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Leaders want less borrowing, fewer taxes

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## Open space debate reignites

### Private group's plan for a preservation program draws heated discussion

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Bethlehem residents who followed the debate over the Normanside Country Club earlier this year would have had a healthy dose of déjà vu stepping into the Wednesday, Oct. 12, Town Board meeting, when the issue of open space — and how the town might be in-

involved in its preservation — reared its head once again.

Strictly speaking, the topic was a proposal put forward by the private group Bethlehem Tomorrow that pitched to the town a structure in which it might invest in open spaces, either by negotiating agreements with landowners to not develop their land or buying property outright.

The white paper was actually presented to the town more than a year ago, in September of 2010, and since then town officials, members of Bethlehem Tomorrow, members of the town's Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation

(or CACC, a group that is basically defunct, having not met in more than two years), members of other conservancy groups and large landowners have met to discuss the subject.

This time span was clearly a point of consternation for some of the many people who spoke up at Wednesday's board meeting.

"It looks really, really bad," said Valerie Newell, who served as a member of the CACC. She added that the group had furnished the town with its own study in 2009.

Supervisor Sam Messina, who put the issue on the agenda, said nothing's been done

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### Hamlet creates concern

Neighbors of the proposed Wemple Corners project are worried about traffic and wonder if the idea is viable.

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### All's fair

A conference in Ballston Spa on Saturday will spread the word about fair trade, a practice that helps artisans, farmers and businesspeople in developing countries live better lives.

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## Bird is the word

Bethlehem Central Middle School student Brian Harder, above, poses with Raptor Project founder Jonathan Wood. Harder made a new friend at one of three wildlife education presentations Wood made in the BCMS auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 11. The Raptor Project is a touring wildlife education program that features 15 to 20 birds, many of whom have been rescued after being injured.

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## Bethlehem candidates to debate

Candidates running for office in the Town of Bethlehem will meet on Monday, Oct. 24, at Bethlehem Town Hall, for a candidate forum sponsored by the Albany County League of Women Voters and *The Spotlight*.

Candidates running for the offices of receiver of taxes, the two open Town Board seats, town supervisor and for representation of the Albany County Legislature 36<sup>th</sup> District will all be invited to participate.

The evening's events will begin at 6 p.m.

Shortly thereafter, receiver of taxes candidates will have the opportunity to make statements to the audience.

At 6:30 p.m., candidates for Town Board will begin their debate. As in past League-Spotlight events, the candidates will be given time for opening and closing statements and also answer questions put forward by the audience.

Candidates for the office of supervisor will follow the same format at 7:30 p.m., and Albany

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## Uncapping a taxing formula

### Government leaders finding 2 percent tax cap not so simple after all

By JOHN PURCELL  
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The newly enacted 2 percent property tax cap isn't as simple as the name implies, as many municipalities are finding out in their 2012 budgeting processes.

The cap is really the first of many calculations behind the tricky maze of exceptions and exemptions. Gov. Andrew Cuomo's approved mandate on how high town, county and school leaders can raise taxes appears to be a simple calculation if only looking at the surface, the "2 percent tax cap." As tentative municipal budget proposals are surfacing for next year's spending, many proposals fall under the mandated guidelines but exceed 2 percent.

The Town of Bethlehem and City of Saratoga can still fall within the "2 percent tax cap" even if budgets were proposed doubling the limit. After calculating exclusions, Bethlehem holds a 4.11 percent limit on its tax hike and Saratoga's limit is even higher at 4.53 percent. Both municipalities are proposing budgets with a tax levy increase around 1 percent, falling well below their limit and the perceived 2 percent cap.

The Town of Niskayuna is also proposing a 3.4 percent tax levy increase in its tentative budget, but it falls under its tax cap limit. The Town of Glensville is similar with its 3.2 percent tax levy increase.

The state Department of Taxation and Finance and the Department of State have released a 12-page guide to implementing the property tax cap. Various webinars and seminars are being hosted by the state to provide

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# The hidden face of war

Touring art exhibit to mark decade in Afghanistan

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When you think of war, images of fatigue-clad soldiers and tanks rolling through the desert almost immediately come to mind. But what about the innocent victims of war, the displaced families or dead civilians?

Women Against War, a Delmar-based group of Capital District women united in peace and by the common thread that war is not the answer, wanted to remind people of the invisible faces of war. So, with the 10th anniversary of the war in Afghanistan as a backbone, the timing was perfect to bring "Windows and Mirrors" to the area.

"I think the arts are always a very important way to get across a message," said Barbara Spring of Albany.

Spring was the driving force behind taking "Windows and Mirrors" local. The traveling art exhibit originally started in Philadelphia but has expanded to cities across the country. It's a collection of artwork that

*"The trillion dollars we've spent on the war in contrast to our budget problems and unemployment is, to my thinking, so sad and ridiculous."*

— Barbara Spring of Albany

captures the civilian side of the 10-year war.

"I was impressed with the heartfelt messages that I felt in them and wanted to share that with the community," said Spring.

The images she saw won't soon leave her mind. There's the mother cradling a dying child and a woman fleeing bombing. The anguish on Afghan faces is piercing, said Spring, and the ever-present atrocities they face day in and day out are plain to see.

"It's very frightening and it's hard on everybody," said Spring.

Spring has seen the impact of war up close. In 2006, she



Women Against War members held pieces from the traveling art exhibit "Windows and Mirrors" on the steps of the Legislative Office Building in Albany on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

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traveled to Iran.

"I think it's ever more entrenched, and I really think we have made as many enemies as we have done well," said Spring.

As the U.S. prepares to record a full decade of ongoing military action in the Middle East, Spring has her own views on what has and has not been accomplished during that time.

"I'd like to think that maybe there was a refocus on development issues, and I'm sure there's been some, but I think

it's very hard for a war machine to get involved with [that]," said Spring. "I just think we need to get out of there. ...The trillion dollars we've spent on the war in contrast to our budget problems and unemployment is, to my thinking, so sad and ridiculous."

The traveling art exhibit will make its first stop at Wilson Memorial Chapel at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs until Thursday, Oct. 20. Then it will move on to Sage College and the College of Saint Rose in Albany

before completing its Capital District run at Union College in Schenectady.

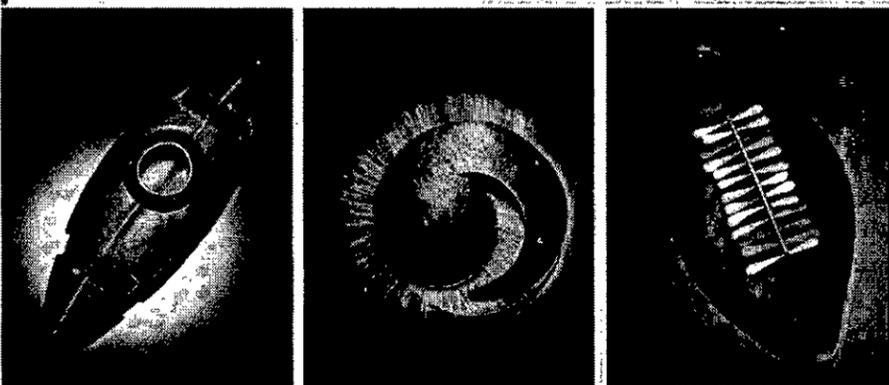
"We wanted to make sure if we brought this exhibit, as many people as possible and as broad range of the community would be able to have access," said Maureen Aumand of Colonie, a member of WAW and part of the group's Afghan Project Committee.

The exhibit is a collection of 25 art pieces. Aumand said the

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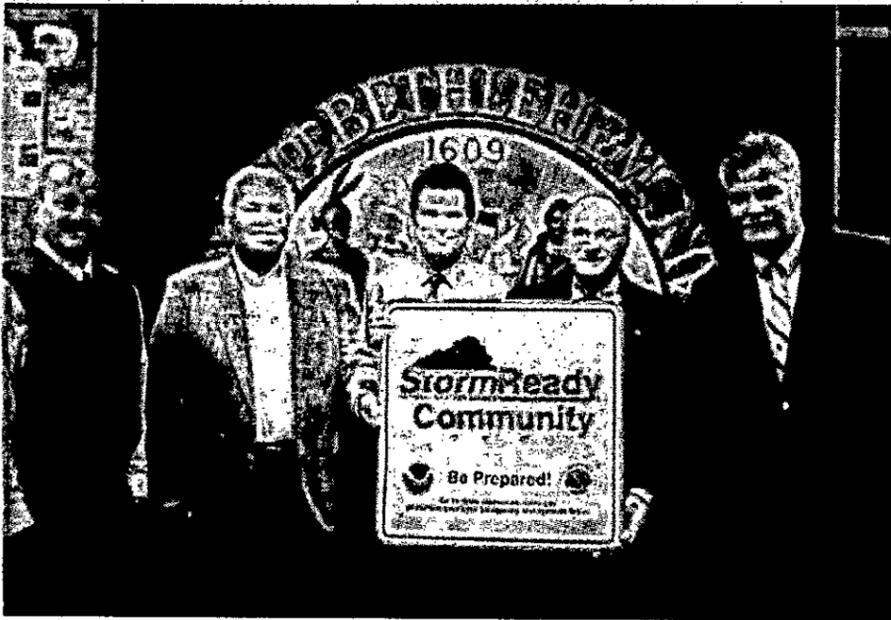


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# A StormReady designation



The Town of Bethlehem received an official designation as a "StormReady" Community from the National Weather Service on Thursday, Oct. 13. Bethlehem is one of eight communities, sixteen counties and one university location within New York State to receive the designation. StormReady is a nationwide program that helps communities protect their citizens during severe weather. The program encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improve local hazardous weather operations. StormReady provides emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations. "As we have recently seen, weather can be deadly and anything we can do to improve our ability to plan for and react to these occasions is in the best interest of our residents. This StormReady program will help us improve our awareness procedures and allow us to better prepare for serious and possibly deadly weather events, which all too often visit us," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina in a statement.

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# War

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artwork is "as unique as the individual artists who created them" and is sure to touch viewers in one way or another.

"Some of them are abstract and conceptual and others are more literal," said Aumand. "It's a real range of styles; very vibrant. They're moving and very thought provoking."

One piece she found most compelling depicts a group of young boys flying a kite against a landscape that showcases Afghanistan's true beauty.

"Flying kites is a very serious pastime. ... It's a very hopeful sense of children reaching to infinity, and at the same time the kites could be a drone overhead threatening," said Aumand. "I think taken together or in groups they will really cause a lot of reflection on what is this experience."

In the early years of the war, Aumand was intent on learning everything she could about what the war meant and why it occurred. Her research brought her to a frank conclusion: The war was a mistake.

"I became consumed with how do we prevent this from happening," said Aumand.

For years, she grappled with that issue silently until she read a letter to the editor from a member of WAW.

"It was the most wonderful realization that there were people in this area working [on this]," said Aumand. "This is a beautifully emerging network of women who were all feeling the same passionate desire to change the dynamic."

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, Aumand and other WAW members gathered on the steps of the Legislative Office Building in Albany to stand up against the war's 10th anniversary. She said that moment of

solidarity is the essence of WAW.

"They felt incredibly empowered that they could look at each other and realize in the other person's heart is the same angst and determination to stand," said Aumand.

"Windows and Mirrors" will be at Albany International Gallery at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady until Wednesday, Oct. 19. It will be in Opalka Gallery at Sage College in Albany on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22 and 23, and at Schacht Fine Arts Center at Sage College in Troy from Monday, Oct. 24 to Friday, Oct. 28. From Saturday, Oct. 29 until Nov. 11 it will be at Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary at the College of Saint Rose in Albany and from Monday, Oct. 31 to Nov. 10 it will be at the Social Sciences Building Lounge at Union College in Schenectady.

For more information about WAW visit [www.womenagainstawar.org](http://www.womenagainstawar.org).

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# Town Board wants less borrowing, fewer taxes

**Bethlehem leaders to look to specifics cuts at next meeting**

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Bethlehem leaders at a recent workshop feasted on a triple-layered cake of budgeting issues, considering borrowing, services and taxes.

The Thursday, Oct. 13, workshop saw members of the Town Board laying out their philosophical views of the town's 2012 budget, ending with a promise to hone in on specific changes they'd like to see and getting into those details during another workshop on Monday, Oct. 17, after *The Spotlight* went to print.

Supervisor Sam Messina released his tentative budget earlier this month. Probably the clearest rift between his vision and board members' priorities is the tentative budget's 1.27 percent property tax hike. Messina said this is a responsible increase, and added that in a recent review with Moody's Financial Services, it was said an avoidance of levying taxes could impact the town's AA credit rating.

"Some influx of revenue ... was on the mind of Moody's," Messina said.

But board members said a property tax hike should be held to a limited amount. Councilman Kyle Kotary said he'd be aiming to have a flat tax rate; Councilman Mark Hennessey said the town should aim to lower taxes.

"I am not in favor of a tax increase right now," Kotary said. "The worst time to increase taxes is during a recession."

The proposed hike is below the state's property tax cap. Under the state's formula, Bethlehem could increase taxes by up to 4.11

percent without having to override the cap.

The town's bond rating is still holding at AA — a rather good level for a municipality—and that in part means the town could borrow money at very favorable rates.

There is \$5.9 million worth of borrowing in the tentative budget. Another roughly \$1.1 million would be spent out of capital reserves. Those figures are in addition to \$38.6 million worth of straight appropriations.

It was clear board members have trepidations about taking on debt.

"We didn't invest in infrastructure for dozens of years. It's nobody here's fault, but it's our problem," Hennessey said. "We understand what the needs are, we just have to find out the right way to fund it."

Councilwoman Joann Dawson said the town is still in the process of assessing damage from Tropical Storm Irene.

"To sit around the table and say, 'Yeah, we'll deal with that later,' is having our head in the sand on that issue," she said. "We can't pretend this budget is just going to go on its merry way with that elephant in the room."

Comptroller Suzanne Traylor said the town carries relatively little debt (about \$22 million worth right now), and that this is the most effective way to tackle the town's "code red" infrastructure needs without dealing a short-term blow to taxpayers. Bonding purchases that will last for many years is considered a good accounting practice, she

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said.

"We've never had to do this before, but we're faced with a lot of decisions," Traylor said.

There are more than 20 projects or purchases for which borrowing is proposed as a financing mechanism. The big ones are a sewer pump station rehabilitation for \$1.5 million, a new Department of Public Works field operations garage for \$700,000 and upgrades to the Clapper Road Water Treatment Plant for \$500,000. It's also proposed to continue borrowing for highway paving (\$760,000 worth in 2012), a practice that was only started recently.

To cut the tax hike, the town would of course have to find other revenues or reduce expenditures. There are already several austerity measures built into the budget, including taking five unfilled positions out and increasing co-pays on employee health insurance. \$200,000 worth of "limited merit increases and incentives" for worthy employees were recently built into the budget after a no-raise scenario was originally floated.

Kotary said he thinks it might be time for the town to take a hard look at its services, mentioning the amount of paving the Highway Department does every year.

"There are certain areas one could argue we over service the public," Kotary said.

Messina countered that the town has already trimmed the fat through measures like increasing fees, doing less paving and keeping vehicles on the road for longer.

Mood at the meeting was cordial, though at this juncture there are no line-by-line cuts on the table. It was promised that the next workshop would see some discussion on specific areas.

"I'm also at the point where we've got a lot of information. ... If we can get this to a place where the numbers look different, maybe we can close this," Hennessey said.

A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 26.

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# Marathon thoughts again run to the culinary

The author is the food writer for Spotlight Newspapers and the mother of three children: Lucy, age 12, Zoe, age 10, and Elliot, age 7.

From a Caterer's Kitchen



Caroline Barrett

A few years ago, I wrote a column in this newspaper about running in my first half marathon. I wrote about how the running was hard. And how I dreamed of roasted chicken and potatoes. There were miles run in that race, where I was consumed with one thought: Will the potatoes be roasted? Or mashed?

Now it's nearly four years and five half marathons later. And I'm still thinking about food on those long runs. I'm not a great long-distance runner. Being fast doesn't matter to me, just the satisfaction of having crossed the finish line. Being slow, there's more time to ponder things. On many of the runs, my legs are moving, following a path, and my mind is free to wander.

Two years ago, there was a half marathon, run with friends in New Hampshire. The day was beautiful and sunny, a perfect May morning. The course wound around a lake, through a neighborhood and then back alongside the water and into town. My friends, all being faster runners than I, took off from the start and didn't look back. I was left alone with the

rhythmic sound of my feet hitting the pavement, my breathing, and a long, steady climb up a tremendous hill. At least it seemed tremendous to me then. I spent most of my time on that hill dreaming of the lovely dinner we'd had the night before: a big, flaky piece of halibut, lovingly coated with a creamy lemon and butter sauce. Capers, tiny pickled flower buds, dotted the top. It was decadent enough to be delicious and feel like a special meal. I also remember the whipped potatoes that came alongside. Not a lump to be found, just perfect, pure white, dreamy potatoes. The restaurant we went to was one of those fancy places that serves your wine in a big, bowl-like glass. It's the kind of glass that wouldn't last but a day in my house before being smashed. Delicate, and surely big enough to hold three or four glasses, though they only fill it one quarter of the way up. The one glass I ordered of rich, fruity red wine was enough to last the whole meal. Memories of that wine and the tiny sips taken with each bite of fish and potato propelled me up that hill. I also thought about what I'd want to eat after the race. What I wanted most was a big,

## Puttanesca Sauce with Fennel and Haddock

- For the sauce:
- Olive oil
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  - 2 cloves garlic, chopped
  - 3 anchovy filets, mashed with a fork
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  - 1/2 c. olives, chopped
  - 1 handful flat-leaf parsley, chopped
  - black pepper
  - Parmesan cheese, for serving

- For the fish:
- Olive oil
  - 1 large fennel bulb, trimmed and sliced thin
  - 1 lb. fresh haddock, skinned (ask at the fish counter)

In a large skillet, heat a swirl of olive oil over medium-low heat. Add the shallot, cook for a minute or two, then add the garlic and anchovy. Cook, stirring, for another minute. Add the tomatoes, capers, olives and parsley. Cover and turn the heat to low. Simmer for about 10 minutes, while the fish cooks.

In a cast-iron skillet, heat a swirl of olive oil over medium-low heat. Add the fennel and cook, stirring, until golden and soft. Place the haddock filets over the fennel, cover and cook for 4 minutes, checking for doneness. Cook for another minute if needed. Served with the sauce, and hot pasta, if you like.

iced coffee and a thick wedge of scone, the kind that's mostly butter and just melts in your mouth when you bite into it.

Coming back down the hill that day, my friends were all waiting and yelling my name at the finish line.

We cheered for each other and hugged and were very proud of ourselves.

The very best part of that race was coming home. My husband and children made big signs that covered the front of our house. The biggest

sign of all read, "MAMA ROCKS!". They also used streamers to make a finish line for me to cross, when I limped on tired feet into the house. It didn't matter how long it took me to finish that race. Crossing the finish line, the one on my front porch, was what mattered.

The race I ran in last weekend was different for me because I was part of a team, and we ran together to raise money for the Spina Bifida Association. Having never been on a team of any sort before, I began to see the appeal. We trained for the race together, doing short runs during the week and on Sunday, a longer run, usually up and down a few hills, to build our strength. I've always liked training with my friends and, if you can believe it, look forward to those long Sunday morning runs.

For this race, we worked together to raise money as well as build our own strength. Putting our heads together, we reached out to our friends and family, asking for sponsorships. People were very, very generous. It's funny, many people wrote a note with their check, saying, "Sorry it isn't much." But every bit that came in seemed like a lot and when we totaled all of the donations, there was over \$6,000 in all. It was more than we ever expected.

On race day, we put on our matching red racing shirts. They each had "Spina Bifida Association of Northeastern New York" embroidered on the sleeve. We ran, feeling good in the clear, beautiful weather. Our families waited for us at different points throughout the course, waving and giving us water and high fives.

Of course, we talked to pass the time. We talked of husbands, children and books. By the ninth mile, I was ready to talk about food. For a while, we discussed omelets. What we like in them, next to them and even what goes on top (for me that's goat cheese, dry toast and hot sauce.) Finally, we talked about what we'd eat, as reward for our long run. There was talk of meatballs, ice cream and pie. I was dreaming of salt and a flaky, flavorful piece of fish, perhaps in tribute to that wonderful halibut eaten years before.

Hours after our team crossed the finish line, arm-in-arm and happy, I stood in my kitchen, stirring shallots in olive oil, chopping olives and cleaning the fish. The thing about that dinner was: I had decided,

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## Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

## A tax cap without teeth

We'd like to get the ball rolling and start the call for property tax reform in New York State. Again.

As we enter the height of budgeting season for governments across the Capital District, the talk everywhere is focusing on the new tax cap, which goes into effect in 2012.

We've known since the law was passed over the summer that there are significant exemptions built into the supposedly 2 percent cap, but now that things are under way we decided to take a closer look at what the cap is truly turning out to be in our communities.

## Editorial

John Purcell's page one story on the cap lays out the eight-step calculation to finding a municipality's tax increase limit (and a few of the many exemptions that would further affect taxes). It's no wonder that the state comptroller is calling in government officials for crash courses on the new regulations.

What schools, towns and counties around the area are finding is that 2 percent means anything but.

Now, those in the know would argue that these many exceptions are necessary to create a fair baseline for municipal governments. There's some truth to that; as anyone will tell you, a dollar today isn't worth the same as a dollar was 10 years ago.

Still, we won't be surprised if residents end up feeling jilted when staring down budgets that carry tax hikes above that magical 2 percent figure. Government may make its home in the fine print, but rarely is the discrepancy between promise and reality so blatant.

A property tax cap was once considered something of an impossibility, and with good reason. It's an Upstate issue that was also strongly opposed by unions with a lot of clout, not the least being the New York State United Teachers.

So when one was passed into law this summer, it was accompanied by much back-slapping and attaboys at the Capitol. It's undeniably the crown jewel of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Upstate accolades.

Surely what happens this year will be studied with great interest by lawmakers far and wide who are facing their own taxation issues. We would suggest our own elected officials do the same, and ask whether what they've done is meaningful reform or another hindrance for local governments to sidestep.

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## Law will help keep animals safe

By Nicole M. Arciello Berhaupt

As an animal rights activist, vegan and writer about both of these issues, I was thrilled to hear that "Local Law K," an Animal Abuse Registry for convicted offenders, passed in the Albany County Legislature. This makes Albany County the second county in New York State to have such a registry. The first registry of this kind in New York State, and the Nation, was made into law in Suffolk County last year.

The new Albany County law will require any persons that have been convicted of animal cruelty in Albany County, to disclose their name, current address and a photograph to the Sheriff's Department. They would also have to pay an annual fee of \$50 and be on the list for 10 years, although a second offense would have them remain on the registry for life. If they fail to make these requirements they are also subject to fines. Then the database comes in, which will be maintained by the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, in which any pet store, breeder, animal shelter or rescue group would be able to access before handing over an animal to that person. If they are on the list, no risk to that desired animal.

And I applaud Albany County for stepping up, setting aside party lines in an effort to continue and hopefully set an example for other counties. Will other counties pick up bills similar to this one? What if the offender decides to move out of the county and start up a dog-fighting ring, abuse another animal, or create another hoarding situation?

As with many animal laws, they are baby steps to a bigger, more encompassing law. I would like to urge the New York State legislature to pass a statewide law ensuring the fact that there is a database available in every pet store, breeder facility, rescue organization and shelter

## Point of View

preventing those that abuse, torture and intentionally neglect animals from ever owning an animal again.

With the harsher punishments given to Buster's Law, a law making it a felony — punishable with jail term for up to 2 years — to intentionally abuse an animal, it creates a record or pattern on that person. And with the addition of harsher punishments for dog fighting — already a felony conviction — like laws making it a misdemeanor to attend, and otherwise fuel the financial gains of a dog fight.

But why are these laws so important? What many people do not know is that many child abusers, spousal abusers, rapists and serial killers have a history of animal torture and abuse. These criminals choose to prey on those they find helpless victims and they get a rush on feeling powerful over easy targets.

Judges and prosecutors could then see a pattern with these individuals, and with a state-wide Animal Abuse Registry, there will be extra protection against that offender performing these same crimes and saving animal lives and in turn, possibly saving human lives in the process.

The then teenager, who set the cat Buster — for whom Buster's Law is named — on fire prompting the passing of the law two years later (in 1999) is now a three-time convicted felon, and he is now serving time in prison for sexually assaulting a 12-year-old mentally disabled girl in Schenectady's Vale Park. See the connection?

Most of these offenders

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go back to more abuse. The recidivism rate for hoarders is reported being 100 percent, and dog fighting is profitable, so let's make Buster's Law and a State-wide Animals Abuse Registry a pair of laws that work hand-in-hand to prevent more animal fatalities and less crimes against humans in the future by some of these abusers.

Without a statewide registry, what will keep these abusers in the counties that require them to register? Plea deals reduce the amount of time served along with good behavior much of the time.

Jim Tedisco has sponsored a bill A1506-2011 that would "require each violator of Buster's Law to register his or her name and address with the department of agriculture and markets." There are similar bills popping up by other legislatures across the state. Please call your representatives and let them know how important it is to have a state-wide Animal Abuse Registry, it can save the lives of many animals and in turn, many human lives as well.

## Weekly poll

Figuring out the 2 percent tax cap involves an eight-step calculation that could result in a number higher than 2 percent.

So...

Do you think the tax cap will ultimately keep costs down for residents?

Log on to www.spotlightnews.com to cast your vote

## Last week's poll results:

"Have you changed the batteries in your smoke detector in the past 6 months?"

• Yes. 50%

• No. 50%

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# Your Opinion in The Spotlight

## Every day means bus safety at BC schools

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
The yellow school bus is an icon in our society. It speaks of safety and security and a solid and wholesome education for our children. That safety and security do not come easily but require the dedication and hard work of many professionals in the school transportation community.

As a Transportation Supervisor and a member of the New York Association for Pupil Transportation, I am proud of the record of school bus safety we have attained for our children and for our taxpayers. Our mechanics work hard every day to inspect and maintain our yellow school buses to the very highest standards. Our drivers are trained and prepared to transport our children through all kinds of traffic and weather and to respond to their needs as they drive them to school. Our routers and dispatchers strive to find the fastest, safest and most efficient ways to get our children from school to home. And our trainers ensure that our team is ready to do their job with

excellence and efficiency.

We are also proud to say that in recent years we have taken many steps to make our operations even more efficient and continue to this day to identify ways to conserve precious resources that are provided by our taxpayers. This includes reviewing and adjusting our bus routes on a constant basis and eliminating idling of buses that wastes fuel and incorporating preventive maintenance efforts that will save our district in the long term.

During School Bus Safety Week, we encourage our district residents to learn more about the valuable work that we do for the children. We understand that "our future is riding with us!" and are eager to tell the amazing story of how 2.3 million children in New York State are transported safely to and from school each and every day!

*Alfred Karam*  
Director of Transportation,  
N.Y.C.D.T.  
Bethlehem Central School District

*Editor's note: the following was submitted as an open letter.*

Dear Supervisor Messina:

We are writing to formally express our concerns about the proposed Wemple Corners Hamlet project before the October 17 deadline for comment.

- A project of this size and scope would inexorably change the character of this end of town. Bethlehem has always touted its diversity of neighborhoods, but this project would effectively eliminate a

rural environment to replace it with dense housing.

- Has a study been done to show that there is really demand for a complex of another 470 apartments in Bethlehem? How will those apartments affect our school district, already one of the highest taxed in the area? It would be all too convenient to rent in the BC District for the duration of children's education and then move on.

- Anyone who has ever been a landlord or a tenant knows that renters are never as invested in

the community as those who are homeowners. Do we want to go down that path at the expense of the character of our community?

- Surely a round-about at the corner of Wemple and 9W would drive truck traffic away from 9W and down to River Rd./Route 144, a degraded and under-policed highway with a whole set of problems that have been unresolved. While that might be a plus for 9W, it would exacerbate problems elsewhere.

- Ironically, the vocal Open Space Program

proponents at Town Hall on Wednesday waxed on about wanting their children to see horses and cows on the way to school, while the Wemple Corners Hamlet would eliminate just that sort of environment.

Each resident of the Town of Bethlehem moves here or stays here because of a particular quality of the neighborhood in which we live. Please consider the wishes of this neighborhood, not those of a developer.

*Anthony and Barbara Bur*  
Glenmont

## New Scotlanders deserve better board

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
New Scotland Residents Should be Disappointed

Thursday evening the New Scotland Town board met to discuss the town's 2012 budget as well as their inability to permanently stabilize Wolf Hill, Countryman, and Krumkill roads after the damage from Hurricane Irene. Six weeks after the storm, Supervisor Tom Dolan and the rest of the town board have failed to find an alternative to

closing these roads for an undefined length of time. I asked the board if they approached the Army Corp. of Engineers. While I am not sure if this was even an option, I received a very quiet "No" from supervisor Dolan. Their only response was FEMA and SEMA does not have any money. Residents should be appalled that our town officials failed to exhaust all avenues on an issue as serious as this one.

What is even more appalling is that the board decided to do nothing and continue to permanently close the roads even after hearing from affected

local residents who were against the idea. New Scotland Highway Supervisor Darrel Duncan spoke against the idea of closing the road as well as emergency response staff stated that response times will increase, especially with the closure of Krumkill road which serves as a major thoroughfare. What a big disappointment!

This seems to be the trend with this elected town board. This board who has a super party majority was voted in based on their promise to legislate a ban on a big box store. That has not happened. They promised

a strategic town wide plan that hasn't happened. Now they don't want to do anything about some damaged roads. Really?

Actions speak louder than words and right now our town board's actions are loud and clear. That is why I'm running for town board. I want to bring accountability back to our town government. I want to utilize my business experience to get things done and to get our town back in order. I do not want to be another disappointment.

*Tim Dan*  
Republican Candidate  
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## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

# Mendick the choice for receiver of taxes Clarkson has the experience to be supervisor

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

A number of years ago, 1992 to be exact, I purchased a home in Elm Estates in Bethlehem. I happened to meet Nancy Mendick, and when she found out that I lived in her Town, she treated me like a new neighbor. She informed me that she was the Receiver of Taxes for the Town. She wanted to make sure that I was receiving the basic STAR exemption and told me that if I needed any help to call her. A couple years ago I did have a tax question

and felt very comfortable calling her and receiving an answer that I understood.

I believe that Nancy treats everyone this way as a neighbor that truly cares. When her husband and she go to garage sales, after the sale is made, Nancy usually introduces herself and makes sure that the homeowner is receiving the exemptions they are entitled to... that's how much she cares. Additionally, she even carries the STAR exemption forms in the car! Furthermore, she doesn't do this just at election time, rather each and every year.

She is a true public servant and seems to enjoy treating everyone in the Town as her neighbor. I know I will be voting for Nancy Mendick for Receiver of Taxes as I want to keep someone that truly cares about people in this important position.

Dana C. Flint  
Selkirk

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

We write in support of John Clarkson for Bethlehem Town Supervisor.

There is no doubt that we live in a great community. But our town government is facing severe challenges - in continuing to spend down surplus in the face of steeply declining revenues against steadily rising expenses. Combined with the state's new tax cap and other factors, the town now needs to

make important decisions. These will not be easy choices and they require an individual with both a strong fiscal background and knowledge as well as decisive leadership. Continuing to kick the can down the road is no longer a realistic option.

John is exceptionally well qualified to be our next Supervisor. He served as the executive director of the Lundine Commission, which examined ways to achieve local government efficiency and effectiveness. He also

worked in the Office of the State Comptroller where he was Assistant Comptroller for Local Government, as well as posts at the Division of the Budget, and the NYS School Boards Association. He is currently a consultant and Special Advisor for Government Efficiency at the Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress.

He served (with Susan) as a member of Bethlehem's 2020 Citizen's Advisory Committee, where he demonstrated his thorough understanding

of the needs of local government in his work on our town government's structure and financial management operations.

For 30 years we have raised our family in Bethlehem and have seen enough politicians come and go to know the difference when a real leader emerges. That leader is John Clarkson. Please give him your vote.

Susan and Tom Hager  
Glenmont

### A notice to our readers:

The last day to submit letters to the editor about the political races in our coverage area is Friday, Oct. 28. We will run letters received by the date, space permitting.

## Three clear choices in a confusing election season

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Despite the confusion surrounding the choices for Town Supervisor, I suggest that there are three solid candidates we can count on in the coming election.

Two incumbents who have served our town well for many years are Greg Sagendorph for

Highway Superintendent and Nancy Mendick for Receiver of Taxes. They have each proven worthy of re-election.

Also, for Town Board, Jeremy Near is a refreshingly bright new candidate who will offer much needed balance on the Board. An RPI graduate, Jeremy works

as an engineer at the Sabic Innovative Plastics Plant in Selkirk.

In addition to his successful career he finds time to serve our country as a member of the Army National Guard. Jeremy Near is a knowledgeable and committed citizen who will work diligently

on our behalf for open government and fiscal integrity.

Sagendorph, Mendick and Near are three excellent reasons for Town residents to get out and vote on November 8th.

Tom Pillsworth  
Glenmont

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*Louise Grieco*

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Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m.

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At 7 that evening, join O'Herin for an evening of traditional early blues and gospel music, mixed with her original blues.

Admission to the 7 p.m. concert is a donation for local food pantries. The workshop is free. Two of Robin's CDs are in the library's music collection. Her website, where you also can hear her music, is [www.robinoherin.com](http://www.robinoherin.com).

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Barbara Vink

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You will also enjoy "Performing Musical Standards" by John Stevens, an American Idol finalist, at the Jewish Community Center at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27. The music will include classics by Cole Porter, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, Duke Ellington and Frank Sinatra. The cost is \$12. Transportation will leave



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Town Hall at noon.

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### Tuesday, Oct. 25

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

### Wednesday, Oct. 26

Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North

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### Thursday, Oct. 27

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

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of

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### Friday, Oct. 28

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

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### Monday, Oct. 24

Scheduled Shopping  
 9:00 Aerobics  
 10:30 OsteoBusters  
 10:30 Sr. Fitness  
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### Tuesday, Oct. 25

9:00 OsteoBuster

12:00 Cluster Luncheon

### Wednesday, Oct. 26

9:00 Line Dancing  
 10:30 OsteoBuster  
 10:30 Sr. Fitness  
 1:00 Needlecraft  
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### Thursday, Oct. 27

Scheduled Shopping  
 9:00 Osteobusters  
 9:00 Aerobics  
 10:30 Movie: "Walk the Line"  
 (please call ahead to sign-up)  
 1:00 Mahjongg  
 1:15 Pinochle

### Friday, Oct. 28

Scheduled Shopping  
 10:00 Painting  
 10:30 Bridge  
 1:00 Quilting  
 1:30 Balance Class

## Thanksgiving dinner deliveries

Thanksgiving Day preparations are in the works by Equinox, Inc. for their 42nd Annual Equinox Thanksgiving Day Dinner. In order to get home delivery, we need to update our list of dinner recipients, so please contact the Senior Office, 356-1980, ext.1095, to make your reservation as soon as possible.

## Farmers market coupons

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# Area educators to travel to China

A delegation of educators from across the region will travel to China early next month in an effort to further the educational and cultural ties between the region and China.

The 19 educators from several area schools, as well as Capital Region BOCES and Questar III BOCES, will travel to

China on Nov. 4 to meet with several education leaders there.

The group's goal is to build upon the memorandum of understanding that was reached between Tech Valley High School and Tianjin High School No. 41 in Tianjin, China.

"We expect to expand the memorandum of

understanding with Tianjin High School No. 41 to extend the relationship that Tech Valley High is already reaping the fruit from to benefit other schools in the region," said Capital Region BOCES Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Dr. Kathryn Gerbino.

Gerbino, along with her counterpart at Questar III BOCES, Diana Conroy,

will lead the delegation that also includes representatives from Tech Valley High School, Catskill, Schoharie, Schodack, South Colonie, Cobleskill-Richmondville, and Schalmont schools.

School boards across the region understand the value of forming these partnerships and support the effort, educators said.

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# County lawmakers pass animal abuse registry

**Clenahan wants to lead the state in preventing abuse**

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The Albany County Legislature unanimously approved a new local law that would create a registry for animal abusers on Tuesday, Oct. 11, and are now waiting for the county executive to sign it.

"It feels great to see it come through to completion," said Bryan Clenahan, D-Guelderland. "I really think we can make a great difference with this. I think we can really have a positive effect, make the community safer and we can keep a lot of animals safe and out of the abuser's

hands."

The registry is meant to place those convicted of an animal abuse on a registry for 10 years. If the offender were convicted of another animal abuse crime they would be placed on the registry for life. Clenahan said the registry will come at no cost to the taxpayers as each person placed on the registry will be required to pay an annual fee of \$50.

Several residents and even legislators got up to speak and voice their support for the new local law before the vote, and many said they believe this registry will bring relief and safety to both the residents of the community and its animals.

"This is, in my mind, a simple decision," said Brad

Shear, executive director for the Mohawk-Hudson Humane Society. "The cost for maintaining the registry will be supported by the offenders. By having their names and photos available online, we can prevent future offenses."

Shear noted that this will allow the county to keep abusers from being able to buy another pet again, as the registry will be distributed to pet stores throughout the county. Employees are required to check the registry to make sure the person purchasing a pet is

not on there or they could receive a \$5,000 fine and be charged with a violation.

"The people who we know have abused animals in the past won't get them again," Shear said. "We won't have to investigate and put resources into investigating."

Donna Farnsworth, a resident of Albany County, said this was a win for the county. Animals have always been a passion of hers and she said she limits herself to only owning four cats because she knows that is what she can financially and responsibly take care of.

"We have a chance to make a change in Albany County and be a leader and show other counties what we have done," Farnsworth said. "The animals don't have a voice of their own and we need to speak for them."

Cindy Dott, also a county resident, said this was an important move for animals in the county as many of them don't have the ability to protect themselves from harm.

"Unfortunately, the only voice an abused animal has is when you hear a pitiful meow or a high pitched bark calling

for help from a garbage container or a cardboard box taped with masking tape," she said. "Albany County now has the ability to post convicted abusers on a registry to prevent them from committing further abuse."

Legislator Chris Higgins, D-Albany, said that this law might be the best local law that was passed this year and said that it will certainly show New York State that Albany County is a leader for this type of legislation.

"Hopefully this will send  Abuse Page 15

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There are multiple medical causes that can cause a cat to urinate or defecate outside the litter box. Feline lower urinary tract disease (FLUTD) is a common cause of inappropriate urination. FLUTD is a syndrome that can occur from multiple causes including a urinary tract infection, bladder stones, idiopathic cystitis or urinary blockage. Additional medical causes for urinating or defecating outside of the litter box include diabetes mellitus, kidney disease, thyroid disease, intestinal parasites, anal sac disease, arthritis and gastrointestinal irritation.

It is necessary to determine if there is an underlying medical issue prior to assuming that your cat has a behavioral problem. If your cat does not have a medical problem causing the signs, then you can discuss behavioral modification techniques with your veterinarian.

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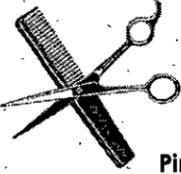


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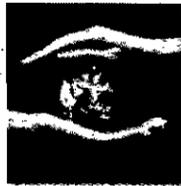
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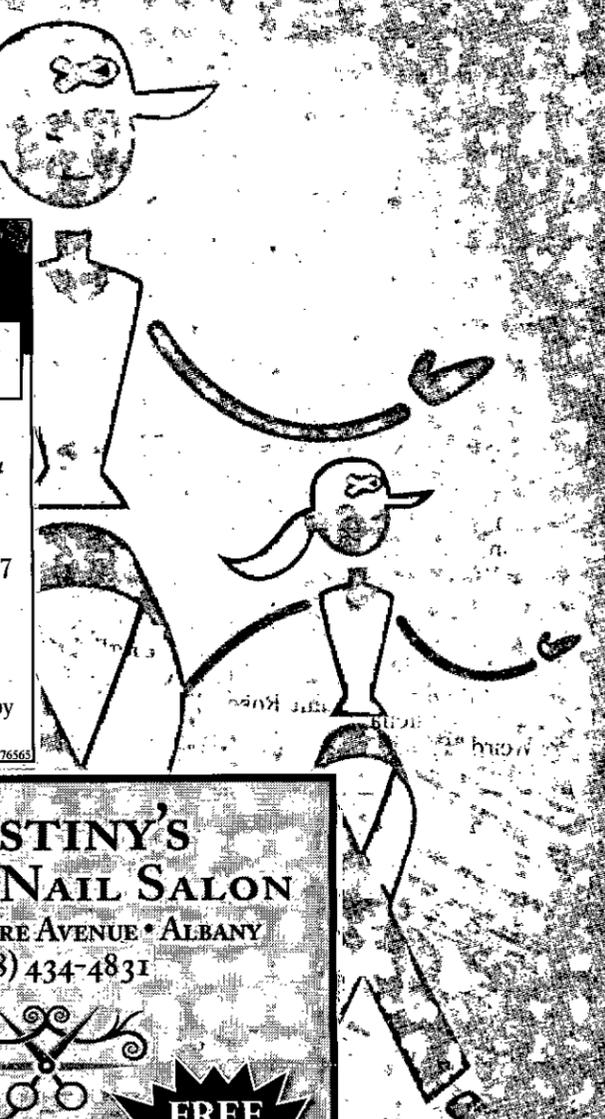


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# Sustainable living for kids

**Children's book explains green living**

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Ruth Ann Smalley will sign "Sheila Says We're Weird" on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m. at the Green Conscience Home & Garden Showroom in Saratoga Springs

Sustainability is slowly creeping into the American framework—electric cars, urban gardens, biking instead of driving, to name just a few trends—but it's still a concept much of the country hasn't fully grasped. So, it's only natural this generation's youth would have plenty of questions of their own.

Ruth Ann Smalley of Albany thinks she holds the formula to explaining green living to kids: equal parts humor and fact.

"You don't want to lay on the heavy stuff when they're young ... [but] kids want explanations for things, they want to know why you're doing that," said Smalley. "Little kids are very concrete thinkers so putting it in terms they can understand is really important and keeping it light, upbeat."

Smalley tested out that model with her first children's book published last June, called "Sheila Says We're Weird." Smalley

will sign copies of her book at the Green Conscience Home & Garden Showroom in Saratoga Springs on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m.

"It comes out of the fact that my kids are still pretty young and I read an awful lot of children's books for many years and thought we needed to see something about this," said Smalley.

Penning a fiction children's book is a far cry from what Smalley's used to. As an English professor at the College of Saint Rose, dissertations

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a message up the hill to our representatives," he said. "Hopefully this will get passed statewide."

Clenahan said he has not yet talked to the other counties as to whether they are looking to pass a similar law but he plans to in the next couple of weeks. He also said that he might soon look into lobbying the state legislature to get a statewide law.

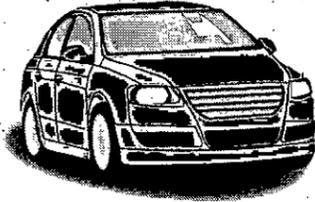
"I would like to look into that," he said. "I hope we can get some of the other local counties on board and come in force to make a real push for that."

Clenahan said residents will be able to check the registry and keep an eye on some of the people on there.

He said the residents of those neighborhoods could be a good force in trying to keep their area safe.

Albany County Executive Mike Breslin said he has yet to look at the local law. If he does sign, it would go into effect 90 days afterwards.

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# Kids

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and academic articles published in journals were more the norm.

But a sabbatical intended for brushing up on literary critics slowly morphed into a hungry interest in holistic education and overall environmental sustainability.

"I became very involved in the pedagogy of ecology and I gravitated there because I was in a college setting and I got really swept up in reading about how systems were in decline," said Smalley. "I was shocked at what I was reading, how serious the situation was."

When people began reading her blog and column for the Honest Weight Food Co-op's newsletter, she transitioned into writing children's books on those topics.

"I have four or five other manuscripts looking for a home," said Smalley. "One is for 8- to 12-year-olds and almost all are on similar themes of how do systems work ecologically and how are we part of those systems."

"Sheila Says We're Weird" is the story of a young girl who is fascinated by her neighbors, a family who cooks their own food, composts, hangs clothes on a clothesline and other environmentally friendly practices.



**"We're trying to get people from all walks of life and parts of the community to come together and talk to each other about their vision of how they want life in their community to be. It's a vibrant, exciting model."**

— Author Ruth Ann Smalley

"I wanted a humorous take on how people might look at what each other is doing," said Smalley. "I wrote it for Sheila and the kids who are curious and don't understand what their neighbors are doing, but also kids like

the one in the story who maybe feel a little out of place among their peers because they are living a different way."

Smalley tries to implement some of the alternative lifestyle choices that her imaginary

Sheila is perplexed by into her own family unit.

"We're trying to do the hanging-out the wash thing. We have the wood stove like in the book ... the books shows heating your immediate space and now the whole house," said Smalley. "We try to bike and walk as much as possible. I got a fully functioning can of worms in my basement so we'll try worm composting and I try to do backyard gardening."

She's also involved with Transition Town, a rapidly growing movement that addresses how communities can tackle things like climate changes, fuel costs and other environmental impacts.

"We're trying to get

people from all walks of life and parts of the community to come together and talk to each other about their vision of how they want life in their community to be," said Smalley. "It's a vibrant, exciting model."

Smalley is in search of a book agent so she can get more books published.

"I have too many manuscripts to try to track down appropriate publishers," said Smalley. "I need someone to help me."

"Sheila Says We're Weird" is available at [tilburyhouse.com](http://tilburyhouse.com). Green Conscience Home & Garden Showroom is located at 33 Church St. in Saratoga Springs. The book signing is free.

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# Finance in the Spotlight

## Mortgage industry update: Low rates, low prices favor consumers

By JOEL BISAILLON JR.  
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### The future is uncertain

For most individuals, purchasing a house is the single largest investment they will make during the course of their life. Like any investment, you want to buy low and sell high. The problem is, forecasting the floor and ceiling is a shaky proposition at best. The housing market can be as volatile as any other market. For example,



Joel Bisailon Jr.

The last couple of months have produced a great deal of economic turbulence. From Wall Street suffering its worst day in nearly three years to high unemployment and declining home values, news on the economy has been dreary.

However, not every sector of the economy is so bleak. With the recent rally in the bond market and the stock market struggling, mortgage rates have returned to all-time lows, with 30-year fixed mortgage interest rates hovering in the low-4 percent range and 15-year fixed mortgage rates holding steady in the mid-3 percent range. In fact, current mortgage rates are so low and the housing market, with a glut of inventory and declining prices, is so favorable to consumers that owning a home may now be cheaper than renting one.

### Now is the time to act

Forget about location, location, location. In today's market, timing is just as valuable. Why? Because housing prices have dropped to 2003 levels and mortgage rates are historically low. By securing financing at a low rate for a house priced to sell you can save tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of your loan.

For example, a mortgage loan of \$200,000 financed at a rate of 4.25 percent will have a monthly payment of \$983, excluding taxes and insurance. At a rate of 4.75 percent, the monthly payment on the loan will be \$1,043. Even on a monthly basis, that \$60 is a big difference. However, over the life of the loan, the difference in total interest paid adds up to \$21,389. And consider this, 4.75 percent is still a great rate. Ten years ago, the average rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage was more than 8 percent.

However, the question many potential homebuyers ask is this: What if rates get even better? And there's really no good answer. Quite frankly, they might. After all, rates have steadily declined for 10 years. Then again, it's more likely that rates can't stay this low forever and are bound to climb. And if you step back and look at the big picture—low rates, low prices, low down payment options—the timing to buy

there are rumors about regulatory changes that would require borrowers to have a minimum down payment of 20 percent to qualify for a mortgage. This could price a lot of people out of the housing market, even if the cost of housing continues to decline and rates remain low.

This is why now is the time to act. The variables are known, and they are favorable. In fact, there are even programs that let borrowers who lock in take advantage of dropping rates. For example, KeyBank has a program, Key Lock, which allows borrowers to hold a low interest rate for 90 days while they look for a home. If rates go down during that time, they can get the lower rate when they find a house and close the loan.

Also, with talk about regulatory changes, low down payment options could soon be very different. Currently, a number of programs can help people without a large down payment afford a house.

- **FHA** — these are a great option for those with steady income but not a substantial down payment; down payment can be as little as 3.5 percent.

- **VA** — for those with current or previous military service, low down payment options are available; in fact, some borrowers may qualify for no down payment loans.

- **USDA** — another great option for those with a lower down payment but with income limits.

- **Fannie Mae HomePath** — allows a borrower to purchase a Fannie Mae-owned property with a low down payment, flexible mortgage terms, no lender-requested appraisal and no mortgage insurance.

Also, beginning in October, the temporary loan limit increases for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac jumbo loan borrowers

is set to expire. This is yet another example of how, regardless of what is happening with rates and housing prices, the mortgage industry can change and make it more expensive to purchase a home.

### Explore your options

Shop smart; stay within your price range and look

for lenders with history and stability. New regulations are shaking up the entire industry. Credible and stable institutions not only can offer you peace of mind, but they can also offer a diverse range of programs that account for the unique circumstances of certain segments of the population, such as teachers, firefighters and

police officers. For instance, in addition to the market segments just mentioned, KeyBank has developed a new loan program for recently accredited doctors and dentists. Also, many banks, including KeyBank, reward mortgage holders with preferential rates and reduced fees for other accounts. The key is to select the bank and loan

that best meets your needs. And for the greatest value—to “buy low”—the timing may never get any better than now.

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## Find a mortgage that's right for you

When it comes to getting a good deal on your mortgage, it's not a one-size-fits-all proposition. Different people have different needs. However, by asking yourself the following questions, you can identify which mortgage program is best for you.

1. **How long do you plan to own the home?** Both fixed- and adjustable-rate mortgages have various terms available, from 15 to 40 years for fixed-rate mortgages to 1 to 10 years for adjustable-rate mortgages. If you plan to live in your house for a long time, a longer term may be more attractive. But if your plan is to live in your house for less than 10 years, a shorter term

or adjustable rate mortgage can help you pay off more principal, help you create more equity and perhaps even help you qualify for a lower interest rate.

2. **How much can you afford for a down payment?** A down payment of 20 percent on a conventional loan will allow you to avoid paying mortgage insurance. Remember, while alternative programs can offer little to no down payment options, a larger down payment will lower your monthly mortgage payment and give you more equity in your house.

3. **What is most important to you?** To know what situation is best for you, it's important to be clear about your financial goals

and resources. Ask yourself: do you want low monthly payments or do you prefer higher monthly payments so you pay less over the life of the loan? When selecting your loan, this is a decision you will have to make.

4. **Does the home offer good value?** How well do you know the neighborhood? Are there a lot of houses for sale, and how long have they been on the market. Have values decreased sharply in recent years? What is the reputation of the school? Is it a safe community? You want to make sure you select a house that features the best combination of location, quality and cost.



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# Public sounds off on hamlet

**Traffic impact, number of apartments top concerns**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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The public has had months to mull over a massive hamlet project proposed for the Glenmont area, and at a recent public scoping session, it was clear there are concerns about how it would affect traffic, and if the idea's viable in the first place.

The Wednesday, Oct. 12, meeting concerned the upcoming environmental review of the Wemple Corners project. This process was not connected so much to the actual details of the project as the developer's request that the 95 acres of land at the corner of Wemple Road and Route 9W be rezoned to accommodate it.

The land is zoned mixed economic development right now, and the developer would like to see it become zoned as a commercial hamlet.

The project, as currently proposed, would consist of 470 apartments, 56 twin homes and 145,000 square feet of various commercial space. In the proposal, 150 apartments would be set aside for seniors, which developer Milltowne Plaza contends is the reason for the rezone, since that use isn't allowed under an MED zoning.

A few members of the public wondered if the units would sell, though. Resident Marcus

Mastracco pointed to other developments that are in front of the town or were recently approved, including the Kendall Square hamlet at the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road.

"Is there really a need for more apartments at this particular time?" he asked.

Donald Zee, attorney for Milltowne Plaza, has contended that there is very little apartment vacancy in Bethlehem, making it ripe for such a project.

"In the Town of Bethlehem, it is my understanding, there is very little acreage set aside for senior housing," he added.

The developer is suggesting that the intersection of Wemple and 9W be converted into a roundabout, which is an upgrade recommended in a town study of the Route 9W corridor. That improvement would cost around \$4 million, Zee said, a cost the developer would assume should the project be approved.

But a few speakers suggested a single lane roundabout would cause more traffic headaches than it's worth and said if a circle is installed it should be two lanes.

A number of people said the developer should be made to study the traffic impact of the project on a much wider area, perhaps stretching out to Route 32 and up to F-787. Several noted the northern portions of Route

9W are often congested and wondered what the project would mean for that situation.

Town leaders also provided some comment. Supervisor Sam Messina said he'd like some detail on how long it would take to build the project from the approval date.

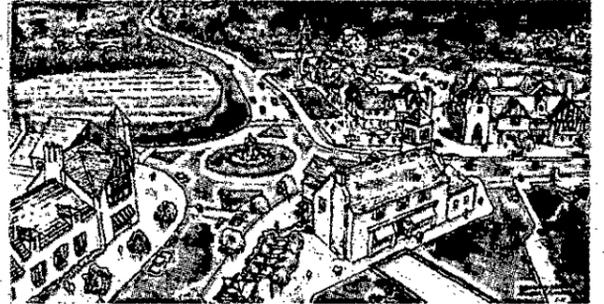
"This will be a project that, if it does get eventual approval, might have to be phased," he said.

The main point of what's being argued now, though, is whether the town will

shift the zoning on the land. Some wondered whether a rezoning is truly necessary, seeing as the commercial hamlet and MED designations are largely similar. Town leaders requested a side-by-side comparison.

"It seems to me this development could also occur under the MED status," Councilwoman Joann Dawson said.

From here, planners will spend several weeks finalizing the draft scope to present to



Wemple Corners, a large hamlet proposed at the corner of Route 9W and Wemple Road in Glenmont, is in the opening stages of an environmental review.

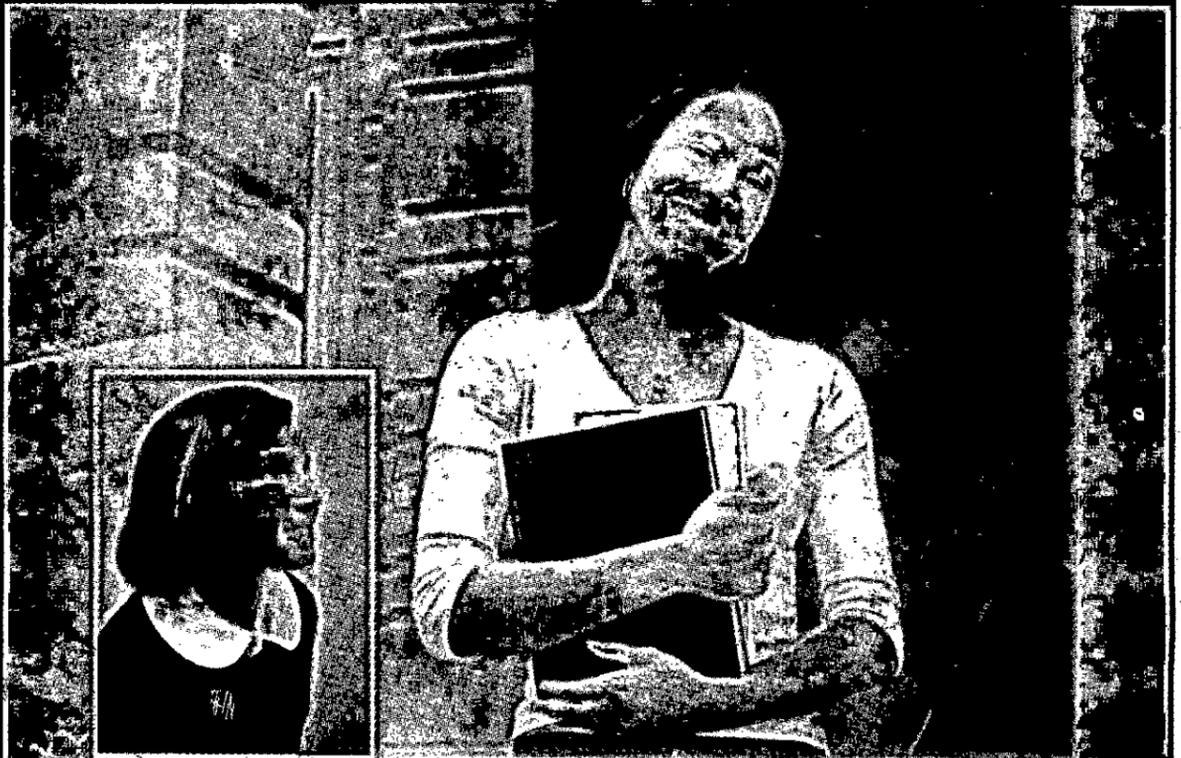
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the developer, who will conduct an environmental review according to that document.

"We'll take the comments we receive tonight, get

comments from other agencies ... and basically design the draft scope into a final scoping document," said Town Planner Jeffrey Lipnicky.

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## GCSD asks residents to be part of budget process

From skyrocketing costs and a tax "cap" to state mandates and increasing standards for both students and staff, school districts throughout New York State will once again be facing an uphill battle to prepare a sound educational spending plan for the upcoming school year.

Having already faced several years of budget cuts, public school districts - including Guilderland - can no longer look to reductions as a means to combat the financial crisis. Instead, schools will need to look for more innovative ways to utilize available resources to meet the changing needs of their students and communities.

To that end, the Guilderland Central School District is inviting district residents an event Tuesday, Oct. 25, titled "Looking Ahead: Innovation and the Future of GCSD." The event, which is open to all district residents and school community members, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

in the Guilderland High School LGI and will feature a brief presentation on the current state of the district followed by small group work sessions. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about many of the issues currently facing our school district and will discuss several essential questions related to how to improve student learning despite these challenges.

"Maintaining the structures of the status quo is not a viable option for our district," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marie Wiles. "Now is the time when we need to come together as a community to discuss our options for innovating our way out of this economic crisis."

Last year, more than 500 school community members participated in the district's community conversation events.

Those planning to attend should R.S.V.P. by Oct. 24, either by phone at 456-6200, ext. 3102, or via the district Web site at www.guilderlandschools.org.

Entertainment in the Spotlight

# Playing fair in Ballston Spa

Area business owners hope to make a global impact by using conference to promote the sale of goods whose creators have been paid a living wage

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The beauty of the items inside Mango Tree Imports stands in stark contrast to the poverty that helped inspire the store.

There are scarves in every color of the rainbow. There's a bright red and blue lizard wall hanging. There are intricate pine needle baskets and meticulously painted Christmas tree ornaments.

Mango Tree owners Kim and Chris Andersen were taken with the craftsmanship when they lived abroad - Chris spent time in Botswana with the Peace Corps, and the couple lived in Paraguay for four years. But what made an even bigger impact on the two of them were the struggles they saw in other countries, with people living in such poverty that they were hard-pressed to pay for food and shelter.

That's why Mango Tree Imports is designated as a fair trade shop. Fair trade helps people in developing countries gain direct access to international markets and learn business principles. It calls for fair and living wages, transparent management, environmental sustainability and gender equity, among other things.

"As opposed to just saying, 'This is what we will buy,' it's more of a relationship built on cooperative agreement," Chris Andersen said.

And that agreement helps funnel more money to the artisans, which they can use to better provide for their families.

The Andersens were at the forefront of the fair trade movement in the Capital District, first with the opening of Mango Tree Imports and then with the designation of Ballston Spa as a fair trade town in 2008. In 2009, the couple spearheaded the first fair trade conference. The third conference will be held Saturday, Oct. 22, at Ballston Spa High School.

Kim Andersen said the idea behind the conference is to raise awareness of fair trade and move people to take the concept back to their schools, churches and communities.

"The more people know, the more businesses will get on board," Kim Andersen said.

Fair trade items aren't limited to arts and crafts. Food and drink can be fairly traded; Mango Tree Imports carries several chocolate

bars that are certified as fair trade, and Coffee Planet in downtown Ballston Spa serves a fair trade brew every day. Three churches in the village also offer fair trade coffees.

Many other businesses in the village use fair trade goods in some capacity. In fact, there are enough businesses on board that Ballston Spa was certified as the state's first fair trade town in 2008. It wasn't a hard process, Kim Andersen said; the criteria are actually pretty simple.

Based on its population, for example, Ballston Spa needed to have at least two community organizations that support fair trade, at least three businesses that sell fairly traded products, media attention about fair trade, a steering committee (the Ballston Spa Fair Trade Coalition) and a resolution written and passed by local government leaders in support of fair trade.

Kim hopes the conference spurs other towns to look into and move toward fair trade status. A movement is already under way in Bethlehem.

Schools can join the movement, too. Siena College was awarded fair trade status in 2010, making it the third college/university in the United States and first Catholic one to earn the designation. Emma Willard in Troy was named the nation's first fair trade high school in December.

The Capital District's commitment to fair trade is impressive for such a relatively small area, Kim Andersen said. She and Chris point to the principles of the movement, which resonate with such a wide cross-section of people.

Besides making a global impact, buying fair trade goods helps local businesses such as Mango Tree Imports that carry the items, Chris said.

Kim Andersen said that after the couple met in San Francisco, where both were teaching, they decided to move abroad. Kim was particularly interested in immersing herself in the Spanish language, so they went to a job fair and found jobs for both of them in Paraguay.

They weren't sure if they were going to continue teaching abroad - Kim said they could essentially choose a new country every two years - until they had two children and felt a pull to come back to the States to be closer to their families. Since Kim is from Connecticut and Chris is from Michigan, Upstate New York was a

good middle ground.

Kim originally worked in Canajoharie while Chris stayed home with the kids. But the commute to Canajoharie wore on her, and Kim instead started tutoring some of her children's playmates in Spanish. Then a few of their parents were interested. Before she knew it, she had a full-blown school. Today, the Capital Region Language Center has two locations and more than 100 students learning 11 languages. Chris, meanwhile, found work as a sixth-grade science teacher in the Shenendehowa School district.

Both aren't exactly sure how or when Mango Tree Imports was born. They were always hearing about fair trade, and as they learned more about it, they really loved the idea of embracing the movement and helping to create a better life for those they had seen who lived in such poverty. Chris said some of the store's goods come from artisans he and his wife have direct contact with, such as men and women they met while living in Paraguay. They get other goods from associations and groups who work with fair trade artisans.

Having decided to come back to the U.S., Kim said Mango Tree is a good way for her family to stay globally connected. Her children help spread the fair trade message in their own ways, including taking part in reverse trick-or-treating, which will be highlighted at the conference. Kids who go out on Halloween don't just take treats, they give them, handing out fair trade chocolate bars that have notes attached explaining the movement.

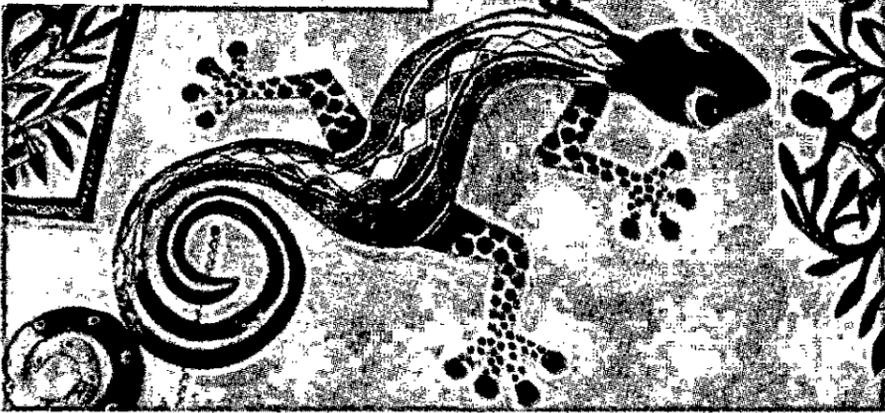
Chocolate will be the keynote topic at the conference, with Dustin Stiffler and Anne Kelly talking about a cacao farmers cooperative in the Dominican Republic, followed by a chocolate tasting. There will also be several workshops on fair trade, with a roundtable luncheon concluding the event.

The conference starts at 8:30 a.m. at the high school. Preregistration is closed, so anyone who wants to take part is welcome to just come by the high school that morning. Registration will be \$10 at the door, and the optional lunch is also \$10.

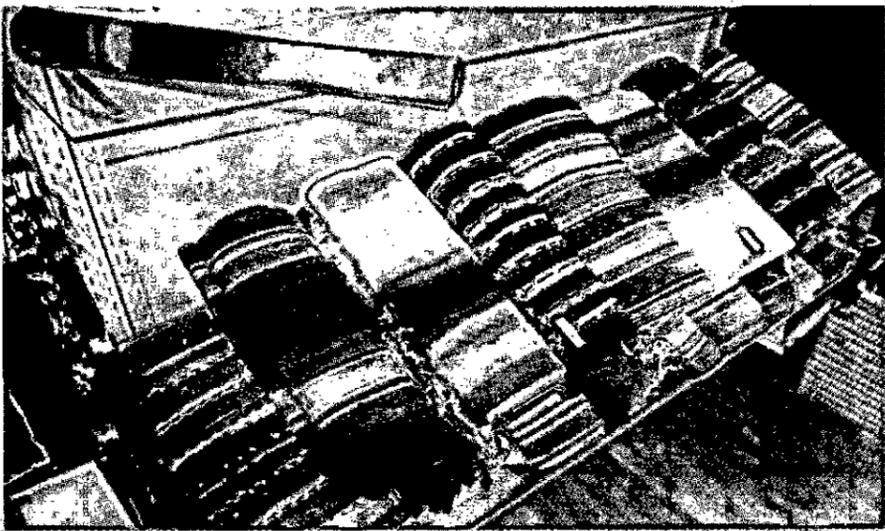
For more information, visit mangotreeimports.com or ballston.org. Mango Tree Imports is at 12 Washington St. in Ballston Spa.



Left: Kim and Chris Andersen run Mango Tree Imports, a fair trade shop, in Ballston Spa.



Above and Below: Here are some of the fair trade items from all over the world that the shop sells.



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# Arts and Entertainment

## Theater

### THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

The harrowing tale of a young girl and her family hiding from the Nazis, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Oct. 21 through Nov. 19, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. \$22. Information, 877-7529.

### HAIR

A musical celebration of love, life and freedom, presented by Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, through Oct. 30, shows at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, \$27-\$29. Information, 587-4427.

### LEADING LADIES

Comedy about a pair of down-on-their-luck actors who scheme to gain an inheritance, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, Oct. 19-23, shows 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, \$15. Information, 382-2081.

### PILGRIMS OF THE NIGHT

A story of strangers telling stories to each other on a stormy night, presented by the Skidmore College Department of Theater, Black Box Theater, Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, Oct. 20-25, shows 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, adults \$12, students/seniors \$8. Information, 580-5430.

### RAGTIME

Musical portrait of life in the early 1900s, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady, Oct. 20-23, performances at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, \$22-\$28. Information, (877) 350-7378.

## Music

### RUNNING THE RIVER

Monthly show by band that covers a wide range of rock and folk music, Oct. 20, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### CASS & EMMA

Two singer-songwriters, Oct. 21, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### CHRISTINE LAVIN & DON WHITE

Two humorous singer-songwriters, Oct. 21, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$25, door price \$27. Information, 583-0022.

### THREE SINGERS

Featuring Deborah Titus, Brian Patrik and Heather, Oct. 21, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### OUT OF THE BLUEGRASS

Pop, bluegrass, jazz, blues and more, Oct. 22, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### ARS NOVA

Schenectady County Community College jazz trio, with singer-songwriters Chris Cockley and Ben McGrath, Oct. 22, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### DAVID SANBORN TRIO

Veteran saxophone player will be joined by jazz organist Joey DeFrancesco, Oct. 22, 8 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$34.50. Information, 473-1845.

### RED HEN STRINGBAND

Old-time band, Oct. 22, 8 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$20. Information, 765-2815.

### KAREN SAVOCA & PETE HEITZMAN

Husband-and-wife acoustic duo, Oct. 22, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door price \$18. Information, 583-0022.

### POKEY LAFARGE & THE SOUTH CITY 3

Old-time Americana artist, Oct. 23, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

### AMOS LEE

Singer-songwriter, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$38.50-\$42.50. Information, 473-1845.

## Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Oct. 21, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

### DIRCK TOLL

Innovative humorist, Oct. 23, 2 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$10, door price \$12. Information, 583-0022.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"From the Collections," through April 1; "New York Remembers: Reflecting on September 11," through April 28; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Parker F. Dunn: The Dunn Memorial Bridge," through Nov. 13; "Albany and the Civil War: Medicine on the Home and Battle Fronts," through Feb. 26; "Kid Stuff: Great Toys From Our Childhood," through March 4; "First in the Hearts of His Countrymen: George Washington," through May 20; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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

### ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"Ferraro, Orrellana, Enough Said," through Oct. 29, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4755.

### BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"100 Years of Baseball 1850-1950," through Nov. 4, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-4000.

### CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER

"Back in Spirit," through Nov. 29, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy. Information, 274-7793.

### CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"Myth in Metaphor: The Etchings of Steven Hazard," through Oct. 26, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

### MABEE FARM HISTORIC SITE

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

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Postage Paid: Dance Around the World," through fall 2012; plus a Michael Jackson tribute, a "Dancing with the Stars"

exhibit and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

### OAKROOM ARTISTS GALLERY

Works by Karen K. Rosasco, through Oct. 31, First Unitarian Society, 1221 Wendell Ave., Schenectady. Information, 374-4446.

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

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

### SPA FINE ART

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

### SOW'S EAR STUDIO & GALLERY

"Time Illuminated," through Oct. 29; 1597 Union St., Schenectady. Information, 370-2042.

### TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

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

### CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"El Anatsui" through Oct. 16; "Romantic Nature: British and French Landscapes," through Nov. 13; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

### MASS MOCA

"one floor up more highly," an installation by Katharina Grosse, through October; "Ruse," through Dec. 31; "Sub Mirage Lignum," through Dec. 31; "The Workers," through March 15, 2012; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

### ARKELL MUSEUM

"Rising from the Sea: The Art of Jay Hall Connaway," through May 27, 2012; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

### GREENVILLE LIBRARY

"The Friday Painters," an art exhibit, through Oct. 31, Route 32, Greenville. Information, 966-8205.

### THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Draw Me a Story: A Century of Children's Book Illustrations," through Jan. 7, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

## Call for Artists

### CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

Non-audition choral group seeking singers in all voice parts for its December concert, rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Columbia High School, 962 Luther Road, East Greenbush. Information, 370-5434.

### THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

Women's singing group entering its 99th year, practices held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., concerts on Dec. 2 and April 1. Information, 765-4536.

### THE CHORALIERS

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

### ETUDE CLUB

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

### CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### CAPITALAND CHORUS

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

### TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

# SUDOKU

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### Here's How It Works:

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

## Weekly Crossword

### Homey

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### ACROSS

- 1 eēThe way things used \_\_\_\_
- 5 Hence
- 9 Building support
- 14 Adored one
- 15 Forbidden fruit
- 16 Come together
- 17 Crowded House or Pearl Jam, e.g.
- 19 Not native
- 20 Stat for 36 Down
- 21 Bandleader Edmundo
- 22 Fixed (up)
- 24 Greek letter
- 26 Court matter
- 27 Bible book
- 30 Monks
- 35 Kick out
- 36 Get Smart group
- 37 Ellington's \_\_\_\_ a Song Go.
- 38 Gawk
- 39 Pert
- 40 Vet's patient
- 41 Tremor
- 42 That's funny!
- 43 Moon of Saturn
- 44 Sloth, e.g.

- 46 What's My Line pan-elist
- 47 Baltimore newspaper
- 48 Fact
- 50 Belmont buildings
- 54 That girl
- 55 Toolshed item
- 58 Hot chocolate
- 59 Full house
- 62 Illinois city
- 63 Perfect place
- 64 Chug- \_\_\_\_
- 65 Pianist Eubie
- 66 Ties the knot
- 67 Medical quantity

### DOWN

- 1 Trunk item
- 2 Vanilla, e.g.
- 3 \_\_\_\_ Raton, FL
- 4 Antlered animal
- 5 Register
- 6 Perch
- 7 Safari sight
- 8 Uh-oh!
- 9 Istanbul inn
- 10 Animal House
- 11 Layla singer
- 12 Cockeyed
- 13 Repair
- 18 Welcome

- 23 Commonplace
- 24 Bleak House
- 25 Shamed
- 27 Search
- 28 Dodge
- 29 Greek weeper
- 31 Soprano Ponselle
- 32 Cream of the crop
- 33 Fortification
- 34 Backgammon piec
- 36 Pitcher Jim
- 39 Alan Ladd role
- 43 Straighter
- 45 New Orleans scho
- 46 European capital
- 49 Gave the third degree
- 50 Strikebreaker
- 51 Turnpike fee
- 52 Court minutes
- 53 Gush
- 55 Angelic feature
- 56 Burden
- 57 Advantage
- 60 \_\_\_\_ to Billy Joe
- 61 Duped

Milestones

# Snyders celebrate 60 years

Fred and Yvonne Snyder of Latham celebrate 60 years of marriage. They were married October 20, 1951 in Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany. The Snyders are the parents of Edward and Kathy Snyder, Kathy Pittelli, Cindy and Dave Allen, Joanne and Ken Kosinski, Ann and Tim Slocum, Gigi and John Rochminski. They also have 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren with number nine due next month.

Fred was head of maintenance for Christians Brother Academy until retiring in 1999. But he still finds time now to stop over and help the Brothers with projects. Yvonne was the smiling face you could see behind the front desk at Albany Bowling Center until her retirement in 1996. They enjoy visiting friends in Smithville Missouri every summer. Fred can be found working in his workshop building or fixing furniture or repairing anything his



Yvonne and Fred Snyder

kids and grandkids have broken and need fixed. Yvonne enjoys helping babysit her great grandchildren, crocheting and keeping her mind

active with computer word games.

Can't wait to celebrate your 70th with you. Love, your family. You are the BEST!!

# Book, ephemera fair slated

The 37th annual Antiquarian Book and Ephemera Fair will be held Sunday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Washington Avenue Armory Sports and Convention Arena, 195 Washington Ave., Albany. The fair is presented by the Albany Institute of History & Art and managed by Austin's Antiquarian Books.

Individuals can bring their books, posters, ephemera, and collectibles and have them appraised at the fair. The book fair will feature 60 dealers of rare, antiquarian, and out-of-print books, manuscripts, autographs, postcards, maps, posters, photographs, ephemera, and more. There will also be a silent auction with proceeds benefitting the research library of the Albany Institute of History & Art.

Admission to the book fair is \$6.

The 2011 Albany Book Fair Exhibitors:

- The Albany Institute of History & Art Silent Auction
- The Albany Institute of History & Art Museum Shop
- Austin's Antiquarian Books
- Kit Barry Ephemera and Supplies
- B & B Rare Books
- Jeff Bergman
- Butternut Valley Books
- The Caren Archive
- Catnap Books
- Colebrook Book Barn
- Comstock Books & Antiques
- Connecticut River Books
- Evie Eysenburg
- Dennis Holzman
- William Hutchison
- The John Bale Book

- Company
- Bruce Johnson Books
- Historic Documents
- Peter Luke
- Lyrical Ballad Bookstore
- Jeffrey Marks Rare Books
- Willis Monie
- Cheryl & Matthew Needle
- Old Editions
- Owl Pen Books
- Oxbow Books
- Page and Parchment Books
- Rare Book & Print Gallery
- Stephen Resnick
- Riverow Bookshop
- Peter Scanlan
- Lee & Mike Temares
- Ten Pound Island Book Co.
- Town's End Books
- Trevian Books, ABAA
- White Fox Rare Books & Antiques
- Wesley Williams

## Run

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somewhere around the eleventh mile, that I would make this dinner for me... No worrying about whether Zoe would like the olives, or Elliot

would find it too spicy. And whether Lucy would want to eat the fish at all wasn't my priority. I poured, chopped, and simmered the ingredients, knowing it wouldn't please everyone. After awhile, my thighs were so sore and tired that I sat at the table, glass of wine in hand (no big fancy glasses at my house) while Paul finished the sauce, and cooked the fish.

I washed down every bite of that salty, briny sauce and the fish that Paul cooked with sips of wine. My family ate it too. If anyone truly disliked it, I was too tired to notice. Instead, I was basking in the sweet taste of success: that of finishing the half marathon, raising money for a very worthy cause, and the camaraderie of Team Spina Bifida.

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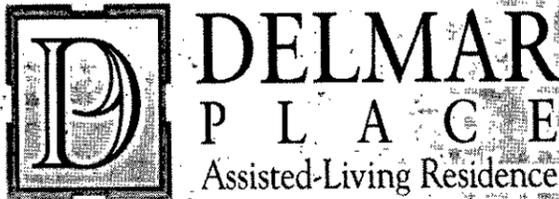
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For more information, please call 463-0134.

# Cap

(From Page 1)

government bodies with the knowledge to implement the cap, too.

"We've spent a lot of time trying to figure out how it works and it is essentially a formula," said Bethlehem Comptroller Suzanne Traylor. "People within the government are confused ... the process is getting educated to what it means."

Traylor has attended "numerous" informational presentations, she said, including a special session of the state Office of Comptroller.

To calculate the tax levy

limit there is an eight-step process:

Take the prior year's tax levy to start; then, multiply by a "tax base growth factor," which is a figure provided by that state; then add in any payment in lieu of taxes; take out tort action payments exceeding 5 percent of the previous year's annual tax levy; then multiply by the "allowable levy growth factor," which is 2 percent or the consumer price index, whichever is lower; take out PILOTs scheduled for the coming year; add in any carryover funds (extra taxes from the previous year); and carry forward eligible

exclusions.

After budgets are developed and public comments are heard, the state Comptroller's Office receives the adopted budget of a municipality or school district. The state then determines if levies are "erroneous," or exceeding the limitations provided by law. Of course, this is overridden if the governing body has voted to remove the cap with a 60 percent majority.

Any charges exceeding the limit, no matter the circumstance, is always placed into a reserve.

There are special circumstances, though, where the Office of the

State Comptroller would determine a tax levy limit calculation, which would result from the consolidation of two or more local governments, transferring functions of one government's activity to another government (such as policing), or when a local government dissolves. New local governments that don't result from consolidation or dissolution do not have a tax levy limit applied the first year.

University at Albany professor Betty Daniel, who teaches macroeconomics and international economics, said personally she was opposed to the tax cap,

but understands the public wants to see ever-rising taxes stopped.

"You've got people assured that property taxes aren't going to go up so rapidly they don't feel like they can't afford their homes anymore," Daniel said. "I think the public likes it because they want to see limits on the rate of their property taxes going up."

Possible impacts for education are why Daniel's opposed to the limit. She said if people understood "possible implications for school funding" their support from the cap might waver. School boards would have

to set a vote for the public to override the cap and if 60 percent of voters share their support the cap can be lifted.

"We are withdrawing public support of education at all levels ... and I personally think that is a big mistake," she said. "We need an educated workforce."

If the rate of inflation does increase greater than 2 percent, she said, government and schools could also see their purchasing power drop along with the value of a dollar. The cap only prescribes adhering to the rate of inflation if it falls under 2 percent.

# Open

(From Page 1)

done in the dark, and he wants to encourage an open discussion. He was clearly supportive of getting some manner of open space preservation plan in place, though.

"I thought it was a winner for the Town of Bethlehem and there were no downsides," he said of Bethlehem Tomorrow's proposal.

"The open space program is a program, it's not a plan. That's a very important concept," Messina added.

That program, in short, would involve as little as spending \$6,500 for research and as much as \$2.1 million per year to acquire multiple parcels of land. A "medium program" would involve spending about \$700,000 to purchase two parcels, and in a memo to the Town Board, Messina recommended all

or part of this option be considered for implementation in the 2012 budget.

One proposed way to fund this acquisition was to levy a dedicated property tax. Another was to borrow for the funds.

A committee would be formed to vet land investments.

Arguments for adopting the plan include that developed land ostensibly costs more in services than it generates in property taxes, and that there are grant opportunities for preservation purposes.

Members of the audience were clearly divided on exactly how - or if - the town should invest in open space. It was reminiscent of the debate surrounding the town's bid to acquire the Normanside Country Club lands when they went up for auction earlier this year.

Some, then and now,

said such purchases are shortsighted and irresponsible, especially during tough times. Jeremy Near, who is running for Town Board on the Republican line, went so far as to label the effort a "government land grab" that would actually reduce the tax rolls.

"People that own land will get taxed for the government to then purchase land, which to me doesn't make a whole lot of sense," he said.

Ed Kleinke, who was part of the aforementioned meeting over the white paper, said it's landowners who are the best stewards of open space. The town has other, less costly mechanisms like proper planning and zoning to help it manage community character, he argued.

"I'm a little disappointed that what you're looking at tonight kind of leaves out large landowners," he said.

But others saw such a program as a mechanism

for investment in their town.

Resident Karen Shaw said she's willing to pay for the type of community she wants to live in, and reckoned that this program, if done right, could benefit everyone.

"I don't see anybody losing in the open space plan," she said. "It's a complicated issue, and I respect that, but we all live here together."

CACC member David VanLuven said the citizens group over time became

gridlocked, and saw this proposal as a way of renewing the effort to preserve open space.

"It's irresponsible for the town not to have an open space program," he said.

At the end of the evening there was no vote taken, and all that was truly clear is that a debate has been reignited.

"We clearly have two different sets of opposing viewpoints and opinions, and clearly we need to come to a compromise,"

Councilman Kyle Kotary said.

Councilman Mark Hennessey said he's glad the discussion is out in the open. He argued that those who want the town to get involved in open space preservation, including members of Bethlehem Tomorrow, do not constitute a special interest group.

"They're your neighbors," he said. "The fabric of a community is stitched together by the things we share."

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## Your Community in the Spotlight

### YMCA names new board members

The Bethlehem YMCA has appointed three new members to its Board of Directors.

Helen Adams Keane, vice president for institutional advancement at Albany Law School; Nick Isaacs, special events coordinator for the New York Senate; and Shoham Piorentino, vice president of First Niagara, were all added to the board.

### Retired teachers to get together

The Albany Area Retired Teachers' Association will hold a gathering Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Dick Feldman will present a history of the American musical "To Life - Part II," with optimism as its main theme. The presentation will be followed by refreshments and time to mingle and chat.

### Haunted house set in Slingerlands

The Slingerlands Fire Department will host the annual Halloween Party and Haunted House on Monday, Oct. 31. The event will be held at the firehouse on New Scotland Road from 7 to 9:30 p.m. There will be candy, cider and doughnuts.

This is an annual community service activity of the department and there is no charge. There will be fun for all ages.

### Scouts hold benefit for storm victims

Girl Scout Troop 118 and Cub Scout Den #4 will be holding a donation drive/bake sale to benefit victims of Tropical Storm Irene from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Albany Beverage Center parking lot, 3899 Carmen Road, Guilderland.

Items needed include new clothing, such as knit hats, socks, underwear, towels/washcloths and mittens/gloves; pillows; cleaning supplies; non-perishable food items; gently used winter clothing; and toiletries. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to purchase gift cards to Lowes, Home Depot, Price Chopper and Hannaford for storm victims.

### Meet candidates in fellowship hall

The Feura Bush Neighborhood Association will host a Meet our New Scotland Candidate Night on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of the Jerusalem Reformed Church on

## Centered on learning



On Saturday, Oct. 8, the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce assisted JEL Learning Center with its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. The Learning Center is in Pega Plaza at 2021 Western Ave. and provides tutoring by certified teachers for grades K-9. This is the second center that the partners, Mohan Gavvagi and Kodi Kothandan, have opened. The other is in Latham. From left are Jenni Bliven and Jess Mauro from the Guilderland Chamber, co-owner of JEL Mohan Gavvagi, Town Supervisor Ken Runion, Town Board Member Mark Grimm, co-owner Kodi Kothandan and Chamber president Kathy Burbank.

Submitted photo

Route 32 in Feura Bush.

Invited are the candidates for the following positions: New Scotland town supervisor, member of town council (two), town clerk, superintendent of highways, town justice (two), and Albany County legislators. Citizens are encouraged to attend. The candidates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and respond to questions. The evening will end with informal conversations over refreshments.

### Guilderland YMCA to host Halloween

The Guilderland YMCA will be hosting its Halloween at the Y on Friday, Oct. 28, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Fun house, arts and crafts and games in the gym will be offered. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kyle Anderson at 456-3634 or kanderson@cdymca.org.

### Benefit planned for gardening program

Rockin' from the Heart, a show to benefit the Gardening from the Heart program at the Center for Disability Services, is set for Thursday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m., at the Midtown Tap & Tea Room, 289 New Scotland Avenue.

The evening will feature

performances from Bent Rail Blues, Pat Viglucci, Blue Factory and Ian Hunter. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Gardening from the Heart is a program that brings volunteers from the Men's Garden Club of Albany together with adult consumers from the center to plant and tend seedlings, work on a raised bed garden, grow annuals and create seasonal decorations using natural materials.

For more information, call 944-2120 or go to [www.cfdnsny.org](http://www.cfdnsny.org).

### BCHS Class of 1971 to hold reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1971 will hold its 40th reunion from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the American Legion Post 1040, 16 West Poplar Drive, Delmar.

RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 19. For more information, call 426-6030 or email [gvanvalkenburg1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gvanvalkenburg1@nycap.rr.com).

### Auxiliary to hold nickel social

The Cornell Hook & Ladder Auxiliary will be having a nickel social on Friday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at the New Baltimore Firehouse on Gill Rd in New Baltimore.

Drawings will begin at 7:45 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate

items can contact Frankie Wallace @756-3015 or Debbie Davis @756-8616. You may drop off donations to the firehouse on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Students selling Christmas items

Pieter B. Coeymans fifth-grade students are selling 24-inch and 36-inch wreaths, crosses, mailbox swags, door swags, and old-fashioned kissing balls. All items are made locally by Jim Matera of West Coxsackie.

The sale ends on Friday, Oct. 21. Order items from any PBC fifth grade student, or stop by the PBC main office to place an order. Please make checks payable to the RC PTO.

Proceeds go toward fifth-grade activities, including the annual whale watch trip and Revolutionary War Day.

### Potluck to welcome couple back to area

The Rev. George and Margaret Klohck will be returning to Voorheesville and the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville 10 years after retiring and moving to Vermont. A potluck supper and social will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. (bring a dish to share).

The Rev. Klohck will deliver the message at the worship service on Sun. Oct. 30 at 10 a.m., which will include pictures

showing "the beauty of the earth," using photographs that were taken on the Klohcks' many travels. They have been volunteering and traveling around the U.S. and overseas.

### Downey presents at conference

SUNY Oneonta was well represented at the annual conference of the recent Geological Society of America in Minneapolis earlier this week. Anna Downey of Selkirk was one of 13 students and five members of the college's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences faculty who were invited to present their research at the event.

Distinguished Teaching Professor James Ebert, chair of the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, said the size of the delegation, though unusual, reflects the high level of quality among SUNY Oneonta students' scholarly work.

"It's far from typical for so many undergraduates from a single department to present at any conference, especially the national conference of one of the preeminent geoscience societies," said Ebert. "This is an unbelievably powerful experience for our students and provides a significant jumpstart to their careers as professional geoscientists. We are extremely proud of them."

Students presented on a broad range of geoscientific topics, including "The Effects of Jointing On Natural Gas Drilling, Hydraulic Fracturing, and Ground Water Quality In Central Upstate New York" and "Walking Into the Digital World: Dinosaur Track Mapping and Data Collection."

### Bureau seeks Pearl Harbor vets

The Albany County Veterans Bureau is looking for local survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack to honor at the 70th anniversary Pearl Harbor ceremony at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Veterans who were stationed at Pearl Harbor during the attack, or those who know of survivors, should contact the Veterans Bureau Director MaryAnn Jones by phone at 447-7713 or email at [maryann.jones@albanycounty.com](mailto:maryann.jones@albanycounty.com). Veterans will need to provide their name, rank, branch of service, duty station at the time of attack and a brief description of their experience.

The annual Pearl Harbor ceremony is a memorial for those who served at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

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# Northeast Kidney Foundation to hold annual chili challenge

The Northeast Kidney Foundation will hold its fourth annual Chili Challenge on Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Holiday Inn Express in Latham. The cook-off helps to support local programs and services for those in our community fighting kidney disease.

Last year, more than 500 people came out in support of the fight against kidney disease and sampled the best chili in the Capitol region. Like last year, attendees will get to sample the best chili recipes from local restaurants competing in categories such as, Zestiest, People's Choice, Best Vegetarian and Most Creative.

To spice things up, this year the event will also feature best chili recipes from the public. The public is invited to

submit a favorite chili recipe by Oct. 21 and a panel of judges will choose four recipes for local Chili Challenge chefs to cook. The recipe voted as "the favorite" will be featured on the winter menu of the new sports bar and restaurant On Tap in Latham.

The Northeast Kidney Foundation hosts this chili contest as a way of uniting the community in support of education and awareness in the fight against kidney disease.

Tickets are on sale now at all Price Chopper locations. They \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Ages 5 - 12 just \$5 and children under 5 are free. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.healthykidneys.org](http://www.healthykidneys.org).

Entertainment will be presented by Spare Parts and Your Original Entertainment.

# Forest friends



ABOVE: From left, Jahanah Hall, 10, from Albany and Ijae Ninstant, 12, put on a fire fighting outfit before entering an obstacle course at the Albany Pine Bush Discover Center on Monday, Oct. 10, during the center's program on wildfire prevention. Smokey the Bear, left, also made a visit and met with kids such as Nathaniel Gonzalez, 6, of New York City to help teach kids how to prevent forest fires.

Photos by Andrew Beam/Spotlight

## Debate

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County Legislature candidates will begin their portion of the forum at 8:15 p.m. The event is scheduled to end at 9 p.m.

Members of the audience will be able to supply questions to candidates for individual offices by submitting them on index cards. Spotlight Assistant Managing Editor Charles Wiff will moderate.

The Spotlight will provide full coverage of the event in its Nov. 2 edition, as well as online at [www.spotlightnews.com](http://www.spotlightnews.com). Video from the event will be posted on the web.

As in past League-Spotlight events, campaigning in the event venue is prohibited, and only accredited media will be allowed to take audio, video or still photography recordings.

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Notice of Qualification of Restore Group, LLC. name: Young's Roofing LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Missouri (MO) on 5/12/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in MO: 10 Triad South Dr., Ste. D, St. Charles, MO 63304. Arts of Org. filed with the MO Secretary of State, 600 W. Main, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76406 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE DATA CENTER, LLC. UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206. The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: THE DATA CENTER, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed on July 26, 2011 with the Secretary of State (SS). The office of the LLC is in Albany County, NY. The LLC shall dissolve on December 31, 2061. The SS of NY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him is the LLC, 18 Norris Drive, Valatie, New York 12184.

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The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without NY State. 76400 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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Notice of Formation 6718 13th Ave LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/1/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76028 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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Notice of Formation 332 A 9th St. LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/30/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76027 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Mingle The Un-Cafe LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 23, 2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, c/o Julie Royston, 41 Balboa Drive, Latham, New York 12110-3044. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 76017 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Blue Line Medical Products, LLC.

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/23/11. 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, 1350 Northmeadow Parkway, Suite 130 Roswell, GA 30076. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. 76012 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Guntz Painting, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/21/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 141 Orchard St., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76011 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of William Cox, M.D., PLLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 8/31/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 834 Worcester Dr., Niskayuna, NY 12309. Purpose: to practice the profession of Medicine. 76010 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Summit Technical Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/1/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 11/4/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 726 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the NV Secretary of State, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701-4069. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76009 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of Jersey Staffing Solutions Limited Liability Company. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/17/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 5/10/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza - 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the registered agent. Address to be maintained in NJ: 400 Valley Rd., Ste. 106, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856. Arts of Org. filed with the NJ Secretary of State, 225 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608-1101. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76008 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of AEON CHANT LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/2/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/6/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State,

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401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 76006 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of Labor Source, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/1/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Kansas (KS) on 9/8/99. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: Spenserv, Inc., 9401 Indian Creek Pkwy., Bldg. 40, Ste. 700, Overland Park, KS 66210. Arts. of Org. filed with KS Secy. of State, 120 SW 10th Ave., 1st Fl., Topeka, KS 66612. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 76004 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 544 DELAWARE AVENUE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, August 9, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Eitan Evan, 41 Hamilton Lane, Glenmont, NY 12077. 76003 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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LEGAL NOTICE: Notice of Formation Family Life Midwifery, PLLC filed with the NY Sec. of State on 8/9/2011. Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC, upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail process to: 20 Elm Street, Albany NY, 12202. Purpose: Midwifery. 76185 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ROCKY CANEY WIND, LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of New York whose Articles of Organization were filed on September 13, 2011 with the New York Secretary of State. 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 Corporation Trust Company, 3 Winners Circle, 3rd Fl., Albany, New York 12205. New York Office Location: Albany County. Purpose: All lawful activities. 76181 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Slingerlands Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, will hold a public review of the Slingerlands Fire District Annual Budget for the year 2012. The review will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Slingerlands Firehouse, 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York. NOTE: As at all public Fire Commissioner's meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available. Gayle A. Griffiths Secretary to the Board Slingerlands Fire District 75077 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Iketo Eyewear LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76419 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

ISLAND SMOKES XVIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/14/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co: SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 76425 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Horse To Water Marketing, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/10/11. Office location: Albany County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O United States Corporation Agents, Inc. Registered

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Agent upon whom process may be served: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Purpose: any lawful activity. 76424 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 5122 Broadway LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/13/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 76423 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Preeminent Realty LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 8, 2011. Certificate of Amendment filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 15, 2011 changing its name to Apic Realty LLC. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o The LLC, 63 Shaker Road, Suite 203, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 76421 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Developmental Psychiatric Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76419 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Rex Stern Insurance Agency LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76418 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Iketo Eyewear LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76558 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Entertainment by Gail LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1848 E. 4th St., Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: any lawful activity. 76557 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation Satya Enterprises LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/20/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76554 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Articles of Organization of Mare of Albany, LLC (the ALLC@) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (ASSNY@) on December 17, 2007, 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 Elisabeth Ruthman, 14 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLLC. 76553 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Articles of Organization of Fire-Works Film, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 15, 2011, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 1 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203, which is the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 76552 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Opus e-Solutions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 21, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1821 Central Ave. Albany, New York 12205. 76551 (D/C) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: PLOTZKER MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/10/2011. 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: c/o PLOTZKER MANAGEMENT CONSULTING, LLC 545 Dawson Rd, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. 76543 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Qualification of TERM Power & Gas, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/16/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1679 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 76542 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/30/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1679 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 76541 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of MOS Architects PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/22/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76540 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of RMS Asset Management Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/12/11. Office location: Albany County, Delaware (DE) on 10/1/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Principal office Address: 2727 Spring Creek Dr., Spring, TX 77373. Address to be maintained in DE: 1679 S. DuPont Hwy., Ste. 100, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76539 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of JACKSFLASH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/23/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76535 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Veritas Property Management L.L.C. Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 9/27/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNJ on 9/7/2007. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail

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process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Address required to be maintained in NJ: 186 Edgemont Place, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Name and address of the authorized officer in NJ where copy of Arts. of Org. is filed: New Jersey State Treasurer, Division of Revenue, 33 West State St., 5th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76533 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Got Poop NY, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/26/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Gerald Weinberg PC, 90 State Street, Suite 815, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 76684 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of KOKI ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/27/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76678 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of TEAM J MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/27/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76677 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Del Designs, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) 8/22/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 3 Sunset Dr., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 1/1/2110. 76676 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that at the next meeting of the Planning Commission of the Village of Voorheesville the Board will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the following application from: Mark Wilcox; for a Special Use Permit to operate a retail business (proposed NAPA auto parts store) in an industrial zone to be located at 20 Grove Street, Bldg. 4. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7 PM at the Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, NY 12186.

**BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
 Georgia Gray, Chairperson,  
 Dated: September 27, 2011  
 76682 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Qualification of GFC Lending LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Arizona (AZ) on 7/8/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011; registered agent upon whom process may be served. AZ address of LLC: 4020 East Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85018. Arts. of Org. filed with AZ Secy. of State, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85005. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 76674 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: GREY RIDERTHROUGHBREDS LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/06/11. 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 at 74 Maplewood Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 76671 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 NAME: Tiles By Giuseppe Bonaiuto, LLC  
 Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 28, 2011. Office location: The Street Address of the limited liability company's office is 76 Stoney Brook, Selkirk, New York 12158, County of Albany. 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 at 76 Stoney Brook, Selkirk, New York 12158. For any lawful purpose. 76668 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Avatar Security Products, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated a agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. 76665 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE:** The Bethlehem Cemetery Association, Inc. located at 286 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, (518-439-2394) puts deed-holders or families of the following named lots that their lot is not in compliance with the cemetery's rules and regulations regarding plantings and decorative items. Those lot-owners have until 10/21/2011 to bring the lot into full compliance before the cemetery takes action, which will include removal of non-compliant decorations and plants/shrubbery which is overgrown, causes encroachment or is unsightly. A charge of \$75 will be applied once this action is taken: Section A: Smith, Turner, DeForest, Lake, Vailancourt, Crocker, Need-

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ham, Haverly, Fryer; Section B: Siegel, Collier, Mann, Smith, Prater, Root, Camp, Devlin, McLean, Sellner, VanDerPoel, Murphy, Curran, Myrick, Lussier, Hastings and Zwickbauer. Section C: Almindo, Gmelch, Thornton, Macri, Mosmen, Section D: Dexter, Terhune, Wright, Blanchard, Bardwell, Veino, Whitney, Danker, Dill, Haberer, Biermeister, Cookfair, Baxter and Webb. 76671 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of JC Windsor Terrace, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/27/11. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Yassky Properties, 424 Madison Ave., 16th Fl., NY, NY 10017. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76666 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206**  
 The name of the limited liability company is DASA INCUBATOR, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization was September 16, 2011. The County in which the LLC is to be located is Albany. Its principal business location is Albany, 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: 308 Highgate Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The term of the LLC shall commence on the date of filing of the Articles of Organization and continue indefinitely. The purpose of the Company is to provide research services and for any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. 76663 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of FIFS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/21/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 1/1/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the PA address of LLC: 199 Telford Pike, Telford, PA 18969. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, 206 N. Office Bldg., P.O. Box 8722, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity. 76662 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Aria Retirement Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/3/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/31/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 101 Montgomery St., 27th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94104. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76661 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Chimerera Apparel LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/4/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Nathan Singer, 75 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 76997 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 2250 HAVILAND AVENUE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/4/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76995 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of INTERGEO SOLUTIONS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/1/11. Office location: Schenectady County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 8/26/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Richard G. DellaRatta, 147 Barrett St., Schenectady, NY 12305. PA address of LLC: 900 Northbrook Drive, Ste. 320, Trevose, PA 18053. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, Commonwealth Ave. & North St., Rm 206, Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17101. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 76993 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of LITTLE PEACOCK IMPORTS, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 09/22/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to NW Registered Agent, LLC. 90 State St, Ste. 700, Off. 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 76991 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of TRAVEL SERVICES CHANNEL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76989 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation DOUGLAS Kaiden MD PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/4/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76988 (D)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation Saraboff LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/7/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76987 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Broken, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/3/2011 under the name Check Broken, LLC. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76986 (D) (October 19, 2011)

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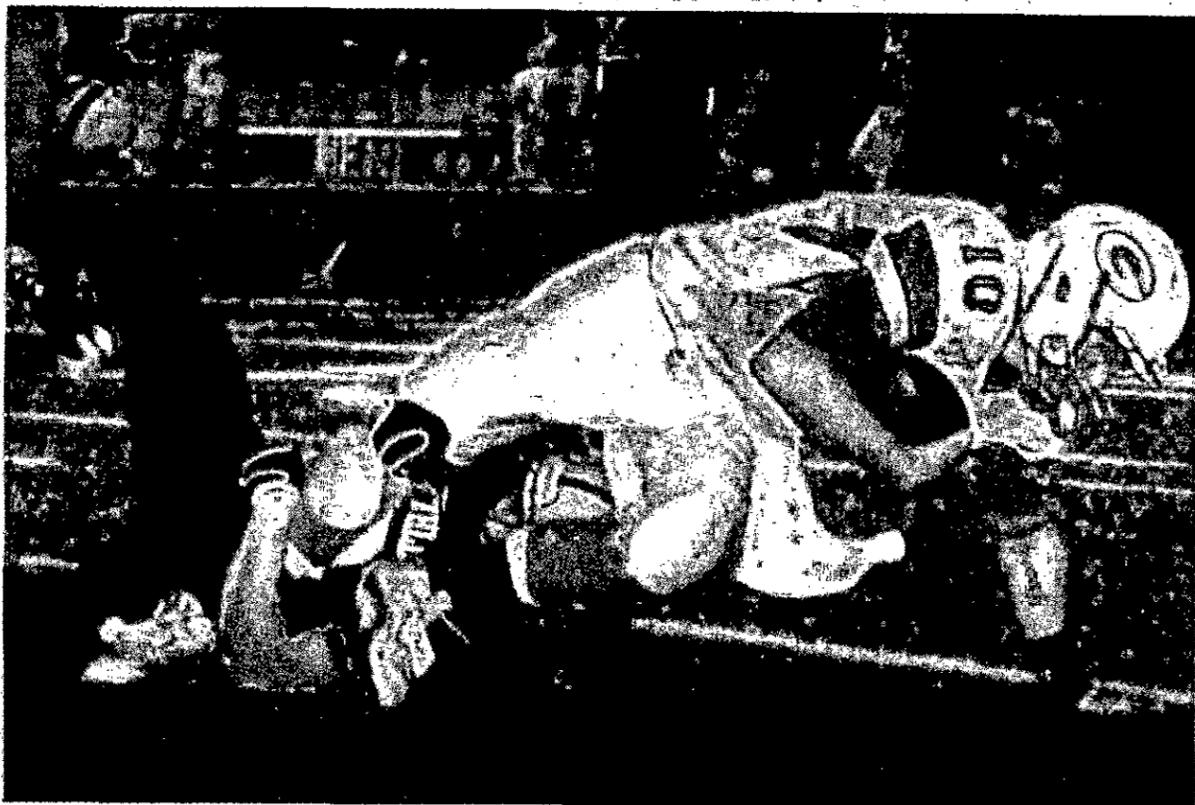
**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
 Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC)  
 Name: Glady Me Creativity, LLC  
 Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 10/06/2011  
 Office location: County of Albany.  
 Purpose: any and all lawful activities.  
 Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 178 Mount Hope Drive Albany, NY 12202 76985 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ANNUAL MEETING BETHLEHEM CEMETERY ASSOC. INC.**  
 7 P.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011  
 AT THE DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH  
 386 DELAWARE AVENUE, DELMAR NY.  
 THOSE WISHING TO SPEAK AND/OR VOTE MUST CONTACT VIA TELEPHONE (439-2394) FOR OWNERSHIP VERIFICATION NO LATER THAN 11/1/2011. 76984 (D) (October 19, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UPON PRELIMINARY BUDGET**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY and on the Town's website, townofbethlehem.org, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing thereon, at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY at 6:00PM on the 26th day of October 2011 and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against any item or items therein contained. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following officers, subject to final approval of the 2012 Town Budget, are hereby specified as follows:  
 Supervisor



Bethlehem's Jason Clas tackles Guilderland quarterback Tim O'Connor during last Friday's Empire Division game.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

## Dutch

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yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion to extend Guilderland's lead to 10 points.

"The fake punt that we didn't get, I really want that one back," said Bethlehem coach Rick Leach. "That really changed the momentum."

Guilderland sealed the victory five minutes later. Following a Ryan Fanuele interception at Bethlehem's 30-yard line, the Dutchmen needed only three runs to score again - this time, it was an 18-yard touchdown scamper from Micaiah Henningham. O'Connor added a two-point conversion run to put Guilderland ahead 32-14.

"Ryan Fanuele made a great break on the ball [on the interception]," said Penna. "It was a great football play."

Guilderland's special teams unit struck the first

blow midway through the first quarter. James McLaughlin charged through Bethlehem's line and blocked Jon Martin's punt attempt. Noah Poskanzer picked up the loose ball and ran into the end zone from three yards out to get the Dutchmen on the scoreboard.

O'Connor added to Guilderland's advantage early in the second quarter. Taking the snap in the Dutchmen's spread formation, the senior quarterback broke free from several Bethlehem defenders and sprinted 40 yards for Guilderland's second touchdown. Fanuele added the two-point conversion run, and the Dutchmen had a 16-0 lead.

Bethlehem got back in the game with a pair of touchdowns. The first came on Mike Graves' 20-yard scoring run midway through the second quarter, and the second came on a 4-yard touchdown pass from quarterback John

Gosstola to wide receiver Trey Silver as time expired in the first half. Silver had to leap for the ball in the back of the end zone and wrestle it away from a Guilderland defender in the process.

"It was a tremendous catch," said Leach. "The only difficult thing about Trey [Silver] is that he only really got going these last two weeks."

Bethlehem hung tough with Guilderland through the third quarter before the Dutchmen pulled away with their two fourth-quarter scoring drives. The Eagles managed one more touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but that was all Guilderland's defense would allow.

Henningham rushed for 57 yards and had one catch for 24 yards, and Conor Gallup gained 54 yards on eight carries for the Dutchmen. Graves led the Eagles with 84 rushing yards and two touchdowns, and Silver

caught five passes for 59 yards.

Guilderland travels to East Greenbush Friday to face a Columbia team that has won its last six games after suffering a 32-28 season-opening loss to Shaker. The Blue Devils (5-1, 6-1) wrapped up the Liberty Division title with a 53-12 victory over Colonie and Shaker's 30-27 loss to Niskayuna.

Penna said his Dutchmen will be ready for the challenge of facing Columbia. "I think any time you enter the playoffs, you have to enter them believing you can beat anybody, and I believe we have the team to do it," he said.

Bethlehem meets Niskayuna in a crossover game Friday, and Leach said his team will be looking to continue its string of solid performances after a rocky 1-2 start. "We played like a top-eight team tonight, even though we didn't wind up being one of the top eight," said Leach.

## Water

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four football games to be moved last weekend, the schools that got the call were Schenectady (twice), Shen and Amsterdam. When other athletic fields at those schools become unplayable, they simply move their games to the turf with minimal rescheduling involved.

And given the amount of wet weather we've had in the last year, it may be more vital than ever to have an artificial surface multi-purpose field. Besides being able to absorb large amounts of rain without the ponding that plagues some clay-based natural turf fields, it bounces back more quickly when winter's snow melts away so spring sports teams can get outside earlier. How valuable would that be to a school like Bethlehem, which has a drainage problem with its clay-based fields?

Is installing an artificial surface field expensive? Yes. Is it a stretch to say that most people would rather have a school's budget focused on academics over athletics, especially when the economy is as bad as it is? No.

But there is a way for school districts to make such a move without over-burdening local taxpayers; make it a separate proposition. Schuylerville went with such a move in 2010 when it wanted to install artificial turf on

its football field, and it passed. By adding it to a proposition for general capital improvements, most of the cost was covered by a state grant. Now, the Saratoga County school has a facility that can be used for both interscholastic contests and multiple physical education classes.

Even with all of that use, the fields themselves need little maintenance - at least, at the outset. No watering is needed, nor is there need for pest control. Just lay it out, mark it up and let the students go out there and use it. An occasional raking or aerating is all that is needed to keep the grass-like top layer in good shape.

I realize that I'm probably sounding like a shill for an artificial turf manufacturer, but the trend of switching to fake grass has grown over the last decade in Section II for a reason. School districts are realizing that they need to have a proper facility to give its students more opportunities to play outside, whether it's an interscholastic sport or a recreational game. And these districts can't do it without having an artificial surface field that can withstand the foul weather we are beginning to see on a regular basis. It's basic common sense.

It certainly beats having to tell a high school football team that it has to play an important home game somewhere else because its field is too soaked to use.

## Cieteks lead Guilderville

The Cietek sisters led the Guilderville girls swim team to a 103-76 victory at Gloversville-Mayfield in last Friday's duel meet.

Mackenzie Cietek had victories in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 freestyle, while Kendall Cietek finished first in the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly for Guilderville.

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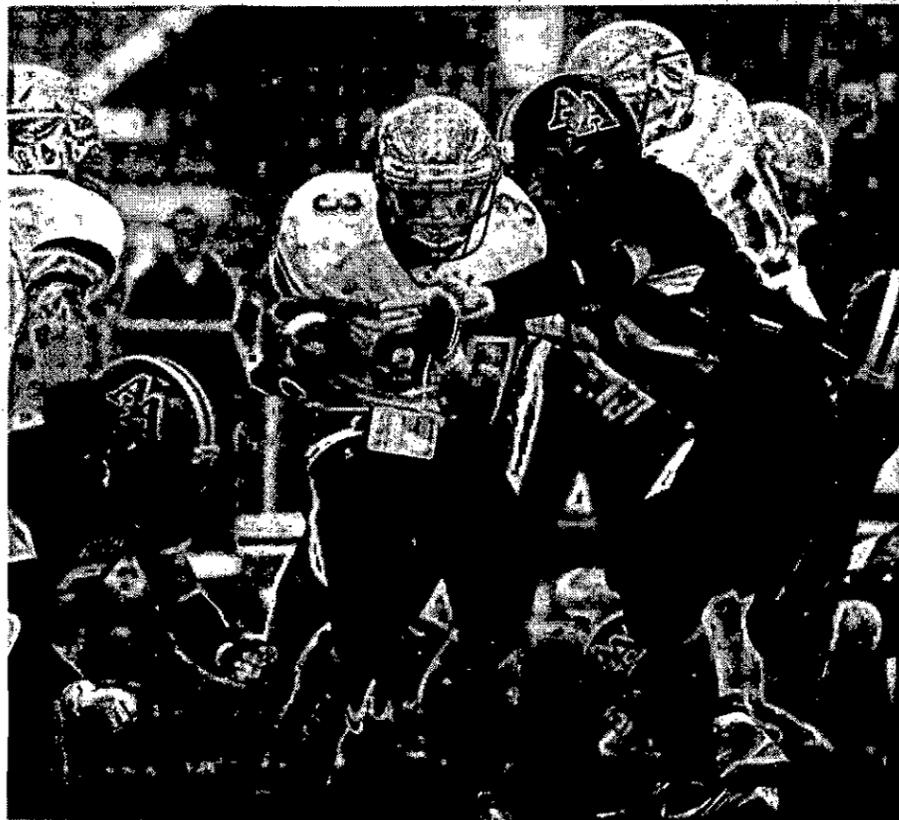


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Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk running back Cameron Greco tries to run past an Albany Academy defender during last Saturday's Reinfurt Division game. *Robert Goo/Spotlight*

## Cadets deny Indians first place

### White's TD run lifts Academy past RCS

The Albany Academy football team ended Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's bid for another Reinfurt Division title by beating the Indians 29-22 in last Saturday's game.

Darien White scored on a 29-yard run late in the fourth quarter to help the Cadets (4-0 division, 5-2 overall) win the game and earn the Reinfurt Division's No. 1 seed for the Section II Class B playoffs.

Academy quarterback Conner Hartigan had another big game. The senior rushed for 101 yards and two touchdowns, and

he completed eight of his 15 passes for 78 yards, a touchdown and a two-point conversion. Hartigan also kicked two extra points.

Hartigan got things going in the first quarter with a 6-yard touchdown run. Then, he connected with David Bryce on a 24-yard scoring pass to put Academy ahead 14-0.

RCS (3-1, 5-2) cut into the deficit late in the second quarter when Dylan Keyer scored on a 1-yard run. The Indians then took their first and only lead in the third quarter on a 65-yard touchdown pass from Conner Zeoli to Cameron Greco.

Academy responded with a fourth-quarter scoring

drive capped by Hartigan's 15-passed 78 yards, a touchdown and a two-point conversion. Hartigan then found Bryce in the end zone for a two-point conversion pass to put the Cadets ahead 22-15.

Zeoli threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Stewart later in the fourth quarter. Harlan Hoose added the extra point to tie the game at 22 for RCS.

Academy quickly moved the ball into RCS territory, and White finished the series with his first touchdown of the season to give the Cadets the lead for good.

Zeoli had his best game of the season for RCS. The sophomore quarterback completed nine of 16 passes for 201 yards and two touchdowns.

## Burgher

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kills, a volleyball player would need to average 250 per season for four years if she joins the varsity team as a freshman. And in order to record a kill, a player must hit the ball in such a way that it lands out of the reach of the six players on the other side of the net or otherwise can't be returned.

Burgher got close to the milestone by averaging five kills per set through Loudonville Christian's Central Hudson Valley League schedule this season. But that average took a hit last week when the Eagles - a Class C school - played two Class AA Suburban Council schools, Bethlehem and Niskayuna. Burgher had nine kills in Loudonville Christian's 3-0 victory over Bethlehem last Wednesday to get her to 991 for her career.

Niskayuna's defense proved to be tough for Burgher and her Loudonville Christian teammates to break last Friday, though. Allie Legere and Katelyn Lampman were put in charge of blocking Burgher at the net, and the duo did a good job in the first three games as they limited Burgher to seven kills.

"A lot has to do with the set. If she doesn't have the right set [from a teammate], she wouldn't try to go for the kill," said coach Burgher. "Niskayuna was very good at blocking, too. So, it was very iffy if she was going to get it."

It wasn't until the fourth game when Burgher reached her milestone, and it couldn't have come at a better time. Trailing 21-16, Burgher spiked the ball into a tight space between two Niskayuna defenders to reach 1,000 kills and give the

Eagles new life in the game.

"It was on my mind," said Hattie. "I was going back and forth between how many kills I had to go and how many points were left in the match."

Once Burgher had her milestone, Loudonville Christian focused on winning the fourth game and the match, but Niskayuna had other ideas. The Eagles won six of the next eight points to tie the game at 23 before the Silver Warriors took the next two points to earn a 25-23 victory and force a fifth game. Niskayuna pulled away for a 25-16 win in the final game to take the match 3-2.

"I tell the kids that we have to finish in three [games] because we don't have the stamina," said coach Burgher. "We don't have the kids to make all the substitutions that we need to make."

Still, neither Burgher was disappointed by the outcome of the match.

"To me, [the loss] didn't really overshadow what I did that night," said Hattie. "Niskayuna is a great team, and we fought hard. Sometimes, that's all you can do."

"Honestly, my girls played well, so I was happy," said Rosemary. "We absolutely had fun. Yes it was intense, but the kids finally got the chance to use all of their skills in a match."

Loudonville Christian's focus now shifts back to wrapping up its sixth consecutive CHVL championship and the upcoming Section II Class C tournament, where the Eagles are looking to advance into the state tournament.

"I think it's going to take an extreme amount of determination not just from me, but from the whole team," said Hattie.

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### Sports in the Spotlight

# Dutch secure playoff berth



## Guilderland runs past Bethlehem in showdown

By ROB JONAS  
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The Guilderland football team used its feet to defeat Bethlehem.

The Dutchmen (3-3 division, 4-3 overall) ran for more than 230 yards and three touchdowns on their way to a 32-20 victory over the Eagles in last Friday's Empire Division game at Shenendehowa High School -- a move necessitated by heavy rains that made Bethlehem's field unplayable.

The win secured fourth place for Guilderland and a berth in next week's Section II Class AA playoffs against Liberty Division champion Columbia, while Bethlehem (2-4, 2-5) dropped into fifth place and the consolation round.

"This season wasn't as pretty as what we drew up before the season began," said Guilderland quarterback Tim O'Connor. "But we got here [to the playoffs], and that's all that matters."

Normally, the Dutchmen balance the run with a short passing attack. But when a steady rain fell during the second half, Guilderland went almost exclusively to the run. The move paid off early in the fourth quarter when the Dutchmen put together a scoring drive purely on runs that gave them a 24-14 lead.

"We don't like using weather as an excuse, but the ball was pretty slick," said O'Connor, who rushed for 82 yards and passed for 63 yards. "We had some success running the ball, so we kept doing it."

"With our offense, we want to attack with a balance of running and passing, but sometimes circumstances dictate how you're going to attack," said Guilderland coach Dan Penna.

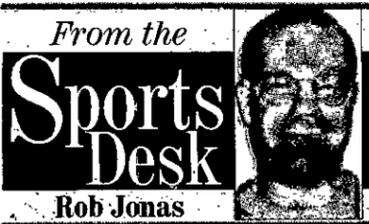
Guilderland's decisive drive was set up by a daring Bethlehem play that fell flat. Trailing by two points and with the ball near midfield, the Eagles tried a fake punt that Guilderland stopped. A short time later, Tony Stanish capped the Dutchmen drive with a 2-

Four Bethlehem defenders try to stop Guilderland's Conor Gallup during the first half of last Friday's Empire Division game at Shenendehowa High School. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

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## Too much water plagues fields

Rain has had an unusually high impact on area high school sports schedules this fall. For example:



• Mekeel Christian Academy (formerly Schenectady Christian School) couldn't use its home soccer fields at Glenville's Maalwyck Park for the first two weeks of September because the park was closed due to flooding from the effects of tropical storms Irene and Lee.

• Shaker and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake played an early-season boys soccer game at a Latham indoor soccer complex because Shaker's varsity soccer field was too wet to use. Another Shaker boys soccer game was played at the North Colonie Soccer Complex for the same reason.

• The Bethlehem football team had to play its final two scheduled home games at other facilities because its field was unplayable. The Eagles traveled to Columbia two weeks ago instead of playing the Blue Devils at home, and they "hosted" Guilderland at Shenendehowa High School last weekend.

• Last week's wet weather also forced Niskayuna, LaSalle and Bishop Maginn to play football games at neutral sites that had artificial turf because their natural turf fields became unplayable.

None of those examples even have to do with schools that were directly impacted by the remnants of Irene and Lee -- places such as Schoharie, Middleburgh and Windham.

Why am I bringing this up? I believe that it's time more school districts actively try to find ways of installing multi-purpose artificial surface fields.

Look at the impact these fields have had on the school districts that have installed them. Amsterdam, Broadalbin-Perth, Columbia, Schenectady, Schuylerville, Shen and Stillwater are all regular sites for a variety of Section II fall and spring championship games, and Troy may join that list now that it has one. When rain forced

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## Burgher makes history

### Selkirk resident gets 1,000th kill against Nisky

By ROB JONAS  
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Hattie Burgher reached a milestone few high school volleyball players even think about.

The Loudonville Christian School senior recorded her 1,000<sup>th</sup> kill in the Eagles' 3-2 non-league loss to Niskayuna last Friday.

"I think all of my hard work and dedication paid off," said Burgher, a Selkirk resident. "I attribute all of my success to my team and my coach."

Hattie's coach at Loudonville Christian School is her mother, Rosemary Burgher. And Rosemary attributed Hattie's success as an outside hitter to her ability to read the opposing team's formation on the court.

"Hattie has what they call a very good volleyball IQ," said coach Burgher. "You can have a lot of strength and a lot of skill, but she has the ability to see how the defense is lined up and she can anticipate where to hit it. She can almost utilize the opponent to score a kill."

In order to reach 1,000

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Hattie Burgher, second from right, is congratulated by her Loudonville Christian teammates after recording her 1,000th kill in last Friday's non-league home match against Niskayuna from the Suburban Council. Rob Jonas/Spotlight