which is more than the 2010 increase to the tax levy.

"We're actually getting paid back over the long term on this," Cunningham said.

Messina took issue with that argument, noting that those savings will be realized over the life of the bonds, not all in 2010.

"I think that is absolutely terrific," he said of the new credit rating. "I think our comparisons are wrong...there's no net savings to taxpayers."

The bonds are for several infrastructure projects and will be split up to last the life of the particular element that is being bonded. The life of the various bonds should be between 10 and 28 years, said Comptroller Suzanne Traylor.

Cunningham warned that future years would bring about some tough choices for the community, as the town's infrastructure deteriorates and high unemployment may continue. Of particular note is the New Salem Water Treatment Plant, which Cunningham said would be rendered obsolete by new EPA regulations in 2012.

"The community is going to have to look very closely at replacing that building," he said.

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Mahan prevails in supervisor race

Dems Linda Murphy and Daniel Hornick take two of three open seats on board

By ARIANA COHN
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As the ballot numbers started to trickle in on Election Day, Colonie Democrats were climbing a ladder to write the results on poster board so that everyone at the Wolf Road headquarters could see.

With each posting came a roar of applause or a disappointed sigh, with everyone anxious to see who would come out victorious in what had been called one of the Capital District's most contentious races of the season – the race for Colonie Town Supervisor.

In the end, voters tapped Democrat Paula Mahan to serve another term. Unofficial Albany County Board of Elections results, as of Tuesday, Nov. 10, showed Mahan with 12,159 votes to Republican challenger Mike Hoblock's 10,623.

Out of 60 polling districts, the first results from the first district came in at 227 votes for Mahan and 170 votes for Hoblock. While Mahan's lead was not a trend in all 60 districts, as the night went on, her lead became ever more prevalent.

Around 11 p.m. on election night, with fewer than 60 percent of the districts being reported, Mahan announced that her challenger, a former Town Board member and most recently the chairman of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, had called to congratulate her.

"He was a gentleman and said, 'congratulations,'" she said.

The day after the election, Hoblock said, "I don't know what there is to say. The voters have spoken."

Hoblock said he will continue to closely follow issues that affect residents of the Town of Colonie.

Colonie Republican Committee Chairman John Graziano Jr. said Wednesday, Nov. 4, that the supervisor will be faced with many challenges in her second term.

"The supervisor's going to be

given another chance in the next two years," he said. "The climate is not going to be favorable to town government."

Mahan said that her plan is to continue working to bring the town to fiscal stability and out of its deficit, most recently reported at \$16 million.

"We've got so much to do. We're going to continue to work on that deficit, pursue sale of town assets. We have an aggressive five-year paving plan," she said. "There's so much more to be done."

In the Colonie Town Justice race, voters were able to choose two candidates out of four to fill two seats. Republican incumbent Andrew Sommers won one seat with 11,547 votes, and as of Tuesday, Republican Norman Massry won the second with 10,532 votes. Democrats trailed with 10,278 votes for Stanley Segal and 8,914 votes for Frederick Altman. Absentee ballots will be opened for the town justice candidates.



An autism resource

Bethlehem High School junior Daniel Rios stands with his bookcase shaped in the international puzzle piece symbol for autism awareness. Rios oversaw the construction of the bookcase for his Eagle Scout project and raised more than \$1,000 through community organizations and businesses to fill it with autism-related literature for Bethlehem parents. Guertze Builders donated the wood for the bookcase and Olsen's Ace Hardware donated the paints and polyurethane.

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Volunteers have helped library's garden grow

As the growing season draws to a close, library staff and trustees once again extend thanks to volunteers from the Progress Club and Bethlehem Garden Club who plan and tend our beautiful gardens. The plaza garden was a riot of color, form and butterflies this year. The peony garden was abundant, annual gardens strutted their stuff, new trees and shrubs filled out nicely, and the shade garden on the path around the property was a quiet refuge for the eyes and the spirit.

Garden volunteers donate many of the plants they install every year. The Bethlehem Garden Club also donated \$300 toward specimen trees for our PARC project.

Our custodians deserve thanks as well, for pristine mulching and edging and for attending and watering the trees and shrubs planted or relocated as part of the PARC project.

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Veterans to share their stories with students

The RCS Community Library is partnering with RCS Middle School students to interview local veterans for the latest phase of the Tell Me About It Project. Librarian Barbara Goetschius and social studies teacher Marty Case recently met with a group of students to teach them general interviewing skills. The students will practice their new found skills by interviewing family members in the coming weeks.

A group of veterans from World War II through the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have agreed to be interviewed in December. The students will use their new skills to interview the veterans and record their experiences in war time. The stories will then be transcribed and preserved for future generations.

There has been a tremendous

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interest on the part of the students in learning about the veterans' experiences. If you are a veteran or know a veteran who would be interested in participating in this project, contact Barbara at the library (756-2053).

Tell Me About It is a collaboration of the Library with STARS Intergen Corporation and Senior Projects of Ravena. The project began in the summer of 2008, in the village of Ravena, with funding from the Upper Hudson Library System's Outreach Mini-Grant Program. Since then, participants from other parts of the community have shared their stories, providing a record about life in our community in the 20th century.

Thanksgiving hours

The Library will close at 5pm on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and will remain closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving. Our regular hours resume on Friday and Saturday, when we will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Earn tickets

Our Reading with Rowdy program has been underway for a month with lots of kids picking up the Albany River Rats "Minutes for Tickets" reading log.

Kids age 12 and under who read a little more than a half hour a day for a month will have read for 1000 minutes, enough to earn a free ticket. Families may order specially priced tickets for the same River Rats game on Dec. 27 against the Penguins.

The program runs until Dec. 15, so pick up a reading log at the library and start earning your ticket today.

What's new

- Adult nonfiction
"The Bomber Boys" by Travis L. Ayres
"Highest Duty" by Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger
- New Juvenile Fiction
"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: 'Dog Days'" by Jeff Kinney
"Football Champ" by Tim Green

• 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/.



"Highest Duty" by Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger is one of the new offerings at the RCS Community Library.

Library offers lots of ways to give this season

Ways you can give to or through The Voorheesville Public Library in this "giving season":

- The Mitten Tree goes up Nov. 20

Warm up a child with hope, mittens, scarves and hats to help the children at Parsons Child and Family Center have a warm and happy holiday. Parsons helps more than 1,000 families and children with counseling services, parenting education, child abuse/neglect prevention and treatment, family strengthening programs, early childhood family support, special education programs, and mental health services. Please bring your gift for the tree by Dec. 11, when we pack everything up for delivery.

- Fill our baskets for NSFP

The New Scotland Food Pantry tries to supply basic necessities to families who are our neighbors and friends. Baskets are waiting at VPL for your always generous contributions of non-perishable grocery items: cookies, crackers, cereal, pasta, PB&J, canned soups and vegetables. Personal items, tissues, toothpaste, toilet paper and pet food are always needed. If you have extra that you can share, let's do it.

- Click on Amazon

Are you already an Amazon shopper? If so, you can ensure that the Friends of the Voorheesville Library get a benefit from Amazon for every dollar you spend (at no cost to you) by starting your online shopping on the VPL homepage. Click the Amazon

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What an easy way to support your library.

The library also has a connection to Whiskers cat rescue. If you would like to donate, please leave items in Barbara's office.

Hand sanitizers

VPL has installed hand sanitizers in four locations around the library. Please use them to curb the spread of whatever germs may be hanging around. We are also making a special effort to disinfect the computer terminals, children's toys and other high traffic implements. Enjoy your library; we want you to feel safe and healthy here. Please cough and sneeze before you enter.

Barbara Vink

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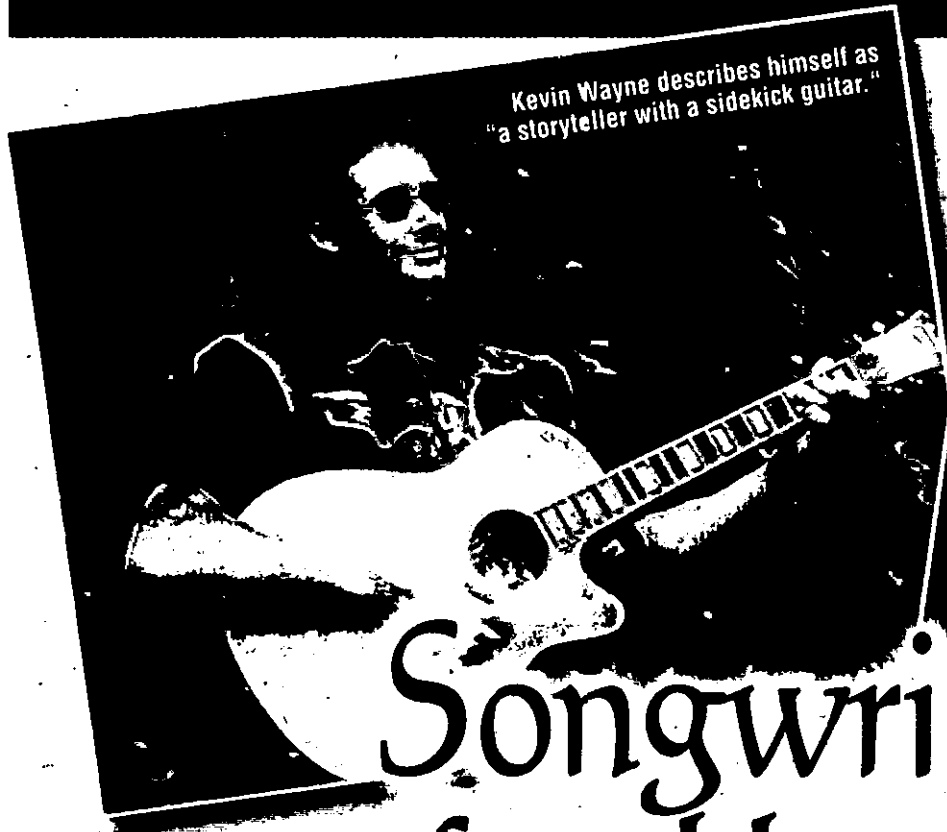
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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight



Kevin Wayne describes himself as "a storyteller with a sidekick guitar."



Chrissie VanWormer will perform in public for the first time in nearly a year when she takes the stage at the "Singing for Their Supper" benefit.

Songwriters stage food bank benefit

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Jam band gives solitary musicians some company

Being a songwriter in the Capital District is often a solitary pursuit.

Local songwriters often perform solo, taking the stage at local coffeehouses with just their guitars and the music they write.

Kevin Wayne found himself wanting a little company.

"I thought it'd be so much cooler if my songs were filled out a little," he said.

So Wayne got some fellow songwriters together, and they found a drummer and a bassist to accompany them. They regularly jam at Wayne's house, and on Sunday, Nov. 22, the Songwriters Jam Band will hold "Singing for Their Supper," a benefit concert for the Regional Food Bank. The First Unitarian Universalist Society in Albany will host the

concert from 2 to 6 p.m.

Like Wayne, Chrissie VanWormer, the only female songwriter taking part in the event, likes the way the Songwriters Workshop fosters a spirit of collaboration.

"Music is more about a few people doing it together," she said.

If that's the case, why not join a band? Wayne said bands are hard work — it takes a lot of effort "to get everybody dedicated."

He became dedicated to songwriting about eight years ago, roughly two years after he'd started playing guitar. He had written poetry in college, and his professors thought he was "pretty

good at it," he said. So when a serious illness laid him up and he was laid off for six months, Wayne tried his hand at writing music.

Not long after, he joined the NorthEast Country Music Association, where he met several other songwriters. They began holding some impromptu jam sessions, and Wayne pitched his idea to get together on a more regular basis.

It wasn't necessarily an easy sell, Wayne said, as songwriters are used to working alone. But soon, the jams became popular.

"I think once they started hearing how good it sounded, they became more open to it," Wayne said.

VanWormer said that songwriters aren't afraid to speak up if the collaboration isn't going quite as they hoped. Just recently, for instance, she had to implore the drummer to slow down.

"He was speeding up," she said. "I just told him, 'You're pushing me.'"

It's important, she said, for songwriters to preserve their sound, but at the same time, she

and her fellow songwriters are grateful for what the bassist and drummer bring to the table.

"You add that drum and suddenly the song has a heartbeat," she said. Add the bass, "and it kind of walks up your body."

VanWormer played a number of songs growing up, but these days she concentrates on the guitar, which she learned from her brother. After one lesson, her brother told her to write a song, and she protested that she wasn't a songwriter.

Anyone can write a song, he told her. The trick was to "look inside yourself," find a feeling and write a song about it.

So that's what VanWormer did. That initial effort wound up on her debut CD, and people often tell her it's their favorite of all her songs, she said.

She still takes that approach to songwriting, and she's often surprised at how easily songs come to her. More than once, she's wondered if she actually heard a song on the radio before she wrote it.

"Those songs come very fast," she said. "They would come in fully formed."

VanWormer's workflow slowed in recent months, though, as she battled an illness that left her unable to use her right arm. The benefit concert will mark the first time she's performed since February. She's excited to be doing it with the Songwriters Jam Band, crediting Wayne with bringing the group together.

"He's really trying to build a camaraderie," she said.

She said the food bank is a great cause, especially with the way the economy has been and the fact the holidays are approaching, a sentiment Wayne echoed.

Wayne explained that the event will feature eight local songwriters, who will each perform four songs. Special guests 2Late and J. Peter Yakel and Flood Road will play separate sets. Wayne stressed that the songwriters will perform in a variety of genres, even if the event is sponsored by the NorthEast Country Music Association.

Admission is \$7 per person or \$5 with a non-perishable food donation. Concessions will be provided by the New Russia Cultural Center. The venue is at 405 Washington Ave. in Albany.

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J. Peter Yakel & Flood Road will be one of the special guests at the "Singing for Their Supper" benefit.

Arts & Entertainment

Theater

DRIVING MISS DAISY
Famous story and movie, presented by Curtain Call Theater, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Nov. 21, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

DUET FOR ONE
Tom Kempinski play loosely based on the life of cellist Jacqueline DuPre, presented by D&M Productions, Boght Arts Center, 583 Boght Road, Latham, Nov. 20-21, \$15. Information, 785-2787.

FIVE WOMEN WEARING THE SAME DRESS
Alan Ball play about five bridesmaids finding out they have some things in common, presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 Sec ond Ave., Albany, through Nov. 22, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, adults \$15, students \$10. Information, 462-1297.

INTO THE WOODS
Musical about what happens to some fairy tale characters if their stories collided, presented by Siena College Creative Arts Department, Beaudoin Theatre, Foy Hall, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, Nov. 19-21, adults \$10, seniors/non-Siena students \$8. Information, 783-4242.

MY FAIR LADY
Famous musical, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 20, call for ticket prices. Information, 445-7469.

Music

"BACH TO BROADWAY"
A cabaret performance of classical and not-so-classical music by University at Albany voice major students, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., UAlbany Performing Arts Center Recital Hall, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, free. Information, 442-3997.

BOB RIVAS & DAVE BENDER
Acoustic duo, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ROB JONAS & FRIENDS
Roots rock/Americana, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

GREG KLYMA AND LAYAH JANE
Two singer-songwriters, Nov. 20, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$14 advance tickets, \$16 at door. Information, 583-0022.

RAY MASON
Roots rock/pop artist, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

EMERALD DAWN
Celtic/rock duo, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

JEREMY KITTEL WORLD BAND
Fusion of Celtic, bluegrass and jazz music, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$20. Information, 765-2815.

SOLID SMÖKE
Celebrating 50 years of Motown music, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

SUSAN TRUMP
Uplifting folk singer, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$15 advance tickets, \$17 at door. Information, 583-0022.

Comedy

WIT&WILL THEATRE
Presents "Tofurkey-Free Zone: Real Comedy for Real Laughter!" Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Zu Zu's Wonderful Life Inc., 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany, advance prices adults \$10, students/seniors \$6; door prices adults \$12, students/seniors \$8. Information, 439-7698.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM
"Through the Eyes of Others: African Americans and Identity in American Art," through Jan. 6; "This Great Nation will Endure," a collection of photographs from the 1930s and 1940s, through March 14; "1609," through March 10; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART
"Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art and Culture," through Jan. 3, 2010; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY
"Out of this World: Transcending the Ter-

restrial in Contemporary Art," through Nov. 29; "Repetitive Nature," in Concourse A gallery; "Air Craft," photos by Jeffrey Milstein; plus site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, as well as installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY
"About Light: Photographs by Bill Delaney and William Jaeger," through Nov. 28, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE
"On Broadway: The Evolution of Dance on the Broadway Stage," plus "Kenn Duncan," "Ballet Russes Centennial Exhibit" and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

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

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY
"Lives of the Hudson," through March 14, 2010; "Lives of the Hudson," through April 25, 2010; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE
"Steps Off The Beaten Path: 19th Century Photographs of Rome and its Environs," through Jan. 3; Crow and Raven: Baskin, Hughes, Manet, Poe," through Jan. 10; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

THE HYDE COLLECTION
"An Enduring Legacy: American Impressionist Landscape Paintings" from the Thomas Clark Collection," through March 28, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

ARKELL MUSEUM
"Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

CIRCLE THEATRE PLAYERS
Holding auditions for January production of "Arms and the Man," 6 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7 p.m. Dec. 7, callbacks Dec. 9, Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 Route 453, Averill Park, looking for two women age 20-early 30s, one woman age 40-60, one

man age 30-59 and one man age 50-60. Information, 674-2007.

LEARNING THE ART OF IMPROVISATION
A weekend class teaching the elements of improv comedy taught by Gary Arzberger, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Zu Zu's Wonderful Life Inc., 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany. Information, 466-4586.

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

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES
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.

CAPITLAND CHORUS
Openings for all voice parts, for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of Oranoso 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.

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

A CAPPELLA
New, informal, coed a cappella group in Delmar, for adults and teens 16 and older. Information, 439-0130.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

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

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

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

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

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

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34 Paul's pal
37 Ed Norton's wear
39 Mozart serenade start
40 Stravinsky ballet
41 Illinois Benedictine College site
42 Cleopatra's handmaiden
43 Grandeur
44 "Zip ___ Doo Dah"
45 Till bill
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Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday, Nov. 18

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

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, 439-9976, ext. 228.

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.

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.

BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, first and third Wednesdays 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7

p.m. Information, 439-4955. First and third Wednesdays of each month.

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.

Thursday, Nov. 19

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.

AA MEETINGS

Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

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

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.

Friday, Nov. 20

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

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.

STORY TIMES

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

Saturday, Nov. 21

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET

The Delmar Saturday Farmers Market will be open Nov. 7 until Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. The market is located at the Delmar Presbyterian Church at 585 Delaware 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.

Sunday, Nov. 22

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.

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.

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Wednesday, Nov. 25

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

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.

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.

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

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

BETHLEHEM

TOASTMASTERS

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

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.

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

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

BETHLEHEM

TOWN BOARD

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

Monday, Nov. 23

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.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 to 10 p.m.

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Tuesday, Nov. 24

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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Milestones in the Spotlight



Sarah M. Bena and Matthew L. Unright

Bena, Unright to exchange vows

Rt. Rev. David J. and Mary Ellen Bena of Mechanicville, N.Y. are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah M. Bena to Matthew L. Unright, son of Eric and Jane Unright of Delmar, N.Y.

The future bride graduated from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School in 2003. She earned a Bachelors Degree in Elementary and Special Education from Roberts Wesleyan in Rochester, N.Y. in 2007. Sarah is currently attending College of St Rose in Albany where she will receive a Masters Degree in School Counseling in December, 2009.

The future groom graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 2004. He graduated Cum Laude with a dual Bachelors Degree in Computer/Electrical Engineering from RPI in Troy, N.Y. in 2008. Matthew is presently working on a Master's in Engineering Science at Syracuse University. He is employed by Lockheed Martin in Syracuse, N.Y where he works in the Engineering Leadership Development Program.

The wedding will take place May 8, 2010 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Burnt Hills, N.Y. The Bride's father, The Rt. Rev. David J. Bena, will officiate. He will be assisted by Fr. John Scott. A reception will follow at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, N.Y.

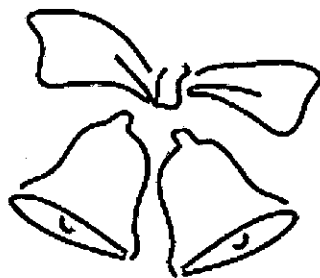
The Maid of Honor will be Laurel Bena, sister of bride. Bridesmaids will be Julie Quackenbush, Julie Walsh, Megan Resig, Janet Scheer, and Jillian Lauritzson. The Junior Bridesmaid will be Allison

Marshall, niece of the bride. The Flowergirls will be Avery and Ashley Bena, nieces of the bride.

The Best Man will be Daniel Unright, brother of groom. Groomsmen will be Zachary Myatt, Christopher Milkins,

Justin Owens, Nate McBride, and Joe Moore. The Jr. Groomsman will be Paul Unright, brother of groom. The Ringbearer will be Kyle Bena, nephew of the bride.

The couple will honeymoon in Jamaica. After the wedding they will reside in Syracuse, N.Y.



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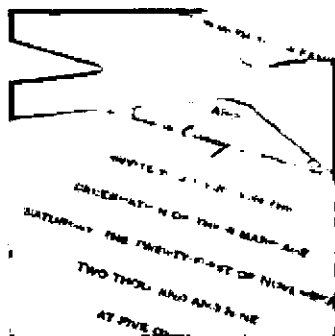
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Births

Hunter Edward Stephens

Jeanette and Curt Stephens of Rotterdam are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hunter Edward Stephens. He was born October 16, 2009, at Bellevue Hospital.

A black and white photograph showing a man and a woman looking down at a baby. The man is on the left, wearing a dark shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a light-colored top. The baby is lying down, looking up at them. The image is grainy and has a high-contrast, almost artistic feel.



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The Bethlehem Food Pantry, located at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, is sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. During the past year, more than 1,000 individuals utilized the pantry, and in Nov. and December the following items would be especially helpful: coffee, tea, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish liquid, canned meats and canned fruits. Other non-perishable foods and paper products are also welcome.

Donations are always needed and used. Boxes for donated items are located around Delmar: Senior Services Dept., 445 Delaware Ave.; the Bethlehem YMCA, 900 Delaware Ave.; Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.; and Delmar Marketplace at the 4 Corners.

Help make the holiday season a little brighter for families less fortunate than we are at this time. Help us to help others.

If you or someone you know



Town of Bethlehem

wants information about using the Food Pantry, just call 439-4955, ext. 1173, 1174 or 1175.

Program highlights Saturday, Nov. 21

• Fund raising concert for Bethlehem Festival Fund, at the American Legion - Blanchard Post, 16 West Poplar Dr., Delmar, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music from the '40s to the '10s by "GB-5" plus special guests. Suggested donation \$5 to \$10. Cash bar and snacks available. Proceeds will benefit the Bethlehem Festival Fund's ongoing efforts to assist neighbors in need, particularly during the holiday season.

Sunday, Nov. 22

• Ecumenical Thanksgiving Choir, St. Thomas Church, Adams Place, Delmar, 7 p.m. Instrumentalists and a choir of 125 voices from 12 area churches join in an uplifting program of praise and Thanksgiving. Donations accepted. Bethlehem senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 5 p.m. with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. In lieu of van donation, a goodwill offering is accepted at the church for sharing with the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Monday, Nov. 23

• Shopping center trip with Bethlehem senior transportation to Walmart in Glenmont. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

• 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, Nov. 25

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

Thursday, Nov. 26

Happy Thanksgiving to all!
• 36th Annual Equinox Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner, 1 to 4 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 362 State

St., Albany. No reservations necessary; just walk in to share a meal with others.

• Bethlehem Town Hall closed.

Friday, Nov. 27

• Bethlehem Town Hall closed.

• No Senior transportation available today.

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

Doris Davis,

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.
board member

HIICAP rep coming to Town Hall

A representative from HIICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program) will be at Town Hall on Monday, Nov. 23, to individually review Medicare Health Insurance plans. Trouble paying for premiums or uncovered medications? Confused about your benefits? Need to choose a plan? Please call MaryAnn at 356-1980, ext. 1095, to schedule an appointment. Open enrollment dates are Nov. 15 to Dec. 21.

HEAP program

Cold months approach. Heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under \$2,030 for one person, or \$2,657 for two people, etc., are eligible for the heating assistance program called HEAP. This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each person is determined by income, living expenses and type of fuel used.

Applications to the program are now available in the Senior Office. Please act quickly as funds are limited.

Luncheon

Guilderland seniors are invited to a holiday luncheon Tuesday, Dec. 15, at noon at Mallozzi's Clubhouse at Western Turnpike Golf Course, Route 20.

The menu will feature an entrée choice of chicken marsala or sliced sirloin of beef.

The cost is \$18 per person.

Transportation service is available. Tickets are on sale through Dec. 8

Monday, Nov. 23

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, Nov. 24

9 a.m. Strong Bones +

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

11:30 a.m. Speech: "Weather Emergency Precautions"

11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Braised Beef or Cold Plate

12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, Nov. 25

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
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Thursday, Nov. 26

Town Hall Closed Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 27

Town Hall Closed

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Good Times Restaurant falls on some hard times

Ballston Lake restaurant faces foreclosure due to unpaid taxes

By JACKIE SHER
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The owner of Good Times Restaurant in Ballston Lake has been having anything but a good time lately as the restaurant faces foreclosure due to \$24,000 in unpaid taxes in Saratoga County.

Desiree Kalleigh fell behind in her tax payments, starting in 2007, when her husband's health took a turn for the worse. She said she eventually raised half of the money that was due and tried to start paying off what she owed to the county. What she learned was that due to state law, she must pay the entire bill in full in order to halt the foreclosure proceedings, and although she has contacted lawmakers in the hopes of changing that requirement, county officials say it is in place to hold taxpayers

"I need the state legislators to change the law, which they can do. I need the county to hear it."

Desiree Kalleigh

accountable.

"The county requires reliance on everyone paying their taxes. People have hardships. We understand that she has a valuable property there," said Saratoga County Attorney Mike Rider, who suggested that if Kalleigh were to take out a loan, she could be able to put her business back in the black. "I feel very sorry for her and appreciate her situation, but I have to look at everyone in the entire county and [hold them accountable for their taxes]."

According to state law, counties do not allow partial payments of taxes that are overdue, and

Kalleigh must pay the taxes that are overdue in reverse chronological order – meaning that she has to pay her newest taxes first.

"The problem that goes to her and any other taxpayer is that if you have multiple years [of taxes that are due], the foreclosure action is against the oldest year," said Rider.

According to Rider, Kalleigh's property is in foreclosure because of taxes that are due from 2007, 2008 and 2009.

"If she were to make partial payments, she would have to make payments on 2009, 2008 and 2007, so the oldest [taxes due] would remain unpaid for the longest period of time," said Rider.

There's a section of the Real Property Tax Law that requires payments be made this way. It also says that making payments on the earlier years does not change any enforcement proceedings.

"The law is designed to make people pick up and become

current on taxes," said Rider. "A lot of people have to go out and borrow the money, and of course if they work out a schedule with the county, then the county, in essence, has loaned her money and they don't do that so she has to look elsewhere to deal with her problem."

Kalleigh is, in fact, looking elsewhere to deal with her problem—She's been looking to get a loan, but due to the down economy and her poor credit, it is no easy feat. She's also been trying to get Congressman Scott Murphy and U.S. Sen. Kirstin Gillibrand to propose a bill in the Senate that would allow businesses three times within the life of the business to go and pay back taxes with valid reasoning.

"I need a voice. I need the people, the taxpayers of Saratoga County, to know that the law states that you can't pay your oldest tax bill first, so if you do lose a job or a loved one gets sick and something happens, it prematurely forces foreclosure," said Kalleigh.

The trouble began when Kalleigh's husband, who is 45, began experiencing deteriorating health. He has been sick for the past seven years with secondary progressive multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's. Kalleigh was his primary caregiver for a number of years until his health started deteriorating so much she put him in a nursing home. At the same time she was trying to run her business. Once she was again able to focus more on her business she realized that she was in trouble.

"I need the state legislators to change the law, which they can do. I need the county to hear it," said Kalleigh.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 10, a bill had been signed in the House but hadn't been passed yet by the Senate proposing what Kalleigh described. She had also heard from a local bank about a potential loan.

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Deductible - Medical	\$155	None	None	None	None
PCP Copay	20%	\$3	\$0	\$15	\$10
Specialist Copay	20%	\$3	\$0	\$35	\$35
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IN BRIEF

Neighbors for Peace host screening

Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace will host a screening of the film "Rethinking the War in Afghanistan" on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave.

Directed by filmmaker Robert Greenwald, this film explores the true costs of the military occupation of Afghanistan, the daily struggles facing U.S. soldiers, and the hardships endured by Afghan civilians.

A discussion after the film screening will be led by Connie Frisbee Houde, who recently returned from a visit to Afghanistan. Admission is free, and free refreshments will be provided by the Honest Weight Food Coop. Everyone is welcome.

Call 466-1182 for information.

Lafarge Ravena seeks extension

Lafarge Ravena has formally requested an extension of the public comment period for its draft Title V Operating Air Permit.

The extension request, submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, would add additional days to the current 30-day time period for public comment on the cement facility's permit.

"Public involvement in the renewal process is absolutely critical," said John Reagan, Lafarge Ravena environmental manager. "We welcome and value community input and encourage all interested parties to learn more about the draft permit which creates a first-of-its-kind cap on mercury emissions for a New York cement manufacturer."

The permit, which is up for renewal, governs the level of air emissions from the facility in Coeymans.

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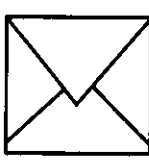
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2. The Articles of Organization were filed April 23, 2008.
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Notice of Qualification of 30W61-30E, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 09/25/09. LLC Formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/18/09. 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. DE address of LLC: 32 W. Lockerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. Of Org. filed with DE. Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21746 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Kiddie Krawlers, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/19/09. 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-21747 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of It's All About Me Now, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/20/09. 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-21748 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 45 Dune Road LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/22/09. Office location: Albany County.

LEGAL NOTICE

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-21749 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC).
Name: ROBERT P. VIGNA-LI, DDS, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Secretary of State September 2, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for service of process against PLLC and shall mail copy to 790 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. LD-21751 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Name: Trudeau Architects, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY on 9/30/09. Off. Loc.: Albany Cty. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 219 Forts Ferry Rd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: practice the profession of architecture. LD-21754 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bird-brain Films LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/14/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Crossroads Films, 136 West 21st St., 5th Fl., NY, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21764 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ZAAS GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/14/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon 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-21767 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DA AUDIO, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/13/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon 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-21768 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Desert Network LLC.

Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 22, 2009. County in which office is located: Albany. Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 2008 New Scotland Rd, Slingerlands NY 12159, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful

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purpose.
LD-21769
(November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication B L D REALTY, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/28/09 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 4 Anderson Drive, Albany, NY 12205-1401. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21773 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KS 55 Realty, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/29/09. 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-21775 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Absinthe, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/31/09. 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21776 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Empiragion Strategies LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/17/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 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-21785 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Holly Star LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/8/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/30/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Anil R. Kamat, CPA, RBKM LLP, 5 West 37th St., 9th Fl., NY, NY 10018. Address to be maintained in DE: 32 W. Lockerman St., #201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21779 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Spy Kids 4 SPV, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/19/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/15/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 375 Greenwich St., NY, NY 10013, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: 160

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Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21780 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Celligen Therapeutics LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/13/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Bob Suva, BlackPoint Group, 100 Fore St., Portland, ME 04101, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21781 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: EBULLIENT PICTURES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/08/09. 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 Ann Marie F. Lizzi, 64 Manning Blvd., Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21783 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Quality Technology Services Holding, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/19/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 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-21785 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Quality Technology Services, N.J. II, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/18/09. 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. DE address of LLC: 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-21786 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
1245 KINGS ROAD REALTY LLC, a NY limited liability company converted from 1245 KINGS ROAD REALTY CO., a NY partnership. Certificate of Conversion filed with NYS Secretary of State October 20, 2009. Purpose of LLC - to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC to be managed by one or more members. Office of LLC: in Albany County. Secretary of State shall mail copy of process against LLC to 302

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Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. LD-21787 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
1204 KINGS ROAD HOLDING LLC, a NY limited liability company converted from 1204 KINGS ROAD HOLDING CO., a NY partnership. Certificate of Conversion filed with NYS Secretary of State October 20, 2009. Purpose of LLC - to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC to be managed by one or more members. Office of LLC: in Albany County. Secretary of State shall mail copy of process against LLC to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. LD-21788 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

INIGO VENTURES LLC was filed with the SSNY on 10/20/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon 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-21789 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of DEBT FREE SOLUTIONS, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 10/14/09 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, 2801 Emmons Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-21798 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PRO-ROYAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/14/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon 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-21801 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JUST KAPTURE PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/22/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon 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-21802 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

On July 7, 2009, E N - ERGY SOLUTIONS BY AMERICANS, LLC filed its Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State for NYS (hereafter SOS). The LLC has been formed under NYS law, as a limited liability company, whose purpose is to engage in any and all lawful activities, having Dorothy M. Verch as its member, and offices at 83 Myrtle Lane, Westerlo, N.Y. 12193 in Albany County, and designated the SOS for NYS as agent upon whom service of process against it may be served. The SOS shall mail a copy of any such process to the LLC at 83 Myrtle Lane, Westerlo, N.Y. 12193 LD-21804 (November 18, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of
Axis Design Group Interna-

S-G won't send student to Tech Valley

Board cites cost as a major factor in decision

By SEAN AHERN
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At the Scotia-Glenville Board of Education meeting Monday, Nov. 9, board members discussed the direction of the OPAL program committee, decided against sending a fourth student to the Tech Valley High School, and approved a request for an overnight field trip from Glendall Elementary School.

Scotia-Glenville Superintendent Susan Swartz spoke to the board about a charge, or mission statement, for the OPAL Committee. OPAL, an enrichment program for students from kindergarten through the high school level, is directed at challenging students with unique talents.

The OPAL committee came to the board in the spring of 2009 asking for a charge for the 2009-2010 school year. Swartz has set forward a list of potential components, including the creation of a questionnaire for teachers, students, parents and guardians of students enrolled in the fourth- and fifth-grade OPAL

programs since the addition of enriched science and math courses. OPAL already had in place English programs at that level. The board created the new charge to give clarity to the role of the committee for 2009-2010 school year.

Swartz said she would also like to see the committee look at other area boards of education for written policies on gifted programs as a way to direct gifted programs in the district and look at local, state and federal advocacy for gifted programs as a way to act as a funding mechanism for the programs at the elementary and middle school level.

Board member Benjamin Conlon said the committee already looks at local businesses and intercollegiate sources for advocacy of the program in addition to local, state and federal means.

The board will re-word the proposed components, including types of advocacy for the program, and present them to the OPAL committee at a later date.

The board also decided against the addition of a fourth Scotia-Glenville student to the Tech Valley High School at the University at Albany East Campus

in Rensselaer. Applications for entrance to Tech Valley will begin in January of 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year and Swartz asked the board to make a decision on allowing another student to become a part of the program after a student from the district was unable to attend the program last year because of budget restraints. Conlon and other members of the board stated that money taken to send one student to TVHS would take away from the majority of students in the district, cutting field trips and coming at the detriment of many students. Conlon went on to state that the needs of many outweigh the few. The board will still go through the program with the three current students.

"It might have been a different story if we knew the budget constraints and if we knew the budget picture for the coming year," said President of the Scotia-Glenville School District Pamela Carbone. "We don't want to get any students hopes up and have to tell them no after telling them that they were going."

Also at the meeting, the board tabled a recommendation from Swartz to approve an agreement with Schalmont Central School

District to use facilities in the event of an internal or external emergency. The reciprocal agreement with Schalmont would expire annually and concerns the use of the schools as safe zones for students in the event of an over-arching emergency within their own district. The agreement was tabled for changes within the wording of the information given to the board from Schalmont.

The board approved a request by Glendall Elementary School for a fifth-grade overnight trip to Frost Valley YMCA Environmental Education Center in Claryville for May 26-28 of 2010. With Conlon opposing the request, the school board voted to allow the field trip to go through as planned, but stated that it would be the last time that they passed the field trip in the spring. Glendall, which has not had an overnight field trip for their fifth graders for more than 15 years had their first trip in the spring of 2009.

"It doesn't make sense to do a team building activity at the end of the year when the other schools in our district do the field trip in the fall," said Carbone.

IN BRIEF

Troop drive to be held at mall

The Schenectady Military Affairs Council will sponsor the Mike Smith Memorial Troop Drive at the Rotterdam Square Mall on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers will be at the Community Corner in the food court at the mall to collect items. Financial donations also are needed to defray the cost of shipping.

For information or to arrange for pickup if you can't bring your items to the mall, visit mikestroopdrive.com, e-mail info@mikestroopdrive.com or call 346-7698.

The Schenectady Military Affairs Council is a program of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce.

Craft fair to benefit orchestra program

The fourth annual craft fair to support the Mohonasen Orchestra program will be held at the Draper Middle School cafe and gym, 2071 Curry Road, Schenectady, on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

tional LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 08/19/09. LLC Formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 03/31/06. 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. NJ address of LLC: 744 Broad St., 14th Fl, Newark, NJ 07102. Arts. Of Org. filed with NJ Dept. Of Treasury, State Treasurer, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21847 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BBL HOOSICK MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 23, 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 Ext., Albany, NY 12203. LD-21848 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 4 Autopark Drive, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on October 29, 2009. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 669, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21855 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Opportunity Mortgage Fund, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/2009. Formation of LLC in the State of Delaware on 7/22/2008. Office location:

LEGAL NOTICE

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 939 West North Avenue, Suite 680, Chicago, Illinois 60642. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21856 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, will hold the Annual Public Election for the position of a (1) Commissioner, for the term of five years commencing on January 1, 2010. The election will be held at Fire Station No. 2, 301 Glenmont Road, Glenmont on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Note, as with public commissioner meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available.

Doug Ophardt
Acting District Secretary
Selkirk Fire District
Board of Fire
Commissioners
LD-21857
(November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of WHITE LAKE GROUP, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 10/20/09. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 1948 Bay Ridge Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-21858 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CAPITAL DISTRICT REMODELING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 30, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against

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LLC and shall mail copy to 33A Commodore Street, Albany, New York 12205. LD-21859 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Blaise Kavanagh, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/2/09. 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. Kuker, 111 E. Wayne St., Ste. 800, IN 46802. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21861 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: PREFERRED PROPERTIES/NORTHEAST LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/23/2009. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O PREFERRED PROPERTIES/NORTHEAST LLC, 819 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. LD-21864 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is COTL Consulting, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on October 26, 2009 with the New York Secretary of State. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. 4. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. 5. The secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to PO Box 216, Gunderland, New York 12084-0216.

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6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite. 7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. LD-21865 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ALEX-ET CAPITAL ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/2/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21875 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JAS-MINE K. LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21876 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ORIENTAL SHIPPING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21877 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PAPER HAT PRESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/5/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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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-21878 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Dazzling Smile of Astoria Dental Group, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on October 5, 2009. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Nationwide Information Services, 1540 Central Ave., Suite 200, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: practice the profession of dentistry. LD-21879 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Dean 1561, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/12/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Eresidentagent, Inc., 1801 Century Park East, Ste. 1250, Los Angeles, CA 90067. DE address of LLC: 1220 North Market St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21880 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Protective Safety Gear, LLC (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Dept. of State of NY on 11/2/09. Jurisdiction and date of organization: DE, 10/14/09. Office location: Albany County. Secretary of State of NY (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 26 Computer Drive East, Albany, NY 12205. Principal Office: 26 Computer Drive

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East, Albany, NY 12205. A copy of the Certificate of Formation of the LLC may be obtained from Protective Industrial Products, Inc., Member, Northeastern Industrial Park, Building 4, P.O. Box 19, Gunderland Center, NY 12085. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. LD-21882 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

On 10/20/2009 DELMAR HOME MAINTENANCE, LLC filed its Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State for NYS (hereafter SOS). The LLC has been formed under NYS law as a limited liability company whose purpose is to engage in any and all lawful activities having Jeffrey Riggins as its member and offices at 290 Elsmere Ave, Delmar, N.Y. 12054 in Albany County and designated the SOS for NYS as agent upon whom service of process against it may be served. The SOS shall mail a copy of any such process to the LLC at 290 Elsmere Ave, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. LD-21885 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication SALON 66 LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/09/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21889 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: CASTLE ROCK RANCH GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/04/09. 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 the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1,

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Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21890 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company Cuisine by Francine LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NYS on 8/26/09 to mail copy to the LLC 26 Cynnet Circle Slingerlands NY 12159 purpose any legal act LD-21891 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: HOWES BUSINESS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 9, 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 413 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12207. LD-21892 (November 18, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Slingerlands Fire District's Board of Fire Commissioners will accept bids for the purchase of a new Chief's vehicle. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Board of Fire Commissioners at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office anytime after November 18, 2009. The Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office is located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. All bids must be submitted to the Slingerlands Fire District and will be publicly opened and read at the December 8, 2009 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Slingerlands Firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York. All bids must contain a non-conclusive bid statement pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law and the Slingerlands Fire District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. LD-21896 (November 18, 2009)

Sports *in the* Spotlight

Indians advance; Eagles fall

R-C-S sweeps Franklin Academy in Class B regional

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk girls volleyball team is headed back to the state tournament.

The Indians dominated Section X champion Franklin Academy in three games to win Saturday's Class B regional and earn a berth in this weekend's state tournament at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Baleigh Morrow had nine kills, and Britney Lintner added 13 assists for R-C-S, which defeated Franklin Academy by scores of 25-15, 25-14 and 25-10. Ashley McMullen contributed eight kills.

The Indians begin pool play Saturday at 9 a.m. They will meet Section I champion Hendrick Hudson, followed by matches against John Glenn (Section XI) and Eden (Section VI).

Bethlehem had hoped to join R-C-S at states, but the Lady Eagles ran into Section III champion Baldwinsville in Saturday's regional, and the results weren't pretty. Bethlehem fell behind early and never caught up, falling to the Bees in three games.

"They [Baldwinsville] took us out of our game plan," head coach Lisa Kniffen said. "They played at a faster pace than we're used to seeing."

To topple Baldwinsville would have required a special effort under any circumstance. Not only

were the Bees 18-0, they hadn't lost a game in any match.

Baldwinsville's specialty was putting away teams with long runs. In the opening game, the Bees had an 8-0 run to break a 2-2 tie on their way to a 25-18 victory.

Bethlehem (18-2) hung around in the second game, but Baldwinsville went on a 9-2 run to close out a 25-16 victory. The third game wasn't much better for the Lady Eagles, as the Bees won 25-16 to take the match.

Kniffen said she was happy with Bethlehem's season, despite losing in regionals to Baldwinsville for the second consecutive year.

"We really played hard the entire year," said Kniffen. "It's hard to end on a loss, but to come

this far is a great achievement."

Bethlehem won its second consecutive Section II title last Wednesday with a 3-1 victory over Shenendehowa in the Class AA final at Queensbury High School.

Mary Dombrowski recorded 10 kills and five blocks for the Lady Eagles, who won the final three games 25-18, 25-20 and 25-20 after losing the opening game 25-23. Jaci Oskam had seven kills and 12 blocks, and Nicole Howland added 33 assists.

Hunter Drews led Shenendehowa with 14 kills and nine service points. Joanie Cooney added 11 service points and 31 assists.

— Phil Blackwell contributed to this story.

Quick strikes doom BC

CBA-Syracuse gets early lead and holds on

By ROB JONAS

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Christian Brothers Academy's quick-strike capability was too much for Bethlehem to handle.

The Brothers (18-2) from Syracuse scored twice in the first five minutes and held on for a 3-2 victory over the Lady Eagles in Saturday's Class AA girls soccer regional final at Stillwater High School.

"This is icing on the cake," said CBA coach Mike McQuatters. "Each win is another milestone for this program."

"They got up early on us, and we just couldn't quite come back from that," said Bethlehem coach Tom Rogan.

Caitlin MacConnell got the Section III-champion Brothers on the scoreboard quickly when she scored off a corner kick. A short time later, Alexis Koval tallied to make the score 2-0.

"We started off strong, which helped us set the tone," said McQuatters. "We were able to play from ahead."

"The last time we were down

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Bethlehem's Marjána Maksuti (3) is bumped from behind by Shenendehowa's Molly Popolizio as she heads the ball during last Wednesday's Section II Class AA final at Stillwater.

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Three wrestling teams go independent

There will be fewer wrestling teams in the Suburban Council for the next couple of years.

Bethlehem, Mohonasen and Niskayuna are joining Shaker as independent teams this season, leaving only eight schools to duke it out for Suburban Council bragging rights.

I can see the benefit of this move for two of the three schools involved. Both Bethlehem and Mohonasen have struggled to be competitive in league matches in recent years, and the opportunity to avoid wrestling against such



powers as Shenendehowa, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake and Ballston Spa will likely help their win-loss records.

Niskayuna dropping out, though, is a stunning development. Remember, the Silver

Warriors were the program to beat as recently as the start of this decade. But ever since long-time coach Joe Bena left Niskayuna, the program has steadily declined to the point where it gets beaten on a regular basis in league matches and has developed only a handful of state tournament qualifiers over the last several years. That's something that never happened under Bena's watch.

Not to say that Niskayuna could have avoided such a decline with Bena still coaching there, but it's interesting how Bena has

turned Duanesburg into a small school dynamo over the last five years, while Niskayuna now has to go the independent route.

Being independent isn't a guarantee that a winning tradition can be established — or, in Niskayuna's case, re-established. Shaker has been independent for the last two years, and though the Blue Bison have been competitive in their dual matches, they haven't been very successful when they've competed at Sectionals.

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V'ville places sixth at state XC meet

The Voorheesville girls cross country team took sixth place in the Class C standings at Saturday's New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships in Plattsburgh.

Michelyn Little led the Blackbirds with a 29th-place finish in a time of 20:07.0. Jolie Siegel was 60th in a time of 20:55.9, and Casey Morrison finished 82nd in a time of 21:36.6.

Karen Obertubbesing (86th, 21:41.9) and Sawyer Cresap (94th, 22:00.6) rounded out the top five for Voorheesville, which finished with 179 points.

On the boys' side, Voorheesville's Conor Cashin had a top-10 finish in the Class C race. The senior placed sixth in a time of 16:14.7 to lead the Section II team. Voorheesville teammate Taylor Treadgold was 52nd in a time of 17:24.2.

Delmar's Denis Hurley had a strong performance in the Class AA boys race. The LaSalle Institute senior finished 25th in a time of 16:07.0.

Maxwell earns league award

Bethlehem running back Casiem Maxwell was named the Liberty Division Offensive Player of the Year by the Class AA football coaches.

Maxwell led the Eagles in rushing with 1,280 yards, and he scored 11 touchdowns.

Bethlehem wide receiver Trey Silver was named a second team all-star, and lineman Joe Wilson was chosen as an honorable mention on offense.

Ted Abriel, Devin Stampley and Zach McDowell were named first team defensive all-stars. Alex Tracy and Mike DeRuve were named to the second team, and Mike Strohecker was an honorable mention.

Bethlehem Braves seek players

The Bethlehem Area Travel Baseball Club is looking for players age 13-18 to fill open roster spots for its 2010 season.

The Bethlehem Braves offer teams in the 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 18-and-under divisions.

The deadline to register for the 2010 season is Nov. 30. For information, visit the club's Web site at www.bethlehembraves.com or call 469-8772.

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two goals was probably in 2006," said Rogan. "It was a unique experience to be down two goals, but the kids handled it well. They took a couple of seconds and said, 'OK, let's get one and see what happens.'"

Bethlehem (18-2) got that first goal five minutes later when Anna Gray launched a long direct kick into the CBA net. Both teams had scoring chances in the remaining 30 minutes of the first half, but neither side could capitalize as the rain began to fall heavily in the Hudson River town of Stillwater.

CBA regained a two-goal cushion early in the second half. A crossing pass landed at the feet of Michelle Wiese, who knocked the ball into the Bethlehem goal to put the Brothers ahead 3-1.

Bethlehem refused to go away, though. Michelle Primomo tallied midway through the second half on a touch pass from Kristie Link, and the Lady Eagles nearly tied the game several minutes later on a shot that missed wide by inches.

"It says a lot about that team [Bethlehem] that they kept

battling," said McQuatters. "They had me nervous. No lead is safe against them."

"They kept fighting. They had a couple of good looks [at the net]," said Rogan.

Bethlehem needed three overtimes to win the Section II title and advance to regionals.

Gray scored the game-winning goal less than two minutes into the first five-minute sudden victory overtime period to lift the Lady Eagles to a 2-1 victory over Shenendehowa last Wednesday in Stillwater.

"I love to rip shots. I love to rip them from all over the field," said Gray.

At first, Gray's shot appeared to be a crossing pass into the Shen penalty box. But the line took the ball inside the right goal post to end the marathon.

"She was intending it to be a shot," said Rogan.

The game started out as a series of near misses. Both teams had several shots that missed tucking under the crossbar during 80 scoreless minutes of regulation time.

Bethlehem broke the scoreless tie midway through the first of two 10-minute overtime periods. Kristina Maksuti took a lead



Bethlehem's Tara Teal, left, tracks down a ball during last Wednesday's Section II Class AA championship game against Shenendehowa at Stillwater High School.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

pass, got past a Shen defender and chipped the ball past Shen goaltender Mackenzie Mylod, who came off her line to try to dive on the ball. Maksuti finished the play by knocking the ball into the empty net for a 1-0 lead.

Shen (15-3-1) didn't remain down for long. Early in the second 10-minute overtime period, senior midfielder Molly Popolizio

ripped the ball past Bethlehem goaltender Katie Nickles to tie the game at 1.

"Any other team might have folded giving up a goal in overtime, but we hung in there and kept playing hard," said Shen coach Holli Mulholland.

"Molly has an excellent [outside] shot," said Rogan. "She scored from exactly that spot

against us last year."

It was only the third time all season that Bethlehem had given up a lead.

"We've played great with the lead all year long," said Rogan.

But when Gray scored less than two minutes into the first five-minute sudden victory overtime period, Bethlehem earned its second consecutive Sectional title.

"We just love to play. We don't ever want the game to end," said Gray.

"They charge \$6 for admission, and we wanted to give the people extra time," added Rogan.

R-C-S Soccer Club holds registration

Registration is under way for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Soccer Club's 2010 recreation league and travel soccer seasons.

Registration can be completed on-line at the club's Web site www.rcssoccerclub.com.

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Hopefully, going independent will help Bethlehem, Mohonasen and Niskayuna gain better records and generate more interest within their respective schools. But it may be a long time before they can match the competitive level established by Shen, BH-BL, Ballston Spa and the rest of the current Suburban Council.

Here are some other observations from the past week:

- I don't know why Section X (a.k.a. the northwest corner of New York) has any Class A schools. The two that they have – Massena and Franklin Academy of Malone – are nowhere near the size of Section II's Class A teams, which puts them at a disadvantage in terms of the size of the talent pool they have to choose from when forming teams. It would be like sending the Hoosick Falls football team (a Class C school) to play Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. Maybe Hoosick Falls could put up a fight for a quarter or two, but eventually BH-BL would prevail by a wide margin.
- That's basically what happened to Franklin Academy in last Friday's Class A football regional against BH-BL. The Huskies put up a fight in the first quarter before the Spartans hit the gas

Bethlehem girls win silver medal

Five Bethlehem Central High School students placed second for the Albany Rowing Center at the Head of the Fish Regatta last month in Saratoga Springs.

The quintet of Erin Delaney, Liz Heimer, Emilie Johnston, Meaghan Keefe and coxswain Abbey Bierman finished second by three seconds to a team from Ottawa in the varsity four division.

Delaney, Heimer, Johnston and Bierman were also part of a 16th-place boat for the Albany Rowing Center at last month's Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. They rowed alongside fellow BCHS students Killela Kite and Kristen Manning in the girls varsity eight division, as well as Catholic Central's Becca Herron and Troy's Logan O'Neil.

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pedal and pulled away for a 54-13 victory. BH-BL had too many good players for Franklin Academy to handle.

The same could be said of Massena's girls soccer team. The Red Raiders had a hard time generating any offense against BH-BL in last Saturday's regional final, but the Spartans had no trouble scoring goals on their way to a 4-1 win. BH-BL simply had more talent spread throughout the field than Massena.

If Section X had any sense, it should make Massena and Franklin Academy Class B schools and leave the Class A and AA levels to sections that have schools of an appropriate size. That way, Massena and Franklin Academy would have a better chance of advancing in states, and Section II teams could avoid an unnecessary blowout.

- The adage that a two-goal lead in soccer is the most dangerous lead to have nearly held true in last weekend's Class AA regional finals. The Shen boys had a 2-0 lead on Baldwinsville and blew it before advancing to the state semifinals on penalty kicks, and the CBA-Syracuse girls had to fend off two rallies by Bethlehem to pull out a 3-2 win.
- So, I guess the lesson to learn here is that if you get a two-goal lead, you'd better make it a three-goal lead just to be on the safe side.
- I know that the opportunity to play on ESPN is one that comes around only once or twice for a

program of Siena's size, but to have to play a home game at noon on a Tuesday to get on ESPN is a little much. ESPN knew the Saints are a budding national power. They should have given them a prime time game.

On the other hand, I guess we should have been grateful that Siena was given a noontime game. Playing Northeastern any earlier would have been rougher on everyone. Imagine having to wake up at 3 in the morning to play a 6 a.m. game. I wouldn't want to imagine that.

- One quick comment for New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick – next time you're facing fourth-down-and-two deep in your territory late in the fourth quarter, and you're nursing a six-point lead, PUNT! I hope I've made myself clear.
- One quick comment for New York Jets fans – if you didn't see your team's collapse coming after a 3-0 start, you haven't been a Jets fan long enough. Everyone knows the Jets disappoint their fans in the end every year. Well, except for that one time in 1969.
- One final thought: I'm glad the Carolina Hurricanes broke their 14-game losing streak Sunday. One more loss, and I'm pretty certain the Hurricanes would have called up the entire Albany River Rat roster. That would have been a shame for us because the Rats are actually competitive this year. I don't know if the Hurricanes can be considered competitive.

GBC girls teams sweep S. Colonie

The Guilderland Basketball Club junior and biddy division girls teams swept South Colonie in last weekend's Capital District Youth Basketball League action.

The junior A team used a big second half to defeat South Colonie 39-23 last Saturday at Guilderland Elementary School. Guilderland led 19-17 at halftime before opening the second half with a 10-0 run.

Zibby Eckhardt scored 15 points, pulled down 12 rebounds and added three steals to lead the junior A team. Shannon Mackesey contributed eight points and 11 steals, and Rebécca Golderman added four points and eight boards.

The junior B team downed South Colonie 31-18 behind a strong defensive effort that included 19 steals and 29 rebounds.

Caitlin Corbett had 10 points and 10 rebounds to lead Guilderland, which had a five-point half-time lead. Courtney Kramer contributed eight points including a key layup in the final 10 seconds of the first half, while Cassidy Mongin added five points and five boards.

The biddy A team bounced back from an early 8-0 deficit to defeat South Colonie 20-19. Krista Forbes netted eight points, and Madison Harrigan added six points for Guilderland, which evened its CDYBL record at 1-1.

The biddy B team used an early 6-0 run to propel itself to a 25-18 victory over South Colonie. Kayla Herbst scored 17 points, and Michaela Mazzeo added several steals for Guilderland.

All four GBC girls teams play Bethlehem this weekend.

The GBC girls third and fourth grade team fell to St. Catherine's of Albany 16-12 last Saturday. Colette Cohen and Rachel Mastrianni each had four points to lead Guilderland. Emily Burns added six steals.

The third and fourth grade team meets Bethlehem Saturday.

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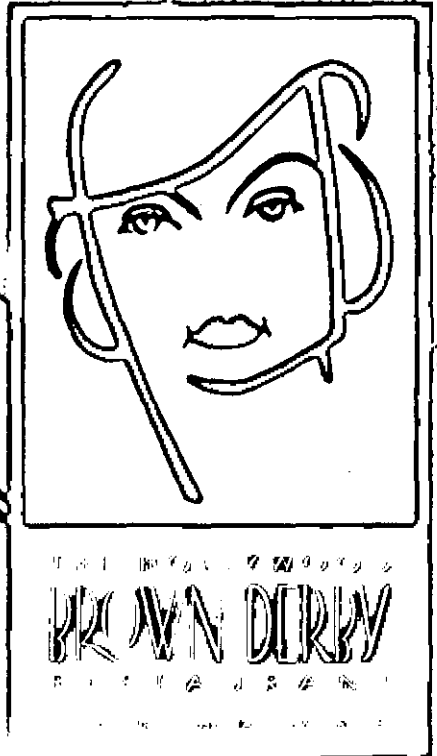


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