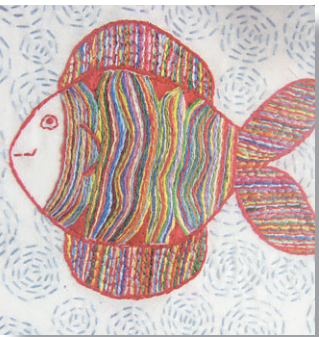




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Town budget passes in split vote

Golf course, 8 percent
tax hike, prove to be
sticking points

By MARCY VELTE
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After weeks of discussions and public meetings, the Bethlehem Town Board passed unchanged a 2013 budget proposed by Supervisor John Clarkson. The budget passed in a 3-2 vote on Wednesday, Nov. 14, with Town Board members Kyle Kotary and

Joann Dawson dissenting. Both said they did not agree with increasing the tax levy by 8 percent, saying residents are already struggling. "I think there's a perception, especially since no one came to speak at the public hearing, that there's a perception that this increase is tolerable and OK," said Dawson. "I don't agree and I couldn't vote for it." Development of the \$37.9 million spending plan hinged on

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closing a roughly \$3.5 million budget gap. The property tax levy will go up by 8 percent and spending was cut by 1.8 percent. The budget also includes a 7 percent decrease in staffing through attrition with the loss of 16 positions. The gap is due mainly to the loss of a 20-year Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with the Selkirk Cogen natural gas plant worth \$1.7 million. The

older contract was allowing the town to essentially receive the share of payments meant to go to Albany County and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District. Those two municipalities will now receive their full shares. Clarkson said he was disappointed some members of the board believed the tax increase was too high because he felt the plan was economically responsible and well balanced. Under the state tax cap law

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Gifts that give twice

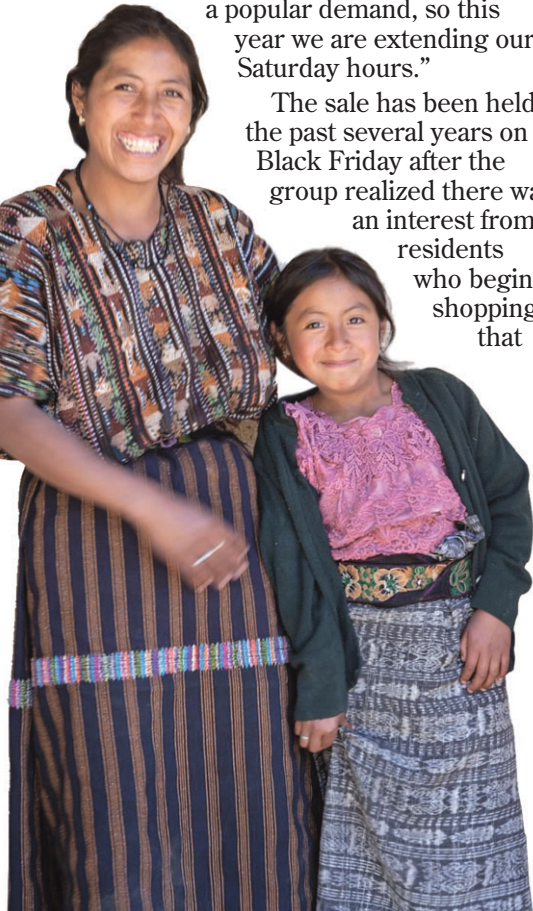
Black Friday market selling fair trade goods still going strong

By MARCY VELTE
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Heading out to a shopping mall or big box store to fight over flat screens has become all but a Thanksgiving tradition for many families, but in Bethlehem a different kind of Black Friday shopping tradition is becoming more entrenched by the year. For the fourth year, local fair trade advocates will be offering unique items handcrafted by artisans from all over the world at the annual Black Friday Market. Anna McMahon, of the Fair Trade Bethlehem Campaign, is confident there will be items for everyone on your shopping list.

"Our attendance numbers continue to rise," she said. "There is definitely a popular demand, so this year we are extending our Saturday hours."

The sale has been held the past several years on Black Friday after the group realized there was an interest from residents who begin shopping that



The annual Black Friday Market will be held once again this year Friday, Nov. 23, and Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Delmar Reformed Church, located at 386 Delaware Ave.

day, but also want to do it responsibly and without fighting crowds. "Some people prefer to shop in a way that is not ethical or doesn't contribute to greater good," she said. "We feel that by purchasing fair trade, shoppers are giving back to the people who made those items." Fair trade products are certified to have paid a living wage to the producer. In many instances, commercially produced items from developing countries come from farmers or laborers who are paid very little and have no

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LEFT: Diega Churunel, a weaver from Vasconcelos, Guatemala, is pictured here with her daughter. She also makes felted animals, which will be for sale at the marketplace.

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Holidays
are busy
times for
charities

From Equinox
Thanksgiving dinner
to pantry drives, season
for giving has arrived

By MARCY VELTE
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Cooks know preparing a family Thanksgiving meal means spending all day in the kitchen. But in the recipe for making sure the Capital District's needy have a holiday meal, the prep time is measured in weeks. For the past month, local food pantries, nonprofits, schools and community organizations have come together to lend a helping hand in making sure everyone has a happy Turkey Day. They are simultaneously making preparations for food and gift drives as December approaches. Each year, the nonprofit charitable organization Equinox hosts a turkey dinner that impacts thousands of people. Meals are served at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany and volunteers also deliver meals to those who are unable to leave their homes within a 40-mile radius of the City of Albany. Last year, the organization served 9,350 meals and organizers expect more people for this year's dinner.

"The need grows each year," said Lea Bosquez, director of Development and Community Relations for Equinox. "We're

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As school budgets shrink, foundation mission grows

BC group to raise funds more aggressively for classroom grants, scholarships

By MARCY VELTE
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During a time when many school districts have been forced to cut budgets and state mandates are growing, many teachers in turn face removing innovative teaching methods from their curricula due to lack of funding.

Through a grant initiative now in its second year, the Bethlehem Central Community Foundation is looking to ease some of the burdens placed on teachers by providing funds to incorporate new learning opportunities into the classroom.

“Since 2008, I think every public school in New York has faced cuts or shortages because of decreases in state aid and the new tax cap, which is really a limitation on revenue generation,” said Mike Klugman a BCCF Trustee and the Bethlehem Central Middle School principal. “The recourse for districts is having to cuts budgets. One organization’s impudence is perfect because we won’t pay for things paid for through



Allison Hepfer’s kindergarten class at Hamagrael Elementary is now using iPod Touches purchased through a Community Foundation grant to incorporate small group classroom instruction in the subjects of math and reading by using applications.

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“As a parent I go to the meetings and see the cuts, and more mandates from the state. The money for teachers to try new things and create innovative projects is there, but it’s coming out of their own pocket and it’s not as much money as they would like.”

– Foundation Trustee Pattie Michelson

the district’s general fund.”

The foundation was established in 1998, but Klugman said the group had little initiative to go out and do a large funding campaign because donations were

not tax deductible. Many trustees felt there was wasn’t enough incentive for people to donate to the organization. That has changed however, and with the group’s new nonprofit status, all donations are tax



Teachers from Hamagrael and Elsmere Elementary are honored for being selected to receive a \$1,000 classroom grant from the Bethlehem Central Community Foundation.

deductible.

The organization’s goal is to raise more than \$10,000 this year through a mailing effort and smaller fundraisers. The money will go to continuing classroom grants for a second year and to endow some money through scholarships to graduating students.

“We also want to raise our visibility within the community so they see what we are trying to provide to the district,” said Klugman. “Our short term goal is visibility

and long term will be positive fundraising and gaining the trust of the community.”

Last year was the first year grants were awarded through the foundation. Of about 10 applicants, three were provided grants of up to \$1,000. The foundation looks for proposals with a research base that will help to provide insight into positive teaching methods.

The ideas funded last year include those of Hamagrael Elementary teachers Kellee deOlde, Dave Ksanznak and Chris Berschwinger for a Learning/Exercise Trail and Outdoor Classroom, and Allison Hepfer for a 21st century kindergarten project to incorporate the use of iPod Touches into the classroom for small group instruction in the subjects of math and reading.

Elsmere Elementary teachers also received a grant to purchase a subscription for the Raz-Kids and Writing A-Z websites.

Foundation Trustee Pattie Michelson said the goal is for the organization to become an integral part of the Bethlehem Central community by providing funds that cannot be obtained through the budget. Her mother was involved in a similar program at a New Jersey school district that was able to provide millions in funding over the course of several decades.

“As a parent I go to the meetings and see the cuts, and more mandates from the state,” she said. “The money for teachers to try new things and create innovative projects is there, but it’s coming out of their own pocket and it’s not as much money as they would like.”

Michelson said parents may be focused on their own children within their own separate schools, but the district is all one community and any donations will help all children down the road.

To learn more, donate, or if you are a BCSD teacher looking to apply for a grant, visit www.cfgr.org.

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Bethlehem OKs nature preserve development

Town earmarks \$70k to begin long awaited work at Moh-He-Con-Nuck

By MARCY VELTE
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After years of waiting, the Town of Bethlehem is making efforts to begin work at the Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve next spring.

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the Bethlehem Town Board approved the use of \$70,000 from the town’s parkland fund to go toward beginning phase one of the project. Development of the park is included within the town’s comprehensive plan and has been in discussion since 2009.

“This has been in the capital plan for years and years and I’m glad it’s finally moving forward,” said Supervisor John Clarkson.

The land was deeded to Bethlehem by the federal government in 1996, with the stipulation it be used for public park and recreation purposes. The hope had been for the project to be complete by the year 2000, but work on the preserve never began because of financial difficulties.

Now, a state grant will reimburse the town \$10,000 to conduct an archeological study on the site if the town matches the funds. An additional \$50,000 was approved to begin development of the preserve.



The land to be developed into a preserve was deeded to Bethlehem by the federal government in 1996.

Submitted photo

The money within the parkland fund can only be used for capital projects in the Parks and Recreation Department.

“We’re excited to get started,” said Parks and Recreation Administrator Nan Lanahan. “We’re hiring an outside firm to do the study and as soon as we hear back from them, we’ll begin clearing trails.”

The name for the 53-acre preserve was chosen under former Supervisor Jack Cunningham’s administration. It means “people of waters that are never still” in remembrance of the Mohican natives that once lived along the river.

The land is located off of River Road in Glenmont near the Job Corps property and runs down to the Hudson River.

Lanahan said the money would be used to begin clearing

trails and to purchase and install an interpretive kiosk that will teach visitors about the native species within the preserve and some of its history.

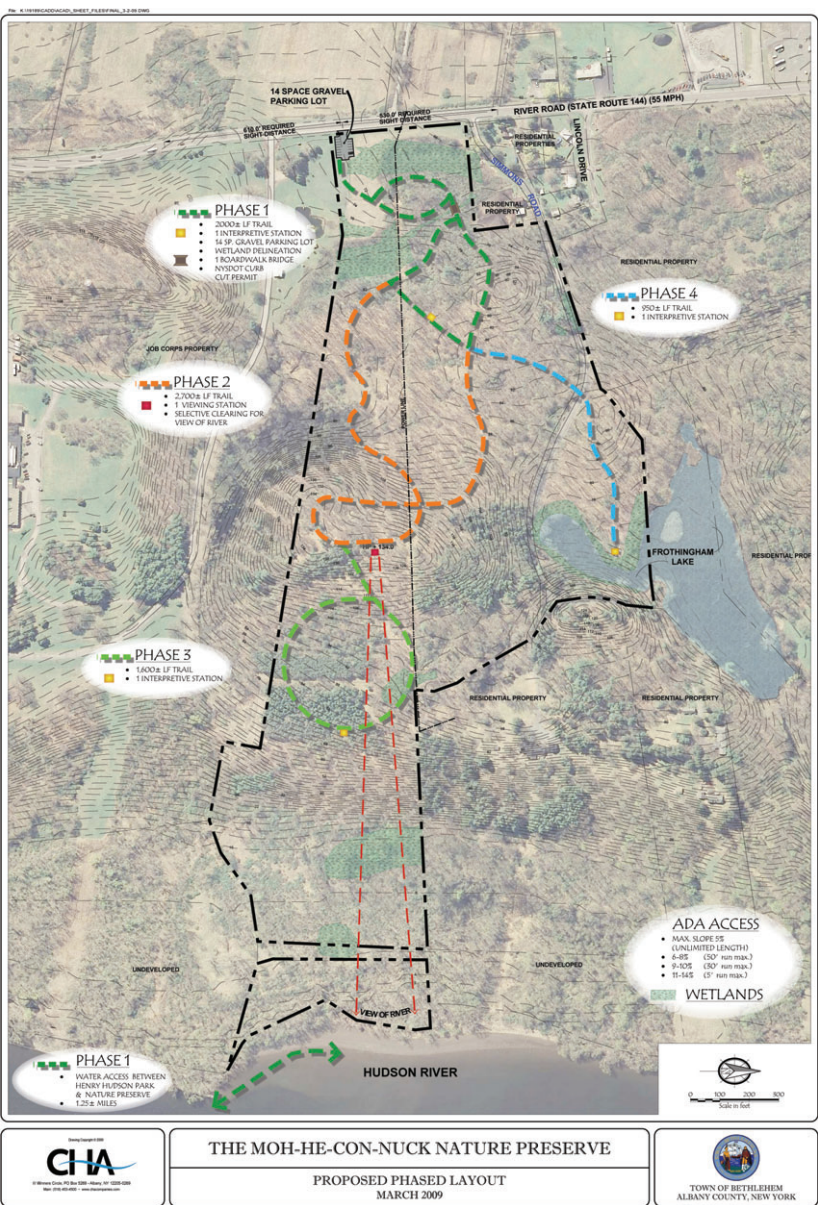
The project plan includes four phases. Phase one will include clearing trails, installing a boardwalk bridge and a gravel parking lot with road access. It will also include developing water access between Henry Hudson Park and the preserve. The Highway Department will help with the work during free time and the hope is to have portions of the preserve open by spring of 2013.

Completion of the entire project will depend on future funding.

“If we can get this much done by spring, it might attract additional funding,” said Lanahan. “It will be easier after this part is finished, all of the hard work will be done and then we can look for grants for more clearing and signs.”

The trails are planned to be developed as a loop system, so visitors can easily find their way back to the entrance of the preserve. The plans call for 2,000 linear feet of trails to be carved out in the first phase, followed by additional trails. Eventually, information signs will be installed throughout the trail system.

“It’s taken us a while but people should be able to go and start using it soon,” said Lanahan.



A rendering shows the proposed development of the Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve.

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Trio arrested on gang assault charges for summer incident

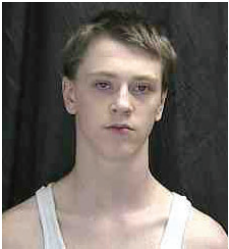
Three men were arrested for the alleged assault of a 19-year-old man that left him with a fractured jaw, several missing teeth and lacerations requiring 25 stitches.

The incident occurred at around 1 a.m. on July 8 while the suspects and the alleged victim were at a gathering in a wooded area behind the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District administrative building located at 50 Cypress Drive in Glenville. Police said the victim was allegedly surrounded and struck in the face with an empty vodka bottle, which left him unconscious. He was then allegedly struck in the face with a two-by-four.

The suspects then allegedly stole the victim’s backpack and went through his pockets, according to police.

Glenville police arrested Robert M. Nichols, 20, of Saratoga Springs, Brody J. Gifford, 20, of Glenville, and Tony Deloatch, 20, of Saratoga Springs, and each was charged with gang assault, robbery in the first degree and unlawful imprisonment in the first degree, all felonies.

Nichols, Gifford and Deloatch were arraigned in Glenville Town Court and will reappear at a later date. Nichols was sent to Schenectady County jail without bail, with Gifford and Deloatch each sent to jail on \$50,000 cash bail.



Robert M. Nichols



Brody J. Gifford



Tony Deloatch

and then led police on a chase will face 10 years in prison when he’s sentenced in January.

Nigel R. Guy, 32, pleaded guilty to robbery in the second degree for displaying a pistol at the Adirondack Trust Company in the Town of Ballston on May 23. He then fled from police and crashed into another vehicle near Galway Road and Middleline Road in Milton. The cash he stole from the bank was recovered at the crash scene.

In addition to his prison sentence, Guy will be sentenced to five years of post-release supervision.

Police: man tried to lure children into car

Colonie police are investigating an incident in which a man allegedly tried to lure two children into his car early Monday afternoon in Latham.

An 8-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl were in front of their home on Laura Drive at 1 p.m. when a vehicle pulled up and the driver asked the children to get into the car, police said. The children immediately ran into their home and told their mother, who called the police.

The suspect is described as a while male in his 40s with a round face, black beard and mustache, wearing a top hop and black-framed glasses with orange lenses. He was driving a newer model white Toyota Camry, a New York License plate that is white with blue letters.

Anyone with information about the crime or the identity of the suspect is asked to call the Colonie Police Department at 783-2744.

Police allegedly involved in bar fight

Three Saratoga Springs police officers are on suspension as an early-morning bar brawl is investigated.

The police department announced it has been

alleged that on Monday, Nov. 12, at about 12:15 a.m., three off-duty officers were involved in a fight at Dango Fitzgerald’s on Caroline Street in Saratoga Springs. Police at 12:52 a.m. received a call from a man who reported being assaulted while at the bar who said his assailants were off-duty officers. He sought medical treatment on his own later on Monday, police said.

In a release, department officials said an internal investigation was immediately launched into the incident and the matter has been turned over to the department’s command staff. The officers in question were not identified.

Other arrests

•A Ravena woman turned herself in to Bethlehem Police after learning she was a suspect in an identity theft case.

Jennifer Demarest, 23, of 272 Starr Rd., Ravena, was charged with forgery, identity theft and criminal possession of stolen property, all felonies, on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Police said the arrest stems from an October incident in which a customer allegedly used a stolen credit card at the Corner Market in Selkirk and then signed the receipt. The card had been reported stolen to Albany City Police and a joint investigation commenced.

Demarest was processed and released under supervision of probation.

• Guilderland police arrested Thomas Snyder, 31, on Friday, Nov. 9, on charges of aggravated DWI and a traffic violation.

• Guilderland police arrested Jared Balog, 28, on Saturday, Nov. 10, on charges of aggravated DWI.

• Guilderland police arrested Marvin Angel Sanchez, 27, on Thursday, Nov. 15, on felony charges of criminal procession of a weapon in the second degree.

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Christopher C. Medina, MD

Dr. Medina received his Doctor of Medicine degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and is Board certified by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Medina recently joined OB/GYN Health Center Associates, after completing 4 years of practice at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. His special interests includes low and high risk obstetrics and minimally invasive surgery.

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No problem with a few Thanksgiving surprises

I like surprises. And my kids surprise me all the time. There are the nice things, the little things they do that catch me off guard; when they are sweet to each other or grab hold of my hand while we walk the dog.

Zoe came downstairs last week with a picture she had drawn of my face in pencil. She'd clearly worked on it for a while, the eyes were carefully shaded and expressive. I was touched. She wrote a note on the back in her nicest handwriting. This is the nicest kind of surprise: when someone takes time to create something, only to make the receiver smile. I smiled a satisfied, surprised smile and gave her a big hug.

There are other kinds of surprises. The other day, Elliot decided to put a pencil in our electric pencil sharpener, the eraser end first. Just to see what would happen.

"Mom! Guess what?" he yelled as he came to find me. There was a little powdery smoke coming from the machine, and it was jammed full of shredded eraser. I was surprised that he would have done such a thing. He was pleasantly surprised at the sound the machine made, the smoke and the burned smell.

"Cool!" he said. My girls are good at the shock kind of surprise and always have been. Once, Lucy came in from playing outside. No more than

Our Daily Plate
Caroline Barrett



4 years old, she smiled and sashayed over. Her hands hid something behind her back. "Mooommmmmeee," she sang, "I have something for youuuuuuu!" Thinking maybe she had a tiny flower or a pretty rock to give me, I leaned in very close to her face. "Whatcha got, you darling little girl?" I said back. She brought her hands around, and right under my nose, opened them up. Inside, there was no flower or thoughtful little gift. It was a big, black, hairy spider. Yup, I was surprised. Even the black spider was surprised. Lucy lay on the floor, laughing. She can still giggle over that story. And I can still feel surprised.

And yet another surprise was walking into my kitchen just last week and finding Zoe and a friend, standing over a jar of peanut butter and one of Agnes's old chew toys. The toy was the kind with a hole in the end, and we occasionally put a dog biscuit in there for her to dig out. Looking at the

toy laying on my counter, images flashed through my mind. The chew toy rolling in the garden. The toy in the mouth of Agnes and her doggie pal, playing tug-of-war. Lots of drool and dirt. Now, it lay there, next to the jar of peanut butter. The big, expensive jar of organic peanut butter. I watched, in shock and surprise and total disbelief, as Zoe dipped a knife into the peanut butter, then into the end of the dog toy. And then BACK into the peanut butter. They chatted on, with Agnes sitting afoot and the knife passing a few more times into the toy, then the peanut butter, the toy, the peanut butter. When I finally found my words again (the shock and disbelief took them for a few moments), I yelled, "STOP!" It was all I could come up with.

Zoe couldn't believe my dismay. "Oopsie!" was all she said. After all, the toy looked pretty clean. It had sat in the rain for a day or so. And this is the child who's been known to share an ice cream with our dog. So why not our organic peanut butter?

You could reasonably say that I'm used to

surprises. Why then, was I surprised when Lucy announced that she doesn't like Thanksgiving food?

We were in the kitchen together, me chopping vegetables and her putting away dishes. She leaned against the counter with a handful of silverware and said, "Can we make something different for Thanksgiving? I don't like any of that food."

I stopped, mid-chop. There she went again, surprising me.

"What?" I said, "Really? What about mashed potatoes?"

"Eh."
"Stuffing?"
"...ummm, not really."

"Applesauce? Your father's homemade applesauce?"

"Yeah, I guess. But can't we just order sushi?"

Sushi. We love sushi. But on Thanksgiving? Sushi is fresh and healthy and we love to order it out. Pretty unlike anything we ever have on Thanksgiving.

I must have surprised Lucy on that night when I thought for a moment and then said, "Sure! Why not?"

On this Thanksgiving, we have our usual group

Curried Acorn Squash

- 1 acorn squash
- 1 T. olive oil
- 3 t. curry powder
- 1/2 t. black pepper
- 1 t. sea salt
- zest of 1/2 lemon

Preheat oven to 400°. Grease a large baking sheet. Slice the squash in half and scoop out the seeds. Use a sharp knife to cut the squash into quarters, then into 1/2" slices. Place the squash in a large glass bowl and toss with the olive oil. Combine the spices with the salt and lemon in a small dish, then shake over the squash. Turn out onto the baking sheet giving each piece a little space. Roast for 12 minutes, and check the bottoms. The squash is done when it's tender and golden brown on the bottom. Can be made a day ahead and reheated in a glass dish in the microwave.

of friends and relatives coming. We're running in the Turkey Trot, then heading home to enjoy each other's company and eat, eat, eat. My menu this year looks something like this: turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, applesauce, gravy, cranberries, green beans ... and sushi. Thinking I had to do something to bridge the gap between our American Thanksgiving food and the sushi we'll order, I came up with a simple curried squash

dish. Somehow, adding something with a little Indian flavor, I think the sushi won't feel so out of place. And even if your menu doesn't include sushi this Thanksgiving, this squash dish will add a touch of spice and flavor.

Thanksgiving day, we'll lay out our food, count our blessings, and enjoy all the surprises the day brings. And I'll be thankful if the surprises don't include hairy spiders, organic peanut butter or Agnes's chew toys.

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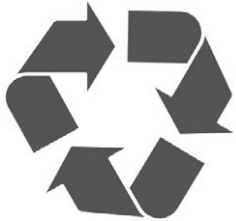
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Look close to home

It starts long before the turkey is carved, and extends beyond the moment the final piece of wrapping paper is crumpled up. Yes, the holiday shopping season is upon us.

It seems like every year it comes earlier and earlier, sneaked into our collective consciousness by overzealous retailers who rely so much on this time of year. But there’s a sort of unspoken cease-fire that exists before Black Friday, when the gloves suddenly come off and the spending free-for-all begins.

Despite a lingering recession, Americans have shown themselves simply unwilling to forgo pulling out all the stops during December. The average American family spent around \$700 on gifts last year, only about \$50 less than pre-recession levels. And by some predictions, we’ll soon be getting back to what we spent before the bubble burst (this is backed up by higher consumer confidence and increasing month-to-month spending overall).

Retailers know this, of course, and aggressively court the business of consumers this time of year through sales, advertising campaigns and special holiday hours. Many brick-and-mortar retailers have even expanded their Black Friday onslaught into Turkey Day itself, opening doors in the evening and keeping them open through the following day. This is in part predicated by the ever-increasing popularity of online shopping. FTI Consulting recently predicted spending on gifts would increase 4.5 percent this year, mostly at online retailers. The same report estimated yearly holiday spending would top \$460 billion by 2020, nearly twice what we spend as a nation today and 15 percent of all retail sales.

With Black Friday doorbusters, unbelievable new gadgets thought up just for the holidays, the unending fields of cheap and plentiful kitsch and the piece de resistance, online shopping (no pants required), it’s easy to get caught up in the hype.

The thing is, much of this bypasses what is vital to an area’s character and health: local business. These are the places owned by our neighbors that put paychecks into the pockets of entire families — maybe even your family. And as is demonstrated time and time again, it is becoming more difficult to make it as a small business; how could it not be, when 15 percent of retail dollars are going to the big guys?

We’re not suggesting we all forgo scooping up \$2 crock pots or shopping from the convenience of the home (by all means, stay off the roads!), but when it comes time to snag that last-minute gift for Uncle Gerald and braving the mall seems a nightmare, consider the small, local storefronts that will be more accessible and might just have something truly unique. And when you’re just seeking out a gift card for that hard-to-buy-for relative, remember it’s not only national retailers who sell them.

But no matter what you do, try to keep the holidays in perspective and enjoy the best parts of them: family, friends, food and experiences.



Editorial

Stay warm, pay less this season

By VIRGINIA LIMMIATIS

The author is a National Grid media representative for the Upstate region of New York.

It may not be too cold yet, but winter will be here before you know it along with shorter, colder days. That’s why now is a good time to start thinking about preparing your home for the cold winter months ahead. When it’s icy outside, we step inside to shake off the cold, but keeping our homes heated can be costly and energy intensive.

The following are several easy, but important steps you can take to not only make sure your home stays warm, but also to help cut down on heating costs this winter:

- Lower your thermostat to 68 degrees. In the winter, set the thermostat between 65 and 70 degrees during the day and to 58 degrees at night or when away from home for several hours. If you have a heat pump, make sure to slowly increase the temperature to avoid running the emergency heat. You can learn more about your thermostat online by visiting the U.S. Department of Energy website.
- Seal air leaks. Seal all holes from pipes and wires that enter/exit the living space. This includes entrances, pull-downs and attic stair openings, light fixtures, pipes and wires. Attic entryways should be weather stripped and insulated.
- Seal off fireplaces. Never use a fireplace as a heat source for your home. Even as a supplemental heat source, the cold air introduced to a warm home through an open flue isn’t as efficient as sealing off a fireplace and using the primary source of heat. For natural gas fireplaces, turn off the pilot light when not in use. Seal off the fireplace area or the flue area to prevent cold air from leaking in.
- Seal duct work. This is the number one way to conserve energy. Make sure that all

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ductwork is sealed at joints and intersections with duct sealer or silicone caulk. Otherwise, supply ductwork can leak heated air into the attic or crawl space, and outside air can be drawn into the return ductwork, increasing costs and reducing comfort dramatically. Ducts can be sealed using foil-backed tape or silicon caulking.

- Lower water heater to 120-125 degrees. Many water heaters are automatically set at 140 degrees. Lowering the temperature on your water heater to between 120 and 125 degrees will reduce the amount of fuel needed to heat the water.
- Change furnace filters every month. This is the number one reason for furnace breakdowns. Inspect heating and cooling equipment annually, or as recommended by the manufacturer. Have a professional check and clean furnaces once a year.
- Weatherstrip doors and windows. Inspect windows and doors for air leaks. If you can see daylight around a door or window frame, then the door or window needs sealing. Air leaks can be sealed with caulking or weather-stripping.
- Insulate water pipes coming from the water heater. Insulate the first three to six feet of cold and hot water pipes near the water heater. Insulating all hot water pipes is not necessary where pipes are located in a crawlspace or attic.
- Add an insulation blanket to water heater. Wrapping the water heater with an insulation blanket can save heating money by slowing the drop in temperature from the hot water tank as it sits unused. Inexpensive insulation kits are available at most home

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- improvement stores.
- Add insulation to attic. When adding insulation, start at the top and work down only after eliminating air infiltration.
 - Convert from oil to natural gas. Compared to two years ago, the typical bill for a residential heating customer in New York is projected to decrease between 15 percent and 19 percent this coming winter heating season. Natural gas burns clean and can increase energy efficiency by up to 30 percent compared to other heating sources. A typical National Grid customer in the northeast United States who converts from heating oil to natural gas saves enough CO2 in one year to equate to about 15 cars being taken off the road.
- In addition to following these simple tips, National Grid offers several high efficiency heating program incentives to help make your home more energy efficient. For more information on National Grid’s Energy Efficiency programs and incentives for resident, businesses and commercial customers, visit www1.nationalgridus.com/EnergyEfficiencyPrograms.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Know the fracking facts

Editor, *The Spotlight*: Since losing our precious 12-year-old son to brain cancer I have been on a quest to learn all I can about childhood cancer. A frightening statistic I have learned is that pediatric cancer has been increasing at the rate of about 1 percent each year in the United States since the mid 1980s.

First, I want to be clear; I am not blaming my son's cancer on hydraulic fracturing. But here's my point: We are now engaged in the fracking debate; Economy/Jobs vs. Health/Environment. While I appreciate the economy/jobs argument I cannot accept it. The cost in health, safety and life is much too great. To willingly allow toxic and volatile compounds to be injected deep into the earth is to intentionally contaminate the land where we live, grow food, raise livestock and

draw our water. Does anyone truly believe toxic compounds will not leach into these vital life source areas? Additionally, fracturing is believed to compromise air quality as methane and VOCs (volatile organic compounds) enter our atmosphere and the air we breathe.

My intent is simple: become informed before you join the fracking debate. Consider the possibility that greed, to whatever extent, may compromise the future health of this generation and those that follow. The radio and TV commercials created by the gas proponents say..."Safe, Responsible Development - Get NY Working Again." I say, prove it! Show us the complete list of ALL the chemical substances used in this process and let's hear from the experts who are not on the corporate payroll.

Wyoming, Louisiana, Utah, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Texas and yes, even New York (which is accepting wastewater from fracking operations in Pennsylvania) have already made the tragic mistake and now suffer drinking water contamination with high concentrations of salts, acids, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene, radioactive materials and other chemicals. Why would we intentionally want to continue with such a hazardous project? Start by watching this video: "Fracking Hell: The Untold Story." Please folks, do the research yourself and then let your voice be heard!

The writer is co-founder and president of w w w . T y l e r DeMarcoFoundation.org.

*Don DeMarco
Schenectady*

Nix early retirement for cops to save the town some money

Editor, *The Spotlight*: As a longtime Bethlehem resident I am concerned about the ever increasing town expenditures and the consequent rise in taxes and I have one suggestion for saving money.

We allow police officers to retire after 20 years of service with benefits, pensions, health care, etc. Why? Couldn't they work until the age of 65 like everyone else? What is it about policing that prevents a person from working until a normal retirement? (I checked

the 10 most dangerous jobs in America from several statistical sources and policing was not among the most dangerous.) Certainly, it can be a stressful job, but so many people have stressful jobs nowadays that I don't think that qualifies them for such an early retirement.

Some ideas for a continuation of career for police who choose not to patrol any longer: We hire dispatchers to dispatch police and fire calls at the Town Hall, couldn't these jobs be done by

policemen who wanted to continue working? What about the fire department and ambulance corps, couldn't some of these jobs be done by policemen? Could some of the police officers be retrained by the town to work in other positions such as tax department, assessor's office, highway department, etc.?

I just don't understand why this perk is extended to one group of town employees and no one else.

*Terrence Rooney
Delmar*

Apathy shows in board election

Editor, *The Spotlight*: I have been saying for years that the apathy of the Bethlehem electorate is beyond comprehension. The recent Town Board elections are a case in point.

Reinhardt won despite the major impression he left us with in both debates was his obsequiousness to the current town supervisor. Almost 1,800 Democratic leaning voters threw their vote away by voting for Cunningham rather than Reinhardt. Even in a presidential election year I heard people say, before and since, that they did not vote because in New York, and Bethlehem, it just was not worth the effort. Lopping off a couple of thousand from the rolls for deceased or moved away that number is around 5,000!

Think of this in

connection with this week's budget vote in the Town Board. A tax increase of 8 percent was approved 3-2 with the majority voters being the supervisor, Kuhn and an unelected board member chosen by the Supervisor. H.L. Mencken said "People deserve the government they get, and they deserve to get it good and hard." (This is true nationally, too!)

Next year there will be two board positions and the supervisor up for election. The questions are will the Democrats have another cat fight and will the Republicans (or anyone for that matter) field a credible slate of candidates?

The school board budget vote in 2013 promises to provide even more opportunity for apathy. A bulletin from the Teacher Retirement

System announced recently that each district's rate would rise from 11.84 percent of their payroll in the current school year to between 15.5 and 16.5 percent for next year. That is bound to cause even more weeping and gnashing of teeth in our board's seemingly insatiable appetite for our money. Add to that a bond issue. . . and stir!

*Philip W. Carter
Slingerlands*

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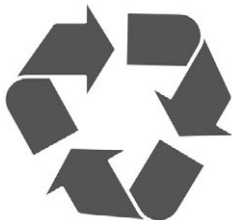
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Movie outing planned

How to choose an eReader

Join us for “This Wonderful Life,” on Thursday, November 29, at 10:00 am, at Capital Repertory Company. The cost is \$16.00, payable to the Town of Bethlehem. The story is the life of George Bailey, as portrayed in the classic film, “It’s a Wonderful Life.” We will have lunch after the show at Panera Bread, cost on your own. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at 8:45 am. Home pickup can be arranged. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Play bridge

Come to play duplicate bridge at St. Stephen’s Church on Friday, November 30, at 7:15 pm. Call 439-6164.

Outreach workers to help with questions

Senior Services outreach workers are available at Town Hall to answer questions about EPIC, CDPHP, MVP, Empire, Senior Blue, and Fidelis Care Medicare Advantage Plans (MAP) during open enrollment until Dec. 7. They can also assist with applications for H.E.A.P., the Home Energy Assistance Program which provides financial assistance for heating bills to income eligible individuals. Call 439-4955, ext. 1173.



Transportation available

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy, and clinic appointments, grocery stores, and a variety of social and recreational programs. Call 439-5770 to make reservations. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at www.townofbethlehem.org.

Program highlights

- Tuesday, Nov. 27
Seniors in Motion, a low level fun aerobic exercise class set to music, will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9-10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.
- Wednesday, Nov. 28
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 am 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, Nov. 29
Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 am – 4:00 pm. We play mah jongg, bridge, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for more information.
- Senior grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem. For reservations, call 439-5770.
- Friday, Nov. 30
Senior grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770.
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- For information on the above or a list of additional activities, call the Bethlehem Senior Services Office at 439-4955, ext. 1176.
- Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member*

Whether you’re shopping for yourself or others, if an eReader is on your shopping list, mark Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m., as “eReader Date” on your calendar. That’s when the staff of the Guilderland Public Library will help you determine which eReader is right for you.

You have so many options, and since prices have come down, eReaders are increasingly popular gifts. But choosing between a NOOK, a Kindle, a Sony Reader, or an iPad can be difficult. The staff will review items to consider: Do you have an internet connection at home, or will you be downloading via cell service? Do you have access to WiFi? And the big question: Do you or don’t you need a computer at home to download? (The answer: It depends.) You will have a chance to compare the NOOK, Kindle, Sony Reader, and iPad, and be available for you “sample.”

You must register for this program call 456-2400, ext. 2. Residents of the Guilderland Central School District can



register starting Nov. 28; open registration begins Dec. 1.

Donate to the Giving Tree

The Guilderland Library Foundation asks you to support its Winter Giving Tree. Penguins, polar bears, and other winter-themed icons are available at the Circulation Desk.

Your donation helps pay for special programs and services the Library provides, many not underwritten by taxpayer dollars.

Coat drive

We just want to thank all of you who have so far been very generous in donating to our “Red Bin” in the Library lobby. We are collecting gently used or used coats shoes, and boots to be given to the City Mission in Albany. This effort will last through the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 23.

– Mark Curiale

Medicare appointments available

Will you soon be 65? Are you already enrolled in Medicare but still have questions about your coverage options? There are Medicare counselors trained to help you understand your choices and options. Attend a presentation designed to provide you with an understanding of Medicare and the choices available to you.

Thinking about changing your current

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Medicare coverage? This is a great time to get a better understanding of the whole picture. The enrollment change period will begin in October and end early in December. Please call 356-1980 ext 1094.

HEAP program

Cold months approach. Heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under: \$2138 for one person, or \$2796 for two people, etc. are eligible for the Heating Assistance Program called HEAP. This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each person is determined by income, living expenses and type of fuel used. Applications to the program should now be available in the Senior Office. If you need assistance, please set up an appointment with Cindy or Mary Ann.

– Cindy Wadach, Director of Senior Services

Monday

- November 19
- Scheduled Shopping
- 9:00 Aerobics
- 9:30 AARP Driver Safety Program @ Library
- 10:30 OsetoBusters
- 10:30 Sr Fitness

- 1:30 OsteoBusters
- Tuesday**
- November 20
- 9:00 OsteoBusters
- 11:30 Luncheon: Pulled Pork or Cold Plate
- 12:30 Bingo/Games/Billiards
- Wednesday**
- November 21
- Scheduled Shopping
- 9:00 Zumba
- 9:30 AARP Driver Safety Program @ Library
- 10:30 OsteoBusters
- 10:30 Sr Fitness
- 1:00 Needlecraft
- 1:30 OsteoBusters
- Thursday**
- November 22
- Town Hall Closed
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday**
- November 23
- Town Hall Closed

- Holiday luncheon**
- When: Tuesday, Dec. 11, at noon
- Where: Mallozzi’s Clubhouse at Western Turnpike Golf Course, Route 20

The Menu will feature the entrée choice of chicken Marsala or stuffed filet of sole

- Cost: \$19 per person
- Transportation service is available for Guilderland seniors. Tickets are available through Dec. 4.
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Library trustees and staff wish all of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Bethlehem Senior chorus performs

Friday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall

Songs of the 1960s that focus on friendship. Cosponsored by Bethlehem Public Library and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Relax your baby with infant massage

Monday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m., Bethlehem Public Library

Licensed massage therapist Kathleen Gates demonstrates how infant massage addresses colic, prematurity, intestinal difficulties, bonding and relaxation. Parents/caregivers; babies welcome.

Daybooks

Monday, Dec. 10, 1:30 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library

"Morality Play" by Barry Unsworth. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

— Louise Grieco

Half day is craft day at VPL

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 12:30-2 p.m., Miss Amy will have some fun crafts ready to help keep your children occupied on this half day of school. Stop by for some seasonal fun and snacks too. We are ready for all ages, but the little ones may need some adult help with some of the projects.



My Mind," by Sharon Draper.

Melody, an extremely bright and impatient fifth-grader, cannot walk or talk, yet has a photographic memory and is considered to have a severe intellectual disability. Melody, who has cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. The story is told through Melody's thoughts, a courageous girl who refuses to be defined by her physical challenges. The library will be closed except for the participants. Parents are welcome. Sign-up at the library and pick up a copy of the book.

Support our veterans at Fisher House

On your next trip to the library, please remember to drop off some travel size toiletries for our veterans and their families. The toiletries we collect will

go to Fisher House guests, long-term patients and their families. For more information about Fisher House visit www.fisherhouse.org

Second bus added for NYC trip

On Dec. 1, enjoy a day at one of New York's most exciting holiday destinations and support the library at the same time.

Roundtrip bus tickets are \$30 for Friends of the Library members and \$35 for non-members. The bus will leave the Voorheesville Middle School parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and arrives at Bryant Park, in midtown Manhattan, at approximately 10:00 a.m. The return trip will leave from Bryant Park at 8:00 p.m. and arrive back at the Middle School parking lot at approximately 11:00 p.m.. Paid reservations are being accepted at the Voorheesville Public Library circulation desk. Due to high demand, a 2nd bus has been added.

2nd-3rd Grade Book Discussion

• Friday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m., "The Whale" ("Lighthouse Family" series) by Cynthia Rylant.

A family of animals (cat, dog and three mice) that lives peacefully in a lighthouse helps a lost baby beluga whale find its mother. This is a warm and delightful title in the "Lighthouse Family" series. The library will be closed except for the participants. Parents are welcome. Sign-up at the library and pick up a copy of the book.

4th and 5th Grade Book Discussion

• Friday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., "Out of

Annex story times relocate to church

The Library Annex is no longer available for library use. Beginning Monday, November 19th, story times will be held at their regularly scheduled times at the Congregational Christian Church, across the street from the Library. Use the Fellowship Hall entrance from their parking lot.

Thanksgiving holiday hours at the library

The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21, and remain closed on Thursday, Nov. 22, for Thanksgiving.

Not planning on shopping on Friday? The Library will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fall computer classes

Branch out this fall with a

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computer class at the Library. Upcoming classes will focus on making your computer skills work for you from playing safe computer games to safely shopping online. Class size is small, allowing for individualized attention. Registration is required; call today to reserve your place.

Make a holiday card, online or 'on paper'

Let loved ones know you care with a personalized eCard or one printed from a computer program. It is easy, fun and creative. Through this class, you will be able to experiment with safe internet sites that will allow you

to send holiday greetings.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m.

Photo Editing with perky Picassa

You've taken the pictures, now learn how to save and edit on your computer. Come and learn to make a short slide show with a few of your favorite photos. Practice getting images from the internet and inserting photos into Word documents or emails. Please bring your digital camera and its downloading cable.

Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m.

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Catholic Charities expands furniture storage

Program seeing uptick in local need, struggling to meet demand

By JOHN PURCELL
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The Catholic Charities Furniture Program has secured a larger home for its operations as the need for its services grow—more than 100 people are not on a waiting list for donated items.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany on Wednesday, Nov. 14, celebrated the grand opening of its new warehouse in the Rotterdam Corporate Park, which houses furniture and housewares donations for low-income individuals and families. The Rotterdam warehouse is more centrally located in the charity's 14-county area, and has about 1,500 square feet more space at 6,500 square feet. The program serves more than 500 households annually.

"We are thrilled to be in this new, expanded location where we can better serve our clients," Catholic Charities CEO Vincent Colunno said in

a statement. The program's previous location in Rensselaer, at the former St. Anthony's on the Hudson, sustained water damage in Tropical Storms Irene and Lee. The group decided to move the better-suited Rotterdam warehouse instead of renovating the damaged building. Some furniture is still stored at its former home, but clients aren't brought to it anymore.

Jack Beckett manages and runs the warehouse, and said since it started about six years ago, the need has rapidly increased.

"It has expanded probably 10 times from what it was," Beckett said. "We probably in the last two years more than doubled the number of people that we help. We have many more calls than we can actually service in any given year, but we do our best."

Beckett credited the uptick not only to the recession, but also to cuts in social services that would offer furniture vouchers to struggling residents. Now, those vouchers are only given in emergency situations.

"The government has cut the funding they get, so they look for ways to cut their expenses," Beckett said. "Where they used to give out vouchers on a fairly regular basis, they don't do that anymore just because they don't have the money."

Molly Nicol, director of development for Catholic Charities, said the struggling economy also has increased demand. Many people the group serves are only working part-time jobs.

"They are really trying to hold it together," Nicol said. "They are living pretty much right on the edge."

Clients of the program are not only low-income but usually in transition, which includes groups like veterans, domestic violence victims, immigrants, the disabled, the elderly, the working poor, those coming out of shelters and those released from prison.

Beckett recalled in one instance, a man facing issues with medical expenses called seeking a bed for his wife and himself, his son and another for his daughter, along with a dresser and kitchen table. After missing an original



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 14, for its new furniture program warehouse in the Rotterdam Corporate Park. From left, Michael Mansion, assistant counsel for Senator Hugh Farley; Diana Bennett, representative of Congressman Paul Tonko; Adam Kramer, chief of staff for Assemblyman Jim Tedisco; Vincent Colunno, CEO of Catholic Charities; Randy Hall, commissioner of Rensselaer County Department of Social Services; Scott Osswald, membership development manager for the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce.

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appointment, Beckett finally met with him and noticed something was wrong.

"When he arrived he had to sit outside his truck so I asked him what happened," Beckett said. "He said his medical condition was diagnosed as cancer and he was on chemo and not feeling well and he wanted to sit

in the sun.

"When they finally made it back to pick up the furniture it was his daughter, wife and son that came, so I asked about him and he had passed away," Beckett continued. "They told me he was so proud he was able to get his family the beds, dresser and kitchen table. That is why we do

this."

The inventory at the warehouse varies based on donations, but can include mattresses and box springs, couches, dressers, coffee tables and end tables, kitchen tables, chairs, bookcases, small household appliances, linens, dishes, glasses, silverware, pots and pans.

The only thing limiting the program is what many nonprofits lack: funding. There is one truck used for the program, with a driver and helper working part time. If the program received more funding, Beckett said he would like to purchase another truck and expand to two full-time crews. The program as of Friday, Nov. 16, has furniture pick-ups scheduled into December. If there was another truck and another two-man crew, Nicol said donations could be picked up more rapidly. Anyone receiving furniture is responsible for moving the items from the warehouse to their home.

"We certainly have the donations that we could use those people and if we had the space to store that furniture it would just allow us to open up the program on a much broader basis," Beckett said. "I have over 100 phone calls, probably more like 200 today, to return to people who have called and need furniture ... it is a dilemma."

Nicol said there are "very generous" people and businesses throughout the area that donate furniture and items. Catholic Charities is renting the Rotterdam warehouse from The Galesi Group at a reduced price.

Anyone interested in donating furniture or volunteering, or is in need of furniture, can contact the Catholic Charities Furniture Program at 453-6650. Donations can also be made online at www.ccrda.org.

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Finance in the Spotlight

A strategy for greater asset protection, tax savings and privacy

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Many professionals and business owners have accumulated wealth they wish to protect. Protecting these assets can be accomplished through the creation of asset protection trusts.

Prior to 1997, the laws of almost every state provided that if a person created an irrevocable trust and he or she remained a potential beneficiary of that trust, then that person's creditors could reach the assets of this so called "self-settled trust." Since that time, several states have enacted provisions allowing protection of trust assets against claims of future creditors. A domestic asset protection trust (DAPT) is a trust that is properly formed and administered in one of these states. The person creating the trust, the trustor, may not create a trust for which he or she remains a potential beneficiary and also receives protection against future creditor claims.

People with significant wealth may be comfortable transferring assets to children, grandchildren or other beneficiaries with no right for the trustor to receive any benefit in the future from the transferred property. A domestic asset protection trust, however, might be considered by a trustor who might need the assets or income transferred, or whose lifetime estate and gift tax exemption (which is \$5.12 million per person but could change) has been exhausted so that further irrevocable transfers will trigger a gift tax that he or she does not want to pay.

Domestic asset protection trusts can provide several significant opportunities for certain types of individuals, including:

Professionals: Doctors, lawyers, CPAs and other professionals who are concerned about professional liability may consider establishing a domestic asset protection trust to protect some of their assets against a potential future claim.

Corporate officers and directors: Corporate officers and directors of publicly-traded companies whose activities are under increased scrutiny may consider establishing a domestic asset protection trust to protect some of their assets against potential creditor claims. Specifically, by combining the concept of a "blind" trust — a trust in which a beneficiary does not know about the trust's specific assets with a fiduciary who has complete management discretion — with an asset protection trust, officers and directors may be able to comply with security law restrictions, protect assets, and retain the ability to use those assets in the future in a relatively easy way.

Entrepreneurs: Individuals considering entering into a high-risk business venture often move some or all of their net worth into a domestic asset protection trust. This protects some of their assets against potential liability arising from high-risk business ventures before entering into them. In addition, entrepreneurs who spend years building a business and eventually sell the business may be concerned about potential liability from purchasers or others. In fact, following a liquidity event, many entrepreneurs take a portion of the sale proceeds and place them in a domestic asset protection trust.

Vulnerable people: The elderly, the disabled and young adults who are or may become mentally, physically or financially impaired may consider establishing a domestic asset protection trust to avoid assets being diminished against their will.

Those who receive gifts, inheritances or a marital estate: Particularly for those in high-risk professions or business ventures, individuals who receive gifts or inheritances may want protection against future creditors' claims. Similarly, individuals who are planning to marry and are uncomfortable with prenuptial agreements or the disclosure requirements necessary to provide effective protection may establish domestic asset protection trusts to protect against claims of potential former spouses. Because Delaware, Alaska and Nevada were the earliest of several states to have enacted domestic asset protection trust laws, many think first of these states when considering domestic asset protection trusts. For most, Delaware presents the most favorable choice. Some states have adopted a law requiring that all current and future trust beneficiaries be given (1) "notice of the existence of the trust," and (2) "periodic reports" that provide the trust beneficiaries knowledge of trust assets and the ability to request information about the trust. These notice and reporting requirements are often a curse to those wanting to establish trusts for asset protection and other estate planning purposes but who do not wish to disclose all the details to the trust beneficiaries. Delaware, however, has enacted laws that expressly avoid such notice and reporting requirements. It is not necessary to live in or even to visit Delaware to benefit from its trust laws. In fact, the state's trusts can be most beneficial for those who live elsewhere.

Despite their advantages, domestic asset protection trusts are not right for everyone. Domestic asset protection trusts are irrevocable, which means they cannot be modified or terminated without the permission of the beneficiary. The grantor, having transferred

assets into the trust, effectively removes all of his or her rights of ownership to the assets and the trust. The domestic asset protection trust must be administered by a trustee in the state whose laws authorize such trusts, a disadvantage for individuals who might prefer to work with a trustee available for face-to-face meetings. More important, the trustee — not the person creating the trust — will have sole discretion to make

distributions. The trustor cannot "control" the trust property or distributions and must be willing to accept the judgment of the trustee who, on trust creation, becomes the owner of the trust property. Finally, an asset protection trust protects only against future creditors and may not protect against existing creditors or those whose claims arise within a designated period of time after creation of the trust.

To learn more about the

benefits and requirements of establishing a domestic asset protection trust, meet with a wealth management professional to help you get started should you determine a domestic asset protection trust is right for you.

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The case for Delaware trusts

The Delaware trust is a domestic asset protection trust. It is an irrevocable, self-settled spendthrift trust designed to provide the grantor with protection from the claims of creditors. The state of Delaware has long been known as the "corporate capital" of the United States with more than half of Fortune 500 companies incorporated there. Less known, but equally important, is Delaware's national renown for its trust and tax law advantages, which provide individuals and families with the highest

level of financial privacy, wealth protection and tax avoidance as allowable in the United States.

Delaware's premier status for wealth management is based on the state's long history of financial sophistication and discretion when it comes to trusts. Personal trusts can be structured to shield assets from creditors, trust court filings are generally not required and proceedings can be confidential.

The Delaware Court of Chancery is uniquely focused on commercial and fiduciary law and is one of the most highly

developed and reputable judiciaries in the United States. The state tax trust structure provides significant benefits as well: Assets held in Delaware irrevocable trusts with out-of-state beneficiaries are not subject to income taxes in Delaware — or possibly anywhere else, depending on the individual's state of residence. It is not necessary to live in or even to visit Delaware to benefit from its superior trust laws.

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Tales that stand tall

Local storytelling group celebrates landmark

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Kate Dudding's first storytelling experience was with a group of fourth-graders. She started out with a typical "Once upon a time, when animals could talk ..."

But she quickly realized something extraordinary was happening. The room was totally silent.

"They were all waiting for what I was going to say next," she said.

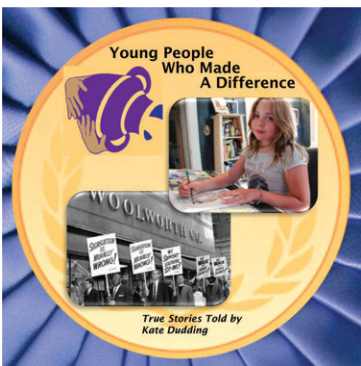
That powerful connection with her audience has fueled Dudding's storytelling for more than a decade. A mainstay on the Capital District storytelling circuit, Dudding has complemented her frequent appearances with CDs, noting that there's a mindset that

serious storytellers put their work out on disc.

Her latest offering, "Young People Who Made a Difference," was released Sunday, Nov. 18, at the 101th Story Sunday at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia. Dudding and Betty McCanty of Saratoga Springs will also present a program, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game and Other Stories to be Thankful For."

Dudding, from Clifton Park, was turned on to storytelling when she took her young son to the state museum, where several programs featured storytelling. A voracious reader, Dudding loves the intimate nature of storytelling, the way the storyteller makes eye contact with the audience, "inviting them in."

Dudding started attending storytelling workshops in the Adirondacks put on by renowned storyteller Jeannine Laverty. It was through one of these workshops she met



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McCanty, 89, who has been telling stories for 25 years. They became fast friends. Among other things, McCanty said, "We liked the kind of stories we each told."

Dudding's stories tend to focus on people who've made a difference — some well known, some lesser so. She's always on the lookout for potential story subjects, scouring her Facebook news feed for interesting links and filing away



"I love it because courage and compassion are contagious. I feel like I'm giving people role models. I'm giving them hope."
— Storyteller Kate Dudding

magazine stories that catch her attention. Once when she was at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago she saw two displays that would eventually make their way into her work. One was about Eddie O'Hare, the World War II fighter pilot for whom the airport was named. The other was an exhibition on women aviators.

She enjoys doing research on her subjects almost as much as she likes sharing them with the audience.

"I love it because courage and compassion are contagious," she said. "I feel like I'm giving people role models. I'm giving them hope."

Her first CD was, "Lighting

the Way Home: Stories of Lighthouses and Their Keepers." Dudding followed that up with "People Who Made a Difference: Volume 1." Calling it Volume 1, Dudding says, was kind of a promise that there would be more to come.

This summer, she finished "Young People who Make a Difference." She needed a couple of more stories to round out the CD, so she mentioned the project to a local librarian, who handed her a stack of books on potential subjects. One of them was written by a girl from Long Island who'd

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Tales

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been heartbroken by the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill. She had written to the Audubon Society and mentioned she was a "good drawer." Maybe, she said, she could create watercolors for people who donated. To date, she has raised more than \$200,000.

The CD also has a local flavor. Dudding includes a story about Children at the Well, an Albany-based group of youth storytellers who promote peace and understanding. She won the storytelling slam at the National Storytelling Conference in Los Angeles by talking

about Children at the Well.

The CD's release comes at the 101st performance of Story Sundays at the Glen Sanders Mansion. Now in its 14th season, the series has seen more than 6,700 people enjoy storytelling and dinner. Sunday's program draws on Dudding's and McCanty's lifelong love of baseball and the people who play it. Dudding is particularly drawn to stories such as those of Jackie Robinson, the first black player in the major leagues, and Wendell Smith, a black sportswriter. McCanty grew up in Buffalo next door to Lou Boudreau, who went on to play for and manage the Cleveland Indians.

McCanty said many of her eight children and 10 grandchildren are coming in for the weekend to celebrate an early Thanksgiving. It's a chance to be together that they will all cherish, particularly because as the years go on, "The opportunities for hearing my stories will be few and far between," McCanty said.

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HEALTHY HOLIDAY EATING WITH DIABETES

Column by Amy Imler RD, CDN
ShopRite of Slingerlands

The holidays can present a special challenge when it comes to healthy eating – especially for people who are trying to prevent or control diabetes. The key to navigating any holiday gathering is being prepared for temptation, opting for healthier choices, controlling portion sizes, and planning ahead so that your holiday favorites fit into your diabetes meal plan.

HEALTHY HOLIDAY EATING TIPS:

- **Eat a healthy snack before leaving home:** This will help prevent overeating at the party.
- **Go to the party with a plan:** Check out the buffet first and decide what and how much you will eat. The foods you select and the time you plan to eat should also be a part of your diabetes meal plan.
- **Watch portions:** Once you know what to eat, keep your portions in check. Stick to your meal plan for how many servings of carbohydrates you can eat at each meal and snack.
- **Bring a dish:** Contribute a healthy dish that fits into your meal plan.
- **Savor every bite:** Eating slowly reduces your chances of eating too much.
- **Drink water:** Water is a healthy, no-calorie beverage. Limit high-calorie, high-fat, sugary drinks like egg nog, soda and alcoholic beverages. If you need some flavor, try flavored seltzer.
- **Plan for exercise:** Getting regular exercise can help you control your blood sugar levels. Factor in exercise during the holidays. If you can't resist that slice of pumpkin pie, plan for a brisk walk after dinner.

Here are some common foods you might find at your next holiday gathering. We've shown the portion sizes which are equal to 1 serving of carbohydrate (about 15 grams):

- * In general, women can have around 45g carbohydrate (3 servings), and men can have around 60g (4 servings) per meal. However, individual needs vary so always check with a registered dietitian or your health care provider to learn how many servings of carbohydrate are right for you.

Apple cider, eggnog or other sweetened beverage (4 ounces)

Dinner roll or cornbread (1 small, the size of a bar of soap)

Cranberry sauce (1/4 cup, about the size of 1 large egg)

Potato

Baked (1 small, the size of a computer mouse)

Mashed (1/2 cup, the size of a light bulb)

Scalloped (1/2 cup)

Sweet potato/yam

Baked (1 small, the size of a computer mouse)

Casserole, with sugar and marshmallows (1/4 cup, about the size of 1 large egg)

Stuffing or rice (1/3 cup, the inside of a cupcake wrapper)

Starchy vegetables

Winter squash (1 cup, the size of a baseball)

Peas & corn (1/2 cup, the size of a light bulb)

Non-starchy veggies

Leafy greens, broccoli, green beans, peppers and mushrooms, prepared without sauce or sugar (1 ½ - 2 cups, about two hands cupped)

Follow these simple steps for a healthy, happy, holiday season!

For more healthy eating tips and recipe ideas, visit us at shoprite.com/wellness or visit your in-store dietitian to help you put a plan in place.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Treasures off the beaten track
Shaker craft fair lets shoppers find unique gifts and keep it local

By DANIA BIANCHI, bianchid@spotlightnews.com

Lois Porter likes to give unique gifts for Christmas – gifts she can't find in the chain stores.

A Colonie resident, Porter said for the last three years she has been shopping for holiday gifts at the Shaker Heritage Society's Christmas Craft Fair.

"I'm sick of the same stores and the same products everywhere," Porter said. "At the craft fair there are different things every year and some of the same things that I come back for."

The craft fair is something of a community holiday tradition that has been taking place for more than 20 years.

The Shaker Heritage Society, established 35 years ago with the goal of preserving the historic site of America's first Shaker settlement, decided 20 years ago that a craft fair would be a good way to generate revenue.

"It started very small with just a couple of tables of handmade things," said Executive Director Starlyn D'Angelo.

Things have changed since then. Today, the fair hosts more than 50 artisans and vendors who sell a variety of handmade items to approximately 6,000 shoppers each holiday season.

"We have everything from hand-knit sweaters to hand-blown glass ornaments. We carry

photography and also have things like jams and jellies that are made locally," D'Angelo said.

D'Angelo said many of the vendors return year after year, and repeat shoppers look forward to seeing their favorite vendor each year.

Mary Beth Gardner, of Latham, has been selling her painted glassware at the fair for four years.

"I just have a soft spot in my heart for Shaker," said Gardner. "I really believe it's necessary to keep supporting the historic organizations we have."

Gardner said she also does a lot of her own holiday shopping at the fair.

"I love this one woman

who does pottery – she does bowls but also little ornaments," she said. "I have sent them all over the country to people."

D'Angelo said a hot item with shoppers, and with her personally, are wool mittens.

"We can't keep them in stock," she said. "You won't find anything like them."

"We also have a weaver who has been here for years – her shawls and purses are in very high demand," D'Angelo added.

Porter said it makes her feel good to know she is supporting the community by buying local.


D'Angelo said she finds a lot of people want to keep their money in the community, and the

craft fair offers an easy opportunity to do just that.

"You are supporting a local small business owner, helping to support the preservation, and getting something unique," she said.

The Shaker Christmas Craft Fair is open Monday

through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. now through Dec. 15, at the Shaker Historic Site adjacent to the Albany International Airport off of Heritage Lane. Admission is free. For more information visit www.shakerheritage.org or call 456-7890.



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Regional premiere of Marc Camoletti holiday comedy, presented by Curtain Call Theater, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Nov. 30 through Dec. 23, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, \$23. Information, 877-7529.

MRS. MANNERLY

Jeffrey Hatcher comedy, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 and Dec. 5-9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, \$15. Information, 382-2081.

WICKED

The backstory to "The Wizard of Oz," Proctors Mainstage, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Nov. 25, call for showtimes, \$35-\$165. Information, 346-6204.

Music

ADDISON RICE

Progressive folk and blues performer,

Nov. 23, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

JOE SINATRA

Local Frank Sinatra tribute singer, Nov. 23, 7 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

ROB JONAS TRIO

Singer-songwriter and his backing band, Nov. 23, 7 p.m., More Bread and Jam Cafe, 130 Remsen St., Cohoes, free. Information, 874-4272.

TRISKELE

All-female Celtic quartet, Nov. 23, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$17. Information, 583-0022.

BRENDA FISHER

Country and blues performer, Nov. 24, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

PARADIGM SHIFT

Eclectic duo, with guest Leslie Barkman, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

ANNIE & THE HEDONISTS

Capital District folk band celebrates release of new album, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, day of show \$18. Information, 583-0022.

ARYA CHOWDHURY

Ace musician plays an eclectic blend of genres, Nov. 26, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly improv show, Nov. 23, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

COMEDY WORKS (ALBANY COUNTY)

Otto & George with Vanessa Hollingshead, Nov. 23 and 24, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$20, day of show \$25, dinner packages \$44.95 in advance, \$49.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

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; :1934: A New Deal for Artists," through Jan. 20; "Focus on Nature XII," through Dec. 31; "Beneath the City: An Archaeological 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 Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"More or Less," through Jan. 6; "Robert Cartmell: In the Studio," through Nov. 30; plus installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 463-3726.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

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

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"Jon Christopher Gernon: Allegory & Ecstasy," through Nov. 27; 210 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.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"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.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM & GALLERY

"Terry Adkins Recital," through Dec. 2; "Dance/Draw" and "Hearing Pictures," through Dec. 30; "We the People," through April 7; Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Clark Remix," through Jan. 1, 2014; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

"Making Room: The Space Between Two & Three Dimensions," Through Jan. 2;

"Invisible Cities," through Feb. 4; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; plus more; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"From Giverny to the Brooklyn Bridge," through Feb. 2; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

SCHENECTADY LIGHT OPERA COMPANY

Holding children's auditions for production of Rogers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music," Dec. 8, 10 a.m., 427 Franklin St., Schenectady, roles available for girls ages 5,7,9 and 13 and for boys ages 10 and 14, children should be prepared to sing a portion of "My Favorite Things" or "Do-Re-Mi," an accompanist will be provided. Information, becky straight@gmail.com.

BALLSTON SPA COMMUNITY BAND

Openings in several sections, especially percussion, rehearsals Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Ballston Spa High School. Information, 580-1037.

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

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

THE CHORALIERS

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

ETUDE CLUB

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

CAPITALAND CHORUS

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

TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

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Group meets four times a year and holds an annual show, promotes and encourages the medium of pastel through exhibitions, education and comradery in the medium. Information, 793-9350.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

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

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

ARTISTS WANTED

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

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Here's How It Works:

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



Weekly Crossword

Sounds Like Farewell

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23 Principal grape wine
28 Performing ____
29 Discharge
30 Three-term Indiana senator
34 Florid furniture style
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38 In any manner necessary
44 Bologna bread
45 Very slender
46 Like arms reduction treaties
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11 Fur-bearing goat
12 Warm and comfy
13 Tangle up
18 Meal component?
22 Poke
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27 Interpret speech without hearing
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35 Famed six-shooter
36 Dust Bowl figure
39 Bruins great
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43 Petty, of NASCAR
46 Jordan's target
47 Set ablaze
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67 ____ Perce:

Your Community in The Spotlight

League makes case for finance reform efforts

Laura Ladd Bierman and Barbara Bartoletti from the League of Women Voters New York State will be speakers in presenting the League’s recent publication “Preserving our Democracy: The Case for Campaign Finance Reform in New York State” on Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 1:30 -3:30 p.m. at the Berkshire Bank, 255 Delaware Ave, Delmar (former Saratoga Shoe Depot).

The League believes campaign finance reform is the pathway to solving other major state problems, including increasing voter participation, enabling candidates to compete more equitably for public office and lessening the impact of special interests on governmental processes.

Learn how New York State’s campaign finance regulation falls short in areas relating to sky-high contribution limits, loopholes, disclosure and weak enforcement. Hear and discuss the League’s proposed changes to the State’s laws.

‘Let is Snow’ concert around the corner

The Mendelssohn Club male chorus will hold its Winter Concert, “Let It Snow,” on Friday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at The Egg. The Club will host two guest artist groups: members of the Classical Guitar Society of Upstate New York and the Select Choir from Tamarac Elementary School.

Tickets are on sale by mail at Mendelssohn Club, P.O. Box 8715, Albany, NY 12208, through a Club member, or online at tickets@mendelssohn.org. Tickets may also be purchased at The Egg the night of the concert.

Individual tickets are \$18 or anyone/group purchasing 10 or more tickets will receive a discount of \$4 per ticket (\$14.00 apiece).

Sheriff to hold open house

The Albany County Sheriff’s Office will host an open house at the department’s Public Safety



JOB CORPS WORKS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Glenmont Job Corps Academy joined an estimated 3 million people in “Make A Difference Day” activities by assisting nine organizations throughout the Capital Region. Held annually on the fourth Saturday in October, Make A Difference Day is America’s largest day of service. Nearly 200 Glenmont Job Corps Academy students and staff participated in a wide variety of service projects, including Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center, VetHELP, Ahana House, Habitat for Humanity/WomenBuild, American Red Cross, Capital City Rescue Mission, Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and Bethlehem Ambulance. Pictured are students and staff at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Albany’s Washington Park. The group raised and donated \$550.

Submitted photo

and Community Resource Building, 58 Verda Ave., Clarksville (the former Clarksville Elementary School), on Saturday, Dec. 8, from noon to 3 p.m.

There will be walkthrough tours of the stations, K-9 demonstrations, Operation Safe Child signups and EMS representatives. Please bring an unwrapped toy to donate for the Hilltown Christmas.

JCC program on ‘Dovekeepers’

The Albany Jewish Community Center will hold a Book Mavens session, open to the community, on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Albany JCC’s Massry Senior Center, 340 Whitehall Road.

Retired educator, Judy Arian-Eson will review “The Dovekeepers” by Alice Hoffman, a novel about four women who come together to tend the doves in ancient Masada. There is a \$2 suggested donation for the book program. Sixty-plus dining is available following the book talk at 4:45 p.m. Dinner reservations are taken up until 9:30 a.m.

on the day of the meal, 438-6651 x112, ClaireS@saajcc.org.

Museum offers holiday entry pricing, events

Albany Institute History & Art announces half price admission on Thanksgiving Weekend, Friday through Sunday, Nov. 23 to 25.

Special events include the Holiday Gift Fair, featuring more than 45 regional artists and crafters, a holiday café, music performances by Molly Durnin, winner of the Albany EXIT FACTOR competition, artist demonstrations by “Mountain Weaver” Mary Anne Hoffay and Chinese brushstroke painter Zhong-hua Lu, gallery tours and art making for kids of all ages. Current exhibitions at the museum include American Impressions: Paintings from the Florence Griswold Museum, The Eternal Return: Portraits by Stephanie Rose and Ancient Egypt: Albany Mummies.

All exhibitions are included in the half-price admission: \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students,

\$3 for children 6 to 12 with children 6 and under free.

New take on Trotsky at UAlbany event

The Center for Jewish Studies at the University at Albany will present a program on Leon Trotsky on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m., in Milne Hall, room 200, at the UAlbany Downtown Campus.

“The Tragedy of Leon Trotsky,” presented by Joshua Rubenstein, will focus on preeminent revolutionary figure Leon Trotsky, who led an upheaval that helped define the contours of twentieth-century politics. Joshua Rubenstein, author of “Leon Trotsky: A Revolutionary’s Life” gives an interpretation for the 21st century.

Rubenstein has been professionally involved with human rights and international affairs for more than 35 years as an activist, scholar and journalist with particular expertise in Soviet affairs. He is the Northeast Regional Director of Amnesty International USA and a longtime Fellow of Harvard’s Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian

Studies.

The program is free and open to the public. Light, kosher refreshments will be served. Free parking is available in the lot across Western Avenue from Milne Hall or on the street.

For more information please call 442-4130 or visit the website www.albany.edu/jewishstudies.

Holiday Gift Bazaar at park

The annual Country Holiday Gift Bazaar will be held at the Thacher Nature Center of Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hand crafted quality wares by local artisans and artists, including jewelry; jams and jellies; honey products; homespun wool products and knitted items; original artwork; pine needle baskets; stained glass and painted glass works; breads and spices; home made soaps and organic beauty products; wildlife and nature photography; Adirondack birch bark frames and ornaments; folk art items; carved wooden bowls; and more will be for sale.

Live music on Dec. 1 by Tunefolk. Special bonus

this year: 50/50 raffle both days sponsored by Friends of Thacher. Silent auction of beautiful handcrafted wares generously donated by vendors. Winners announced Sunday, Dec. 2. All proceeds from the raffle and silent auction will be donated to the Hilltown Community Resource Center. Call 872-1237 for additional information.

Workshop at Five Rivers

A teacher workshop on the award-winning curriculum-enhancement program Project WILD Aquatic will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon.

At this hands-on workshop, Center staff will lead a participatory training in Project WILD Aquatic, an initiative which integrates aquatic wildlife themes into the core reading, writing and arithmetic disciplines. Participants will receive a free Project WILD Aquatic Curriculum and Activity Guide full of stimulating activities for students in grades K-12.

The workshop is open to teachers and youth leaders free of charge. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Wednesday, Dec. 5 to register for the workshop.

Wreath making class open

The Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center is holding the popular annual holiday wreath making workshop on Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the workshop will be held on Nov. 25.

Participants can create a 24” holiday wreath from freshly-cut fragrant balsam greenery, pine cones and ribbon. Participants should bring a pair of garden sheers for cutting greenery. Limited pairs of garden sheers will be available for use if needed. The workshop is appropriate for ages 14 and older.

The fee for the workshop is \$18 per wreath. Pre-registration is required as this class fills up quickly. Call the John Boyd Thacher Park at 872-1237 to register.

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Giving

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prepared for more than before.”

Many local school districts, including Bethlehem and Guilderland central, hold holiday food drives for the organization, while mainly local businesses contribute monetary donations and perishable food offerings. Price Chopper donated 20,000 pounds of frozen turkeys for the dinner this year.

“It helps to provide a nourishing, traditional holiday meal for many neighbors and friends in our community who otherwise wouldn’t be able to enjoy that,” said Price Chopper spokeswoman Mona Golub at a press conference held on Friday, Nov. 9. “Donating all of the turkeys Equinox needs to produce this Thanksgiving community dinner means that they don’t have to spend extra time soliciting turkey and can focus on their everyday mission.”

In addition to the birds, Equinox uses about 2,000 pounds of ham, 6,600 pounds of potatoes and yams, 9,500 dinner rolls and 400 gallons of gravy. An average of 3,500 volunteers sign up to help cook the food, serve, clean and deliver meals.

Bosquez said although they have many volunteers offering to cook and serve the food, they are still seeking drivers to deliver meals. Those how would like to have a meal



An employee at Price Chopper’s Frozen Food Distribution Center places frozen turkeys into a truck, which will deliver the donated food to Equinox for its Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner.

John Purcell/Spotlight

delivered to them can also still request one up until Nov. 21. Both volunteers and those in need are asked to call the Equinox Thanksgiving Dinner Hotline at 434-0131.

“Anyone is welcome to request a meal or come eat at the dinner, but we would ask that those capable of leaving their home come in person,” said Bosquez, citing the limited number of drivers. “The church gets set up like a restaurant and it’s more fun to eat with other people than alone.”

Area food pantries are also using the holiday as an opportunity to ask for donations.

From Nov. 14 to Dec. 24, volunteers from the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York in Latham will be at Crossgates Mall seeking

monetary donations from shoppers. This year’s goal is to raise \$75,000, according to Special Events Coordinator Jessica Tanner.

“What we try to inform people is that a \$1 donation can provide \$10 worth of food to an area family in need,” she said.

The drive is one of the organization’s largest fundraisers of the year and goes towards the overall operating budget of the food pantry. Tanner said people can also drop off food items, but the bank would prefer monetary donations.

In Bethlehem, the town food pantry run by the town’s Department of Senior Services will be collecting canned goods and nonperishable items before the annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. Director Joyce Becker said the donations received at these town events help to keep the pantry stocked throughout the year in the face of growing needs. Last year, half of a senior services van was filled with canned goods.

“We continually feed 75 to 80 families throughout the year, and that number has increased tremendously over the years,” Becker said. “These donations will help us continue the food pantry throughout the holiday season.”

Becker said after the race, extra volunteers might be needed to pack the van or unload it at Bethlehem Town Hall.

– John Purcell
contributed to this story

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opportunity to invest in their communities or futures, perpetuating a cycle of poverty. Buying fair trade certified products can help the consumer rest assured their money will not fund such exploitation.

This year’s sale will feature 17 different vendors offering items from countries like Kenya, Uganda, India, China and Cambodia. Some favorite vendors will also be returning, such as Mayan Hands, Mango Tree Imports, Kenyan Crafts from Kibera and Sak Saum.

Brenda Rosenbaum and Anne Kelly of

Mayan Hands, based in Albany, said the sale is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their products.

“On a weekend that is traditionally about consumerism, we can show people there is an alternative,” said Kelly. “At a time when people are putting a lot of thought and love into purchases, this is a chance to buy a gift that gives twice.”

Their organization works with about 200 women in Guatemala, a country known for its weaving. The partnership allows the women to be paid a fair price for their work, allowing them to send their children to school and put food on the table. Items available

will include woven baskets, purses and bags, scarves, jewelry and felt toys.

“What we’re really doing is changing families,” said Kelly.

Hundreds of additional items will be available, including coffee, chocolates, clothing and crafts.

“This is a way of feeling more connected to the people that we buy from,” McMahon said.

The Fair Trade Market will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 23, and Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Delmar Reformed Church, located at 386 Delaware Ave.

For more details and a full vendor list, visit fairtrademarket.webs.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Strategic Power Holdings, L.L.C. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/28/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/26/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 83901 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Capital Railroad Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/2/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 55 James E. Casey Drive, Buffalo, NY 14206. Purpose: any lawful activity. 83902 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cranberry Lake Timber, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/1/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/24/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 83903 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of formation of Cac-weekends, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/1/2012. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 23 Windsor Ct., Delmar NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful act. 83911 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JACOB Y ELECTRICAL & DATA SOLUTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/3/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose:

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LARA JADE PHOTOGRAPHY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/2/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83913 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of AP- PLEGATE CAPITAL PARTNERS (N.A.) LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83914 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: B & D GUN SMOKE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 09/12/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1259 Gordon Road, Schenectady, New York 12306. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 83915 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 27 Associates LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/4/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83917 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation 17 Holding LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/4/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83918 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Auth Method of Therapeutic Massage & Acupuncture PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/27/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave. #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83919 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation William A. Kennedy III MD PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/27/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave. #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83920 (D)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation YOUR-VISA LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 06/28/2012, office location: Albany County, SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, SSNY shall mail service of process to NW Registered Agent LLC, designated agent, 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose - any lawful purpose. 84122 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NORTHERN 90 REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84123 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 5672 GARDEN DRIVE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84124 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: PTM REALTY GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 3, 2012. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 9 Eliot Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159. 84126 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Nepal Infrastructure Consult LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/12/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 8 4 1 2 7 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of C&M GEMS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/28/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 7006 Woodside Ave., Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84128 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of CHECKER CAB NYC LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/1/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 180 Greenpoint Ave. #3L, Bklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84129 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of EGT TRADING, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 7 Valeria Cir., North Salem, NY 10560. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84130 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of GANG FAMILY, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 10915 Queens Blvd. #6L, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84131 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of KREGS WAREHOUSE LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 3521 Mallard Rd., Levittown, NY 11756. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84132 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of REDSKY SECURITY LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 56 W. 65 St. #2A., NY, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84133 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of SELECT LIMITED LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 88-12 151 Ave. #4E, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84134 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of TG ELITE LEARNING LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/18/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 255 E. 49 St. #9F, NY, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84136 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of NEW YORK COMPOST LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/13/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 99 Washington Ave. #805-A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84137 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

PROACTIVE STANCE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/9/2012. Office in Schenectady Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 122 Gifford Rd., Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 84138 (D)

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Notice of Formation of CHRIS NIPZ DESIGNS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/11/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84139 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KRUG & COMPANY REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/15/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84141 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of MDB Properties, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on October 10, 2012, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 6 Woodridge Court, Albany, New York 12203, which is the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 84142 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Seher Alsharq LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/17/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 233 2nd Ave., Albany, NY 12209. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84158 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Carter Company & Development Group, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/1/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to D Spencer Carter Jr., 160 Chestnut St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 5/4/2110. 84244 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of JCJ Group, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 8/21/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to John W. Hall, Sr., 120 State Route 146, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 1/25/2110. 84245 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of VRGP, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/18/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Lawrence C. Gates, 10990 Quivira Rd., Ste. 200, Overland Park, KS 66210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 84246 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of PATRIOT SQUARE LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/04/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84248 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of BLACKDOG GARAGE, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 709 Third St., Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84249 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of SYLKEN STABLES LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/24/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 650 Franklin St., Schenectady, NY 12305. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84250 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Central Square Community MHC LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/02/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2115 Central Ave., Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84251 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 4HHS DEVELOPMENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84252 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of KAR-IN COONROD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84253 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of BUILDING EQUITY REAL ESTATE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84254 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of WY-ATT ROCKEFELLER, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84255 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Kind Performing Arts, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 16 Meadow Lane, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful activities. 84257 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Who Wudda Thunk Racing, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Jeffrey P. Riker, 164 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 1/25/2111. 84258 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

LOCUST VIEW APTS, LLC Articles of Organization were filed on the 11th day of October 2012. The office is to be located in the County of Albany with a street address of 96 Wildwood Lane, Selkirk, New York 12158. The secretary of State has been designated as agent for service of process and shall mail such process to Locust View Apts, LLC, 96 Wildwood Lane, Selkirk, New York 12158. This LLC is formed for every legal purpose. 84260 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of KAY HOSPITALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/18/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84261 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cornerstone Operations Group LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/11/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 1/21/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. PA address of LLC: 805 Estelle Drive, Ste. 209, Lancaster, PA 17601. Arts. of Org. filed PA Secy. of State, P.O. Box 8722, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84263 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of POLO CREST HOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84264 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation 30 43rd Street Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84265 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Curiosity Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84266 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation BFC Sinclair Builders LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84267 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CAMPUS ASSOCIATS V LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 17, 2012. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 84268 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA 10 VISTA BLVD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 17, 2012. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany

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County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 84269 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

MSM Consolidated, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/11/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 370 Ocean Pkwy, Ste. 2H, Brooklyn, NY 11218. General Purposes. 84270 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

276 Ave U Realty, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/22/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 187 Ave U, Brooklyn, NY 11223. General Purposes. 84271 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Beach Medical PLLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Dept. of State of NY on 10/24/12. Office location: Clinton County. Principal business location: 79 Hammond Lane, Suite 11, Plattsburgh, New York 12901. Secretary of State of NY is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 79 Hammond Lane, Suite 11, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. Purpose: Practice profession of medicine. 84308 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Shaye Global, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 10/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 43 Lyons Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 84309 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is RJM Young Distributing, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 10/17/2012. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a distribution business, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 524A Kenwood Ave, Delmar, NY 12054. 84314 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of RE 4 W FLEMING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1883 West Royal Hunte Drive, Ste. 200-A, Cedar City, UT 84720. Purpose: for real estate investments and any lawful purpose. 84315 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for 91 CIRCULAR, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 24, 2012. Office located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o J.T. Burns Management, Corp., 1732 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: for any lawful activity. 84316 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Fidi District LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/29/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84317 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation New-globe Capital Partners US LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/29/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84318 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation NL-STYLE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/24/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84319 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LIBERTY ISLAND MEDIA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/23/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84320 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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615 MANHATTAN AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/23/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84321 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THIRD ROAD PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84322 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MILLERSILVER, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84323 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is TMT New Idea Publishers, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 10/26/2012. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a publishing business, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 6 Callaway Circle, Loudonville, NY 12211. 84324 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

EMNAM Holding LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/14/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 119 Washington Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12210. General Purposes. 84326 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Airhart Construction, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/1/2012. Off. Loc.: Schenectady Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 19 Droms Road Ext., Scotia, NY 12302. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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84336 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Power Play Contracting LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 32 Edgecomb Street, Albany, NY 12209. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84341 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 33-48 103RD STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/1/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84342 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SWEETIE TOPS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/29/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 708 Penny Lane, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84344 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: The Elk Street Group LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/04/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 25 Elk Street, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84345 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation East-side Anesthesia PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/6/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave. #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84346 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Promontory Capital 1 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be

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served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lemery Greisler LLC, 60 Railroad Place, Ste. 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84347 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NSP MEDICALS SUPPLY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84570 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Acromukti LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/7/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84571 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TURNER AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/05/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1536 Union Street, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84573 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ZANDERSON LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Zoe Anderson 1 Forest Drive Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84574 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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HIGHLAND TERRACE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84579 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ITT MECHANICAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84580 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of The DREAM Company, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/29/12 Fictitious Name in NY State: The Dream Company, LLC of Alabama. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Alabama (AL) on 6/18/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. AL address of LLC: 1015 Airport Road, Ste. 203, Huntsville, AL 35802. Arts. of Org. filed AL Secy. of State, 100 North Union St., Ste. 770, Montgomery, AL 36130. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84601 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 110 W 81 ST LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84602 (D) (November 21, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, will hold the Annual Public Election for the position of (1) Commissioner, for the term of five years commencing January 1, 2013. The election will be held at Fire Station No. 3, 480 Bridge Street, South Bethlehem, on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Note, as with public commissioner meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available. Stephanie E. Sellers District Secretary, Selkirk Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners 84349 (D) (November 21, 2012)

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Budget

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formula, the town could have raised property taxes as much as 19 percent to make up for the PILOT loss.

Cuts include not funding the Colonial Acres Golf Course, reducing operation days at the compost facility and transfer station, reducing staff hours for the Parks and Recreation Department and increasing field fees to offset maintenance costs. The town’s Planning Board will also be cut from seven members to five and the town will expand the Lockbox service to more tax collection duties. Those cuts were said to save roughly \$150,000.

A major point of contention during the budget process was whether to defund the

golf course. The course has been operating in the red for the past two years and was projected to lose \$40,000 in 2013. Another \$270,000 in capital improvements were scheduled for the future.

The Bethlehem Town Board first agreed to lease Colonial Acres Golf Course in 2008 for \$1 per year from the Open Space Conservancy. The five-year agreement called for Bethlehem to maintain the 43-acre property. The course sits on approximately 30 of those acres. The lease expired in August, but the town has continued on a month-to-month basis since.

Several residents, including former Supervisor Sam Messina, spoke in favor of maintaining funding for the golf course so the town would have more time to look at its

options concerning the property. Members of the local PGA chapter recently approached the town about arranging a possible private manager for the course, possibly turning it into a haven for younger golfers learning the game.

Messina said he believe the town should not completely give up control, but thought the two groups could work together on operations.

“I think you should establish a partnership and be involved in the process and not walk away at this budget,” said Messina. “The reason I believe that is, no one is going to have Bethlehem’s interest up front like Bethlehem.”

Both Kotary and Dawson felt the town should keep the course in the budget. While neither offered specific suggestions for further cuts to lower the tax rate

or keep Colonial Acres open, Dawson suggested using some of the \$1.7 million in reductions from this year to fund one of those prospects.

Clarkson and Comptroller Michael Cohen had planned to use a portion of the town’s savings to cover about \$1.1 million in retirement cost increases over three years. The plan also calls for the savings to be used to alleviate the cost of the step increase in the Albany Water Contract in 2014 and use some funds to update home and commercial assessments throughout town. Dawson said those monies could be tapped now.

“I’m saying we take some of the \$1.1 million to smooth out the (tax) increase over time,” Dawson said. “We could at least give people this year — when we know what our economic situation is — a break.”

Kotary had similar thoughts on the tax hike.

“I voted against the budget because I could not vote for the tax increase, which I felt was unnecessarily excessive,” said Kotary. “I am also disappointed we couldn’t find a way to keep Colonial Acres by making cuts or choices to keep it open as a golf course. I felt we needed to fund it as a backup plan in case someone from the private sector doesn’t step forward.”

Kotary said he would now make it one of his chief goals to make sure someone is found to operate the course.

Clarkson said he wished the tax increase was lower but said concrete ideas were needed to make that a reality.

“I don’t think it’s responsible just to say, ‘let’s figure it out next year, we’ll take money

out of fund balance,’” he said. “That’s what we’ve done in the past, it’s not a solution, and I think residents want a long-term, fiscally responsible budget.”

Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn agreed.

“I asked over and over again for proposals of specific reductions that would allow us to reduce the tax increase and if I in any way believed further cuts would not compromise vital services or detract from the quality of life in the town, I would have proposed them myself,” he said. “It’s easy to say the tax increase is too much, but the difficult part is finding additional places to cut. Just an outright objection is hollow.”

The tax increase will equal an increase of about \$67 for a \$250,000 home, and make town’s tax rate \$3.54 for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

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penalty kick battle with Suburban Council North Division champion Niskayuna in the semifinal round. Neither team scored through 110 minutes of regulation and overtime, which led to penalty kicks.

Voorheesville finished the season with an 8-8-1 record after losing to Middleburgh 2-0 in the Class C Sectionals. Junior Chelsea Duncan led the Blackbirds with nine goals and four assists, while senior Caroline Weiss contributed six goals and six assists.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk had a 5-11-1 record that included a first-round 1-0 loss to Broadalbin-Perth in the Class B playoffs. Junior Kasey Biernacki led the Indians with four goals this season.

Boys soccer

Bethlehem claimed its first Sectional championship in six years by beating Suburban Council rival Niskayuna 2-0 in the Class AA finals. Unfortunately for the Eagles (17-0-3), their season ended when they were eliminated by Section III champion Utica Proctor on penalty kicks in the regional final.

Bethlehem had a 1-0 lead on Proctor in the first half, but Proctor tied the score at 1-1 before halftime. The score remained tied through the second half and 30 minutes of overtime, which led to penalty kicks.

The Eagles had three highly-productive offensive players this season. Senior Liam Roohan had a team-high 17 goals, while senior Ethan Gunty and junior Matt Henning each contributed 11 goals. Gunty led the team in assists with 13.

Guilderland (11-4-3) also saw its season end on penalty kicks as Albany eliminated the Dutchmen in the Sectional quarterfinals. Guilderland finished second to Bethlehem in the Suburban Council South Division standings during the regular season.

Junior Connor Rubin led Guilderland's offense with eight goals and three assists. Senior James Mesiti had seven goals and three assists, and junior Kledis Capollari

recorded a team-high six assists.

Voorheesville finished the season with a 7-6-2 record following a 2-1 loss to eventual Section II champion Hoosick Falls in the Class C playoffs. Junior Kevin Clark was the Blackbirds leading scorer with 11 goals.

Ravena had a 4-11-1 record this season and was eliminated by Colonial Council rival Schalmont 4-1 in the Class B playoffs. Junior Vincent Greco led the Indians with seven goals this season.

Football

Ravena had the top football team in the area this season. The Indians placed second in the Reinfurt Division with a 5-1 record and lost to Schalmont 48-0 in the Class B Sectional semifinals to wind up with a 7-2 overall mark.

Senior quarterback Conner Zeoli led a balanced attack by passing for 871 yards and nine touchdowns. Senior tailback Dylan Keyer rushed for 681 yards, and sophomore Fred Pechette contributed 449 yards on the ground.

Guilderland made the Class AA playoff field with a 4-2 record in the Empire Division, but the Dutchmen lost to Columbia 30-10 in the quarterfinals. Guilderland finished with an overall record of 5-4.

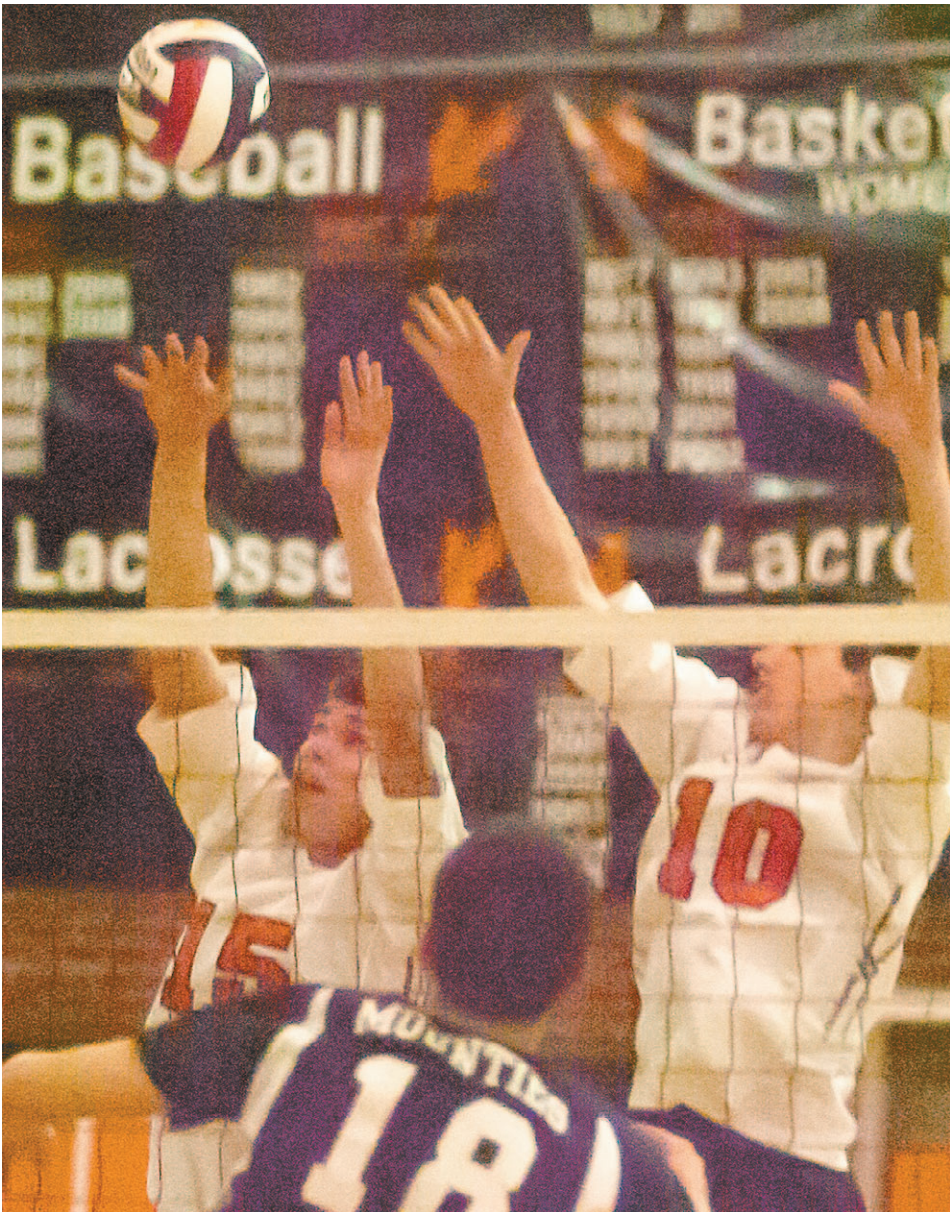
Junior quarterback Frank Gallo was Guilderland's star this season. Gallo led all of Section II with 1,758 passing yards, and he threw 14 touchdown strikes. Junior Jacob Smith was Gallo's favorite receiver, and Smith caught 33 passes for 600 yards and six touchdowns.

Junior tailback Micaiah Henningham contributed 346 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns for Guilderland.

Bethlehem fell short of making the playoffs after finishing the regular season with a 2-4 record, but the Eagles were perfect in crossover games to conclude 2012 with a 5-4 mark.

Bethlehem junior tailback Mike Graves was one of Class AA's top rushers. Graves gained 1,157 yards and scored 11 touchdowns, and he had two games where he rushed for more than 200 yards.

In Class C, Voorheesville made the



Bethlehem's John Sica (15) and Aaron Carrk (10) try to block a volley during the Eagles' 3-0 regional victory over Section I champion Suffern Nov. 10. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Sectional field with a 2-3 record in the South Division, but the Blackbirds' postseason run ended with a 69-14 loss to eventual champion Hoosick Falls in the quarterfinals. Voorheesville finished with a 2-6 overall record.

Sophomore running back Matt Feller had a solid season with 562 yards and five touchdowns, while Mike Young passed for 349 yards and rushed for 353 yards in five games.

Other sports

The Bethlehem boys volleyball team won its third consecutive Section II title by beating Shen 3-1 in the Class A finals. Then, the Eagles swept Section I champion Suffern in three sets to win the regional title and advance to last weekend's state tournament in Glens Falls. Check spotlightnews.com to see

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how the Eagles fared at states.

Bethlehem also won the Section II Class A title in golf, thanks to another strong season by Victor Fox. The senior earned co-medalist honors with Shaker's Davis Jensen at the team tournament with a 3-under par 69, and then he claimed his second consecutive individual title by shooting a two-day

score of 3-under par 139 at the state qualifier.

Voorheesville earned its third consecutive Class C/D Sectional title in golf with a team score of 321. Matt Parrottino – who finished second to Fox at the state qualifier – was the top golfer at the tournament with a 4-under par 68.

Voorheesville's girls volleyball team punched its ticket to the state tournament by sweeping Greenville 3-0 in the Section II Class C finals

and beating Section X champion Salmon River 3-1 in the regional finals. Check spotlightnews.com to see how the Blackbirds fared at last weekend's state tournament.

The Guilderland girls volleyball team put together a strong season. The Lady Dutch finished second to Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake in the overall Suburban Council standings with a 15-1 record and reached the Class AA Sectional finals before losing to defending champion

Shenendehowa 3-0.

In girls swimming, Guilderville and Bethlehem each sent swimmers to the state meet. Guilderville's Kelly Gao won the 50-yard freestyle at the Section II meet, while Bethlehem's Grace Ayer and Lauren Zemering each earned berths in two individual events by meeting the qualifying standard. Check spotlightnews.com to see how they fared in Ithaca.

Bethlehem won the Suburban Council girls tennis regular season

title with an 11-0 record, but Emma Willard beat the Lady Eagles in the Sectional quarterfinals on its way to claiming the Class AA team title.

Bethlehem's Stephen Booker qualified for the state and Federation cross country meets after posting a fourth-place finish at the Section II championships. Booker finished with a time

of 15:33.29 at Sectionals to earn a berth in the state meet, where he placed 67th in the Class A race with a time of 16:54.8.

Bethlehem's boys cross country team finished fifth at Sectionals, while its girls team was fourth in Class A.

Guilderland's girls team placed fifth among Class A teams at Sectionals.

Tournament boosts tennis booster club



Members of Bethlehem's varsity and junior varsity boys and girls tennis teams competed in a fundraiser for the Bethlehem Tennis Booster Club Oct. 20. Fifteen teams competed in the round robin tournament. The three winning doubles teams were Bowen Chen and Sam MacLaren; Emma DeFrancesco and Mallory Epstein; and David Kalmer and Kevin Gu.

Submitted photo

BC hockey begins with holiday tourney

The Bethlehem hockey team begins its 2012-13 season this weekend by playing in a tournament at the Albany County Hockey Facility in Colonie.

The Eagles meet Section I power Mamaroneck in Friday's opening round, while Christian Brothers Academy plays Shaker/Colonie. The winners of Friday's opening round games play in Saturday's final.

The Capital District High School Hockey League season begins next Wednesday with three games. Bethlehem hosts Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa at the Bethlehem Area YMCA, while Guilderland/Mohonasen travels to defending Section II Division I champion Saratoga. CBA faces LaSalle in Troy.

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Tennis players help boosters

Thirty members of Bethlehem's varsity and junior varsity boys and girls tennis teams played in a fundraising tournament for the Bethlehem Tennis Booster Club on Oct. 20. The group was divided into 15 doubles teams.

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Weekly poll

What was the best male athlete during the fall sports season?

- Victor Fox (BC golf)
- Frank Gallo (G'land football)
- Ethan Gunty (BC boys soccer)
- Conner Zeoli (Ravena football)

Go to bethlehemspotlight.com or guilderlandspotlight.com and click on "Sports" to cast your vote.

Last week's poll results:

What was the best fall sports team?

- BC boys soccer 41%
- G'land girls soccer 41%
- Bethlehem golf 15%
- V'ville girls volleyball 3%

First-time champs

Guilderland's Class AA title in girls soccer highlights 2012 fall sports season

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As the fall sports season concludes, let's take a look back at what happened in Bethlehem, Guilderland, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Voorheesville.

Girls soccer

Guilderland (16-3-1) claimed its first-ever Section II title by beating Bethlehem 2-1 in the Class AA finals. The Lady Dutch then clinched their first state semifinal berth by edging Section III champion Liverpool 2-1 in the regional finals. Check spotlightnews.com to see how Guilderland fared at states.

Guilderland entered the playoffs having won its second consecutive Suburban Council South Division title. The Lady Dutch defeated Columbia 4-2 in the Sectional quarterfinals and beat Shaker 1-0 in the semifinals to meet their rivals from Bethlehem in the finals.

Guilderland got an early jump on Bethlehem (11-5-3) when Emma Oliver scored midway through the first half. Emily Center then tallied on a free kick late in the first half to put the Lady Dutch ahead 2-0.

Elle Lutz scored a second-half goal for Bethlehem, but Guilderland held on for its first title.

Bethlehem — which won the last four Sectional championships — got to the finals by winning a

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Bethlehem goaltender Katie Nickles charges out to catch the ball before Guilderland's Jess Capone, left, can get to it during the Nov. 6 Section II Class AA championship game. Guilderland defeated Bethlehem 2-1 to advance into the state tournament for the first time. *Robert Goo/Spotlight*

Dutch trio earn honors

Suburban Council announces XC all-star teams

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Guilderland's Emily Burns, Jenna Robinson and Christina Herkenham were among the 21 girls honored by the Suburban Council cross country coaches as members of this year's all-league team.

Burns was among the top runners during the regular season before missing the league and Section II meets. Robinson and Herkenham picked up the slack to help the Lady Dutch finish fifth at Sectionals.

Bethlehem's Julia Champagne and Danika Jensen were also named to the all-star team.

On the boys' side, Bethlehem's Stephen Booker and Benjamin Fishbein were selected to the all-league team.

Booker was the Eagles' top runner as he placed fourth among Class A runners at the Section II championships. Fishbein added several top-20 finishes.

Guilderland's Knute Armstrong was also named an all-star.

Boys volleyball moves up the chain

Class A boys volleyball has come a long way in recent years.

What used to be considered a regional tournament as recently as 2010 received the full-fledged state championship treatment last weekend, as the boys tournament took place on the same Glens Falls Civic Center volleyball courts as the girls tournament.

While this was a step up from the high school gyms previously used for the boys volleyball tournament, there was an unfortunate side effect. Since the boys and girls volleyball tournaments took place in the same building on the same weekend, the boys tournament didn't begin until 8:15 p.m. Saturday.

Translation: it was a long night for all of the teams involved, including Section II representative Bethlehem.

Even though there were only four teams in Division 1 (large schools), they played each other in two-set pool play matches to determine which two teams advanced to Sunday afternoon's state final. Those teams then had less than 24 hours to rest before playing each other.

(Due to our early holiday deadline, we don't have the results in our print edition. However, you can find out how Bethlehem did by going to spotlightnews.com.)

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Still, the opportunity to play inside a large sports venue such as the Glens Falls Civic Center was a nice change of pace. Instead of having the feel of a school-sponsored tournament, the new setting let the players know they have arrived at a special part of the season.

Ideally, I think it would be nice to have the boys tournament start one day earlier and have the finals following the girls tournament pool play round Saturday evening. This way, the boys teams that reach the finals will have a prime time platform for their sport.

That's something that can be worked on after this year. In the meantime, just having the boys volleyball state tournament in Glens Falls marks an important step for the sport.

Now that Thanksgiving is upon us, it's time to switch gears and look ahead to the

winter sports season — specifically, the high school hockey season, which gets started this weekend with tournaments in Colonie and Lake George.

As I see it, the battle for first place in the Capital District High School Hockey League should come down to Shenendehowa, Saratoga Springs and Bethlehem.

Shen returns the most talent of any of the three contenders. Kyle Marr, Kevin Miles and Ryan Mortka are back to anchor the offense, while goaltender Brian Walter returns for his senior season.

Defending Section II Division I champion Saratoga graduated several key players from last year's team, but the Blue Streaks gained a key player when goaltender Dakota Smith transferred back to his hometown school after playing at Christian Brothers Academy. If Saratoga gets some help on offense, it will be in contention again.

Bethlehem graduated its top two scorers from last year, but the Eagles have several key players back including forwards RJ Diego, Andrew Carroll and Joey Verstandig, as well as goaltender Kevin Cooley.

Also, keep an eye on Shaker/Colonie. The Jets have a lot of talent up front with forwards Kevin Egam, Mike Mineau and Jordan Vetrone.