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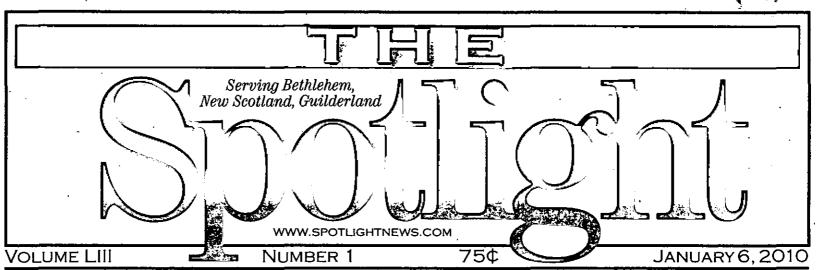
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## 'super' year

### Political race was . among Bethlehem's top stories in late '09

July

Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education welcomed newly elected member Charmaine Wijeyesinghe to the fold at its organizational meeting. The board also unanimously voted Vice President James Dering to serve as board president and for Lynne Lenhardt to serve as vice president.

•Bethlehem Police Department Detective Bruce Oliver, a

former DARE officer and school resource officer for Bethlehem Central High School, and detective Christopher Bowdish, an investigator best known for his work on the murder trial of Christopher Porco, both stepped down for retirement. Officer Gerald Young was promoted to detective later in the month and Officer Michael Whitely was promoted to replace Oliver in late August.

•A motion made by Councilman Sam Messina at a Town Board meeting for the formation of an open government task force, enabling webcasts of meet-

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## Big box a big issue

**New Scotland zoning,** G'land taxes made news in second half of '09.

July

•The Guilderland Board of Education's Monday, July 6, organization meeting featured the swearing in of Julie Cuneo, the newest member. Richard Weisz was chosen to remain president, and Catherine Barber was picked as vice president. Denise Eisele, who was re-elected

to the board in May, was also sworn in.

•A multi-partisan zoning review committee was approved at a recent Guilderland Town Board meeting, but not without some friction over its minority representation. The committee was approved 5 to 0, but Republican board members Mark Grimm and Warren Redlich pushed for an additional Republican member on the committee at the board's Tuesday, July 7, meeting.



Supervisor Sam Messina holds a compass given to him by a friend at his swearing-in ceremony. He said the compass will serve as a reminder to guide the town in the right direction.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

## Messina takes oath of office

**Newest Bethlehem** supervisor pledges transparency and communication

By CHARLES WIFF wiffc@spotlightnews.com

About 200 people packed the auditorium of Bethlehem Town Hall on New Year's Day to ring in not only a new decade, but also a new administration.

Supervisor Sam Messina took the oath of office Friday afternoon before a standing room-only crowd. In addition ☐ Big Page 19 | to leadership from town offices,

the gathering included a number of local dignitaries such as Assemblyman Tim Gordon, Albany County Legislator Richard Mendick and Albany County Comptroller Mike Conners.

Also present was Albany County District Attorney David Soares, who opened the ceremony with introductory comments. He said that despite reports that 2009 was full of bad news, as a Bethlehem resident, he is optimistic about where his town has been and where it is

"There is so much in the Town of Bethlehem to be joyous about," Soares said. "I've

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### Large crowd, little change in Guilderland



Kenneth Runion takes the oath of office for town supervisor at the Friday, Jan. 1 organizational meeting of the Town Board. Ryan Munks/Spotlight

incumbents take oath of office at organizational meeting

> By RYAN MUNKS munksr@spotlightnews.com

There was little change at the Guilderland Town Board's organizational meeting held on Friday, Jan 1.

All town officials sworn in were incumbents continuing their service after being elected to additional terms. Sworn in at the meeting were Town Supervisor Ken Runion, Town Board members Patricia Slavick and Paul Pastore, Town Clerk Rosemary Centi, Reciever of Taxes Jean Cataldo and Town Justice Denise Randall.

All of the incumbents were sworn in by Anthony Cardona, presiding judge of the third department of the New York State Supreme Court's Appellate Division.

In addition to the local government representatives being sworn in, the meeting was attended by politicians representing the area on the county, state and federal levels.

Albany County Executive Michael Breslin was in attendance, along with the area's representatives in the state Legislature, Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, and Assemblyman John McEneny, D-Alban).

Congressman Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, the area's representative in the United States House of Representatives, was also on hand.

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## Woman killed on Western Ave.

Was struck while pursuing her dog

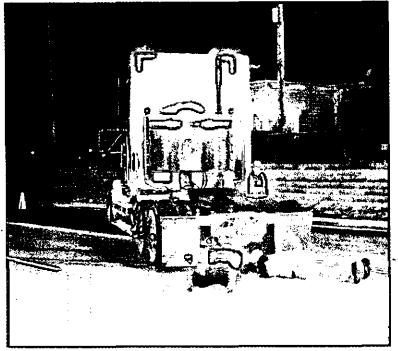
A fatal accident occurred on Western Ave, and Okara Drive at about 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday Dec. 30 when a woman ran out on the road in an attempt to rescue her dog.

The woman, Jeannie Neumann, 58, of Guilderland, was struck by a semi truck after attempting to cross the road to subdue her wayward dog.

According to police "The victim [Neumann] was transported to the Albany Medical Center by the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad and Guilderland Paramedics in trauma arrest where she was pronounced dead at the hospital a short time later."

The accident caused a road closure for the evening hours in both directions on Western Ave between Route 146 and Hague Drive.

According to police it does not appear that speed or alcohol was a factor in the accident. Captain Curtis Cox, of the Guilderland



Emergency services officials investigate the scene of a fatal accident that occurred on Western Avenue, and Okara Drive at about 5 p.m. on Wednesday Dec. 30.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Police Department "No charges is still ongoing." are pending but the investigation

-Ryan Munks

# Police Blotter **Woman arrested** for DWI-Drugs

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Department arrested Courtney Jackson, 31, of 19 Oak Brook Manor Apt. C, Ravena, and charged her with DWAI-Drugs, on Saturday, Dec. 26.

Jackson's vehicle was stopped on State Route 9W in Selkirk after a patrol car's license plate reader hit for a suspended registration on her vehicle. The suspension was confirmed by dispatch and the vehicle was stopped, according to police.

Police detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from Jackson, and she stated she had smoked marijuana a few hours earlier at her residence, according to arrest reports.

The Bethlehem Police Her passenger stated he had smoked with her, according to arrest reports.

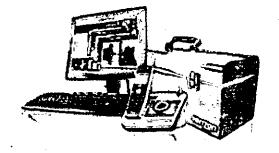
> Standard field sobriety tests were administered, during which Jackson displayed poor balance and coordination, police said. She was placed into custody and taken to the Bethlehem police station, where she agreed to submit to a chemical drug test, according to police. She was transported to Albany Medical Center, where a blood specimen was taken, police said.

> Jackson was scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Jan. 5, and was released to her husband.

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## The Year in Pictures

A look at happenings in the towns of Bethlehem, Guilderland and New Scotland for the second half of 2009



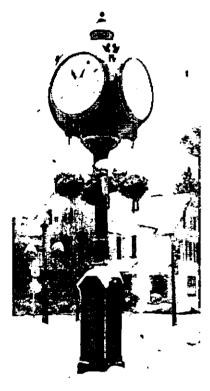
The 2009 Altamont Fair kicker off on Aug. 11, lilling the week with plenty of old -fashioned thrills and fun, featuring fair food, animals and a lively midway.





**ABOVE: Selkirk Fire Department** responded July 11 to a report of a Corvette on fire on Route 9W near Clapper Road.

LEFT: Selkirk firefighters responded to a tractor fire Aug. 26 on Route 9W and Corning Hill Road.



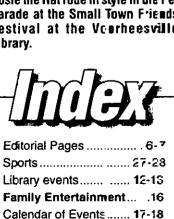
The Capital District was hit with its first taste of winter Wednesday, Dec. 9, when approximately seven inches of snow blanketed the



Colleen Grimshaw, 5, of Guilderland, has her face painted by Freckles the Clown at D.A. Bennett's open house in Delmar July 25.



Rosie the Rat rode in style in the Pet Parade at the Small Town Friends Festival at the Voerheesville Library.

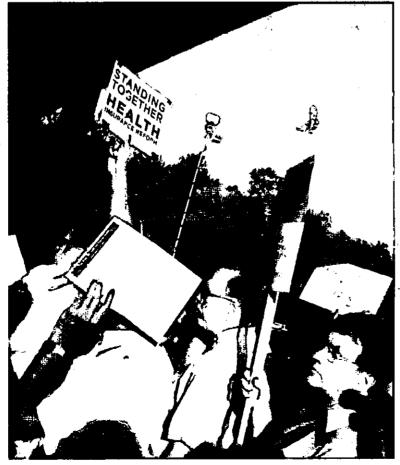


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People for and against a national health-care reform package come out to Delmar to vo ce their opinion as Congressman Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, held a town half-style meeting Aug. 28, at the Elm Avenue Park.

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of Albany, cuddles up in a blanket and prepares to watch "101 Dalmatians" as part of the Guilderland Public Library's Friday summer film series.



Bethlehem Police Officer Chris Hughes, embroiled in a dispute with Police Chief Lou Corsi over an alleged racial slur made by the chief over two years ago, set up shop outside Town Hall Sept. 3, while candidates for the position of town supervisor debated inside. Hughes was collecting signatures for the Coalition Opposing Racists Serving Injustice.

## Mind your dustpan and watch for secret piles

**By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR** news@spotlightnews.com

Our dustpan disappeared a few months ago. I discovered it was missing immediately after I had swept the kitchen floor and created a pile of dirt. The dustpan wasn't in its usual space under the kitchen sink and it wasn't in the closet where we store the broom. I checked behind couches and on top of the dryer to no avail.

My husband's theory is that I accidentally threw away the dustpan. This may be what happened, but there's no proof, only circumstantial evidence. And if it did happen he's an accomplice.

My sweeping practice is to sweep the dirt into a pile, sweep the pile into the dustpan, empty the dustpan into the kitchen garbage, pick up the broom and move to another section of the house and begin again. While I'm accumulating the next pile, I leave the dustpan balanced on the edge of the garbage container. I used to let the dustpan rest on the counter adjacent to the garbage until Jeff declared this highly unsanitary despite my claims of post-sweeping counter cleaning.

Yes, it's possible that the dustpan fell into the garbage container. However, I don't see how I would have failed to notice. Remember, I leave the dustpan balanced on the garbage rim

ON A BEATUFUL DAY. THE WAY THE GRASS TICKLES THE ARMS AND LEGS IN THE BREEZE



while I create another pile of dirt. Naturally I would have returned to the scene of the falling dustpan just moments after it happened so that I could remove the newest dirt pile off the floor. It's not like I would just toss out the dustpan AND absentmindedly leave a pile of dirt on the floor. No one found an abandoned pile of dirt.

My daughter would argue that she wouldn't have noticed the pile. This is true. Rachel doesn't see the piles, but she is drawn to them. Countless times I've shouted, "Don't step in the too late ... pile of dirt I just swept." Now when she sees me with the broom she asks, "Are you making secret piles?'

Yup, that's my goal, to create 'secret piles" that will be stepped on so that the dirt gets scattered across the floor and partially transported to carpeted rooms via someone's sock-covered or sneaker-clad foot. Then I can pick up the broom and begin again: re-sweeping the same area over and over. It's like a version of the suspenseful children's board game "Don't Wake Daddy."

I can tell my daughter is

growing more responsible. When she was younger the dirt piles were invisible to her, but now she associates my sweeping action with the probable existence of the piles. Like any good parent, I give her opportunities to use the broom and create her own secret piles, so that one day she'll be able to play the "Don't step in it" game with her own kids.

When I couldn't locate the dustpan I hoped my husband had borrowed it.

"Did you take it out to the garage? Did you take it to the basement?" I asked him hopefully. "I already have a dustpan in my workshop," said Jeff.

leff does not like having to share his workshop dustpan. Well, it's not so much the sharing, but rather the relocation of the item. It now resides upstairs, because basement sweeping only occurs on occasion.

In the hope of reclaiming "his" dustpan, he sought to replace the missing one with a new miniature, flimsy plastic dustpan that came with its own snap-on hand-held brush.

Even Rachel laughed when she saw it.

"What's wrong with the new dustpan?" Jeff asked when he saw that I was still using the one from the basement.

'It's too small," I explained, "It's narrower than the broom. I can't sweep into it." "You're

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supposed to use the brush."

"I don't want to brush. I want to sweep.'

I was up sweeping one night after everyone had gone to bed. It's the best way to ensure no one steps in my secret piles before I can get them into the garbage. I finished the kitchen and dining room, and was going to sweep the hallway next. But then I decided I was too tired and simply put the broom away in the hall closet. When I got upstairs I remembered that I had left the dustpan, "his" dustpan, balanced on the edge of the garbage pail I was too tired and lazy to go back downstairs. And Jeff was asleep already so I couldn't warn him.

He was up first in the morning. By the time I got downstairs the dustpan was put away.

"I know I left the dustpan on the edge of the garbage," I blurted out. "But that still doesn't prove I threw away the other one."

"Uh huh," he said.

I concede that it's possible that the old dustpan fell into the garbage, but I must hold Jeff partially responsible. He's the one who takes out the trash.

"Wouldn't you have noticed a large chunk of plastic?"

"I don't inspect the garbage," he said.

"Wouldn't the dustpan have poked a hole in the bag?'

"Apparently not."

Clearly my spouse does not want to share the blame for the disappearance of the old beige dustpan. But that's OK. At least he tried to replace it. And even though he found his workshop dustpan perched on the garbage container that morning, he continued to let me keep it outside the basement knowing that it too might end up in a

I still secretly hope that the old dustpan shows up, although I'd rather have accidentally thrown it away than have it turn up in a cabinet among my pots and pans, or between sweaters on a bedroom closet shelf or in the refrigerator.

It's not that unusual for stuff to fall in the garbage. It would be much worse if I mistook the dustpan for a giant ice scraper and stowed it in my car trunk or thought it was a piece of art and hung it on the living room wall. Then Jeff would really have to start worrying.

"By the way, you might notice there are envelopes in the freezer," I told him one morning as he grabbed the milk from the refrigerator.

"Envelopes?" he said, smiling widely and opening the freezer

I rushed on, "I just want you to know I put them in there on purpose. They are unused ones I found in the basement with the flaps glued shut. I read that freezing them may loosen the

"OK," he said, still smiling, and no doubt thinking that he should secure his dustpan back in the basement sooner rather than later.







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Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono



Ski Report

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**SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE** 

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### ...This week in weather

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**Moon Phases** January 15th January 7

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## Committee assembles list of capital projects

\$146 million of work over next 10 years outlined in status report

By CHARLES WIFF wiffc@spotlightnews.com

A committee consisting of town leadership has issued an update on its work to draft a capital improvement plan for Bethlehem that plots \$146 million worth of work over the next 10 years, but the real task of prioritizing and paying for these projects still lies ahead.

The 100-page report issued by the Capital Planning Committee includes an inventory of the roughly \$1 billion of town resources, including vehicles, buildings and sewer and water lines. The bulk of the report consists of a breakdown of recommended capital improvements to be made over the next decade in each of the four town funds: general, highway, water and sewer.

The recommendations include about \$5.9 million of capital improvements already in the 2010 budget. At a Dec. 23 meeting of the Town Board, Deputy Department of Public Works Commissioner Erik Devoe emphasized that this list has not been prioritized or committed to—it is essentially a wish list that will have to be pared down.

"I think we're going to have to make some hard decisions about which programs and efforts are essential as opposed to discretionary," Deyoe said.

DPW Commissioner Josh Cansler said the committee's next goal would be to prioritize the list and give firmer cost estimates to the projects.

"I would like to have the whole capital plan in place by the time we do the next budget cycle next summer," he said.

Many of the recommendations are improvements to the town's water and sewer infrastructure, including \$24.5 million to replace the New Salem Water Treatment Plant by 2012 and \$7 million for upgrades to the Clapper Road Water Treatment Plant. \$12.3 million for work on sewer pumps stations and \$15.4 million for sewer main replacements are also stretched out over a 10-year period.

PART 6 – 10-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN SUMMARY: ALL FUND GROUPS

Table 4: Capital Plan Summary (All Funds)

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total -
\$2,092	\$1,401	\$853	\$2,698	\$2,655	\$1,425	\$910	<b>\$8</b> 40	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$12,874
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A preliminary report from the Bethlehem Capital Planning Committee consists of nearly \$146 million in capital improvements plotted out over the next 10 years. Town officials said the next step is to prioritize this list and explore funding options.

have been included in yearly budgets, having its long-term impact visualized in the capital plan shows the result of deferring infrastructure work, said Jack Cunningham, who vacated the office of supervisor last week.

"If the town had something in place like this 10 years ago, I think we'd be way further down the field in maintaining the current infrastructure," he said. "The approach has always been kind of a seat of your pants approach. ... Whatever's collapsing that year, you replace, and if you can't afford it, you defer it.'

Next year looks to be an expensive one for the town, as the recommendations call for \$24 million of spending in the water fund alone. Cunningham said the town has been aware of these approaching costs and should be able to meet the challenge, partly by tapping reserve funds.

Supervisor Sam Messina said that he would make every effort to have the capital plan play a role in the 2011 budget process.

"I intend to make it one of the top priorities of the town," he said. "It's important and needs to be driven forward."

Paying for many capital improvements will likely to come down to borrowing, though, given

Although this work would . the high costs of many items. The town is not carrying a great deal of long-term debt. Under state law, Bethlehem can take on a maximum of \$212 million of debt, or 7 percent of the five-year average full valuation of taxable property in town. The town is carrying \$6.7 million in debt, minus certain water and sewer debt allowed by the system.

Messina said that taking out any loans should be studied carefully, but will probably be inevitable.

"I think in a practical sense, in order to do what our town and government should do to replace our infrastructure ... we have to undertake that in some way shape or form, we will have to assume some debt," he said.

Not included in the capital plan are three projects identified in a 2006 facility needs analysis. They are, in order of importance: to consolidate the Highway Department and Department of Public Works at 74 Elm Avenue East and expand the existing facilities there at a cost of \$7.8 million; build a new 41,000square-foot police department and justice court facility at a yet-to-be-determined location at a cost of \$11 million; and to make renovations and expansion to Town Hall at a cost of \$5.7

The 2006 report noted that there have not been major improvements to town facilities since the 1970s, and since then, town's population has grown.

"'We've kind of outgrown the Town Hall and we've also outgrown a lot of the facilities we have out there," Cansler said.

If the capital plan is adopted, it will become a living document to be analyzed and updated every budget cycle. The Capital Planning Committee meets monthly.

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# Matters of Opinion Spotlight

### The year we'd like to see

Last week, in conjunction with the first half of our annual Year in Review feature, *The Spotlight* brought you an editorial titled "The year that never was." In it, we lamented our failing economy, our irresponsible government and those who thrive in it.

We'll be the first to admit that pointing out shortcomings

is easy, especially when it's done in hindsight. So, in the spirit of the New Year, and to cement the notion that *The Spotlight* emphasizes the "constructive" in

### Editorial

constructive criticism, here are a few things we'd like to see in 2010:

First of all, we'd like to see New York in the black. By all accounts, we are tossing the cushions for change at the state level to stay just shy of bankruptcy — and that may change for the worse by the time you read this. To this end, we'd like to see our state legislators stop avoiding difficult decisions just so they can maintain their campaign contributions from powerful unions. Let's break this down for our slower elected officials: "Legislate" is a verb. A verb is an action word. If the best action you can think of is to push contentious issues to the courts or vilify the governor because he made a difficult decision that you could not, then you should not be a legislator. We'd like to see more politicians risk compromising political favor on behalf of the welfare of their constituents.

We would also like our town officials to realize that good governance is devoid of ego. That their agenda take a back seat to those of the people that elected them; that everything they do, every vote they cast, every motion they make is meant to better the constituency, not themselves.

We would like schools to do more with less, and see parents step up where that may leave deficiencies in the learning experience. The same officials that put together budgets with line items for interactive white boards, computer labs and Internet access, grew up and were educated without the use of interactive white boards, computer labs and Internet access. Technology is useful in education, it's true, but an organization as large as a school district will never keep up with the technology at the common student's disposal as fast as it advances.

That being said, parents can do more for a school than just pay taxes. We've seen it over the past year — parents organizing fundraisers, volunteering in classrooms, assisting with sports programs — and we'd like to see more of it.

Finally, we at *The Spotligh*t will continue in our quest to be the most discerning source for local news. We constantly strive to better this newspaper and bring you the coverage that you deserve, and that will not change this year.

# Tech Valley takes its place on the world stage

By F. MICHAEL TUCKER

The author is president and CEO of the Center for Economic Growth

2009 will be remembered as the year when Tech Valley took its place on the world stage. Government and business leaders across the globe followed the headlines that announced GlobalFoundries' ground breaking on its \$4.2 billion manufacturing facility. President Barack Obama's visit confirmed Tech Valley's place in the world spotlight and highlighted the success of our region's private; public, education and hightech economic development initiatives. In a year that has been filled with tough financial reports and predictions, Tech Valley is an example and inspiration for the world.

Fifteen years ago, state and regional leaders envisioned a scenario in which Upstate New York would become a nanotechnology center. Tech Valley has already surpassed this vision - through the Center for Economic Growth's collaboration with business, government and education stakeholders, our region is developing into the most powerful semiconductor center in the world. There is great reward and satisfaction in seeing all that has happened. But it doesn't end there. Visionaries, by definition, never stop looking to the future; this is a role that CEG embraces. It is not enough to promote Tech Valley and bring new business enterprises here; if Tech Valley wants to be a strong participant in the economy of the future, we must also commit ourselves to guaranteeing that an educated workforce is continually

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produced in order to supply the needs of our technology, health care and manufacturing sectors.

President Obama spoke of the importance of an innovation economy. Semiconductor technology is at the core of every development we have seen, from drastically improved automobile mileage to the incredible strides in personalized medicine and targeted cures. Such progress has created demand for a new class of workers - those who understand the fundamentals of math and science and canhandle increasingly complex technology manufacturing tasks.

What will our high-tech workforce look like? We can. take a look at GlobalFoundries operation in Dresden, Germany as an example. Two-thirds of the employees there have our equivalent of an associate's degree. The other one-third of GlobalFoundries' Dresden workforce is comprised of engineers, of which only onehalf have advanced degrees. Even with this kind of academic preparation, experts believe that each employee will need at least 100 hours of additional education and training just to stay up-to-date with developments in the industry.

This is a key factor that each of us in Tech Valley must consider when planning for workforce development. The majority of the 1,500 new jobs at GlobalFoundries' plant in Malta will be technicians who work in a specialized and highly skilled career field. A great many of the qualified candidates for these new positions will come from our area's innovative education programs at our community colleges, liberal arts and science colleges and

our research universities.

The semiconductor manufacturing industry is coming of age and wielding tremendous economic power. The United States controls half of the semiconductor manufacturing in the world, but there are nations that are working hard to change that percentage. Tech Valley's semiconductor industry will without a doubt be a major driving force in our region's economic growth and job creation - if we provide the quality workforce that is required. Our region already has the elements and ingredients necessary to provide such workers; now is the time to leverage them. We are at a point where we will lose ground if we do not seize the opportunity to excite and educate businesses, teachers, parents and students throughout our communities about the importance of creating a newly trained and retooled workforce.

CEG understands that these efforts are vital if Upstate New York is going to realize its full potential in the rapidly expanding knowledge economy.

As President Obama stated at his visit to Hudson Valley Community College, "We know that nations that out-educate us today will out-compete us tomorrow. The ability of new industries to thrive depends on workers with the knowledge and the know-how to contribute to those fields."

In 2010, CEG will leverage its existing relationships throughout the region to implement a business-driven initiative that focuses on both the short and long term education and workforce training needs identified by GlobalFoundries, GE and IBM, as well as our local technology, health care and manufacturing businesses. The foundations we create now will be our legacy for future generations of Tech Valley businesses and residents.

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# Your Opinion Spotlight

# Progress Club has wide reach and long history

Editor, The Spotlight

Several weeks ago an article in the Spotlight written for the Bethlehem Public Library gave brief mention to the work of the "Progress Club" in assisting with the library gardens.

While we appreciate this recognition, I would like to express additional thanks to the work of the volunteer gardeners from the Delmar Progress Club who provide many hours of planting, weeding and beautification of the gardens each week from early spring through the closing of the gardens in late fall. Their work and the many, many plantings they provide have brought a new level of beauty to the library gardens.

The Delmar Progress Club has been a part of our community since 1901 and these gardens are a reflection of our continuing commitment to the beautification and betterment of our community. It may also be of interest to your readers to know that many of the blooms planted each year are provided in remembrance of deceased members of the DPC. We take great pride in the gardens as a reflection of our love of the community and of our deceased members.

Thank you for allowing me to clarify who we are and what we do.

Marjory O'Brien, president

president Delmar Progress Club

### Progress Club has wide Multi-age classrooms hardly 'worst case'

Editor, The Spotlight

In response to the Dec. 16 opinion that multi-age/grade classrooms are not affective (Multi-age classrooms a "worst-case" scenario), I offer the following:

Our child attended a grades 3-4, 4-5 and then 3-4-5 at Glenmont approximately seven years ago. Our apprehension for the obvious reasons were overcome when our child

moved to middle school and is now a junior at the Bethlehem Central High School.

The impact is that he plays varsity football and junior-varsity lacrosse; has made honor roll for the first quarter and has worked the past two winters at a local ski area teaching young children ages 5 to 9 to ski. During the summer he works as a counselor-in-training at a local

day camp

We are proud of his accomplishments and would never look back at the multi-grade experience as being negative to his development. Incidentally, my mother went to a one-room classroom with children ages 6 to 16 and, well, need I say more?

Chris Motyl Selkirk

### **Youth Ministry says thanks**

Editor, The Spotlight:

The St. Thomas Youth Ministry program includes 500 students in our town in Grades 6-12. A key component of this student run program is service to those in need. Many times, this voluntary service is supported by local businesses that donate product or other support to help generate the activities. We would like to thank these local businesses for all that they do to enable

our youth to learn and give back: Friendly's, Indian Ladder Farms, CynderElla's, Our Family's Harvest, Delmar Florist, and Hannaford Supermarkets. Please support these businesses as they support our youth! Happy New Year!

Maureen D. Bernstein Youth Minister St. Thomas the Apostle Church

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### IN BRIEF

### Church offers financial classes

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For information, call Andy Bell at 869-3713 or 357-0313; the Church Office at 765-2895; or visit www.daveramsey.com/fpu.

### Q.U.I.L.T. to meet

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, Jan. 8, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.; doors open at 9:15 a.m. There is a \$5 visitor donation. General meeting and lecture by Kris Gregson Moss, "The Wanderings of a Fabric Artist."

For information, call 439-1194 or visit www.quiltinc.org.

### Parks and Rec offers activities

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting winter and spring registration. Some of the adult activities that still have open enrollment include:

Aqua Fitness, Badminton, Basketball, Body Sculpting on the Ball, Indoor Soccer 30+, Lap Swimming, Pilates, Lifetime Fitness, Tai Chi, Volleyball and a variety of Yoga classes.

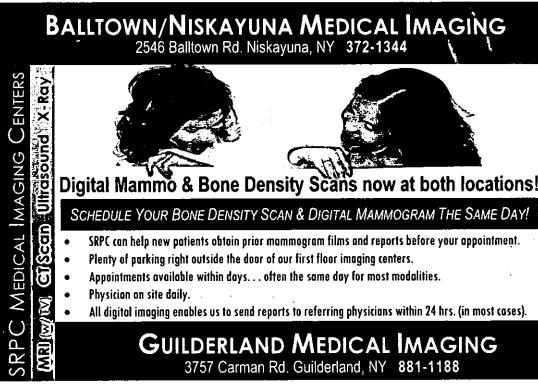
Youth activities include: Pee Wee Basketball, Create Waves, Field Hockey, Introduction to Competitive Swim, Kidz Art, Kitchen Kidz, Mommy or Daddy and Me, SAFE Basketball, Tae Kwon Do, Tiny Tot Swim, and Toddler Splash.

For complete activity information visit the Park Playbook on the Town of Bethlehem Web site, www.townofbethlehem.org or call at the Town Park Office, 439-4955 opt. 3.

To register on line (if you have your household ID# and password) visit https://www.townofbethlehem.org/parksonline/.

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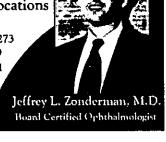
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# The fur flies

Volunteers struggle through to find a traveling partner to snow, schedules and broken landing gear to get stray dog from West Virginia to home in Colonie

By DAN SABBATINO sabbatinod@spotlightnews.com

There's no place like home for the holidays, but for a little white pup named Molly, found starved and wandering the streets of West Virginia, getting to her new home in Colonie was a near-impossible task.

Despite snow, plane malfunction and a number of other barriers, a handful of volunteers were able to get Molly to her new owner, Carol Milanese of Colonie, just before Christmas came.

Molly, a 10-month-old pup, was the apple of Milanese's eye for over a month before eventually being delivered on Christmas Eve.

"I picked her off a Web site when I saw that cute little face," Milanese said.

The former stray was rescued in Parsons, West Virginia, nearly 600 miles from Colonie, but Milanese said she wanted to adopt the pup anyway. She said she has been trying for a month

go pick up the dog, but due to a number of circumstances, was unable to make the near 9-hour drive.

Milanese said since the dog was found astray, there is no information about its breed, but it appears to be mostly a Dalmatian with some pit bull. She had been in the shelter since August.

She said she did not want to go to pick it up alone because she did not know the dog's demeanor, and it's a long trip to make alone.

"I only knew she was as cute as could be," Milanese said.

Originally, there were a number of plans to meet volunteers who would transport the dog to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but the plans fell through.

"All kinds of obstacles were thrown in the way," she said.

A new plan was formed after Curtis and Kate Berry agreed to fly the dog to New York on Wednesday, Dec. 23 on Curtis' private jet. Milanese thought she would finally be able to get her hands on Molly.

The Berry's were contacted

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Kate Berry and Molly, a 10-month-old stray puppy found in West Virginia. Berry and her husband, Curtis, flew Molly to her new owner, Carol Milanese of Colonie, on Christmas Eve. Kate's sister, who sits on the board at the Animal Welfare League, asked her to help transport Molly.

Submitted photo

### Meet Dr. Lloyd



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Thomas Dolin, second from left, takes the oath of office for town supervisor at the meeting. The oath was administered by Town Justice David Wukitsch, who replaced Dolin as a Town Court Judge after Dolin vacated the position to become supervisor.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

### **New Scotland officials sworn in**

**Board** now has third vote to enact building size cap

By RYAN MUNKS munksr@spotlightnews.com

Daniel Mackay was sworn in as New Scotland's newest Town Board member at the Friday, Jan 1, organizational meeting, making him the third vote needed on the board to enact a 50,000-square-foot limit on the size of retail establishments in the town.

Democratic Town Supervisor Thomas Dolin and cross-endorsed Town Board member Douglas LaGrange, both sitting members of the board, represent the two other supporting votes for the enactment of the size-cap law. Both were able to hold off their Republican challengers in the November elections, while Mackay won the seat vacated by Margaret Neri.

Since 2008, the town has stopped just short of enacting a law banning large sized "big box" stores, opting to enact moratoriums on building the establishments. Three moratoriums have been passed since 2008, temporarily halting

retail establishments for 18 months. .

The most current moratorium, unanimously passed by the town board on Aug. 31, expires Jan. 31.

The debate over the sizecap has come to a head over the past year. The September departure of LaGrange from the Republican committee, six other members in October, highlighted the fact that the size-cap issue dominated the campaign rather than party affiliation.

LaGrange said the size-cap law "will probably be ready for the February regular meeting [of the Town Board]." He said he would like to have time to present the law to local businesses and gain their input.

LaGrange said he hopes for the Town Board to vote on the proposal by the first meeting in March.

We want to get it out of the way," said LaGrange. "It's been going on way too long."

Mackay said he would also like to act quickly on the

the development of large-scale proposal, which mandates a size cap of 50,000 square feet per building, and 100,000 square feet per development in the commercial zone.

> The election results clear show this is a priority," said Mackay. "I'd love to see an effective size-cap in place by March or April," said Mackay.

When asked why action followed by the departure of on the issue will not be immediate, Mackay agreed with LaGrange, "we want to make sure commercial owners understand and support the proposal."

The Town Board meeting room was standing room only, with many residents on hand to observe the ceremony.

Also sworn in at the meeting was reelected Town Board member Douglas LaGrange and re-elected Supervisor Thomas Dolin. Diane Deschenes was also sworn in after being reelected to an additional term as New Scotland's town clerk.

After the swearing-in ceremony, the board proceeded with its organizational agenda. Some items on the agenda included the assignment of various town officials, pending authorizat liaison assignments for board members, and the holiday schedule.

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## Safe Ride Program delivers many happy returns

Initiative is labeled a success, despite large drop in number of calls

By RYAN MUNKS Munksr@spotlightnews.com

Albany County Executive Michael Breslin announced the 2009-10 Safe Ride Program at a Wednesday, Dec. 30, press conference at the County Executive's office in Albany. The intention of the program was to create a safer New Year's by providing free rides to revelers as one of the many alternatives to driving while intoxicated.

The program ,was administered between the hours of 10 p.m. Dec. 31 and 3 a.m. Jan. 1.

'We want to make sure everyone understands they have a choice," said Breslin. "We [Albany County] have not had fatalities since we started this program," and said his hope is that trend will continue.

Breslin's goal was realized the following night. In total, the Safe Ride Program received 102 calls and transported 261 people home. There were no alcohol-related personal injury crashes, or alcohol-related fatalities, continuing a trend started in 1982.

There were seven DWI arrests countywide during the night. One arrest was for driving while ability impaired (DWAI), with a blood alcohol content that tested between 0.05 and 0.07. Three arrests were for DWI, with a BAC between 0.08 and 0.18. Finally, three arrests were for Aggravated-DWI, with a BAC over 0.18.

According to Staff Sgt. Lenny Crouch, the program was started in 1982. Last year, however, "Safe-Ride" was not in effect due to difficulty in managing vehicles for the program.

This year, the program was held at a cost of about \$7,800, which was covered by the Stop-DWI Program. Crouch said additional financial assistance for the program was provided through a donation from the Albany Rensselaer County Restaurant and Tavern Association.

"We will provide you with. a safe ride home, H.O.M.E., home," said Breslin, referring to the fact that rides will not be provided to other locations other than the person's home, notably other New Year's celebrations.

Revelers were also given the option to rely on the Law Firm of Martin, Harding, and Mazzotti, PC for a free ride home, if needed. Daniel DaGostino, an associate attorney at the firm, was on hand at the press conference to speak about the free-ride program.

According to DaGostino, the law firm has been providing free rides to people during major holidays for more than 10 years. DaGostino said the law firm has provided more than 700 rides over the course of 2009, with 71 cab rides provided during the most recent effort over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Breslin summed up the goal of the joint effort by saying, "We don't want to find a really bad situation we could have avoided."

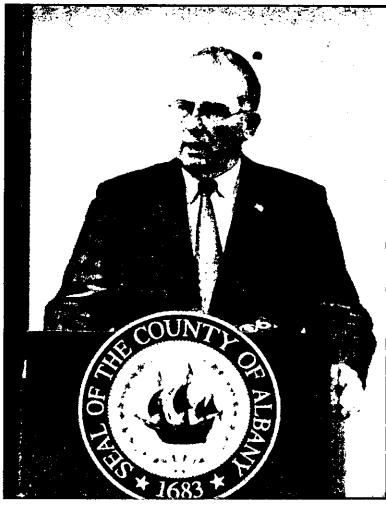
Of note is the significant drop when comparing the 2007-08 effort to the recent 2009-10 effort. Since 2007-08, the amount of calls dropped 70 percent, from 341 to 102. The amount of people transported decreased by 73 percent, from 961 people to 261.

"Obviously, the big thing is no [alcohol-related] crashes, or fatalities," said Crouch. Speaking of the drop in calls, he said, "It's clear people took advantage of other forms of transportation.'

When asked about what accounts for the reduction in calls from two years ago, Breslin said, "It's largely a measure of public awareness ... people are taking the matter into their own hands."

Breslin said he believes the program will continue, despite the drop in number of calls, because there will always be people who will find themselves in need of the service on the holiday.

"The biggest measure [of success] is we have not had a fatality in 27 years," he said.



Albany County Executive Michael Breslin announces the 2009-2010 Safe-Ride Program at a Wednesday, Dec. 30, press conference at the County Executive's office in Albany. Ryan Munk's/Spotlight

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### Delmar explosions still under investigation

a series of explosions and a subsequent fire that consumed a Delmar house and sent a teen to the hospital on Dec. 19.

"It continues to be investigated as a tragic incident," said Bethlehem Police Lt. Thomas Heffernan. "There's nothing else that can be released at this point."

Area police, fire and emergency responders converged on 151 Adams Place that Saturday after receiving reports of explosions. Responders pulled 15-year-old Keenan Sanchez from the home, and he was later transported to the Westchester Medical Center Burn Unit for treatment.

Hospital spokesman David Billig said that Sanchez's condition has been upgraded to "good," and he remains in the burn unit—the teen was brought into the hospital in critical condition. Billig declined to comment on any injuries Sanchez might have sustained.

Police said that it has been determined that Sanchez was in the basement at the time of the first explosion, but they are still waiting for an opportunity to interview him to find out what chemicals may have been involved in the explosion and

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Police are still investigating what Sanchez was doing with them.

> "We're still waiting for his health to improve enough to sit down with him," Heffernan

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Molly with Ginger, the Berry's dog.

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by Kate's sister, who sits on the board at the Animal Welfare League, to help transport Molly. The League helps place pets that are adopted via Web site's like PetFinder.com.

The Berry's started out in Hagerstown, Maryland, and flew to Elkins, West Virginia on Dec. 23. Bad weather in Elkins delayed their trip and it was then to late to fly the rest of the way to New York. They stopped back in Maryland, spent the night at home and then left on Christmas Eve day to get to New York, Kate Berry said.

Again problems arose, this time with Berry's landing gear, and he could not fly.

With some help from his mechanic, though, he was able to repair the plane and make the trip. Milanese offered to drive to Newburgh, rather than have the couple fly to Albany International Airport, to shave some time off of his trip, since it was Christmas Eve.

She growled at me when she first saw me," Milanese said.

But so far, the dog has been well behaved considering it was a stray and had to endure a good deal of travel, Milanese

She praised the work of

around the country so they can have a home.

They go through great lengths to find a nice home of money. We take that very for little doggies," she said of seriously," said Superintendent the volunteers who help cart John McGuire. animals across the country.

worthwhile, although it was touch and go to get back for reduce staff or programs. Christmas Eve dinner before 5 p.m. But in the end, "it all engaged in litigation, and we worked out perfectly," she

dogs, and he loves to fly, she

"This is going to be a thing we do," Berry said. Even though it's optimal to transport in warmer weather, they will continue to volunteer their time to help prevent sheltered animals from Association of New York State being euthanized.

Curtis has volunteered to fly a dog.

Six months ago Curtis, a pilot of about five years, made his first flight delivering Basset Hounds from Kentucky. Now, he said whenever he is called to help, he will.

"When the dog has to go, the dog has to go," He said.

Curtis said he was happy to help, and noted that there are a number of pilots who volunteer to help animals in need.

"We want to get these dogs out of shelters and into homes,"

### G'land schools take another hit

District will lose \$971,195 in STAR payments

By RYAN MUNKS munksr@spotlightnews.com

After taking a \$108,354 hit in December, Guilderland schools will lose an additional \$971,195 in STAR payments.

The Guilderland Central School District faced a 19 percent reduction in its STAR payment on Monday, Jan. 4. This comes in addition to the 10 percent reduction in aid withheld by the governor on Dec. 15.

In total, the district will lose \$1,079,549 in state payments.

"That's a substantial amount

McGuire went on to say that Kate Berry said the trip was he does not believe the district will need to borrow money, or

"We belong to organizations support that litigation," said McGuire referring to a Dec. 16 Her and her husband love lawsuit filed in state Supreme Court in Albany County by the New York State United Teachers; New York State School Boards Association; New York State Council of School Superintendents; and the School Administrators

According the brief filed on This is the second time Dec 16, the plaintiffs allege that "frustrated by the Legislature's decision to reject parts of his proposed deficit reduction plan, the governor has unilaterally implemented the plan."

> According to the brief, this violates the New York State Constitution by breaching the separation of powers, as well as the provision in the constitution that gives children the right to a "sound basic education."

Paterson insists that he there time in a similar fashion is acting in accordance with a provision in the 2009-2010 budget that states, "No moneys appropriated by this [law] shall be available for payment until

"I'm planning as if the money that is being withheld will never be here. I have to. If it shows up, it will be a very pleasant surprise."

**Guilderland Superintendent John McGuire** 

a certificate of approval has been issued by the director of the budget, who shall file such certificate with the department of audit and control, the chairperson of the senate finance committee and the chairperson of the Assembly ways and means committee."

According to the governor's office, the state runs the risk of having a negative balance in the general fund for the first time in its history. The governor's office also stated that measures in addition to the deficit reduction plan have been taken by the governor to keep the state solvent. This includes using \$1.2 billion in rainy day funds, delaying a \$1 billion pension fund payment, and short-term borrowing from governmental funds referred to as the "short-term investment pool."

The delaying of aid to local school districts represents the latest attempt by Paterson to keep the state solvent.

In his statement, the governor reserves the right to delay future payments, and 'potentially" pay back funds that were delayed.

McGuire expressed his frustration with the ambiguity of Paterson's statement.

"I'm planning as if the money that is being withheld will never be here. I have to," he said. "If it shows up, it will be a very pleasant surprise."

McGuire went on to describe the difficulties in running a school district when the state remains uncertain as to whether future payments will be delayed.

Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, said he supports Paterson's decision to withhold money from local school districts.

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"I don't disagree with it." said Breslin. "I admire his [Paterson's] boldness."

When asked if the governor violated the constitutional separation of powers, Breslin said "I think there is a legal argument to say he did.'

However, he cited the same argument was given when Paterson appointed Richard Ravitch to the position of lieutenant governor. New York state's highest court subsequently agreed with the governor's decision.

Breslin said he believes the ever-worsening financial condition of the state forced the governor to make the cuts to local school districts. He also said that the current delays in funding are a one-shot action taken by the governor, and unilateral cuts made by the governor will not occur in the future.

Assemblyman John McEneny, D-Albany, also said he supports the governor's decision to withhold funding from local school districts. McEneny said the governor has a responsibility to manage the state's cash-flow.

McEneny said the governor should have assured school districts that repayment of withheld funds is "not a question of if, but of when." Referring to the governor saying he will "potentially" repay the districts McEneny said, "I believe the governor should be more exact in his language and say that he will."

Both Breslin and McEneny took issue with the governor's methods.

"I don't agree with the way it was done," said McEneny, referring to the governor's decision to institute acrossthe-board withholdings. McEneny said he would have liked the governor to employ a more selective method for withholding funding to school districts.

"Some [schools districts] have substantial reserves; others have nothing," said McEneny. "One size rarely fits

Breslin said more cuts will be necessary; however, those cuts will be made by the Legislature in cooperation with the governor.

"Come budget negotiations, everyone will have to sacrifice" said Breslin. "By then we'll be in a much better position to cut schools that can afford cuts.'

Like McEneny, Breslin stated that some school districts have millions of dollars in reserves, while others have none.

According to Breslin, the districts he hopes to shield from cuts include high-needs districts, most notably the rural and inner city districts.

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The Bethlehem Senior Services "News" is a bi-monthly newsletter providing a list and details of upcoming activities and services. This publication is available in the Senior Services office at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. If you wish to access this newsletter via the Web, it's easy. Just go to the Town of Bethlehem Website at www. townofbethlehem.org. If you'd prefer to receive it via e-mail, please call 439-4955, ext. 1176, and add your name to the office list. Even easier: e-mail Elizabeth Mosier directly at emosier@ townofbethlehem.org with your request.

### Program highlights Saturday, Jan. 9

• Breakfast at Carappoli's Family Restaurant, Delaware Plaza, Delmar (cost on your own). Bethlehem senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 9 a.m. with home pickup available on a prearranged basis. Suggested van donation \$3. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

### Monday, Jan. 11

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 12

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today for the new winter session, 10:30 a.m. until noon, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Plan to bring a sandwich, and call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to sign up. 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, Jan. 13

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

### Thursday, Jan. 14

- A.A.R.P. Mature Driving Course, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar; \$12 for A.A.R.P. members; \$14 for nonmembers. (two-day course: today and Friday) For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.
- Senior Legal Services Program-free for Albany County residents 60 years of age or older, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Appointments are necessary. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. The program is funded by Albany County Dept for Aging and staffed through the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY, Inc.
  - •Bethlehem Senior Citizens

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

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

### Friday, Jan. 15

- •The second program in a winter Health and Wellness series: "ZUMBA-Gold," Presenter: Mark Thurman, Wellness Director of the Bethlehem YMCA, 1 to 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 101, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. A "Lunch Out" option at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands, with cost on your own, will be available. If you require transportation, call Senior Services at 439-4955, ext. 1176
- •A.A.R.P. Mature Driving Course, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar; \$12 for A.A.R.P. members; \$14 for non-members. (Two-day course: yesterday and today.) For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.
- Seniors in Motion (see Tuesday's activities for details)
- Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770.

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

Doris Davis, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. board member

# Tickets available for 'Anything Goes'

The Guilderland Players' next musical will be "Anything Goes."

Senior Citizens' Night will be March 11 at 7 p.m., and tickets will be available in the Senior Office in January. Transportation service will be provided.

### Third Thursday services

On the third Thursday of each month, representatives are in Town Hall to assist seniors with the following:

- Food stamp applications
  - Blood pressure readings
- Legal advice by appointment (call senior office)
  - Medicaid applications

Monday, Jan. 11 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, Jan. 12** 9 a.m. Strong Bones +

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### SENIOR CALENDAR

11:30 a.m. Speech "Highway Safety"

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

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

### Wednesday, Jan. 13

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

### Thursday, Jan. 14

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

Friday, Jan. 15 10 a.m. Painting

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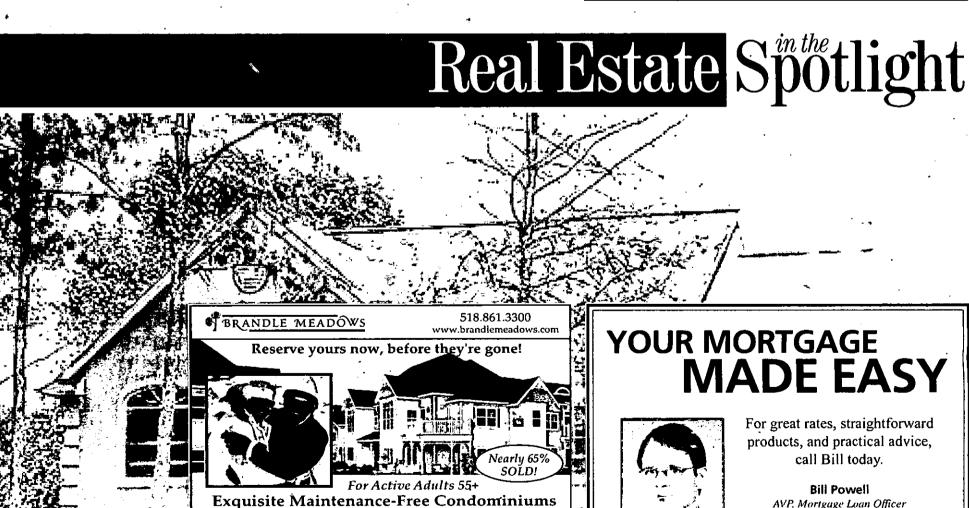
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# Bethlehem library use echoes national trends

Recent research by the Institute of Museum and Library Services looked at trends in U.S. public library service from 1997 to 2007. The study revealed changes that public libraries have made to meet patrons' needs in an environment increasingly influenced by the Internet.

The study found that the availability of Internet terminals in public libraries rose significantly between 2000 and 2007, increasing by 90 percent on a per capita basis. This jump is one example of the way the nation's public libraries are expanding their range of services to meet patron demand.

The study also found that between 1997 and 2007, per capita visits to public libraries increased nationwide by 19 percent. During

Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

the same period, per capita circulation increased by 12 percent. This growth in demand for library services occurred even as people increasingly turned to the Internet for information.

At Bethlehem Public Library, we had 18 public terminals in 1997; we now have 29. And a Gannett News Service survey of trends in public libraries between 2002 and 2006 revealed that Bethlehem Public Library ranked in the top 50 in circulation per capita, in a field of about 9,200 libraries nationwide that serve populations of 10,000 or more.

The number of visits to our for Trustees.) library has remained relatively constant over the years; this year the door count topped 355,000. In an age when information has never been more plentiful, libraries like ours continue to offer expert guidance on how to choose, use and manage it.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. To learn more about the Institute, visit www. imls.gov.

Annual report available

Our most recent annual report (FY 2008-09) is now available in the library and online (www. bethlehempubliclibrary.org/ more/about us; click on the link

Beanbag bonanza

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 3:30 p.m. Make your own beanbag and compete in a beanbag toss. Grades two to five.

Teen time

Friday, Jan. 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m. DDR, Guitar Hero, Wii, and games for grades six and up.

Time out for tales

Saturday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m. Come in from the cold and hear stories about snow. Ages 6 and younger with family.

10 things all children need Monday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m.

Helpful information about early childhood development for parents, teachers and caregivers.

**Book Buddies** 

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library

Read Marjorie Weinman Sharmat's "Nate the Great and Me: The Case of the Fleeing Fang" along with a friend or adult family member. Then come and talk about it with other readers. Grades one to three, friends and family.

Louise Grieco

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

## RCS Library receives grant for Acoustic Doorways series

The RCS Community Library has received a 2010 NYS Art\$Fund grant for the second season of the Acoustic Doorways concert series. Our plan for spring 2010 is to bring in the Foy Brothers Band, DaisyCutter with fiddler Sara Milanovich, Global Gumbo with Charlie Tokarz, and the Latin Jazz Quartet with Dave Gleason. The workshops will feature Brian Melick sharing his percussion skills and a session of Latin dance instruction.

The 2010 grant covers only 75 percent of the series. We want to continue the low ticket prices, between \$5 and \$8, which made attendance especially attractive to families and to senior citizens. We also hope to offer bus transportation for senior citizens and the disabled. For these reasons, we are appealing for additional support.

Can you help us bring this low-cost musical feast to your friends and neighbors? It is a great community-builder and will provide sweet relief from recession-era stress. We have four levels of sponsorship:

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• Brass sponsorship: With a donation of up to \$49, you will receive a program listing as a Contributor.

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 String sponsorship: With a donation of \$100 to \$399, you will receive a half-page advertisement in each of our programs, plus two tickets for each concert.

 Percussion sponsorship, in honor of Brian Melick: A contribution of \$400 or more includes your business name as a major contributor on the front page of each program, two tickets for each performance and your banner displayed at each event.

Contributions of any amount are welcome. Contact Judy Felsten, library director, with any questions. To sample last year's season, you can borrow a

DVD of concert highlights that is now part of the library's DVD loan collection.

### Fun fair

The annual Fun Fair for the Very Young will be held on Jan. 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the RCS Middle School, hosted by the RCS Community Library's Romp and Read and the RCS Pre-K Program. Join us during kindergarten registration for stories, craft and activities for your children. Parents are invited to talk to local representatives of area preschools, Head Start, pPre-K, CPSE services, WIC and Child Health Plus.

For more information, contact the library at 756-2053, or Jan Lincoln at RCS Pre-K (756-5200, x2719). Snow date is Wednesday. Jan. 13 at the middle school, 3

 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/.

### IN BRIEF

### **County DOH sets** H1N1 clinics

The Albany County Department of Health is currently holding free H1N1 vaccination clinics for Albany County residents 6 months and older on the following dates:

Sunday, Jan. 10

1 to 4 p.m.

Colonie Central High School, 1 Raider Blvd., Albany

• Wednesday, Jan. 20 3:30 to 7 p.m.

Guilderland Central High School, 8 School Road, Guilderland Center

Appointments are also still available weekdays through January 15th between 9 am and 5 pm at the Albany County Department of Health, 175 Green Street, Albany.

All clinics are by appointment only. Individuals can register online at www.albanycounty. com/health or by phone at 518-447-4505. Phones are open weekdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

H1N1 vaccination is now recommended for all New Yorkers over 6 months of

For information about the H1N1 influenza and for updates on clinic dates visit the Albany County Health Department Web site at: www. albanycounty.com/health or call the Albany County Flu Line at 447-4505.

### **ESC** to hold info sessions

Empire State College, of the State University of New York, will hold public information sessions about its associate and bachelor's degree programs at its North East Center location, 21 British American Blvd., Latham on Thursday, Jan. 14,

at 5:30 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 25, at 5:30 p.m.

To reserve a space for an upcoming information session please visit www.esc.edu and select the location nearest to you or call 783-6203. You may also register by calling 1-800-847-3000 and selecting option 1.

Empire State College offers adult learners the opportunity to earn associate, bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York. Students learn through independent studies, seminars, residencies and online courses. They also may earn credit for prior college-level learning from work and life experience. The college serves more than 19,000 students worldwide with multiple locations in New York state and online.

For more information, visit www.esc.edu. Empire State College is the SUNY College for Adults.

### **Kidney Foundation** hosts support group

The National Kidney Foundation of Northeast New York will host their next monthly Kidney Club Patient and Family Support Group meeting on Sunday, Jan. 10, at noon, at their offices at 99 Troy Rd., East Greenbush.

The Kidney Club Support Group is an opportunity for kidney disease patients, friends and family to get together and connect in a relaxing environment, and offer inspiration and hope to one another. New members 'are always welcome.

Anyone wishing to attend the support group can RSVP to Carol LaFleur at 533-7880 or by emailing carol@nkfneny.org.



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## **Voorheesville library offers amnesty** for patrons who have overdue items



"Awesome Scott" and "Lightning Lucas" waged an intense "Guitar Hero" battle at the Voorheeville Public Library over the holiday vacation.

g It's time for the FINE-FREE-NINE, our annual nine days of amnesty for library delinquents. Start looking for your missing and overdue items: books. magazines, CDs and DVDs. If you can find whatever is lost and late, and bring it back gbetween Friday, Jan. 9p and Sunday, Jan.17, it's free.

### Radon overview

An overview of radon, a gas that has been an issue for some homeowners in our area, will be presented at VPL by Cornell Cooperative Extension on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how radon enters your home, the health risks, and the testing procedure and mitigation. Free radon test kits and educational materials will be available. Sign up now at the reference desk.

### Online calendar

It's wise to advertise your organization's ham dinner. plant sale, pancake supper, board meeting or regular monthly meeting, and we are doing our part to help you by maintaining a nee online community calendar. Anyone can submit notices for posting through a link on the library Web site at www. voorheesvillelibrary.org. Start the new year with your event on our public calendar.

### Storytimes over

Storytimes are over and will resume on Jan. 12 on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

### Door-to-door service

Call us to schedule doorto-door service of library materials for those who don't travel well due to bad weather or medical concerns. We are happy to assist with choosing books or movies you might like, and we have a number

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of wonderful volunteers who will deliver and pick up your items. The number to call is u765-2791-na stammundiggi. Azarrett nijabilo ov nicutijos

### Teen Book Club

Teen Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the high school library, where interested readers can pick up a copy of the current book. The selection for Jan. 14 is "The Wednesday Wars" by Gary D. Schmidt, a funny historical fiction read that takes place during the early 1970s. Mrs.

with the many the Submitted photo Laiosa brings the refreshments and leads the discussion.

### Gallery openings

Where are all the artists? We have openings in our gallery and showcase for artists and collectors to display their work oin 2010. Please contact Barbara Vink at 765-2791 to schedule an exhibit.'

### Barbara Vink

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

McEneny to talk about Census



Jack McEneny

-Assemblyman Jack McEneny will speak about the 2010 Census during a presentation at the Guilderland Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m.

McEneny, who chaired the U.S. Census for the Capital District in 1980, will explain the many reasons why it's important we all take part in the Census. He'll emphasize that when the forms arrive in our mailboxes, we should act premptly to complete and return them. It is through the Census (mandated by the Constitution to occur every 10 years) that the government can properly apportion everything from funding for schools and hospitals to your representation in government. Through its upcoming "Make Guilderland Countly campaign, the Guilderland Public Library is working in cooperation with

the Census Bureau to maximize census participation throughout the community.

Make sure you're counted. All information collected is strictly confidential. The population count assures that we will get the services and benefits we deserve through 2020.

Here's a basic timetable for the 2010 Census:

- February thru March: Census questionnaires mailed or delivered to your home.
- April 1, Census Day: Send in your census form and be counted.
- April to July: Census-takers visit households that did not respond.
- December: Census Bureau delivers population data to President Obama.
- March 2011: Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

This library event is free and open to the public.

- Mark Curiale

The Guilderland Public Library is at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Call 456-2400, ext. 12, for information or visit the library's Web site at www.guilpl.

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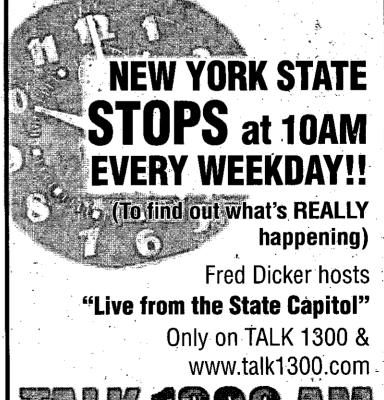
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Denise Randall takes oath of office for Town Justice at the organizational meeting.

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Runion invited Tonko to speak at the ceremony. Tonko congratulated the incumbents who were sworn in to their posts and cited the need for cooperation among different levels of government in the new decade.

"We need to approach this next decade with optimism... with all of us working together," he said.

The board then took up the business of the day, assigning officers to various boards, committees and agencies and setting their meeting dates. The board also authorized spending, designated fire wardens and set the holiday schedule.

zoning code is one of his primary goals for the coming year, as is keeping the town's finances in check.

The Town Board will continue with its ordinary agenda at its Tuesday Jan. 19 meeting.



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come to really appreciate what we have in this town."

The oath of office was administered by Appellate Court Judge Bernard Malone, who said he has the pleasure of living on the same street as the supervisor.

"The very first time that I met Sam ... I thought after about two minutes, 'Wow, this is a very special person. ... I've known Sam long enough and well enough to know you will do a wonderful job as our supervisor."

After being sworn in, Messina addressed the capacity crowd about the future of his administration, as well as the election that brought him into office.

"I know there are hard feelings, I know this was a difficult campaign, and I know human beings can overcome that," Messina said, going on to say the loss of the election must be "heartbreaking" for now-former Supervisor Jack Cunningham and his family.

"I think of them, I wish them a happy New Year. Jack and I were once friends, I hope we can still be," Messina said.

Messina said one of his top priorities during his first week in office would be to sit down with all department heads to iden-Runion said that updating the tify where the town's priorities lie. He said that there are about 15 major initiatives that have reached the point of requiring major decisions by the town.

He also said he plans to identify ways to reduce costs while advancing and completing the



Supervisor Sam Messina, left, waits with a standing-room-only crowd at Bethlehem Town Hall on Friday Jan. 1, before his swearing in.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

town's comprehensive plan, and said that nothing else is more important than this long-range budgeting tool (see related sto-

But above all else, Messina said his goal in the next two years would be to keep the door to his office open and to work with other members of the Town Board to make the decisions that are best for Bethlehem.

"Most ideas don't come

from supervisors, they come from staff, they come from the community, and I'm going to work to move those ideas forward," he said. "I will make mistakes...but the thing is, I'll try to do more right things that wrong things."

Messina, a member of the Independence Party, will see his party hold the majority on the Town Board at the entity's first organizational meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 13. Democrats Kyle Kotary and Mark · Hennessey will be relegated to the role of minority party.

Messina was endorsed by the Republican and Conservative parties,

Messina said that the appointment of the deputy supervisor, who serves in the event of the supervisor's absence, would come sometime during his first week in office.

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## Swimming and Diving Booster Club makes a splash

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**Group raises \$17K** for purchase of timing system for BC swim team

By CHARLES WIFF wiffc@spotlightnews.com

After a whirlwind fundraising campaign, members of the Bethlehem Central High School Swimming and Diving team will be greeted by a new addition to their pool at their first home meet in January: an electronic scoreboard and timekeeping system.

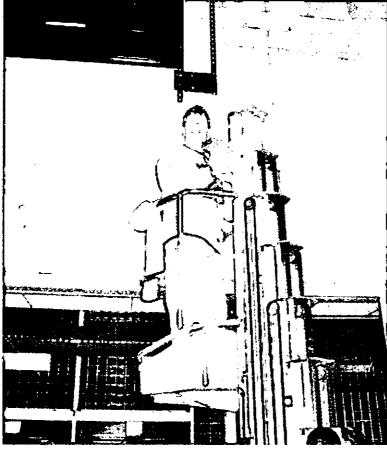
The BC Swimming and Diving Booster Club raised more than \$17,000 in a matter of weeks to purchase the used system at no cost to the district, fulfilling a longtime goal of the organization.

"We got lucky," said Booster Club President Dwight Cheu, who traveled to New Jersey with club volunteer Bruce Ginsburg to inspect the system.

The system itself cost \$9,000. plus another \$2,000 for ancillary equipment and a truck rental to transport it. It's an International Sports Timing model that is five years old but saw only light use at its former home in the Whippany, N.J., Jewish Community Center. The system costs \$26,000 brand new, a cost that has precluded the district from purchasing one.

At a Dec. 16 meeting of the BC school board, Cheu and Ginsburg, who both have children swimming on the varsity team, proposed that the district accept the donation of the system and extra funds they had raised, and the board voted unanimously to accept it. Members of the booster club and Schenectady-based NCS Construction installed the scoreboard on Sunday, Dec. 27.

With the new scoreboard, times will be computed by six electronic touch pads at the end of the lanes instead of human monitors using stopwatches.



Not only will the system make it easier to administer meets by reducing the number of volunteers required, it will be more accurate and reliable.

"It's nice for the kids to look up and see their time when they finish," said Ginsburg.

BC Athletics Director John DeMeo said that the department has wanted a new scoreboard for some time.

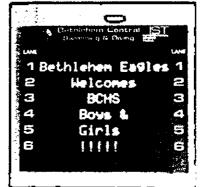
"At this point, we're just getting the necessities to run our programs," DeMeo said. "We've obviously been very appreciative to the boosters and all they've contributed to the district ... the community support has been very, very positive over the years."

In 2006, the lacrosse and football booster clubs chipped in for half the cost of a new scoreboard at the football field,

with the district footing the rest of the bill.

Though the purchase of a scoreboard was a goal since the club formed four years ago, fundraising for the board started only in October.

"There were a lot of skeptics who thought it couldn't be done," said Cheu. "I was just impressed with how the entire community and the families stepped up to make it possible in such a short time."



The BC Swimming and Diving Booster Club raised over \$17,000 in a matter of weeks to fund the purchase of an electronic scoreboard and timing system for the BC High School pool.

**LEFT: BC Swimming and Diving** Booster Club members Bruce Ginsburg helped install the system on Sunday, Dec. 27.

Dwight Cheu/Submitted photos

Ginsburg spearheaded much of the fundraising efforts, and while many parents made donations, he largely focused his solicitations outward because swimmers and their families already make a lot of sacrifices, he said.

"Everyone agreed the kids deserved it and worked very hard for it," Ginsburg said. "I didn't want to diminish the kids' ability to get the things they needed. ... A lot of people stepped up in a very generous manner."

The Delmar Dolfins Swim Club chipped in with a \$5,000 donation. The 120-member youth swimming program is

where many varsity swimmers at BC and Guilderland schools get their first competitive experiences, and the group's contribution will be recognized with a graphic on the scoreboard. The system will be used for their competitions at the high school pool, as well.

"This is our way to help the school district out," said Dolfins President Chris Hettie. "With all the financial issues coming up at the school district ... if you're in a position that you can help the school district, it's something you should do."

She added that with an early outlet, many Dolfins go on to compete in college and beyond.

"It gives these kids something to aspire to," she said. "It's a sport that you can really have for life, when you think about it."

Cheu estimated that there would be an annual maintenance cost of \$500 to \$800 based on information from the manufacturer and other schools using similar systems. The roughly \$3,500 not being used to purchase the system was handed over to the school district as a maintenance fund.

A full list of donors can be found at the booster club's Web site: www.bcswimanddive. com. A plaque acknowledging contributors is planned to be mounted at the high school pool in January. The club is still accepting donations to build up the scoreboard's maintenance

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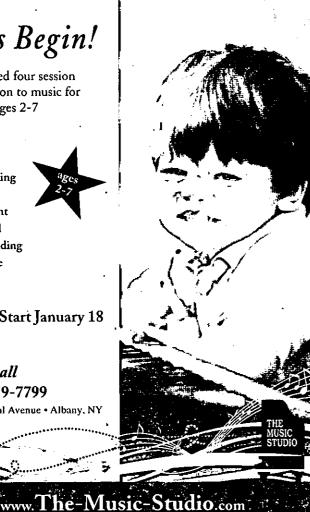
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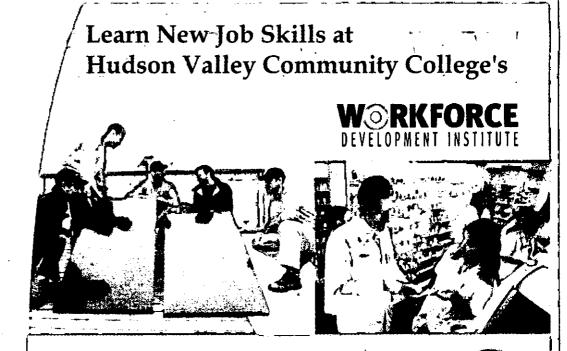
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# Entertainment Spotlight

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN dominj@spotlightnews.com

isters Christine Powers and Mary Beth Hofmeister both talk about the "mystique" that surrounds their alma mater, the University of Notre Dame.

"It's a very special place," said Powers, who followed Hofmeister to Indiana after graduating from Catholic High in Troy. "You could walk into any Notre Dame event and feel welcom<sub>6</sub>.

Hofmeister remembers visiting the university at the suggestion of a family friend. She felt the energy of the huge crowd at a football game and reveled in the excitement of an overnight stay on campus. Just like that, she was in love.

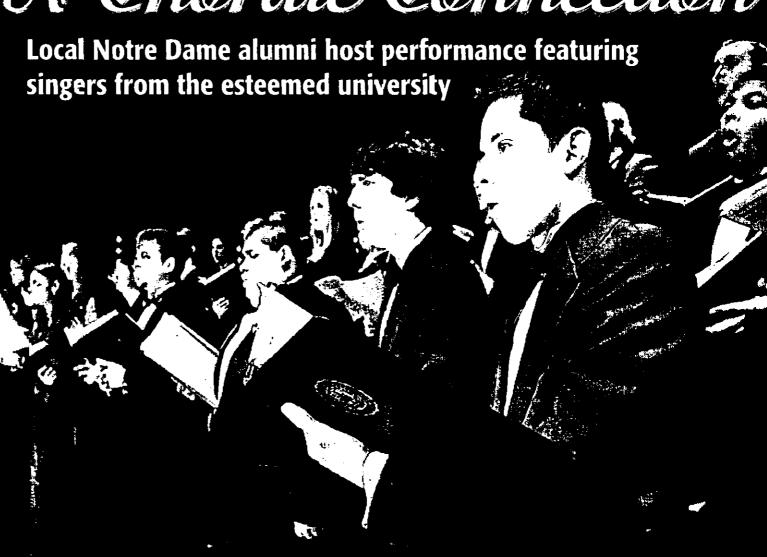
For both Powers and Hofmeister, that love didn't end with graduation. They are active members (Hofmeister is president) of the Notre Dame Club of Northeastern New York, which is sponsoring a performance by the university's chorale at St. Pius X in Loudonville on Friday, Jan. 8.

"Notre Dame meant a lot to those of us who were fortunate enough to go there," Hofmeister said. "I felt like I wanted to give back." c"

The club gives back in a number of ways. It offers a \$3,000 scholarship each year to a student from the Capital District who is attending Notre Dame. It sends care packages to local students and holds a sendoff party for freshmen each year. There are get-togethers to watch Notre Dame sporting events, including an upcoming trip to Syracuse to see Notre Dame's women's basketball

About 10 years ago, the club sponsored a local performance by the Notre Dame chorale, which was "kind of a personal mission" for Powers, who belonged to the chorale during her school days.

A Chorale Connection



The University of Notre Dame Chorale will perform at St. Pius X in Loudonville on Friday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m.

Last year, the school's glee club visited the area, and that went so well that someone from the current edition of the chorale contacted Hofmeister to see if the chorale could come to the Albany area during its winter break tour.

"What they like to do is stop where there's a really robust alumni community," Powers said. The Notre Dame Club of Northeastern New York fits the bill, with about 400 people on its mailing list.

Both Powers and Hofmeister noted that Notre Dame's alumni clubs are unusual in that members didn't have to

attend Notre Dame. So-called subway alumni, or "people who just loved the school" are also welcome, Hofmeister said.

The local club was more than happy to have the chorale come. It doesn't have to cover travel expenses - the chorale pays for bus transportation - but club members do give students a place to sleep. Powers said the alumni group has also arranged for the chorale to have a tour of the state Capitol.

Steve Santay, a Notre Dame junior and vice president of the chorale, said staying with alumni is one of the highlights of the annual winter tour, which this year makes stops in Pittsburgh; Washington, D.C.; Basking Ridge, N.J.; New York City; and Framingham, Mass., before hitting Albany. On Saturday, Jan. 9, the tour wraps up with a performance in . Cleveland, Ohio.

Santay said the chorale has about 60 students and is open to all fields of study. An engineering major, Santav joined the chorale because "I wanted to do something outside of math and science."

A Chicago native, Santay said he wanted to attend Notre Dame all his life. The school's history was a draw, along with the powerful experiences of going to Mass, praying at the Grotto on campus and, of course, he said with a laugh, football games.



The club holds fundraisers throughout the year to help finance its winter

Santay figures that when he graduates, he'll join an alumni club himself, hoping like Powers and Hofmeister for a chance to give back

Hofme ster said that the alumni club's mission of giving back extends beyond just Notre Dame students and alumni, since service is one of the hallmarks of the school. Each May, the club holds a service day, doing things like working on a Habitat for Humanity project. It also sends a local educator to a conference at Notre Dame each year, with a principal from Shenendehowa going last year, and it hosts an armual visit to a local college by a Notre Dame professor.

These kind of activities forge the kind of bonds the sisters enjoyed during their time in South Bend,

"The club is a great place to feel like you belong, to get plugged in." Powers said.

They stressed that the whole community is welcome to share in that feeling at the chorale concert, which is set for 6 p.m. Powers said the program will feature a mix of ancient and classic Christmas carols, and people who attend "can expect chills."

"They are really superb," she said of the choir, which is directed by Grammy-nominated Alexander Blachly.

"This is one of those examples where people complain there's no culture in Albany," Powers added. "This is a great opportunity to broaden your horizons. It's just beautiful."

· Admission is free, A goodwill offering will be collected. The church is at 23 Crumitie Road.

For information on the Notre Dame Club of Northeastern New York, visit ndcofneny.googlepages.com or call 466-4035.



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### Theater

#### BETRAYAL

Harold Pinters play about a love triangle told in reverse time, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, Jan. 15 through Feb. 7, \$15-\$39. Information, 445-7469.

### CHEMICAL IMBALANCE: A JEKYLL HYDE STORY

Regional premiere of Lauren Wilson play, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Jan. 15 through Feb. 13, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

#### **UBU REX**

Biting satire of European philosophoes and practices, presented by the Firlefanz Puppets, Steamer No. 10 Theater, 500 Western Ave , Albany, Jan. 8-10, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, adults \$15, students/seniors \$12. Information, 438-5803.

### Music

### MIKE HARRISON

Singer-songwriter, Jan. 8, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### **3RIAN MURPHY**

Acoustic/folk artist, Jan. 8, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Weste'n Ave., Guilderland, free. Intormation, 250-4196.

#### BEARFOOT

Alaskan bluegrass band, Jan. 8, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$18 advance tickets, \$20 at door. Information, 583-0022.

### **CROOKED STILL**

String quartet mixing old time music. bluegrass and folk, Jan. 8, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$24. Information 473-1845

### THREE QUARTER NORTH

Bluegrass/Americana band, Jan. 9, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### \_VALERIE WEBB

Rock singer-songwriter, Jan. 9, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free, Information, 250-4196.

### **GANDALF MURPHY & THE** SLAMBOVIAN CIRCUS OF DREAMS

Performing its blend of folk, rock, hillbilly and pop music, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors (GE Theatre), 432 State St., Schenectady, \$26. Information, 4341703 or 346-6204.

### JÉREMY WALLACE TRIO

New Jersey-based Americana trio, Jan. 9, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$16 advance tickets, \$18 at door. Information, 583-0022.

### PROJECT/OBJECT

Frank Zappa tribute band featuring former Zappa band members lke Willis and Ray White, Jan. 9, 8 p.m., Revolution Hall, 425 River St., Troy, advance tickets \$20, day of show \$22. Information, 274-0553.

#### SARAH LEE GUTHRIE **AND JOHNNY IRION**

Duo that mixes country rock and backporch ballads, Jan. 10, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$16 advance tickets, \$18 at door. Information, 583-0022

### Comedy

#### WIT&WILL THEATRE

Presenting "2010: Year of the Laughing Tiger (and Chuckling Kitten)," Jan. 9, 8 p.m., Zu Zu's Wonderful Life Inc., 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany, advance tickets adults \$10, students/seniors \$6; day of show adults \$12, students/seniors/military \$8. Information, 439-7698.

### Visual Arts

### **NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM**

"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

"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

"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 Gamer, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

### **BROADWAY ART CENTER**

"The Silk Road -- Uzbekistan to Albany," Jan. 9-30, 488 Broadway (Arcade Building), Albany, hours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays, Information,

### LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"The White Show," through Jan. 30, 1138 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

### **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE**

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

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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### 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.

### UNION COLLEGE

"Recycled Realities" and "A View from the Rez," art by John Willis, through Jan. 31, Visual Arts Building, Arts Alriun Gallery, Schenectady, Information, 388-6714.

### **CLARK ART INSTITUTE**

"Crow and Raven: Baskin Huntes 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

### **OCTAVO SINGERS**

Beginning rehearsals for May performance of Verdi's "Requiem," voice placement auditions will be held Jan. 11 and 18 at 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 603 State St., Schenectady. Information, 344-

### SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS Holding auditions for March production of

Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband," roles Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Informafor seven men (play ages 25-55+) and six women (play ages 18-45+), Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Information, 383-8277.

### **ETUDE CLUB**

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

#### **SARATOGA ARTS**

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

### **CAPITALAND CHORUS**

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

### TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

### **ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY**

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

### **DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA** Openings in the string, horn and percus-

sion sections. Information, 439-7749. **COLONIE TOWN BAND** Several openings, rehearsals on Mondays

### at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newton-

ville. Information, 783-2760. COLONIE CENTENNIAL RAT

### **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 tion, 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.

### STENA 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-

### **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.

# Spotlight poetry

This month's column is sponsored by *The Spotlight Newspapers* and the Hudson Valley Writers Guild. For information, visit www.spotlightnews.com or www.hvwg.org.

### Winter moment

by Paul Horton Amidon

Night has ushered out the clouds,

brought deep cold and stillness;

chimney smoke rises undisturbed. The door swings open;

birds struggling through fresh snow on the feeder take flight.

Much speaks of beauty, little of life, in winter's realm,

but these who elude its grasp speak of both as they

chatter impatiently from branches,

telling me to hurry along, brush off the snow. leave the seed, go back inside.

Sometimes the mood of a poem is what makes it work well. The mood of this poem is established with strong imagery and spare language.

Paul Horton Amidon grew up on Long Island, but has lived and worked in Albany most of his adult life. Many of his poems center on childhood and rural themes. Paul's poem "Directions For Success" won first prize in the 2009 Rip Van Winkle Poetry competition.

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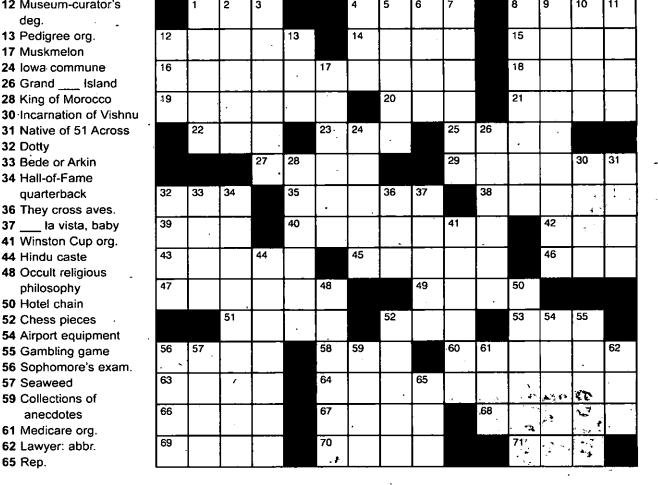
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# Calendar of Events Spo

### Wednesday, Jan. 6

### **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,

### **BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN**

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 7:00 p.m. program and meeting to follow dinner Information, 439-9628. First Wednesday

### **BC SCHOOL BOARD**

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

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

### 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,

#### 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

### 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.

#### PIONEER CLUBS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

### Thursday, Jan. 7

### **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-

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

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

### 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,

### Friday, Jan. 8 🔅

### **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, **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,

### STORY TIMES

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

### Saturday, Jan. 9

### BETHLEHEM AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Information, call

### **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, Jan. 10

### **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.,

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,

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; St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.

Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-

### **NEW SCOTLAND** WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, .10 a.m.

Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.

Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.

Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870. First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.

Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548. Journey United Church of Christ, Worship 10 a.m., 1903 New Scotland Road,

Slingerlands, 729-7127. Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390. Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.

St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805. Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware

Turnpike, 439-5001. United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.DAY --

### Monday, Jan. 11

### 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-

### **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, 1

### AA MEETING

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

### PRAYER MEETING

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### Tuesday, Jan. 12

### BETHLEHEM TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. gently used brand name clothing and accessories at very low prices.

### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)

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

### **NEW SCOTLAND STORY TIMES**

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

### **PLANNING BOARD**

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 6 p.m. Information, 765-3356. First Tuesday of each month.

### 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.

### Wednesday, Jan. 13

### BETHLEHEM DELMAR ROTARY

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

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

### **PLAYGROUP MEETING**

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### 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.

**HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING** 

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

PRAYER MEETING Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview

### **PIONEER CLUBS**

Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

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

### AA MEETING

ville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. 765-2895.

**NEW SCOTLAND TOWN COUNCIL** New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m.

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 The Town of Guilderland approved engineering studies for basement flooding issues at two locations, while questions about funding the construction projects came up at the Town Board's Tuesday, July 7, meeting.

 Delaware Engineering was retained to engineer two storm water drainage projects, one in McKownville for \$75,000 and one on Curry Road near the Blackberry Estates for \$35,000.

On Monday, July 27, the New Scotland Republican Committee selected Mike Fields, 71, to replace Karen Moreau as its candidate for town supervisor.

• A loan program was set up in conjunction with the Guilderland Industrial Development Agency to provide interest-free financing for façade improvements that would provide businesses with up to \$5,000 to make "façade enhancements and other improvements designed to increase the curb appeal of their facilities," according to the announcement, made Wednesday, July 29.

 Vendors at the Voorheesville Farmers Market set up shop despite the rainy weather on Friday, July 31. The market was open from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on Fridays and ran through

October.

 Albany County Executive Mike Breslin presented his hopes for the future of health care in the county at a morning mixer on Friday, July 31. Members of the Guilderland and Bethlehem chambers of commerce convened at Mangia restaurant on New Scotland Road to exchange ideas and business cards and listen to Breslin discuss county affairs, primarily relating to the alternative health-care programs.

August

• The Voorheesville Central School District hired its second new official from Shenendehowa on Friday, Aug. 7. Brian Whitley will serve as principal of the middle school after a special meeting of the Board of Education.

•Republican candidate for Guilderland town supervisor Peter Golden filed a police report following what he called a politically motivated prank where two dog cutouts were placed on his lawn in the early morning hours of Saturday, Aug. 1. His opponent, Supervisor Ken Runion, posted a \$250 reward for information leading to an

•The Altamont Fair ran through Sunday, Aug. 16. Some of the attractions at the fair included a cow giving birth, a car being dropped 40 feet, teen rock bands and demonstrations by emergency service responders

performing simulated rescues. •Former Guilderland High School graduate and Army veteran Raymond Jefferson was confirmed for a position as assistant secretary of labor for veterans' employment and training in President Barack Obama's administration. Jefferson was confirmed on Friday, Aug. 7, and was sworn in on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

• The Guilderland Central. School District set its tax rate lower than in 2008-2009. The rate was set at 0.18 percent less than

last year's, making it \$19.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value, down 3 cents per \$1,000 from last year.

 In an August that saw many rainy days and flooding streets, stormwater was the hot issue at the Guilderland Town Board's Tuesday, Aug. 18, meeting, which featured a presentation for a townhouse project. After hearing a detailed stormwater plan, residents and board members voiced concerns about drainage and taxing districts for the proposal made by Amedore Homes.

 Matt Nelligan, a candidate for Guilderland Town Board, created the Tax Payers First party line Tuesday, Aug. 18, the deadline to file such a petition. He said while it was not technically a new party, "there's definitely a set of party principles behind it." Nelligan said Tax Payers First is focused on bringing the property tax rate down and putting the pieces in place to attract business to the town. The party line was later invalidated by the Board of Elections.

 An area law firm representing the Guilderland police union issued a statement Friday, Aug. 21, condemning town officials for releasing information about an inquiry into police procedure based on a letter from an officer to superiors in July. The matter was raised after officer David Romano sent a letter to his superior officers questioning the lack of petty cash funds available for drug investigations. The PBA said that the matter should have been kept confidential.

September

 Students began their first day of class in the Guilderland Central School District. Classes began relatively uninhibited by the district's two-year capital construction. The district also began a seamless transition into full-day kindergarden.

 As the nation remembered the tragedy that occurred eight years ago on Sept. 11, 2001, the Altamont Fire Department followed suit with memorial services throughout the morning. and afternoon. The services were at 8:46 a.m., the time the

first World Trade Center tower was struck by a 747 airliner in a coordinated terrorist attack

 Albany County Independence Party Chairman Paul Caputo said his appointment to a.Guilderland town position by Independenceendorsed Supervisor Ken Runion was no way similar to the controversy in Colonie, where the town party chairman was accused of trying to trade an endorsement for a job.

 Guilderland incumbents came out on top on primary day, Sept. 15, earning the Conservative and Independence lines. Democrats Paul Pastore and Patricia Slavick sought the Conservative line against challenger David Fraterrigo in the Town Board race, and Democrat-endorsed Justice Denise Randall took the Conservative and Independence line against Republican-endorsed challenger Chris Aldrich in the town justice race.

• The Guilderland Police Department became one of a few accredited institutions in New York state, according to a review conducted by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The accreditation was awarded at the Town Board meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17 by Henry Boland, the state program manager for the law enforcement accreditation program.

 New Scotland Town Board Republican candidate Doug LaGrange announced Tuesday, Sept. 22, he was taking time away from the party committee but was not planning to join with another party.

 New Scotland Supervisor Tom Dolin filed his tentative budget, Wednesday, Sept. 30. The budget included a 5 percent

October -

 A number of New Scotland Republican Party members resigned from the committee and chose to endorse-candidate Doug LaGrange, who also left the committee. The six members that joined him Friday, Oct. 2, were Kurt Anderson, Chuck Voss, Joe Defronzo, Susan Defronzo, Janna Shillinglaw and Jason Windsor.

• Guilderland residents got their first taste of budget season, as Supervisor Ken Runion presented his tentative budget to the board Tuesday, Oct. 5. The more than \$30.5 million spending plan did not include a tax increase for 2010.

 Advocates against the latest expansion of the Albany landfill filed suit Monday, Oct 19. Lynne Jackson, an advocate with Save the Pine Bush said although the group's attempts at an injunction were unsuccessful, the City of Albany as agreed "not to go into any undisturbed Pine Bush until oral arguments are heard on Dec. 11.

 New Scotland Town Board and supervisor hopefuls went point for point about the town's most contentious issues, including retail development, ethics and taxes at a debate on Thursday, Oct. 22. The debate was sponsored by the League of Women Voters and The Spotlight, and was held at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

• Robert Ciembroniewicz, a Rotterdam resident and salvage yard owner in Guilderland. appeared before the Guilderland Town Board on Tuesday, Oct. 20, to discuss action on his property, which the town has deemed an environmental hazard to area bodies of water. The problem has been going on for years, according to officials.

•The state's highest court issued a split decision regarding a proposed hotel on the Washington Avenue Extension, according a Tuesday, Oct. 27, ruling. The ruling gave the Save the Pine Bush group standing in the case, meaning it was considered a legitimate party with the right to bring suit, but the court ultimately decided the case failed on its merits.

November

The "Shoes for the Shoeless" Drive, organized by Gail Leonardo Sundling, who owns the Delmar Bootery in Stuyvesant Plaza, collected new and "gently worn"

shoes for those in need. The drive, which ended Sunday, Nov. 1, collected just under 11,000 pairs from throughout the Capital District.

 Polls in New Scotland showed Incumbent Supervisor Tom Dolin, a Democrat, winning a second term, along with crossendorsed candidate Doug LaGrange and newcomer Daniel Mackay, a Democrat, winning seats on the Town Board. The trio ran on a "no big-box" platform supporting a size cap of 50,000 square feet on retail buildings in the town's commercial zone, and the election hinged largely on voters' feeling about a largescale shopping center Sphere developers were proposing atone time for the former Bender melon farm property.

 Guilderland incumbents held off a Republican challenge as Supervisor Ken Runion won his sixth term in office on Election Day. Paul Pastore and Patricia Slavick kept their seats on the board, beating former embattled high school teacher Matt Nelligan and CM Fox Real Estate employee David Fraterrigo.

Stuvvesant Plaza, the Guilderland shopping destination, celebrated its 50th anniversary Wednesday, Nov. 4. Stuyvesant Plaza was recognized as regional landmark 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

 Guilderland High School hosted a community forum on Tuesday, Nov. 10, to address teen suicide, an issue that hit home at the high school last month when a student committed suicide Thursday, Oct. 8, prompting the district to increase awareness and counseling opportunities for

the students.

 An award-winning GHS student-run publication was cited as one of most-honored in the state. The Journal, Guilderland ☐ Issue Page 21





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ings and other measures, was not met with a second and did not make it to a vote. In a lengthy discussion, board members cited cost concerns, logistics and the fact the town had examined the possibility in the past as reasons for not supporting the motion.

- The Albany County Executive's Office announced that the county would permanently close the Jericho Road Bridgeor "Ben's Bridge"-over the CSX Rail Yards in Selkirk and would demolish rather than repair the nearly 90-year-old bridge, with no plans to build a new one. Residents rallied to protest the move and demanded an alternative be found, saying that emergency services would be dealt response delays due to the closing.
- David Rossi, a co-prosecutor on the Porco trial, was named Albany County chief assistant district attorney.
- •BC alum Ethan Levine was awarded the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation Fellowship, valued at up to \$150,000, designed to nurture, support and encourage the best and the brightest to pursue math and science teaching careers. He spent much of his summer off from the University of Pennsylvania applying for and obtaining the fellowship.
- Candidates for the 2009 local elections filed nominating petitions with the county Board of Elections. It was immediately apparent that there would be a September primary for the Independence line between Councilman and supervisorhopeful Sam Messina and incumbent Jack Cunningham.
- A high-speed car chase with police ended with a Delmar man crashing his Mustang into a utility pole and then a home on Whitehall Road in Albany. Thomas C. Pusatere allegedly fled the scene on foot after crashing his vehicle.
- Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham filed a lastminute opportunity to ballot with the Board of Elections for the Working Families Party line

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against Sam Messina, who was endorsed by the WFP. Messina filed an objection to the move, which was tossed out by the board, leaving Cunningham open to stage a write-in campaign for the line in September.

 An investigation by The Spotlight found that the incidence of petit and grand larceny arrests at the Wal-Mart on Route 9W in Glenmont had dropped significantly since the store moved from a 24-hour model to more traditional business

### August

- Bethlehem police arrested a Delmar volunteer rescue worker after receiving a call about a Craigslist posting on the Internet soliciting "encounters with young boys." Daniel P. Heeren, 24, of Carstead Drive, Slingerlands, was arrested after police responded to an ad and made online arrangements to meet with him for the purpose of having a sexual encounter during an investigation into the matter, according to police.
- A teacher hired by the BC School District to head up the high school's new Chinese program went to 'the media claiming she was improperly terminated one year into her probationary period. Terry Waltz said the school fired her because of her unconventional teaching style. The letter of termination accused her of making "inappropriate comments" to students and to other colleagues and making unprofessional decisions.
- A lawsuit against the petitions of candidates endorsed on the Independence Party line, including Supervisor Jack Cunningham, was thrown out by a Supreme Court justice, meaning the Independence line in the race for Bethlehem supervisor would come down to a primary. Jeanette Whitbeck, the Independence Party member who filed the suit, later claimed she had been bullied by a private investigator into saying she was not read an oath before signing a petition.
- •Bethlehem Comptroller Suzanne Traylor informed the Bethlehem Town Board that slumping mortgage and sales tax receipts mean that the town had failed to realize \$1.09 million in planned revenues during the first half of the year. The Town Board unanimously voted to decrease town expenditures by \$968,050 and use \$122,427 of

the fund balance to make up the difference.

- Budget workshops began in the Town of Bethlehem as the Town Board met with department heads to discuss the upcoming
- The new Web site for the BC School District went live, with a streamlined design and new features. District officials said that more people were utilizing the district's Web presence, with Web traffic increasing by about 35 percent over the last three
- About 1,500 people descended on Delmar's Elm Avenue Park for a health care reform "town hall" held by Congressman Paul Tonko. He was subject to the same type of heated behavior that made headlines around the nation that summer, with many detractors interrupting Tonko or other speakers and even "flipping the bird" to moderator Lydia Kulbida. Bethlehem police escorted one person out of the event but there were no arrests.

September

- Candidate for Bethlehem supervisor Sam Messina and incumbent Jack Cunningham met at Bethlehem Town Hall prior to the Independence Party primary in a debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters and The Spotlight. Hot-button issues such as the future of Ben's Bridge, allegations of racism in the police department and economic development were all
- The first day of school at BC schools was made even more momentous by the introduction of full-day kindergarten to elementary schools. Nearly 300 students were in the first class to be offered the program, which district officials and teachers said allowed for a better experience for the children.
- Albany County started a partial tax amnesty program aimed at recovering some of about \$38 million owed in back taxes. Running through November, the program offered participants the opportunity to cut the interest on their taxes in half. The county was facing a \$20 million budget gap.
- Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association President Scott, Anson made a public pledge of support for embattled police officer Christopher Hughes, but said in a later interview that the union did not back him

"carte blanche." Hughes, who in May accused Chief Louis Corsi of using a racial slur in a recorded conversation at the police station, was facing two disciplinary charges from the town and, on Sept. 4, was stripped of his badge and firearm.

- BC's Hamagrael Elementary School was one of 314 schools nationwide — and the only one in the Capital District — to be named a 2009 National Blue Ribbon School. Principal Dave Ksanznak traveled to Washington. D.C., to accept the award later in the year.
- Incumbent Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham clinched the Independence Party line over challenger and Independence Party member Sam Messina in the Sept. 15 primary. The vote was 243-171. In the primary for the Working Families Party line, Messina filed suit against 12 WFP voters who registered on the eve of the cutoff to vote in the primary and cast absentee ballots, which were kept sealed pursuant to the conclusion of the lawsuit, which would not come until days before Election Day. The vote stood at 11-5, with Messina ahead, without the contested votes factored in.
- •The Town of Bethlehem announced that the tape recording of Police Chief Louis Corsi uttering a racial slur had been uncovered following an internal investigation, and made public a transcript of the conversation with then-Albany County Undersheriff John Mahan that occurred on Jan. 26, 2006. The Bethlehem Town Board went into a specially convened executive session for more than three hours to discuss the matter, and upon emerging Town Attorney James Potter said he believed Corsi's behavior did not rise to the level of a criminal action. The investigation found that while Corsi had inquired to communications officers about the possibility of erasing tapes that recorded conversations on the station's phone lines, he never ordered or requested the tape to be erased. Corsi released a written apology but did not return calls for comment.
- The following week, the Town Board in a split vote handed Corsi a 10-day suspension after another closed-door executive session. Sam Messina dissented. The suspension was taken out of Corsi's existing vacation time and he did not miss work. The board also ordered that Corsi have a written reprimand added to his file and participate in a cultural awareness program.

Supervisor Jack Cunningham said that because of the date of the incident, Corsi had to be disciplined under town law and not civil service law. He also argued that the town did not have due cause to terminate Corsi and would have lost on appeal if it had done so. Corsi did not return calls for comment, but Cunningham described the disciplinary action as mutually agreed upon between the board and chief.

•The Town of Bethlehem unveiled a \$39.9 million budget proposal for 2010 that would hold a 2 percent tax rate hike.

- The problems with the town's infrastructure once against came to light when workers discovered a break in the backwash lines at the New Salem water treatment plant that could cost the town \$100,000 to fix. The problem was frustrating to town officials because there were plans to build a replacement plant in the near future.
- Department of Ecological Conservation Wildlife Pathologist Ward Stone announced that his independent studies of the Ravena area had found mercury levels up to eight times above the norm on and in vegetation and wildlife, and blamed his findings on the nearby Lafarge cement plant. Company officials questioned his methods and findings.

### October

 Albany County Executive Neil Breslin released a-2010 county budget proposal that would cut jobs, increase the tax levy by 5.9 percent and begin the downsizing process for the county-run nursing home with \$11.6 million in spending cuts.

•The third annual Jonathan Carey Foundation Walk stepped off from Bethlehem Town Park. Michael and Lisa Carey raised funds through the event to support a number of other organizations that fight childhood hunger, human sex trafficking and the growing pool of orphans in America and elsewhere. Their son, Jonathan, was an autistic child who died while in the care of state workers in 2004.

 Capital Region Special Surgery in Slingerlands held an inaugural 5K run to raise funds for the St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Care Center.

 The Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation completed an open space preservation study that found maintaining and building upon

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open space in the Town of Bethlehem would require not only the efforts of town government. but also the cooperation of large landowners in the town.

•In a move that his opponent characterized as blatant political posturing, Councilman and supervisor candidate Sam Messina released an alternative budget proposal to the press that called for a zero percent tax hike, rather than the 2 percent increase pitched in the proposed town budget. Messina proposed that all major departments and programs cut their expenses by 4 percent and minor programs cut their budgets by 2 percent, along with other changes including the deferral of some paving of town roads.

• In a series of court decisions regarding the lawsuit against 12 absentee ballots cast in the Working Families Party primary for Bethlehem supervisor, judges ordered the ballots be kept sealed, and then on an appeal by Supervisor Jack Cunningham, ordered them opened.

Sam Messina appealed that ruling, however, and on Oct. 29—just five days before the election-the state Court of Appeals found against Messina's lawsuit and ordered the votes counted. The ruling reversed the Primary Day count and won Cunningham the line, 15-11. Election officials worried that the delay in finalizing the ballot would make it impossible for some absentee voters to receive and return their ballots in time.

 An independent Fair Campaign Practices for the Capital Region panel found that a campaign flier distributed by Republican Town Board candidate Fred Di Maggio attacking Democrat candidate Mark Jordan violated the organization's principles, to which both candidates had agreed. The flier in question implied that Jordan had received 116 "ghost" parking tickets in the City of Albany worth more than \$7,500.

### November

•The Town of Bethlehem announced that its credit rating had improved to AA, one step below the best possible rating. The change meant that the town would likely save between 0.15 and 0.25 percent on bond

 On Election Day, the race for Bethlehem supervisor came out too close to call, with the margin of votes separating Cunningham and Messina less than the number of absentee ballots distributed. Democratic candidates swept the other town elections, though, with Mark Jordan and Kyle Kotary handily securing Town Board seats over Fred Di Maggio and John Flanagan and Nanci Moquin winning election to town clerk over Melanie Calzone.

 Ten days later, while opening absentee ballots at the Albany County Board of Elections, Cunningham conceded to Messina when it became clear his opponent's lead had become insurmountable. The final certified count showed Messina with 4,745 votes and Cunningham with 4,629 votes.

•The Town of Bethlehem adopted a 2010 budget that weighed in at about \$40.17 million and included a tax rate increase of 2 percent, bringing the town tax rate to \$2.77 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Sam Messina cast a sole dissenting vote, saying that he would have preferred working towards a zero percent tax increase.

 Developer Tom Burke pitched a doctor office/pharmacy project that would make use of property at the corner of Delaware and Elsmere Avenues, where a vacant building and the practice of Community Care Physicians is now located. The town Development Planning Committee raised concerns that a predicted change in zoning could halt the project in its tracks, though. Burke said Community Care doctors would relocate out of town if the new building couldn't be built, and said he would reevaluate the plans.

• A 4-3 vote by the BC Board of Education sent a proposal to build a cell tower on district property forward. The decision cleared the way for the district to sign a letter of consent with Independent Towers LLC, who would move their plans ahead to the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board. Many residents approached the board to speak against the project, citing health concerns, possible declines in surrounding property values and general opposition to commercial ventures on school property. District officials said that the project was one of only a few ways to raise non-tax revenue.

•The Bethlehem Town Board voted unanimously to adopt an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan that provided a wide range of recommendations on how the town could maintain its agricultural resources. The town would have to act separately to instate many of the recommendations, however.

### December

•The Eddy Village at Beverwyck approached the town with a plan to amend a previously approved Planned Development District that would have added 38 beds, including Alzheimer's care beds, in favor of two "greenhouse" style buildings housing a total of 24 beds. The greenhouse homes would allow residents private rooms, a communal dining area and a more independent and varied lifestyle. It's quickly becoming the preferred method of treatment in the nursing home industry, said Beverwyck officials.

 One set of disciplinary charges against embattled Bethlehem Police Officer Christopher Hughes is dropped through the decision of an arbitrator, who also denied him the overtime pay request that sparked the charges. Hughes still faced separate disciplinary charges for improper use of sick leave time and having an improper interaction with a superior officer, with the town seeking a 30-day suspension. An arbitrator has heard that case, and a decision is expected by

•The BC School District's December state aid payment is reduced by \$105,000 as Gov. David Paterson withholds 10 percent of the payment to all school districts statewide. Officials said the deferral will not have an impact on programming but instituted a partial spending freeze and emphasized that Paterson's move was likely a harbinger of things to come.

early February.

•A series of explosions at 151 Adams Place in Delmar hospitalized 15-year-old Keenan Sanchez and resulted in a home burning to the ground on Saturday, Dec. 19. Students and officials in the BC School District and the community rallied to raise donations of money and supplies for the Sanchez family.

 At the last Town Board meeting of the year, the Town of Bethlehem passed a noise containment law that placed a noise level cap of 65 dBAs between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., along with other provisions and exceptions. Town officials said it was necessary because police lacked means of enforcement when responding to noise complaints. Some residents speaking at public hearings objected to some of the wording and exceptions in the law.

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

 The New Scotland Town Board adopted its budget for 2010 on Monday, Nov. 16 at its regular meeting. The spending plan called for close to \$5.2 million and included a 5 percent decrease in taxes.

 Teaching assistants in the Guilderland Central School District reached an agreement for a new contract, ratified by the board at its Tuesday, Nov. 17 meeting. Teacher's assistant salaries were raised 70 cents an hour per step.

### December

• Guilderland Superintendent of Schools John McGuire announced Wednesday, Dec. 2, that he would retire at the end of the school year. "I am honored and proud that I am capping off my administration with wonderful colleagues here in Guilderland," he said.

 Guilderland community groups raise money to help Rodino family with expenses. Rick Rodino and daughter Rachel were diagnosed with a rare, incurable and fatal neurological disease. Christ the King Church, the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, friends, neighbors and all the businesses and organizations that contributed helped to make a tough situation manageable.

 On Wednesday, Dec. 9, the Guilderland Planning Board unanimously approved a plan to build a mixed-use development called Glassworks Village on a 57-acre site located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Winding Brook Drive and Western Avenue. The development has been promoted as a town center for the sprawling suburb.

 The Guilderland Central School District lost \$108,354 as a result of Gov. David A. Paterson's 10 percent reduction in aid payments paid to school districts for the month of December. The measure was part of a \$750 million spending reduction plan. proposed on Sunday, Dec. 13, by the governor.

 Spurred by local media coverage, students of Voorheesville Middle School's Chain Links Club decided to promote a clothing drive in the month of December for a young boy afflicted with a rare skin disorder. The club was inspired by the organization Rachel's Challenge.

 The Town Board decided to put off dedicating 191 acres of

land owned by the town to the Albany Pine Bush Commission at its meeting Tuesday, Dec. 15. The land is part of the Pine Bush habitat, but is not currently managed by the commission. The Town Board decided to put off the dedication pending a public hearing at its Jan. 19 meeting.

 Bruce Sherwin said he will be stepping down as chairman of Guilderland's Zoning Review committee. "I think it was mostly time constraints," said Sherwin, also citing his service to the McKownville Fire Department. "I had to make a decision about where to put my energy."



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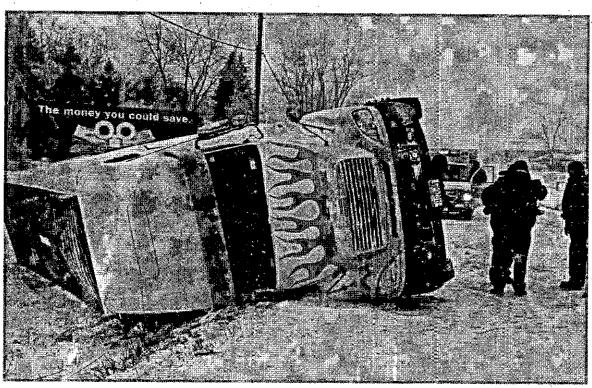
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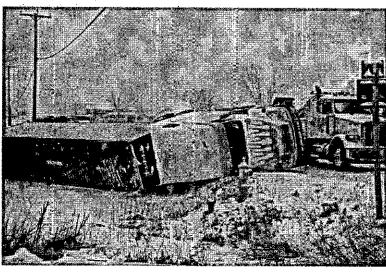
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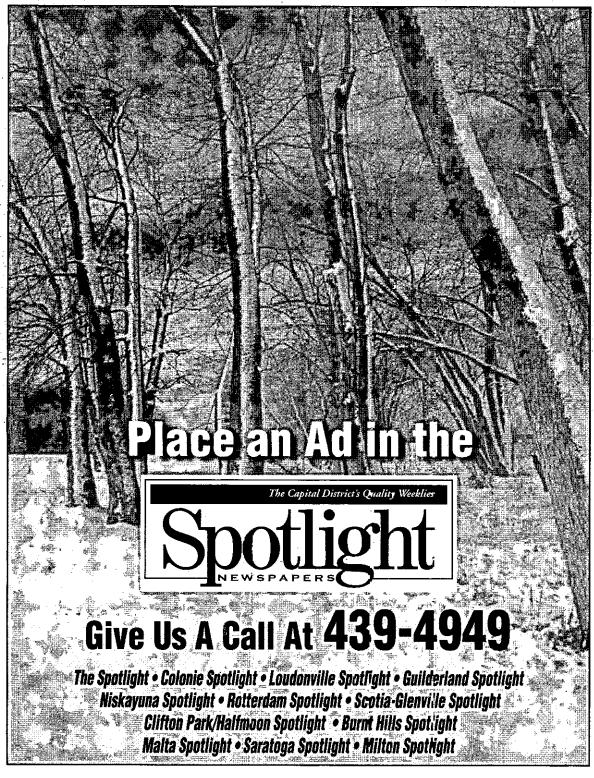
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### Route 9W rollover



A short section of Route 9W in Selkirk was closed for about two hours after a tractor-trailer rollover accident around 1:15 p.m. on Dec. 31, according to the Bethlehem Police Department. Slippery roads were cited as the cause of the accident, which occurred near the intersection with Route 396. The driver of the tractor-trailer sustained minor injuries but refused medical attention. Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight





# Police Blotter

### **Blotter**

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### Other arrests

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Douglas N. Roest, 21, of 20 Stonington Road, Voorheesville, and charged him with DWI and speeding violations on Sunday, Dec. 27.

Police observed Roest's vehicle traveling northbound on the Slingerlands Bypass doing 75 in a 55 and later failing to reduce speed for road conditions, according to police. Roest allegedly failed to recognize the patrol car's emergency lights and police had to use a spotlight before his car pulled over, police said.

Roest did not appear dressed for the heavy rain in a brown t-shirt and jeans with no jacket, and his clothing appeared dry, police said. Police also detected an odor of alcohol on his breath and observed him as having bloodshot eyes, according to arrest reports.

Roest allegedly said that he had had one rum and coke at the Township Tavern and one rum and coke at a friend's house in Guilderland. Police administered field sobriety tests and took Roest into custody, and a breath test at the station allegedly revealed his BAC to be 0.15 percent, according to police.

Police allegedly found a plastic bag containing marijuana on Roest during processing, and charged him with possession of marijuana. He also had rolling papers in his wallet and made an oral admission to smoking marijuana earlier, police said.

Roest was scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Amanda L. Piela, 17, of 380 Delaware Ave., Delmar, and charged her with DWI, speeding and driving in the shoulder of the road on Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Police dispatched to check an area off of Elm Avenue and Jericho Road in Selkirk for a vehicle that had traveled off the roadway found Piela's vehicle in a culvert ditch on Elm Avenue, according to police. Piela displayed glassy eyes, slurred speech and impaired motor function when interviewed by police and stated she was going home and just came from a friend's house where she had had one beer, according to arrest reports. She failed field sobriety tests and was placed into custody, police said. Piela was transported to the Albany County Sheriff's Office in Voorheesville for a breath test since the machine at the Bethlehem police station was not available, and a breath test showed her BAC to be 0.09 percent, according to police.

Piela is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Her two passengers were transported home by their parents and Piela was transported to her residence by police, according to arrest reports.

 Alexander J. Kernozek, 49, of 78 Old Stage Rd, East Bern, NY was arrested Thursday Dec 24 for DWI. Police responded to a call at 3:46 p.m. for a person being intoxicated while operating a Ford F-350 pick-up truck at the Sunoco gas station on Western Ave. The pick-up truck was observed heading into Altamont. With their lights and sirens one Altamont police attempted to stop the vehicle; however Kernozek allegedly refused to pull over. According to police, after Kernozek struck a mailbox on Main St. in Altamont, police forced Kernozek to stop his vehicle by pulling in front of

Eventually Kernozek exited his vehicle and failed field sobriety tests administered by police. According to police a BAC test perform on Kernozek yielded a result of 0.20 BAC. After being taken into custody by Guilderland Police Kernozek allegedly banged his head on the back window of the cruiser in an attempt to see how much trouble he was in. Kernozek was charged with DWI and Aggravated DWI, both misdemeanors. Kernozek will be arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, Jan.

• Frank Cannavo, 43, of 410 Helderview Drive, Albany, NY was arrested on Thurday Dec. 24, for DWI. According to police Cannavo was pulled over after failing to signal. Police also observed his vehicle had flat tired on the rear-drivers side of the car. After pulling over Cannavo police sensed a strong odor of alcohol coming from Cannavo. After failing field sobriety tests Cannavo was arrested for DWI. A subsequent chemical test performed by police revealed a BAC of 0.11. Cannavo will be arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday Jan 7.



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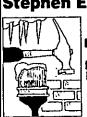
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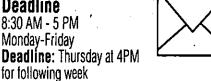
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Notice of Formation of PERSONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. (January 6, 2010)

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICA-TION OF A FOREIGN LIM-ITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Select Energy Ser-vices, LLC ("LLC"). Appli-cation filed with Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") 11/05/2009. Jurisdiction of Formation: Delaware. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: 201 West California Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to The LLC, 201 West, California Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240. Office Address in Delaware: 615 S. Dupont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Name and address of Delaware Secretary of State: Jeffrey Bullock, 44 Federal Street, Suite 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. LD-21937 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY Articles of Organization of Charles, LLC (the ALLC@) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (ASSNY@) on September 23, 2002, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 8 Breeman Street, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in the conduct of a company to acquire, develop, renovate, manage, finance, own and sell real estate, and to carry on any other activities neces sary to, in connection with, or incidental to the foregoing for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. LD-21938

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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Notice of Formation of GUIDO GREENBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/19/09. Office loca-tion: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail processito: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at

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the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21939 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Entity Logic LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY SSNY) on 11/04/09. 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 LD-21944 (January 6, 2010) -

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Cruise Norway India, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/12/09. 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-21945 (January 6, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Bernard and the Genie SPV, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/18/09. SSNY designáted 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 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-21946 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: THE NEW NEWSROOM LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/10/2009. 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 261. W 11th St #4, New York, New York, 10014. Purpose: for any, lawful purpose. LD-21947 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 8F-Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/24/2009. 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, c/o. David Gulden, Private Road, Mill Neck, NY 11765. Purpose: engage in any lawful act or activity. LD-21949 (January 6, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE Foster General Contracting, LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/12/09. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 65 Beverly Ave, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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LD-21951 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of John Global Enterprises, LLC Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 11/03/2009. Office location: Albany County NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 301 Murray Ave, Delmar, NY 12054. This is also the principal location of the business. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. ₹D-21952 (January 6, 2010)

#### **.LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Publication JL INSIGHT COMMUNICA-TIONS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/25/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21953 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Dania Bagyi Photography, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/2/09. Office location: Albany County, SSN1 designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 6269 Empire Ave., Schenectady, NY 12306. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21954

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of CCF-CU Funding, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/28/09. Office lo-cation: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 18 Computer Drive East, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21955 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC LSRP51, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 11/20/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 1747 New Scotland Slingerlands, New York 12159. The street address of the principal business location is 1747 New Scotland Road, Slinger-lands, New York 12159. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. -

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LP GEN3M Limited Partnership, filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership with the New York Secretary of State on 11/25/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to, 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The street address of the princi-pal business location is 1747 New Scotland Road, Sling-erlands, New York 12159. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited partnerships may be 121-201 of the Revised Lim-

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC GEN3J Limited Partnership, filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership with the New York Secretary of State on 11/25/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to, 1747 New Scotland Road, Slinger-lands, New York 12159. The street address of the principal business location is 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. New York 12159. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited partnerships may be organized under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act LD-21958 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Hagco Industries, LLC.
Authority filed with Secy.
of State of NY (SSNY) on
11/17/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 3/19/98. SNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SŠNY shall máil process to: The LLC, 150 S. Arroyo Parkway, Ste. 102, Pasadéna, CA 91105, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with NV Secy. Of State, 101 North Carson St., Ste. 3, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21961 (January 6, 2010)

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

Notice of Qualification of CarHelp, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/2/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Oregon (OR) on 5/19/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas. Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of the principal office: 9600 SW Oak St., Ste. 560, Tigard, OR 98223. Arts of Org. filed with OR Secy. Of State, 255 Capitol St., NE, Ste. 151, Salem Oregon 97310-1327. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21969 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE FOR PUBLICA-PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company is Steven and Linda Lynch Lake George Family LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization was November 16, 2009. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. Its principal business location is in Slingerlands, New York. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke & Casserly, P.C., 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY 12205. The term of the LLC shall com-mence on the date of filing of the Articles of Organization and continue indefinitely. The purpose of the Company is real estate related services and for any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. LD-21970 (January 6, 2010) ·

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of MB REAL ESTATE HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/07. Office location:

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Albany County. SSNY desig nated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 40 Rector St., Ste. 1502, NY, NY 10006. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21971

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LP. JAJER Limited Partnership, filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership with the New York Secretary of State on 11/25/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to, 1747 New Scotland Road, Slinger-lands, New York 12159. The street address of the principal business location is 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. New York 12159. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited partnerships may be organized under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF LLC Loudon Village, LLC, filed an Application for Authority with the New York Secretary of State on 12/08/09. The jurisdiction of organization of the LLC is Delaware. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. The street address of the principal business ocation is c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 5th loor, Albany, NY 12211. LD-21975 (January 6, 2010)

### \*51 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication FIDELITAS CORPORATE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/4/2009 Office, location: Albany, County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom pro-

against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose; any lawful purpose.

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of AR-GOT STUDIOS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/2/09. Office tocation: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21978 (January 6, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of HOT YOGA ROCKAWAY BEACH LLC.. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21979

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of RKS/ JVS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/09. 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. 481 Greenwich St., Apt. 4B, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21981

(January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Blu-Toddy, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/07/09. Of-fice 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-21986

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Gozaimas Consulting, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/09. Office location: Albany County, SSN1 nated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Albert Tucker and Associates, LLC, 2985 Madison Ave., Ste. 1010, New York, NY 10017. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21987

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Mandalay Builders, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of of NY (SSNY) 10/26/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may be served. 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-21988

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Merry Twins Capital LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designatéd 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: Alistate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21989 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 66 Hackett, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/09. 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, 36 Wallenberg Circle, Monsey, NY 10952. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21990

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Suds-A-Lot LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY

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(\$\frac{5}{2} (SSNY) on 11/12/09. 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 Ágent upon whom pro-cess may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21991 (January 6, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of LPM IP Holdings LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Alistate 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 I D-21992 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Atlas Staffing, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/29/09. 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-21993 (January 6, 2010) \_

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Misun, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/19/09. 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. Regis-tered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful LD-21994

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Backoffice Services International BSI LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/09. 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-21995 (January 6, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Wally

Strauss Productions, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/09. 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-21996

### **Eagles**

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Sam Vincent (5 goals, 6 assists) and John Gosstola (5 goals, 6 assists) has had several big games, including a 2-goal night against Shaker/Colonie.

"It's good to see them playing very well right now, and that's why I'm keeping my seniors on one line - so I can keep those guys together on a line," said Rodrigue of his underclassmen. "It's a unique situation having two high-powered lines.'

The scoring hasn't been. limited to Bethlehem's top two forward lines, though. Several more players have gotten in on the act including senior forward Packy Carroll (2 goals, 6 assists) and sophomore defenseman Nick Parente, who's scored in each of the Eagles' last two games.

The amount of productivity out of 15 guys is a tribute to how much talent we have," said Rodrigue.

The teamwork the Eagles have shown in building a potent attack is a reflection of the camaraderie that the players have built as they've helped raise money to pay for the team's ice time at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

"These kids have worked hard off the ice, and it's a great team building exercise having them go out and work at things like car washes and other fund-raising efforts," said Rodrigue. "That's given them a sense of ownership about this season."



Bethlehem defenseman Calvin MacDowell carries the nuck along the endboards during last Saturday's game against Niskayuna/Schenectady at the Schenectady County Recreational Facility. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Eagles starting with Wednesday's Bethlehem 4-2 Dec. 8 rematch with LaSalle - a team they Though Bethlehem has looked CDHSHL power Saratoga Friday. said Rodrigue.

good through the first half of There are also games against the CDHSHL season, Rodrigue Shenendehowa, Queensbury and said he knows there will be Glens Falls coming up in the next more challenges ahead of the four weeks. Glens Falls defeated

"The next half of the season defeated 4-2 in the season opener will say a lot about this team and Nov. 28 - and continuing with how far we've come this season,"

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the finals of the Indians' own Grandstander Tournament last week. Let's just say that beating a defending state champion trumps beating a defending Section II champion.

Still, I get the feeling that Bethlehem can beat Glens Falls. The Eagles have six players that have scored five or more goals, and goaltender Alex Cooper (6-1 record, 1.53 goals against average, .940 save percentage) is as impenetrable as a 3-feet-thick steel door.

We won't know how possible a win may be until Feb. 10 when Bethlehem visits Glens Falls for a rematch, but it's certainly a game high school hockey fans should circle on their calendars.

• The Mohonasen/Schalmont hockey team has a catchy nickname, the Thundering Herd. Unfortunately, the Herd is a bit thin this year. Only 15 players are on the roster, including three goaltenders.

Luckily for head coach Andy Cuthbertson, 10 of his 15 players are freshmen or sophomores. So if they stick with hockey (pardon the pun), Cuthbertson has a solid core to build a bigger, more Thundering Herd. (Did I say I like the nickname?)

• Any Section II wrestling team that had hopes of unseating Shenendehowa as the Class A champion should know that the Plainsmen won last week's Spencerport Tournament title.

To give you an idea of how

rare that achievement is, consider that Spencerport - a Rochester powerhouse - had won the last three team titles and finished first in its own event eight times in the last 11 years. Rangers fans expect their team to win the tournament.

Shen has been one of the few outside interlopers to have success at Spencerport, having previously won the team title in 2005. So, for the Plainsmen to do it again - and with a team that doesn't include a Meys or a Popolizio – is a major statement not only to the teams at Spencerport, but also to the rest of Section II.

 Memo to New York Giants coach Tom Coughlin: Don't complain about having to play on Thanksgiving next season. Your team was doing well until you moaned about having to travel to Denver to play on Thanksgiving night. From that point on, the Giants went 2-4 to finish the season 8-8 and out of the playoffs. On top of that, your team allowed 40 or more points three times in that stretch. If you play on Thanksgiving again, give thanks. Otherwise, your team will be punished.

• One last note to warm you all up: Pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training in six weeks. Baseball is around the corner.

Remember, I accept comments from you about this column. Send your thoughts to jonasr@ spotlightnews.com, and I will respond. Please include your name and your town in your messages. Don't worry, I won't be insulted if you have a complaint about something I wrote.

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

LD-21996 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of VIR-TUALWAY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/10/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207 The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21997 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of SUG-ARYLINKS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/11/09. Office loca tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose all lawful activities. LD-21998 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF L'IMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: PRM Technologies LLC, Articles of Organization were filed wiht the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/26/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 19 Bacon Ln, Loudon-ville, NY 12211. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. ID-21999 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: GOSSIP COP MEDIA, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State

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York (SSNY) on 04/27/09. 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, 111 East 85th Street, Apartment 10A, New York, New York 10028, Purpose: or any lawful purpose.

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMIT-ED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: 19th STREET PARK-ING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 14, 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,

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Notice of Formation of Old Heritage Realty Services, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/20/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 18 Computer Dr. East, Albany, NY. 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22004

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Icon Equities, LLC with a fictitious name of Icon Equities, LLC of Nevada, App. ties, LLC of Nevada, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/13/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in NV 4/29/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o

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Nat. Reg. Agents, 875 Ave of the Americas, NY, NY 10001. NV office addr.: 3753 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Ste. 200, Las Vegas, NV 89169. Art. of Org. on file: SSNV, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Professional Investment and Finances, LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/19/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in MN 5/24/2000. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Nat. Reg. Agents, 875 Ave of the Americas, NY, NY 10001. MN office addr.: 7900 Highway 7, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Art. of Org. on file: SSMN, 60 Empire Dr., Ste. 100, St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful (January 6, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Park Ave Suites LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/09. 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-22007 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Anicete Home Estates, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY desig-

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nated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Liberty Way, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22008

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### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Double Eagle Consulting LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 12/16/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 677 Broadway, Fifth loor, Albany, NY 12207 The street address of the principal business location is 677 Broadway, Fifth Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Its busi-ness is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-22009 (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION LIMITED LIABILITY COM-PANY Name: PCP Bingham-ton Associates, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/15/09. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. LD-22011 (January 6, 2010) .

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMIT-ED LIABILITY COMPANY

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Name: 456 MADISON AVE., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 16, 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 19 Arden Court, Albany, NY 12205.

(January 6, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: DEBBIE'S KITCHEN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 16, 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 456 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. (January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of 310 MAIN BOLIVAR LLC Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/23/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Capitol Services, Inc., 1218
Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address
of LLC: 615 South 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 LD-22023 (January 6, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE .

Notice of Formation of KING-SPORT HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 tate St., Albany, NY 12207 The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of VLY VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed\_with SSNY on 11/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSN1 designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22026 (January 6, 2010)

Notice of Formation of CON-SAUL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22027

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of AGEN-CYPREMIER GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/28/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22028

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Notice of Formation of Night City Media LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/09. Office location: Albany Co. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY it may be served. shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Siobhan Walshe, 799 Ave. of the Americas, Apt. #1, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22030

(January 6, 2010)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of CSA - Credit Solutions of America, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY SSNY) on 12/23/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in DE on 12/18/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. DE address of LLC: 160 Greentree Drive, Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22031 (January 6, 2010) -

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of M-I L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/21/09. Office location Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/16/99. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: CSI, 615 S, DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22032 (January 6, 2010)

# Sports Spotli



Bethlehem goaltender Alex Cooper makes the save during the first period of last Saturday's Capital District High School Hockey League game against Niskayuna/Schenectady at the Schenectady County Recreational Facility in Glenville.

# Eagles feast on league prey

### BC hockey team starts strong under new coach

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Something special is brewing in Bethlehem.

The Bethlehem hockey team has been running roughshod over the Capital District High School Hockey League. The Eagles have outscored their opponents 62-17 on their way to an 8-1 start under first-year coach Andre Rodrigue.

"I knew the talent was there. It was just a matter of getting them to believe in themselves and believe in my offensive system,"

Hey, it's 2010. Do you know

• I'm putting this challenge

what that means? Neither do I.

OK, moving on ...

said Rodrigue.

What separates Bethlehem from the rest of the league is that it has two forward lines that can score goals and a strong goaltender in Alex Cooper that allows the Eagles to take chances on offense.

'Coop's easily one of the top two goalies in the area," said Rodrigue. "You can talk about win-loss record [6-1] and goals against average [1.53] all you want, but when push comes to of the shots that he's faced this season."

Cooper had one of his best performances last Tuesday when Bethlehem downed defending Section II Division I champion

Shaker/Colonie 5-1. The senior works hard and he puts the team netminder stopped 27 of the 28 ahead of himself," Rodrigue said shots he faced against one of Russo. "He never takes a shift the highest-scoring teams in the off, and that spreads like wildfire CDHSHL.

"Playing physical and focusing on the defensive side of the puck was the key to that victory," said Rodrigue. "[Shaker/Colonie's] top line has three of the top five goal scorers in the league, and to hold them to one goal is a tribute to our defense and Coop.'

Bethlehem's top forward line shove, Coop's stopped 94 percent is potent in its own right. Seniors Stephen Russo, Erik Halek and Kyle Barach have combined for 30 goals and 32 assists in the first nine games, with Russo (12 goals, -15 assists) leading the way.

"He's an unselfish player, he

because the others see that and want to work hard."

Russo had to be a little selfish in Bethlehem's most recent game, an 8-3 victory over a stubborn Niskayuna/Schenectady squad last Saturday at the Schenectady County Recreational Facility in Glenville. He scored three of his five goals in the third period to help the Eagles pull away.

In other games, though, Bethlehem's second line has been as effective as its top line. The trio of freshman Derek Barach (8 goals, 11 assists) and sophomores

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## Varsity schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 6

Boys Bowling Waterford-Halfmoon at Voorhees-

ville, 3:45 p.m. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Mechanicville, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BOWLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Mechanicville, 4 p.m.

**GYMNASTICS** Bethlehem at Guilderland, 6 p.m.

Носкеу Bethlehem at LaSalle, 7:20 p.m.

WRESTLING

Schalmont at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 6 p.m.

Bethlehem at Niskayuna, 7:30 p.m. Guilderland at Shenendehowa,

Thursday, Jan. 7 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Schalmont at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Boys bowling

Ballston Spa at Guilderland, 4 p.m. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

Boys swimming

Ballston Spa at Guilderland/Voorheesville, 4:30 p.m. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Hawthorne Valley at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8 BOYS BASKETBALL

Ballston Spa at Guilderland, 7 p.m. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Schalmont, 7:30 p.m.

Watervliet at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL Bethlehem at Burnt Hills-Ballston

Guilderland at Ballston Spa, 7 p.m.

Voorheesville at Watervliet, 7:30 p.m. HOCKEY

Saratoga at Bethlehem, 7:15 p.m. Boys swimming

Fort Plain at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Eastern States, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9 **GYMNASTICS** 

Bethlehem, Guilderland at Saratoga Invitational, 10 a.m.

HOCKEY

Plattsburgh at Guilderland (Union College), 11:15 a.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at league meet, Union College, 8:30 a.m. Guilderland at Southern Tier Classic, 9 a.m.

NORDIC SKIING

Guilderland at Queensbury Invitational, 10 a.m.

Boys swimming

Bethlehem diving meet, 10 a.m. WRESTLING

Bethlehem, Guilderland at Saratoga Tournament, TBA

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Eastern States, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 11 Boys bowling

Guilderland at Averill Park, 4 p.m. Voorheesville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

HOCKEY

Guilderland at Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa, 8 p.m.

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• Don't be surprised if the runs the table in the Suburban Council. The undefeated Warriors already own a victory over Shenendehowa, and after dominating Catholic Central and Albany at Colonie's holiday tournament last week, it's hard to imagine them losing to anyone.

The key to Averill Park's success is the addition of guard Michela Ottati, who transferred from Amsterdam. Ottati is a bigtime perimeter scoring threat (18 three-pointers and counting). which takes some of the offensive No matter what happens, it pressure off of forward Katie champion New Hartford 3-2 in should be a fun game to watch. Duma. Plus, the Warriors are

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average of 34.5 points per game. Colonie still gets two cracks at

Averill Park girls basketball team Averill Park, and Shaker has a Jan. 22 showdown with the Warriors. But if Averill Park continues playing as it has through the first month, I don't see how the Warriors can lose. Then again, anything can happen in the übercompetitive Suburban Council.

• I thought Bethlehem's recent hockey wins against Shaker/Colonie (5.1) and Niskayuna/Schenectady (8-3) were impressive. Then, I saw that Glens Falls - the only team to beat Bethlehem this season - knocked off defending state Division II

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out there to the town of Colonie. Don't just go to Friday's boys basketball game between Colonie **Rob Jonas** and Shaker and forget about the girls basketball game between the The key will be what takes crosstown rivals in Latham. place in the first quarter. Shaker With all due respect to boys has been dominant in the opening eight minutes in five of its six wins, while Colonie has been

basketball coaches Doug Kilmer and Jeff Holmes, the girls' game promises to be more intriguing than the boys' game. Colonie (6-1) has one of the top area players in Tehresa Coles (16.4 points per game) and a strong defense, while Shaker (6-1) has a balanced attack led by Lauren Woods, Erica Houle and MacKenzie Rowland.



more potent in the second half of

games. If the Blue Bison don't put

Colonie in deep enough of a hole

after the first quarter, the Lady

Raiders could pull out the win.