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BCHS senior Phoebe Gatta, an aspiring fashion designer, has already made a name for herself with striking and colorful designs.

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Fun for all ages

Ellis Paul will offer something for kids and adults alike when he visits Caffe Lena in Saratoga Springs this weekend.

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The second half of 2011 brought a lot of excitement to area sports fans.

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Long list for Town Board seat

Bethlehem members meeting with hopefuls

By GREG FRY
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With a Bethlehem Town Board seat set to be vacated at the start of 2012, the four known members of the board are meeting with a lengthy list of candidates interested in an appointment to the body, and for the first time, a list of names has been revealed.

Incoming Supervisor John Clarkson has identified eight candidates he's considering for the position, including former state commissioners, former board members and Bethlehem residents who are active in town government.

All eight, Clarkson said, have told him that they have no interest in holding the seat past 2012, a factor the supervisor-elect has said is important to him.

"These are people who I know of or know well enough that I've asked the other board

members to consider them," said Clarkson.

Clarkson said there have been "at least a couple" of resumes that have been submitted to the town in addition to the eight names. He said there may be people who have expressed interest to other board members as well. In all, nine names are now known. They include former Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham, who announced Dec. 14 that he would seek appointment to the board.

"At some point, they (the board) may
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Back from the brink



Normanside changed hands in early 2011; improvements slated for 2012

In February, the future of the Normanside Country Club in Delmar was very much in question.

Months after a debate that even included discussions of the property becoming municipally owned, the club's new owners are putting new life into Normanside, while keeping the amenities that members were accustomed to.

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"By the end of the year, we were happy with where things were at, how things progressed, and it beat our expectations," said David Hostig, the director of operations at Normanside.

Hostig's family, along with Rafael Flores, who owns country clubs elsewhere, made up an investment team that purchased the club for \$1,575,000. The chief change the group instituted was to open up the once-private course to the public.

Memberships were reinstituted at a reduced price, too, but Hostig said the quality didn't suffer at all. He said members had the same experience but saw improvements to the golf course and an upgrade to the food being served at the club.

"We're seeing a lot of people looking into memberships that didn't have the country club membership before, or may not have been affiliated with the club," said Hostig. "They are not just old members who were members at Normanside before."

He added that they are still seeing many of those who had Normanside memberships in the past.



Rounds of golf are also available for non-members, and one constant mission for Hostig and staff is to promote the club's restaurant, Grille One Six Five, which is open to the public.

"The hardest thing for us right now is getting people to realize that this restaurant is here, first off, because we're not right on the main road, and also that we are open to the public," said Hostig.

The new ownership group put in a bid that exceeded the \$1.5 million figure submitted by the Town of Bethlehem. Hostig said the relationship

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2011
the year in review

The top stories of 2011

Last week, The Spotlight looked back at the stories that made headlines in the first six months of 2011. This week, we look at the top stories from the second half of the year.

July

• **Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District** Superintendent Daniel Teplesky announces he will leave the district for a similar job leading the Monticello School District in Sullivan County. Teplesky says he's proud of the work the district accomplished in improving student achievement. The district launches a search for a new leader.

• **Larry Deyss**, the pastor at the Delmar Presbyterian Church for 30 years, steps down from the pulpit. Deyss, who was celebrated during an event at Normanside Country Club, says he has no special plans for retirement. The church selects Robert Foltz-Morrison as interim pastor.

• The five fire departments that serve Bethlehem, along with parts of Guilderland and New Scotland, band together for a study aimed at maximizing efficiency and promoting collaboration. Fire officials ask residents to complete an online survey about the fire service they receive in their neighborhoods.

• The Delmar Fire Department celebrates its 100th anniversary. The department, which started in 1911 with a single, horse-drawn hose cart, remains all volunteer

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BC senior prepared to enter world of fashion

Slingerlands student has made name for herself at young age

By GREG FRY
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Phoebe Gatta has six months until she graduates from Bethlehem Central High School, but since third grade, she's known that she wanted to be an artist.

Specifically, Gatta has her eyes set on the fashion world, and she has made a name for herself at a young age with striking and colorful designs.

"I think why I've known what I wanted to do is because I've been influenced by such strong personalities like my mom, my sister, and my dad," said Gatta while displaying some of her pieces at her home.

While she has received some of her training at BC High, Gatta has sharpened her skills during weekend and summer college courses offered by the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, along with classes put on by Syracuse University and Marist College.

Gatta has created a multitude of pieces, from quilts with intricate designs to handbags and accessories that she displays through her Facebook page (P. R. G. Designs).

Like any teenager, Gatta has times when she isn't sure what the future holds. When she starts a piece, however, the picture gets a lot clearer.

"I tell my parents all the time that I can stay up until 2 a.m. and not even think an hour has gone by because I'm so involved with the piece that I'm doing, I'm in love with it so much, that I just can't think of doing anything else," said Gatta.

Part of her drive and inspiration can be traced back to her mother, Deidre, who has an art background and years of experience as a successful interior designer. That experience has helped her to guide her daughter.

"Being an artist, I actually would take a step back and I wouldn't say anything unless she would approach me," said Deidre Gatta. "Then, I would give her sometimes a tough



BC High senior Phoebe Gatta is pictured with BC teacher Diane Segal. Gatta has taken extensive college-level courses, but credits her high school teachers for helping her create some of her work.

TOP RIGHT: Gatta said she was inspired by a trip to Italy when creating this abstract quilt. She has received numerous awards for her work. This quilt won her an award from the New York State Federation of Women.

LOWER RIGHT: Gatta is hoping to enter the world of fashion. She hopes to one day own her own boutique or be an assistant designer. She has received numerous awards for her artwork and fashion accessories.



Submitted photos

criticism, because I remember my time in college. The professors can be extremely tough on you."

While offering advice, Deidre Gatta understands what the future could hold for her daughter.

"Being in the profession, I've seen people that have the

potential, and that don't," said Gatta. "She has it, and I feel the colleges that she's looking at and the classes that she's taking, she'll do very well. She knows that it is a long road."

For now, Phoebe Gatta is creating more designs, mainly accessory pieces. She is exploring more and more opportunities, and has even met with a designer in the

Schenectady area to try and land an internship. She knows, however, that she lives a little more than two hours north from New York City, a major fashion hub.

"I am trying to get some things here, but every time I go into the city, I fall in love with it more and more. I've always felt like that's where I've wanted to

be," said Gatta.

Gatta said she pictures herself as an assistant designer or owning her own boutique. However, she remains grounded and knows she has to take things one step at a time.

"She's one of these very fortunate students where she knows where she wants to be," said Deidre Gatta.



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ABOVE: Ground was broken at the Vista Technology Park in October. By the end of the year, work was well under way on Vista Boulevard, the first step for the large development.

LEFT: Community groups, classic cars and Santa Claus all took part in the Town of Bethlehem's annual Holiday Parade down Delaware Avenue on Friday, Dec. 2



ABOVE: Rocky, a Guilderland Police Department K-9, puts on a show at Guilderland's National Night out on Aug. 2 at Tawasentha Park.



LEFT: Tropical Storms Irene and Lee devastated outlying areas of the Capital District, and also triggered an outpouring of support for those affected. Here, a member of the Delmar United Methodist Church helps load donations of furniture to be shipped to victims in Schoharie County whose homes were inundated by floodwaters.

BELOW: Three women standing in front of St. Matthews Roman Catholic Church in Voorheesville were killed in August, when an SUV careened off the road and ran them down. At the end of the year, an investigation is still ongoing.



RIGHT: An Eagle Elementary School student steps off the bus on the first day of school, Sept. 8. While class was held as scheduled in the BC School District, schools southward in RCS were kept closed due to heavy flooding of that area.



BELOW: The race for Bethlehem Town Supervisor took a number of twists and turns, ending in the eventual election of John Clarkson for the top office. Here, supervisor candidates meet in a debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters and The Spotlight.



BELOW: A spate of vandalism to BC schools property over the summer and into the fall culminates in the arson of an equipment shed near the middle school. A 13-year-old is ultimately charged with the crime.



BELOW: The Altamont Fair featured the North American debut of The Stinger, a stomach churning contraption that spun riders 85 feet above the ground of the Reithoffer Shows midway. 2011 was the second year that fair admission included unlimited rides.



ABOVE: A November armed robbery of the TD Bank on Delaware Avenue in Delmar summoned waves of police to the area. Pictured here at the scene are Bethlehem police Chief Louis Corsi and Deputy Chief Timothy Beebe. No arrests had been made by year's end.

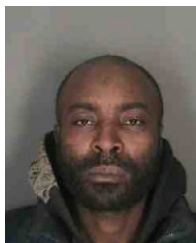
LEFT: A camper at the Guilderland YMCA's Camp Nassau cools off in style on a hot August day. The yearly YMCA Strong Kids Day drew 750 day campers to the park.



Police Blotter

Police: Man assumed dead brother's identity

The Albany County Sheriff's Office reported the arrest of a man they say gave authorities his dead brother's name when stopped Dec. 22 in New Scotland.



Jean M. Cesar

Jean M. Cesar, 41, of Haiti was stopped along Route 443 after a Sheriff's sergeant observed a traffic violation. Cesar gave authorities a Pennsylvania license with the name Jean H. Cesar.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Cesar was found in possession of more than two grams of crack cocaine and two plastic bags of marijuana. He was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony. Cesar was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility.

Further investigation revealed that Cesar used the identification of his brother, who died in August.

Cesar was also charged with forgery, a felony. He was set to be arraigned Dec. 30 in New Scotland Town Court, and will also be re-arraigned under his real name on the drug charges against him.

The Sheriff's Office said Cesar faces forgery and criminal impersonation charges in Colonie for allegedly using a false name when booked into the Correctional Facility.

Because Cesar is not a citizen, U.S. Customs and Immigrations Officers are investigating the matter as well, according to the Sheriff's Office. Cesar is also wanted in Georgia for a parole violation.

Mall brawl leads to two arrests

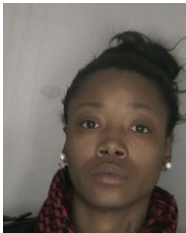
Two men have been arrested after a fight broke out at Crossgates Mall, with the victims sustaining minor injuries. Guilderland police received a call at 5:37 p.m. on Dec. 28 about a fight between four people inside the mall. Police said Kevin Miguel Fontanez, 19, and Roberto Alexander Valentin, Jr., 20, used nunchucks, a knife and a baton during the fight with the intent to injure the other men. Fontanez and Valentin were each charged with assault with intent to cause physical injury with a weapon, a felony.

Police: Woman had 35 lbs. of pot

A traffic stop ended with an Albany woman being hit with drug charges on Sunday, Dec. 18, according to State Police reports.

State Police arrested Nyketa S. Hiltz, 25, of Albany, and charged her with criminal possession of marijuana, a felony, according to police reports.

Around 5:44 p.m., police stopped Hiltz' 2001 Lexus on I-787 in the City of Albany for having an unsecured rear license plate and Hiltz was found to be in possession of a large suitcase that contained about 35 pounds of marijuana, according to police reports.



Nyketa S. Hiltz

Hiltz was arraigned and remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

Woman charged with theft from booster club

A Clifton Park woman was arrested for allegedly stealing from a booster club on Friday, Dec. 23, according to State Police reports.

Kelly DeRosa, 44, of Clifton Park, was charged with two counts of grand larceny in the third degree, falsifying business records in the first degree and three counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, all felonies, as well as petit larceny.

State Police received a complaint of a larceny from the Ultimate Cheer Booster Club in the Town of Colonie, and while investigating the report it was discovered that DeRosa stole \$9,040 from the club and \$32,440 from the Pepsico Foundation, according to police reports. DeRosa was also found to have stolen a check from the Booster Club which she then forged, and she forged contract applications to Pepsico in order to fraudulently receive donations, according to police reports.



Kelly DeRosa

Nurses honored for work in 2011



The Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Saratoga and Rensselaer recently celebrated their 28th year of Staff Recognition. This year's event was held on November 30th. Twenty-six employees were honored along with Ann Bradley of Albany with 35 years of service. From left: BACK ROW: Susan Larman (CEO) Christine Fitzgerald (Albany) Martha Winner (Clifton Park) Mary Susan Gilbert (Cohoes) Margaret Gavagan (Ballston Lake) Karen Curran (East Greenbush) Mary Rutnik-Perkins (Albany) Robin Craig (Schenectady) Fred Kitzow (Delmar) Tamare Bacon (Petersburgh) Richard Forschmidt (Clifton Park) and Anders Tomlin (President Board of Trustees). FRONT ROW: Carol Lawrence Hylton (Director of Human Resources) Marcia Katt (Latham) Margaret Evans (Schenectady) Susan Caesar (Delmar) Ann Bradley (Albany) Joanne Bennett (Albany) Nilda Torres (Albany) and Lanette Marciniec (Albany). NOT PICTURED: Felicia Copeland (Troy) Valerie D'Esposito (Averill Park) Renuka Ramkobair (Schenectady) Kathleen Conway (Hannacroix) Carole Sheifer (Ballston Lake) Mary Demos (Mechanicville) John Fraher (CFO) Bonnie Halabudta (Clifton Park) and Barbara Joralemon-Rogers (Slingerlands).

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Mom, daughter charged with burglaries

State Police arrested a mother and daughter for allegedly burglarizing several homes in the towns of Princetown and Duanesburg.

State Police on Tuesday, Dec. 20, received a complaint of a daytime burglary at a Princetown residence. As police were investigating the reported burglary, a woman called police claiming she had been woken by an unknown female in her residence. The witness provided police with a description of the woman and the vehicle in which she fled from the witness' home.

A short time later, State Police saw a vehicle

matching the description and police stopped the vehicle on State Route 159 in Princetown. The occupants of the vehicle were Terry Hutton, 49, of 2205 Broadway Avenue, Schenectady, and her daughter Crystal Renkawitz, 28, of 1068 Pleasant Street, Schenectady.

Several items of stolen property from area residences were allegedly located inside the vehicle.

The investigation led police to obtain a search warrant for Renkawitz's apartment, where they allegedly found several more items of stolen property reported to be taken from recent burglaries in Princetown. Police believe the suspects are responsible for at least five other burglaries

in Princetown and Duanesburg.

State Police arrested Hutton and Renkawitz on the charge of burglary in the second degree, a felony.

Both women were arraigned before Town of Princetown Justice Michelle VaWoeart. Hutton was remanded to the Schenectady County jail without bail and Renkawitz was remanded to the county jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Other arrests


• Bethlehem police charged Donte Lamonte Brown, 35, of 131 Ryckman Avenue in Albany with DWI. Police stopped Brown Dec. 11 on Delaware Avenue near the Albany city line for allegedly speeding.

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Celebrating milestones with our Sweet Patriarch

By Robin Shrager Sutor

Disclaimer: The following is not a eulogy.

I say this because every time I write something about my father he claims it's his eulogy. Or he makes photocopies of the column and offers to sign them for people in his apartment building. Once he made me sign the complimentary issue of the newspaper kept in the coffee shop, as if I were some kind of celebrity. He is obviously a proud papa. What other kind of guy keeps on his desk until retirement a pencil holder fashioned out of Popsicle sticks painted blue?

So, in December 2010, inspired by Neil Diamond, I wrote a birthday song for my dad, honoring his various hobbies and accomplishments. All the kids and grandkids were present, including my nephew Joe who had just returned from a semester in Spain. Together we sang "Sweet Patriarch" (to the tune of "Sweet Caroline"):

Where it began
Was back in Brooklyn,
New York
In the year 1929;
Gittel the mom
Gave birth to baby Jerry
She raised him to be
mighty fine;
Hands, carving wood



Carving clocks,
Clocks for me, Clocks
for you;
Sweet Patriarch
(ba, ba, bahmm)
You are here
And we feel good
(so good, so good, so
good)
We've grown up fine
Just the way you knew
we would;
Joe's back from Spain
Everyone's back in New
York
And today you turn 81;
You're an old guy
Still acting like your
sixteen
Telling us jokes and
having fun;
Poker, Playing Poker
Winning Cash
Cash for me, Cash for
you;
Sweet Patriarch
(ba, ba, bahmm)
You are here
And we feel good
(so good, so good, so
good)
We've grown up fine
Just the way you knew
we would
Three months after
his birthday, despite
feeling particularly

crappy, my dad kept his promise to come see his granddaughter perform in her high school play. It was five minutes before opening curtain. Outside the auditorium door my brother, sister and I were standing in the lobby circling the chair in which my father was seated. Dad looked like hell. He wasn't sure he had the breath or energy to walk to his seat. "Should we be going to the emergency room?" we asked.

"No," said Dad, "I told you I'd come to the school play. And then we'll all go out to dinner."

Despite numerous medical issues, my dad has kept up his spirits by looking forward to and participating in a series of family milestones: a bat mitzvah, a birthday, an awards ceremony, a concert, a play, etc.

And yet, there are times when it's more important to seek medical attention than to attend the school play. You don't want to have to say to your child, "Grandpa was here, honey, but we can only give him partial credit for attendance. Unfortunately he keeled over in the lobby before the announcement regarding the emergency

exits and prohibitions on flash photography."

Since my father is not one to be bossed around by his three grown, loving, responsible children, we helped him to his seat. During the show I monitored his oxygen tanks and woke him up whenever my daughter was on stage.

After the show, when Dad barely had the energy to exit the auditorium, we again asked, "Should we be going to the emergency room?"

"No," said Dad, "I want us to go out to dinner."

At the restaurant Dad remained unusually quiet. No joking with us, no flirting with the waitress. Clearly he felt awful.

The next day he was admitted to the hospital. It was the end of March.

At my office, a colleague asked about my dad. I told her, "He's got fluid on his lungs, so they put him on some diuretics." I said this in the same manner that someone might say, "Yeah we've got some water in the basement, but we've cleaned out the French drain and the sump pump is taking care of the situation."

My colleague said,

"Congestive heart failure or pneumonia?"

"Um, all I've heard is that he's got fluid on his lungs."

She said, "That means either congestive heart failure or pneumonia."

I thought to myself: Well, no one's mentioned anything to me about him having pneumonia, and congestive heart failure sounds really, really bad, so I'm sticking with "fluid on the lungs" which sounds somewhat less ominous.

It was congestive heart failure, which is really, really bad.

And yet, after four nights, he was discharged. Two weeks later the kidney specialist asked, "Who do you live with?" Dad responded, "No one. My wife couldn't stand me anymore, so she left me." The doctor was writing notes so he didn't see me rolling my eyes. He asked, "How long have you lived alone?" Dad replied with the exact date, to which the doctor asked, "Is that how long you've been divorced?" I jumped in, "He's NOT divorced. My mother didn't leave him. She died. He was making a joke." I wanted to smack him, but I decided instead to be grateful that he was

still alive.

Six months later, in November, Dad was back in the hospital. It was congestive heart failure again. After a week the diuretics started to take a major toll on his kidneys.

My birthday was now just five days away, "You bastard," I told him, "you better not die on my birthday. Plus your birthday is next month."

"I'll try to hang on until at least your birthday," he said quietly, making it clear that he was at peace, and he was not afraid to die. And yet, it was not his time.

It's hard to convey the joy and wonder my family felt when we gathered for Dad's 82nd birthday on December 20th. After dinner we sang a revised version of "Sweet Patriarch." This year, Joe had just returned from Oregon, and the phrase "telling us jokes and having fun" was changed to "telling us jokes both old and new" to rhyme with "82."

We continue to identify family milestones for my dad to focus on, while recognizing that every single day we can spend with him is an extraordinary blessing.



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Remarkable year for area

The time has finally come to say goodbye to 2011 and welcome in 2012.

Though it inevitably always feels as if the year has flown by, for the Capital District these past 12 months will almost surely go down as some of the most momentous in recent memory when it comes to local news.

For the communities we cover, this year rarely lacked for interesting stories. Whether it was hard-fought local elections, debate over the future of the entire Capital District or simply a heartwarming story about the good works so many groups and individuals are doing to help the less fortunate, 2011 was noteworthy in every way.

That’s, of course, not to mention the story of the year in most places across the country: the slow, sometimes faltering economic recovery and its impact on people from all walks of life. We predict this will continue to be a major issue come 2012, as many municipal governments struggled this year to come up with budgets that wouldn’t put people out of work or reduce services.

You can take a fond stroll down memory lane through our Year in Review coverage, which includes all the highlights of the year, along with the less notable, but equally important, tidbits of local news you may have missed.

For us here at *The Spotlight*, 2011 has been a year of great change, and of great growth. Many of you who encounter our reporters at town meetings and events have seen some new faces (always feel free to say hello, by the way), and we’ve also strengthened our commitment to local news by investing in a new web platform that not only delivers content to our readers better and faster, but allows them to interact with us and one another in new and exciting ways.

As we mentioned, this is not only a time for reflection but also a time for looking ahead, and we can unequivocally say this coming year holds for us true excitement. We will soon be welcoming a new cohort of public officials into various offices, some of whom have bold new ideas for the Capital District, and following the many big stories of this year that remain unresolved.

But perhaps what’s most exciting about the coming year is also the thing that remains constant: the people who live in our communities. We look forward to learning more about our remarkable residents, telling their stories and hopefully helping make this area a better place along the way.

To all our readers, a Happy New Year.

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Editorial

Face to face vs. Facebook to Facebook

By Maggie Whelan

The writer is a resident of Slingerlands.

OK, I admit it. I hate Facebook.

Now, I don’t hate a lot of things. I am a lover, not a hater. I do hate brussels sprouts, turnips, mean people, war and Facebook.

I know it may sound a bit extreme but I am going to try to explain why I have such strong feelings about what appears to be a harmless hobby.

It has nothing to do with technology or computers or being 60 and not wanting to accept new things. I do own a Mac and even a Nook. Overall, I am open to this futuristic culture we are doomed to create. But Facebook is more than I can handle. Here are the reasons:

1. If my family wants to tease, humiliate, insult and embarrass each other, we should be allowed to do it in person so we can all enjoy the degradation.

After all, seeing the hurt faces, smelling the smoke coming out of each other’s ears and mopping up the tears is a gift we should all share in. We shouldn’t be spared the live drama. Isn’t that what family is all about?

2. I don’t want to know, nor do I have any interest, in what time everyone got out of bed, what the traffic was like on the way to work or what workmates were wearing.

I especially don’t want to know who has a headache, stomach ache, or pinky toe ache. It is none of my business if a family member is taking a mental health day or didn’t sleep at all the night before.

Leave me out of broken hearts, broken cars and clogged toilets. I knew all these details as they were

Point of View

growing up and we lived in the same house and don’t care any more, frankly.

3. “But Mom, the pictures we post are great...” Yes, I admit I have a beautiful family but they all live within miles of me and I know what they look like.

4. A friend says, “You can get in touch with old school buddies, people you haven’t seen in years.” That’s the point, isn’t it? I haven’t seen them in years, what do I have to say to them?

5. Recently, people I know learned of new pregnancies, births, engagements and even deaths on FB. Now, come on, really?

6. Lastly, the final straw... my husband Jim finally joined FB. Now, when we first got a computer he called it “the machine.”

It took years for him to accept email and he just recently got a basic cell phone. He’s been behind the times for longer than most people. But now, he’s on Facebook.

I have to admit there are some advantages as he has many more people on Facebook who are his “friends” and really care about his daily schedule. At home, he doesn’t even have one...unless of course I need something picked up at the grocery store. But, he has been bitten by the FB bug and I don’t think there’s any way I can win him back.

Since this new

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phenomenon has grown to such epic proportions, things have changed dramatically. I am at a family gathering. I am attempting to have a conversation. I get half a sentence out and the response is, “Oh, yeah, I saw that on Facebook.”

So I conclude with this obituary. Face to face conversations died circa 2010-2011. They lived a long life and provided friends and families with the opportunity to share grievances, feelings, information and stories. The stories will be missed the most.

It provided much support for those facing the difficult challenges life hands us and will be sorely missed. Conversations are survived by texts, emails, Facebook and other social networking sites. Also facing extermination are handshakes, hugs, pats on the back and smiles.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

'Thank you' to residents Keep Cunningham out of Bethlehem government of Guilderland

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Since my Guilderland Town Board term ended December 31st, I want to thank the Spotlight readers who live in Guilderland for the privilege of representing you these past four years.

I am grateful for that honor, to be able to speak up on your behalf. You were always my top consideration. Though I have left the Board, I will

continue to do whatever I can to make our town a better place. Never hesitate to contact me if I can help you in any way.

I wish all my Board colleagues good health and much happiness. May God always bless Guilderland. Happy New Year to you all.

*Mark Grimm
Former Guilderland
Town Board member*

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

It is troublesome for me to see a former Town Supervisor seeking Town Board support to fill a Board seat that will become vacant on January 1, 2012.

I am a member of the Independence Party. I vote for the person who I believe will do the best for our Town. I am not alone. In recent elections Bethlehem voters have responded in a clear and resounding way they want elected officials who serve their community, not politics and themselves, first. They have rejected self-serving candidates who have a misguided sense of their right to hold public office.

Apparently Democratic Party Vice-Chairman Cunningham and his protégé Democratic Committee member Kyle Kotary have not

gotten this message -- a message that was clearly delivered over two years ago when Sam Messina, Independence Party member, was elected Town Supervisor, defeating Mr. Cunningham and his regime of entitlement, money, and power.

Once again, this year, the residents of our Town made their voice heard when they chose John Clarkson for Town Supervisor. In doing so they rejected Mr. Kotary's bid to dominate the election process by taking away voter choice and grabbing all major party lines. Mr. Clarkson, a Democrat and first-time candidate, won the primary nearly 2 to 1 over Mr. Kotary who was the Democratic Committee's hand-picked choice. In the general election for Town Supervisor the people of Bethlehem again issued

a referendum for change by voting almost 3 to 1 in favor of Mr. Clarkson.

Despite the fact that there has been a consistent message from the people of Bethlehem, the Democratic Committee has failed to recognize their leaders are out of touch with the voting public. This is an insult to the good and wise residents of Bethlehem.

Supervisor Elect John Clarkson is advocating the vacant Board seat be filled by a Town Board appointment of a professional person who will serve our Town for a term of one year, with the understanding that this person will not seek to run for that office at the end of the year. There are several highly qualified candidates who want to serve our Town in this interim period. I strongly support this method of filling the

vacancy as it is clearly in the best interest of the residents of Bethlehem. Clarkson's proposal is both creative and professional, and promotes transparency in government. It prevents a person from being appointed to the Board, then running as an "incumbent." The big question is: Will sitting Town Board members Kyle Kotary, Joann Dawson, and Jeffrey Kuhn vote to support Supervisor Clarkson's proposal for appointment of a professional?

Let Mr. Cunningham and whoever else wants to seek election to the Town Board seat run in a special election to be held in one year. Give the voting public a chance to decide—free of backroom politics.

*Neal Sorell
Delmar*

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The Bethlehem Food Pantry is in need of coffee, tea, juice, cleaning products, shampoo, deodorant and all types of non-perishable food. Bring your donations to the Town Hall Senior Services Office. Call 439-4955, ext. 1174 for more information or if you need to use the food pantry.

Get ready for tax time. A.A.R.P. tax counseling will be available on Wednesdays starting on February 8, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 after Jan. 3 to make an appointment. Transportation can be arranged.

Our outreach workers are available to assist with Home Energy Assistance Program (H.E.A.P.) applications for help with heating related bills. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment.

Bethlehem Senior Services and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., provide transportation for town residents, age 60 and over, to medical, dental, therapy, and clinic appointments. Call 439-5770 to make reservations.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

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

Thursday, Jan. 12

•The Senior Legal Services Program provides free legal services for Albany County residents, age 60 and older. The program will meet at 10:30 am to



noon. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for an appointment.

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

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

Friday, Jan. 13

•The Health and Wellness Program presents "Save Energy, Save Dollars", by Maria DeLucia, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County. You will learn low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. You will also learn about subsidies, low-interest loans, or free services for qualifying households. The free program will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Join us for lunch beforehand, cost on your own, at the Windowbox Café. Call 439-4955, ext. 1167, to make lunch reservations.

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

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

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

Seniors invited to EPIC presentation

Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D is over, but you can still enroll in EPIC or change your 2012 Part D plan, if enrolled in EPIC. Candy Rivera Whitehead, EPIC Outreach Representative, will be at Guilderland Town Hall on Thursday, Jan. 26, for a presentation from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m. in the Town Board Room.

The presentation will cover:

EPIC eligibility

The benefits of having EPIC and Medicare Part D together

How EPIC can save you more money in the Part D Coverage Gap or "Donut Hole"

Who is eligible for Part D premium assistance with EPIC

Peggy Moran from the Albany County Health Insurance Counseling Program will also be available to assist attendees on evaluating their 2012 Part D Plan.

Transportation service

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

HEAP program

Cold months approach. Heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under: \$2146 for one person, or \$2806 for two people, etc., are eligible for the Heating

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Assistance Program called HEAP. This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each person is dependent on income.

Monday, Jan. 2

Town Hall Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 3

9 a.m. OsteoBusters

11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Turkey Pot Pie or Cold Plate

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

Wednesday, Jan. 4

9 a.m. Zumba

10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster

10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness

1 p.m. Needlecraft

1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, Jan. 5

Scheduled Shopping

9 a.m. OsteoBusters

9 a.m. Zumba

1 p.m. Mahjongg

1:15 Pinochle

Friday, Jan. 6

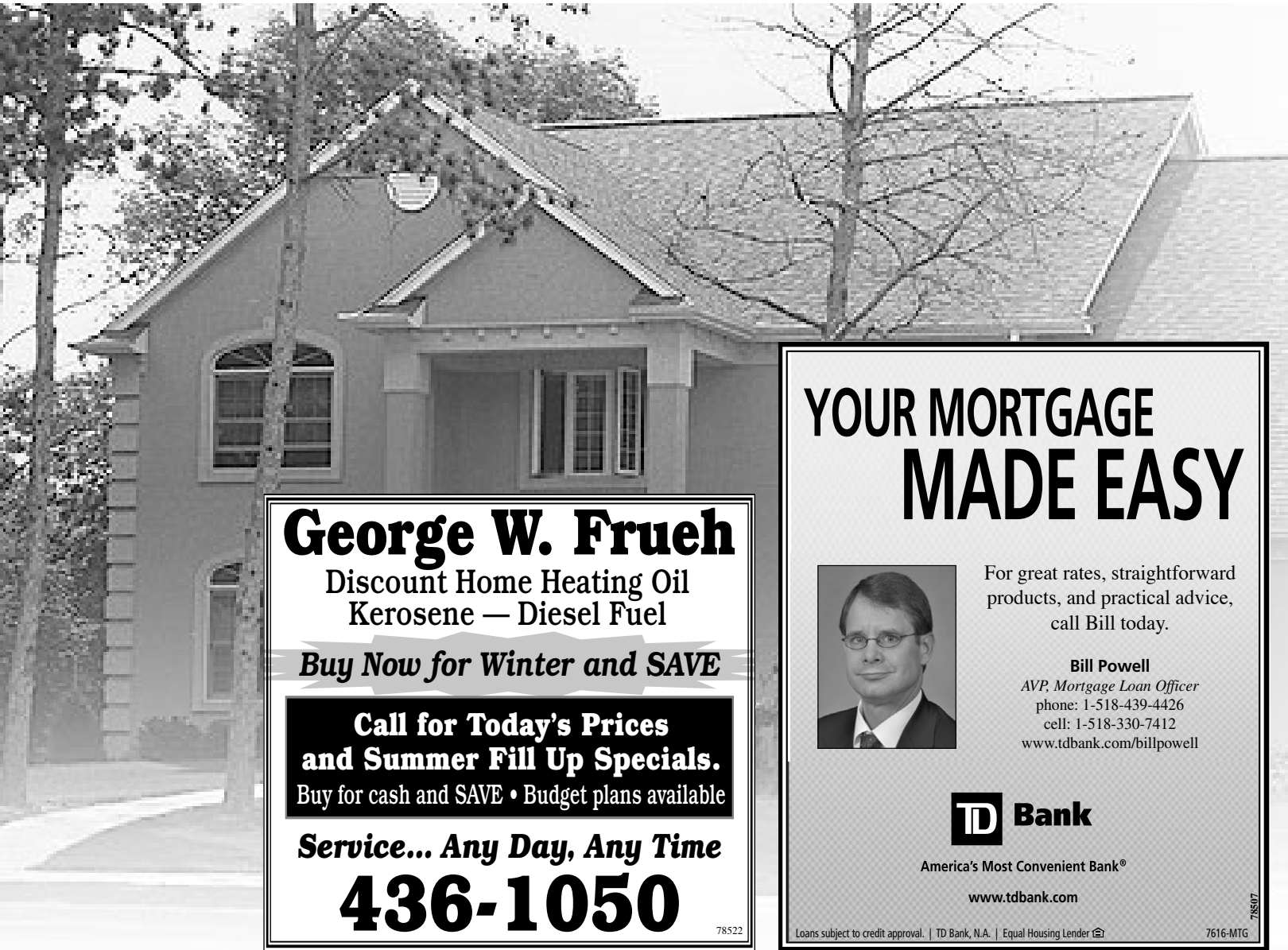
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Tomorrow, Jan. 5, at 10 a.m. is the first of two e-book workshops, this one dedicated to the Kindle e-reader. Bring your Kindle and a laptop if you have one. We'll show you how to use your reader and borrow our e-books. The second workshop, next Thursday Jan. 12, at 10 a.m., is devoted to the



Nook e-reader.

In addition, this month we've scheduled two more in our ongoing series of e-book open houses. Drop in anytime on Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with any e-reader except Kindle, and we'll show you how to borrow our e-books. Folks with Kindles and any other kind of e-reader can stop by at Panera Bread in Glenmont on Saturday Jan. 21, anytime from 2 to 4 p.m.; we'll be there to give you a hand.

E-readers for loan
Curious about e-readers but not yet ready to buy? We have three Nook Colors and three Kindles available for checkout to cardholders. Learn more at the library's information desk.

Online help
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E-book open house
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to 8:30 p.m.
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Pajama-rama
Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m.
Stories and songs before bedtime for children up to age 6 and families.

Louise Grieco
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Alzheimer's classes to launch at library

The Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York is presenting a series of classes at the Library targeted to families and caregivers of people who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease. The first class – The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's disease – will be held on Thursday, Jan. 5, at 1 pm. Registration is required, and a minimum number of attendees are needed to hold the programs. To register, call Jamie Mott at 518-867-4999 x 209 or email jamie.mott@alz.org. In the event of inclement weather, please call the library at 456-2400 to check for cancellation.

special musical event: For the first time ever we showcase the talent of our own Guilderland High School Chamber Choir, 19 members strong. Under the direction of Rae Jean Teeter, the choir will perform works – mostly a capella – by Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and other composers. You'll also hear a special arrangement by GHS alumnus David Scheiber.

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Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, call the library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org. The Guilderland Public Library is at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland.

Fair will be fun for the very young

Get ready for the 9th annual Fun Fair for the Very Young! The RCS Community Library's Romp & Read Program and the RCS School District host this event on the first day of Kindergarten registration. This year the Fun Fair will be held at both RCS elementary schools. Join us on Tuesday, January 10th at Pieter B. Coeymans or on Thursday, January 12th at A.W. Becker. Both programs will run from 3-6 pm.
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tradition! For more information, contact the library at 756-2053. This program is free and no registration is required.

Acoustic Doorways tickets on sale
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many venues. Make time for an evening of musical relaxation under the spell of Graf's soulful, soothing voice.

See the library's website (www.rcscommunitylibrary.org) for the complete 2012 season schedule.

Subscription to all four concerts: Adults, \$20; Children and Seniors, \$12. Buy a subscription and enter a drawing for a gift certificate! Single tickets available at the Library and at the door: Adults, \$8, Children and Seniors, \$5.

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series offers tickets at the same low prices as the previous three years. You too can become a sponsor. Call the Library, 756-2053, or find sponsorship information on the website. Sponsors names are posted on the website and will appear in the concert program. Help the library show that a community arts event can be self-sustaining!

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

Chamber Choir kicks off concert series

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a building permit from the town, however, it was halted when town officials realized the work had started without the board's approval.

• At its yearly organizational meeting, the Bethlehem Central Board of Education appoints Diane Giaccone-Stever as president and Matt Downey as vice president for the 2011-12 school year. Stever, who was vice president the previous year, takes over for James Dering, who did not seek another three-year term in the May election.

• Guilderland Town Clerk Rosemary Centi notifies Supervisor Kenneth Runion that she will no longer serve as the town's marriage officer. Centi cites her Catholic faith as the reason for the decision. In July, a new state law took effect allowing same-sex couples to marry. Centi will continue to issue marriage licenses but won't officiate over any ceremonies at Town Hall.

• The search for a new superintendent of the Bethlehem Central School District is narrowed down to three candidates. Board of Education members prepare to interview

the final candidates chosen from a pool of 40 applicants.

• Army Specialist Rafael Nieves, 22, is remembered during a service at McKownville United Methodist Church in Guilderland. Nieves, a 2008 Guilderland High School graduate, was killed in Afghanistan when his mounted patrol unit came under attack by enemy forces. Nieves joined the Army in 2009.

August

• Elisabeth Smith, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District, is chosen as interim superintendent. Smith takes over for Daniel Teplesky, whose resignation took effect at the beginning of the month. A search for a permanent replacement continues.

• Albany County Supreme Court Judge Thomas McNamara rules in favor of Kyle Kotary's lawsuit seeking to invalidate the Conservative Party's endorsement of John Clarkson for supervisor. Instead of leaving Conservatives without a candidate, members of the party will have an opportunity to write in a candidate of their choice

in a September primary.

• Campaign finance filings show Kotary with more than four times the fundraising money as Clarkson weeks before the Democratic primary. Kotary criticizes Clarkson for not meeting deadlines to file campaign finance information, saying he has properly and punctually filed his public statements. Clarkson says his campaign is filing all information properly, and had a problem with a PIN number needed to file his information electronically with the state Board of Elections.

• In a split vote, the Bethlehem Town Board votes down a proposal to hold a public hearing on a proposal to extend the supervisor's term from two to four years. Kotary and Supervisor Sam Messina vote to advance the proposal, with board members Joann Dawson, Mark Hennessey and Mark Jordan voting it down.

• At the same meeting, Messina is the only one to support the use of \$35,000 for repairs to the tennis courts at the Elm Avenue Park. The four other board members express concern about using money from a parkland set aside fund. Dawson says it would be a moral violation of the purpose of that money.

Board members agree to amend Bethlehem's noise ordinance. The new regulations exempt businesses that were already in operation when the town adopted its noise law in 2009. New businesses will have to consider noise regulations when they appear before the town's Planning Board.

• A ruptured natural gas line along the Thruway in Guilderland leads to a highway closure and evacuations. The 12-inch gas main makes a loud noise alerting those nearby of the problem. The Thruway, between exits 23 and 24, is shut down, and several dozen people in nearby businesses and homes are evacuated until the problem is fixed. One construction workers

suffers a minor injury.

• Two local developers unveil their plans to build a travel plaza just south of the exit 22 tollbooths along the Thruway. The project would include construction of a small hotel, travel center and fast food-type restaurant along River Road.

• The 188th Altamont Fair is held, but bad weather hampers attendance on several days of the event. However, organizers say turnout remained strong at the fair, which featured the North American debut of The Stinger, a ride that spins fairgoers around and send them eight stories into the air.

• 504 Regents exams taken by Guilderland Central School District students are found to have

been graded incorrectly. 15 of the students who would have received failing grades if the test was graded properly will retain their passing grade. Superintendent Marie Wiles says the errors were mostly tabulation mistakes.

• The Town of Bethlehem receives no appropriate bidders for a project to install solar panels at the Elm Avenue Park. The project, which would be funded with \$111,500 of Recovery Act money, hits a snag when none of the bidders submit proposals within the amount and limitations of the federal award.

• Josh Cansler, the Town of Bethlehem's Commissioner of Public Works, announces he will

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leave the department for a job with NATO in the Netherlands. Deputy Commissioner Erik Deyoe takes over as interim commissioner.

•A draft Bethlehem budget calls for \$38.6 million in spending and a 1.27 percent tax hike. The budget, prepared by Supervisor Sam Messina and Comptroller Suzanne Traylor, calls for no raises for town employees, and factors in a \$1.75 million loss in PILOT receipts in 2013.

•Downgraded from a hurricane, Tropical Storm Irene packs a serious punch as it sweeps through the northeast, including the Capital District. Bethlehem Highway Department Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph tells The Spotlight that in his 39 years with the town, he has never seen water higher in some of the town's streams than he did during the storm.

•A Clarksville woman dies after being swept into the Onesquethaw Creek during Irene. Police say Sharon Stein, 68, was last seen loading belongings into a car as she and her husband prepared to evacuate

their Slingerlands Avenue home. Stein's body was spotted more than four hours after she was reported missing by her husband.

September

• Towns across the region try to assess the damage done by Tropical Storm Irene. Erik Deyoe, Bethlehem's deputy commissioner of public works, says some of the town's sewer facilities can't even be assessed due to high water levels. Water facilities in New Scotland are badly damaged as well.

•The Spotlight and League of Women Voters sponsor a highly anticipated debate between John Clarkson and Kyle Kotary, the two Democratic candidates for Bethlehem supervisor. Clarkson accuses Kotary of “a general pattern of obstruction” toward the agenda of Supervisor Sam Messina. Kotary touts his record, saying it is important to speak up and be accounted for when you have a difference of opinion.

• With more than 60 percent of Democratic voters supporting him, Clarkson wins a primary against Kotary, saying he is looking forward to unifying the Democratic Party. Kotary decides to continue his campaign,

running on the Republican
and Independence lines.

•The state Court of Appeals hears arguments in the case of Christopher Porco, the man found guilty in 2006 of murdering his father and attempting to murder his mother inside the family's Bethlehem home. The appeal focuses on a head nod by Joan Porco the night of the attack when she was asked if her son was the assailant. Joan Porco claimed no memory of the head nod during the 2006 trial.

• Later in the month, the Bethlehem Town Board considers a Freedom of Information Law request by Christopher Porco. The board votes 2-2 on an appeal request by Porco, who previously failed to obtain copies of all materials related to the murder investigation that led to his conviction. The split vote means no response will be issued to Porco's appeal, which is effectively a refusal of the new request.

- A disaster recovery center is established in Voorheesville for residents impacted by Irene. Federal, state and county services are provided at the center at the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

- In an example of the outpouring of support in the wake of August

storms, members of the Delmar United Methodist Church load up two delivery trucks filled with household supplies, from rugs to sofas, and deliver them to residents of Schoharie County impacted by Irene. The church collects items from donations for its fall fair and reaches out to the community for items as well.

• The first-ever reported case of West Nile Virus in Albany County is announced to the public. County health officials release few details, but say the person is over 60 and was hospitalized for a short time. Officials link the incident to the amount of standing water brought on by flooding from Tropical Storm Irene.

• The parents of Jonathan Carey receive \$5 million in a settlement over the wrongful death of their son. Michael and Lisa Carey brought a suit against Edwin Tirado and Nadeem Mall, two caregivers at OD Heck, a state facility for the disabled. The men were caring for the boy, who was autistic, when he was asphyxiated and died on an outing.

October

- Acting Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple first pitches an idea to the

Bethlehem Central School District regarding the use of Clarksville Elementary. Apple says he's interested in leasing space at the shuttered school for use as a substation. If approved, the Sheriff's Office would relocate from its space at the Cornell Cooperative Extension facility in Voorheesville.

• Apple says later in the month that he has had multiple conversations with members of the district regarding the proposal. BC Schools Superintendent Michael Tebbano says he's unaware of the conversations, adding that Apple has avoided a face-to-face meeting.

• **Albany County** Executive Michael Breslin unveils a preliminary budget proposal for 2012, which calls for a 19.2 percent property tax hike for residents. Breslin calls it the difficult and right thing to do. The budget would eliminate 89 vacant positions in an attempt to avoid layoffs.

- An independent audit of the BC schools shows a declining fund balance and growing expenditures due to increased employee benefit costs. The audit shows a \$2.4 million loss in revenues, and notes the district will have to pass its first budget for the 2012-2013 school year with a 2 percent property tax cap.

in place.

- Notable Bethlehem police officer Christopher Hughes is charged with possession of a forged instrument. State Police say Hughes submitted a forged police retirement ID to a Kentucky-based company for processing. A search warrant was executed at Hughes' home in Feura Bush in March.

• Candidates for Bethlehem town offices participate in a debate sponsored by The Spotlight and the Albany County League of Women Voters. Supervisor candidates John Clarkson, Kyle Kotary and Richard Reeves-Ellington debate issues ranging from housing to open space. Four candidates for two Town Board seats debate what to do to spur economic development in the town while shedding an “anti-business” label. The standing room-only crowd at the Town Hall auditorium also hears from candidates for Bethlehem Receiver of Taxes and the 36th District seat on the Albany County Legislature.

November

• Slingerlands resident John Clarkson is elected as the next supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem. Clarkson defeats Kyle Kotary and Richard Reeves-Ellington, saying he thinks the town can make progress moving forward. Incumbent Town Board member Joann Dawson wins another term in office, while newcomer Jeffrey Kuhn wins the race for a second seat on the board. In January, another seat will open up, as Councilman Mark Jordan ran unopposed for Town Justice, and will fill that role beginning in 2012.

• The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency adopts a resolution for the first tax breaks to be granted to tenants at the Vista Technology Campus. In all, the PILOT agreements, or payments in lieu of taxes, will add up to about \$200,000 in tax breaks for ShopRite, SEFCU and Berkshire Bank – the first three tenants at the park. The businesses will be exempt from paying property taxes for their first two years, and will pay a sliding scale of taxes over the following ten years.

• A second attempt leads to a contract for a project to install solar panels at Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem. The town awards a \$100,000 contract to a central New York company for installation of the panels. The town will contribute a small amount, with the rest of the money coming from a Recovery Act award to Bethlehem.

- Work wraps up on the portion of the parapet wall at Bethlehem Town Hall

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20/20 Committee strategies include new part-time job

Members of Bethlehem's 20/20 Implementation Committee have laid out suggestions to the Town Board regarding how the town can foster economic development.

During a recent presentation, members of the 20/20 Economic Development Subcommittee gave their recommendations for establishing an economic development strategy, including the addition of staff to make their goals more achievable.

“The report is meant to serve as a playback for future economic development,” 20/20 and Industrial Development Agency member Joe Richardson told the board.

One significant suggestion was the addition of a half-time staff person who would be dedicated exclusively to the cultivation of economic development projects in the town.

“The new staff position would be helpful in representing Bethlehem in the regional collaboration that is taking

Volunteers have issued numerous reports regarding Bethlehem's operations

With a final presentation on citizen engagement and leadership, the 20/20 Implementation Committee, which has analyzed a number of elements of Bethlehem town government, wrapped up its work.

For now.

After presenting findings and recommendations to the Town Board over the past year ranging from commercial re-use of properties to potential unification of the town's highway and public works departments, members of the committee have finished

their main task of coming up with proposals to streamline town government.

Committee co-chairs Terri Egan (former Bethlehem supervisor) and George Leveille (Chairman of the Town's Planning Board) were at the Town Board's final meeting of the year on Wednesday, Dec. 28, to thank them for allowing and supporting this type of work.

"While we said this was our final, final report, George and I talked and to the extent that decisions are made as you move forward over the next couple of weeks, couple of months, and if there is an interest in convening this type of group again, we would certainly be open to having a conversation about process," Egan told the board.

The committee's work has

served as a spark for conversations regarding elected and appointed seats in town government and better ways to ensure the town is maximizing its revenues and monitoring its money.

Supervisor Sam Messina said the committee's work is an example of what sets Bethlehem apart.

"There's nowhere that I look at the state level, county level or other town or city levels that has quite the wealth of people volunteering their time, their energies, to come up with such wonderful documentation, such strong and clear guidance for the town board to consider in the future," said Messina.

The 20/20 Committee's final report can be found at www.spotlightnews.com.

include support for work at Vista, implementation of the New Scotland Road Hamlet Master Plan and a reconstitution of a Selkirk Yards Industrial District Focus Group to ensure the long-term viability of some of the town's largest employers and taxpayers.

Board members were also reminded of how vital it is to market what the town has through tools such as website marketing.

Richardson spoke about the opportunities the town must explore to promote economic development events “by using electronic newsletters, and with other cost-effective communication tools.”

The recommendations within the 15-minute presentation drew no questions from the Town Board, which took no formal action to adopt any of the suggestions put forth by the 20/20 committee.

A copy of the report can be found at spotlightnews.com.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

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From Maine potatoes to the main stage

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Ellis Paul to play Caffe Lena with shows for adults and kids

Ellis Paul went to Boston College on a track scholarship, but music wound up making a far bigger impact on his life than running.

Growing up on a potato farm in Maine, Paul's exposure to popular music was pretty much limited to a scratchy Top 40 station. At BC, he listened to singers like Bob Dylan and Joni Mitchell for the first time.

Paul also discovered the guitar at BC. After a track injury left him bedridden, the guitar was "a beacon," he said. He eventually transitioned from playing other people's songs to writing his own, and a career was born.

Paul felt a draw to folk music, and that's

where he's made his name, mentioned these days in the same breath as his early inspirations like Dylan and Mitchell. In the years since he graduated, Paul has heard his songs not just on the radio, but in a number of popular movies and television shows. He's also added children's music to his repertoire as a way to connect with his daughters, now 5 and 7.

Both of Paul's styles will be on display this weekend at Caffe Lena in Saratoga Springs. On Friday, Jan. 6, he'll give a show geared to adults at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 7, the whole family is invited for a performance at 11 a.m.

He called the family music "a natural extension" of his career. Paul has embraced folk music because it's bigger than just him; even when his songs are personal,

they touch on topics and emotions that are shared by so many others. That's the essence of folk music, he said.

"It's about the community, the collective process we're all going through," he said.

Make no mistake, Paul has seen his share of commercial success. He has 14 CDs to his credit. He's performed at Fenway Park for the Red Sox and Boston Garden for the Celtics. His songs have been featured in a number of commercials as well as on the television shows "Ed" and MTV's "Real World! The Farrelly brothers have tapped him for music in three of their movies: "Hall Pass," "Me, Myself, & Irene," and "Shallow Hal."

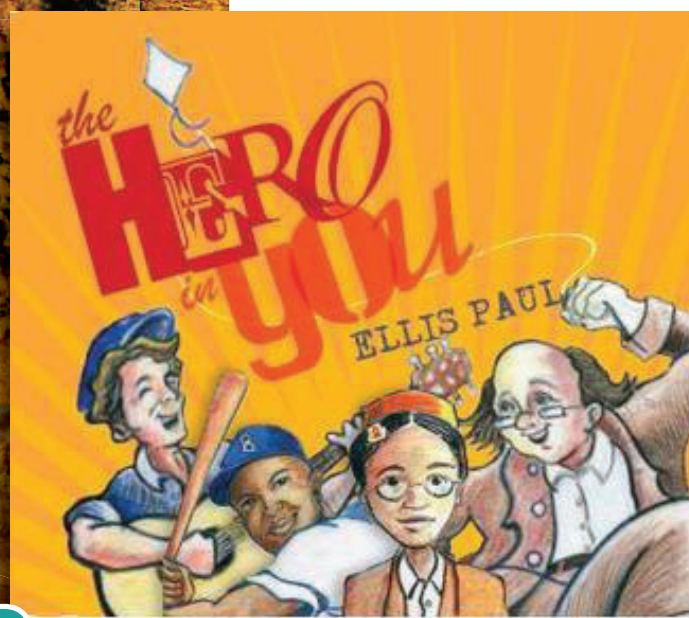
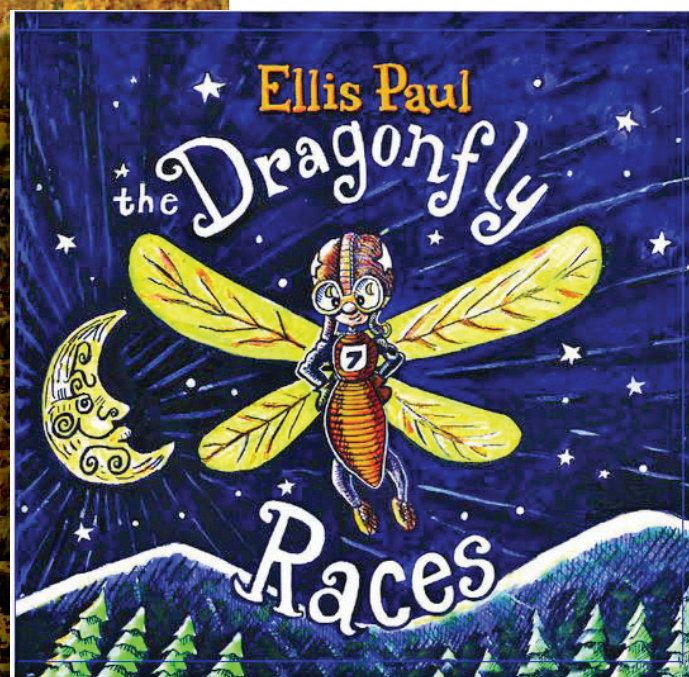
But, Paul says, his music has never been about turning a profit.

"There's a higher

purpose than making money," he said.

He has sung, for example, about Hurricane Katrina and about someone who was laid off. He tends, he said, to have empathy toward the people he's writing about, a hallmark of folk music. Another defining characteristic of folk music is that it relies solely on acoustic instruments. Paul, who was a trumpet player in his younger years, which earned him a summer scholarship to the Berklee College of Music, builds his concerts around a simple guitar.

He tours frequently, and Caffe Lena is a common stop. He loves the vibe of the venue, along with the history of Saratoga Springs. He calls Caffe Lena "an important place" and looks forward to engaging audiences of all ages.



Paul said the family shows have a special energy about them, with kids on their feet and moving around. Adults sing along to his songs, he said, "but they don't react physically."

"There's nothing like watching kids laugh," he added.

His first children's album, "The Dragonfly Races," was "kind of all over the place," Paul said. So for the second one, he decided to take a different approach, focusing on a theme. "The Hero in You" contains songs about

American heroes like Rosa Parks, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein and Jackie Robinson. Pleased with the way the album turned out, Paul thinks he'll stick to the theme concept for future children's albums.

Tickets for the 6:30 and 9 p.m. Friday shows at Caffe Lena are \$25 in advance and \$27 at the door. Admission to the family show on Saturday is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 13. The show starts at 11 a.m. For more information, visit www.caffelena.org.



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Music

MARK BAPTISTE

Performing his mix of folk, traditional and American pop music, Jan. 5, 7 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

EMERALD DAWN

Monthly show by Celtic/rock duo, Jan. 6, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ROGER SHAFER AND TOM WHITE

Rock and country duo, Jan. 6, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

ELLIS PAUL

A principle leader of the 1990s Boston folk music scene, Jan. 6, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$25, door price \$27. Information, 583-0022.

VISHTEN

Acadian music and dance trio from Prince Edward Island, Canada, Jan. 6, 8 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$23. Information, 765-2815.

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Original folk singer-songwriter and band, Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio’s, 366

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ELVIS BIRTHDAY BASH

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JACK AND CHRIS

Jazz, pop and blues acoustic duo, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

STEVE GILLETTE & CINDY MANGSEN

Folk/country duo hold CD release party, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

DOUG KWARTLER BAND

Acclaimed Americana rocker, Jan. 8, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$14, door price \$16. Information, 583-0022.

BEN MCGRATH AND CHRIS KOVEL

Two singer-songwriters, Jan. 10, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Presenting “Spontaneous Broadway,” a show of improvised comedy and music, Jan. 6, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

JIM GAFFIGAN

Stand-up comedian who has appeared on television and in film, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, \$35.75-\$42.75. Information, 346-6204.

Family

ELLIS PAUL’S CONCERT FOR KIDS

Performing songs from his first family album, “The Dragonfly Races,” Jan. 7, 11 a.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, adults \$10, children under 13 \$5. Information, 583-0022.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

“Making Time: Voyage to Vietnam,” through Feb. 25; From the Collections,” though April 1; “New York Remembers: Reflecting on September 11,” through April 28; plus “Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany,”

permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

“Albany and the Civil War: Medicine on the Home and Battle Fronts,” through Feb. 26; “Kid Stuff: Great Toys From Our Childhood,” through March 4; “First in the Hearts of His Countrymen: George Washington,” through May 20; plus “The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Colletcion 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.

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

“Group Show Part IV,” through Jan. 23, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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.

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SPA FINE ART

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

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

“Rembrandt and Degas: Two Young Artists,” a selection of portraits by two masters, through Feb. 5; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

“The Workers,” through March 15; “Geometric Death Frequency 141,” through April 30; “Kidspace: Under the Sea,” through May 28; “Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective,” ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

“American Paintings from the 1920s and 1930s,” through March 11; “Rising from the Sea: The Art of Jay Hall Connaway,” through May 27; plus “Arkell’s Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People,” ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

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

Call for Artists

SARATOGA KLEZMER BAND

Area music group specializing in traditional Jewish dance music is seeking a clarinet player. For information, call Judith Kroot 793-5416 or 260-0466.

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

Women’s singing group entering its 99th year, practices held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 765-4536.

THE CHORALIERS

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

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Openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

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

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Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

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ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

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

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN’S CHORUS

Invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

ARTISTS WANTED

Exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 1138 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 220-9027.

Weekly Crossword

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14 Sister of Charles
15 U.S. rocket
16 Earnest
17 Play the lead
18 Clever
19 Aper
20 Modern-day emperor
22 Small eggs
24 Competent
25 Lulu
26 Asian attire
29 Ancient Jewish stronghold
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33 Most underhanded
35 Half of MCII
36 Eta follower
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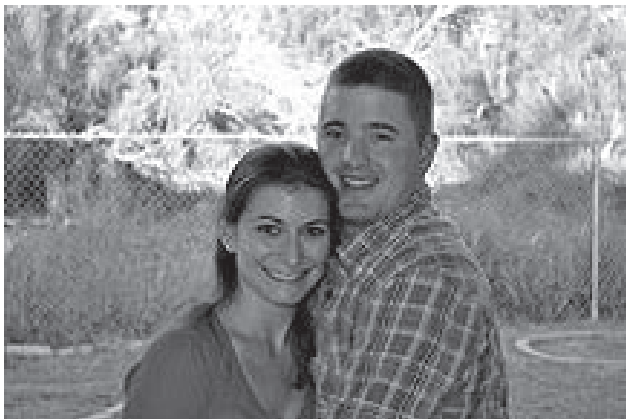
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12 Encrust
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21 *Star Wars* Solo
23 Suit piece
25 Skip
26 Famous pirate
27 Kills time

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30 Coup ____
31 Orgs.
33 Moines leader
34 Dance frock
36 Tidal waves
37 “For ____ jolly good . . .”
40 Eastern towers
41 Suffix meaning disease
42 Not as safe
44 Kerns, of *Growing Pains*

- 45 Shipping mode
46 Half a court game
49 Aromatic spice
50 Computer image
51 Temperate
52 Start for sack
53 Jason’s ship
54 Turns sharply
55 Latin I verb
58 ____ *You Lonesome Tonight?*

Milestones



Jessica Pisciotta and Christopher Pohl

Pisciotta, Pohl to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pisciotta of Delmar, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica Pisciotta to Christopher Pohl- son of Rhonda and Phillip Pohl of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada. Jessica currently has an elementary teaching position with the Harlingen School District in Harlingen, TX. Christopher is a Rig Manager for Savanna Energy, also in Texas. A wedding has been planned for October 2012.



Kimberly and Robert Wilbur Jr.

Murphy, Wilbur marry

Kimberly Murphy was united in marriage to Robert Wilbur Jr. at 6:00 p.m. on July 8, 2011.

The ceremony took place at Longfellows in Saratoga Springs, New York and was officiated by the Rev. Victoria Onderdonk-Milne.

The bride was escorted by her father, John Healy

of Nashwauk, Minnesota.

The matron of honor was Krista Loffhagen of Prior Lake, Minnesota, sister of the bride. The bridal attendants were Lillian Murphy, daughter; and Amber VanNostrand of Mayfield, friend of the bride and groom.

The best man was Russell Wilbur of Johnstown, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Joseph Murphy, son; and Adam Loffhagen of Prior Lake, Minnesota, brother in law of the bride. The flower girls were Anna Loffhagen, niece of the bride; and Alissa Wilbur, daughter. The ring bearers were Jack Loffhagen, nephew of the bride; and Owen Wilbur, son.

A reception for 80 guests was held at Longfellows following the ceremony.

The couple resides in Scotia.

Spotlight on Poetry

Soft as White

By Kathleen A. O'Brien

one dozen long-stemmed roses
smooth as cheeks on china dolls
braided with baby's breath
furled in cellophane
not by human hands
perfected, pure as snow
bleached white as Baptismal gowns
cut free, cut down
arranged in bellied glass vase
still life placed on the sill
outside snow floats in blossoms
at one with the whiteness of roses
reflected in the picture window

I like the way this poem, which refers to a still life, is in many ways a still life poem, painted as delicately as the roses themselves. And in January, it's nice to be reminded that roses will bloom in summer.

Kathleen A. O'Brien began writing poetry in 2002. Her hobbies include reading, dancing, gardening, travel, and volunteering for Hospice. This poem was inspired by the gift of elegant white roses.

This column is sponsored by Spotlight Newspapers and the Hudson Valley Writers Guild. For information, visit www.spotlightnews.com, www.hvwg.org, or winterview@earthlink.net.

State museum plans programs

The New York State Museum has the following programs planned.

•Story Art

Friday Jan. 6, 11 a.m.

Kid's Cove, Toddlers and preschoolers

Free. Pick up tickets at the Main Lobby Desk

Enjoy the museum by listening to a story, exploring objects from the teaching collection, and creating a fun art project. Themes will be announced on the day of the program.

•Furry Tales and Touchables

Saturday Jan. 7

11 a.m. Meet at Discovery Place Recommended for children 4 to 6 years of age. Free.

Stories come to life as youngsters touch real animal skins, bones, plants, and more while listening to a storybook reading.

•Trash to Treasure

Saturday Jan. 7, 1 to 3 p.m. Classrooms 2 and 3.

Free.

Trash to Treasure features an art project using manufacturing mistakes and materials destined for the landfill. Join us for an interesting story or video and an Earth-friendly afternoon.

•Children's program

"Rain or Shine ... It's Reading Time"

Second and last Wednesdays of the month. Jan. 11, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Meet at Kids' Cove. Preschoolers. Free.

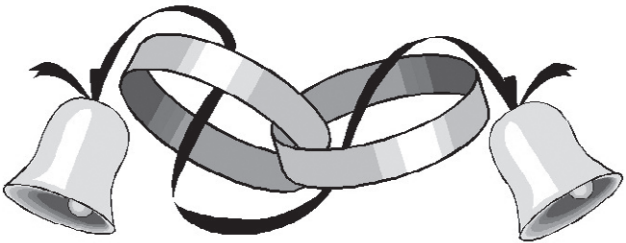
Read a story with Museum staff and visit a special exhibit to learn more about New York State.

•Music Jam

Every Thursday, noon to 2 p.m.

Adirondack Hall, near Colvin Tower. Free.

Take a lunch-time musical break or join the musicians as they play acoustic music inspired by the Celtic tradition of jigs, reels, waltzes and more.



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Your Community in The Spotlight

Second GCSD forum set

In late October, more than 40 Guilderland Central School District community members came together to learn about many of the economic, regulatory and political issues currently facing the school district and to discuss how to improve student learning despite these challenges as part of the district's first Community Conversation of the school year.

A second event will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17, for the next GCSD Community Conversation. 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 discuss several essential questions related to possible areas of change and innovation in the year(s) ahead, including: scheduling and the use of time; technology; and data-driven budgeting.

If you plan to attend, R.S.V.P. by Jan. 13, either by phone at 456-6200, ext. 3102, or via the district Web site at www.guilderlandschools.org.

Start the New Year with Parks and Rec

The Town of Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Department is still accepting 2012 winter and spring registration. Some of the adult activities that have open enrollment include: Active Aging, Basketball, Badminton, Body Sculpting on the Ball, Lap Swim, Lifetime Fitness, Pilates, T'ai Chi, Volleyball and Yoga for Mood Enhancement.

Youth activities include: Pee Wee Basketball, Fun with Ones, Introduction to Competitive Swimming, Kitchen Kidz, Mommy or Daddy and Me and SAFE Basketball.

For complete activity information visit the Park Playbook on the Town of Bethlehem website at www.townofbethlehem.org or call the Town Park Office, 439-4955 opt. 3. To register on line (if you have your household ID#

A festival of giving



Bethlehem Chabad hosted its annual “Hanukkah on Ice” at the YMCA in Delmar. Here Rabbi Zalman Simon of Bethlehem Chabad (left) is standing with Jane Sanders (right) of the Bethlehem Food Pantry in front of a Menorah constructed out of 250 donated cans of food. The menorah was lit at the program and afterwards the food was donated to the Bethlehem Food Pantry. All of the 75 participants enjoyed an afternoon of ice skating, arts and crafts and the building and lighting of the Menorah.

Submitted photo

& password) visit www.townofbethlehem.org/parksonline/

Book talk at Thacher

On Saturday, Jan 7, there will be a local history talk and book signing by local authors Tim Albright and Laurie Ten Eyck at the Thacher Nature Center at 2 p.m.

They will talk about our rich local history and sign copies of their recently released book “John Boyd Thacher State Park and the Indian Ladder Region.” This is the first program in a winter presentation series, scheduled on Saturdays in January and Sundays in February. For more information, call 872-0800.

Children’s School sets programming

The Bethlehem Children’s School announces it winter enrichment programming selections for after school, Saturdays, and the February break. Five different programs are offered.

Story Time Adventures, led by Allison McArdle will be Saturdays from 10 – 11 a.m., beginning Jan 14, and run for six weeks. This session is designed for pre-kindergarteners through second graders, with a cost of \$75.

Animals & Art, led by Jill Crammond, will be Mondays from 5 – 6 p.m., beginning Jan. 9, and run for six weeks. This session is designed for students in grades K – 8, with a cost of \$90.

Circus Theatricks, led by Sean Fagan, will be held Saturdays from 10 – 11 a.m., beginning Jan. 14, and run for six weeks. This session is designed for children kindergarten age and up, with a cost of \$100. Karen Williams will lead Shakespeare in Performance, designed for middle school students. This session will meet on Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 14, and run for six weeks. The cost for this session is \$100. (Participants who register with a friend will pay \$150 for two).

Mid-Winter Movies for Middle Schoolers will be held Monday – Friday, Feb. 20 – 24, from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. The

cost for this session is \$100. (Participants who register with a friend will pay only \$150 for two).

Those wanting to receive registration materials or with questions can call the school at 478-0224. Additional information can also be found on its website, www.bethlehemchildrensschool.org.

Discuss Keene landslide

On May 4, the largest landslide in our state’s history occurred near the Hamlet of Keene Valley in the high peaks region of the Adirondacks. A year of heavy rains and large-scale events like Hurricane Irene, coupled with the state’s unique geology, has given rise to an environment susceptible to continued landslide activity.

Geologist Dr. Andrew Kozlowski of the NY State Museum will explain the monitoring and evaluation of ongoing geologic hazards and the implications for future landslides in the Adirondacks and beyond. There will be a discussion of “The 2011 Keene Valley Landslide” on Saturday,

Jan. 14, at 2pm at the Thacher Nature Center. Call 872-0800 for more information.

Local student makes Deans list

Ashley M. Becker, a graduate of Greenville Central High School, was named to Deans List again, her 7th consecutive time reaching a 3.5 or better GPA, at The College Of St. Rose. Ashley is enrolled in Music Education and will be starting her student teacher duties this coming spring. She is the daughter of Fred and Sue of Backyard Sheds in Selkirk. Ashley has applied to several universities to further her education with a master’s degree upon graduation.

Soccer Club sign ups open

Sign up for the RCS Recreation Soccer Spring 2012 Season will be running until Jan. 31. There will be a \$50 registration fee for first child in family and \$35 for each additional child. There will be a late registration period

from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15 with a late fee of \$20 per child. Uniform orders will be placed on Feb. 15. No uniforms will be ordered after that time period. Registrations can be completed online at www.rcssoccerclub.com.

For further information, contact Carley Libertucci, recreation registrar, at 860-7329.

Occupy talk at library

On Thursday, Jan 5, the Bethlehem Public Library will be holding Occupy the Future from 7 - 8:45 p.m. BNP member Joe Lombardo, and other participants in Occupy Albany will talk about the Occupy movement in general and discuss some of the issues specific to Occupy Albany. They will discuss where the Occupy movement originated, the method used for making decisions and some of the results of Occupy actions. Sponsored by Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace. For more information call 466-1192.

Movie night at Five Rivers

A screening of the environmental documentary “Buyer Beware” will be presented at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Friday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.

The film takes a vicarious journey around the world to demonstrate how conscientious consumers and businesses can use the marketplace to promote environmental sustainability and social justice through product labeling. The primary focus of the documentary is on wood certified by the Forest Stewardship Council and Fair Trade coffee. The film, which was part of the 2011 International Forest Film Festival, will be approximately one hour. Complimentary popcorn and cider will be provided. The program is free, but space is limited. Participants must register by calling Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Wednesday, Jan. 18.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation CGB Realty Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77870 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 163 Fourth Ave Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/14/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77871 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Yellow Dog Media, LLC (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 15, 2011. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to 3049 Evelyn Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12303. Duration: Perpetual. Purpose: to conduct any lawful act or activity for which limited liabilities may be formed under the law. 77878 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Kenneth Gibbons L.L.C. (a foreign professional service limited liability company) App. for Authority filed with Sec of State NY (SSNY) on 9/26/11. NY Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey on 11/5/10. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail process to its foreign add: 7 Riggs Place West Orange NJ 07052. Arts. of Org filed with NJ Sec of State Division of Revenue 33 West State Street 5th Fl Trenton NJ 08608. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to practice the profession of public accounting. 77879 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC CBM Farm LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 11/15/11. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 60 Meriam Street, Lexington, Massachusetts 02420. The street address of the principal business location is 348-350 Albany Hill Rd., Rensselaerville, NY. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.

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77880 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THINKING HORSES LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of NY on 11/3/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 110 Salisbury Rd, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77881 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HELEN OF TROY ANTIQUITIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77882 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Success Symbols, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on October 11, 2011, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 28 Upper Wedgewood Lane, Voorheesville, New York 12186, which is the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 77883 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Lakeshore Holdings Group LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/19/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO Box 1933, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 1/1/2109. 77886 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Jan's Wash and Wax, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 56 Haswell Rd., Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2110. 77980 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Digital Age Distribution, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/28/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 12 Petra Lane, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77981 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qual. of CSP Albany LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/31/11. Office loc.: Albany County, LLC org. in DE 10/20/11. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to Robert Heidenberg, Lemer-Heidenberg Properties, 234 Closter Dock Rd., Closter, NJ 07624. DE off. addr.: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp.: any lawful activities. 77982 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation 40 Butler St Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/23/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77983 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Rare Books Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/22/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77984 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of INCBERT INSURANCE BROKERAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/21/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77987 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of HELTER LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/28/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77994 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of GLC Advisors & Co. Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/10/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77995 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Global Leveraged Capital Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Of-

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fice location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/15/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77996 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of AMBIT MARKETING, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 9/27/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 1801 N. Lamar St., Ste. 200, Dallas, TX 75202. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1901 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 77998 (C) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Global Leveraged Capital Partners & Co, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/18/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77999 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of GLC Investment Advisors, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/18/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78000 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of ATIO-GLU JEWELRY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/23/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78002 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of LTF Lease Company, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/24/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78006 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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SPINFORWARD, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State ("SOS") on 11/22/11. LLC office is in Albany County. SOS was designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SOS shall mail copy of any process served to 134 Fernbank Ave., Albany, NY 12054. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful act or activity. 78007 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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MGU, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/19/07. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1380 Dahill Rd., Ste 303, Brooklyn, NY 11204. General Purposes. 78117 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of formation of F&D VENTURES LLC, Art. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/31/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 20 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The Reg. Agt. at such address upon Frank A. Grant. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78122 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of formation of HBSM PROPERTIES LLC, Art. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/31/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 20 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The Reg. Agt. at such address upon Frank A. Grant. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78123 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is EJ Countryman Properties, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 11/30/2011. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a real estate company, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 71 Countryman Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186. 78124 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of CARLOS VARELA PHOTOGRAPHY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/2/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78125 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of NETPHONE COMMUNICATIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/5/11. 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. 78126 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: HOPSEN CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 11/30/2011, 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 the LLC, 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40, Albany, New York 12207, purpose is any lawful purpose. 78127 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Cliff Walk LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/5/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/18/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 750 Lexington Ave., 23rd Fl., NY, NY 10022.

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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. 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78128 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of COLLEEN PUTMAN PHOTOGRAPHY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/6/11. 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. 78129 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Forty Steps LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/5/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/18/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 750 Lexington Ave., 23rd Fl., NY, NY 10022. 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. 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78130 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of B Sweet New York LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 11/8/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, Attn: R. Flint, 80 South 8th St., #500, Minneapolis, MN 55402, also the address to be maintained in MN. Arts of Org. filed with the MY Secretary of State, 180 State Office Bldg., 100 Rev. Dr. Luther King Jr., Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55155. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78141 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Department 57 LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 11/8/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, Attn: R. Flint, 80 South 8th St., #500, Minneapolis, MN 55402, also the address to be maintained in MN. Arts of Org. filed with the MY Secretary of State, 180 State Office Bldg., 100 Rev. Dr. Luther King Jr., Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55155. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78142 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Tobacco Roll LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/14/11. 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 Ji Le Ni & Bao Quan Liu, 640 Loudon Rd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78143 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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that fell earlier in the year. Supervisor Sam Messina says the cost of repairs for that portion of the building came to \$345,000. That’s in addition to \$61,000 worth of emergency repairs done before the complete project was approved.

- Three BC High School students are sent to the hospital for apparent in-school drug overdoses. A 16-year-old is accused of selling methadone to the three students. In all, five students are arrested during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday on various drug-related charges. The incidents

set off a effort by administrators to address the issue of drug use with the student body and the public.

- The Town of Bethlehem applies for and is granted a \$1 million loan from the state for repairs to infrastructure damaged during Tropical Storm Irene. The town can pay the money back with money from FEMA or over a period of time as a long-term loan.
- Normanside Country Club Inc. officially declares Chapter 7 bankruptcy. It’s the final step for the former owners of the club, who have just under \$275,000 in outstanding debt.
- The Guilderland Central School District

declares impasse in its contract talks with its teachers union. The declaration is required before a state-appointed mediator can assist with talks between the district and the Guilderland Teachers Association.

December

- A public meeting is held to gather input on the future of the New Scotland hamlet. About 60 residents give ideas on pedestrian access and development in the area centered around the intersection of Route 85 and 85A.
- The Bethlehem Soccer Club announces plans for an indoor soccer facility along Wemple Road have been

scaled back. Plans for The Soccerplex facility will be cut in half, with completion possible in 2013.

- The BC school board hears the proposed terms of leasing out Clarksville Elementary to the Albany County Sheriff’s Office. A five-year agreement would be in place, resulting in \$210,000 in revenue for the district. Board members will likely vote on the proposal in the new year.
- A ceremonial groundbreaking is held at the Vista Technology Campus. About 100 people attend the event held at the site off Route 85 in Slingerlands.

The cost of damage done by Tropical

Storm Irene to the town of Bethlehem’s infrastructure is \$4.3 million. The town is in conversations with FEMA, which will pay for 75 percent of repairs, with the town and state splitting the rest of the costs.

- Voters approve an expansion projects for the Slingerlands Fire District.

The 105-32 vote makes way for work to begin in 2012 on the firehouse along New Scotland Road.

- Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina ends his two-year term in office. Messina says he knew re-election would be grueling and very expensive without the support of a major political party.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: Burst Marketing, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 30, 2011. LLC office location: 122 Industrial Park Road, Albany, New York 12206, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: 122 Industrial Park Road, Albany, New York 12206. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC shall be member-managed. 78145 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Advanced Collision Technologies LLC. Articles of organization filed with the SSNY on 12/01/2011. Office Located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: Advanced Collision Technologies, Bob VanAlstyne, 56 North Road, Clarksville, NY 12041. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 78147 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Continental Farms II, LLC.

b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on November 10, 2011.

c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.

d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: Continental Farms II, LLC c/o William D. Pfeiffer, Esq. Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C.

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20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, New York 12211 e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. 78148 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Northpark Pitt LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/9/2011. 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. 78416 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Aliyah Associates LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/7/2011. 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. 78417 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Blue Riverside LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/5/2011. 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. 78418 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

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App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/8/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/4/10. 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. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 78421 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Zodiac Management, LLC. Fictitious Name in NY State: Zodiac Management of New York, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/16/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South 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. 78422 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Tipsteria LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/8/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/18/11. 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: 485 7th Ave., #404, NY, NY 10018. 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. 78423 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Albany NY Fitness LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 03/29/2011, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 1773 Western Ave Albany NY 12203, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for

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SOP at 1773 Western Ave Albany NY 12203, purpose is any lawful purpose. 78425 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THROWING FRUIT PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/12/11. 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. 78427 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 8317 FLATLANDS AVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/12/11. 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. 78428 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation AWW Reserve LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/15/2011. 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. 78445 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation 2747 Kingsbridge LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/15/2011. 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. 78446 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of MBR SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/16/11. 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. 78451 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: JOHNSBURG CABIN LLC. Article of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 28, 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 the LLC, c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Pur-

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Notice of Qualification of MTM Insurance Associates, LLC. Fictitious name: MTM Insurance Associates Agency, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Massachusetts (MA) on 1/4/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste.100B, Albany, NY 12260. Address to be maintained in MA: 575 Chickering Rd., North Andover, MA 01845, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the MA Secretary of State, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108-1512. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78458 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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Amodeo & Davenport, P.C., Ill Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 78459 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: CJMJ LLC

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BENDALY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/23/11. 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. 78626 (D) (January 4, 2012)

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PERCEPTIVUM LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/19/2011. Office: Albany. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o CorpCo, 910 Foulk Rd, Ste 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 78629 (D) (January 4, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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Bethlehem's Sam Vincent, left, tries to poke the puck away from Monroe-Woodbury's Brian Mulligan during the first period of last Thursday's game at the Bethlehem Holiday Tournament at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Eagles earn split at own tourney

The Bethlehem hockey team split its two games at last week's Bethlehem Holiday Tournament at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. The Eagles (8-2-0) defeated Clarkstown South 9-3 in last Wednesday's first game before losing to Monroe-Woodbury 3-2 in last Thursday's finale. John Gosstola scored both of Bethlehem's goals in the first period of its game against Monroe-Woodbury, but the Crusaders got the go-ahead goal in the second period and held on for the win.

The Eagles' offense was more balanced in last Wednesday's decisive victory over Clarkstown South. Five players scored goals, and four more players added assists to help Bethlehem pull away. Sam Vincent led the way against Clarkstown South with a hat trick. Gosstola and Cam Shepardson each contributed two goals, while Joey Verstandig added a goal and three assists. Chris Caswell chipped in with three assists. Freshman goaltender

Zach Sanchez played in both games for Bethlehem. Sanchez made 25 saves against Clarkstown South and stopped 15 shots against Monroe-Woodbury. The Eagles returned to Capital District High School Hockey League action Tuesday when they hosted Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa. BH/BS (5-3-0) won last week's Niskayuna/Schenectady Tournament by beating Guilderland/Mohonasen 4-2 in Wednesday's championship game.

Trey Swingruber scored the go-ahead goal 3:33 into the third period, and Chase Godfrey added an empty-net goal with 10 seconds left to seal the victory. Godfrey and Matt Veneras each had a goal and an assist for BH/BS. Ryan Ghizzoni tallied both of G/M's goals, and goaltender Nigel Simmons made 17 saves. The Dutch Warriors (2-6-1) scored three times in the third period to defeat North Rockland 3-2 in last Tuesday's opening round of the tournament.

Ten

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America East Tournament title. Last month's loss to Siena notwithstanding, the Great Danes have a better shot at getting to the NCAA Tournament in their league than the Saints do in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. 4. Christian Brothers Academy's pursuit of a seventh Section II title in nine years. The Brothers are off to a fast start with quality wins against Big 10 foe Albany, St. Peter's and Cathedral. They still have to face Troy twice in the regular season and then get through a tough Class AA field to accomplish this feat, but it looks doable for the Brothers. 5. The UAlbany women's lacrosse team takes another shot at the NCAA Division I title. The Great Danes return several key players from last year's team, which reached the national quarterfinals. No telling if they can match their undefeated regular season record, but John Battaglini's players will give it a shot. 6. Tim Stauffer's first season as the undisputed No. 1 starting pitcher for the San Diego Padres. Now that Mat Latos is in Cincinnati, the burden of being the Padres' ace rests squarely on the Saratoga Central Catholic grad's shoulders. How will Stauffer respond? San Diego is hoping he will post similar numbers to his 2011 season when he had a 3.73 earned run average

and 128 strikeouts against 53 walks in 31 starts. 7. The New York Giants return to UAlbany for training camp. This marks the final year of the NFL team's contract with the state university to use its facilities, and no one is certain if there will be a new contract – at least, at this time. It will be interesting to see what the average daily attendance will be, especially after the Giants couldn't train at UAlbany in 2011 due to the NFL lockout. 8. The Shenendehowa football team's first season without Brent Steuerwald on the sidelines. Steuerwald built this program from the ground up. Now, it will be somebody else's responsibility to continue the tradition of excellence that Steuerwald began (318 career wins and 13 Section II championships). 9. The College of Saint Rose women's soccer team defends its NCAA Division II title. The Golden Knights have never been in this position before, but with most of their starters returning from 2011, they should be in good shape to make another run at the national championship. 10. Jimmer Fredette's second NBA season. Will Jimmer become an everyday starter for the Kings, or will he continue to come off the bench and hit three-pointers? Either way, area sports fans will be glued to their TV sets when he takes the court.

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uptick in total attendance over their first two years while playing at Bleecker Stadium.

The on-field product was also good for the first half of the PGCB season, as the Dutchmen contended for a playoff berth. Injuries and departures eventually took their toll on the Dutchmen, as they faded to a tie for third place in the four-team Eastern Division with an 18-29 record. The 18 wins still marked a franchise record, though.

One of Albany's top players was Guilderland High School graduate Steve Anderson. The first baseman/designated hitter belted a team-high six home runs and drove in 27 runs. LaSalle Institute graduate and Latham native Will Remillard came on strong in his first season of collegiate summer league ball with a .297 batting average and 24 RBI.

Fall

- The College of Saint Rose women's soccer team won its first NCAA Division II title by beating Grand Valley State 2-1 in the finals. The Golden Knights had made the last three Final Fours only to lose in the semifinal round each time before breaking through in 2011.

- The Schalmont girls soccer team made school history by winning its first state championship. The Sabres completed a 23-0-0 season by beating Greece Olympia 4-0 in the Class B final. Megan Strijek led the way for Schalmont in the state tournament by scoring back-to-back hat tricks, which earned her the tournament's most valuable player award. Overall, Schalmont outscored its opponents 123-7 and didn't allow a goal in regionals or the state tournament.

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake and Bethlehem both reached the state semifinals in girls soccer. BH-BL made its seventh consecutive trip to the Class A state tournament before losing in the semifinals, while Bethlehem went to the Class AA semifinals for the first time in school history.

- BH-BL's girls volleyball team won its fourth state title by defeating Mercy of Rochester 3-1 in the Class A final at the Glens Falls Civic Center. Kaitlyn Valade led the Lady Spartans with 15 kills and eight digs in the championship match, while Natalie Ziskin contributed 37 assists, six digs and three blocks. It was BH-BL's first state title since 2005.

Voorheesville made its second consecutive trip to the girls volleyball state tournament, but the Blackbirds were eliminated in pool play.

- For the third time in

four years, BH-BL's football team reached the Class A state final. This time, the Spartans led Maine-Endwell 20-14 before the Section IV representatives struck for two fourth-quarter touchdowns to pull out a 27-20 victory.

Shen was hoping for its own trip to the state finals, but Newburgh Free Academy stunned the Section II champions 16-6 in the Class AA semifinals. The loss ended Brent Steuerwald's coaching career, but not before he picked up his 25th league title and his 13th Sectional crown.

Schalmont had its own hopes of a state title in football dashed by Croton-Harmon in the Class B semifinals. Tigers' tailback Trevor Wolstencroft scored the go-ahead touchdown with 3:34 left in the fourth quarter to lead his team past the Sabres 15-12.

- The University at Albany football team earned a share of the Northeast Conference title and a berth in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, and Guilderland High School graduate Andrew Smith was a big part of it. Smith was the team's leading running back with 1,092 yards and 10 touchdowns. It was the Great Danes' first NCAA playoff berth at the Division I level.

- Things went swimmingly for Section II at the New York State Girls Swimming and Diving Championships in Buffalo. The region won its first intersectional title since 1999 with help from Niskayuna's Kina Zhou and Maggie Jordan – both of whom won individual events and swam as part of the Silver Warriors' state record-setting 400-yard freestyle relay team. Guilderville's Jenna Bickel defended her state title in the 100 backstroke, and Ballston Spa's Addison Walkowiak earned her first state diving championship.

- Shaker (boys) and Saratoga (girls) won the team titles at the Federation cross country championships. Shaker went on to win the Nike Team Nationals New York regional, while Saratoga

placed second both in the regional and the national meet.

- The Shenendehowa boys soccer team got as far as the state semifinals in Class AA before losing to Long Island champion Hicksville 3-0. The Plainsmen edged Colonie 3-2 for their 13th Sectional championship since 1988.

The Mohonasen boys soccer team won its third Class A Sectional championship in the last four years by beating Queensbury 2-0. Cameron McDermott and Joseph Avery scored first-half goals for the Mighty Warriors. East Syracuse-Minoa ended Mohonasen's season with a victory in the regional final.

- Shaker's Cat Crummey finished fourth at the state girls tennis tournament. Crummey reached the singles semifinals before losing to Wallkill's Morgan Herrmann 7-6, 0-6, 7-6. Crummey then fell to Seton Catholic's Claire Minnoe 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in the third-place match.

- The Bethlehem boys volleyball team qualified for its second consecutive trip to the state Class A tournament by beating Shen for the Section II title and Suffern in regionals. The Eagles split their six pool play games at states.

- Shen avenged two regular season losses to Niskayuna by beating the Silver Warriors 2-1 in the Section II Class A field hockey championship game. The Plainswomen lost to Section IV champion Greene 1-0 in the regional round.

- Shen girls basketball coach Ken Strube announced in late November his retirement effective at the end of the 2011-12 season. Strube is Section II's all-time career leader in wins and owns 21 Suburban Council, 10 Sectional and four state championships.

- The Bethlehem Pop Warner cheerleading team capped the fall by winning the national midget division title in Orlando, Fla. Rotterdam Pop Warner's junior pee wee division cheerleaders took third place at nationals.



Guilderland had a large, red-clad following at the Babe Ruth World Series in Clifton Park. Guilderland reached the semifinals before losing to Clifton Park 4-1. Rob Jonas/Spotlight



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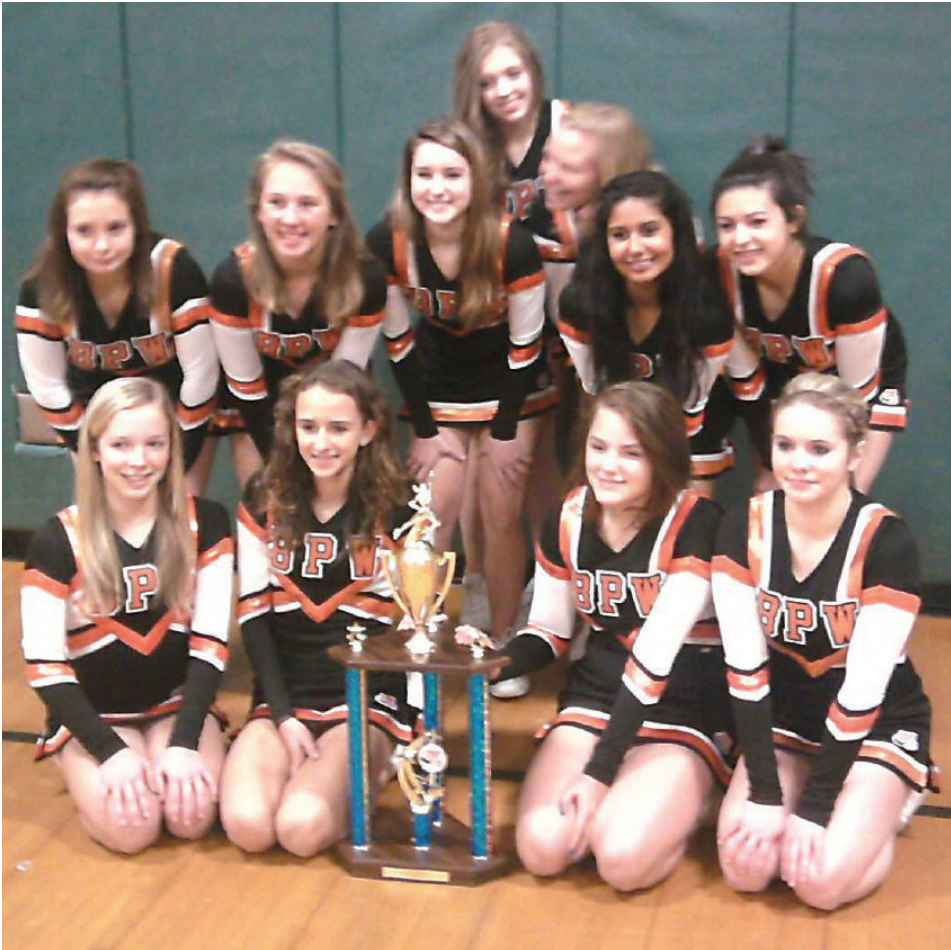
Bethlehem Tomboys Girls Softball League 2012 REGISTRATION

The Bethlehem Tomboys Girls Softball League will hold registration for girls grades K to 12.

Tuesday, January 10th
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Bethlehem Town Hall
Online Registration
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Visit www.bethlehemtombos.com
 For online registration and information

Sports in the Spotlight



Top left: Bethlehem goaltender Katie Nickles punches away a shot during the Nov. 12 Class AA girls soccer regional game against Section III champion Liverpool at Stillwater High School. The Lady Eagles defeated the Warriors 2-0 to advance to their first state semifinal appearance in school history. Above: The Bethlehem Pop Warner midget division cheer-leading team display their regional championship trophy. The Junior Eagles then went to nationals, where they also took first place. Bottom left: Guilderville's Jenna Bickel competes in the 100-yard backstroke at the Section II Girls Swimming and Diving Championships in Clifton Park. Bickel won both the Sectional and state titles last year.

Soccer and swimming photos: Rob Jonas/Spotlight; Cheerleaders: submitted photo



Championships pile up for locals

Bethlehem wins titles in girls soccer and boys volleyball

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The second half of the 2011 sports season provided several highs, as well as a couple of lows. Here is a look back:

Summer

• Clifton Park was more than a host to the Babe Ruth World Series last year. Clifton Park went to the national finals before being shut out by California's Tri-Valley 12-0. In making it that far, the Bulldogs became the fourth host team to reach the championship game in the history of the Babe Ruth World Series – a tournament that started in 1952.

To get to the title game, Clifton Park had to get past Guilderland in the semifinals. The Bulldogs took advantage of four Guilderland errors to defeat the Eastern New York State champions 4-1. Clifton Park pitcher Mason Munger threw six innings of two-hit ball to lead the Bulldogs.

• Prior to the start of the Babe Ruth World Series, there was another significant story happening in Clifton Park as long-time Shenendehowa High School football coach Brent Steuerwald announced his retirement effective at the end of the 2011 season.

Steuerwald started the Shen football program in 1967 and guided the Plainsmen to 24 league titles and 12 Section II championships through the 2010 season. The question would be, could the 2011 Plainsmen give Steuerwald one more championship? The answer would come

in the fall.

• In Saratoga Springs, the oldest thoroughbred race track continued to rake in the money for the city and the region. Saratoga Race Course saw an increase in on-track wagering in 2011, despite a slight drop in overall attendance. The economic impact of the 39-day racing season was estimated at \$200 million for the region, according to a study done by the Saratoga County Industrial Development Agency.

On the track, trainer Todd Pletcher and jockey John Velazquez repeated as meet champions. Pletcher set a new Saratoga record by saddling 38 winners, while Velazquez rode 54 horses to the winner's circle. Mechanicville native Chad Brown was second to Pletcher in the trainer standings with a career-best 22 winners.

• The University at Albany's practice fields were unusually quiet in 2011, thanks to the National Football League lockout.

When a collective bargaining agreement couldn't be reached in time to save the traditional training camp schedule, the New York Giants announced that they would not be coming to UAlbany for the first time in 15 years. Instead the team trained at their New Jersey facility. In the same statement, though, Giants principal owner John Mara said that it was his team's intention to return to UAlbany in 2012 to honor the final year of their contract with the university.

• The Albany Dutchmen saw some positive gains in 2011. Playing in a new stadium (Bellizzi Field) and in a new league (Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League), the Dutchmen had an

Ten storylines to follow in '12

Last week, I gave you my top 10 area sports stories for 2011. This week, I present my top 10 storylines for local sports fans to follow in 2012.

From the
Sports Desk
Rob Jonas



1. **Jimmer Fredette's** rookie season in the NBA. Through his first three games, Fredette scored a total of 30 points while coming off the bench for the Sacramento Kings. But in each game, the pride of Glens Falls scored more points than the previous contest. That's a good sign for Jimmer.

2. The Union College hockey team's pursuit of a second straight ECAC title. The Dutchmen have already proven that they can compete with the elite teams – not only in their league, but outside of it as well with road wins against Michigan and Merrimack. Can they keep their level of play consistently high during January and February?

3. The University at Albany men's basketball team's pursuit of an

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