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## Chief: Budget short on overtime

### Bethlehem's top cop asks for \$100k restoration in 2013 budget

By MARCY VELTE  
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Bethlehem Police Chief Louis Corsi says his department is short on overtime in the town's tentative budget to the tune of six figures.

Corsi told the Bethlehem Town Board at a Thursday, Oct. 11, budget workshop he feels the department would be \$106,000 short on needed overtime and asked for

the money to be restored. He was one of several department heads to speak at the workshop on the general and sewer funds and most said making reductions would be a challenge, but they could make do with some creative thinking.

The 2013 tentative budget calls for \$7.2 million to be allotted to the Police Department out of a total \$37.9 million budget. A savings of \$242,000 is scheduled due to attrition, with three positions being eliminated, but no other cuts were made to the force and the department was granted about the same amount of funds for overtime as it was in 2012. With lower



At a budget workshop on Thursday, Oct. 11, Bethlehem Police Chief Louis Corsi asked for an additional \$100,000 to be added to the police department budget to make up for overtime.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

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## Eagles soar at homecoming

A home on Kenwood Avenue was decked out for the Bethlehem Eagles homecoming football game on Friday, Oct. 12. Bethlehem won 27-3 against Colonie. See Page 32 for more game coverage.

Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight



## UAlbany launches green prize

### Campus looks to promote sustainable living among students

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For students at the University at Albany, "going green" can help more than the planet.

The school recently announced along with the National Grid Foundation the establishment of a new scholarship fund. A stipend of \$10,000 will be given to a student who exemplifies the characteristics needed to promote sustainability in their life on campus and beyond. The funds will be awarded at the end of the fall semester.

The partnership is part of the university's initiative to endorse the use of sustainable technology and green living on campus while discouraging waste.

"The University at Albany is a natural choice to establish the GreenDependence Scholars Program," said National Grid Foundation President Bob Keller. "UAlbany is not only one of the country's finest research and academic institutions, but serves as a leader in the campus sustainability movement and personifies the principles of GreenDependence."

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## McCoy proposes 9% tax hike

### County plan would privatize nursing home, add to work force

By MARCY VELTE  
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Albany County Executive Dan McCoy's 2013 tentative budget calls for a 8.9 percent tax increase, but that number could change for the worse if the County Legislature does not opt to privatize the county nursing home.

The proposed \$568 million budget would increase spending

by 1.4 percent from 2012. The tax hike, in excess of the state property tax cap, would result in a \$60 tax increase for a home valued at \$200,000.

The largest cost-saving measure included in the tentative budget is a proposal to privatize the county nursing home. McCoy says closing the nursing home is not an option, but signing an agreement with a private operator would save taxpayers about \$1.5 million in the coming year.

"If the Legislature didn't come to a decision on this deal, the levy would be anywhere from 14 to 22 percent," said McCoy.

The partnership is estimated save \$70 million over 10 years if approved by the County Legislature and state Department of Health. The deal would see the facility leased to Upstate Service Group, a company that runs the Hudson Park Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in the City of Albany, by July of 2013.

McCoy took office as county executive in January after serving as the chairman of the County Legislature. As a legislator, he backed the building of a new nursing home, but he now says that is no longer a viable option

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# A taste of the East in Elsmere

## Tea House Asian Bistro opens in former Friendly's building

By MARCY VELTE  
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Jim Zheng has always wanted to own an authentic Asian teahouse and now his dream is becoming a reality.

The Bethlehem resident finally opened Tea House Asian Bistro on Monday, Oct. 8, after months of scouting for the perfect location, redecorating and selecting a menu. The eatery has opened in what was formerly Friendly's Restaurant on Delaware Avenue in Elsmere.

Zheng is the former owner of Haikkado restaurant in Glenmont, but sold the business nearly two years ago. He decided to try again with another restaurant at the urging of friends and old customers who wanted to be able to taste his food again.

"I use to have a lot of regular customers and one asked me to check out the old Friendly's, so I did," he said. "It took about 10 months to (open) and four to get a lease."

Eleven Capital District Friendly's restaurants



Tea House Asian Bistro opened on Monday, Oct. 8, at the former Friendly's Restaurant on Delaware Avenue in Elsmere.

have closed since October of 2011, shortly after the Massachusetts-based chain filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The company said it had attempted to work with landlords to restructure lease arrangements to keep the businesses open, but the decision was made to close the majority of restaurants within the area.

Five Friendly's remain open within the greater Capital District today, but the closures have forced many municipalities to work hard to find tenants for the buildings.

Zheng said he chose the location because

he wanted to keep his business within the Bethlehem community. Though his eatery is nothing like Friendly's, he knew with hard work the business could be transformed. Now, the outside of the restaurant retains the familiar chain restaurant's look, but the interior has been transformed.

The restaurant offers a mix of traditional Japanese, Chinese and Thai cuisine, and includes a small sushi bar. Although Zheng is Chinese, he said he has had an affinity for Japanese cooking. He began working in restaurants at the age of 17. After honing his skills,



Owner Jim Zheng has been in the restaurant business since he was 17 and has been making sushi for the past eight years.

Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

he moved on to working with other Asian fare and for the past eight years has worked as a Japanese sushi chef. Another chef was hired from Manhattan to help.

"He has been studying food for a long time," said Zheng. "He used to work in a Chinese restaurant in China Town. I know him very well and trust him."

The restaurant will

serve the typical sushi rolls and Bento boxes that most are accustomed to at an Asian eatery, but Zheng has added some creations of his own like the New York Giants sushi roll. A wide variety of Asian tea is also available. Zheng and his wife brought in different tea sets they have collected to give customers a more

authentic feel while dining.

"I want my customers to feel welcome when they are here," said Zheng. "I want them to feel like they are walking into my house."

Zheng said he hopes the restaurant will add to the Bethlehem community.

"I have a lot of good friends here, and am proud to be a part of this community," he said.

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# Later-life living recognized

## Local author's essay highlighted as 'Inspirational Life Story'

By MARCY VELTE  
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Barbara Traynor didn't want to spend her golden years on the job, but after years as an administrative assistant and single mother, she didn't have the savings for the freedom and adventure she craved.

So about seven years ago, just after her 65th birthday, the former Connecticut resident packed up her bags and drove to Alaska to volunteer at a local college in return for room and board.

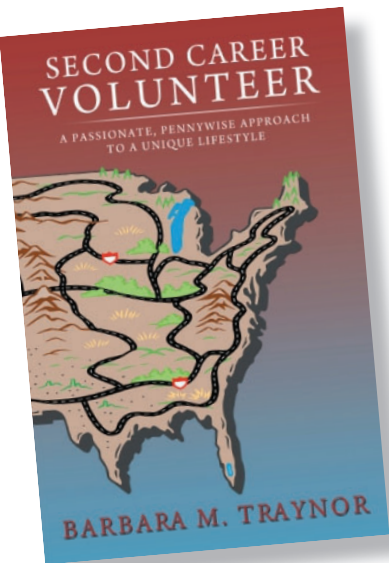
"I had a great time," said the 72-year-old. "I finally got to travel and I didn't have to cook."

She turned her experiences volunteering on the road into a book, "Second Career Volunteer," and self-published it while living in Delmar for the winters. Her writing and experiences recently paid out again—in early October, Traynor won a \$1,000 prize for a story she wrote about her volunteer experiences through the Center of Productive Longevity, a nonprofit working to "stimulate" those over the age 55.

She won in the category of "Inspirational Life Story" and her tale is available to be viewed online.

William Zinke, Center of Productive Longevity founder and president, said Traynor's story was selected as one of the winners because it illustrated "that success can be achieved with perseverance and passion."

"This contest was a tremendous opportunity for us to validate why we are passionate about later-life living," he said in a statement. "People from all walks of life are doing amazing things and positively impacting the lives



***"I've learned that you have to have patience, flexibility and be willing to compromise. Perhaps I had all of that before, but I've honed those qualities."***

– Barbara Traynor

of others along the way."

Traynor's book is filled with her own experiences and is a type of "how-to" encyclopedia into the world of volunteering for a living. She said different programs offer different benefits and the key is lots of planning. Some programs pay travel expenses, most do not. Other have different living arrangements like dorm-style housing that may not be suitable for some. Extensive research is sometimes required to know what program is right for each individual.

"I've learned that you have to have patience, flexibility and be willing to compromise," she said.



"Perhaps I had all of that before, but I've honed those qualities."

Traynor said those looking into a similar lifestyle should realize they will have to work, and often work hard. This type of retirement is much different from how some may feel their senior years should be spent. In Florida, Traynor helped write a grant so the owner of a rehabilitation center could make a DVD about the life of a butterfly to use as a teaching tool. In Albuquerque, she was the assistant to the head of schools of a school district.

"The work is all very different, but important because it frees people up to do their work," she said.

As for her recent recognition, Traynor said she hopes it will bring some extra attention to her cause.

"Second Career Volunteer" is available at local area bookstores and online through Amazon. To learn more, visit [www.secondcareervolunteer.com](http://www.secondcareervolunteer.com). Read Traynor's winning essay at [www.ctrpl.org](http://www.ctrpl.org).



Local author Barbara Traynor won a \$1,000 prize in October for a short story she wrote about her time working as a volunteer across the country.

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Duo busted trying to acquire painkillers at Elsmere CVS

A New York City man and his alleged accomplice were arrested in Bethlehem after attempting to use fake prescriptions to purchase oxycodone pills at a local pharmacy, according to police.

Jeffrey Pierre, 32, of the Bronx and Faye Shand, 48, were both 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 allegedly saw Shand leave the store after the painkillers prescription had been filled. The pair was arrested outside. The pharmacist told police he believed the prescriptions to be fake because the address on the documents did not match the location of the doctor's office. Police allegedly found a notebook within their car containing names, addresses, dates of birth and pharmacies to match.

Pierre and Shand 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. Both were also charged with fraud and deceit in the third degree, a misdemeanor, while Shand was charged with misdemeanor criminal diversion.

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

Hit-and-run suspect facing felony charges

A man allegedly involved in a hit-and-run incident in the Town of Guilderland was arrested and is facing two felony charges.

State Police on Wednesday, Oct. 3, arrested Michael T. Mitchell, 25, of Evans Mills, and charged him with felony DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first degree, also a felony.

Mitchell was located in the Town of Duanesburg by State Police early Wednesday morning.

Mitchell allegedly refused to submit to a chemical test and he was also charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, according to police.

He was arraigned in Duanesburg Town Court and remanded to the Schenectady County jail. He was scheduled to return to court on Monday, Oct. 15.

Missing teen found in Albany, arrested

A teen who went missing in Saratoga Springs turned up in Albany after nearly a week.

Angel Williams-Guynup, 16, of Saratoga Springs, was found on Thursday, Sept. 27, on Central Avenue in Albany, by Saratoga Springs Police Investigators. She was arrested and charged with falsely reporting an incident, a misdemeanor, and was held at the Saratoga Springs City jail until her arraignment the following day.

Police reported Williams-Guynup missing from the Kayderossas House on Kirby Road on the evening of Sept. 22. The charge against her stems from her reporting to police that she was lost in a wooded area near Route 29 in Saratoga Springs. Authorities combed the area following that report.

Other arrests

Bethlehem police arrested a Delmar man and charged him with DWI on Thursday, Oct. 4, after he allegedly drove into the backyard of a residence down the street from his home.

Police responded to a car crash on Darroch Road where a car accident had allegedly taken place in a resident's back yard. Once arriving on the scene, police found Paul Sherwin, 64, of 142 Darroch Road near the car and said he appeared to be intoxicated. Sherwin told police he had only had two drinks, according to arrest reports. He was charged with DWI and released. He was scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Bethlehem police arrested an Albany woman and charged her with DWI on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Catherine Roy, 59, of 59 Woodside Drive, Albany, was arrested after she allegedly tried to purchase beer at the Slingerlands Price Chopper but was denied because she appeared intoxicated. The store's staff notified police, who then followed Roy and pulled her over for speeding. She was charged with aggravated DWI, driving without a license and speeding. She was released and scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

SUV rolls over in Delmar



Police, EMS and firefighters responded to a vehicle rollover on the afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 9, on North Street in Delmar.

John Purcell/Spotlight

Police looking for counterfeiters

The Colonie Police Department is investigating incidents involving the use of counterfeit currency in the area.

Over the past three weeks, police said on eight separate incidents counterfeit \$20 bills have been passed and on four occasions counterfeit \$100 bills have been passed. While the counterfeit \$20s were illegally printed with repeated serial numbers, the \$100 bills are actually \$5 bills that were bleached and reprinted with \$100 information. Police said the passing of the two separate bills do not appear to be related.

The United States Secret Service is also involved in the investigation.

The counterfeit \$20 bills have been found at numerous locations including Dunkin Donuts at both 667 and 599 Loudon Road, Price Chopper on Loudon Road and Wendy's on Loudon Road, and they total \$540. The counterfeit \$100 bills have been found at Walgreens on Central Avenue, Stewarts on Sand Creek Road, CVS on Sand Creek Road and Burger King on Central



Colonie police say the man pictured above left has passed several counterfeit \$100 bills at area businesses and the two people pictured above right have passed counterfeit \$20 bills. Police do not believe the incidents are related.

Submitted photos

Avenue, and they total \$500.

Police said the suspects passing the counterfeit \$20 bills are described as a tall, black male with a baseball cap, black jacket, dark shirt and pants and a white female with long, dark hair and a black blouse. They were seen driving a red, four-door sedan with a sunroof in surveillance photos.

Police said the suspects passing the counterfeit \$100 bills are described as a black male

with long sideburns, wearing a blue jean jacket and a black, heavysset female with her hair in a bun, wearing a black sweater and blue jeans.

Anyone with information about the crimes or the identities of the suspects is asked to call the Colonie Police Department at 783-2744.

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# Space, shrimp salvage the night

There are so many joys to having children.

The rewards of having these little people in my house are so great.

Every day I am blessed by their presence.

These things I say to myself, over and over. Especially now, with a teenage daughter and very-close-to teenage daughter in my house. Sometimes it doesn't feel so joyful. Occasionally, I have to remind myself of the rewards. And now and then, I don't feel blessed by their presence.

Take one early morning last week. Two girls wanted into a small bathroom at the same time. The favorite shirt of one landed in the laundry pile of the other, therefore making the lines of ownership blurred.

Doors were slammed. Feelings were hurt. People were angry. I tried to soothe the situation but ended up yelling at everyone.

After some stomping around the kitchen, grabbing toast and barely brushing shoulders, they were both gone. They punctuated their departure with a passionate slam of the front door. I stood with coffee cup in hand, slippers on feet, staring at the door.

"I love you. Have a good day," I said to the hard wood. Mornings like that are terrible. When we aren't all mad at one another, I like them to sit and eat. I like to say a few kind words to my children before they hurry off.

When that doesn't happen, I feel crushed. So I stood there, wondering how I could have done it all differently. As it usually happens, Paul came to my rescue. He crept quietly into the living room and hid behind the big chair. First I saw the top of his head and then his glasses and blue eyes.

"Is it safe?" he said in a loud whisper, "Is it safe to come out? Are they gone?"

His eyes darted back and forth, as if looking for the enemy. I threw my head back and laughed.

I also find solace in memories of the way I myself acted. Once, I was going with my father to a picnic at his colleague's house. At 15 years old, I'm sure I didn't want to go. But what I remember clearly was his insistence that I change my shirt. That day I had put on my brand-new tie-dyed shirt. It was brightly colored and had a big black skull on the front. I loved it. He hated it. Even after he explained that I shouldn't wear it because his friends recently had a death in their family, I still stamped my feet. Terrible, really terrible behavior.

And take my sister. She's four years older than me, and she did some pretty

## Our Daily Plate

Caroline Barrett



awful things as a teenager. Once, she took my school bag, stuffed with work and books and papers, and shook it, upside-down, from an upstairs window. On a windy day. On purpose.

I think about these things because we both turned out pretty alright. We're nice people. We're thoughtful and loving and kind.

So my sister and I survived this age of acting terribly. So will my children. On some days, it's hard to see it.

Take the day I took my daughter to the mall. We went to buy her new jeans. The mall is my very least favorite place of all, ever. But I went, because she wanted to. I bought her the jeans and the coffee from Starbucks, and I tried to act happy about it. So I was surprised when later that day, there was eye rolling, some stamping on the stairs. A door slam.

Paul wasn't around to joke about needing a hocky mask or a cattle prod when dealing with my daughters. So I drank a cup of tea, did homework with Elliot and then beat him in gin rummy. We walked to the library. While he browsed, I ran into a woman I know. Lucy babysits for her children.

"I just want to tell you," she said in her library voice, "how much we love your daughter."

"Oh?"

She held one hand to her chest and the other on my arm while she said, "Lucy is so kind and so patient and so sweet. She is incredibly generous. We just love her."

I wanted to say, "MY Lucy? Really?" But I didn't.

Instead I smiled. She might have wondered why

## Shrimp and Vegetable Curry

- Canola oil
- 1 small onion
- 1 T. curry powder
- 1 14-oz can coconut milk (not the light variety)
- 1 c. chicken broth
- 1 c. crushed tomatoes
- 1 c. shelled edamame
- 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
- 1 small head broccoli, stemmed and chopped
- 1" piece fresh ginger, peeled and grated
- Juice of 1 lime
- Sea salt to taste
- 1 lb fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 handful cilantro, chopped
- Cooked soba or other Asian wheat noodles (available in the Asian section of the grocery)
- hot sauce for serving

In a large, deep skillet, heat a bit of canola oil over a medium flame and cook the onion until soft. Stir in the curry powder, cook for a minute, then stir in the coconut milk, chicken broth and tomatoes. Bring to a simmer and add the vegetables. Cover and cook on medium-low for 3 minutes. Stir in the ginger, lime and a good shake of salt. Taste. Add more salt if necessary. Lay the shrimp on top of the curry, cover and cook for another 2 minutes, or until shrimp are pink and cooked through. Place the noodles on a large serving platter, pour the curry over, sprinkle with cilantro and serve hot.

my eyes welled up a bit. I nodded and thanked her and said how good it was to hear it. I know it's true. On some days, though, I need a little reminding.

There are so many times in life that I call my children into our kitchen and ask for help with the salad, or the sauce. Sometimes I just want them to sit on our barstools and talk while I finish cooking our food. It's nice to hear their voices at the end of the day. On that day, though, I let Elliot turn on his beloved video game. I left the girls to be alone in their rooms. Maybe, I thought, we just need our own space today.

I chopped and cooked a huge bowl of curry with shrimp and vegetables and long, slurpy noodles. The glass of wine I poured made

the silence and peace even more welcoming.

When the noodles were ready, and Paul was home, we sat and ate. Bad feelings were forgotten and the time alone allowed me to see my daughters with fresh eyes. I looked and saw good, smart, kind people.

We had a great dinner that night, with a few laughs and a good story told as well. There was no eye rolling, not even once. And definitely no hockey masks required.

Caroline Barrett is the mother of three food-loving children and the wife of one grateful husband. They live together with their menagerie of pets in the Hudson Valley. Follow their adventures on her blog, [www.ourdailyplate.com](http://www.ourdailyplate.com).



## Candidates make cases

Delmar Place Assisted Living Residence hosted a "Meet the Democratic Candidates" event on Thursday, Oct. 11, with, from left, 109th Assembly hopeful Pat Fahy, Bethlehem Town Board candidate Bill Reinhardt and State Sen. Neil Breslin. In back is Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson. The candidates brought locally baked cookies from The Delmar Marketplace at the Four Corners along with their campaign pitches.

Submitted photo

## IN BRIEF

### Skating club slates contest

The Albany Figure Skating Club will hold its sixth annual Open and Basic Skills Competition on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Clifton Park Ice Arena from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This all-day United States Figure Skating-sanctioned competition will feature more than 70 skaters of all ages and abilities from all over the Capital District and the Northeast. Skaters will compete in 45 different skating events. The competition is open to the public, and there is no admission charge for spectators.

For more information, email Vincent Smentkowski at [vinsmentkowski@hotmail.com](mailto:vinsmentkowski@hotmail.com) or visit the Albany Figure Skating Club website, [www.albanyfsc.org](http://www.albanyfsc.org).

### Tire recycling event planned

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering tire

recycling to Albany County residents on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Village of Green Island Department of Public Works.

Only car and light truck tires will be accepted. Preregistration is required and will be accepted until Oct. 26 on a first come, first served basis.

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District works to conserve the natural resources of Albany County for the future. For more information on this program and other services, call 765-SWCD, visit [www.albanycounty.com/swcd](http://www.albanycounty.com/swcd) or email [ACSWCD@gmail.com](mailto:ACSWCD@gmail.com).

### Lowe to play at Old Songs

Jez Lowe will play original songs from northern England on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 8 p.m. at Old Songs, Inc., 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets are \$20.

For more information and tickets, call 765-2815.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Take honest look, lawmakers

We bring you news this week of the Albany County tentative budget for 2013, and as has become customary, it's a doozy.

County Executive Dan McCoy's spending plan is nothing if not comprehensive. It is based in no small part on a plan to privatize the county nursing home, which if McCoy's estimates are correct would save taxpayers \$70 million over the next decade, primarily by stemming the annual multimillion dollar loss the county must absorb by operating the home. The county executive came into office knowing he would have to tackle this elephant in the room, and here he is at least making an effort to move things forward without completely shuttering a refuge of last resort for the county's needy citizens.

Whether those efforts will be in vain or not is still undetermined, though. The County Legislature makes the ultimate determination on a budget, and this body has a history of using fuzzy math to justify spending plans best viewed with rose-colored glasses. Let us not forget this group of lawmakers passed a 2012 budget that hiked taxes by nearly 9 percent and proclaimed it a landmark victory simply because the number had started at 20 percent. In fact, taxes have risen for four consecutive years now by our count, and each year they provide diminished returns in terms of services.

This body has also for the past few years doggedly stuck to plans to borrow massive sums of money to construct a new and grander nursing home, a proposal the state has frowned upon by denying the county's certificate of need for the project. And why wouldn't an honest review of the facts find the idea to be wanting? The facility is projected to run \$24 million in the hole every year, which is a business plan that makes today's \$7 to \$9 million deficits look like a paragon of efficiency.

Some might argue governments should not operate with business plans, that it is instead government's role to protect the most vulnerable parts of our society. There is a lot of truth in that, but it is also true private industry is often able to accomplish what government is capable of for far less. Upstate Services Group has made a name for itself by doing just that.

McCoy is correct in pointing to unfunded mandates for the majority of the tax burden on residents. Things like Medicaid, pension costs and public assistance together make up the entire property tax levy — but this is not going to change. Attacking that problem with efficiency measures like spending less on copier paper is like facing down a charging elephant with a BB gun.

So when Albany County's 39 legislators flip open this plan, we call for them to read it with an open mind instead of approaching it with a determination already set by politics. A budget plan that closes a gaping shortfall should be given more than a cursory examination — it should be studied and vetted in public light. After all, it's just crazy enough to work.

Editorial

Community airports keep us safe

TED ZABINSKI

The writer is the president and CEO of the South Albany Airport Corp. and the airport manager.

Every day, while most of us sleep and go to work, our law enforcement personnel carry out activities on the ground and in the sky to keep criminals off the streets, search for missing persons, carry injured patients to life-saving treatments and assist in firefighting efforts.

Unfortunately, most of us do not realize how important these operations are until we are directly affected by emergency ourselves. But here at South Albany Airport in Selkirk, the Aviation Unit of the State Police, pilots practice day and nighttime approaches and maneuvers to ensure the safety of the public, as well as the safety of the officers. Law enforcement aircraft are invaluable in safely resolving high-speed chases, locating missing persons, providing real-time information about potential dangers to officers where there are fences or other visual obstructions.

The Army National Guard also utilizes South Albany Airport for the purpose of honing the ever-so-important pilot skills in both day and night operations. Black Hawk helicopters serve a great purpose in the military. Black Hawks have assisted in combat in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas in the Middle East. They also prepare for natural disasters and other events as well as keep our country safe and secure.

LifeNet, owned and operated by Air Methods, the world's largest air ambulance company, visits the airport frequently for refueling after transporting medical patients and medical emergency victims to the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

These benefits do not stop there. South Albany Airport enables nonprofit organizations such as Angel Flight to provide free flights to patients, especially children and veterans receiving specialized

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care where other modes of transportation are not an option, and deliver desperately needed organ and blood donations with speed and reliability. Because of its proximity to nearby hospitals and trauma centers like Albany Medical Center and Westchester General, small aircraft help to ensure the patients are getting the immediate care they require. All of this comes together by the very generous pilots that not only offer their plane, fuel and time but a heart full of dedication to help those in need.

The same advantages that make general aviation and local airports for emergency services and public safety also make it an attractive business tool. South Albany Airport has been an FAA registered airport since 1947 beginning as a grass strip on a farm. Since then the airport has grown and presently there are now 43 based privately owned airplanes (four twin engine and 39 single engine). Many recent improvements have been made including a parallel taxiway, ramp area expansion, a 10-unit shade hangar and a recently built maintenance hangar. Services provided are 100 LL gas and Jet-A fuel. Aircraft hangar and tie-downs are also provided.

General aviation enables our local economies, both big and small, to grow by providing businesses an efficient way of moving people and goods where they need them. In fact, in total, general aviation accounts for \$150 billion in economic activity across the country each year, supporting 1.2 million jobs. In New York, it creates over \$9.2 billion in economic impact and supports over 347,000 jobs. South Albany Airport alone generates \$1.1 million a year in economic impact for the local

community, and is continuing to grow with new hangers and expansions in the works.

While general aviation is relied upon in thousands of communities across the country, for everything from saving lives to enabling job-creating opportunities, many lawmakers and the general public are still not fully aware of all of its benefits. For example, the president proposed implementing a "user fee" tax as part of his budget proposal for 2013. This tax would act as a toll every time a general aviation aircraft takes to the air — regardless of its size or cargo. This tax would hit small- and medium-sized businesses the worst, helping to eliminate the benefits general aviation brings to them just as they are beginning to recover from the recession, not to mention the financial toll on those who volunteer their time and effort for charitable flights. In addition, this tax would also place a cumbersome administrative burden on small businesses and organizations that use general aviation, and would require a whole new bureaucracy in the FAA to administer these new fees and taxes.

Albany, New York and the entire country have benefited greatly from general aviation and our local airports. For all of us in Upstate and rural New York, it provides a literal lifeline that connects communities that may otherwise not have air service with commerce, medical care and a broad range of services and resources. Gov. Andrew Cuomo even recognized the contributions of this industry recently by proclaiming the month of May "Aviation Appreciation Month." In doing this, he has highlighted the vital importance of aviation and general aviation in New York. General aviation should be valued and supported in New York and across the county.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

# Fundraiser amount seems neither open nor transparent

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
My friends and neighbors have been invited to a fund raiser for Bill Reinhardt. The invite suggests a contribution in the amount of \$99.  
It's an odd number until you realize that contributions of that amount (and those that are less than \$100) do not have to be reported, by name, on the candidate's periodic filing with the Board of Elections.  
Personally, I prefer to know who is providing

the financial support for the candidates on the ballot. The election laws are designed to provide such transparency. This invitation, in specifically asking for a donation "below the limit", raises a question in my mind as to the candidate's commitment to "openness" and transparency.  
We've not heard much on the issues but we do know from the primary debate that Mr. Reinhardt will support John Clarkson's 8% tax increase on town residents. We

also know, from life's experience, that an individual's actions speak volumes about character and intent. In my opinion Mr. Reinhardt's "sine nomine" strategy is a cynical attempt to circumvent the spirit of the election disclosure regulations. That's not transparent, it's not "open", and it raises a question about the ethics of the man who hopes to serve on our Town Board.  
*Bill Kolberg  
Delmar*

# Mass transit makes sense

Editor, *Spotlight*:  
Unlike many suburban communities without any form of mass transit, we are fortunate to have a bus service. This service, operated by the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA), runs seven days a week. It runs along the main spine of our community – Delaware Avenue connecting us with downtown Albany. It also links us to the library, post office, and Price Chopper Plaza within town.  
I often ride the bus from Delmar to Albany. I have occasionally ridden it to the Price Chopper Plaza. When my children were young, their first exposure to public transit was the adventure of a bus ride into Albany from Delmar. Once they got older, it gave them the freedom to go on trips of their own into the "City". They have carried that early experience throughout their lives and they still use mass transit when they can.  
So why do I ride the bus?  
• It does take longer,

but I get to read and relax instead of worrying about driving.  
• The bus drivers are friendly.  
• It makes me plan my trip instead of just hopping in the car at a whim.  
• It is inexpensive - \$1.50 per ride or \$0.75 for seniors over 65.  
• I get more exercise by walking to and from the bus stop.  
• I am supporting a transportation alternative that will hopefully be there when I can no longer drive.  
• I don't have to worry about parking.  
• It saves me gas and

wear and tear on my car.  
My suggestion to the residents of Delmar is that you try the bus sometime. Take the kids for a bus ride. Use it to connect with places around town. Take a trip into Albany to go to an event or visit a museum. We are privileged to have this service. CDTA is always evaluating service based on ridership. If we don't use it, we could lose it, so I encourage you to join me and take the bus whenever you can.  
For information on routes and schedules check out [www.cdta.org](http://www.cdta.org).  
*Chuck Manning,  
Elsmere*

## Last day for letters

*The Spotlight* reminds our readers the Oct. 24 edition will be the last edition in which letters pertaining to the upcoming election will appear in print. In order to be considered for publication, letters must be received by Friday, Oct. 19.

# Councilman grills IDA prez on tax breaks

**New policy changes abatement structure, but does not rule out retail**  
By MARCY VELTE  
[veltem@spotlightnews.com](mailto:veltem@spotlightnews.com)

The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency has opted to restructure its tax abatement policy after receiving pushback over tax breaks given to retail businesses.  
IDA President Frank Venezia presented the new abatement overview to Town Board members on Wednesday, Oct. 10. The new structure is meant to be easier to understand and eliminated an abatement level that was rarely used.  
The new policy has eliminated the use of tiers. New businesses applying for abatements can now apply for "standard" or "enhanced" policies. However, they can also still apply for a special abatement that is tailored to their specific needs. The standard abatement matches what a business could receive for a project happening within the town that does not go through the IDA, but was applied for through the Planning Board.  
"Whether you like or don't like abatements, we only want to give them when they are necessary to stimulate additional development, but under existing law this (standard) abatement would apply to any new commercial building or substantial renovation," said Supervisor John Clarkson.  
To qualify for the enhanced abatement the project must meet certain criteria, like reuse of an

***"We needed to kick it off somehow and this was the way we thought was the best way to kick it off, by giving an incentive to a retail organization who was willing to build in that park."***  
– IDA President Frank Venezia

abandoned lot, extensive job creation or a promotion of economic diversity. Venezia said promoting diversity is one of the most important aspects of considering abatements because like with the Vista Technology Campus, sometimes a project needs to begin to attract other businesses. The IDA has been criticized by some for granting a tax abatement to the ShopRite grocery store there. The store will not have to pay any property taxes for two years and then will pay reduced taxes for another decade.  
"We needed to kick it off somehow and this was the way we thought was the best way to kick it off, by giving an incentive to a retail organization who was willing to build in that park," said Venezia. "Hopefully it is the catalyst for investment and more of the type of high-tech businesses we are looking for who will be long-term taxpayers for the town."  
Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn questioned how having a supermarket at Vista would attract a high-tech business.  
Venezia said during IDA discussions with developers, it is important if high quality services are nearby for employee use.  
"Was a supermarket the right idea? I don't know, but we looked at it as, is this the right business to kick this project off?" he said. "We

didn't have many other options. There weren't many other applicants that were banging on the door to locate here."  
Kuhn asked what kind of information the IDA looks at in making a decision. Venezia said IDA members use their individual backgrounds, look at other projects and hold discussions with developers. Eventually, the decisions are made based on the opinions of IDA members.  
"Is it perfect science? Absolutely not," said Venezia, adding that those with opinions on the matter should attend public hearings so members can hear feedback from the community. Venezia said the IDA is going for a "long-term approach" to development.  
Kuhn later asked if additional retail businesses wishing to open within Vista would receive abatements since they are no longer needed as a force to jump start Vista. He said he is concerned because there is resistance to abatements and some already established businesses feel it is unfair.  
Venezia said it would depend on what the applicant brings to the table and how compelling their case is.  
"We're hearing those complaints too," said Venezia.

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# Win a trip to Wrestlemania

WWE fans – do you have plans for next April? WWE fans in grades five through 12 are invited to the library on Friday, Oct. 19, from 3 to 4:45 p.m. to write a letter to their favorite WWE wrestling star. The letters must convince their heroes to read their favorite books, using their best persuasive writing skills.

Letters will be judged by our library board president and vice president , and the winning letter at each age level will be entered in a national competition to win a trip to WrestleMania on April 7.

Refreshments will be provided. Start thinking about how you would convince your favorite wrestler that your book is a ‘must-read’!

Registration is required; call 756-2053 or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org.

## Medicare Part D assistance

The Medicare Part D open enrollment period is Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Trained counselors and volunteers will be available at the library during this period to assist senior citizens in enrolling, selecting or changing a Part D Prescription Drug

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Program. Additional information will also be available for seniors to determine if they qualify for financial assistance. Current Medicare beneficiaries as well as individuals who will soon turn 65 are invited to attend.

### HICAP questions?

Visit the library on Tuesdays, from 2 to 5 p.m., through Nov. 27 to meet with a representative from the Albany County Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance Program (HICAP), and get your questions answered.

HICAP is not affiliated with any insurance company and does not sell insurance policies. The program is designed to provide free unbiased information, counseling, and education to Medicare beneficiaries. HICAP is funded by the Albany County Department for Aging in partnership with the New York State Office for the Aging and the Administration on Aging.

Appointments are preferred and can be

made by calling HICAP at 935-2307. Leave a message with your number and you will receive a return call.

Those seeking assistance should bring prescription bottles and a drug list including dosages to the appointment.

### New members

Four new members have recently joined the library’s governing board. Marie Sturges and Kristina Giangreco are residents of Ravena. Maria Holden and Dallas Trombley are residents of New Baltimore.

On Oct. 8, the board elected officers for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. They are Antonio Booth, President; Dallas Trombley, Vice President; Josephine Bruno, Treasurer; and Terry Martin, Secretary.

All trustees have email accounts accessible through the Library website. Board meetings are open to the public and occur on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the library annex.

• All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.

# Separate facts from spin

With elections less than a month away, you may be interested in separating fact from political spin. These nonpartisan websites may be able to help you do just that.

• OpenSecrets.org - Center for Responsive Politics tracks money in U.S. politics and its effect on elections and public policy.

• FactCheck.org - Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics.

• Politifact.com - Tampa Bay Times and its news partners researches political statements and rates the accuracy on the Truth-O-Meter.

• Taxpolicycenter.org – Urban Institute and Brookings Institute provide independent analysis of current and longer-term tax issues.

### Digital Download Open House

On Thursday, Oct. 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. library staff will be holding 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.

### Albany and the Civil War with Mark Bodnar

On Sunday, Oct. 28, 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.

### Reserve your seat now

On Saturday, Dec. 1. come join the Friends of the Library on their annual NYC Holiday in the City bus trip. The bus will depart at 7 a.m. from the middle school parking lot and return at approximately 11 p.m. Spend your day in New York City as you wish. The bus drops off and picks up at Bryant Park. Bus price is \$35 per seat or \$30 for FOL members. Paid reservations may be made at the Circulation Desk at the library.

### October Artists of the Month

Stop by our hall gallery and enjoy the photography of Carol Donato and Bob Riccardo. If you are a racing fan, this exhibit of Fonda Speedway is a must see. Even if you are not a racing fan, this exhibit is fun for all ages.

Barbara Vink

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# Theater trip still has seats available

There are still seats available for the theater trip to New York City to see “Nice Work If You Can Get It” on Sunday, Oct. 28. This show is a ten time Tony nominee with songs by George and Ira Gershwin. The \$200 cost includes transportation, (leaving at 9 a.m. and returning at 11 p.m.), the 3 p.m. Broadway matinee performance, and dinner at the Crow’s Nest in New Jersey. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation. This trip will support Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Join us for a roast beef dinner on Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Berne Fire Department. The cost is \$12 at the door; take out cost is \$13. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, cabbage salad, homemade pickles, vegetables, homemade applesauce, rolls, coffee, tea, milk and homemade pies. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 10:30 a.m. Home pickup can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Enjoy a fall luncheon and concert on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Italian American Community Center. The cost is \$18, payable to Cluster II. Lunch will include chicken parmigiana or sliced sirloin with apple



cobbler dessert. The musical program will feature Squeezeplay Accordion Band. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 10:30 a.m. Home pickup can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$3. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to be added to the wait list.

Enjoy a social media version of “Pride at Prejudice” at Capital Repertory Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m., with a late lunch at Panera Bread in Glenmont. The cost is \$12, payable to Town of Bethlehem with lunch on your own. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 8:45 a.m. Home pickup can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to be added to the wait list.

Enjoy “Under the Streetlamp,” an evening of classic hits with music of the Drifters, Beach Boys, Beatles and the Four Seasons, at Proctor’s Theater in Schenectady on Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. The cost is \$28, payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 6

p.m. Home pickup can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Join us for a walk on the rail trail on Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring a bagged lunch and bottled water. Meet at the Town Hall. Wear good walking shoes. For reservations or information, call Will Vail at 439-4955, ext. 1173.

### Program highlights Tuesday, Oct. 23

•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 to 10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

### Wednesday, Oct. 24

•Caregiver’s Support Group for those caring for a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or another dementia will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call 439-5770 for transportation.

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

### Thursday, Oct. 25

•Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets

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

### Friday, Oct. 26

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

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# The story behind the lens

## Local photographer's work featured at Siena

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When Patrick Dodson was a kid, he found a camera in the woods behind his backyard. With a new toy and inspiration from his grandfather's photography, Dodson took photos of one of the things he knew best: his cat.

"My mom would get so mad because I would literally just follow my cat around for an entire day just taking terrible photos of it," Dodson, originally from New Haven, Conn., said. "None of them were in focus. My mom would come back with this roll of film that would have a few important photos on it and the rest were just cat photos."

Although he continued snapping feline photos, Dodson started getting more into the news and a photo class in high school later helped him take his hobby to a new level.

"That's when I really realized that's what I wanted to do," he said.

Now 24, Dodson's passion has helped him not only begin to make a living, but shape how he views the world. Dodson has four photos at Siena College's exhibit, "Focus on Four," in the Yates Gallery in the Standish Library, and through his work as a photographer for The Daily Gazette, thousands see his work. For Dodson, stories that need to be told aren't far flung, they're close to home.

"I think the story is in America. When I was a little kid I always wanted to be a conflict photographer. (But) I think 9/11 was a turning point for me. They announced it over the speaker and all the other classrooms except mine watched it live. That really pissed me off, because I didn't get to see it to believe it. I'm really passionate about that things need to be documented," he said.

Three of Dodson's



Patrick Dodson, left, currently has four photos at Siena College's exhibit, "Focus on Four." Some of his past work includes the above picture from the Adirondack Balloon Festival.

Submitted photos

biggest influences—Eugene Richards, John White and Todd Heisler – also have shot most of their body of work in America.

"I'm really inspired by the stories that happen in our own backyards," Dodson said.

Dodson recently got to meet some of his favorite photographers at the Eddie Adams Workshop, a four-day event in the Catskills that selects 100 photographers through submitted portfolios from around the world. Top photography professionals gather with students to teach and inspire.

After applying for two years, Dodson, who received his undergraduate

degree in photojournalism from the University at Albany, was accepted.

"It's the number one thing for a photojournalist to go to when they're young ... the best thing to ever happen to me," he said.

One photographer at the workshop, John Moore, showed a project he was working on involving the mortgage crisis in America.

"He's following around small town sheriff departments as they go and kick people out of their homes. Out of everything I saw all weekend, that really stuck with me the most. You can film more of a personal connection," he said. "If there's one thing I learned from (the workshop), it's


that you need to come up with your own projects and do them on your own time."

Dodson spends his days shooting photos all over the area for The Gazette. Some of his photos, like the coverage of last year's hurricane, have been printed in several publications including The New York Times, New York Post and Vanity Fair. Dodson has also won awards, including a couple "Photos of the Month" from the New York Associated Press.

Outside of his job, Dodson tries to stay active with his photography. He has a new cat that he said he likes to take photos of. He also finds his way around the Albany music scene and shoots musicians and his friends.


"I think the story is here. Lately, I'm realizing that I'm inspired by the things that I see every day. (The workshop) really inspired me that I really love the stories around here. Upstate New York is a really incredible place," he said. "It may have to do with that I'm not from around here. (But) I think we live in a really unique time. I have a story that needs to be told."

Three other photographers from the area, Vince Giordano, Laura Galzer and Joe Putrock, also have their work showcased in "Focus on Four" and are each giving a talk on their photography. Dodson will speak at Siena College during a class from 10:30–11:30 a.m. in Foy Hall 106 on Thursday, Nov. 1.




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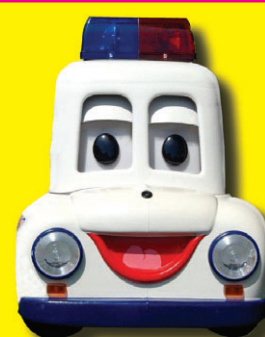
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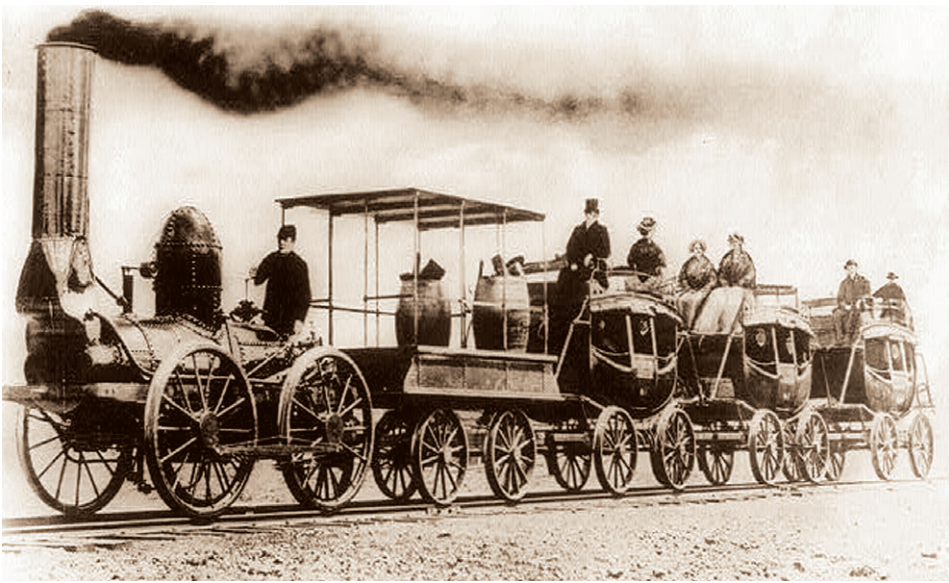
Historian to discuss local role in American railroad revolution

BY ZAN STRUMFELD  
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When it comes to America’s booming railroad revolution, the tracks to what became a booming industry were laid right here in the Capital District.

In a special presentation by the Historical Society of the Town of Colonie, Harry M. Steven will discuss the important role local companies played to help make transportation more efficient in America and the world over.

Schenectady’s railroad history began with the DeWitt Clinton’s initial run from Albany to Schenectady in 1831. John Ellis created the Schenectady Locomotive Works, which was the biggest company in the city until the end of the 19th century when General Electric came to the area. Ellis merged his company with others in the Northeast to create the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) in 1901.



Schenectady’s railroad history began with the DeWitt Clinton’s initial run from Albany to Schenectady in 1831.

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“A good part of the history of the United States is how it was held together by the transcontinental railroad,” Steven said. “One of the previous companies that consolidated with ALCO made the locomotive for the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific.”

Steven said in 1901 ALCO was forced to get into diesel locomotives and decided from there to form a partnership with GE.

“It was a GE engineer

who designed the first diesel locomotive,” Steven said.

Throughout the presentation, Steven will also talk about the Civil War and the Louisiana Purchase.

“When the United States obtained the Louisiana Purchase and had all this land out west, it was difficult for the government to really control it (with the) threat of Mexico coming from the South,

or England penetrating the Northwest,” Steven said. “The railroads made it possible for the government to supply the troops and have the troops available in case of any more penetrations.”

The discussion, “Locomotive Manufacturing in Schenectady; 1848-1969,” is free and will take place on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 2 p.m., in the Town of Colonie Library.

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# Finance in the Spotlight

## Investment management: A review now can spare you a resolution later

By FRAN O'ROURKE  
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**T**his is the time of year for the “here-and-now” mindset. Work is busy. Holiday planning and plans are all-consuming. Our kids and school functions have most of us running around like crazy. So what do we do? The majority of us put our brains on auto pilot. We do the best we can to stay on course. That new diet, exercise program, financial plan you’ve been meaning to get to . . . it can wait—at least until January 1.

Unfortunately, the problem with putting plans on hold is that the longer you put them off the further you fall behind. This is especially true with your financial planning and investment management strategy. In fact, there is no better time of year than right now to begin thinking about improving your financial stability for the future. The following strategies provide a good starting point.

### Evaluate your investment plan

Grab a pumpkin spice latte, pull up a chair, and take a few minutes to look at your goals and objectives. Are you on track? Are you meeting your long-term retirement income needs? Remember, your investment plan should be flexible in design, based on reasonable expectations, simple in structure and easy to supervise. And you should always be able to comfortably answer the following questions:

- What is the purpose of my investments?
- When will I need to use the money?
- Do I understand investment risk?
- How much money do I have to invest?
- What are my available investment choices?

Even if you don’t yet have a plan, these are the questions you need to ask yourself. By being thoughtful both at the beginning of and throughout your investment management plan, you will keep the process manageable and productive.

### Review how you allocate assets

Asset allocation involves dividing an investment portfolio among different asset categories, such as stocks, bonds and reserves (cash). When deciding which combination of assets you should hold in your portfolio, the process can and should be very personal. Why? Because the majority of investment returns are determined by how you allocate your assets as opposed to market factors.

### Here are the four primary factors you should consider:

1. Your investment objective. What are your goals?
2. Your timeframe. Are your needs short or long term?
3. Your risk tolerance. Are you conservative or aggressive?

4. Your current financial situation. Are you earning and saving enough to meet your objective?

For most people, it’s an inevitability that our life situation changes from time to time. Your plan should reflect your current standing. There are also times when our portfolio might not align with your preferred asset allocation model, or your attitude toward investing changes. In either case, routinely reviewing how your assets are allocated will keep you on track.

### Control your emotions...and spending

Get a grip on your emotions. Few things get the emotional roller coaster in motion quite like overspending and stretching yourself financially thin, which can become commonplace during the holiday season. So be smart with your spending and keep in mind that for your investment strategy to succeed you need to be responsible and committed to the plan you and your team create. Also, don’t overreact to market movements. Just because a stock dives in a short period of time doesn’t mean it can’t rebound just as quickly. Keep a mature and positive outlook and always seek professional advice if you’re concerned about an investment.

### Keep it personal

Don’t think of investing as having to beat the market or creating a portfolio better than your neighbors. Think of it as a way to achieve your own set of personal goals. Believe it or not, taking big risks and buying into “foolproof” gimmicks leaves less opportunity for success in the future.

Investment goals will allow you to measure the performance of your investments in stocks, real estate, bonds and other ventures. To set some investment goals, make a list of all the different things you’d like to achieve from your investments. For example, you could say if I invest X amount of dollars in this portfolio monthly, I expect to reach X dollar goal when my oldest starts college, when I retire, or when I want to take that trip of a lifetime. These goals should reflect the things you’re looking forward to seeing in return after all of the hard work that went into investing.

### Move forward with confidence

Don’t continually second guess your decisions. Instead, look back at the plan you’ve set for yourself and why. Especially

during times when finances can be stressful—like the holiday season. Not only will the review give you confidence, but it will also reconnect you to your goal. At a time when the pressure

to overspend can be great, the reminder of why you’re saving can be the difference between having to resolve to get your financial house back in order or resolving to grow your money.

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## Tips for choosing the right investment manager for you

When it comes to making investing decisions, mistakes happen, and they could be costly. However, choosing the right investment manager doesn’t have to be one of them. With a little work and knowing what to look for and ask, you should be able to strategically pick the investment management team that best fits your needs and makes you feel most comfortable.

Here are some tips that can help you along the way:

- *Don’t get caught up in titles.* There are a lot of labels in the investment management industry—financial planners, wealth managers, portfolio managers, financial analysts and more. However, these titles are not consistent from organization to organization and do not provide you with a good background of the person’s experience, train-

ing or their approach to investing. So instead of focusing on the title on the nameplate, look at the person sitting behind it and find out exactly how they plan to help you make money and how well you think they understand and respect your goals.

- *Conduct an interview.* Remember, you’re the employer. Your investment manager needs to work for you, and it’s your responsibility to ensure that she or he does. Ask advisors about their backgrounds, investment philosophy, approach to risk, and how they are paid. Regardless of how an advisor gets paid, you want one who doesn’t skirt the issue and puts your interests first. And don’t be afraid to ask them about what mistakes they’ve made. You’re looking for the perfect person to represent

your interests. You’re not looking for a perfect person. So someone who displays accountability for their actions and true regard for their clients’ welfare should merit high consideration.

- *Research, research and research.* Look closely at the history of any individual or firm you are considering working with. What is their reputation in the market? How long have they been practicing in their profession? How long have they operated their business or worked for their current investment management firm? Can they provide you sources for testimonials? Were they referred by a trusted friend or family member? What research do they use to make investment recommendations?

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Parents, Alumni, and students participated in the weekend homecoming events at University at Albany's Fallbany celebration on Saturday, Oct. 13. The day featured a farmer's market with cooking demonstrations, children's activities and performances by students. It ended with tailgating in the parking lot before the UAlbany Great Danes homecoming football game against St. Francis. The Danes won 36-13.

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## Entertainment in the Spotlight



# ‘Seeing’ is believing

## New interactive exhibit key part of miSci’s transition

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN  
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**W**hen the Schenectady Museum decided to change its name and mission, rebranding itself as a regional science center called miSci, a key part of the plan was to increase the number of interactive exhibits.

MiSci staffers talked to industry experts about how to enhance their hands-on offerings, and they heard the same thing over and over: Hook up with the folks at San Francisco’s Exploratorium, home to more than 450 participatory exhibits.

So miSci and the Exploratorium struck a five-year deal calling for miSci to display exhibits from the Exploratorium. The first one, “Seeing,” opened Saturday, Oct. 6, in Schenectady and is already getting high marks from visitors, said miSci Director of Archives and Collections Chris Hunter.

“We’d gotten a lot of requests for hands-on activities,” he said. “This is kind of a level of interactivity that the area hasn’t seen before.”

Indeed, on a recent afternoon, visitors were gamely shooting basketballs, trying on goggles and carefully studying images as they enjoyed “Seeing,” which focuses on visual perception. The basketballs were part of an exhibit called “Hoop Nightmares” in which visitors shoot two basketballs at a hoop. They then don a pair of goggles outfitted with prisms that make the basket appear off center. They shoot while wearing the glasses, often missing.

But then, “you sort of learn to correct,” Hunter said. That happens after about 15 shots.

Take the goggles off, and you’ll probably still shoot to the side.

“Your eyes and brain haven’t quite corrected yet,” Hunter said.

Hunter said one of the benefits of “Seeing” is that it has signs with each exhibit explaining what is happening. They’re in Spanish and English, letting visitors know the science behind Hoop Nightmares and the other exhibits.

In Spinning Eraser, visitors focus on a yellow shape in the center of a black disc. There are other colors and shapes elsewhere on the disc, but as visitors spin it, those seem to disappear. The sign explains researchers aren’t exactly sure what causes this phenomenon.

Another exhibit features a black vase



against a white background. Spin the vase, and the white background seems to morph into the shape of two people who are having a conversation. A few feet away, a row of columns against the wall yields to the image of several “angels” in between the columns.

Staff from the Exploratorium came to Schenectady to explain the exhibit and help set it up. The cost was covered by Jane and Neil Golub and National Grid, which will pay for the entire five-year partnership between the centers. That includes professional development, shipping the items, travel between the centers and any other costs that crop up.

Hunter said part of miSci’s aim is to eventually develop its own interactive exhibits, drawing on its own extensive collection that traces the region’s role in bringing technology to the masses.

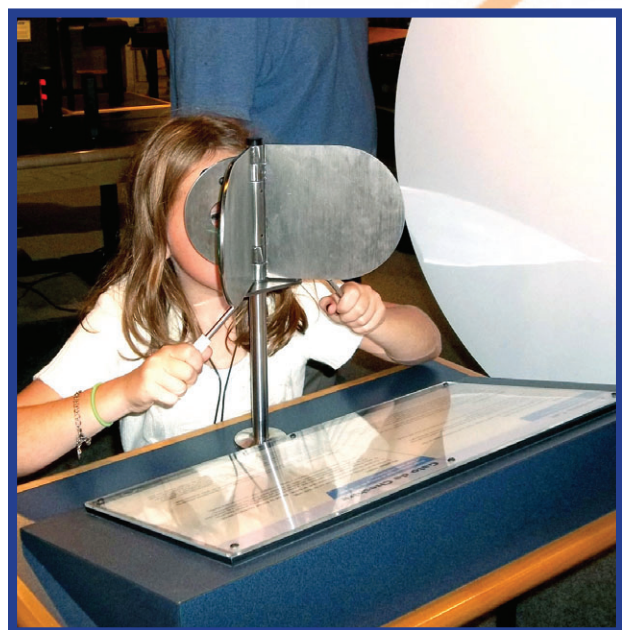
“We’d like to really leverage the unique story we can tell with electronics and electric activities,” Hunter said. “It’s something we can do that no one else can do.”

Even with the shift to hands-on exhibits, miSci is committing to utilizing its artifacts, Hunter said. “Seeing” is complemented by several items from miSci’s collection that help people see in different ways. Displays include glasses, cameras, Edison light bulbs and experimental televisions.

“Seeing” runs through June, at which time a new hands-on exhibit from the Exploratorium will be installed. Although “Seeing” is getting a bit of a late start, exhibits will generally run from June to June, giving schools a chance to recognize and attend and educational staff at the center “more chance to explore,” Hunter said.

MiSci is at 15 Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady. Admission is \$9.50, \$8 for seniors 65 and older and \$6.50 for children 3 to 12. Saturdays in October are GE Kids in Free Days, meaning kids 12 and under get in free when they’re accompanied by a paying adult, courtesy of GE.

For more information, visit [www.miSci.org](http://www.miSci.org).



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# Arts and Entertainment

## Theater

### BLITHE SPIRIT

Noel Coward's classic, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, Oct. 17-21, shows 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, \$15. Information, 382-2081.

### THE LOVE LIST

Norm Foster comedy, presented by Lake George Dinner Theatre, Holiday Inn Resort, Lake George, through Oct. 20, evening shows Wednesdays through Saturdays, matinees Tuesdays through Thursdays, call for prices. Information, 668-5762, ext. 411.

### MAN OF LA MANCHA

Classic Broadway musical, presented by Not So Common Players, Shenendehowa High School East Little Theater, Moe Road, Clifton Park, Oct. 19-21 and 25-28, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, free.

### NEXT TO NORMAL

Modern musical set in suburbia, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady, Oct. 18-21, shows 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, \$22-\$28. Information, (877) 350-7378.

### 9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL

Musical comedy about three women who conspire to take control of their company, presented by Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, through Oct. 28, shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday except for Oct. 14, \$26-\$29. Information, 587-4427.

### OPUS

Michael Hollinger's drama about a world-renowned string quartet pressed into learning a difficult piece for a White House performance, presented by Curtain Call Theater, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Oct. 19 through Nov. 17, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, \$23. Information, 877-7529.

### PRIDE@PREJUDICE

Updated version of Jane Austen's clas-

sic story, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Oct. 28, shows 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays and selected Wednesdays, \$20-\$60. Information, 445-7469.

## Music

### JAY UNGAR & MOLLY MASON FAMILY BAND

"Dancing on the Air" hosts and featured performers on "A Prairie Home Companion," Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m., Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, \$10. Information, www.hvcc.edu/culture/tickets.

### RUNNING THE RIVER

Original songs and a wide range of covers, Oct. 18, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### ANONYMOUS FIGG LEAFS

Americana/folk group, Oct. 19, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### BUDDY MONDLOCK

Nashville singer-songwriter plays benefit show for Unity Church, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m., Unity Church, 21 King Ave., Albany, \$10. Information, 453-3603.

### DAN HICKS & HIS HOT LICKS

Singer-songwriter performs his brand of "folk jazz" music, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$29.50. Information, 473-1845.

### NOMO JELLY

Acoustic blues with Michael Slick and Charlie Rhynhart, Oct. 19, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### HARMONIOUS WAIL

Trio that blends gypsy jazz and swing, with opening act The Stray Birds, Oct. 19, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, day of show \$18. Information, 583-0022.

### VIER UND ZWEI

Four local singers and two pianists present a concert of music by German composers including Brahms, Mozart, Schubert and more, Oct. 20, 3 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 262 State St., Albany, suggested donation of \$20. Information, 436-8544.

### ALAN GOLDBERG

Singer-songwriter, Oct. 20, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### LOST RADIO ROUNDERS

Celebrating the release of their "Heaven's Radio" CD, Oct. 20, 8 p.m., Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, advance tickets \$13, day of show \$15. Information, 438-5503.

### KEB' MO'

Three-time Grammy Award-winning bluesman, Oct. 20, 8 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$34.50-\$44.50. Information, 473-1845.

### PROFESSOR LOUIE & THE CROWMATIX

Americana band celebrating the release of its new CD, Oct. 20, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$20, day of show \$22. Information, 583-0022.

### THE ROB AND RICK SHOW

Capital District singer-songwriters, with special guest Betsi Krzniski, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### JAMES KEELAGHAN

Canadian singer-songwriter teams up with Alan Reid and Rob Van Sante, with opening act Anthony DaCosta, Oct. 21, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, day of show \$18. Information, 583-0022.

## Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Competing in "Theatresports," an improv challenge, Oct. 19, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

### COMEDY WORKS (ALBANY COUNTY)

Rodney Laney and Dave Cooperman headline, Oct. 19 and 20, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

### COMEDY WORKS (SARATOGA COUNTY)

Chris Coccia headlines, Oct. 12 7:30 p.m., City Sports Grille, 1668 U.S. 9, Clifton Park; Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., Starting Gate Restaurant, 12 Ballston Ave., Saratoga Springs; advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Information, 275-6897.

## Dance

### DAVID DORFMAN DANCE

New York City-based troupe performs "Prophets of Funk," Oct. 19, 8 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, members \$22, public \$24. Information, 473-1845.

## Family

### GOLDEN DRAGON ACOBATS

Acrobatics, traditional dance, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques, Oct. 21, 3 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, adults \$22, children \$15. Information, 473-1845.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"An Irrepressible Conflict: The Empire State in the Civil War," through Sept. 22, 2013; "Seneca Ray Stoddard: Capturing the Adirondacks," through Feb. 24; "Focus on Nature XII," through Dec. 31; "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"The Eternal Return: Stephanie Rose Portaits," through Jan. 27; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Colletcion of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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### ARTS CENTER OF THE CAPITAL REGION

"Naturelogues," featuring photos by Scott Stoner and Denise Hackert Stoner, through Oct. 28; 265 River St., Troy. Information, 273-0552.

### BROADWAY ART CENTER

"Art Along the Hudson," through Oct. 27; Arcade Building, 488 Broadway, Albany. Information, 732-4224.

### BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"The Threads of Time," through Jan. 31; 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa.

### CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"Impressions: Printmakers Exhibition," through Oct. 24; 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

### MISCI

"Seeing," through June 2, 2013; plus "FETCH! Lab" and "Fueling the Future," ongoing; Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

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"Tails & Terpsichore" through Nov. 24, 2013; "En Pointe!" through Nov. 18; "Eleo Pomare: The Man, The Artist, The Maker of Artists," through Nov. 18; "American Ballet Theatre: Then & Now," through Nov. 18; 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

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### THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

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# Weekly Crossword

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- Kind of pole
- Tip one's topper
- Cafe or film follower
- Kitchen emanation
- October birthstone
- Baker's tool
- Singer Horne
- Madison Avenue figures
- Hair care concern
- Adrenal and pituitary
- Auld Lang* \_\_\_\_
- Word from Scrooge
- DC employee
- Fed. pollution group
- Nary a soul
- Tentative proposal
- Holliday and Severinon
- Unsanctioned workplace demonstration
- Left
- Attacks
- Romantic gift
- Some market moves
- Loos, briefly
- Summer hours in NY
- 1920s Chief Justice

- Olympic skiing medalist Picabo
- Flat solution
- Gauche gear
- Hawaii County seat
- Dead end
- \_\_\_\_ *Well That Ends Well*
- Hanks or Irons
- French 101 verb
- Damage
- \_\_\_\_ *Eyes*: Guess Who hit
- Kind of herring

## DOWN

- Dressed like Freddie the Freeloader
- Bean
- Mrs. Pollifax creator Dorothy
- Songwriter Harold
- Color at the beach
- Assns.
- Fleer competitor
- One of the Brontes
- \_\_\_\_ the moon
- 1996 runner-up
- Kind of test
- Suggestive form of entertainment

- Sudden bursts
- Truly
- Countdown starter
- Small detail, briefly?
- Word of woe
- Scandinavian war god
- Escape
- Sorbonne summer
- Q-V connection
- Item under a tarp, maybe
- Sets up, as new software
- Cookbook abbreviation
- Raised platforms
- "Bad money drives out good" economist
- Sault \_\_\_\_ Marie
- Riches
- Glory of Love* singer Peter
- Remained
- Baseball statistic
- Swipe
- Hackneyed
- Gets to
- Friends* character
- Son of Seth
- Rapper Dr. \_\_\_\_

Green

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The goal of the program is to “develop the next generation of environmental stewards by employing sustainable practices in their chosen career,” said Keller. It is expected green employment opportunities could be worth \$1.5 trillion by 2030.

Mary Ellen Mallia, the director of Environmental Sustainability at UAlbany, said the student who wins the funds would be expected to do a service project that would help promote green initiatives on the campus and prospective students would be chosen for their environmental leadership.

The hope is the service will encourage the student to continue working with green energy initiatives within their chosen field and provide them with potential professional experience. The student would also be asked to take several related courses throughout the



University at Albany is furthering its sustainability initiative across campus through a new partnership with the National Grid Foundation.

Marcy Vette/Spotlight

remainder of their time at the school.

“This important scholarship endorses UAlbany’s efforts in sustainable living and research,” said UAlbany Vice President Christine Bouchard in a statement. “Through the National Grid Foundation, we now have the means to support and inspire students to live green and pursue careers in sustainability.”

While announcing the scholarship, the university also showcased its new green model dorm room to show prospective students the types of products that should be brought to college to help with the university’s initiative. The products are not provided to the students by the schools, but are placed on a tip sheet to encourage sustainable living while away from home.

“We want prospective students to see right from the beginning that we are a school that cares about our environment and supports a sustainable culture,” said Mallia.

The room has green leaf markers placed on green products, such as a filtered water pitcher instead of cases of bottled water or toilet paper that does not include the cardboard roll. Most of those products were placed inside the library for student purchase.

“We want students to get into the mindset of using environmentally-friendly products so they will make those decisions on their own in the future,” said Mallia.

Taxes

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since the state has denied a certificate of need from the county.

As for the proposed tax hike — on the heels of an 8.7 percent increase last year — McCoy blamed state and federal unfunded mandates and called keeping the tax levy increase below 2 percent “unrealistic.” Nine “mandates,” including Medicaid, public assistance and pension costs, make up roughly 100 percent of the tax levy, according to the County Executive’s Office.

“I would need to lay off about 800 workers and end an untold amount of services to reach that goal,” he said.

McCoy said the tax cap was supposed to be paired with mandate relief, and he called on the state to end the mandates or also cap them at 2 percent.

If his budget is not adopted, McCoy said non-mandated programs like the Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center, Children’s Dental Clinic, Mental Health Substance Abuse Clinic, Children’s Mental Health and the entire Department of Aging would have to be eliminated.

“It’s a mirage,” he said. “But I will say the cap has made us roll up our sleeves and really look at budget and where we can save.”

The tentative budget forecasts a 6 percent increase in sales tax receipts over last year. About \$230 million in sales tax revenue was generated in 2011, with 60 percent remaining with the county and

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– Albany County Executive Dan McCoy

40 percent being split between the 19 municipalities therein. McCoy had proposed changing the formula to allow for more county revenues, but most legislators did not feel it wise to place more of a burden on municipalities to make up those funds.

Included within the proposal is a plan to add 12 workers — five within the County Executive’s Office and seven within the offices of elected officials.

“We need people who look at things differently and think outside of the box to solve this problem,” said McCoy.

The new positions include a grant writer, two contract investigators and new employees within both the Sheriff and District Attorney Offices. A nearly \$30,000 raise is included for District Attorney David Soares, which is part of a judicial raises agreement which stipulates district attorney wages be the same as family court judges.

“It’s essentially an unfunded mandate,” said McCoy. “He could refuse it, but would you?”

To override the tax cap, two-thirds of the 39 county legislators will need to approve of the plan.

“I know that every dollar counts and I submit this budget

pledging to continue to work to streamline government and create greater efficiencies without compromising or sacrificing programs and services that protect and serve the people of Albany County,” McCoy wrote within his proposal.

County Legislature Chairman Shawn Morse said he is not sure how he feels about the proposal to privatize the nursing home and has questions he wants answered before making a decision. He said he thinks many others within the County Legislature feel the same way.

“I believe the county government has a mission to care for the poorest people who have no other means,” he said. “If not for us, where would they go?”

Morse said if Upstate Service Group guarantees to meet the same mission as that of the county, than he would not be opposed to the plan. But if not, he would look at cutting further programs to help fund construction of a new nursing home.

“There is not an easy answer, but if I’m not comfortable I won’t support it,” he said. “We may have to work to cut something that is viewed as important to find the money, but in my mind it might not be as important as the nursing home.”

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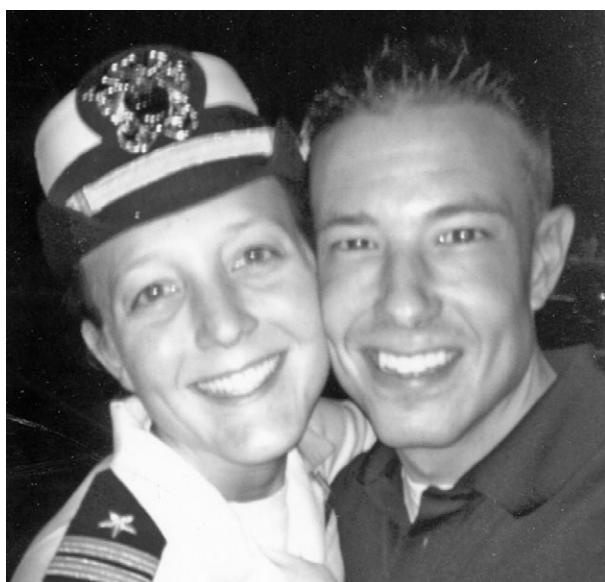
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# Milestones

## Atwell, Richburg to wed

Jerrold and Margaret Atwell of Wyomissing, PA (with honorary mention of Linda (Snare) Atwell, deceased mother of the future bride) proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Atwell to John Richburg, the son of John and Wendy Richburg of Colonie, NY. The future bride is a graduate of Wilson High School and is currently employed by the United States Navy. The groom to be is a graduate of South Colonie High School and is employed by the United Parcel Service. The happy couple is planning a winter 2012 wedding.



Sarah Atwell and John Richburg

### Dominic E. DeMaria

DELMAR—Dominic E. “Dom” DeMaria, 80, died Thursday, September 13, 2012 at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter’s Hospital.

Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Dominick and Antoinette (Graziano) DeMaria and attended Cathedral Academy. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. Dom worked with his two brothers at the former Albany Custom Floors for more than 30 years. The brothers worked together and never had an argument. He was a Jack-of-all-trades. Dom loved farming with Frank Renaud, snow-plowing his neighbors’ driveways and taking care of all the seniors on the street. He stopped into church every day for more than 53 years to say the Rosary.

In 2006, Dom received the Good Samaritan Award for Volunteer Service. He had assisted with the weekly Rosary/Communion service at the Good Samaritan Adult Home for more than 10 years, caring for the residents and filling the bird feeders. He was a kind, quiet leader, soft spoken and a true giver of his time and talents.

Dom is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret “Peggy” (Matta) DeMaria; His son, Dominic J. “Nicky” (Kristine)’ grandchildren, Jamie and Meagan; his siblings Frances (Andrew) Aiezza, Joseph (late Eileen) DeMaria, and Marie (late Joseph) Choppa; also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Anthony DeMaria, and niece, Judy Choppa.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, September 17th, 2012 at 10:30 am in

St Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar. Relatives and friends are invited and may also call at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Inc. prior to the Mass from 8:30 to 10 am. The family wishes to thank the parishioners of the St. Thomas the Apostle Church, neighbors, friends, and medical staff for their kindness and support through Dom’s illness. In Lieu of flowers, those who wish may sent memorial contributions to St. Thomas the Apostle Church Memorial Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, NY 12054; the Delmar Volunteer Ambulance, 145 Adams St., Delmar, NY 12054 or to community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205. Online condolences may be offered at [danielkeenanfuneralhome.com](http://danielkeenanfuneralhome.com)

## To Life! gears up for Pink Ball

To Life!’s eighth annual Pink Ball will take place on Friday, Oct. 26, at the Hall of Springs, Saratoga Springs, at 6:30 p.m. This annual event celebrates women, honors members of the community dedicated to supporting women and families dealing with breast cancer and provides the resources necessary to continue To Life!’s ongoing mission.

“There is much cause for celebration at this year’s Pink Ball,” says Mara Ginsberg, To Life!’s founder and president. “We celebrate the educational and support

network that underscores a better quality of life and we celebrate the individuals and businesses that provide the bedrock of support for our organization.”

Leading the celebration will be the Pink Ball Honorary Chair Eileen Guarino of Greno Industries. Of special note is the bestowing of this year’s Community Advocate Award to Leslie Valencia LaGuardia of the Arthur Murray Dance Centers. LaGuardia, a breast cancer survivor, spearheaded the first Pink Ball.

This year’s Pink Ball features Mistress of Ceremonies Marcie Fraser, YNN Medical Reporter, and includes a number of entertainment and fine dining venues. The Pink Ball helps To Life! offer year-round breast cancer programs and services free of charge.

To obtain tickets for the ball (\$150/person or \$275/couple), or to become a corporate sponsor, call 439-5975. For more information, visit the To Life! website at [www.tolife.org](http://www.tolife.org).

### IN BRIEF

#### Church to hold ‘Slime Time’

New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet, is featuring “Slime Time,” a “squishy, squashy” fun event for the entire family on Sunday, Oct. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Some of the games that will be played are Dewd’s Daring Dive, Goop Scoop (make your own slime), Monstro Bubble and Incredi-Ball Lab. Kids will have the chance to meet Professor Gizmo, Sensational Sparki, Funologist Fizz and others.

Call 756-8764 or 756-8962 to let the church know how many are coming.

#### Librarians to put on workshop

On Thursday, Oct. 25, Guilderland Central

School District librarians will present a “CyberSmart Digital Workshop” from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Farnsworth Middle School Learning Center. The workshop will feature interactive presentations containing tools and tips to stay safe and savvy online.

Presentations will focus on:

- Discretion when sharing personal information online, including faux chat sessions to demonstrate best practices

- The district’s new online Digital Catalog

- Safe web searching

Reference materials will be available to help students and parents stay safe online and navigate various tech resources such as Animoto, Photostory, Moviemaker, and more.

For more information, contact Guilderland High School librarian Melissa Gergen at 861-8591, ext.

5801, or e-mail [gergenm@guilderlandschools.org](mailto:gergenm@guilderlandschools.org).

#### Fun run, book sale on tap

Guilderland Elementary School will hold a Pumpkin Fun Run and gently used book sale Saturday, Oct. 20.

The book sale runs from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the large gym and the Pumpkin Fun Run (approximately one mile) kicks off at 9 a.m. just outside of the school. Both events are free and open to the community.

All funds raised from the book sale will be used to sponsor author visits at Guilderland Elementary School.

For more information, or to donate gently used books, games or media to the sale, call Meg Seiberger-Hughes in the school’s main office at 869-0293, ext. 3120, or email [seiberger-hughesm@guilderlandschools.org](mailto:seiberger-hughesm@guilderlandschools.org).

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## Balance class has openings

The Town of Guilderland has openings in their fall balance class.

The class helps participants view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals for increasing activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors and promote exercise to increase strength and balance.

It's designed to benefit older adults who have sustained a fall, restrict activities because of concerns about falling, are interested in improving flexibility, balance and strength, are age 60 or older, ambulatory and able to problem-solve.

Classes will be held Thursdays, Nov. 8, 15 and 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Jan. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The course fee is \$12.

See or call Cindy or Maryann in the senior office at 356-1980, ext. 1094.

## Church to host piano duets

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will present Ronald Thayer and Edwin Lopez in an afternoon concert of piano duets on Sunday, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Thayer and Lopez are New Jersey-based musicians who perform as duo and duet pianists and organists, a partnership that began about 20 years ago.

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem was actually Thayer's home church, as he was born and raised in Glenmont. In addition to benefiting the church through a free-will offering, this concert will be dedicated to Thayer's late parents, Richard and Margaret.

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem is located at 38 Church Road, Selkirk. Call the church office at 767-2243 for directions or further information.

## Recycling day set in Guilderland

The Guilderland Central School District will host a Fall Recycling Extravaganza on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Farnsworth Middle School. This is a community-wide event and is open to both residents and non-residents of the school district.

Individuals are encouraged to bring their unwanted papers, metals, plastics (including bags), bikes and electronics equipment for free disposal and recycling. This service is provided by the district's recycling partners Regional Computer Recycling



## Growing in the greenhouse

Children at The Bethlehem Children's School work outdoors on a project to grow plants in the school's recently completed greenhouse. New elementary teacher Brittany Pardi, foreground left, and new primary teacher Simone Albrecht, right, and longtime middle school teacher Sue Gutman, background, coordinate the work of the students.

Submitted photo

and Recovery, County Waste/Waste Connections, and T. A. Predel's Paper and Metals Recycling.

The district will also be collecting old flip flops for recycling by Terracycle, as well as any new or like-new donations of clothing for children and adults, accessories, linens, pots, pans and housewares. These items will be collected by Grassroots Givers and available free at the Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center 'shop' in Albany for individuals and families who are homeless, living on a limited income or leaving a shelter to move into a new apartment.

For more information, contact Renee Panetta, District Recycling and Conservation Coordinator, at 861-5246, ext. 338, or visit [www.guilderlandschools.org](http://www.guilderlandschools.org).

## Program to look at 'tractor wars'

Milton C. Sernett, Professor Emeritus at Syracuse University, will present 'From Muscles to Motors on the Farm: Henry Ford and the Great American Tractor Wars, 1910-1930' on Monday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the New Scotland Historical Association.

Sernett will describe the transition from horse power to tractor power on the American farm that took place during the early 20th century. He will use rare images from the archives of

the great tractor manufacturers and depictions of the seasons of agricultural work before the factory farm replaced the family farm. The program is free and open to the public.

The program will be at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem. For more information, call 765-4212.

## Fire hall to host spaghetti dinner

North Bethlehem Fire Department is hosting an all you can eat spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 4 to 7 p.m.

In addition to spaghetti and meatballs, there will be vegetarian sauce, pasta primavera, tossed salad and dessert. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 10 years old and free for children under 5.

The fire department is at 589 Russell Road in the Town of Bethlehem, at the corner of Krumkill and Russell roads.

## Church plans turkey dinner

New Scotland Presbyterian Church will hold its annual turkey dinner Saturday, Oct. 27, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a home-cooked meal with all the trimmings. There will also be special sale booths with baked goods, fancy treats and

plants. Family style serving. No reservations needed; first come, first served.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Kids younger than 5 eat free.

The church is at 2010 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

## Church plans harvest bazaar

Helderbergh Reformed Church will host a harvest bazaar Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2 and 3.

There will be a large selection of craft items for holiday gifts. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The church is at 140 Main St., Guilderland Center. For more information, call 861-6850.

## Children's school slates open house

The Bethlehem Children's School will host an open house for prospective students and their families on Monday, Oct. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The school, located at 12 Fisher Boulevard in Slingerlands, welcomes students from age 3 through eighth grade. Full-time admission is available, as is part-time admission for homeschooling families.

The school encourages prospective families to call 478-0224 or e-mail [admissionsbcs@hotmail.com](mailto:admissionsbcs@hotmail.com) in advance of an open house, but it is not required. Inquiries should be directed to Ralph Fahnestock, the school's director of programming, outreach and development.

Interested families who are unable to attend an open house are encouraged to call or write the school to arrange a visit at another time.

## Extension slates annual meeting

Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County will hold its annual meeting Thursday, Nov. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the William F. Rice Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville.

This meeting is open to the public. Albany County residents 18 years of age or older are eligible to vote for members of the board of directors and various program committees, as well as the amended constitution. Ballots will be available the night of the meeting.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 765-3500.

## Families invited on hike at Thacher

Thacher Park will hold a family hiking adventure Saturday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m.

This hike will explore the northern, "wilder" section of the park, wind through hemlock forests, past sinkholes, and over rocky mini-cliffs. Enjoy lunch while taking in views at High Point. Appropriate for families with school-aged children who are able to walk 2.75 miles on their own. Dress for a cool mountain morning and bring bagged lunch and water.

Call 872-0800 to register and for meeting place.

## Friendship Club to hold meeting

The Friendship Club of the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will meet on Friday evening, Oct. 19.

The speaker will be Reverend Deborah O'Connor-Slater, Senior Pastor, whose topic is 'What are you going to do with the rest of your life?' There will be a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program.

If you are able to bring a dish to share, the cost is \$2. For others, the cost is \$7. Reservations are taken by Marilyn Peterson at 439-8012. Any questions should be referred to Mark Baumbach at 765-4419 or [markb.hbrgmus@verizon.net](mailto:markb.hbrgmus@verizon.net).

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# Budget

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staffing though, Corsi does not think that will be enough.

"We took a heavy hit the first six months of (2012) and those were key positions, but we adjusted to try to compensate for the those losses and we have the supervisor's insurance to the department that we would replace one of the patrol officers," Corsi said. "We still have challenges ahead of us, but we are certainly willing to try and make this work."

The police chief said his projections are the tentative budget would

leave the department short 2,000 hours in overtime, of which a majority is contractually obligated. He also emphasized that lower staffing levels places additional stress on overtime schedules.

Corsi said he did not know where he would find the money for overtime and asked if it could be found somewhere else. But Supervisor John Clarkson said each year there is talk about cutting back on overtime as a cost-saving method, and each year nothing changes.

"I understand the pressures you're facing, but I still wonder if there isn't a management approach that can be more successful," he said.

**"As we look at the overall overtime expenditures most are not for emergency type situations, so perhaps some more changes in practice could be more effective."**

— Supervisor John Clarkson

Corsi said overtime is scrutinized very closely and he feels the department is doing a good job at controlling those expenses. Clarkson said they can continue to discuss the matter, but restoring the money would equal another 1 percent tax hike. The tentative budget calls for an 8 percent tax hike.

Councilman Kyle

Kotary said he feels the issue needs to be addressed or it would continue to be a problem for years to come. He questioned if reducing service levels would be more preferable to residents than raising taxes.

Corsi said to offset costs, the department has been billing for all paid details. He said for the past several years

overtime has stayed around 10,000 hours no matter the adjustments, and he is unsure why.

Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn asked if the overtime "hierarchy" could be changed so some less important instances were no longer eligible to be deemed as overtime. Corsi said it could, but that may cause calls to go unanswered until the next shift of officers arrived.

"I'm still not in a place yet, chief, where I would say we have to find another \$100,000 here," said Clarkson. "I'm at a place where I'd rather find a way we don't have to have that. I recognize that it's a tough area in your budget and one you rely

on for emergencies, but as we look at the overall overtime expenditures most are not for emergency type situations, so perhaps some more changes in practice could be more effective."

Kotary said he did not want to ignore the issue because the money would eventually be spent by the end of the year anyway.

Town Board members will compare overtime analyses within the department — including contractual obligations — and between departments over the past several years to come to a decision about police overtime. The topic will be discussed again at a budget workshop set for Oct. 29.

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# Ellis breaks ground on \$61M expansion

**Golubs applauded for supporting new emergency room**

By JOHN PURCELL  
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Ellis Medicine began its last major step in a six-year restructuring effort on Friday, Oct. 5, as it broke ground on a new, state-of-the-art emergency room at Ellis Hospital on Nott Street in Schenectady.

“This project reflects our ongoing commitment to provide you with the highest quality of emergency care,” said Deborah Mullaney, chairwoman of Ellis Medicine Board of Trustees.

The Golub Center for Emergency Care will cost \$61 million and will nearly double the size of the emergency room to total 38,000 square feet. A new two-deck parking garage will also be constructed at the current ER parking lot, adding 94 parking spaces and to bring total parking to 212 spaces. The project is expected to be completed in early 2015.

At a groundbreaking attended by Ellis administration and physicians, local officials and community leaders, Ellis Medicine President and CEO James W.

Connolly issued thanks to all involved in the project, but singled out Jane and Neil Golub.

“(The Golubs’) vision and their support for the facility for Ellis over the last years have really been inspiring to all of us,” Connolly said.

Neil Golub said he was proud of the team at Ellis for the work it has done towards the expansion and the care it provides.

“This facility is always here when we need it,” he said. “We are very optimistic about the good this new facility will do and the people who will benefit from its service.”

Jane Golub stressed the importance of the emergency room.

“Because emergency is often the main door to the hospital we must have high-quality care,” she said.

Dr. Roger Barrowman, chairman of Emergency Services for Ellis, said the project is the “most colossal” he has ever worked on. It took more than five years of planning.

Barrowman outlined improvements of the new ER, including closer proximity to patients for doctors and nurses, a CT scanner and digital X-ray machine located in the ER and doors on every room

**“This project reflects our ongoing commitment to provide you with the highest quality of emergency care.”**  
– Deborah Mullaney, chairwoman of Ellis Medicine

for increased privacy. Some other highlights include an increase in private rooms from 47 to 50, cardiac monitoring in every room and kid-friendly rooms. The new ER is also promised to reduce wait times.

Assemblyman George Amedore, R-Rotterdam, said the quality of health care available in a community is an important asset to attracting new homeowners.

“This is a testimony to that quality of care,” Amedore said. “I am so glad that I will be able to really testify and promote the quality of care at Ellis Medicine.”

State Department of Health Commissioner Nirav Shah said Ellis is a model for how to provide high-quality medical care



Ellis Medicine on Friday, Oct. 5, broke ground on its new emergency room at its hospital on Nott Street in Schenectady.

Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

in an affordable way.

“We are using you as an example as we go around the state saying, ‘This can be done,’” Shah said.

Last year, Ellis had more than 85,000 visits to its two ER locations. The project will consolidate its McClellan Street location to the hospital’s main branch on Nott Street. Ellis is estimating it will see 90,000 visits this year, which is the capacity the new facility is being built to serve.

Ellis spokeswoman Donna Evans said people seeking urgent care would be served at the McClellan Street location in the future.



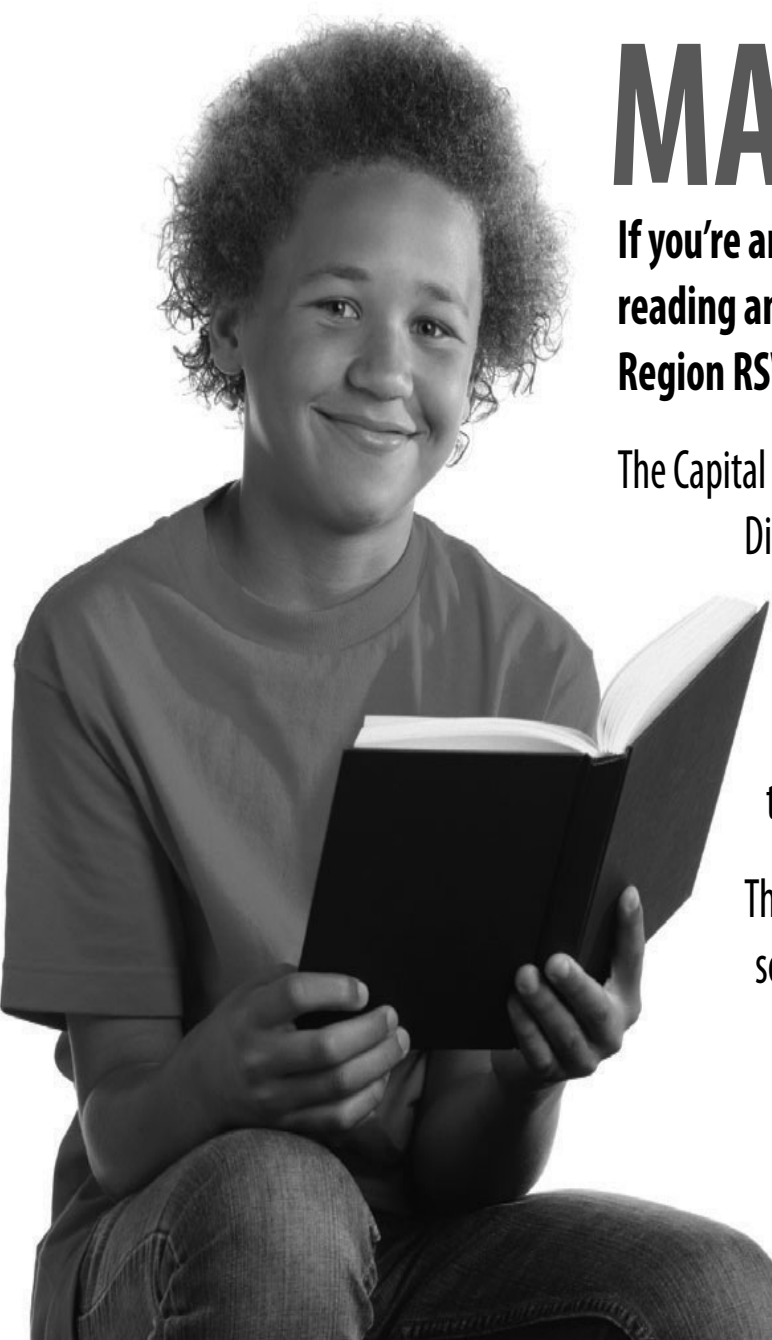
Jane and Neil Golub expressed their support for Ellis Hospital’s expansion to build a new emergency room.

John Voight, director of Emergency Services for Ellis, said every hospital has seen visits increase and the expansion will help address the growing need.

Assemblyman James Tedisco, R-Glenville, joked it was nice to revisit where

he gave his first speech.

“My first one was a lot of loud noise and crying,” Tedisco said referring to his birth at the hospital. “A lot of people think my speeches haven’t changed that much since that day, but I think they have.”




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# Gunty leads Eagles past shorthanded Dutchmen

**Senior has a foot in all three BC goals against Guilderland**

By ROB JONAS  
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Ethan Gunty put on a show for the Bethlehem boys soccer fans Saturday.

The senior scored a goal one minute into the first half and assisted on two more to lead the Eagles past Guilderland 3-0 in a match-up of the Suburban Council South Division's top two teams.

Gunty deflected Ethan Strauss' pass past Guilderland goaltender Kedrick Weeden to give Bethlehem (11-0-2, 17 points) a quick lead. Less than 13 minutes later, Gunty delivered a corner kick that Austin Lang knocked in for a 2-0 advantage. Gunty added another assist on Liam Roohan's goal midway through the second half.

"He's been playing well for us lately," Bethlehem coach Phil Ridgway said of Gunty. "It was a beautiful first touch on the first goal, and then he had a beautiful corner kick on the second goal."

Less than one minute before Lang's goal, Guil-

derland (8-2-2, 13 points) lost defender Paul Wehner to a red card after he took down Roohan on a breakaway inside the Dutchmen's penalty box. Weeden saved Roohan's penalty kick, but he knocked the ball out of bounds, which set up Gunty's corner kick to Lang.

More importantly for the Dutchmen, Wehner's red card left them short one man on the field. And as much as Guilderland tried to generate some scoring chances, it couldn't sustain any pressure on Bethlehem's defense.

"I think we did some key things with 10 guys, but it's hard to say even that because we had to play from two goals down," said Guilderland coach Mike Kinnally.

"It's so hard to play with 10 men on the field," said Ridgway. "So, we had a lot of space to play in."

Weeden did what he could to keep Guilderland in the game. The junior goaltender made seven saves, but he couldn't stop all of the shots he faced.

It was Guilderland's first loss since falling to Bethlehem 4-1 Sept. 7 on its home field. The Dutchmen had won seven times

and tied Shenendehowa and Shaker in the nine games between their two meetings with the Eagles.

"They outplayed us in every aspect of the game, and that's what good teams do," said Kinnally.

Guilderland can still catch Bethlehem for the South Division title. Both teams have three divisional games remaining worth a total of three points, but the Dutchmen also have a cross-divisional game against Niskayuna Saturday which is worth two standings points. However, they would need the Eagles to lose their last three games and sweep their four games in order to complete the comeback.

"We have to do a better job of finishing our chances," said Kinnally. "As I was telling the guys after the game, we've scored two goals in our last three games. We have not been finishing our chances – not for a lack of work in practice. We've focused on finishing our shots, but somehow it's not translating in our games."

Both teams returned to action Tuesday with Guilderland hosting Mohonasen and Bethlehem traveling to Colonie.



Bethlehem's Ethan Gunty (10) tries to knock the ball away from Guilderland's Patrick Wheeler during Saturday's Suburban Council South Division game in Delmar. Gunty scored a goal and added two assists to lead the Eagles past the Dutchmen 3-0 in a battle of the top two teams in the South Division. The win gave Bethlehem a four-point lead over Guilderland for the division lead, but the Dutchmen have a game in hand which could help them catch the Eagles. Both teams returned to action with divisional games Tuesday. First-place Bethlehem traveled to Colonie, while Guilderland hosted Mohonasen.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight



## Lady

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she needed to put quality shots on net.

Not that Bethlehem had the ball for very long, either. Guilderland dominated time of possession and sent 13 shots on goal, which forced Bethlehem to hurry its counter attack and send

long passes down the field without any organization.

"We knew possessing the ball was big for us because the more we possessed the ball, the fewer opportunities they had of pushing the ball up to Tara (Teal)," said Snyder.

Bethlehem goaltender Katie Nickles stopped 12 shots to keep her team

in the game, but it didn't help the Lady Eagles avoid being shut out for the third time in their last eight games.

"We need to get scoring from some other positions on the field," said Rogan. "Tara Teal has scored something like 18 goals for us this year, and the next highest total on our team is two goals."

Guilderland can draw closer to its second consecutive South Division title Tuesday when it plays Mohonasen in Rotterdam, while Bethlehem hosts Colonie.

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# Spotlight on Sports

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## Eagles soar past Dutchmen

The Bethlehem boys soccer team remained undefeated with Saturday's 3-0 Suburban Council South Division victory over Guilderland. Ethan Gunty had a goal and two assists for the Eagles.

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## Weekly poll

Which football team is likely to repeat as Section II champions?

- Shenendehowa (AA)
- Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (A)
- Schalmont (B)
- Hoosick Falls (C)

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## Last week's poll results:

Who is the best running back in Section II Class AA football this season?

- Devon Edwards 98%
- Aidan O'Brien 1%
- Mike Graves 1%
- Ryan Griffin 0%
- Cameron Wynn 0%

# Lady Dutch take over

**Golderman's goal gives Guilderland key victory over Bethlehem**

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After out-shooting Bethlehem and losing the first time they met, the Guilderland girls soccer team out-shot the Lady Eagles and got the win this time.

Rebecca Golderman's first-half goal proved to be the game winner as the Lady Dutch edged Bethlehem 1-0 in Saturday's Suburban Council girls soccer game.

The win pushed Guilderland (9-3-1) past Bethlehem (8-4-1) into the South Division lead with three games left in the regular season.

"It's still a long season, but as I told our team, it's now in our hands," said Guilderland coach Curtis Snyder.

Just as it was on Sept. 6 when Bethlehem prevailed 1-0 despite being outshot 17-3, the Lady Eagles had trouble sustaining offensive pressure in Saturday's rematch. Bethlehem managed only one savable shot on goal in 80 minutes, which Guilderland netminder Jenna Cubello handled easily.

"Trying to score goals is one of the hardest things to do," said Bethlehem coach Tom Rogan. "Sometimes in games, we struggle with it."

It didn't help Bethlehem's cause that Guilderland kept a pair of defenders in Tara Teal's vicinity the entire afternoon. Teal had a hard time finding the space

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Guilderland's Angela Luizzi (20) positions herself in front of a Bethlehem player for a header during Saturday's game.

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# BC misses Class AA playoffs

**Ballston Spa's win ends Eagles' hopes for Sectional berth**

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An out-of-town scoreboard would have been helpful at Friday's Bethlehem-Colonie football game.

While the two teams were playing a cross-divisional game, contests with Class AA playoff implications were taking place in Niskayuna, Latham and Ballston Spa.

Bethlehem was hoping for a Saratoga victory over Ballston Spa, which could have given it a Sectional berth over Colonie with a win against the Garnet Raiders. Meanwhile, Colonie was pulling for Schenectady to defeat Niskayuna and Shaker to beat LaSalle to avoid a possible four-way tie for third place in the Liberty Division.

Bethlehem (2-4 division, 3-4 overall) got the victory it was looking for by beating Colonie 26-7, but Ballston Spa (2-4, 2-5) earned the No. 4 seed out of the Empire Division by shutting out Saratoga (2-4, 2-5) 34-0 and creating a three-way tie for fourth place.

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# Top seeds likely to advance to finals

When it comes to this year's Section II football playoffs, it's unwise to bet against the top seeds.

Let's start with Class AA, where Shaker (7-0) is the No. 1 seed out of the Liberty Division and Shenendehowa (6-1) is the top seed from the Empire Division. These are arguably the two most complete squads in the eight-team field with a healthy balance of high-powered offense and stingy defense.

Behind Shaker and Shen, we have Christian Brothers Academy (6-1) and Columbia (4-3). CBA looked like an elite team through the first five weeks, but the Brothers stumbled late with a 12-6 victory over Ballston Spa (2-5) and a 14-0 loss to Shen.

Meanwhile, Columbia has been a bit of a disappointment coming off last year's appearance in the Class AA finals, especially on defense. The Blue Devils have allowed an average of 21.5 points per game against Class AA teams and gave up 30 or more points in a game three times.

Ballston Spa might be the wildcard in the field. The Scotties finished with the worst record of any Class AA playoff team, but four of their five losses were by seven or fewer points. They can hang with virtually any opponent.

From the  
**Sports Desk**  
Rob Jonas



Unfortunately for Ballston Spa, its first opponent is a Shaker team that eats up opposing Class AA running backs. Only Niskayuna's Aidan O'Brien managed to gain more than 100 yards against the Blue Bison, and he needed 37 carries to do it.

Ultimately, I see a rematch of Week 4's showdown between Shaker and Shen in the Class AA finals. I don't think Shaker will win 35-8 like it did the first time it met Shen, but I believe the Blue Bison will prevail in a defensive battle.

In Class A, Northwest Division champion Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (6-1) should have no trouble getting to the title game. The Spartans have been playing at a high level since losing to Troy 17-7 in the season opener, outscoring their next six opponents by an average score of 49-9. Add in a first-round match-up against Mohonasen (2-5) and potential semifinal match-ups against

either Scotia-Glenville (5-2) or Queensbury (4-3) — both of whom have struggled against tough competition — and you have a favorable path to the Super Bowl.

Southeast Division champion Troy (5-2) might seem like the logical choice to oppose BH-BL in the finals, but the Flying Horses have been inconsistent this year. I'll give the nod to Southeast Division runner-up Amsterdam (5-2) to meet the Spartans, but BH-BL should win its fifth consecutive Sectional title. The Spartans are playing too well to falter now.

Class B is much less predictable than Class AA or Class A. There are five quality Class B teams which could claim the title — Schalmont and Glens Falls from the West Division, and Lansingburgh, Albany Academy and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk from the Reinfurt Division.

A Schalmont-Ravena semifinal match-up will be interesting as the Sabres high-powered offense goes against the Indians stingy defense. I can see a scenario where Ravena beats Schalmont and Albany Academy knocks off Lansingburgh to create an all-Reinfurt Division final, but the more likely scenario pits Schalmont against Lansingburgh for the title. I like the running backs Schalmont and Lansingburgh have.