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# A virtual craft fair

Website has expanded the marketplace for local artisans

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**A**manda Fiandaca has always been crafty – knitting and crocheting things as a hobby. It was her husband who encouraged her to try to make some money with her talents.

Gone are the days when the only way to show off and sell your homemade goods was at craft fairs in school gyms and cafeterias. Now, there are several sites on the Internet where people who can cook, sew, paint and otherwise create can find a marketplace for their wares.

Fiandaca, like many other local artisans, decided to take a shot at selling her stuff on Etsy.com, and in May, she launched Crooked by Design, which offers handbags, crocheted hats, clutches and more. While many stores on Etsy are specialized, selling something specific like glass jewelry, Fiandaca's offerings are all over the map. When she started, she wasn't sure how well that would go over.

"I was nervous because this is just something I do here and there," she said. "But it really took off."

Fiandaca, a stay-at-home mom from Schuylerville, has sold close to 70 items, with earwarmer headbands proving the most popular. She thinks people like the idea of supporting independent artisans – "someone like me who's just doing their craft."

While Etsy lets Fiandaca reach shoppers all over the world, she and other sellers across the Capital District are always happy to work with local buyers. That eliminates shipping costs.

Laura Junco, who lives in Delmar, encourages people to contact her if they see something in her Etsy store that they like, and they can



Laura Junco of Delmar said peace signs are popular with kids. She features them on many items, including this necklace holder.



Etsy seller Laurie McGill, of Schenectady, said anything featuring the Tree of Life is a big hit. She offers several Tree of Life pendants for \$10.



Christine Robinson of Schenectady sells bacon jam through her Sam's Jams shop on Etsy.

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# Eatery aims for spring opening

Hibachi & Sushi Asian Buffet to occupy former Casa Mia in Glenmont

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The former Italian restaurant and pizzeria Casa Mia is now under new ownership and is being turned into a new eatery called Hibachi & Sushi Asian Buffet.

The property on Route 9W is now owned by Jian Zheng and is being extensively remodeled to fit with the new theme. Zheng went before the Bethlehem Planning Board on Tuesday, Nov. 20, because renovations have become more complex than the initial expansion approved in May under former owner and Chef Raymond Cecunjanin.

"We're trying to open as soon as possible, but we can't do anything until you give the OK," said Zheng when addressing the board.

Members of the Planning Board asked for a new site plan to be submitted for approval. Additions include a new freestanding sign, additional landscaping, a dumpster enclosure and relocation of water lines. Proposed changes to the

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# Shakespeare in time

BC acting troupe puts psychedelic twist on 'Twelfth Night'

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A Shakespearian production might be a long-running tradition at Bethlehem Central High School, but this year students are staging a different take that might make the Bard's work more relatable.

For the 24th consecutive year, Director James Yeara will produce a Shakespearean

play through the high school's Theatre Without a Net program. This winter's production is the beloved comedy "Twelfth Night," selected as usual by students last summer.

"'Twelfth Night' is a minor classic in that it's so solid a play that it can be done year after year and always be different," Yeara said. "This is the fifth time that I've directed it here."

This year's rendition of the play will greatly reference the theme of time. Using a projection screen, a giant Victorian pocket watch will be seen in the background and as the hands

move, the characters will move through time. The play will begin with characters in period clothing and will eventually work towards the 1960s, "with a psychedelic score to match the visuals."

"We've set it in around 1968 and we'll be using sort of the Andy Warhol pop art," Yeara said. "So I've set it in an unusual place, but we think it functions."

"Twelfth Night," also known as "What You Will," is set during the Christmas season and is a romantic comedy about a

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Rachel Britton and Seth Schoenhaus play Antonia and Sebastian in Bethlehem High School's winter production of "Twelfth Night."

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# ‘P’ is for perseverance

**Young cancer survivor’s drawing to be featured in holiday fundraiser**

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Payton Gordinier might only be in first grade, but she’s still doing something to give back to the organization that helped save her life.

Payton, who lives in Delmar and attends Slingerlands Elementary School, was asked through the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to decorate a card to be used in their 2012 Holiday collection.

“P” is for Payton,” the 6-year-old said while explaining her drawing. “I always try to draw something that starts with a ‘P,’ and I like

penguins.”

Christie Gordinier, Payton’s mother, said one of her daughter’s favorite movies is “Happy Feet,” which features a dancing penguin.

The bundle of 16 cards, including Payton’s drawing of a penguin in the snow, is now on sale, and the proceeds will go to the Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund Clinic for leukemia in Boston. The collection also includes candles, ornaments and an exclusively designed Alex and Ani snowflake bracelet.

The Jimmy Fund began in 1948 and solely supports Boston’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The organization works to raise funds for adult and child cancer care, and supports cancer research to “improve the



survival rates of cancer patients around the world.” The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute itself is a teaching affiliate of the Harvard Medical School.

Payton was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) at the age of 3. She went to receive treatment for several months at the Boston Children’s Hospital through the

Jimmy Fund. She later received treatment for about two years closer to home at Albany Medical Center.

“Payton is going good now,” Gordinier said. “She’s been a year-and-a-half off treatment and just goes to the hospital every other month for blood work.”

Payton said she liked making the drawing



**Payton Gordinier, 6, of Slingerlands, designed a holiday card featuring penguins that will be sold to raise money for the Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund Clinic for leukemia in Boston.**

*Submitted photos*

and it felt good to give back. Her mother said she didn’t know if Payton fully understands what it meant to submit the drawing to be turned into a card, but said drawing and coloring is one of her daughter’s favorite hobbies, so if someone needs artwork, she is happy to volunteer.

The drawing was done on a regular piece of paper in crayon, with paper cutout snowflakes attached. Gordinier then scanned the drawing and sent it to the organization by email, so the card will actually be flat but will appear to be multi-

dimensional. Payton’s submission was one of 16 drawings selected out of 75 submissions.

This is not Payton’s first time helping to raise funds for the organization. In July of 2011, her picture was showcased in a Jimmy Fund Clinic fundraising campaign with Burger King. She was selected to participate through the Jimmy Fund Clinic Patient Partners for Burger King - A Chance for Kids program.

For two months, customers at participating Burger King were asked to donate \$1 at registers with their purchases for the chance to win prizes. The program has raised more than \$10 million for pediatric cancer research and care since 1999.

“I think it’s important to raise as much as possible to fight childhood cancer and help find a cure,” said Gordinier. “I would just say, buy the cards but if you can’t, please donate to any leukemia or research charity that helps with cancer this holiday season.”

To purchase the cards or any holiday gifts in the collection to benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, visit [dana-farberholiday.org](http://dana-farberholiday.org).

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# Lighting the way for others

## Capital Holiday Lights benefits numerous charitable causes

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This is the 16th year Capital Holiday Lights will not only entertain visitors from the Capital District and beyond, but pump funds into the Police Athletic League.

Other nonprofit groups stand to gain, too, since a few years ago, Capital Holiday Lights organizers decided to team up with other worthwhile causes around the region. This year, it hosted special “Walking the Lights Nights” that benefited the Wounded Warrior Project and the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, with a third one scheduled Jan. 5 to benefit local food pantries.

Retired Sgt. Lenny Ricchiuti, a Holiday Lights mainstay, said organizers liked that money would be going toward youths through PAL, animals through the Humane Society and veterans through Wounded Warrior, a group that aims to honor and empower men and women wounded serving in the military.

“It just seemed like a nice, well-rounded approach,” Ricchiuti said.

He likes to think that the charitable aspect is one of the reasons Holiday Lights has lasted as long as it has. Other lights displays in the area operated for only a few years, he said, but Capital Lights is as popular as ever.

Linda Kindlon’s commercial kitchen, Bake for You, overlooks Washington Park, so she sees the light display every day at work. Kindlon frequently creates new cookies, and her daughter works with a combat veteran who suggested she make a cookie in honor of veterans, with the proceeds benefiting the Wounded Warrior Program. With input from the veteran, Kindlon created a cookie she called MRE, a nod to military “meals, ready to eat.” The cookies contain peanut butter, honey roasted peanuts and M&Ms.

After learning about Kindlon’s cookies, PAL decided to include her in

the walk nights. On the walk nights, when people were invited to enjoy the Holiday Lights on foot, the first 250 people were given a cookie from Bake for You.

Kindlon said that she feels lucky to be able to own her own business, and it’s important to give back. The Wounded Warrior Project resonated with her because she’s a mother.

“It was hard enough to send my kids to college,” she said. “I can’t imagine sending them to war.”

The walk nights called for monetary donations that were shared with the Wounded Warrior Project and the Humane Society. On regular nights, the admission cost – \$15 per car, \$25 per limousine and \$75 per bus – benefits PAL, which Ricchiuti said serves some 3,000 kids. It offers field trips and summer camps, a variety of clubs, sports programs and leadership opportunities.

Bob Wolfgang, former owner of the Albany Aquaducks and a PAL board member, was the one who dreamed up the idea of a lights display to raise money for the organization. The venture never would have enjoyed the success it has without an incredibly dedicated volunteer base, Ricchiuti said. Setting up the lights requires roughly 9,000 hours, he said, with electricians and laborers who could earn as much as \$18 to \$30 an hour just donating their time.

Unlike many light displays, many of the components of Capital Holiday Lights change

*“It just seemed like a nice, well-rounded approach.”*

– Ret. Sgt. Lenny Ricchiuti, Holiday Lights organizer

each year since PAL owns only about 60 percent of the show. The other 40 percent is leased, which helps keep people coming back, Ricchiuti said. He noted that the lights have grown into a holiday tradition for many families across the region, including his own. If his family didn’t go to the lights, his daughters, who are 20 and 23 and grew up visiting the park, would think something was wrong, he said.

“They’d say, what’s going on? Is everyone fighting?” he said with a laugh.

Capital Holiday Lights is not just a fun activity for families, it’s a cheap one, he said. Movies cost



more than \$10 a ticket per person, but a whole car full of people can enjoy the lights for just \$15.

The lights display covers two miles in Albany’s Washington Park. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 6 to 9 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays. For more information, visit [www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com](http://www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com).



The Capital Holiday Lights display covers two miles in Albany’s Washington Park. Admission is \$15 per car. At the conclusion of the drive, people can do crafts and mingle with Santa.

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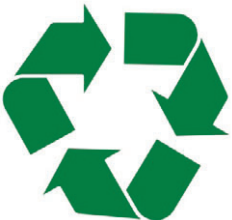
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# N. Bethlehem house fire investigated      Bicyclist struck, killed



Firefighters with the North Bethlehem Fire Department were training when they received a call for this house fire on Monroe Avenue. Authorities are looking into the cause of the fire, which did exterior damage to neighboring homes.

### Several buildings damaged in blaze, no injuries reported

Authorities are investigating a fire that broke out in a vacant home in North Bethlehem on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Firefighters responded to a house fire at 43 Monroe Ave. at around 6:30 p.m. According to North Bethlehem Fire Chief Paul Fuino, the home was vacant and no one was found inside. The fire was said to be “heavily involved” within the garage and first floor of the home and firefighters worked to keep the damage from spreading into a neighboring home.

Fuino said crews were able to be on the scene quickly.

“This fire occurred while our firefighters were at the firehouse for their weekly training drill,” he said in a statement. “While we were concerned with

putting the fire out in the structure of origin, we were also concerned with secondary exposure at the neighboring home and garage.”

Officials said most of the fire damage was contained, but the second floor of the home also sustained fire damage. A neighboring home had exterior heat damage causing “its vinyl siding to buckle and melt.” A neighboring garage on the other side of the home also sustained heat and fire damage.

The fire was first discovered by a neighbor who called 911, according to Fuino. Officials said McKownville Fire Chief Russ Becker also came across the fire just before the fire departments were dispatched.

The North Bethlehem Fire Department was assisted through mutual aid by the McKownville and Westmere fire departments. The Fort

Hunter Fire Company provided a rapid intervention team to assist the fire departments. Emergency medical support was provided by Albany County Paramedics and the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

A Schenectady man was charged with a DWI and vehicular manslaughter after allegedly killing a bicyclist in Albany while fleeing police.

On Saturday, Nov. 24, at approximately 12:50 a.m., an Albany County Sheriff’s investigator saw a white Chevrolet pickup truck allegedly speeding eastbound on Central Avenue. When the investigator tried to pull the truck over the driver, Pablo Cruz, 39, fled toward the city of Albany, police said.

During the ensuing chase, Cruz allegedly struck a bicyclist on Manning Boulevard, who flew up onto the hood of the truck and was pinned to the ladder rack. Cruz continued to drive the car into Colonie, until the truck’s engine blew and the car stopped on Curry Road in Rotterdam. The deceased bicyclist was pinned to the ladder rack throughout the entire pursuit, according to police.

The pursuit involved

members of the Albany County Sheriff’s Office, Albany Police Department, Colonie police, Guilderland police, Niskayuna police, Schenectady police, Schenectady County Sheriff’s Office and Rotterdam police.

Cruz was taken into custody and transported to Albany Medical Center.

Police later identified the bicyclist as Paul J. Merges Jr., 45, of Albany. Police said he leaves behind several local family members.

Cruz was arraigned in an Albany court and remanded to the Albany County jail without bail. He was charged with manslaughter, vehicular manslaughter, DWI and a parole violation. Cruz had been released from state prison on Friday, Nov. 2.

### Cop arrested over bar fight

A Saratoga Springs police officer has been arrested for his alleged involvement in an off-duty

bar fight.

Edward Braim, a 10-year veteran of the department, was arraigned in a city court Tuesday, Nov. 20, on charges of assault in the third degree, a misdemeanor. According to the Saratoga County District Attorney’s Office, Braim assaulted a 41-year-old man at the bar Dango Fitzgerald’s on Caroline Street in Saratoga Springs early in the morning on Sunday, Nov. 11.

“The victim suffered physical injury as the statute requires. I have spoken to the victim several times over these last few days and our Crime Victim Unit is assisting him in paying for his care as he is uninsured,” District Attorney James Murphy said in a statement.

The Saratoga Springs Police Department confirmed the charges, and officials said a verbal dispute escalated inside the bar and continued outside. Then, Braim pushed the victim into a parked car and onto the ground, causing him injuries, according to police.

Two other officers remain on a suspension without pay as the police department investigates the incident. That internal investigation is proceeding independently of any criminal charges, Murphy said.

In a statement, the police department said the other two officers will likely face administrative action.

“The department does not condone the off-duty actions of the officers involved in this incident and has taken the appropriate steps to hold them accountable for those actions,” Chief Christopher Cole said in a statement.

Braim was scheduled to appear in city court again on Dec. 20.

### Other arrests

• Guilderland police arrested Matthew Mattice, 24, on Saturday, Nov. 17 on charges of driving while intoxicated and speeding.



### Up in smoke

An emergency vehicle briefly became an emergency in its own right when a Guilderland police car caught fire on Western Avenue on Saturday, Nov. 17. Police were investigating a crash when smoke started coming out from beneath the hood and within moments grew to a blaze. Western Avenue was shut down for about 90 minutes in both directions as police investigated the matter.

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# The hardship continuum makes it all worthwhile

This tends to be the time of year I halfway wish for some sort of accident to befall me that would induce a coma for approximately one month.

The holidays are wonderful in many, many ways, but the hustle and bustle and never-ending to-do lists can be the perfect example of too much of a good thing. Sidenote: If you're listening to Christmas music, please, give it one more week. For our collective sanity.

The holiday season also brings with it plenty of opportunities to be caught standing in a group of people you've never seen before and being compelled to engage in small talk. I always end up speaking with the guy who wants to know your life story, and after we dispense with how my entire industry is populated by finks and liars because the weekly in Greenleaf, Idaho, never printed his great-nana's letters about her cats, we turn to hobbies.

"Well, I like to hike," I say, and launch into a recount of my latest trip. This elicits a look of abject horror.

Usually that terror has less to do with my supermanly feats than the realization I'm about to tell a hiking story. Most would rather face down a charging moose than hear about my favorite kinds of freeze-dried meals. Eyes glaze over.

"Wow, so you walked for several hours. Great story!" he'll say as he tips his beverage into a trashcan. "Darn, I need another drink. See you around!"



ON THE TRAIL  
Charles Wiff

But every once in a while, someone will invariably show a definite interest and say something along the lines of "I went camping once and it was awful! Were you dropped on your head or something?"

There would be a lot more of those exclamations — from me, too — if not for the hardship continuum. Without this magical fact of life, many of us would be simply unable to subject ourselves to our favorite activities.

Case in point would be a weeklong canoe trip through the Boundary Waters taken with my father and grandparents when I was about 12. It was the sort of experience that you could put a sweeping soundtrack behind and use it as footage for a film to promote outdoor tourism.

We had brilliant weather for pretty much the entire trip and woke up every morning to a glassine lake surface outside the tent. We would paddle all day through deserted wilderness in canoes my grandfather built himself, past eagle nests and stunning landscapes. In the evening, my grandfather would

deftly cast a line into the water and pull out the necessary amount of fish to feed the four of us, which would be filleted and fried up a few minutes later by my grandmother.

I was absolutely miserable for the whole thing.

This was mostly on account of me being 12. I focused on the discomforts, of which there were many. The ground was cold at night and the sun hot in the day. My father's snoring resembled a chainsaw's roar. Rowing a canoe for hours on end was not the best activity for arms emaciated from the comforting grip of Nintendo. I was also fairly ... let us say, *disappointed*, when I grasped the purpose of the baggie of toilet paper that had been handed to me at the offset of this weeklong journey.

But not as disappointed as when we arrived at our first portage, where one is forced to bridge gaps between bodies of water by carrying everything across them. For the uninitiated, "portage" is a French word meaning "untenable and horrific suffering" reserved to describe acts on the order of genocide. I chose other colorful terms to describe these events.

About five minutes into the week, I vaguely

remember vowing never to return to the wilderness.

Today, despite having been a pouty, miserable mess for the entire journey, the faded memories I have of this big canoe trip have morphed and congealed into a positive remembrance. I know there was suffering, but I recall the droplets of tranquility, natural beauty and of bonding with family — not the deluge of discomfort and boredom.

This is a perfect example of the hardship continuum. With passing time, moments of joy become cemented in your memory while the discomfort and misery fall away. Even moments of terrifying hardship,

like losing the trail as darkness approaches or forgetting a key item of gear, fades into a chuckle-worthy remembrance given enough time.

I was keenly aware of the continuum on a recent trip to McNaughton Mountain. (Oh, your drink's gone? Well I'll follow you to the kitchen.) It was a true Adirondack bushwhack, with plenty of ways to sustain minor injuries scattered about. I largely skulked up the mountain as my arms and face were raked by branches.

A few days later and all those instances of downed trees smashing into my shins were faded memories. What stands out is the feeling of accomplishment on the summit, the perfect

reflection of trees on a still lake and the feeling of waking up with the sun with no worries beyond getting water ready for hot drinks.

I might not have beaten the hardship continuum, but being aware of its magic helps get me through the tough times. So when you're tempted to hurl a snow globe through the window of the car that cut you off in the mall parking lot, just remember it's only a matter of time before the aggravation is a distant memory and you're enjoying the better parts of the holidays.

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## BCMS students recognized for character

More than 50 Bethlehem Central Middle School students were honored Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the school's quarterly Character Awards Breakfast. The award recognizes students who display good character on a consistent basis throughout the marking period. Students who are nominated by a staff member were invited to the special breakfast where they received certificates from Principal Mike Klugman. Pictured are sixth-grade award recipients. A complete list of students and why they were honored may be viewed at [bethlehemschools.org](http://bethlehemschools.org).

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Time for a time out

Welcome to *The Spotlight's* Unique Holiday Gift Ideas edition. You'll find this week's paper chock full of holiday-themed stories, many of them accompanied by some local gift ideas for those on your list.

Last week, with Black Friday approaching, we asked our readers to consider our local businesses here in the Capital District this holiday season. Now would be an opportune time to renew that request, as this past weekend's retail numbers busted past history in nearly every metric, from dollars spent to numbers of shoppers to — most controversially — the number of hours stores were actually open. It appears America is quite shopping happy this year, for good or ill.

We were struck by an Associated Press article appearing over the Thanksgiving weekend entitled "Why must we buy? Black Friday's powerful pull." It included quotes from shoppers who hit the stores Thanksgiving evening, including this gem from one Ebony Jones, who was securing laptops for her children at a Best Buy near Pittsburgh.

"You have to have these things to enjoy your children and your family," she was reported saying. "It shouldn't be that way, but in a sense there's no way around it. Everything ends up with a dollar amount. Even your happiness."

What a truly depressing sentiment expressed on the very day supposedly reserved for giving thanks for the things one has, not the things one pursues. It is depressing not because it is a sad way of thinking, but because we know, deep down, that in so many instances it is the stark and honest truth.

Whether it is a new social norm or a synthetic frenzy whipped up by retailers, it is undeniable the holiday season is now defined by stuff.

We of course all want to provide our loved ones with the best we can give, especially when it comes to our children. But the holidays are about more than gift giving; they are about experiences.

That is why we hope our readers make at least one special holiday outing this season that isn't built around shopping. There are some great ideas in this paper: the miSci museum in Schenectady will be hosting a massive holiday-themed train set. The Capital Holiday Lights are again gracing Washington Park. And the Northeast Ballet Company is putting on a production of "The Nutcracker" with a unique family twist.

These are just a few ideas, and none of them will break the bank. They just require an investment of time, but especially during this hectic season, any time spent with your loved ones is time well spent.

We hope you enjoy this special edition, and an early happy holidays to you and yours.

Editorial

Pointers for your poinsettia

By SUE PEZZOLLA

The writer is a horticulturist with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County.

The holidays will soon be here and the stores will be flush with decorations galore — including holiday plants.

For many of us, the holidays would not be the same without the traditional plants of the season such as amaryllis, Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus and of course, the queen herself, the poinsettia. Years ago poinsettias could only be found at florist shops but eventually nurseries and garden centers began to sell these beauties as hybridizers launched many new color choices and growers could offer other styles of plants such as hanging baskets and tree forms.

The newer generations of poinsettias can be light red or dark red with green leaves or very dark green leaves; they can be several shades of pink or salmon, traditional white or speckled and splotched. There is even a plum colored poinsettia! In short, there is something for every taste and decorating style. With so much plant availability, a few pointers are in order.

It will be common to see poinsettias for sale in the grocery store, the big box stores and many other retailers who may or may not have

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any staff designated for the care of the plants, so be wary and keep these points in mind when choosing poinsettia plants:

- Choose plants that look healthy and are not droopy or wilted. They should be full, balanced and good looking from all sides.
- Bracts (modified leaves) should be well colored with no green showing and the true flower (the yellow center or cyathia) should not be shedding pollen, as that indicates a plant past its prime.
- Look at how the plants are displayed. They should not be crowded or touching, standing in water or sleeved before purchase time.
- Insist that your plants be wrapped well in a paper sleeve before you take them to your car. Be mindful that these are tropical plants and are easily damaged by cold and that means any temperature below 50 degrees.

When you get the plants home, carefully remove the paper covering and observe the following guidelines:

- Place you poinsettia in indirect light for six hours daily.
- Be careful not to let leaves touch window panes, or be in an area subject to drafts or by open windows or doors
- Poinsettias in bloom prefer a daytime temperature in the range of 60 to 70 degrees and night time around 55 degrees or as close to that as possible.
- Check the soil daily and water when dry and the entire plant feels light when picked up. Water thoroughly and allow water to drain away and be discarded — do not allow the plant to sit in water!

If you purchase poinsettias as gifts, slip the sleeve down or off until you are going to deliver the plants and re-cover it at delivery time. With proper care, poinsettias will last well past the holiday season. Should you wish to try your hand at re-flowering your poinsettia, contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office for guidelines.



A poinsettia is a favorite type of holiday plant, but special care is required for these tropical plants in the chilly Northeast.

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"Do you shop on Black Friday?"

- Yes. 33%
- Yes, but only online 17%
- No 50%

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## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

### Policing is no easy job, and retirement date set for a reason

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
Terrance Rooney's "Nix early retirement for cops to save town money" (page 7, Nov. 21 *Spotlight*) has several flaws in it. The idea that we can transition to other government jobs is an interesting idea, but I'm not sure it could work as easy as he thinks or that the law allows it. Maybe Mr. Rooney should have taken the test and became a police officer if the job is as great as he thinks, with endless benefits that other jobs don't get.

Police have 20-year retirement; it is not an "early" retirement. That's a full service retirement of working nights, weekends and holidays. The New York State Comptroller's office says most police officers in New York work 26 years before retirement, that's the

statewide average. Nationally, the age for any police officer that works at least 20 years of police work, he or she has an average death age of 58 years old. Most police do go on to work other jobs after retirement but not in government jobs, because unless elected to an elected office like Town Board member (Bill) Reinhardt or Town Supervisor (John) Clarkson both retired from New York State government service, you cannot double dip in government service, take your pension and a salary like both of them do! Some waivers are granted to police so they can continue in government service, but they are very few now and unpopular with the public who has to pay the bill.

Police may not be in the top 10 most

dangerous jobs but if you look at the top 20 jobs, police are No. 12, fireman No. 13. Both have 20 retirement systems and years ago the NYS government looked at both jobs as unique and different from other types of work. They cut police and fire out for different benefits than other workers for lots of reasons. Job stress is one reason and physical ability to go out and fight everyday with people becomes harder as you age. Police are in a marked car and wear a uniform — everyone knows who they are as they drive around, but the police do not know who the criminals are. Look at last five years at the number of police killed in the line of duty. To date this year, 109 police officers killed. Last year, 174 police officers killed on duty. Is your job likely to kill you? Probably not! You can look at [www.odmp.org](http://www.odmp.org) to see who they were and how they were killed.

Policing is a young man and woman's job. Things can happen any time, any place, some people choose not to follow the law like career criminals. None like to be arrested and put in jail. Even in Bethlehem, police officers have to fight with people from time to time and get injured performing their duties. We like to think of Bethlehem as small town and nothing ever happens here but anything can happen anywhere. Crime happens everywhere, you never know. Policing is a calling, not like any

### Only those who do not vote lose

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
Regarding Mr. Philip Carters' letter of Nov. 21, concerning the "apathy shown in board elections," I must respond by first apologizing for continuing election rhetoric more than two weeks after the voting has ended. That being said, I feel two points must be addressed to Mr. Carter. First, he

states that the majority of the electorate should be chastised for voting for a candidate that Mr. Carter believes shows his "obsequiousness to the current town supervisor." His very next sentence then excoriates the 1,800 voters (myself included) who "threw their votes away" by voting for Jack Cunningham *instead* of Mr. Reinhardt! Obviously, Mr. Carter's

candidate lost the election, as did mine. But I did not throw my vote away by voting for Mr. Cunningham. I cast my vote for the candidate that I thought would be the best person running for the position. In my opinion, the ones who throw their votes away are always the ones that don't vote at all.

Robert Cassidy  
Delmar

### Voter apathy multi-faceted issue

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Mr. Carter posits that there is apathy in board elections. He has heard people say that voting in New York and Bethlehem is just not worth the time it takes to vote. The question is why do people feel this way? I argue that the dearth of knowledge of local issues are the primary cause and that learning about the issues is almost impossible, caused by three underlying issues: the elected members and candidates are more interested in pushing party affiliation and make no mention of issues in an informative way throughout their tenure nor during the election process; the press does not cover

the issues in ways that inform but rather as reporting of what elected officials say; and the parties themselves are totally silent.

Some examples: Mr. Clarkson had studies done concerning creating wards, changing the elected status of some officials and town governance organization. To what purpose and to what end? The town budget raises rates but at what cost to those in our community who live on fixed incomes that put them near the poverty level? Have homes on such people been foreclosed for tax collection? Why do taxes on property owners go up when major tax rebates are

given to unneeded banks and groceries? What is the cost of the Vista Park infrastructure and maintenance and what is the source of income to pay for and maintain this structure? There are more important issues that each of us could contribute.

The point is that these need to be covered throughout a year and not only at election time. The Times Union and *Spotlight* need to provide more in-depth stories, and the political party members should press their parties for positions in order to influence them.

Richard Reeves-  
Ellington  
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I live here and have for most of my life, my parents, siblings and friends all live here for great schools and great town services and that small town feel. The police are what make it a safe place to live! Public safety is not inexpensive but I would suggest the

taxpayers are getting what they pay for here in Bethlehem. A quality police force second to none. Mr. Clarkson, town supervisor, has cut the police and all town departments to save money. The town employees left are doing more with less but still are giving 110 percent. We are lucky to have the best of the best! Police that care and it is an honor to work with the bravest and finest police officers and a privilege to

serve the citizens of my community for the last 30 years. I'm still working as one of your town police officers for a better town one call at a time, case by case! Thank you, the town residents, for your continued support of all your Town of Bethlehem Police Officers.

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There are three sessions to choose from. Saturday, Dec. 1, beginning at 11 a.m. and beginning at noon on Monday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. Call 756-2053 or email [info@rcscommunitylibrary.org](mailto:info@rcscommunitylibrary.org) to register.

## Annex story times relocate

The Library Annex is no longer available for library use. 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.

## Christmas sweets and stories

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the library will hold a special Christmas story time and a bake sale in the Village courtroom from 1 to 3 p.m. The story time and children's activities begin at 1 p.m. Mr. and/or Mrs. Claus will preside!

The bake sale is a fundraiser for the Library's Capital Campaign which will furnish and eventually purchase our new building at 95 Main St. Labeled

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Drop your stuffed animal off at the library by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14. The animals will spend the night celebrating the holidays playing games, reading stories, and doing crafts. Library staff will take pictures of all the fun!

Pick your friend up on Saturday, Dec. 15, between 12:30 and 2 p.m. in the Village Courtroom. Enjoy a snack while you watch a slideshow of what happened during the sleepover. No need to register.

## December computer classes

Gear up for the holidays with computer classes on photo editing and holiday card making. Class size is small allowing for individualized attention. Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email [info@rcscommunitylibrary.org](mailto:info@rcscommunitylibrary.org) to register.

• 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 Picasso

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.

## What's new?

New Adult Audio Books  
The Bridge by Karen Kingsbury

The Forgotten by David Baldacci

Irish Country Wedding by Patrick Taylor

Merry Christmas, Alex Cross by James Patterson

The Perfect Hope by Nora Roberts

The Racketeer by John Grisham

Valley of Ashes by Cornelia Read

# Find out what eReader excitement is about

The Guilderland Public Library is making it easy for you to find out what all the eReader excitement is about. Beginning Nov. 28, if you have a Guilderland Public Library Card, you can borrow from a selection of eReaders, some pre-loaded with today's most popular eBooks.

Choose from a Kindle Touch, NOOK Simple Touch, or a Sony Reader. The library has several of each for lending. Whatever model you select, you can download eBook titles of your choice from the library's eBook catalog at [www.guilpl.org](http://www.guilpl.org).

Borrowing couldn't be easier. Visit the Information Desk and check the eReader display to see what's available. eReaders are loaned for two weeks. They are non-renewable so that the maximum amount of Library patrons can make use of them and are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## Which eReader is right for me?

If you're thinking of purchasing an eReader for yourself or as a gift, you should come to the library's "Choosing an eReader for Holiday Gift-Giving" class on Wednesday, Dec 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Library staff will assist you in your choice by reviewing items to consider before you buy. The NOOK, Kindle, Sony Reader, and iPad will be compared, and each will be available for you to play with.

This is going to be a very popular class, so the staff recommends you sign-up as soon as registration opens. G C S D resident registration begins Nov. 28 and open registration starts Dec. 1. Call 456-2400, ext. 2 to register.

## How do I download to my eReader?

The library is also holding a series of "Downloading Library eBooks and eAudiobooks" workshops that give you practical instruction on transferring content to your personal eReader. The workshops are tailored to specific models. Registration is required and opens the same date as the "Gift-Giving" event.

• "Downloading to NOOK and Sony Reader", Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

• "Downloading to Kindle", Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

• "Downloading to Apple Devices" (iPad, iPod, iPhone), Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Readers who have questions about these programs are encouraged to call the library's information desk at 456-2400, ext. 2.

# Hurricane exhibit on display

The Friends of the Voorheesville Library are proud to announce a fundraiser to benefit the Gilboa-Conesville Central School District. During the entire month of December the library will host a traveling art exhibit called "The Eyes of the Storm: Hurricane Irene in Images and Words".

This incredible exhibit was created by grades K-12 students of the Gilboa-Conesville Central School District. Please be sure to stop by the library, visit our gallery and see for yourself the original artwork created by the students most touched by Hurricane Irene.

We will have copies of the book "The Eyes of the Storm: Hurricane Irene in Images and Words" on sale as well. All proceeds will benefit the Gilboa-Conesville CSD.

## Babygarten special guest

We are pleased to welcome Sandra Varno of Albany County Cooperative Extension to our regular babygarten program on Dec. 6.

She will be available to speak with caregivers



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on "Foods, Meals, and Stubborn Children". Sandra will give us all some tips and ideas on how to deal with fussy eaters and the importance of a healthy diet.

## Support 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](http://www.fisherhouse.org)

## Second and third 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.

## Fourth and fifth grade book discussion

Friday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m.

Out of 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 devise 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.

# Sunday series presents mezzo

Bethlehem Public Library's winter concert series "A Little Sunday Music" continues its 2012-13 season this Sunday Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. with American Songbook favorites sung by mezzo-soprano Katharine Schimmer.

A 2011 graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and Tufts University, Schimmer has sung with the New England Conservatory Chorus, Tufts University Chorale, and Boston University's Tanglewood Institute.

## Holiday concert

The Bethlehem Senior Chorus presents "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" Friday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. Please note that this concert will be held in Bethlehem Town Hall. In the spirit of the season,



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the group will perform familiar songs of the 1960s that focus on friendship. The chorus is a mixed group of about sixty energetic senior citizens who have enjoyed singing and entertaining folks in the community for the past seven years.

## Teen volunteers needed

The youth services department is looking for teen homework helpers to volunteer in our new Homework Center. Teens in grade 7-12 can apply in the library or online at [www.bplteens.org](http://www.bplteens.org). For more information, contact Tori Russo at 439-9314 ext.

3014 or [tori@bplteens.org](mailto:tori@bplteens.org).

## E-Book open house

Thursday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Learn how to use the library's e-book database. Stop by with any e-reader and a laptop if you have one.

## Paws to Read

Fridays, Dec. 14 and 28 at 4, 4:20 and 4:40 p.m. Bring your favorite stories and read them aloud to a gentle dog. Call 439-9314 to sign up. Grades 1-5.

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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.

### Learn more about Medicare

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.

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9 a.m. Aerobics  
10:30 OsteoBusters  
10:30 Sr Fitness  
1:30 OsteoBusters

### Tuesday, Nov. 27

9 a.m. OsteoBusters  
11:30 Luncheon, cheese ravioli with meatballs or cold plate  
12:30 Bingo, games, billiards

### Wednesday, Nov. 28

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

### Thursday, Nov. 29

Scheduled Shopping  
9 a.m. OsteoBusters  
10:30 Movie - "Big" (sign up by Nov. 21)  
1 p.m. Pinochle

### Friday, Nov. 30

Scheduled Shopping  
10 a.m. Painting  
10 a.m. Bridge  
1 p.m. Quilting

# Enjoy dinner and holiday lights

It's time for the holiday lights at Washington Park in Albany. On Tuesday, Dec. 4, we will have supper at Bob and Ron's Fish Fry and then travel to the Park for the winter wonderland. We will also stroll through the decorated Lakehouse filled with vendors.

Senior Transportation will leave Town Hall at 4:30 p.m. Home pickup can be arranged. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. The \$5 suggested donation will support the Albany Police Athletic League.

The Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its Silver Tea at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Selkirk on Monday, Dec. 3. We will have lunch at Panera Bread, cost on your own, and then visit the Schoolhouse for punch and cookies. Senior Transportation will leave Town Hall at 11 a.m.. Home pickup can be arranged. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Suggested van donation is \$3.

Join us on Friday, Dec. 7, as the Bethlehem Senior Chorus presents "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 1 p.m. We will have lunch beforehand at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands, cost on your own. Senior Transportation will leave Town Hall at about 10:30 a.m. Home pickup can be arranged. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Suggested van donation is \$3.

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.

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](http://www.townofbethlehem.org).

### Program highlights

#### Monday, Dec. 3

• Register for A.A.R.P. 55 Alive Safe driving course to be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Registration is first come first served in person at the Bethlehem Town Hall. If space permits, telephone registrations will be taken at 439-4955, ext. 1176 on Tuesday, Dec. 4. The class on Dec. 19 is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town Hall. The cost is \$17 for A.A.R.P. members and \$19 for non-members.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 4

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

#### Wednesday, Dec. 5

• Senior discussion group from 10:30 to noon, facilitated by Jane Sanders, LMSW, targets current news events,

human interest stories, and reminisces about the past. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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

#### Thursday, Dec 6

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We play mah jongg, bridge, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for more information.

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

#### Friday, Dec. 7

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

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

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

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# ‘Wicked’ author gives back to UAlbany

**Gregory Maguire makes gift of family’s papers to school’s archives**

By MARCY VELTE  
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To many, it is no surprise author Gregory Maguire selected the University at Albany as the place to donate his professional papers for future scholarly use.

Maguire is not only an Albany native and a 1976 alumnus of the school, but he believes the inspiration for his most successful novel, “Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West,” originally came from seeing construction take place on campus.

“While I was growing up in Pine Hills, I saw the towers of the new university going up,” he said. “And when I enrolled at the university when I was 18, my first file folder with the first papers that came from the university I titled ‘Oz matters’ because the towers rising up looked to me like the Emerald City.”

At a ceremony held on Tuesday, Nov. 20 within the Standish Room of UAlbany’s Science Library, the author officially donated his papers to the university library’s M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

“The University at Albany is much larger and greater for having Gregory Maguire being part of its legacy,” said UAlbany Provost Susan Phillips, stepping in for University President George Phillip. Only a few “Wicked”

*“Our family was a literary ecosystem is a sense, so to be able to bring these things to the university that gave my mother a degree 77 years ago is deeply rewarding to me.”*

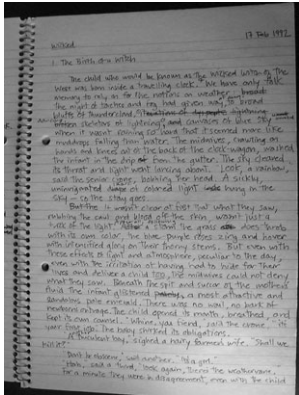
– Author Gregory Maguire

items were donated on the day of the event, including a notebook filled with the handwritten first chapters of the novel, a letter to his agent containing a proposal for the story and some watercolor paintings. But eventually the college will obtain Maguire’s “personal and professional papers, manuscripts, documents, diaries and memorabilia” spanning 50 years of his life.

To date, “Wicked” has sold more than 5 million copies. It has also been turned into a Broadway musical and a television miniseries is planned for the near future. A movie produced by Universal Studios has also been in the works for several years. Maguire said he enjoys all adaptations of his work, though the popularity is surprising.

“I thought maybe some college kids would like it,” Maguire said of the now-famous book published in 1995. “Maybe it would sell 100,000 copies over a 10-year period.”

Associate Librarian Brian Keough, who is in



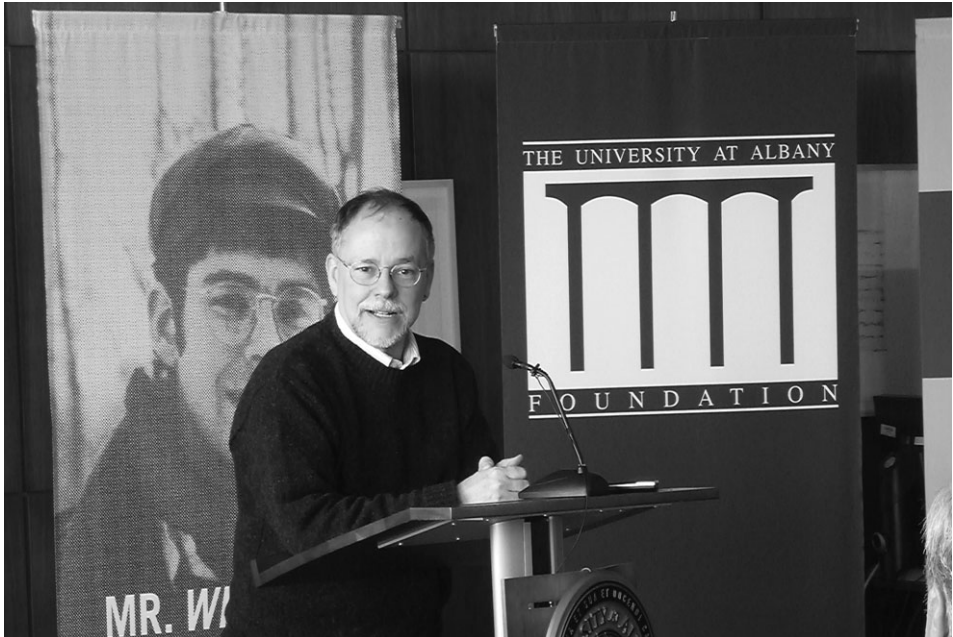
Author Gregory Maguire first began writing his novel ‘Wicked’ by hand in a spiral notebook in 1992. The notebook is now part of the collection he donated to UAlbany.

charge of the UAlbany archives, said “The Wizard of Oz” is actually an adaptation itself of an earlier 1891 tale called “The Admiral’s Caravan.” The story by Charles E. Carryl is about a young girl named Dorothy who takes a journey with three wooden statues who come alive on Christmas Eve.

“It sounds a bit like Frank Baum’s ‘Wizard of Oz,’ doesn’t it? And all the fantasy characters created there,” he said. “What you have to understand is this narrative of a girl named Dorothy is part of a long tradition in children’s literature and is one of the great American fairytales.”

This book, too, can be found within the University’s archives in a collection of children’s literature spanning from 1850 to 1960 and containing more than 15,000 titles.

Keough said the University was delighted to have Maguire’s papers and he promised the staff



Gregory Maguire, author of ‘Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West,’ donates his personal papers to the University at Albany Libraries’ M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives during a ceremony held on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

would take the “utmost care” in preserving them.

Maguire said he had a special connection with both Oz and UAlbany from a young age. One of the few times each year he was allowed to watch television was during the annual airing of “The Wizard of Oz.” He and his friends would then take turns for weeks playing as different characters. He said the idea for the novel eventually came from a love of the story and adult concerns like questioning the concept of evil and what is done to those who we perceive to be enemies.

The author wrote the first few chapters of the story in a spiral notebook by hand with pencil. The first visible beginnings of the story are similar to what appeared in the finished novel.



One of the collections found within the UAlbany archives is an extensive collection of children’s literature with more than 15,000 titles. One book is by Charles E. Carryl from 1891 called “The Admiral’s Caravan,” about a young girl named Dorothy who takes a journey with three wooden statues who come alive on Christmas Eve.

“I did not write down scraps,” he said. “I did not even begin writing until I could hear the tone of the story being told.”

As for Maguire’s connection to the University, his stepmother attended college there before him. He would soon follow in her footsteps, more out of need than devotion.

Along with his donation of personal papers, Maguire donated to the university poems and writings from his stepmother, Marie McAuliff Maguire. He also provided an extensive

collection of columns written by his journalist father, John Maguire, for the Times Union published between 1963 and 1978.

Maguire said both he and his father had the “archivist spirit,” which allowed him to offer the family’s papers for preservation.

“Our family was a literary ecosystem is a sense, so to be able to bring these things to the university that gave my mother a degree 77 years ago is deeply rewarding to me,” he said. “I think she would have been very proud.”

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Upstate Train Associates will construct a 19-by-27-foot display of running O-Gauge model trains in front of the Planetarium at miSci.

Submitted photo

# Model trains make tracks

Train exhibit at miSci an annual favorite for all ages

By ZAN STRUMFELD  
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As the temperature drops, model trains are warming up their engines and gearing up for the holiday season.

Honoring a treasured tradition, miSci (the museum of innovation and science, formerly the Schenectady Museum) will again be hosting its popular model train exhibition this year. The event is put on by the Upstate Train Associates and this year, the volunteer organization will construct a 19-by-27-foot display of running O-Gauge model trains in front of the Suits-Bueche Planetarium.

The exhibit will feature about a dozen trains traveling through a mini-community. The layout has several different features, including a downtown area, a farm with animals, lumber mills and miniature people going about their daily lives. A special holiday landmark is included, with an amusement park where Santa rides a roller coaster.

Treasurer of the Upstate Train Associates Dave Halverson said kids “in strollers all the way up” come to see the

*“We love it, the audience loves it. People come back year after year. It’s a great multi-generational experience.”*

– Chris Hunter, miSci curator

annual event.

“They love it,” Halverson said. “Sometimes the parents set them up, give them a little chair and they watch the trains for two hours.”

With complicated technology becoming more common in everyday life, Halverson said he’s worried the pastime is becoming “kind of a dying hobby.”

“The older kids – everything is computers. Every kid has a computer, or a telephone, God knows what,” Halverson said. “(Older) kids don’t care that much about it. It is sad.”

Chris Hunter, miSci curator of Collections & Exhibitions, said the event remains one of the most popular exhibits at the museum.

“It takes up the entire room, but there’s still room to walk around it,” Hunter said. “We love it, the audience loves

it. People come back year after year. It’s a great multi-generational experience.”

Younger children can also enjoy the Thomas the Tank Engine display, which has a working Thomas the Train.

The holiday train display is included in museum admission. In addition to the trains, visitors can attend interactive Science Discovery Demos, which are hands-on activities led by educators. December’s topics include chemistry and chromatography.

“It’s just a nice way to get kids interested in science and engineering,” Hunter said.

The museum will also be adding a brand new interactive exhibition called “Seeing” from San Francisco’s Exploratorium, which will be open through June 2, 2013.

The model trains exhibit will be up and running every Saturday and Sunday from Dec. 8 to Dec. 31 from 12 to 3 p.m. The trains will also run during “School Break Week,” Wednesday, Dec. 26 to Friday, Dec. 28 from 12 to 2 p.m. January showings will also be held. The museum is located at 15 Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady. Admission to miSci runs from \$6.50 for children to \$9.50 for adults.

# Law firm gives turkeys to vets

Tully Rinckey teams up with Hannaford to donate birds to service members

By ZAN STRUMFELD  
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With turkeys quickly flying off grocery store shelves, one local law firm helped make Capital Region veterans and service members’ holiday shopping a little easier.

For the fourth year in a row, Tully Rinckey PLLC spent the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 20, handing out free turkeys for their “Turkeys for Veterans” program at 441 New Karner Road in Albany. Although the law firm usually pays for the turkeys, this year Hannaford Supermarkets decided to team up with the gift givers and donate 120 15-pound turkeys.

Veterans and service members merely needed to flash their military IDs, and then were handed a Hannaford shopping bag containing a turkey. The first 30 veterans that showed up also received a \$15 Hannaford gift card.

About 60 turkeys were handed out within the first 20 minutes of the event.

“No veteran will be turned away. If we run out, we’ll go out and buy more,” said Greg T. Rinckey, managing partner of Tully Rinckey.

Both Rinckey and founding partner Matthew Tully are veterans, and Rinckey said this was a good way to help “give back to veterans we’ve served with in the past,” as well as the present.

“Everyone thinks of them on Veterans Day, but veterans should always be remembered. Matt and I

have a special place in our hearts for them,” Rinckey said.

Tully was not at the event as he is taking a military leave of absence from the law firm. He was awarded the Purple Heart earlier this year after surviving a suicide bomber attack while serving in Afghanistan in August.

Veterans John and Kelly Bourdeau just moved to the area from Orlando, Fla., and heard about the free turkeys through a family member.

“This is a great thing, (especially) during the holiday season,” John Bourdeau said. “We certainly don’t expect folks to do this type of thing.”

Teaming up with Tully Rinckey this year was a no brainer for Hannaford and something Hannaford Community Relations Specialist Molly Tarleton said the company “didn’t think twice about.”

“I think we need to be thankful for our men and women serving our country year-round. But certainly in November, they are brought to the forefront. A turkey represents a small token of home,” Tarleton said. “We’re clearly very grateful for anyone who chooses to serve our country.”

Bob Kraft, of Colonie, said he wasn’t aware of the giveaway before this year, but was excited about the generosity.

“This is really nice that these people do this. I got drafted on 5 January ’69, I was in Vietnam on 18 June ’68 and I came home on 11 June ’69. Some dates you don’t forget,” Kraft, 64, said.

The smiling veteran said he would be handing the turkey over to his family to cook for Thanksgiving.

“I just eat it. Somebody else can cook it,” he said.

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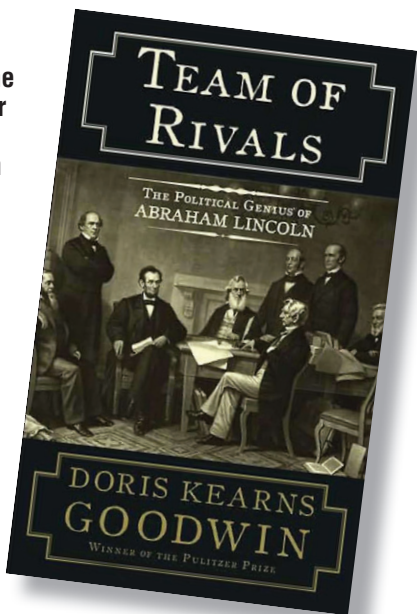
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Robyn Ringler of Eastline Books in Clifton Park said one of the most popular books in her shop this holiday season is "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Originally released in 2006, the book has enjoyed a "huge surge of popularity" thanks to the movie "Lincoln," Ringler said.



**Local, independent bookstores can help customers pick the perfect present**

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN  
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Local independent booksellers know that keeping pace with the prices offered online and at bigger bookstores is a tough task.

# The gift of words

But Robyn Ringler offers customers free drinks and dounts at Eastline Books in Clifton Park.

Susan Novotny promises shoppers will be greeted with a smile at The Bookhouse in Stuyvesant Plaza.

Janet Hutchison touts the connection with the community she's built at Open Door Bookstore in Schenectady.

In short, they say, shopping at an area bookstore offers an intimate experience that simply pointing and clicking or visiting the mall can't duplicate.

"In a small business, what you get is passion," Ringler said. "I just love my products."

Ringler opened Eastline Books in 2008 on Route 9. It's a cozy space with chairs and benches, a game room for kids and frequent creative writing classes. Ringler amps up the welcoming atmosphere for the holidays, giving away coffee, tea and apple cider along with pastries. She said her store is a "haven from the bustle and craziness of the mall."

For her first few years in business, Ringler focused on selling solely books, but this year she's introduced games, too. She and her family have always loved playing board games, so she decided to offer



Eastline Books in Clifton Park offers a warm and welcoming space for shoppers, with owner Robyn Ringler encouraging people to "come take a load off."

Jacqueline M. Domin/Spotlight

some of their favorites, as well as other highly rated games. Many are tied in with writing, making them educational as well as fun, she said.

There's Word on the Street, in which teams try to guess words that fit a category while opposing teams try to distract them. Story Cubes are dice with pictures on them that players throw; they then have to try to make up a story from the pictures that are showing. There's a game based on the popular Mo Willems book "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus," and one about Scooby-Do, as Scooby-Do books are among the shop's biggest sellers.

There are several journals and doodle books available, too, like "Wreck This Journal" and "Dude Diary," a personalized book for boys.

On the off chance Ringler doesn't have a book in stock that shoppers are looking for, she's happy to track it down. She said she

has the expertise to know which sellers are reputable, unlike when a book is out of print and Amazon points shoppers to unknown sites that have old editions in stock.

"You might end up with an awful, terrible, smelly copy and not be happy," she said.

Ringler, on the other hand, is committed to making people happy. She said the books she carries are selected with "passion and love," and she hopes people will stop by this season to check out her offerings. For her most devoted

customers, she even recently introduced Eastline Books T-shirts and bags.

At the Bookhouse, Novotny said shoppers will find a "wonderfully experienced staff that offers a personal touch that's absent from Internet shopping. If someone is looking for a book to buy as a gift, her employees can offer suggestions. In addition to national best-sellers, The Book House offers a wide range of books of local interest. Novotny said that stocking local authors' works is a "very natural and obvious relationship" since she's a local bookstore.

She pointed out that money spent at The Bookstore helps the local economy, a point Hutchison echoed about shopping at Open Door. Both women are active in the community beyond just selling books; a couple of years ago, Novotny launched Staff Picks Press LLC, an independent publisher that draws on her employees' years of reading and recommending books. Hutchison said she is frequently asked to donate to local charities and says yes more often than not.

"I feel it's important to give back to the community," she said.

Hutchison announced earlier this year that she's



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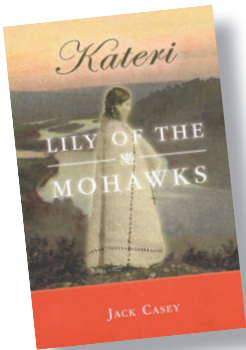


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# Books

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retiring and looking for someone to buy Open Door. She's headed the store for 20 years, and she's certainly seen shopping habits change as the Internet has exploded. As she gears up for what could be her last holiday season, she encouraged people to shop local and enjoy the "whole different picture" they'll find at independent bookstores.



Susan Novotny says "Kateri: Lily of the Mohawks" will be a big seller at The Bookhouse in Stuyvesant Plaza.

# Annual teatime steeped in tradition

## Historical Society's Silver Tea to focus on Christmas in Bethlehem

By MARCY VELTE  
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A nearly 50-year-old tradition will help mark the beginning of the holiday season in Bethlehem this year.

The Bethlehem Historical Society's annual Holiday Silver Tea celebration at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse in Selkirk this year will focus on Christmas in Bethlehem. The open house will feature locally baked desserts, with hot beverages and holiday-themed exhibits for the community to enjoy.

"The event is basically for families, but it's open to the public and free for all to enjoy,"

said organizer Ann Vandervort. "You don't have to be an Historical Society member to participate."

Vandervort said she believes the society's tradition of holding an annual silver tea began in 1965. Interest has grown over the years, but members are now looking to get some younger families who are new to the community involved in the tradition. She said the tea is particularly fun for those with little girls.

Jan Brown, publicity coordinator for the event, agreed.

"It's fun for them to dress up and have tea," she said. "We would encourage people to bring their children. There are no games for them to play, but they are perfectly welcome to come and might find

the displays interesting."

There will be several exhibits at the event in relation to this year's theme. Bethlehem was formerly a farming community, so there will be a section put together by Town Historian Susan Leath on horses and sleighs. Another exhibit will showcase wool collection with old time wool products.

The main exhibit will feature a collection of old time photographs put together by Leath showcasing the winter season in Bethlehem. They were culled from local residents and the town's archives and go back more than 100 years.

"Christmas is for kids," said Vandervort. "I think the children would enjoy it, seeing what old time Christmas in Bethlehem was like."

Each year, the schoolhouse is elaborately decorated to the year's theme. Brown said a lot of copper is being used this year to instill the feeling of Christmas as a farming community, and a lot of the decorations feature animal cut outs, fruits and nuts.

Vandervort said the thought this year was to go for a more natural and simplistic look, while still making sure the decorations are up to the standards set by past silver tea celebrations. There will also be scented trees, snowmen and some traditional religious decorations like an old crèche, or nativity scene.

"We've basically made it a social event for the whole township to kick off the Christmas season," said Brown. "Come and meet your neighbors, have some delicious goodies and look at the old ways."

This year there will be two chances to take part in the tea. They will take place on Sunday, Dec. 2, and Monday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Historical Society's Cedar Hill Schoolhouse at 1003 River Road in Selkirk.

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# Craft

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arrange to pick it up.

Like Fiandaca, Junco was a longtime hobbyist. When she first decided to sell her wares, she went the festival route, offering jewelry at Tulip Fest and Lark Fest years ago. Later, she tried selling crafts on eBay, but she had a hard time finding an audience there. Then more and more people started asking her if she had a shop on Etsy. “Not yet,” she would tell them, until last year she finally put one together.

Junco and her husband work full time for their business, FUNctionalArt4Kids. Etsy is only one facet of it; they travel to shows around the country and still man booths at local festivals. But Etsy is a great way to showcase the functional art they sell that’s geared toward kids. They sell desk caddies, jewelry holders, treasure boxes and wall art that’s ready to hang. There’s no glass on the wall art, since Junco said she’s always worried glass could fall and break.

Junco said they’ve found that parents like their items because they’re not just toys, and kids are drawn to the vibrant colors and functionality. The price point is also a selling point; Junco tries to keep everything under \$20.

Christine Robinson’s Etsy offerings won’t break the bank, either. In her Sam’s Jams store, Robinson, of Schenectady, sells jams, jellies, baked goods, apple butter and pickles. An 8-ounce jar of bacon jam is \$8; an 8-ounce jar of applesauce costs \$5.

Robinson has received orders from all over the world since joining Etsy. Just last week, she shipped a package to Norway. She’s also sent her products to California, Florida and Massachusetts. That kind of reach is what she loves about Etsy.

“I couldn’t afford to pay for that kind of advertising,” she said.

Robinson, who started to make jams and jellies

because she doesn’t like to waste anything, said she thinks she’s found a niche on Etsy because she offers unique products. She has Mountain Dew jelly and white chocolate raspberry with Kahlua, one of her most popular flavors.

Laurie McGill’s Etsy offerings are also a product of not wasting things. McGill has turned bottle caps into magnets, keychains and more. She also sells jewelry, including glass pendants and earrings, in her believein URdream store.

The first thing McGill ever sold was a stuffed witch’s boot that she called folk art. The woman who bought it contacted McGill afterward and asked if she could make another one so the woman would

have a pair. Later, McGill made some ice skates that were similar fiber art, and the woman bought those. While it was great to have such a devoted customer, McGill realized that the fiber art was very time consuming, so she switched gears to the jewelry and decorative items, although she does still sell fiber arts around the holidays. It’s a way to get people into her store and have them see her other offerings, she said.

McGill said customers come to her “all different ways.” Her products are displayed at some local stores, including the Open Door Bookstore in Schenectady, and there are also people who hear about her through word of mouth. Etsy is

another useful avenue to reach shoppers.

It’s also a way to bridge the past and the present. Fiandaca is a self-taught crafter, although her grandmother was a seamstress, “so it’s in my blood,” she joked. But back in her grandmother’s day, there certainly were no Internet sites where crafters could reach shoppers across the street as easily as around the globe.



Amanda Fiandaca’s headband earwarmers are one of the most popular items in her Crooked by Design shop on Etsy.

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# Like mother, like daughter

**Sofia Capek playing same role in ‘Nutcracker’ her mom did**

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN  
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When Sofia Capek auditioned for “The Nutcracker,” the 8-year-old from Schenectady was hoping to merely land a part – any part.

“Just being in it would be a great honor,” she said.

Then she got word that she was going to be Clara, the lead, and she was “super happy.”

So was her mom, who, it turns out, was Clara herself as a kid. Lucie Capek, a plastic surgeon in Latham, was once a serious dancer who had aspirations of making it her career. When she was 12, she was cast as Clara in the National Ballet of Canada’s production of “The Nutcracker.” It’s an experience that she calls life changing.

“It was an unexpected honor to be picked,” she said. “You’re being singled out for something really special.”

Lucie Capek has never forgotten the thrill of being chosen to play Clara, and she loves that her daughter is experiencing it, too. Lucie actually has a front-row seat for Sofia’s performance with the Northeast Ballet Company; Lucie plays a partygoer in “The Nutcracker,” which will be

*“It’s very fun to know people have come from all over to see you.”*

– Sofia Capek

staged Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9, at Proctors in Schenectady.

It’s all a little surreal, seeing her daughter play the role she once filled and sharing the stage with her.

“It just feels like such a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” Lucie said.

It’s not uncommon for Northeast Ballet to have a mother-daughter combo in the annual “Nutcracker” show, but there are a surprisingly high number this year. There’s even a mother-son duo.

This is the 25th year Northeast Ballet has put on the show at Proctors, which Artistic Director Darlene Myers called “the perfect venue” because of its elegance.

“It’s fun – it’s not stiff, but it still has the Victorian twist on it,” she said.

“The Nutcracker” revolves around young Clara and a nutcracker she gets as a Christmas gift. It’s the hit of a party her parents are hosting until her jealous brother breaks



it. Clara is heartbroken, but her godfather quickly repairs it. Tightly clutching the nutcracker as she falls asleep, Clara has wild dreams featuring a giant nutcracker, an army of toys, the Land of Sweets and more.

Sofia Capek described Clara as “very imaginative because of her dreams,” noting that her parents spoil her and she doesn’t like her brother. As for herself, Sofia likes dancing because moving to music “interacts with who you are.” Being on stage, she added, is a rush.

“It’s very fun to know people have come from all over to see



**ABOVE:** For the 25th year, the Northeast Ballet Company will present “The Nutcracker” at Proctors this holiday season. Performances are Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9.

**LEFT:** Sofia Capek plays Clara in “The Nutcracker,” the same role her mother played when she was growing up in Canada.

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## Entertainment in the Spotlight



# Festive greenery

By DANIA BIANCHI  
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### Tree festivals crop up all over the Capital District



The arrival of St. Nicolas parading down Broadway in Schuylerville on his traditional white horse.

Ann Watson's house is known as "the Christmas house" during the holiday season.

"I love to decorate every room in my house with a tree in every room," said the 57-year-old Malta artist.

Watson has a knack for creativity and enjoys working in the community, so it's only fitting that she would put together the first festival of trees in her neighboring village of Round Lake.

"Everyone immediately said, 'That's a fantastic idea!'" said Watson.

Communities all over the Capital District are also getting in the act. Some organizations have found the festivals to be a profitable way to raise money while others are putting together the events as a way to bring the community together during the holiday season.

A well-known tree festival, The Saratoga City Center Festival of Trees, will hold its 17th annual event this year. It is a fundraiser for Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties.

Sister Charla Commins, executive director of Catholic Charities, said the event has been very successful.

"I thought it was a wonderful idea to see if it would catch on in this community, and it certainly has," she said.

Commings said thousands of people now attend the festival each year.

"The first year I budgeted to make \$10,000, and we made \$21,000, and it has only increased since then," Commings said. "Certainly now it is a very big – almost a weeklong event that engages the entire community."

Commings said the event also helps to kick off the Christmas season in Saratoga Springs and coincides with the city's Victorian Streetwalk.

Hundreds of trees, wreaths and centerpieces are available for sale at the four-day event. The festival also features a breakfast with Santa, sundaes with Santa and a Santa workshop.

In Schenectady, decorated trees are displayed more as a way to bring the community together.

"It's not a huge fundraiser but more of a 'friendraiser,'" said Joanne Rasalik, development and communications director at Schenectady's YWCA.



Rasalik said the event began six years ago at Proctors. More recently, with the renovation of the theater, the event has moved to the YWCA and Schenectady Historical Society buildings on Washington Street.

"It's a way to learn about the programs at the YWCA and the historical society," she said.

Proceeds from the event go to programming at both organizations.

Rasalik said about 70 decorated trees are displayed. The trees are not for sale, but two trees are raffled off, and Christmas ornaments and birdhouses are sold.

The Village of Schuylerville holds its tree festival as part of a village-wide Dutch festival.

Michele Peters, a member of Schuylerville Community Theater's board of directors, decided two years ago to add the tree display to the village festivities.

Peters said the event has grown each year.

"The first year we hoped to have a dozen trees and had 16. Last year we hoped for 20 and had 24," Peters said. "This year we have 28."

In addition to the display and sale of the decorated trees, 20 live Christmas trees purchased and decorated by the community in memory of loved ones are displayed on the lawn of the Town Hall and remain lit every evening during the holiday season.

"We light all the trees at once on Friday evening," Peters said. "It is very moving."

The event coincides with the arrival of St. Nicolaas on Dec. 1. As part of the Dutch tradition, St. Nicolaas arrives on his white horse and leads a children's lantern walk with caroling through the village to light the village Christmas tree.

The festivities are free and open to the public.

At Round Lake, Watson said, they decided to do something a little different for their inaugural tree festival.

"Instead of selling the trees, we are selling ornaments as a package instead," she said.

Each tree will be decorated with a theme, and Watson said a picture will be included to capture the design.

This allows the person to re-create the décor at home, she said.

Jerry Bradley, owner of Saratoga Notecards in Saratoga Springs, said the tree he created for the festival will be covered with little art easel ornaments decorated with pictures of Round Lake Village.

Watson is decorating two trees for the festival – an Adirondack-themed tree and a tree she calls "Birds of a Feather."

"It allows me to be creative and give back to the community," Watson said. "It's a feel-good feeling."

In addition to the tree display, the Village of Round Lake will host a "cookie walk," where cookies will be available for sale by the pound, and on Friday night, Santa will arrive and the village's Victorian tree will be lit.

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THEATER VOICES

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Arts and Entertainment

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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

Hail the Presidents

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- 10 Yank
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- 15 Not in favor of
- 16 Robt. \_\_\_\_
- 17 #1
- 19 Dossier
- 20 Singers Adams and Brickell
- 21 Beach cover-up
- 23 Analyzed grammatically
- 25 Jack-of-spades feature
- 26 Planet
- 27 Corn holder
- 29 Roman spirit
- 30 Portal
- 32 Ram's mate
- 33 Maxima maker
- 37 Sign up
- 39 Apprehend
- 41 Like used bath water
- 42 Captured anew
- 44 Seville or Daytona, e.g.
- 46 Significance
- 47 German pronoun
- 48 Dominion until 1806:

- abbr.
- 49 Video game mfr.
- 50 Abaft
- 53 Kitchen gadget
- 56 Close or clean follower
- 57 Actress Ekberg
- 58 To a degree
- 59 #34
- 64 First name among daredevils
- 65 Phooey!
- 66 Valuable violin
- 67 Check, with for
- 68 Pound sounds
- 69 #37
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- 1 Large credit agcy.
- 2 Vote for
- 3 \_\_\_\_ Vegas
- 4 Erstwhile anesthetic
- 5 Forays
- 6 Computer key
- 7 Uninvited picnic guests
- 8 Court VIP of 1995
- 9 #16
- 10 #3
- 11 Upscale
- 12 Pass along
- 13 New Hampshire city
- 18 Family reunion
- attendee
- 22 Diarist Nin
- 23 Tending
- 24 Cancel, as a lift-off
- 26 River to the Baltic
- 28 Summer vacation destination
- 31 #26 or #32
- 34 River to the Rhone
- 35 More suitable
- 36 Louis and Carrie
- 38 Longest river in France
- 40 Damesí spouses, perhaps
- 43 #35
- 45 Attach anew
- 50 Balance sheet item
- 51 Jostle
- 52 Brings under control
- 54 One of the film-making Coens
- 55 Mother-in-law of Ruth
- 57 Urgent memo letters
- 60 Pt. of a nestegg
- 61 Carwash option
- 62 59 Across' WWII command
- 63 \_\_\_\_ Tin Tin
- Northwest tribe





## All aboard the Polar Express

Santa Claus and his elves return for the second season of The Polar Express on the Saratoga & North Creek Railway. Trips to the “North Pole” will depart from the Saratoga Springs Train Station through Jan. 6.

Submitted photo

## Troupe

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girl disguising herself as her own twin brother, who is believed to be dead, in order to find work. She soon falls in love with her male employer, and eventually shows her true identify.

Maddie Grisaru, a junior playing the character of Maria, a young servicewoman, said she believes the modern interpretation will help audiences to better understand the language of the play, which is being kept intact as Shakespeare intended it.

“A lot of people coming in who haven’t been exposed to Shakespeare on a regular basis, will not understand that language, which tells such a beautiful story,” she said. “So when you put it in a modern setting, it will give audiences a much better perspective.”

Senior Dan Light plays Malvolio. He said as the play progresses,



Daniel Light and Allie Doherty play house servant Malvolio and Lady Olivia in the unique ‘Twelfth Night’ production put on by Bethlehem High School’s Theatre Without a Net Shakespearian drama program.

Submitted photo

the characters begin to shed their dark period clothing and take on the colorful styles of the 1960s as a type of transformative symbol. His character is the last to do so.

“He has this ridiculous get-up that is an odd mesh of styles because he doesn’t really get this 1960s thing, so he just

throws on something he thinks will look impressive,” said Light. “Because he sees Lady Olivia (his love interest) transform into a more vibrant character, he responds to that.”

Light said he thinks the updated setting lends a feel of progression to the play, not only in the sense of time but also

“When you put it in a modern setting, it will give audiences a much better perspective.”

– Maddie Grisaru, a junior playing the character of Maria

character growth.

There are eight scheduled performances, from Friday, Dec. 7, to Sunday, Dec. 16, with curtain at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students, seniors and members of the military.

For more information or to reserve tickets in advance, visit [theatrewithoutanet.org](http://theatrewithoutanet.org).

## Sushi

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outside of the building in addition to the sign included applying stucco material to all sides, painting the facades green and adding an “Asian-style” trim along the front of the building.

Some board members were concerned that the stylized tile would change the elevation of the building and asked for more information. Zheng said a relative had been hired to do the construction work because it is hard to find someone locally who knows the technique or could even appropriately draw the tiles.

“It’s very old, Chinese traditional,” he said, adding he owns four other restaurants with a similar look and can provide better pictures of other buildings with dimensions.

Zheng said the business will mostly be a buffet-style restaurant, but hibachi will also be available. He said his entire family has a total of eight restaurants that are similar. One is in Potsdam and another is in Saranac Lake. Workers are trying to get as much done at the Glenmont location while the weather is still warm, and the project is likely to be complete in the spring.

Planning Board members said they felt the plan was acceptable for approval, but the applicants were asked to

return after the site plan has been changed.

Cecunjanin told the board in May he wanted to expand Casa Mia to add a banquet space in hopes of enticing additional business. He said competition was “stiff” since more chain restaurants have come to the area and he had hoped to have the renovations complete over the summer.

The addition was meant to increase the size of the business by about 1,500 square feet. He eventually opted to sell the business.

## Fro-yo coming to Town Squire

A 16 Handles frozen yogurt shop is being proposed to fill a portion of the former Hollywood Video store in Glenmont’s Town Squire Plaza.

The project was submitted to the town through Capital Architecture. A similar type of frozen yogurt shop called Yogo Fusion opened in October across the street on Route 9W in Glenmont Centre Square.

The plans for the new shop include a patio with furniture, but very little will change on the outside of the building. Most of the renovations will be on the inside and the shop will be located between the Chili’s Restaurant and a Trustco Bank. The project was approved by the Planning Board at the Nov. 20 meeting and is moving forward.

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## Ballet

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you,” she said.

Lucie Capek said her daughter used to be pretty shy, but she’s blossomed under Myer’s tutelage. Capek took her daughter to Northeast Ballet on the recommendation of a neighbor after Sofia had been dancing for a while at a different place. She’s been dancing since she was 3, when her mom noticed how much she enjoyed moving to music.

Myer holds auditions for “The Nutcracker”

every September that are open to the public, not just Northeast Ballet members. She was excited that Sofia wanted a part.

“She’s a very good little actress,” Myer said. “I really wanted to use those talents and highlight it.”

Myer said Sofia is a serious student who excels at timing and “musicality.”

“She really has an ability to have the audience drawn to her,” Myer said.

There are roughly 150 people in the show, including Beth Alexander, co-owner of Hattie’s Restaurant in Saratoga Springs, who was an early

member of Northeast Ballet and will play Clara’s mother. Alexander’s daughter, Zoe, was Clara at the Annual Nutcracker Tea that benefits the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Wendy Whelan and Charles Askegaard of New York City Ballet are filling guest roles as the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier, and Richard Gatta and Matt Prado are taking a break from Broadway to perform in “The Nutcracker.”

Tickets for “The Nutcracker” are \$20 to \$40 and can be purchased at [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

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# Business brewing in Glenville

## Planning Board approves town's first microbrewery, Wolf Hollow Brewing Company

By JOHN PURCELL  
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A pair of neighbors has reason to toast now that Glenville has approved their plan to start crafting their own brews.

The town Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, Nov. 19, approved the site plan for a part-time microbrewery at the Glenville Grange building, located in the hamlet of West Glenville. The proposal from two residents for a “nanobrewery” spurred the town to add zoning amendments regarding microbreweries and microwineries to the town code earlier this year. An opening date hasn’t been pinned down, and the business must first acquire a state liquor license.

The brewery holds a name fitting of the hamlet it will call home — Wolf Hollow Brewing Company, after the nearby road. Its owners said they hope to focus on the community because production is geared towards selling within the town to local residents.

“Our biggest hope is that people start to see it ... as this is the beer that you get when you are here,” co-owner Jordan White said.

The town defines a

*“We started formulating the idea and talking to a couple of friends of ours and they were like, ‘Yeah, it is a good idea. You should go ahead with it.’”*

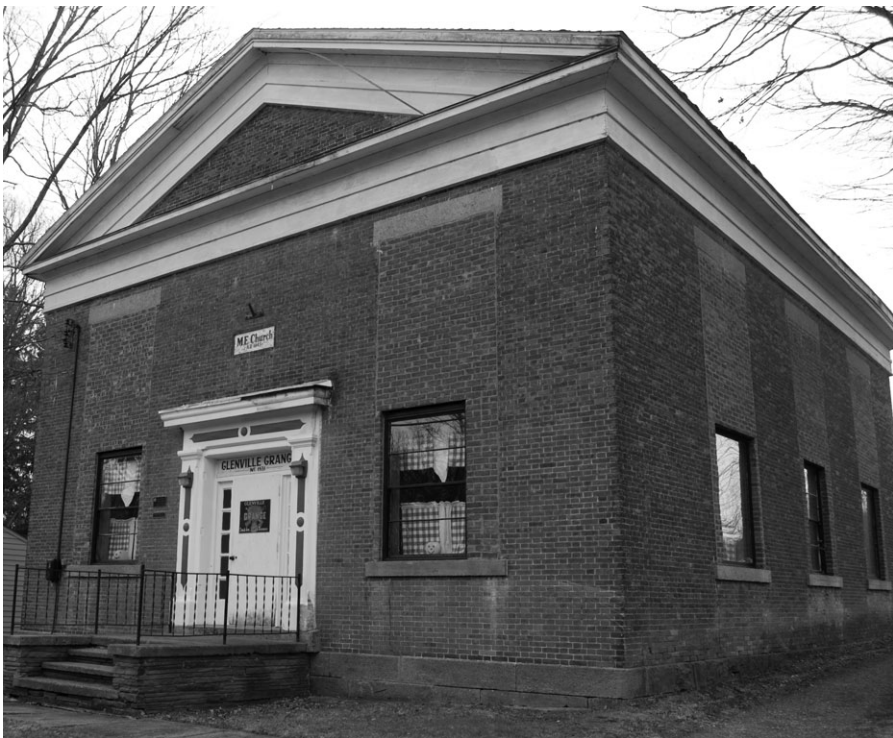
— brewery co-owner  
Jordan White

microbrewery as producing no more than 10,000 barrels annually, but the brewery is looking to produce only 100 barrels per year. A barrel is equal to 31 gallons.

White isn’t a newcomer to the art of brewing, as he’s been practicing at home for about a decade. In 2010, he completed the American Brewers Guild certification program. Later that year, he started working for Adirondack Brewery in Lake George.

Once Adirondack Brewery started to grow, White said he decided to leave. This led White to ponder selling his own beer and he talked to his neighbor, Peter Bednarek. The two are now co-owners of the company, with both having other full-time jobs.

“It is something for me that I always wanted to do on a professional level,” White said. “We started formulating the



The Glenville Grange will soon house a nanobrewery, with the business leasing space from the historic building located on West Glenville Road. The brewery, Wolf Hollow Brewing Company, is planning to sell beer primarily to town residents.

Photo by John Purcell/  
Spotlight

idea and talking to a couple of friends of ours and they were like, ‘Yeah, it is a good idea. You should go ahead with it.’”

The exact styles of beer the brewery will offer haven’t been selected, but they are looking to offer a range from light to dark.

“We are going to have sort of a standard lineup that will always been available, perhaps three of those, and then a fourth beer would be a seasonal,” White said. “We are going with the idea that the regular beers would be a light to amber color, whereas the seasonal might be

a darker beer.”

Bednarek said they realized residents might not want the more hoppy beers commonly associated with craft brewers.

“We want to provide the beverages for the people that live locally, so we want to match whatever their tastes are,” Bednarek said. “A lot of people think that craft brew beer is all dark ... and a lot of it will be just the opposite of that.”

All of the beer would be sold on site, probably two nights a week, with two sizes of growlers to purchase and store the beer.

The smaller growler would be a quart and the larger a half gallon. Some form of membership plan is also being looked at.

Before pitching their idea with the town, the duo had met with neighboring residents of the grange to explain their proposal. Bednarek said residents responded positively.

“We got pretty much all positive response from the entities around us and from the neighbors, so that sort of gave us motivation to keep going forward with the town,” Bednarek said.

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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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (November 28, 2012)

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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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. 84127 (D) (November 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF C&M GEMS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy.

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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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

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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 28, 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) (November 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Seher Alsharg 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 28, 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)

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LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of KARIN

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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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WYATT 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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

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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. 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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CAMPUS ASSOCIATES 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203.



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84269 (D)  
(November 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC

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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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MILLERSILVER, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY

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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 28, 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 28, 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 28, 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. 84336 (D)  
(November 28, 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 28, 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SWEET-IE 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.

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84344 (D)  
(November 28, 2012)

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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 010/04/12. 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Eastside 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 28, 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 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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Promontory Capital 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 served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lemery Greisler LLC, 60 Railroad Place, Ste. 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84348 (D)  
(November 28, 2012)

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 28, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Acromukt 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 28, 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,

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Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84573 (D)  
(November 28, 2012)

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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)  
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# BPW Junior Pee Wee team wins Super Bowl title

The Bethlehem Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee division team shut out North Colonie in the Super Bowl Nov. 17 at Albany's Bleecker Stadium to win the Capital District Pop Warner League title. The Eagles finished their season with a 10-1 record, with their lone loss coming against Albany in a regular season game. Bethlehem recorded nine shutouts in 11 games, including all three playoff victories. The team was coached by Roger McDonough, who was assisted by Rich Anguish, Mike Bailey, Larry Cartwright, Chris Manuel and Joe McAuliffe. The players include Jack Anguish, Daniel Bailey, Anthony Canova, Lucas Carlson, Ryan Cartwright, Jack Gannon, Tygh Manuel, Derek Martelle, Hunter McAuliffe, Dermot McDonough, Edward McDonough, Reis Newborn, Nathaniel Quackenbush, Nicholas Quackenbush, Jason Rappazzo, Tyler Schoonmaker, Michael Turoski, Nicholas Zigrosser and Zach Zonca. Players range in age between 9 and 11. *Submitted photo*

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the season with the most state football champions – a departure from the last couple of years when Western New York dominated the sport. The lone Section VI (Buffalo area) team to claim a state title was Randolph in Class D. Sweet Home and Orchard Park (Class AA) fell in the finals.

Will we see a repeat for Section II in 2013? That’s difficult to say. BH-BL

certainly has a chance to win another state title with Porter, Quesada and Maynard returning, but Hoosick Falls loses its two top offensive players in quarterback Billy Pine and tailback Brad Burns. Shaker, Glens Falls and Rensselaer also graduate several key players, as do several top programs in our region including Shenendehowa, Amsterdam and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk.

However things shake out in 2013, our region can look back at this football season as one of its best.

Eagles

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including a four-minute major with less than seven minutes left. The Jets killed off all four penalties they incurred in the final period, but they spent too much time in their defensive zone to generate any sustained pressure in the Eagles’ zone.

“We had a good start today, but as a team we have to tighten up defensively and mature in our play,” said S/C coach Steve Hudak.

“We’re two evenly-matched teams this year, and it came down to which way the puck bounced,” said Rodrigue.

Bethlehem hosts Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa Wednesday.


Undefeated Mighty Mites feted at banquet



The Bethlehem Pop Warner Mighty Mite division team was honored at a recent banquet at the Washington Tavern after finishing the season with a perfect record. Each player received a monogramed shirt, and each coach received a windbreaker. The banquet featured a buffet meal and an ice cream bar.

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## Weekly poll

Who was the best female athlete during the fall sports season?

- Emily Burns (Guilderland XC)
- Jessica Capone (G'land soccer)
- Katie Nickles (BC soccer)
- Tara Teal (BC soccer)

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## Last week's poll results:

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

- Victor Fox 74%
- Conner Zeoli 26%
- Frank Gallo 0%
- Ethan Gunty 0%



Bethlehem's Sean Spellman, right, reaches to knock the puck away from a Shaker/Colonie player during Saturday's S/C Thanksgiving Tournament consolation game at the Albany County Hockey Facility. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

# Eagles earn split

## Cooley's 34 saves help Bethlehem beat Shaker/Colonie

By ROB JONAS  
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When the Bethlehem hockey team needed a boost, Kevin Cooley provided it.

The senior goaltender made 20 of his 34 saves in the pivotal second period to help the Eagles rally for a 3-2 victory over Shaker/Colonie in the S/C Thanksgiving Tournament's consolation game Saturday at the Albany County Hockey Facility.

"Kevin Cooley played really well for us today," said Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue.

S/C (0-1-1) looked like the better team in the first period. Goals by Kevin Egan and Mike Minneau helped the Jets build a 2-0 lead on Bethlehem (1-1-0).

Rodrigue said his team was still feeling the effects of Friday's 5-4 overtime loss to Section I's Mamaroneck in the tournament's opening round when it took the ice against S/C.

"It was going to be one of two things – either we came out flat or we came out sharp and hungry, and we came out flat,"

said Rodrigue. "It took the better part of the first period to get our legs under us."

As Cooley turned aside shot after shot in the second period, Bethlehem's offense got in gear. RJ Diego scored with 9:13 left off a pass from Zach Flagler, and Andrew Carroll tallied off Matt State's assist with 5:07 left to help the Eagles even the score at 2-2.

Carroll scored his second goal of the game less than five minutes into the third period to put Bethlehem in front, and S/C thwarted its own comeback hopes by taking several penalties,

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# G'land places ninth

## Burns leads the way for Lady Dutch at regional meet

By SPORTS STAFF  
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The Guilderland girls cross country team finished ninth out of 16 schools at the Nike Team Nationals New York Regional meet Saturday at Bowdoin State Park in Wappingers Falls.

Running as Guilderland Dutchmen RC, the Lady Dutch had three people place in the top 100 of the 155-runner race that served as the qualifier for the Nike Team Nationals in Portland, Ore. Emily Burns led the way with a 52nd-place finish in a time of 19:40.5.

Guilderland finished with 293 points. Syracuse's Manlius XC team repeated as regional champions with 28 points, while Kinetic Running Club of Saratoga Springs finished second with 59 points. Manlius and Kinetic qualified for the national meet.

Holy Names (fourth place) and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (fifth) also finished in the top five.

# BH-BL learns from last year's loss

It's a sports cliché, but it holds true to this day.

The best lessons are learned in losses.

When the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake football team built a 26-0 lead against Section VI's Sweet Home in last Friday's Class A state final, it was reminiscent of last year's championship game against Maine-Endwell – only in that one, Maine-Endwell rallied from a 20-0 first-half deficit to beat BH-BL 27-20.

Maine-Endwell's rally began with a touchdown late in the second quarter. At the time, it seemed like only a drop in the bucket as BH-BL still had a 13-point lead going into halftime. But Maine-Endwell dominated the second half to hand the Spartans their third consecutive loss in a state title game.

Sweet Home tried to do the same thing in last Friday's state final. The Panthers drove deep into BH-BL territory late in the second quarter – their first such drive of the game.

Perhaps with the memory of last year's loss to Maine-Endwell in their heads, the Spartans made the biggest defensive play of the game. Logan Ball tipped Mike Torrillo's pass into the end zone, and Dan Newell caught the deflection for a drive-ending interception.

Twenty-four minutes of game time later,



BH-BL was celebrating a 40-20 victory over Sweet Home and its first state title in four tries.

There were more heroes than Ball and Newell for BH-BL in the state final. Start with another strong performance by Dan Maynard. The sophomore had his third 100+ yard game in the playoffs, as he rushed for 128 yards and two touchdowns. And let's remember Maynard is listed as a quarterback on the depth chart. He only became a prominent tailback for the Spartans when starter Dan Porter suffered an injury in the Sectional semifinals against Queensbury.

Speaking of Porter, he had his most active day since the Queensbury game. He carried the ball 14 times for 79 yards and a touchdown against Sweet Home.

Then, there is senior quarterback Ryan McDonnell. He completed five of his

11 passes for 98 yards, but two of those completions went for touchdowns and a third set up a scoring run.

For good measure, Eric Dillon caught a touchdown pass and intercepted Torrillo, tailback Josh Quesada contributed a 39-yard scoring run and Ball added a fumble recovery to set up a BH-BL scoring drive. And we haven't even discussed the offensive line's performance in opening huge holes for the running game.

In other words, it was a total team effort – which happens to be another sports cliché.

Overall, 2012 will go down in history as one of the best football seasons in Section II history. Not only did BH-BL claim its first state title, but Hoosick Falls also ended Hornell's 51-game winning streak by beating the Raiders 34-21 in the Class C final to give the region two champions. The last time that happened was 1996.

Add in a valiant effort by Glens Falls in a 42-12 loss to Maine-Endwell in the Class B final and close losses by Shaker and Rensselaer in the semifinals, and you get a terrific showing by Section II in the state playoffs.

Just for good measure, Section II finished

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