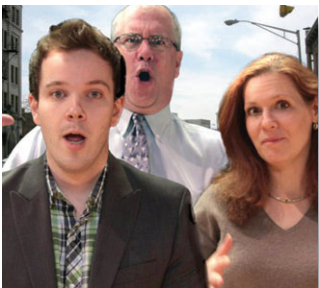




Protesters picket Walmart

Group aims to draw attention to what they are calling the company's inhumane pork practices.

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A little bit of everything

MoHu Festival highlights the work of artists from all across the Capital District.

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Walking tall

The Lady Dutch tied Bethlehem for the divisional lead with Saturday's 8-1 victory over Averill Park in Guilderland.

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S'lands ShopRite opens its doors

Grocery store first Vista tenant in business

By MARCY VELTE
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Plans for the Vista Technology Campus are becoming a reality as the first business within the park has opened its doors.

The Slingerlands ShopRite officially opened on Sunday, Sept. 30, to long lines of eager customers. Ending the wait for Bethlehem residents, the 65,000-square-foot location is the third ShopRite supermarket

to open in the Capital District since last October.

The new store has brought about 400 additional jobs to the area. ShopRite also offers a bevy of local products through partnerships with area businesses, and representatives worked with community members to differentiate the shopping experience at the Slingerlands location when compared to the Niskayuna or Albany stores.

“As a part of our approach to the Capital District market, we have been very diligent in

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Chefs at the Slingerlands ShopRite will host demonstrations at a centrally located cooking station.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

Where is grass greener?

Town, groundskeeper at odds on course closure, public to have say

With a tentative budget on the table that would raise property taxes by 8 percent and instate a number of cuts, one debate that has already started in the Town of Bethlehem is whether the Colonial Acres Golf Course should be closed or kept open.

Some residents have said operating the golf course has become an unnecessary burden on the town, while others have called it a valuable resource. Internally, the debate is much the same.

The town projects the nine-hole, par-three course to run at an annual loss of \$40,000, and scheduled capital improvement projects there could add up to \$270,000 in the coming years. But Golf Course Superintendent Patrick Blum said he feels Colonial Acres is being leveraged as a budgetary quick fix, when in reality there isn't much money to be saved.

“The course is being vilified,” he said. “The numbers

presented are inflated or not necessary at all.”

The Bethlehem Town Board first agreed to lease Colonial Acres Golf Course in 2008 for \$1 per year from the Open Space Conservancy. The five-year agreement called for Bethlehem to maintain the 43-acre Colonial Acres property. The course takes up approximately 30 of those 43 acres.

The lease expired in August, but is now functioning on a month-to-month basis until the town decides the way forward.

Blum said he thinks the town is misrepresenting what could be saved by closing the course. Town officials estimate a \$150,000 investment

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“The numbers presented are inflated or not necessary at all.”

— Golf Course Superintendent Patrick Blum

The Town of Bethlehem is considering whether to close Colonial Acres Golf Course to save \$40,000 in next year's budget and up to \$270,000 in future capital spending costs.

Marcy Velte/
Spotlight

Park Place pitched

The 265-unit development, would be adjacent to Elm Avenue Park

By MARCY VELTE
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Developers hope a proposed housing development's proximity to Elm Avenue Park will make it attractive to apartment seekers.

The development is being proposed as a joint project between Klersy Building Corporation of Delmar and Prime Companies, a real estate marketing and management group. The Klersy family owns the property at the corner of Shanks Place and Elm Avenue. Representatives for both companies went before the Bethlehem Development Planning Committee to informally discuss the plans for Park Place on Thursday, Sept. 20.

“It's a very desirable location, being across from the park,” said Dean Devito from Prime Companies. “And there's easy access to Albany, so there are a lot of good features.”

Park Place would consist of 265 apartments or condominiums to be built on the 46.6-acre parcel. The development would also include an office, community room and several new roads

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Spotty fall on tap for leaf lovers

Foliage forecasts differ on color quality; state pegs fall tourism at \$13B

By JOHN PURCELL
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A dry, hot summer could mean a loss of fall's beauty, as the state's colorful landscape is blossoming earlier and with less vibrancy.

Autumn officially started on Saturday, Sept. 22, and cooler days and nights are already marking the change. Fall in the northeast is synonymous with vibrant foliage because its variety of broad-leafed trees provide a vast color range. Due to its size, New York State's tree cover is nearly equally to that of other northeastern states combined.

Many areas already have leaves turning from green to hues ranging from a dull brown to rosy reds. Those hues, according to one expert, just might not be as profound as what leaf peepers are used to.

"We are going to see a lot more browns and pale yellows than the other oranges and reds I think people find so attractive," said Karl Niklas, professor of plant biology at Cornell University. "There aren't going to be the normal number of leaves on the tree, because trees are dropping their leaves now. ... Some trees are going to color up more quickly than they normally would. You will not have as coordinated a display of color."

Niklas, who researches the relationship between plants and the physical environment, said the summer's high temperatures are only partly to blame. Droughts further hamper coloration.

"It is just not the high temperatures — is there

groundwater to keep the leaves hydrated?" he said. "It is this double-edged sword that has created a lot of problems for our local forests."

But Jerry Carlson, a research scientist for the DEC's Division of Land and Forest, doesn't see things the same way.

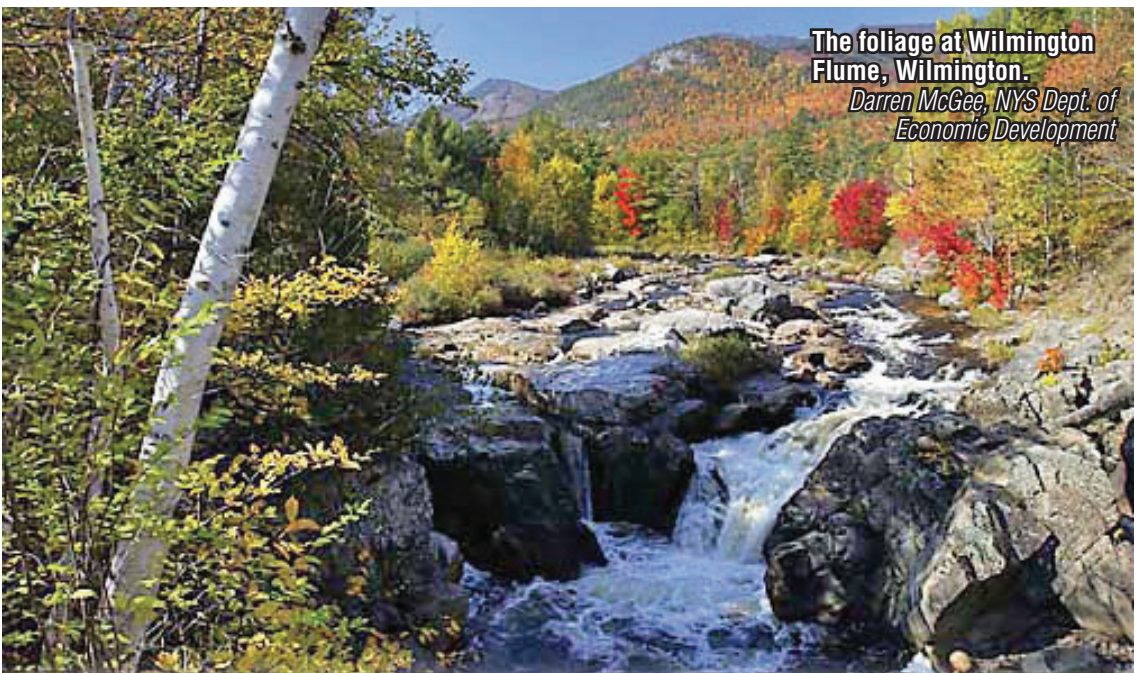
"There should be a fairly high concentration of the reds and purples in there. Now, if we keep the rain away and slowly drop the temperature ... there will be a lot of reds, purples and peach colors," Carlson said. "It could be better than average and maybe even exceptional if we don't end up with the winter getting too cold too fast and we don't end up with too much rain."

Lack of rain has ripple effect

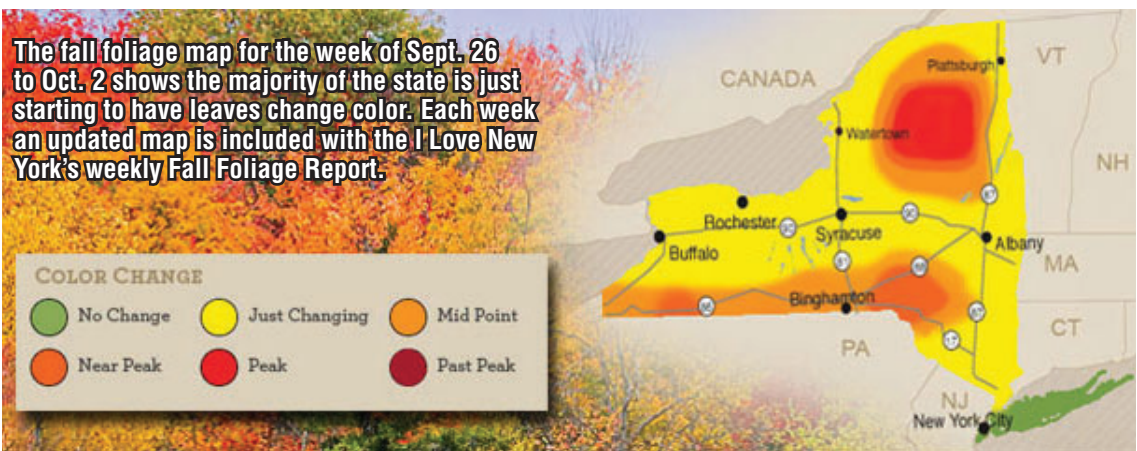
In the Capital District, summer rainfall was below normal levels, but it picked up near the end of the summer and even exceeded the norm in some cases. In August, Albany had 2.6 inches of rain, below the normal 3.46 inches, according to the National Weather Service. A 24-hour period starting Aug. 28 accounted for the majority of precipitation, with around 1.3 inches. The average maximum temperature for last month was 2.6 degrees higher than the normal, with the average low being 1.6 degrees above normal.

Leaves use groundwater to keep cool by evaporating water inside the leaf, so if the roots can't provide any water the temperature of the leaf rises, Niklas said. Once the leaf temperatures are more than ideal, proteins and enzymes can be damaged, which will kill the leaf or cause browning along its edges.

Carlson the color a leaf takes



The foliage at Wilmington Flume, Wilmington.
Darren McGee, NYS Dept. of Economic Development



on "amounts to how much food the leaf makes for the plant at the end of the growing season" — essentially, the leaf's leftovers.

"It is all chemistry and there are a lot of things that can affect the chemistry," such as heavy rain and frost, Carlson said.

Leaf peeping means big business

Fall is not just a boon to locals, however, it accounts for a significant portion of the state's yearly tourism revenues. Bad

leaves could lead to more than a visual disappointment.

Tourism was a \$53 billion industry last year, according to Empire State Development Spokesman Eric Scheffel, with the two-month period from Labor Day to the beginning of November accounting for about 25 percent of the year's total. It was a record year for the state, Scheffel said.

"People want to get out and they want to see out the most beautiful color," he said. "We are so big in size that we have peaks

from late September all the way through November."

This fall, leaf peepers might need to plan their trips more selectively.

"Tourists are going to have to be traveling and selecting more carefully where they are going to be," Niklas said.

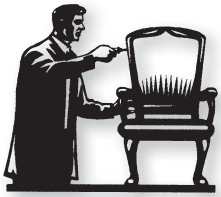
Where to see the colors

The Empire State Development's I Love New York program's weekly Fall Foliage Report could prove to be a

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History put on the map, at last

Slingerlands home to Bethlehem's first historic district

By MARCY VELTE
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After more than two years of work, the Slingerlands Historical District has officially been added to the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Town residents and local officials came together to celebrate the milestone on Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church. All of the research required to finish the project and qualify for the distinction took many months, but residents had talked about creating the district for nearly two decades.

"It's exciting for us to get to this point," said Bethlehem Town Historian Susan Leath.

The district extends from Couse Lane to Helderberg Parkway, and along New Scotland Road. It also includes

Mullens Road and Bridge Street, which follow the Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail.

The town is home to single locations on the National Register of Historic Places, but this is the first Bethlehem historical district to be added to the list. Many parts of the town have been in constant use for so long they've been modernized, Leath said, but in this part of Slingerlands the original architecture largely remains.

The process to establish a district started several years ago with the installation of a blue-and-gold historic marker next door to Ilona Muhlich's New Scotland Road home. The marker acknowledged the nearby burial ground of 19th century resident Andrew Conning. This put Muhlich's own property in more of a historical context, and she next sought the help of Leath and Tony Opalka from the State Historic Preservation Office to get the entire neighborhood



Former Bethlehem Town Supervisor Sam Messina commends Town Historian Susan Leath and the residents of Slingerlands on their work to bring the Slingerlands Historic District into fruition.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

added as a historical site.

There are about 100 buildings within the district, but only about half have historical significance to the region. Leath said to create the proposal, residents had to be interviewed to learn information about each building. The application then focused on properties with the most extensive history.

"We focused on the history of the district up until the

automobile-suburb era, so about the 1920s," said Leath, who explained the area has three periods of significance: from when Slingerlands was first formed to the railroad era, and then when automobiles were introduced. Each period had an impact on the hamlet's architecture and history.

A new Slingerlands Historic District Walk passes by about 20 locations of importance.

The distinction does not mean there will be any new restrictions to homeowners.

"This is an honor to say that our district had an impact on state history, it does not control what can be done to your house," Leath said. "We really rely on the property owners, who understand they have a historic house in a historic area,

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Police Blotter

Duo nabbed acquiring painkillers at CVS

Two Massachusetts men were arrested in Bethlehem after attempting to use fake prescriptions to purchase oxycodone pills at a local pharmacy.

Police said Leon Campbell, 28, and Gregory Bertolino, 29, both of Lowell, Mass., were arrested when a detective from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security responded to a call at the CVS on Delaware Avenue in Delmar from the state Department of Narcotic Enforcement.

The detective called the pharmacy to say he would conduct an investigation in plainclothes. He allegedly saw Campbell and Bertolino attempt to leave the store after the painkillers prescription had been filled. The pair was arrested outside and allegedly told police they had purchased blank prescriptions in New York City and were now traveling to get them filled.

Campbell and Bertolino were both charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument, criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminal possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell and conspiracy, all felonies. They were also charged with criminal diversion of prescriptions, criminal use of drug paraphernalia and fraud, all misdemeanors.

Both were sent to the Albany County jail without bail. They were scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Arrests

• Bethlehem police arrested a Rensselaer woman and charged her with driving while intoxicated on Monday, Sept. 24.

Police said Elaine Rubin, 27, of 42 Catskill Ave., was being asked questions about a possible domestic dispute earlier in the day and police noticed she smelled of alcohol and was having trouble speaking.

Rubin was asked to exit her car and submit to sobriety tests that she allegedly failed. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. She was released and scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

• Bethlehem police arrested a Coxsackie man and charged him with driving while intoxicated on Tuesday, Sept. 25

Police said Gordon Warren, 28, of 59 Van Dyck St., was traveling westbound on Feura Bush Road when he crossed the center line three times. Upon being pulled over, police said Warren had slurred speech and smelled of alcohol. He allegedly failed sobriety tests and refused a chemical test.

Warren was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to keep right. He was released and was scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

• Guilderland police arrested Jeffrey DeGroff, 51, on Tuesday, Sept. 25. He was charged with driving while intoxicated, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and violation of his conditional license.

• Colonie police arrested Walter Matire, 50, 40 Eagle St. No. 6 of Albany on Monday, Sept. 17, and charged him with burglary in the third degree, criminal mischief in the third degree and grand larceny in the fourth degree.

• Colonie police arrested Richard Roldan, 32, of 461 Morris St. 1st Floor, in Albany on Wednesday, Sept. 19, and charged him with criminal contempt (prior conviction) in the first degree.

• Colonie police arrested Aneela Roohi, 33, of 4 Vincent Ave. in Albany, on Thursday, Sept. 13, and charged her with grand larceny in the fourth degree.

• Colonie police arrested Jeffrey D. Horton, 39, of 131A Wellington Ave. in Albany, on Friday, Sept. 14, and charged him with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle by an unlicensed

driver and failure to stay in a single lane.

• Rotterdam police on Friday, Sept. 14, arrested Samuel Gilbert, 27, of Maryvale Drive, Schenectady, on the charges of burglary in the second degree and criminal mischief in the third degree, both felonies.

• Glenville police on Saturday, Sept. 22, at approximately 2:39 a.m., arrested James J. Moloney, 47, of Monroe Street, Albany, on the charges of two counts of identity theft in the second degree, a felony, and petit larceny.

• Rotterdam police on Monday, Sept. 10, arrested Paul Rizzo, 31, of Woodbridge Avenue, Schenectady, on the charge of grand larceny in the third degree, a felony.

• Rotterdam police on Thursday, Sept. 13, arrested Dario Harding, 33, of White Plains, on the charge of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the first degree, a felony.

• Rotterdam police on Saturday, Sept. 15, arrested Seth Buess, 23, of Congress Street, Schenectady, on Hamburg Street, on the charges of DWI and failure to keep right.

• Rotterdam police on Friday, Sept. 14, arrested Scott Barbato, 42, of Cox Avenue, Schenectady, on Broadway, on the charge of DWI.

Map

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to take care of their home and preserve it.”

At the ceremony, Opalka presented the town with a certificate of recognition that will be placed at Town Hall.

The district will be marked by two large signs to be will be installed by the town’s Highway Department. The signs were paid for through the fundraising efforts of Slingerlands residents.

Former Supervisor Sam Messina was in office when the project began and had backed the effort as a Slingerlands resident. He said he was proud to see the district officially be recognized by the state.

“Bethlehem is special because of its people and because of its volunteers,” he said, explaining how without dedicated residents like Leath and Muhlich, the designation would have remained a pipe dream.

The next Slingerlands History Hike will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 9:30 a.m. Each hike is limited to 20 people and are free. Participants must preregister through the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department.

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The burger, the breaker and me

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

My plan was to eat a leftover hamburger, but skip the bun. My reasoning was as follows: 1) I was hungry. 2) I wanted to take a Turbo Kick class at the gym. 3) It's not a good idea to work out on a full stomach. 4) It's not smart to work out on an empty stomach. A bun-less burger was a compromise.

Was a burger, bunless or otherwise, the correct food to eat 90 minutes before engaging in high-impact aerobics? This I cannot answer. I can only say that the thought of the leftover burger was highly appealing to me and it would be ready after just a minute or so in the microwave oven. Yes, it's true. My husband grills burgers that are still juicy after a microwave reheating. He prefers to reheat in the toaster oven, but I can't wait that long.

On the day in question, I was alone in the house. My daughter was away at camp and Jeff was out playing racquetball. I slid the burger into the microwave and started the reheat process. Then I took a drinking glass out of the cabinet. And as I opened the refrigerator door to retrieve the water pitcher, the microwave abruptly shut off and the light went out inside the fridge.

My first thought was "power outage," but as I set down the water pitcher on the counter I noticed the clock on the regular oven was still working. The kitchen lights were still working



and the adjacent dining room lights were still working.

That's when it hit me: It wasn't a power outage, it was a modern day version of a "blown fuse." I was alone in the house and I was going to have to go to the basement and perform some maneuver on something inside that mysterious cabinet hanging on the wall.

Unsure if I would be able to get the microwave up and running, I decided to use the toaster oven to reheat the burger. That's when I discovered that the toaster oven, although sitting on the counter right next to the functioning full-size oven, had joined ranks with the non-operating fridge and microwave. I unplugged the toaster oven and moved it in front of the coffee maker that was on a section of the counter still supporting electricity. I put my burger in the toaster oven and then set a timer lest my food over cook while I was off foraging for power in the basement.

"I can do this!" I told myself as I headed down the basement steps. Soon I was face-to-face with the cabinet. Well, not really face-to-face, since it has no face and if it did my eyes would be facing its chin. And although I regularly refer to the cabinet as "the fuse box,"

I did at some point learn that "fuse boxes" now contain "circuit breakers" which look like thick versions of a common light switch.

I opened the cabinet and set about trying to determine which switch I needed to "flip." I was expecting to see one clearly out of place, as in flipped in the opposite direction of all the others. I saw no such outlier, nor were the switches labeled. At least that was my first impression. That's when I ran upstairs and got the "emergency" high-powered flashlight. And when I returned to the scene of the circuits, I discovered that the inside of the cabinet door contained labels. But I didn't see anything that said "microwave" or "refrigerator." Plus I wasn't sure of the exact procedure for "flipping the switch." Was I supposed to flip it from one side to the other? Was I supposed to move it over and then back? Was it a three-part move, like when you are crossing the road and you look left, right and then left once more before crossing? What would happen if I flipped the wrong switch?

Normally I would "Google" for answers. This time I called my brother.

"I'm in the basement and I need your help with circuit breaker stuff," I told him. I also gave some background information about my burger and the light going out in the refrigerator. He said, "Did the freezer light

go out too?" I answered, "Yes," even though I didn't remember whether or not I had investigated that point. Plus if it was only a problem with the refrigerator light bulb, then I was pretty sure the microwave and toaster oven would still be working.

Somehow, with my brother on the line, I found that the word "refrigerator" did indeed appear inside the cabinet door. And when I looked at the corresponding switch I noticed that it was ever so slightly out of alignment just the way my brother was describing. And there was also a tiny patch of exposed red. I flipped the switch over and back, headed back upstairs and found all the appliances back in working order. He told me to go eat my burger and have fun at the gym.

Back in the kitchen I transferred my burger from the toaster oven onto a plate. I was somewhat leery about consuming the burger closer to Turbo Kick class than originally intended, but I stuck with my plan nonetheless. My reasoning was as follows: 1) I was really hungry. 2) The burger smelled super yummy. 3) I was still skipping the bun. 4) I felt super accomplished for having dealt with the "broken circuit."

G'land budget focus of meeting

The Guilderland Central School District Board of Education will meet with members of the community on Tuesday, Oct. 23, to listen to their ideas, concerns, and questions regarding the district's 2013-14 spending plan.

The input session will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Guilderland High School LGI room, located at 8 School Road in Guilderland Center, and will serve as the kick-off to this year's budget deliberations. All district residents are welcome to attend the session, which will also be broadcast live on TWC Channel 16 as part of the regular meeting of the Board.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the superintendent's office at 456-6200, ext. 3102 or superintendent@guilderlandschools.org.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, 2013-14 school budget input may also be submitted in writing, on or before October 23, to: Board of Education President Colleen O'Connell, c/o Guilderland Central School District Office, 8 School Road, P.O. Box 18, Guilderland Center, NY 12085-0018.

You may also submit your feedback online by visiting the 2013-14 budget input feedback form at: www.guilderlandschools.org (click on the School Budget News icon).

Food, fellowship lunch planned

The Food and Fellowship Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 10, from noon until 2 p.m. at the New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street.

The meal will feature roast pork, sweet potatoes and green beans with spice cake for dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Caitlyn Ippolito and Pat DeLucia playing flute and piano.

This luncheon is open to all members of the community. Reservations are encouraged. Call the church office at 756-8764 and leave your name, contact number and the number of reservations you are making. If you require transportation, leave that information as well. Dining space is limited to 60 seats.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

If a tree falls...

You'll read this week a story about the status of leaf peeping in our fair state.

To sum up reporter John Purcell's findings, some experts think leaf lovers are in for a truncated, lackluster season of fall colors because of a hot, dry summer. This hopefully won't be an economic problem for the state (the early fall season tends to be a booming time for tourism), but it is a disappointing appraisal nonetheless that comes on the heels of one of the worst local apple harvests in memory. Fall, the much-beloved season of so many northeasterners, is a little less ideal this year.

Of course, a minor hiccup in the cycle of natural colors is not the end of the world. What is more troubling is the years-long trajectory that is increasingly relegating nature to off-the-beaten-path corners of the countryside in favor of strip malls, cookie cutter housing developments and parking lots. The natural world, it would seem, is becoming something you drive to rather than something observed every day.

A 2010 report by a group of leading academic minds entitled "Wildlands and Woodlands" found in the New England states, forest cover has declined precipitously since 1950 after experiencing a dramatic, century-long revival once settlers stopped cutting down everything in sight. It's much the same story elsewhere. The problem is, what once took man and beast months can take a logging crew a few days — the forests may not be in a state of danger, but it is heading that direction, and quickly.

It is hard to imagine it today, but when Europeans first set foot in the New World what was to become the eastern United States was home to massive, towering trees that rival the redwoods in California (many of which were also recently lost to logging, by the way). White pines routinely grew to well over 200 feet tall. In a matter of years, nearly all of these were felled to make ship masts. At the rate we're going, it is unlikely anything like them will ever been seen again in this part of the country.

Today, there are only scattered patches of old growth forests in New York (indeed, in the entire northeast) that were never touched by human hands. It is important these resources are protected, but it is equally vital we build the spirit of preserving nature into our everyday lives. Nature need not be a special interest, it is something that can become commonplace with a little forethought.

We reported recently in our Saratoga County edition on the Meadow Vista housing development outside of Saratoga Springs. Besides being home to 21 domiciles, this area contains a public preserve of forestland with walking trails. When we spoke to planners from the city and developer Charlew Builders, we were told this project is quite outside the norm because as a conservation subdivision, few builders are willing to go to the trouble or give up potential revenues to incorporate true open spaces into their designs.

That is quite understandable, but what is also clear is developers don't need to take an all-or-nothing approach to their projects. They should be encouraged by municipal planning boards to incorporate natural features into their endeavors, or at the very least create green space beyond islands of grass in a parking lot (these do count towards a project's open space percentage, believe it or not). And beyond being encouraged, they should be rewarded for taking such measures.

If we are unable to reconcile our desire for newer things — new homes, new places to shop, new places to park — with the world that surrounds us, a poor showing for leaf colors will be the least of our worries.

Editorial

Nursing home requires scrutiny

By DANIEL P. McCOY

The writer is the Albany County executive.

There are many tough decisions that I face as an elected official but none more difficult than the fate of the Albany County Nursing Home. It is not a decision that will be made lightly and has involved many people from all walks of life exploring the various options. Over the past five years there have been many discussions about how best to serve the financial interests of Albany County taxpayers, yet also offer solutions to our most vulnerable residents. Whatever the decision is, I want to ensure that those who need skilled nursing care like that provided at the nursing home get it.

Years ago, my family needed to look for an alternative when my father got sick. The Albany County Nursing Home was the answer. Through the years, as I visited friends and relatives at the Home, or as I toured to survey operations in my official duties, I have always been struck at the level of commitment of the staff and the care they provide. I am also continually reminded, as I viewed rooms of elderly with no family or friends visiting, how critically important it is to serve the needs of those who have no place else to turn. Let me tell you about the work that my team has done so far on this critically important issue.

Aside from the task of developing and implementing a \$560 million dollar operating budget, the Albany County Nursing Home has been the issue my administration has spent the most time on developing a solution for. Beginning with the recruitment of our region's top health care leaders to my Transition Team last fall, whom I tasked to take an honest, fair and professional assessment of the nursing home with no prescribed opinions from me, I have pursued a resolution for the Nursing Home issue with

Point of View

an open mind. I have learned a great deal since my time in the Legislature, and certainly more about professional health care beyond what I saw as a visitor to a loved one. This process calls for deeper thought and not a reactionary decision that was not fully vetted. In the past few months since taking office we have accomplished the following:

- Crews from our Department of Public Works and Office of General Services Departments made improvements to the facility inside and out so the Nursing Home would look and feel more like a home to the residents.
- We put out a Request For Proposal to have an outside management company run the facility. The bids submitted did nothing to address the cost structure and in fact placed additional costs on the County.
- We also put out a Request For Proposal to transfer the license to an experienced third party, but received no bids worth pursuing.
- We have brought several of the region's foremost health care management experts through the Nursing Home. They looked at the aging facility, commended the quality of care, but recommended to close the Nursing Home and invest in support programs that allow seniors to remain in their homes and in the community.

The dramatic change in the economy since I first looked at this issue as a Legislator has changed our County's financial fortunes dramatically. Like every government or business, these economic realities have forced us to rethink some of the ideas we once had. It is crystal clear to me that Albany

What's your point?

The Spotlight welcomes longer opinion pieces for the Point of View section.

Do you have a hobby or cause you feel passionate about? We'd love to share it with our readers.

Do you have information you think others would benefit from hearing about? Let us know.

Point of View submissions should be around 700 words and can be submitted via email to news@spotlightnews.com with "POV" in the subject line.



County cannot afford to build a new nursing home in this economy. The answer to the challenge of balancing the finances of the government with the needs of our community's elderly, needs to be developed through consensus between my administration and the Legislature.

For my part as I review all the options and consider my constituents, there isn't a Sunday that goes by that I don't get a call from my aunt who says "Daniel, take care of the seniors." She is a nun who has devoted 70 years to the Little Sisters of the Poor caring for seniors in our community. Her words are all the inspiration that I need to do the best possible job I can on this complex issue.

In the coming months, the Legislature and I need to make the right decision...a decision that upholds our moral and ethical responsibility to our seniors and is financially sound for Albany County.

Weekly poll

What is the best way to protect open space?

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

Last week's poll results:

"What is more important, keeping taxes low or retaining services?"

- Keeping taxes low 55%
- Retaining services 45%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Town Board Election not over yet

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Bethlehem Democrat's squabble is over for the moment, a scant 1/3 of the registered Democrats could stir themselves enough to get out and vote in the Primary and then the victory of Reinhardt by a 33-vote margin can hardly be called resounding. Now the rest of us can have something to say about who is the next Town Board member.

I am sure Mr. Reinhardt is a nice man but do we need another double dipping retired state bureaucrat in Town Government? There is a Republican in the running and it will be up to him to present himself to the electorate as a viable option. He does come from the private sector which may be something we need. Remember there are 13,798 other registered voters in Bethlehem as

well as a goodly number of disaffected Democrats (for sure). The results of the Democratic Primary do not have to be the final word.

The question is whether the voters of Bethlehem consider this important enough to act. With a proposal for an 8 percent tax increase in the next budget I am betting yes.

*Philip W. Carter
Slingerlands*

The time for a strong Independence Party is now

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

There are times when I am just plain proud of people. That is the way I feel about the 13 Bethlehem residents that joined me to run for an Independence Party Committee seat.

New York State election law allows a person to run for a political committee position by collecting signatures, and getting on the ballot for the voters in that election district to select their representatives. The process worked, resulting in 11 of the 14 persons who ran becoming Independence Party Committee representatives.

We all believe that the Bethlehem Independence Party can be a positive force, a standard bearer, for good politics and good government. Bethlehem's Independence Party can also have a greater impact on election outcomes. There are 1,490 registered Independence Party members in Bethlehem. There are also 5,570 enrolled voters not affiliated with a political Party, some of whom might choose to join the Independence Party - if they saw something that appealed to their hearts and minds about what politics and political Parties should stand for.

First and foremost we should stand for the principle of being *independent*.

The Independence Party's New York State platform contains values that should be the foundation of a new Bethlehem Independence Party platform. Examples of those values follow, and a visit to the website

(<http://ipny.org/platform.html>) will provide more information.

- Increase the power of voters
- Enhance the power for voter participation
- Improve ballot access to people or groups seeking office
- Reduce the advantages of incumbency and grant challengers relatively equal ability to compete for office
- Improve dramatically the ethical standards and conduct of candidates and office holders
- Improve opportunities for citizen-legislators
- Restore fiscal solvency and budgetary sanity
- Improve the quality of government services

Second, our Party needs to stand more on its own. That means not being beholden to any other political Party as a way to gain political power. Cross endorsements for top-notch candidates are fine, but let us first be the Independence Party, rather than having cross endorsements be the default choice. We need to actively attract, endorse

and support candidates from our own Party that are outstanding in terms of their experience, ability, integrity and vision.

Third, the full Independence Party Committee, not only the executive committee, needs to be included in Party activities to: create and strengthen our platform; develop campaign strategies; build membership; engage in community involvement; fundraise; train new committee persons; and interview and support excellent candidates.

I want Bethlehem's Independence Party leadership and all Committee members to know that we are not about Party takeover or control. We want to join with you. Together, we will enable the Bethlehem Independence Party to be an admirable example of how a political Party can positively impact the way politics is perceived and practiced and also advance good governance and citizenship.

*Sam Messina
Delmar*

A gift for the business climate

Consulting Alliance to award prize to one growing organization

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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One Capital District business is recognizing its anniversary with a giveaway — but it is not just for anyone.

The Consulting Alliance, located in Voorheesville, is sponsoring Roadmap to Results, a regional competition in honor of the company's 20th anniversary. They'd like to help a growing organization in the area by awarding them \$24,000 worth of consulting services. Nancy Schultz, president of Consulting Alliance, said it's a way to share the company's success.

"Our greatest accomplishment has

been the growth of our organization to attract the finest consultants in the area and growing together," she said.

The competition is open to any profit, nonprofit or public organization and applications are due by Oct. 10. Information and applications for the competition can be found at www.consultingalliance.org/competition.

The winner of the competition will receive the services of an alliance or team of consultants for four days. The team will provide the winner with an assessment of their organization as well as a management plan to address its chief issue of concern.

"The process will culminate in a set of strategic recommendations (or Roadmap), showing how the organization can

achieve its objectives," reads a statement from the Consulting Alliance.

In selecting a winner, the alliance will look at criteria such as the organization's resources and track record, its positive impacts on the community and the management team.

The Consulting Alliance was founded by a small group of Albany businesspeople. That group is now up to 50 members. It not only provides its own consulting services, but provides resources to smaller, independent consultants in the Capital District. Shultz said the group makes it a point to stay abreast of the changing business environment in order to stay relevant.

"We continue to advance in a different way," said Shultz who pointed to social media as a new point of interest for the alliance.

The winner of the Roadmap to Results contest will be announced sometime in December or January, according to Schultz.

"We found it's the best time of year, the best skilled workers will be available," said Schultz.

The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County is one group advertising the contest to its members.

"The Chamber is pleased to count the Consulting Alliance among our strategic partners helping to build the new economy of Tech Valley," said Chamber President and CEO Pete Bardunias. "The Roadmap to Results will enable the recipient to get advice from experts and a chance to dramatically increase the strength, profitability and productivity of their business or organization."

The Spotlight welcomes letters of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing and are limited to 500 words.

All letters must include

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And back on earth...
The latest revision to our annual booklet "Volunteer Opportunities for Adults in the Bethlehem Area" is now available in the library. This booklet provides contact information and short descriptions for 17 local organizations that offer a variety of volunteer opportunities.
Our expanded volunteer program at the library includes spots for adults with computer experience, gardeners, teens, and others. Find out more at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org; click on the "volunteer" quicklink on our homepage.

Reading aloud is good for you
Reading aloud builds reading skill and self-confidence. Our Book Buddies program pairs kids in grade K-5 with teen reading partners. Big and Little Buddies meet this month on Mondays and



Thursdays at 4:30 p.m., Oct. 11-29. All reading levels are welcome. Just drop in — no signup is required.
And a reminder that kids in grades 1-5 can "Paws to Read" with us next Monday Oct. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. Kitty the purr-fect dog will be back to listen to kids read stories. No signup is required.
Reading aloud to children improves their narrative skills, expands their vocabulary, broadens their horizons, and creates an emotional bond that lasts a lifetime. Our ongoing "Reading Streak" program, open to children and teens of all ages and their reading partners of choice, is based on a promise to read together for a mutually agreed upon time period. The program is based on Alice Ozma's "The Reading Promise: My Father and the Books we Shared." To find out how you can participate, call the youth services department at 439-9314.

Listening parties: Reflections on jazz
Thursday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.
Listen to classic recordings of Grammy-winning guitarist Pat Metheny. Share observations with like-minded jazz aficionados.

Young @ Heart
Friday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m.
Singer Bob Marcello and pianist John Mariano perform well-loved standards from the 1940s and 50s. Senior citizens and others.

Yummy lunch
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.
Tired of your lunch box food already? Cooperative Extension's Sandra Varno talks about yummy lunch choices that are also healthy. Stick around and help make something delicious. School age with adult.

Make a Great Pumpkin
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.
Bring a small pumpkin; decorating supplies provided. Then watch the Charles Schulz classic, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" Age 2 and up with family.

Hiking in Utah
Thursday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
Slingerlands resident Alan Via shares images and stories of his recent trek through Canyonlands and Arches National Parks in Moab, Utah.

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



Classic film series kicks off on Oct. 3

The Guilderland Public Library's four-flick Classic Film Series premieres on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. with a big-screen showing of the Academy Award winning story of an American expatriate (Humphrey Bogart) who meets a former lover (Ingrid Bergman) in unoccupied Africa during World War II.
Nothing beats the experience of seeing a film like this on the big screen. The movie's visual power and composition get its due. (And, as close as you look, you will not see nor hear Rick say "Play it again, Sam." It just did not happen.) That big-screen effect is why we are showing this and three other acclaimed films from the American Film Institute's Top 100. Released in the 1930s, '40s and '50s, these films were chosen for their popular appeal and are contemporary classics. (Our fair-use license prevents us from using their actual titles, but you get the idea.)
Oct. 10: The opera movie starring the Marx Brothers
Oct. 17: The waterfront

movie starring Marlon Brando
Oct. 24: The one evening movie starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert
Please register in advance for these shows; call 456-2400 x 2. All shows start at 6:30 p.m., are screened in the Helderberg Room, and feature free popcorn.

Caregiving options for older adults
Whether you're looking for a "caregiver break" or just want to know your options as your loved ones age and require more care, you can get the answers you need at "Caregiver 101" at the Guilderland Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m.
A panel of experts from the Capital Region Caregiver Coalition (CRCC) will provide a wealth of practical, useful information about the different resources that are available to you right here in the community. The CRCC is an informal group of professionals dedicated to

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Finding the right college at the right price
Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
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admissions has changed drastically in the last 20 years. Tuition and competition have soared, making it a challenge for applicants and their families to navigate the process. Over the past eight years, Dr. Skarlis and his staff have helped hundreds of families save time, money and find “best fit” colleges. Call or email the reference desk to sign up.

Digital download open house
On Thursday, Oct. 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., library staff will hold free training sessions every half-hour. Drop in and

learn how to borrow free digital books and audiobooks from the library’s Overdrive collection. Bring your own eReader, tablet or smart phone, or sample the library’s devices. Can’t make it on this date? Library staff will be happy to give you individual assistance, just call ahead for an appointment.

Albany and the Civil War with Mark Bodnar
Sunday, Oct. 21 at 1 p.m.

As part of the “Hearts Touched with Fire... Living Through the Civil War” series, local historian Mark Bodnar’s presentation is a fascinating look at Albany’s Civil War connections, as he introduces individuals

from that era interred in Albany Rural Cemetery. His subjects include statesmen, businessmen, and six Medal of Honor recipients.

Learn about industrialist John Winslow, who helped convince Lincoln to build the Monitor, Confederate Absalom Bainbridge, who helped John Wilkes Booth escape, and Major Charles Pease, who rode with Generals Grant and Lee on the same day.

Barbara Vink

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

Driving center caters to seniors

The Town of Guilderland Senior Office and the Town’s Police Department have been working together to help senior drivers drive safer, longer through the Town’s Driver Fitness Center.

Located in Guilderland Town Hall, the center is designed to ensure the safety and independence of older drivers and to help seniors and their families find tangible solutions to their driving challenges. For more information, call Cindy in the Senior Office.

Thanksgiving dinner deliveries

Thanksgiving Day preparations are in the works by Equinox, Inc. for their 43rd Annual Equinox Thanksgiving Day Dinner. In order to get home delivery, we need to update our list of dinner recipients, so please contact the Senior Office to make your reservation.

Movie of the Month
Thursday, Oct. 25 – 10:30 a.m. in the Courtroom: “Catch Me If You Can”

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–Internet synopsis
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Guilderland seniors are invited to a fall luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 23, at noon at The Italian-American Community Center on Washington Ave. Extension.

Your luncheon choice: sliced sirloin or chicken parmesan.

Cost: \$18/person. Tickets are on sale from Sept. 18 to Oct. 16. Transportation service is available.

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educating caregivers and promoting community awareness about the delivery of care to seniors.

To register for this program, call the Alzheimer’s Association of NENY at 867-4999, ext. 209.

Preserve it!
On Thursday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m., the Guilderland Public Library is going to help you solve a long-standing problem: how to

preserve that treasured collection of old family photographs, papers and books, and heirlooms and fabrics ... even your great-grandmother’s wedding dress.

Preserving these wonderful items is not as challenging as you might think. Get some readily available supplies, take a few simple steps, spend a few hours, and you’ll ensure future generations can enjoy these items as much as you do. All this is the topic of a three-part “Preserve It!” series being held to mark October’s

American Archives Month.

Oct. 4: Part 1: Preserving Photos

Oct. 11: Part 2: Preserving Papers and Books

Oct. 25: Part 3: Preserving Heirlooms and Fabrics

Ann Carroll Kearney, collections conservator at the University at Albany Libraries, will give you a much-needed start and practical information on preserving your family’s treasures. She is a Professional Associate of the American Institute for

Conservation, co-chair of the institute’s Book and Paper Task Force on Education Professional Development, a member of AIC’s Emergency Committee and a member of the American Library Association.

Mark Curiale

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

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It's time for Meals ... Music and More Senior

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It's time for "Meals... Music and More" on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m., at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk. The suggested meal contribution is \$2.50 for seniors and \$5 for those under age 60. Voluntary donations for the musical performance are welcome. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

Join us for a walk on Fridays, Oct. 5, Oct. 12, and Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring a bagged lunch and bottled water. Meet at Town Hall. Locations will include Clarksville Cave Preserve, the Normanskill Preserve and The Rail Trail. For reservations or information, call Will Vail at 439-4955, ext. 1173.

Monday, Oct. 8
Town Hall is closed for Columbus Day holiday.

Senior Action



Town of Bethlehem

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Tuesday, Oct. 9
• Health insurance fair at the Bethlehem Area YMCA, 900 Delaware Ave. Delmar, from 9 a.m. to noon. Representatives from EPIC, CDPHP, MVP, Empire, and Fidelis Care will be available. Come learn about the newest Medicare Advantage Plans (MAP). Senior Services Outreach Workers are also available at Town Hall to answer these questions especially during open enrollment, Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 10
• Are your turning 65 this year? Medicare basics will be presented at Town Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. Learn about Medicare and EPIC, NYS' senior prescription program. What does Medicare cover? Do you need additional insurance? What is Medicare D? Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation.

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

Thursday, Oct. 11
• Senior Legal Services Program, a free program staffed by the Legal Aid Society, is available between 10:30 pm and noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. It provides legal advice and service at no cost for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 430-4955, 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 a.m.-4 p.m. We play mah jongg, bridge, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for more information.

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

Friday, Oct. 12
• Enhance your knowledge on aging issues. Attorney Margaret Z. Reed will present Twenty Legal Questions (and the short answers) at Bethlehem Public Library, from 10:30 am to noon. Call 439-5770 to arrange transportation or come on your own.

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

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

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

*Wilma DeLucco,
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11:30 a.m. Speech: "US Treasury Benefit Change"
11:30 a.m. Luncheon
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, Oct. 3
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Zumba
10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 a.m. Sr Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, Oct. 4
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 a.m. Medicare talk
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
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Pork protest swings by Glenmont

**Mercy for Animals
pickets against
Wal-Mart's practices**

By MARCY VELTE
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Members of a national animal rights organization made their way to Glenmont last week to protest the alleged abuse of pigs by Wal-Mart pork suppliers.

The group Mercy for Animals is touring the nation to speak out against the use of gestation crates used when raising pigs for slaughter. Members of the organization have already traveled to 45 stores near major cities to tell customers about their findings using “hidden-camera methods.”

A small demonstration took place on Wednesday, Sept. 26, in front of Bethlehem Town Center plaza along Route 9W in Glenmont. Both local and national members of the group were in attendance, as was a giant inflatable pig locked in a small crate.

“We are asking Wal-Mart to take a stand against this egregious animal abuse and tell their suppliers to end the use of gestation crates,” said Phil Letten, the group’s national campaign coordinator.

Gestation crates, or “sow stalls,” are small, metal enclosures used by many large pig farming facilities to keep pregnant, female pigs separate from one another. They are often extremely small, and do not allow the pig room for movement. Most animal rights groups view the practice as inhumane.

The Mercy for Animals organization would like Wal-Mart to ask their suppliers to phase out usage of the crates. According to the group, companies like McDonald’s,

“I think animals should be treated as humanely as possible, even if they are going to be eaten. It should be the store’s responsibility to check how the animals are treated, but I don’t always trust they do.”

– Barbra Vardabash
of Westerlo

Burger King, Chipotle, Safeway and Costco have all made similar requests of their suppliers.

“The practice of confining sensitive, intelligent, and social pigs into tiny gestation crates has been widely condemned by veterinarians and leading farmed animal welfare experts. Confining a pregnant pig inside a narrow gestation crate, where she is virtually immobilized, has been banned in nine U.S. states and the entire European Union,” read a statement from the group.

The group claims to have gone undercover at a farm to secretly record the conditions at one of Wal-Mart’s pork suppliers. The video has been posted onto the website walmartcruelty.com and is narrated by longtime animal rights advocate and former Price is Right host Bob Barker.

The graphic video shows pigs in dirty gestation crates, piglets being neutered without anesthetics and sick and dying pigs left without veterinary care. However, nowhere in the video does it show the name of the farm to confirm it was actually shot at a Wal-Mart pork supplier



The national animal rights organization Mercy for Animals held an hour-long demonstration at the Glenmont Walmart on Wednesday, Sept. 26. They were protesting the alleged abuse of pigs by Walmart pork suppliers.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight News

as claimed.

Letten said Wal-Mart pork suppliers are guilty of horrific misdeeds toward animals.

“This is blatant animal abuse that no socially responsible corporation should be supporting,” he said. “If Wal-Mart pork producers subjected dogs and cats to the array of standard abuses they inflict on pigs, they would be arrested and jailed on grounds of animal cruelty.”

Deisha Galberth Barnett, senior director of Corporate Communications for Wal-Mart U.S., called the issue “complicated.”

“There are different points of view,” she said in an email. “We currently offer gestation crate-free pork products in a number of stores across the U.S. and will continue our ongoing

discussions with suppliers, nongovernmental organizations and food safety experts to increase that number. We hold our suppliers to the highest standards and do not tolerate animal mistreatment.”

She suggested anyone interested in knowing more about how grocers and restaurants source pork products to contact the National Pork Board or visit pork.org.

Shoppers at the Glenmont Walmart had different views on the subject. Some had not even seen the demonstration before entering the plaza, while others honked their car horns in support or stopped to speak with the group to learn more information.

Barbra Vardabash, of Westerlo, said she does eat meat, but is also an animal lover.

“I think animals should be treated as humanely as possible, even if they are going to be eaten,” she said. “It should be the store’s responsibility to check how the animals are treated, but I don’t always trust they do.”

One shopper hailing from Delmar said demonstrations by animal rights groups do not deter her from patronizing certain stores.

“I think if you’re going to eat meat, you have to accept the animals are not going to have a wonderful life,” she said. “Some suppliers are worse than others. I’m more concerned about the use of additives and antibiotics.”

The Mercy for Animals Walmart Cruelty tour is in its ninth week and will continue near cities along the East Coast.

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Walk to focus on Sjögren's

The National Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation along with the Sjögren's area Support Group and patients will host the second annual "Awareness Walkabout" at Colonie Center Mall on Saturday morning, Oct. 13.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and the indoor walk steps off at 11:15 a.m.

Participants raise funds to support research and education programs offered by the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation.

Sjögren's syndrome is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the white blood cells attack the moisture producing glands. Approximately 10 percent of its victims will develop lymphoma, a form of cancer. Due to lack of awareness, it takes on average over 5 years from onset of symptoms to diagnosis. All proceeds from the "Walkabout" will go directly to the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation, the only non-profit health organization dedicated solely to Sjögren's syndrome to fund research and awareness initiatives.

For more information, call 469-4984.

Academy for young actors open year-round

By MARCY VELTE
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From a very young age, Lindsay Packard-Dashew knew where she was headed in life.

The Bethlehem resident started dancing when she was 2, taking classes five days a week. She then began voice lessons, and not shortly thereafter got into drama and local theater productions.

"There wasn't one thing for me to pinpoint what made me want to do it, but I was always going into that direction," she said, adding drama simply runs in the family. In fact, her three brothers are also actors, who married three actresses.

"And my mom is one of the most dramatic people I know," she joked.

Now she is bringing a whole lifetime of theater experience to young actors in the Bethlehem area by transplanting her Rochester acting camp, Broadway Bound. She first launched it as a summer camp in 1999, while still working acting jobs, but she and her husband, high school choir teacher Jason Dashew, are making the camp at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Elsmere Avenue a year-round academy.

"I'm a mother now, so I'm not going out and

Broadway comes to St. Stephen's



A "Broadway Kids" class filled with Broadway Bound Academy's youngest students practices at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight News

performing as much," she said. "This just seemed like a good time for us to make that jump."

Packard-Dashew received her undergraduate degree in musical theater from SUNY Fredonia. Then the time came to take her career to the next level. She needed to make the decision to go to New York or Los Angeles; somewhere she could get serious work.

"I thought, 'Oh my God, what if I go to New York and this doesn't work out?'" she said.

She decided to go for her master's degree at New York University in educational theater. In between classes, she

"I want the kids to have a positive experience. It's not about drilling them with choreography or performance details. They should enjoy their time and on their own want to be the best they can."

— Lindsay Packard-Dashew

would go on auditions. And after graduation, she landed gigs with regional productions and national touring companies in off-Broadway shows like "Funny Girl," and "The Producers." But deep down, Packard-Dashew always knew one day she

would transition from being onstage to teaching.

Classes at Broadway Bound are offered for students in kindergarten to high school and cater to those who are serious about honing their skills, as well as those looking for additional extracurricular activities. There are overall Broadway classes, which teach acting, singing and dancing, or classes broken into specific categories.

"The classes are much more process oriented, than product oriented," said Packard-Dashew. "I want the kids to have a positive experience. It's not about drilling them with choreography or performance details. They should enjoy their time and on their own want to be the best they can."

Packard-Dashew said she was thrilled to be able to offer another creative outlet for students as school districts are faced with budget constraints and more emphasis is placed on testing.

In addition to the academy, Packard-Dashew and her husband will also take over as directors of this year's middle school musical. "It seems like in Bethlehem there is a great deal of support for extracurricular activities, not just sports," she said. "I think parents realize there is great value in participating in the arts. The arts really help to develop people as a whole."

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Local boys are bound for Broadway

Two young actors to join the cast of the musical version of 'A Christmas Story'

By ZAN STRUMFELD
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Two local youths are heading to Broadway for Christmas this year.

George Franklin, 12, and Jack Mastrianni, 13, joined the cast of the new Broadway musical, "A Christmas Story," which runs from Nov. 5 to Dec. 30. The new show is based on the 1983 classic comedy about 9-year-old Ralphie Parker, who is determined to get a Red Ryder BB Gun for Christmas.

The musical, which will premier at the Lunt Fontanne Theatre in Manhattan, is directed by Tony-award-winner John Rando, choreographed by Warren Carlyle and produced by Peter Billingsley, who originally played Ralphie in the movie. The musical score by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul adds

songs that are "both funny and heartfelt," according to the show's website.

The majority of the cast is kids, and Franklin, of Colonie, and Mastrianni, of Slingerlands, have significant roles. Mastrianni will play Scut Farkus, the local bully.

"I'll probably have to take some acting classes to find my 'inner bully,'" Mastrianni said. "It's gonna be really fun though to play the villain to be something you're not."

Franklin will have a "swing role" – covering four different characters: Scut, Schwartz, Flick and Grover. He must be ready throughout each show to be able to adapt to any role at any time.

The actors will also sing and dance in the play, but for now, only weeks before rehearsals begin, both boys said they still haven't grasped the fact that they've made it to Broadway.

"I think it's amazing, and I'm really, really excited," Franklin said. "I still can't believe that I got in."



Jack Mastrianni, left, of Slingerlands, and George Franklin, below, of Colonie, landed roles in the Broadway musical "A Christmas Story."

Submitted photos



It hasn't been easy to get to the big stage. Both Franklin and Mastrianni have worked hard, dedicating years with many local theaters, including the Park Playhouse, Cohoes Music Hall and Capital Repertory Theatre. They have also taken workshops and extensive audition training.

"When you get in front

of 15 people, you really have to show them in 30-45 seconds what you have," Lisa Franklin, George's mother and vocal teacher from The Vocal Studio of Lisa Franklin, said.

"I think it's the most amazing opportunity that any child could have. ... They are basically going to be stars for the next three to fourth months."
– Lisa Franklin, vocal teacher

"It's literally how you say 'hello,' how you stand. The singing is really important, but it's also your whole presence."

Lisa Franklin has trained both her son and Mastrianni for many years. She said both boys "really earned it."

The boys had gone to a workshop in the city and were lucky to gain a connection to the musical's choreographer through the unrelated workshop. One thing led to another, and both boys were able to land auditions with five separate callbacks until they made

the show.

"I think it's the most amazing opportunity that any child could have. Their confidence level ... is going to shoot right up. They are basically going to be stars for the next three to fourth months," she said.

Because of the difficulty of actually getting an audition in the first place, both boys will now be a part of the Actors' Equity Association, and it will "allow them to audition for any Broadway show after this," Lisa Franklin said.

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Four years of love

Community reaches out as Colonie family mourns daughter

By ZAN STRUMFELD
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In the four short years of her life, Rita Rizk taught her parents how to be patient, and more importantly, how to be happy.

“She always had this big smile on her face. She was the happiest kid that I ever met in my life,” said her mother, Michella Rizk of Colonie. “She just brought happiness to our lives.”

Rita was born with a number of birth defects, including a heart defect, that have made hospital bills an ongoing struggle for the Rizk family. But even in their darkest time, they’re seeing a caring community around them as strangers raise money for \$2,000 in funeral expenses.

Rita Rizk died Monday, Sept. 17, a day after her fourth birthday. She



spent 85 percent of her life at Boston Children’s Hospital going in and out of surgeries, including one for a heart transplant.

“She stopped fighting, and she just couldn’t fight anymore. We just had to let her go,” Michella Rizk said.

Dr. Nancy Marmet, department chairwoman of South Colonie Central School District’s preschool special education, only met Rita once, but said she was a “very bright little girl” that was “spunky and full of life.” Although Rita spent the majority of her life in the hospital, earlier this spring she was recovering

well from surgeries and started taking advanced therapy classes, including physical therapy and speech therapy, through Marmet’s department.

“She was the type of child when you met her she made a strong impression,” Marmet said. “She knew that she had beaten a lot of odds to be where she was.”

Last week, Marmet learned the family needed some financial help. Marmet, as well as South Colonie’s superintendent, then contacted the Village of Colonie Outreach Center, which helps families in need with information referrals. An email was sent out to members of the South Colonie School District letting them know they could donate money through the outreach program to help defray funeral costs. Since the email was sent out on Thursday, Sept. 20, and in a matter of days \$1,200 was raised.

Unfortunately, the



Michella Rizk kisses her daughter, Rita. Born with multiple birth defects, Rita died Sept. 17.

Submitted photo

Rizks did not know about the outreach program before — the Outreach Center could have been a help during Rita’s treatment. Michella Rizk said part of the financial struggle included trips back and forth from Colonie to Boston. Michella Rizk also lived by her daughter’s bedside at the hospital for two years.

“I wish there was more awareness (about the) support in our community. I wish we knew about (the Outreach Center) before,” she said. “I really want to thank them for being by our sides right now.”

She added the spontaneous support has been amazing, as well. Since she was constantly traveling to Boston,

Michella never got to know her neighbors. When they found out about Rita’s death, her neighbors and other families planted flowers on her front lawn.

Through the ups and downs of Rita’s recovery, Michella Rizk said the years with her daughter were “the best four years of my life.”

“Me and my husband were struggling for five years to try to have a baby and finally she came and she changed our lives big time. We knew before (she was born) she would have a heart defect. The doctors kept pushing us to terminate the pregnancy. We thought when she was born she wasn’t gonna make it. But God gave us this miracle,” she said.

And whenever she sees a ladybug, Michella thinks of her daughter. She said the good luck token was a part of Rita’s life ever since one of the nurses at the hospital brought her ladybug earrings for Christmas. It was only a few weeks later that the family got the call the perfect heart was found for Rita’s transplant.

“She’s our ladybug,” Michella Rizk said. “She loved everyone. She just loved life. She loved to be happy.”

To learn more about Rita Rizk’s life, visit her Facebook page, “Rita’s Love Bugs.” To make a donation, contact the Village of Colonie Outreach Center at 218-1030.

Boys

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Although George Franklin, a seventh-grader at Shaker Junior High, and Mastrianni, an eighth-grader at Bethlehem Middle School, will be taking a break from school, they will be tutored by a company that works with Broadway children.

Tony Rivera, the managing director of Cohoes Music Hall,

watched both boys grow up for years. He said there is a great support system in the Capital District, especially with parents who’ve had their kids on Broadway before. Some of Lisa Franklin’s other students have also been sent to Broadway, including Christopher Flaim from “Mary Poppins” and Jacob Clemente, who played the lead role in “Billy Elliot.”

Although Rivera said it will be challenging, he believes both boys have landed an “incredible opportunity.”

“I believe they can be great in this career,” Rivera said. “This is a really great age for them to work professionally.”

Both actors said their ultimate goal is to stay on Broadway.

“This is what I really want to do for the rest of my life,” Mastrianni said. “I love it so much.”

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Left: John Briggs, Michael Burns, Kat Koppett of MopCo, which will perform at Proctors Theatre and Capital Repertory Theater during the MoHu Fest. Below: Peter Leue's large-scale Erector Set at the Marion Royael Gallery in Beacon. Leue broke the piece down just days before the MoHu Fest to turn it into "Crossroads of the Imagination."



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A FESTIVAL FOR EVERY ARTIST

MoHu highlights artistic talents from all over Capital District

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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There's a question that fascinates Peter Leue: How large does a utilitarian object have to be before it's considered art?

He's been exploring the answer through a series of projects he deems "Maxiatures" – not "miniatures," he noted with a laugh. His latest larger-than-life creation will come together, appropriately enough, at MoHu, a festival meant to spotlight the artistic offerings of the Capital District.

Stretching over a week and a half, from Friday, Oct. 5, to Sunday, Oct. 14, the festival kicks off with an interactive arts party at Albany International Airport on Thursday, Oct. 4. Guests will have a chance to help Leue put the finishing touches on his massive recreation of a Hudson River train bridge.

It will be the fourth installation of Leue's Maxiatures series, coming on the heels of an exhibition at the Marion Royael Gallery in Beacon. The exhibit in Beacon was extended a month, so Leue didn't have much time to put together the MoHu piece. He broke down the Beacon exhibit and drove back to Albany with its plywood, stainless steel and homemade nuts and bolts. Then he and his brother, Bill (well known locally for his intrinsic Capital District Lego recreations), got to work in the hangar where the kickoff party will be held.

Called Crossroads of Imagination, the installation will have four towers representing the four points of the MoHu compass (Schenectady, Saratoga, Troy and Albany). There will be four truss bridges connecting the towers to the center tower, which Leue calls "kind of the pinnacle" of the piece, standing 25 feet high.

"I figured, in a hangar, I might as well go huge," he said.

Leue and his brother didn't complete the whole piece. They left one bridge undone, and in the spirit of MoHu's aim of bringing the region's art scene together, Leue will invite people at the kickoff party to help assemble the bridge.

Leue took part in the inaugural MoHu Festival last year as well, opening his studio to visitors. That's what Sharon Crute is doing this year, showcasing her paintings at her gallery on Beekman Street in Saratoga Springs.

"It's a nice way to be able to enjoy interacting with customers," Crute said.

She does plenty of that over the summer, when she sets up shop at Saratoga

Racecourse as part of the Artist's Village. Crute married a horse trainer, and she fell in love with the animals as well.

"Thoroughbreds, and racing in particular, are beautiful," Crute said. "They are extreme athletes."



"Paydirt" by Sharon Crute

Though she worked for many years as an assistant to her husband, he always encouraged her to paint, renting a tack room where she could work. Crute eventually turned to painting full time, and horses are her chief subjects. She said she tries to capture the animals' "beauty and power" by working movement and direction into her paintings. There's no bigger compliment than when people tell her they have to step to the side when looking at her pictures because it's as if the horses are coming right at them.

Formerly of Florida, Crute and her husband have long been coming to the area for track season. Last year, they decided to see how they liked living here full time. They decided to give it one year.

"It's been wonderful," Crute said. "We're both very happy here. We're definitely going to stay."

Like Crute, Kat Koppett is a transplant to the Capital District, arriving after stints in San Francisco and New York City, both of which have very cohesive arts communities. This area, she felt, was different.

"There's so much here, but it's not integrated," she said. "It isn't really maximizing the value of everything."

Her husband, Michael Burns, who, with Koppett cofounded the Mop and Bucket Company, had noticed the same thing. So when MoHu launched last year, both were enthusiastic participants. MopCo teamed up with Capital Repertory Theater, putting on free shows in the theater's cafe area before the curtain lifted on the evening's play.

It was a "very successful experiment," Burns said, so much so that MopCo is repeating it this year. MoHu will also include two of the Mop and Bucket Co.'s regularly scheduled shows at Proctors, called Underground at Proctors. On Friday, Oct. 12, MopCo will do both a Capital Repertory show and a Proctors show.

It continues MopCo's busy year. During track season, MopCo offered shows at the Adelphi Hotel in Saratoga, another experiment that went so well that MopCo would like to duplicate it.

"We filled the ballroom," Burns said. "We had a wonderful time. Saratoga is just so much fun in the summer."

Nothing is set in stone as far as a return engagement, but MopCo has plenty on its plate. In addition to MoHu and the Proctors show, Koppett and Burns have seen an uptick in local businesses that want to integrate improv into their training, and it's being taught at area colleges such as Skidmore and RPI.

Improv's popularity is "a long time coming," Burns said, and it's something he and Koppett embrace, even though competing improv groups may pop up. It probably sounds strange, Burns acknowledged; it's kind of like a Sunoco station owner being excited that a Mobil is opening down the street.

"But it really is the more, the merrier," he said. "More and more, what we're looking to do is develop a scene."

MopCo will perform Underground at Proctors on Friday, Oct. 5 and 12, during the MoHu Festival, as part of its regular Friday night performances. It will stage roughly 45-minute shows at Capital Rep on Tuesday, Oct. 9; Thursday, Oct. 11; Friday, Oct. 12; and Saturday, Oct. 13. For more information, visit mopco.org.

Crute's studio will be open Monday, Oct. 8, from noon to 7 p.m. It's at 70-B Beekman St. For more information, visit sharoncrute.com.

Leue will be at MoHu's kickoff party, MoHu Takes Flight, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4, before breaking down his piece and bringing it back to his studio to work on its next incarnation. For more information on his work, visit peterleuedesignercraftsman.com.

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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.

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54 Author Shaw, of *The Young Lions*
56 Major ____: chief steward
58 Bert Bobbsey's sis
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31 Of religious rites
33 ____ House: Civil War surrender site
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36 "____ grand night . . ."

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Course

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is needed for new sewer lines, bathrooms and a clubhouse to make Colonial Acres profitable, and \$120,000 is needed for a new irrigation system and foot bridge.

“All of the roads in this town will one day need to be repaved too, but that doesn’t mean you account for \$50 million worth of savings in the budget if it doesn’t get done,” Blum said.

Blum, who has worked at the golf course since 1994, thinks Colonial Acres could continue to exist as a minimalist course. He said it has always operated without the need of a clubhouse or indoor bathrooms, and he argued a new footbridge could be built in-house for far less than estimated. He also said the need to upgrade the sewer and irrigations systems is a number of years away.

“We’ve been operating about \$2,800 below our budget each year, and we’ve cut about \$5,400 from next year’s operating budget,” he said. “Maintenance will suffer a bit and the course will go from A grade to B or C, but we’ll do it if it’s needed.”

Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson has suggested the possibility of creating a nonprofit to continue running the course if an outside agency didn’t wish to take over the job. Blum said he doesn’t feel that would work.

“We’re currently supposed to be self sustaining,” he said. “The point of the partnership was so that the town was



Colonial Acres Superintendent Patrick Blum feels the golf course is being leveraged as a budgetary quick fix.

Marcy Velle/
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essentially our nonprofit. If it’s not working now, why would it work if someone else took it over?”

Town Comptroller Mike Cohen said the figures included within the tentative budget were estimates generated by the Parks and Recreation Department. The only actual savings accounted for by closing the golf course is the estimated \$40,000 annual loss. Cohen said he felt more should have been included as savings, like the time town employees outside the golf course spend on maintenance or the need for equipment upgrades.

“Projected life of equipment is an asset,” he said. “Every time you utilize it, you are extracting life from it. We could hypothetically sell it. It’s not my point that we should sell the equipment, but that is part of the golf course that is not factored in yet.”

Blum said he feels the timing is wrong to talk about closing the course. Colonial Acres has won more than 12 state

and national environmental awards for sustainability and is currently in the final round to potentially win the New York State Environmental Excellence Award. A profile of the golf course on “extreme maintenance” was also released last month through the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

“We are at the point where we’re getting national recognition for our efforts and now they’re talking about closing. It’s ironic,” he said.

The tentative budget also includes other cuts in the Parks and Recreation Department totaling \$20,000, including the elimination of a night ranger job, reducing pool staffing early and late in the season and increasing field maintenance fees.

Budget workshops begin on Oct.1, with a workshop devoted to Colonial Acres scheduled for Monday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov.14.

Park

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and sidewalks. Each building would house six to nine units and include an attached garage. The design also calls for at least one other parking stall per unit.

Devito said Prime Companies has developed five other properties in the area of a similar design. Occupancy rates at all buildings are in the 90 percent range, he said.

Within the developments, about 5 percent of the units are specially designed and furnished through Marriott as ExecuStay apartments. The units are targeted to people traveling on business who may have to stay in the area for several months, but may not wish to stay in a hotel for such a long period of time. The units are meant to feel more like home.

“It gives you a different clientele,” said Devito. “It’s more upscale and helps with the occupancy’s marketing. There are essentially two different products in the same place.”

The plans are in the early stages. Devito said it is not clear if the development would ultimately be made up of apartments or condominiums. The company usually asks for approval on both, but then decides which to build depending on the market at the time of construction.

Because of density issues, the developers are looking to change the property’s zoning to go ahead with the plan. This will eventually need approval from

the Town Board.

Mike Morelli, the town director of economic planning and development, said the property is zoned for single family homes. The property’s zoning would need to be changed to allow for a planned development district. The Town Board would have the flexibility to allow up to eight units per acre. The preliminary plan calls for approval of the maximum allowable units.

DPC members called into question the need for another planned housing development in Bethlehem. Although the town’s comprehensive plan calls for more diversified living options, five apartment or home developments have been approved in the last several years.

Devito said people are less inclined to purchase homes in today’s market, meaning the developers expect the units to be highly sought after.


Deputy Police Chief Tim Beebe, who sits on the committee, agreed. He said from police observations such developments have been very popular within the town and he does not see that ending in the near future.

Park Place would be build within the Delmar fire, water and sewer district, and within the Bethlehem Central School District. Devito said it would still be some time before the plans are ready to go before the Planning Board.

“We have to take the comment we received and redesign the plans a little bit. Right now, we’re going in baby steps,” he said.

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Dislocation
by Marion Menna

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| Wild turkeys stalk the swale between my house and Wemple Road. Cars go by, trucks, a motorcycle. The young poults walk bewildered into walls, fences, gates. They have lost their folks, | their field plowed under, turned over by yellow backhoes, gargantuan bulldozers making mountains out of chipped branches, goldenrod phragmites, sumac, asters where once was home. | They look as lost as calves who might have come to graze on well-kept, well- watered lawns. Where can they go for sanctuary? To sit at evening on low-hanging boughs or scratch for acorns in autumn leaves. |
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It is clear that this month's poet is a keen observer of the natural world around her. The circumstances of dislocation are always personal, whether to wildlife or humans.

Marion Menna is a retired special ed teacher, originally from Long Island, now living in Glenmont. She has had poems published in the West Hills Review, Long Island Quarterly, Xanadu, Stone Canoe II, Water Writes, Avocet, and Hurricane Blues, MSU. She has two chapbooks: "An Unknown Country," Finishing Line Press, 2009 and "Deep Ecology," Benevolent Bird Press, 2011.

Store
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in our approach to understand, at a grassroots level, what is important to local consumers," said Tom Urtz, vice president of Human Resources and Community Affairs for ShopRite.

Urtz said the company wants to provide a quality shopping experience at all locations, but knew its approach to food offerings would be different from store to store because of the area's diverse communities.

"What came through very clear in the Bethlehem area was that people really wanted to have a food experience," he said. "They were willing to try new foods and experiment with foods, so we tried to incorporate that into offerings."

He called the store "cohesive" in that customers can plan their meals with the onsite dietician, shop for ingredients and then be taught how to make the meal by local chefs at the demonstration station in the middle of the store.

Visiting the grill station, customers will be able to order a variety of cook-to-order selections, and Culinary Institute of America graduates were hired to serve up breakfast, lunch or dinner.

The store also has a cheese department with its own full-time staff ready to custom cut more than 100 cheeses, but the total selection includes more than 250

varieties. Like its other locations, ShopRite's deli department has a computerized self-ordering service to cut down on wait times and the store offers online shop-from-home services with delivery.

ShopRite also has its own fishery staffed with onsite U.S. Department of Commerce inspectors to ensure the quality of the seafood, which allows the supermarket to accommodate special orders to fulfill unique seafood requests.

At the Sunday morning ribbon cutting, Albany County Executive Dan McCoy thanked ShopRite officials for their work in partnering with the community.

McCoy said an estimated \$100,000 could be saved through a partnership with the supermarket to help deliver meals to those who usually receive

food aid through the county, and two checks were given to both the Regional Foodbank of Northeastern New York and the Bethlehem Food Pantry. ShopRite and the Capital District Transportation Authority have also paired up to establish a shared use park-and-ride lot for commuters to Vista.

"I think people are going to like having another grocery choice in town, and I hope this is the start of something big with a technology company here soon," said Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson. "The ultimate goal of Vista to diversify our tax base and help lessen the residential burden is really important, and I'm encouraged by today's opening."

Plans to open a fourth Capital District ShopRite in Colonie are expected sometime next year.

Mrs. Brooksie Ann - Leimomi Fikert

Brooksie, 74, was a long time resident of Ravena, NY and employee of K-Mart in Glenmont prior to returning home to her birthplace of Ohau, Hawaii.

She passed away suddenly on May 26, 2012 at Queens Hospital in Honolulu. She is survived by her cherished children: Stephanie Cattell, Pamela



Milestones

Fikert, Rosanna Altimari - Daughters, Randell Fikert- Son; her loving siblings, Barbara Sanchez-Sister and James Clifton-Brother.

She leaves behind 13 beloved Grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous adored nieces and nephews. Brooksie was pre-deceased by her lifetime love; husband: William Frank Fikert Sr. Treasured family members: Son- William Jr. Mother: Julia Camacho Clifton, Father: George Clifton and Brothers: Millard Clifton and George Clifton, Jr.

Having lived her life with the Spirit of Aloha, she has left the world a better place for those who have known and loved her. As she has been called home to God, we now reunite her with her soulmate and together they will dwell in the house of the Lord; Blessed with Eternal Life.

So we bid a fond farewell; Aloha 'Oe.....A Hui Hou.... Until We Meet Again!

Calling Hours: Memorial Service at Memory Gardens Memorial Park in Albany, NY on Monday October 8, 2012 at 11am.

Harte, Michael James

Reston, VA. - Michael Harte began his eternal life on Thursday, September 20, 2012, succumbing to complications arising from a recent illness and medical procedure.

He is survived by his wife Galia and his sons Michael Patrick; Brian



and Darren (MiLi), and three grandchildren: Jack, Sophie, and Grace. Born in Albany, NY on July 28, 1931, he was the son of Michael Joseph Harte and Elizabeth A. (Bess) Harte. He was the brother of Richard J. Harte, Ellen H. (Peter) McKenna and the late Mary E. (Gerald) O'Connor.

He was a 1949 graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He pursued a career as an International Investment Financier

and lived at various times in The Netherlands, England, and Switzerland. Upon returning to the U.S. he resided, for a time, in Delmar, NY before relocating to Reston, VA in 1990.

His funeral was held in Reston and burial will take place in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont, NY at a future date. A memorial mass for Michael will be held on Wednesday, October 10th, 10:30 am, at The Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 607 Central Ave, Albany.

Delmar resident exhibits photos at Ultraviolet Café

Cara Mooney, a Delmar resident, will be exhibiting her photographic works at the Ultraviolet Café in Albany, October 8 through early November. Her photographs are a diverse collection of people, places and natural beauty encountered during both

domestic and international travel, as well as still life subjects captured through her artistic eye. Cara is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is currently studying at Marist College.

The Ultraviolet café is a well know meet-and-

greet café adjacent to the Spectrum Theater in Albany. It specializes in serving a variety of premium coffees, exotic teas and café foods made from natural and local ingredients. The café has recently expanded into showcasing local artists of interest.

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Church to hold fall supper

The Presbyterian Church in New Scotland will hold its annual fall supper on Saturday, Oct. 27, rom 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the church’s Fellowship Hall, 2010 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

The menu consists of roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry relish, squash, green bean salad, rolls and butter, and homemade pies for dessert.

The cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children under 5. Seating is first-come-first-served; no reservations are taken. Take-outs are available.

For more information, call the church office at 439-6454.

Bok to play at Old Songs

Old Songs will present Maine folk singer Gordon Bok in concert on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and may be reserved by calling Old Songs at 765-2815 or visiting www.oldsongs.org.

Bok’s legacy includes more than 30 recordings featuring his own compositions and folk tunes from around the world.

Old Songs is at 37 South Main St., Voorheesville.

Church slates fall festival

New Baltimore Reformed Church will hold its fall (harvest) festival on Saturday, Oct. 13, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

This year, in addition to the traditional booths and foods, the church will be selling specialty fresh baked breads made with fresh ingredients with no additives or preservatives.

There will once again be the chance to purchase congregation’s and friends’ treasures, books, tapes and crafts.

The church is located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street.

Five Rivers plans reptile program

Five Rivers will hold an indoor program on the ecology of snakes and

turtles on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m.

In celebration of Reptile Awareness Day, local herpetologist Dee Strnisa will provide show-and-tell introductions to common reptiles, with many live specimens for close-up inspection. The natural history, ecological importance and conservation status of various reptile species will be discussed.

This program is open to the public free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled. Call 475-0291 for more information.

Historian to talk to Second Milers

Local historian Robert Mulligan will focus on the War of 1812 in his presentation “The Battle of Queenston Heights” following the Second Milers’ luncheon at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The Second Milers club is composed of retired men from the Bethlehem area and meets the second Wednesday every month at the Normanside Country Club restaurant. The Nov. 11 program will feature town historian and author Susan Leath, who will present “Bethlehem: Stories Beyond the Book.” On Jan. 9, Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson will report on “The Status of the Town.”

New members and visitors are welcome. For reservations or more information, call Glenn Cropsey at 862-0856 or John Alden at 475-1864.

Temple plans special service

Congregation Beth Emeth will hosts an interactive learning experience “Jewish Calisthenics: Why Do We Move While We Pray?” on Friday, Oct. 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Beth Emeth Senior Rabbi Scott Shpeen will help demystify Jewish worship of the Sabbath through this innovative and interactive Shabbat Service. Rabbi Shpeen will explain the reasons behind why worshippers move in a certain manner, occasionally bowing and swaying during certain prayers. This walkthrough of an active worship service is sponsored



Spreading joy

Local Area Coordinator Terry Pilon will talk about her trip to Uganda to deliver hundreds of gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. at Pineview Community Church. Pilon is part of Operation Christmas Child, which fills and ships the boxes to children overseas. Her talk is a celebration event kicking off the 13,066 expected shoe box gifts to be collected by Capital District residents. The church is at 251 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany.

Submitted photo

by Congregation Beth Emeth’s Interfaith Outreach Committee, which welcomes all newcomers to join them at an Oneg reception immediately following the service.

For more information about this or other outreach programs, contact Beth Monaco at 439-3400 or email outreach@bethemethalbany.org.

Local work group meeting planned

Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District and The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service will hold a local work group meeting for Albany County on Thursday, Oct. 11.

The meeting will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville.

The local work group will focus on agricultural and natural resource issues existing in the community. Participants can be agricultural producers; owners of nonindustrial private forest land; representatives of agricultural and environmental organizations; and

representatives of governmental agencies carrying out environmental, agricultural, or natural resource conservation programs and activities.

NRCS local work groups are subcommittees of the NRCS State Technical Committee and they provide recommendations on local natural resource priorities and Farm Bill program conservation activities. For information about the State Technical Committee, contact Assistant State Conservationist for Programs Tammy Willis at 315-477-6503.

To participate in your local conservation work group, contact the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District at 765-7923.

Society to host McEneny talk

The Clarksville Historical Society will present “An Evening with John McEneny” on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Clarksville Community Church.

McEneny is a former Albany County historian and well-known teacher on local history, ethnicity and related fields.

He led the effort that saved the 17th century Quackenbush House, Albany’s oldest building, and leater chaired the Albany Historic Sites Commission. He wrote and narrated WMHT Public Television’s Tricentennial Documentary on Albany and authored “Albany, Capital City on the Hudson.” McEneny also serves as a member of the New York State Archives Partnership Trust ad the Commission for Restoration of the Capitol.

The program is open to the public and refreshments will be served afterwards. The church is on Delaware Turnpike. For more information, call 768-2870.

Learn how to feed birds

Five Rivers will host a program on how to feed birds on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 2 p.m.

At this indoor clinic, center staff will provide an in-depth overview of the best things to feed birds, the best months to feed birds, how best to present seed, how to minimize health and safety issues such as disease and vermin, and how to deal with predation and unwanted free-loaders.

This program is open to the public free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, the outdoor portion of this program may be canceled. Call 475-0291 for more information.

Thacher plans fall festival

Thacher Park will hold its ninth annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pear Orchard Picnic area.

The event offers fun and entertainment for the whole family. There will be history hayrides on the Helderberg Express, pony rides, a scavenger hunt, live birds of prey, pioneer games and activitie, harvest and Halloween crafts and more. Local artisans and crafters will be selling handcrafted items, and there will be a bake sale along with hot cider and donuts. Visitors may wish to bring a camera and take a picture with Helderberg Hildie, Buzzard Bill, Atticus the Owl, and Scout, the Fox.

Costumes are welcome.

There will be a vehicle use fee of \$6 per car. Thacher Park is located 15 miles west of Albany in the Helderberg Mountains. For more information, call 872-1237.

Five Rivers to mark Halloween

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold a show-and-tell Halloween open house on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m.

At this family-friendly indoor exposition, Center naturalists will share fun natural history facts and dispel common misconceptions about snakes, bats, spiders and other creatures of Halloween myth. Interactive tabletop exhibits will offer opportunities to learn about live animals and taxidermy specimens up close, and to examine wildlife skulls, pelts and bones from the center’s collection first hand.

This program is open to the public free of charge. Children must be accompanied by parents. Youth groups are welcome but must call the center to register by Wednesday, Oct. 24. Participants are welcome to come in costume. Call 475-0291 for more information.

Project WILD workshop set

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold a teacher workshop on the award-winning curriculum-enhancement program Project WILD on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Center staff will lead a participatory training in Project WILD (Wildlife in Learning Design), an initiative that integrates wildlife themes into the core reading, writing and arithmetic disciplines. Participants will receive a free Project WILD curriculum guide full of stimulating activities, correlated to the state learning standards, for students in grades K-12.

The workshop is open to teachers and youth leaders free of charge, but space is limited. Please call Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Wednesday, Oct. 24, to register for the workshop.

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Doctor to give NGF lecture

Guilderland physician Daniel Arenos will present a lecture, "Reincarnation, Time, Space and Your Health," for New Growth Fellowship on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street, Rexford.

The program is open to the public. An \$8 donation is requested to help defray expenses. Price includes complimentary refreshments and the

opportunity to purchase gift packs, valued at more than \$25, for \$2.50.

For more information about NGF or this program, call Director Dr. Henry Mosteller at 399-9347.

Cruise to look for eagles

Three local conservation groups are sponsoring an eagle watch cruise on the Dutch Apple on Sunday, Oct. 14. On board and leading the sightings of eagles and

other birds will be noted naturalist and bird expert Rich Guthrie.

The cruise is sponsored by the Historic Coeymans Landing Neighborhood Association, the New Baltimore Conservancy and the Onesquethaw Coeymans Watershed Council. The Dutch Apple will depart from Shady Harbor Marina, Route 144, in New Baltimore at 4:30 p.m., returning at 7:30 pm. Seating both inside and out is ample and affords clear views of the changing fall colors as well as river and sky.

Light refreshments will be served.

Reservations on a first-come, first-served basis can be made at www.newbaltimoreconservancy.org or by mailing a check to the New Baltimore Conservancy, PO Box 322, New Baltimore, NY 12124. Cost is \$20 for adults, \$12 for children. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 10. Those planning to board are asked to arrive at the dock no later than 4:15 p.m.

For more information, call 756-2763.

Program looks at Medicare

Guilderland seniors are invited to learn about Medicare on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Town Hall Boardroom.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1598 UNION STREET ASSOC., LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/10/12. Office location: Schenectady 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, 1598 Union Street, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 83123 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Liberty Creek Title, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/27/12. Fictitious name in NY State: Liberty Creek Title Agency, LLC. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Missouri (MO) on 1/19/12. 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., 111 8th Ave., 13th Fl., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. MO address of LLC: 1000 West Nifong Blvd., Bldg. 8, Ste. 110, Columbia, MO 65203. Arts. of Org. filed MO Secy. of State, 600 W. Main, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Purpose: any lawful activity. 83124 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of YAMAN ENTERPRISES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/6/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. 83125 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Rushmore 8P, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/09/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 40 W Brighton Beach Ave., Ste 703, Brooklyn, NY 11224. General Purposes. 83126 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation AMCB Services Company NY, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/17/2012. 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. 83127 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Paul the Wine Freak, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/16/2012. 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. 83128 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Formation JKM Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/13/2012. 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. 83129 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JF REAL ESTATE GROUP LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 90 State St. Ste. 700 Ofc. 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 83130 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PAPAGIORGIO ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/17/12. 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. 83131 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEVINE REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC Notice of formation of Levine Realty Associates, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 11/23/2010. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Loudonville Home for Adults, 298 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12211. The purposes of the LLC are to continue to hold, manage and operate real estate properties including, but not limited to, 298 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12211 and 5 Gipp Road, Albany, New York 12203, and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. 83133 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

WESTMERE HOME FOR ADULTS, LLC Notice of formation of Westmere Home for Adults, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 11/18/2010. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Loudonville Home for Adults, 298 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12211.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Prosper Funding LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/17/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 10 E. 40th St., 10th Fl., NY, NY 10016, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 83137 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: GARNISH MARKETING, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/14/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O GARNISH MARKETING, LLC, 462 Hamilton Street, Albany, NY 12203-1334. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. 83138 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Lorraine Drive, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 83280 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation The Alices / Alice Boynton LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/23/2012. 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. 83281 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation The Alices / Alice Dickstein LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/23/2012. 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. 83282 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Hands on Nurse Practitioner in Psychiatry PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/24/2012. 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. 83283 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of STANDPIPE SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/23/12. 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. 83284 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AAM BRAND MANAGEMENT GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/21/12. 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. 83285 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ART DOMANTAY ARTWORKS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/21/12. 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. 83286 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Total Business Brokerage & Consulting Group LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/9/12. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 3/14/12. 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., 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. FL address of LLC: 1580 Sawgrass Corporate Pkwy., Ste. 130, Sunrise, FL 33323. Arts. of Org. filed FL Secy. of State, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32314. Purpose: any lawful activity. 83287 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Dax Telecom LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 8/27/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 64 Castle Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 83289 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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TION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: EP&M2 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 8/8/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 24 North Third Street, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 83291 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name of LLC: SEBASTIAN HAIR STUDIO IV, LLC The Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) 08/20/12. The office of the LLC is located in Albany Co. SSNY is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process to the LLC at: SEBASTIAN HAIR STUDIO IV, LLC, 31 Bradhaven Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 83292 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of T-OTAL EXPEDITING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/22/12. 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. 83293 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF AN LLC On the 23rd day of August, 2012, BUDROCK LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State. Its office is located in Albany County, NY. 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 BUDROCK LLC, at the street address of the principal business location, c/o Richard S. Piedmont, 4 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. 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. 83326 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GNSL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/20/12. 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. 83327 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Village Post Properties, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 22, 2012. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 122 Old Stage Road, East Berne, NY 12059. Purpose: for

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any lawful purpose. 83331 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Youngstown Partners, LP. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/24/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/23/12. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LP: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 83334 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Formation ZNS Sabrys LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/29/2012. 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. 83335 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Organization of R-n-G Innovations, LLC On August 31, 2012, R-n-G Innovations, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 23 Marion Avenue, City and County of Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC is c/o Charles Gianfagna, 23 Marion Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. The LLC is organized for the purpose of any lawful business. 83337 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of AMERICAN PRIZE CENTER LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/29/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/27/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC , 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 83338 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RSM ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/30/12. 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. 83339 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Capital CPR LLC. Articles of Organization were filed

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MAIN STREET CONNECTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/04/12. Office location: Schenectady 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, 2400 Jaffrey Street, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 83342 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 80 Riverside Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/4/2012. 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. 83343 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Jankow Companies, LLC (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 9, 2012. New York office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is 7 Grant Court, Guilderland, New York 12084. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. 83347 (D) (October 3, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Bleecker Flats, LLC (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 30, 2012. New York office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is 7 Grant Court, Guilderland, New York 12084. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. 83348 (D) (October 3, 2012)

Fall

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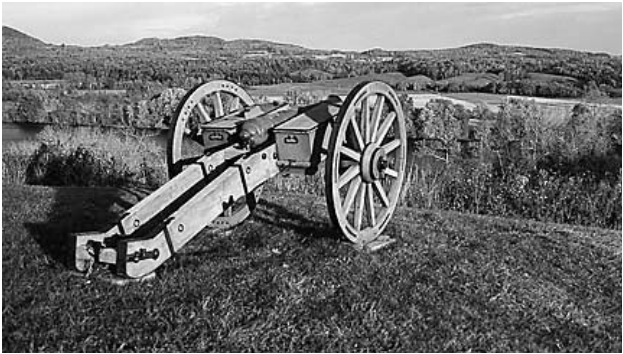
valuable resource for such excursions. The report details what areas are best for viewing colorful leaves during that week and gives an overview of foliage change across the state.

“Our job with the reports is to point people in the direction of where the color is best for whatever particular week the report is for and to let them know what colors are out there,” Scheffel said. “It’s pretty much just a way of being able to look and point where the action

is as far as color change goes.

There are around 65 foliage spotters sending in reports Monday and Tuesday, which are then compiled for a report on Wednesday, Scheffel said. The reports have been around for several years but were mainly shared through media outlets or over the phone. Now, people can view each week’s report online at iloveny.com/fall, where the current report is posted.

“There are a lot of people who are very intent on following the leaves each year,” Scheffel said. “We have a fairly large



The leaves are changing color at Saratoga National Historical Park.

audience of foliage fans.”

The dry and hot summer lead some people to wonder if the “leaves would burn off” or turn early, but Scheffel said the majority of foliage is on or slightly ahead of

schedule. He said there were pockets turning early in late August and early September, but those appeared to be “stressed” trees or leaves succumbing to the weather.

Submitted photo

As far as the tourism industry is concerned, Niklas does not think it will be washout.

I don’t think this is going to be disaster for the tourism trade, but it is certainly going to economically spotty,” he said. “Some hotels may have more tourists than they used to and other hotels and restaurants much less.”

The Catskills and Adirondacks are typically the first areas to have their leaves change, Scheffel said. He predicted the week of Sept. 26 to Oct. 2 would provide “some really good color breaking out” in the Adirondacks.

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Notice of Formation of Raymond James New York Housing Opportunities Fund I-B L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/7/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Term: until 12/31/2062. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 83546 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of BPS AUTOMOTIVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/11/12. 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. 83550 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Glyka Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/12/2012. 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. 83552 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: ELEFThERIA PROPERTIES, LLC; Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/07/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o ELEFThERIA PROPERTIES, LLC, P.O. Box 8683, Albany, N.Y. 12208. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose 83568 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Notice of Formation BFC City Point Builders LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/18/2012. 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. 83813 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for hourly rate proposals of the following: SNOW PLOWING AND REMOVAL SERVICES Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Operations and Maintenance Department, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids will be received until 1 PM on October 17, 2012 at the Operations and Maintenance Department, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. JUDITH KEHOE District Clerk Date: October 3, 2012 83673 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Slingerlands Fire District located in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, Albany County, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District, for its consid-

eration. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Slingerlands Fire District firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159, for the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, Albany County, State of New York on the 16th day of October, 2012.

Pursuant to Town Law §105, the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk’s Office for the Town of Bethlehem at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York and the Town of New Scotland at 2029 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York and the Fire District Secretary at the Slingerlands Fire District’s firehouse where it may be inspected by an interested person during office hours. 83680 (D) (October 3, 2012)

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Item 5 Make - Sailing Vessel – Seaker 83682 (ALL) (October 3, 2012)



The Bethlehem girls cross country team won the seeded invitational division at Saturday's Great American Cross Country Festival in Cary, N.C. The team is, from left, coach Jack Rightmyer, Mary de Vries, Julia Champagne, Holly Machabee, Lindsay Cheu, Danika Jensen, Abbi Wright, assistant coach Kim Irwin and Megan Davitt. Submitted photo

Lady Eagles take team title in N.C.

Tight pack helps Bethlehem pull away from competition

By SPORTS STAFF
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Bethlehem took first place in the girls seeded invitational division at Saturday's Great American Cross Country Festival in Cary, N.C.

The Lady Eagles placed three runners in the top 30 and five runners in the top 40 to finish with 134 points. The Bolles School of Jacksonville, Fla., was second with 160 points.

"We ran as a tight pack through most of the race," said Lindsay Cheu, who led Bethlehem with a 17th-place finish in a time of 19:37.7. "We pushed each other. When one of us fell back, the rest yelled encouragement to bring her back into the pack."

Danika Jensen placed 29th with a time of 19:50.0, and Julia Champagne finished 30th with a time of 19:50.2 for the Lady Eagles. Holly Machabee (39th place, 19:57.2) and Abbi Wright (40th, 19:57.8) rounded out Bethlehem's top five.

Bethlehem's boys team finished seventh in the seeded invitational division with 209 points. The Eagles tied Forest Park (Va.) in terms of points, but Forest Park placed sixth in a tiebreaker.

Ben Fishbein paced Bethlehem with a ninth-place finish in a time of 16:07.5. Stephen Booker was 16th with a time of 16:17.7, and Connor Armbruster finished 43rd with a time of 16:48.0. Tom Quackenbush (65th place, 17:02.7) and Alex Carlson (83rd, 17:16.3) completed the Eagles' top five.

In other weekend cross country action, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk placed fourth in the Boys Varsity 2 division at Saturday's E.J. Herrmann Invitational in Utica. The Indians had five runners in the top 40 to finish with 141 points.

Griffith Eddy led Ravena with a 14th-place finish in a time of 17:54.0. Zack Penzabene crossed the finish line in 26th place with a time of 18:26.0, and Angel Colon-Ortiz took 30th place with a time of 18:32.7. Nick Reynolds was 31st with a time of 18:33.0, and Ryan Morrow finished 40th with a time of 18:45.8.

The Ravena girls team placed 13th in the Varsity 2 division with 360 points. Ali Eddy finished 60th with a time of 23:11.8 to lead the Lady Indians.

Kruger leads Sage at Cazenovia invy

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk graduate Alaina Kruger turned in a top-10 performance to lead the Sage College women's cross country team at last weekend's Cazenovia College Homecoming Invitational.

Kruger placed seventh on the 8-kilometer course with a time of 21:56 for the Gators, who finished third in the women's team standings with 84 points.

Katie Fargnoli and Kiera

Warner also finished in the top 10 for Sage College of Albany. Fargnoli was eighth with a time of 22:01, and Warner finished 10th with a time of 22:03.

The Sage men's team finished seventh at Cazenovia with 182 points.

Shaker High School graduates Juan Reyes-Alvarez (16th place, 29:07) and Jesus Vaquez-Lopez (32nd, 30:21) led the Sage men's team.

Win

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and a home game for the Class A playoffs by beating Mohonasen 29-6 last Friday in Rotterdam. All that stands in their way is a Week 7 home game against Bishop Maginn, which is currently winless this season. (Side note: the last time Scotia-Glenville finished a football season with a winning record was 2002.)

- Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (5-0) posted the biggest win among Class B teams last week by knocking off Class A power Amsterdam 33-14 on the road. Indians' running backs Fred Pechette and Dylan Keyer combined for 319 yards and four touchdowns against a solid Amsterdam defense. It's just the type of performance Ravena needed entering Friday's Reinfurt Division showdown with undefeated Lansingburgh.

- LaSalle (2-4) took away whatever shred of momentum Columbia might have had left by shutting out the Blue Devils (3-2) 12-0 last Friday in a Liberty Division game. That outcome coupled with Colonie's 19-16 victory over Niskayuna leaves the rest of the Liberty Division

teams with two losses apiece with two games left. Resurgent Colonie (3-2) hosts Columbia Friday with a Class AA playoff berth on the line.

We'll see if Week 6 produces more intriguing results.

Briefly switching gears to soccer, the Niskayuna girls team continues to make headlines with its 9-0-0 record, but the boys team from that school is also doing quite well.

Niskayuna (6-1-1) entered Tuesday's game at Bethlehem on a seven-game unbeaten streak that moved the Silver Warriors into second place in the Suburban Council North Division, one-half game behind first-place Shen. Seven players scored goals for Niskayuna in those seven games, which showed great balance on offense.

Finally, Section II cross country teams had a good day at Saturday's Great American Cross Country Festival in Cary, N.C. The Shaker and Bethlehem girls teams won division titles, while Saratoga Springs placed second to Louisville's Assumption High School in the Race of Champions. It's more proof this region is still one of the best in the United States for cross country running.

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Guilderland's Emma Oliver, left, launches a shot during last Thursday's Suburban Council South Division game against Colonie. The Lady Dutch defeated the Lady Raiders 3-0 in Colonie.

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Again

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Bethlehem has been struggling lately doesn't make the Eagles any less dangerous.

"We feel they have a really strong offense and an explosive offense," said Penna. "They balance the run and the pass well, so we can't focus on either one. This is a game where we have to play physical, and it's a game which will be won at the line of scrimmage."

The Dutchmen had their share of problems against Saratoga (2-2, 2-3). They never converted an extra point or two-point conversion, and their defense struggled to keep the Blue Streaks out of the end zone.

What Guilderland did well was move the ball. Quarterback Frank Gallo threw for 239 yards, and tailback Micaiah Henningham ran for 108 yards and four touchdowns.

"Fortunately for us, we were able to pull out the victory," said Penna. "For the first time this season, we came out and executed

offensively early on."

The game was delayed for nearly 15 minutes in the third quarter when Saratoga running back Travis Mooney lost consciousness after he was tackled following a short gain. Mooney was transported to Albany Medical Center, where Penna said he was doing better by Saturday.

"That was the first thing we were thinking about after the game, and it looks like Travis is going to be fine," said Penna.

Bethlehem also moved the ball well in its game against CBA (4-0, 5-0). Tailback Mike Graves gained 135 yards and scored a touchdown, while quarterback Dan Robeson threw for 71 yards and rushed for a touchdown.

The problem for the Eagles was CBA kept making big plays. Tailback Cameron Wynn had touchdown runs of 62, 21 and 38 yards, and Elliot Croskey returned a kickoff 80 yards for another six points. In all, the Brothers racked up more than 460 yards of offense.

"We've played pretty good defense most of the time," said Leach. "They

just didn't play well Friday night."

Leach said Bethlehem must correct those mistakes if it has any hope of beating Guilderland and earning a Sectional berth.

"We have to tackle better," said Leach. "We did not tackle well Friday night (against CBA). We have to take (Guilderland) out of their rhythm."

For his part, Penna said he wants to see a similar four-quarter effort from his Guilderland team like the one the Dutchmen had in their road win at Saratoga.

"The thing entering this week is we want to not only be a fourth quarter team, but we want to be a four quarter team," said Penna.

Another showdown is looming in Class B where undefeated Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk visits unbeaten Lansingburgh in a Reinfurt Division contest. Ravena (4-0, 5-0) enters Friday's game in north Troy off a 33-14 road victory over Class A power Amsterdam, while Lansingburgh (4-0, 5-0) defeated Hudson 49-12.

Running backs Fred Pechette and Dylan Keyer

had big games for Ravena against Amsterdam (2-0, 3-2). Pechette gained 176 yards and scored three touchdowns for the Indians, including a 70-yard run late in the second quarter to give the Indians a 20-0 halftime lead. Keyer contributed 144 yards and a touchdown, while Dave Warnken led Ravena's defense with a pair of interceptions.

Voorheesville (1-2, 1-3) will try to even its Class C South Division record when it faces Coxsackie-Athens (0-4, 1-4) Saturday.

The Blackbirds struggled to contain Granville's offense in a 40-14 non-divisional loss last weekend in Granville. Tailback Evan Hoagland ran for 129 yards and a touchdown and returned a kickoff 90 yards for six points, while Elijah Fournier added 110 all-purpose yards for the Golden Horde.

Matt Feller and Mike Young scored Voorheesville's touchdowns.

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Stride

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Bethlehem 2-2. You can't take any game for granted."

Guilderland couldn't take Colonie (1-8-0) lightly. Lady Raiders goaltender Courtney Yule stopped 10 shots, and Colonie made several pushes into Guilderland territory.

"Nick (Southworth) does a nice job of coaching them," said Snyder. "They just haven't gotten it all together yet. They'll be dangerous when they're all on the same page."

The Lady Dutch scored their three goals against Colonie in the early portions of each half. Emma Oliver tallied less than three minutes into the first half, while Capone and Ali Cardinal scored in a 28-second span early in the second half.

Meanwhile in Delmar, Bethlehem (6-2-1) couldn't hold on to a 2-1 halftime lead against Columbia (1-7-1) as Amanda DeBarr scored the tying goal in the second half for the Blue Devils. Tara Teal notched

both of Bethlehem's first half goals.

Guilderland and Bethlehem each faced tough cross-divisional games Tuesday. Guilderland met a Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake team coming off last Thursday's 3-1 victory over North Division rival Shenendehowa, while Bethlehem played undefeated Niskayuna (9-0-0).

"It's certainly not an easy week for us," Snyder said of Guilderland's schedule, which also includes a Thursday match-up against Saratoga Springs (5-3-1).

Guilderland and Bethlehem meet again Oct. 15 in Delmar, where the Lady Dutch will look to avenge a 1-0 loss to the Lady Eagles Sept. 6. Bethlehem goaltender Katie Nickles had a big game in the first meeting as she turned aside 17 Guilderland shots for the shutout.

"We've come together pretty well lately, so we're looking forward to playing Bethlehem at their place," said Snyder.

Dutch dominate Saratoga Springs

Guilderland moves closer to Bethlehem in South Division

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The Guilderland boys soccer team moved within one game of first-place Bethlehem in the Suburban Council South Division standings by beating Saratoga Springs 7-3 Saturday.

Cousins James and Vito Mesiti each scored twice for the Dutchmen (6-1-2), who broke the game open with five second-half goals. Connor Rubin, Andrew

Wheeler and Chris Czecky also tallied.

Guilderland and Bethlehem (7-0-1) each posted victories last Thursday. Guilderland shut out Colonie 2-0, while Bethlehem edged Columbia 1-0.

Matt and James Mesiti scored goals for Guilderland in its win against Colonie. Kledis Capollari contributed an assist.

Matt Henning scored off an Ethan Gunty pass 10 minutes into the first half, and that was all Bethlehem needed to defeat Columbia in East Greenbush. Goalie Alex Kessler stopped three shots.

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Lady Eagles win in North Carolina

The Bethlehem girls cross country team finished first in the seeded invitational division at Saturday's Great American Cross Country Festival in Cary, N.C. The Lady Eagles had three runners in the top 30 and five runners in the top 40 to defeat teams from across the eastern United States.

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Weekly poll

Who would you trust to score the winning goal in a girls soccer game?

- Anka Parzych (Niskayuna)
- Tara Teal (Bethlehem)
- Diana DiCocco (Schalmont)
- Morgan Burchhardt (BH-BL)

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Last week's poll results:

Who would you trust to score the winning goal in a boys soccer game?

- Liam Roohan 78%
- Chris Schmid 10%
- Eric Denny 8%
- Ryan Casserly 4%

Hitting their stride

Guilderland moves into first place tie with BC in South Division standings

By ROB JONAS
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After some early-season stumbles, the Guilderland girls soccer team has risen to the top of the Suburban Council South Division standings.

The Lady Dutch (6-2-1) tied Bethlehem for the divisional lead with Saturday's 8-1 victory over Averill Park in Guilderland. Four Guilderland players found the back of the net led by Jess Capone's four-goal afternoon.

"I think we have more players (this year) who are dangerous (around the goal), and two players who are excellent," said Guilderland coach Curtis Snyder.

Capone had a hat trick before halftime as the Lady Dutch built a 4-0 lead against Averill Park. She then added her team-leading 10th goal of the season early in the second half to put Guilderland ahead 6-0.

Alyssa Kogelmann contributed a pair of late goals, and Laurie Knapp and Angela Luizzi also tallied for Guilderland.

The Lady Dutch positioned themselves to tie Bethlehem for the division lead last Thursday by defeating a pesky Colonie squad 3-0. With Bethlehem's 2-2 tie against Columbia, the Lady Dutch trimmed the Lady Eagles' lead to a half game.

"The Suburban Council is so tough this year," said Snyder. "Look at Columbia. They tied

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Guilderland's Alyssa Kogelmann, right, and Colonie's Kaleigh Fowler pursue the ball during last Thursday's Suburban Council South Division game in Colonie.

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Here they go again

Bethlehem meets Guilderland for Sectional berth

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For the third year in a row, Guilderland and Bethlehem meet late in the Section II Class AA football season with a playoff berth on the line.

Guilderland (2-2 division, 2-3 overall) hosts Bethlehem (2-3, 2-3) Friday in a game where the winning team is assured of a spot in Sectionals, while the losing team could be eliminated from contention.

"It seems to happen every year," said Bethlehem coach Rick Leach.

Guilderland and Bethlehem enter this week's game as two teams heading in opposite directions. Guilderland defeated Saratoga 30-21 last Friday for its second win in its last three games, while Christian Brothers Academy downed Bethlehem 61-26 to hand the Eagles their third loss in their last four contests.

Guilderland coach Dan Penna said just because

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Shaker's win changes everything in AA

Normally I don't lead off my column with an apology, but I feel I owe one to the Shaker football team — even if no one asked for one.

I'm sorry I doubted you could beat Shenendehowa. I'm especially sorry I doubted you could limit the Plainsmen to a last-minute touchdown after you scored five of your own to post a 35-8 victory.

Then again, I doubt I'm the only one who doubted what Shaker was capable of.

Certainly, history favored Shen in this match-up. The Plainsmen rolled past Shaker each of the last three times they met over the past two seasons, including a pair of impressive playoff wins.

How each team played entering last Friday's game in Latham also played a role in everybody's expectations, including mine. Shen pounded Ballston Spa 49-7 for its fourth consecutive victory by six or more touchdowns, while Shaker survived a five-turnover performance to edge Schenectady 21-14. My thought was if Shaker committed any turnovers against Shen, the Blue Bison would pay dearly.

Boy, was I wrong. Shaker coughed up the ball twice on a rainy night at home, and the Blue Bison still won convincingly.

I also thought Shen would dominate Shaker at the line of scrimmage, just as it

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had in each of its last three games against the Blue Bison. Instead Shaker's offensive line consistently opened holes for its running backs, and its defense took away the corner routes Shen's tailbacks favor for big gains.

The end result was Shaker rushed for more than 400 yards, while Shen's trio of Corey Acker, Marcelino Christie and Kyle Buss couldn't collectively run for 100 yards.

So, what does Shaker's performance against Shen mean in the greater Class AA picture? For one thing, it means the Blue Bison are now officially the team to beat for the Section II title. The common theory was the Plainsmen were that team, but that theory is no longer relevant to the discussion. Not after what happened in Latham last Friday, anyway.

For another thing, it gives Shen's next two opponents — Saratoga Springs and Christian Brothers Academy — a blueprint to work off

of when they formulate their game plans. Saratoga and CBA will see what Shaker's defense did to lock down Shen's running game, and they will try to duplicate it. Only Shen can make the corrections necessary to avoid another shutdown.

Finally, it means Class AA is more wide open than originally believed. Whereas it appeared a Shen-Shaker rematch in the Sectional finals was likely before last Friday's game, other teams could be in the mix beginning with CBA. The Brothers have an explosive run game led by Cameron Wynn, and their defense has been very good this year. Schenectady also might be a threat with its passing attack, but the Patriots need wins over LaSalle and Niskayuna first to make the playoffs.

Still, those teams might only be a threat to beat Shen. I don't know what CBA, Schenectady or Shen can do to slow down Shaker at this point.

The Section II football world is larger than Class AA, though. To prove it, here are three more observations from Week 5.

• Scotia-Glenville's return to football relevance is complete. The Tartans (3-2) all but assured themselves of a second-place finish in the Southeast Division

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