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Porco tale headed to small screen

Lifetime movie to portray Delmar murder and ensuing trial

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The infamous Christopher Porco murder story will soon be portrayed through a Lifetime television movie.

The network has announced the movie will be called "Romeo Killer: The Christopher Porco Story" and will focus on the Delmar native and University of Rochester student who was convicted of killing his father and attempting to kill his mother with an ax in 2004.

Lifetime spokeswoman Gina Nocero said the movie will show the night of the murder all the way up through the trial, but added some details may not be totally accurate.

"We say it's inspired by a true story," she said.

Though Porco still maintains his innocence, he was found guilty in August of 2010 of having murdered his father, Peter, and attempting to murder his mother, Joan, as they slept inside their former Brockley Street home. The incident is presumed to have been over forged co-signatures on a student loan and car loan that Christopher Porco took out without his parents' knowledge.

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A Lifetime movie is in the works inspired by the murder trial of Christopher Porco, shown here at his 2006 sentencing.

File photo

100 reasons to give

Local Girl Scouts celebrate centennial with coat donations

By MARCY VELTE
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One reason kids look forward to a birthday is taking in a haul of presents. But for the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts, a local troop got into the giving spirit instead.

As a special service project to honor Girl Scout's founder Juliette Gordon Low, members of Bethlehem's Junior Girl Scout Troop 1546 made it their mission to collect 100 winter coats to donate them to local charitable organizations. The girls' youth service organization was started in 1912, one year after scouting began in the United Kingdom, and was originally called the Girl Guides of America.

"Since the founding idea was to bring girls together, we thought teamwork was the perfect focus for our scout year," said Troop Leader Michelle Heffernan. The idea to collect coats as a service project was meant to get the girls more involved in their community, and was one of many ideas offered to leaders by the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

The troop began its coat drive on Tuesday, Nov. 6, and have so far collected 127 coats, along with hats, gloves and scarves. The girls set up collection boxes, but also



Bethlehem Junior Girl Scout Troop 1546 took a trip to the Bethlehem Food Bank in Town Hall to drop off coats for needy families and learn how they can help the food bank with future projects.

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asked around within their own families and neighborhoods for donations.

"I walked around my neighborhood and one of the girls in our troop got them from her sports team. I also donated some of my family's gently used coats," said Julia Harvey, 9.

"She has a ton of family members," offered another scout.

The coats collected came in

a wide range of sizes, but most were for women, since a majority of the items will be donated to Mercy House, a women's shelter in the City of Albany. An additional 15 coats were given to the Bethlehem Food Pantry for specific families in need. The scouts also assembled two "birthday boxes" for the pantry

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Sandy cleanup a boon to Colonie

Town extends acceptance of storm debris

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As Downstate New York digs out from Hurricane Sandy, the Town of Colonie is helping to make a dent in cleanup efforts by accepting storm-related debris. The town's landfill began accepting debris the week before Thanksgiving and as of Friday, Dec. 7, it has taken in 16,000 tons of waste.

The Colonie Town Board approved a resolution on Thursday, Dec. 6, to continue to accept debris at the town landfill until Jan. 15.

The landfill has been accepting debris from the Queens area. The landfill is regulated by the state Department of Environmental Conservation, but is operated by the private company Waste Connections, which signed an operating agreement with the town in 2011. The company has agreed to pay the town \$4 for each ton of debris dumped at the landfill.

"When the storm hit, the New York City region found themselves with an extraordinary amount of debris," Colonie Commissioner of Public Works Jack Cunningham said.

The waste includes construction

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Light shines in Bethlehem

Hanukkah Wonderland added to Festival of Lights festivities this year

By MARCY VELTE
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In a local celebration of the Festival of Lights, the Capital Region's largest outdoor menorah was lit on the second day of Hanukkah at Delmar's Four Corners.

During a ceremony held on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 9, about 75 people stood and watched as two electronic candles were lit on the giant menorah. The event was hosted by the Bethlehem Chabad and was followed by the town's first-ever "Hanukkah Wonderland" at Town Hall.

The event was filled with festive music and laughter, and was presided over by Rabbi Nachbar Simon (garbed in a gifted Hanukkah sweatshirt) and his son, Zalman Simon.

"One of the ideas of Hanukkah is to light up the dark world, so therefore

it's also a more universal holiday for all humanity," said Rabbi Nachbar Simon.

Supervisor John Clarkson said he is proud the Bethlehem community is able to support its Jewish residents with the menorah. "In this town, I like to think we do things right," he said.

Members of the Bethlehem Chabad began making plans for the lighting and wonderland event six months ago. The celebration was done on a larger scale this year in hopes of getting the greater community involved and having a fun event in town for those of the Jewish faith.

"We do an annual Hanukkah party every year, but we thought this year we wanted to get the community involved instead of doing it low key, and on a weekday," said Zalman Simon, who organized the ceremony and event with his wife Chana.

The Hanukkah Wonderland was held at Town Hall following



The start of Hanukkah was marked by a "Hanukkah Wonderland" at Bethlehem Town Hall, organized by Bethlehem Chabad on Sunday, Dec. 9. RIGHT: Rabbi Zalman Simon speaks at the Four Corners in Delmar before the lighting of the town's outdoor menorah, which is billed as the largest in the area.

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the ceremony until 6:30 p.m. There was traditional food for sale and activities for the kids including a "make your own menorah" station, dreidel games and donut decorating. There was also entertainment like a latke cooking demonstration and magic show. Simon

said all of the activities were put together with some creative efforts from his wife and the Chabad to keep the event interesting for kids.

For those that didn't have a menorah at home, smaller wooden versions were given out during the



event and residents could read information about traditions that coincide with the holiday.

Zalman Simon said the event was meant to bring people together and he thinks it is the beginning of a larger event.

"We're looking to

grow in our catering of the community and try to spread the message of Hanukkah," he said. "A little bit of light can dispel much darkness, so one act of goodness is able to do a lot. Even though some people might think it's insignificant, it's not."

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Lending leads to learning

BC-led program connects students from across the globe to fund businesses

By MARCY VELTE
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In today's economy, starting a small business is no small feat. It gets even harder when the entrepreneur lives in a third-world nation.

To learn about the socio-economic differences in other countries, last year Bethlehem Central Middle School teacher Bill Reilly didn't just rely on a textbook. Instead, he began a global micro-lending bank operated by the school's sixth-graders through their social studies classes. Now, the project has expanded through the additional help of a grant from a local family's nonprofit group.

Reilly asked the Casey family of Delmar if their organization World's Window would be willing to donate an additional \$2,500 so schools in three other countries could collaborate with the project to create additional loans.

"We thought it was

an important aspect of the project to have the students work together to better learn about different cultures and what is perceived as important within those cultures," said Reilly.

Now, students from schools in Russia, India and Costa Rica are collaborating with the Bethlehem students in making the lending decisions. The group communicates via webcam and email, and along the way students learn about one another's family life, holidays and hobbies.

From a practical standpoint, the students are in charge of vetting the applications of those who apply for a \$25 loan through the loan organization website Kiva. That donation is oftentimes piled in with other loans for larger purchases. Of the \$5,000 grant, half is administered by the Bethlehem Middle School and the rest is dived between the schools overseas. The students pick the businesses they feel will succeed and are in charge of making sure the loan gets repaid.

"This is global banking

among kids that really helps impoverished people around the world," Reilly said.

Each of BC's six social studies classes are allowed to give out two loans. Groups of students advocate for the businesses they picked to the class and a final vote is taken to decide the winners. Many of the people seeking loans say they need the money to feed and medicate their livestock, purchase products to keep their stores stocked or to fund transportation.

"I like to make sure the people want the money to purchase things they actually needed," said sixth-grader Caden Lemov. "Like this one man wanted money to buy products for his store to help support his siblings, while another woman wanted the money to buy a game machine to put into her store."

The students said they have to sort through appeals for items like new televisions, gaming systems and motorcycles, but most are for basic necessities like food, clothing and medicine.

"I saw one person who



Sixth-grade students at Bethlehem Central Middle School have been administering micro-loans in third-world countries as a way to learn about foreign socio-economics. Through a new grant, they're also partnering with schools in other countries.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

was asking for money to buy tires for a Porsche and their picture was taken in front of their huge house," said student Maggie Forsyth.

But sometimes those feelings were challenged when collaborating with foreign students. Oftentimes, students in Costa Rica wanted to back loans for luxury items, perhaps because they don't own items like a big screen television themselves. Backing a bid to buy a quality of life product was a big deal to them.

Eventually, loans were granted for more essential items. Schools in India, for example, made sure their loans went to backing education and housing efforts.

All of the applications are pre-vetted by a local microloan group within the applicant's country, so no one can lie about what they need money for. The system is also self-policed locally because if someone lies, the group could potentially pull microloan bank from their area.


Kiva boasts a 98.5

percent payback rate. Of the \$2,500 loan administered last year by Bethlehem students, only \$11 was lost.

"I find it really interesting to read the application because we don't realize the types of things other people might need, because we have it already," said student Julia Marcotulli.

Fellow sixth-grader Alexis Fisher agreed.

"This isn't just a school project, this is real life," she said. "We're helping real people."



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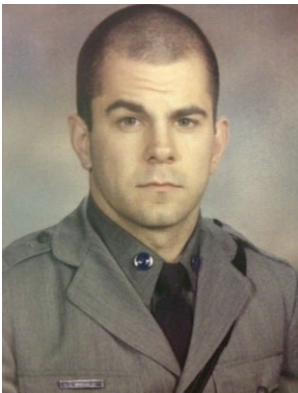
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State Police trying to track down mystery donor

State police are looking to track down the identity of a woman in Guilderland who gave an officer a Christmas card with \$1,000 cash inside.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, Trooper Christopher Maniscalco answered a complaint in the Town of Guilderland. After completing the call, he was approached by a woman who asked if he was busy. Maniscalco said the woman told him she sees him in the neighborhood and said he was doing a good job.

"I wanted to say Merry Christmas and thank you," said the woman, handing



Christopher Maniscalco

him a card.

Maniscalco said he didn't have time to open the card until later in the day. That's when he realized there was money inside. By law, the State

Police officers cannot accept such a gift and they now need the woman to identify specifically where she would like the donation to go.

State Police are asking for the public's help in finding the woman, so they can thank her and get direction on the donation.

Maniscalco described the woman as in her early-to-mid-40s, with blonde hair, and possibly driving a blue or gray minivan. The complaint where the trooper originally responded was in the area of Oak Tree Lane in Guilderland.

Those with information

should contact Troop G Headquarters in Latham at 783-3211.

Burglary probe leads to weapons arrest

Coeymans police recovered a number of weapons after searching a residence in Coxsackie during a burglary investigation.

Police said the investigation into a burglary and menacing incident led them to obtain a search warrant for a home on Medway-

Earlton Road in the Town of Coxsackie. Officers arrived with an arrest warrant for Latrell Seals, 27, who was charged with multiple felonies including burglary in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon and menacing. During the search, police recovered two rifles and a handgun that had allegedly been used during the commission of a crime in Coeymans.

Police also arrested Amy Pelton who lives in the residence where the guns were found.

"Whenever you are dealing with criminals in possession of firearms the magnitude of the crime increases exponentially," said Coeymans Police Chief Gregory Darlington. "There were five adults and six children in the trailer when officers and deputies went to arrest Seals, everyone did an outstanding job in ensuring that he was taken into custody and no officers or civilians were injured."

Seals was arraigned in Ravena Village Court and remanded to Albany County jail without bail. Pelton was returned to jail by parole officers. Police are continuing an investigation.

of drug possession after deeming their car to be suspicious after it abruptly backed out of a driveway.

Police said Kelly Thornton, 20, of 1 Amelia Drive, Schenectady, was seen abruptly backing out of a driveway on Erie Drive on Saturday, Dec. 1. The officer decided to pull over the car after learning the homeowner of that residence has a son on parole for drug charges.

Police asked Thornton if she had drugs in the car during the stop and she allegedly said yes and handed her purse to the officer. Police allegedly found 26 grams of marijuana, a grinder and a scale. Her passenger, Ashley Oneal-Grant, 19, of Wynantskill, was allegedly in possession of 4.75 grams of MDMA, a hallucinogen.

Thornton was charged with criminal possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, and Oneal-Grant was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony. Thornton was arraigned and will appear in court at a later date, as was Oneal-Grant, who was released under supervision of a guardian.

- Guilderland police arrested Maja Malczewski, 27, on Thursday, Dec. 6, on charges of felony grand larceny in the third degree with a value more than \$3,000.

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Who’s the Cake Boss?

Reality show star
draws a crowd
at Nisky book signing

By JOHN PURCELL
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You’d might think sweet tooth is a contagious affliction given the recent scene at the Niskayuna Price Chopper.

A line stretched throughout a local grocery store on Friday, Nov. 30, as fans of Buddy Valastro, star of the TLC reality show “Cake Boss,” clamored for books, cakes and a chance to meet the big-time baker.

Valastro made a special appearance at the Mohawk Commons store to take pictures with fans and sign his books, “Cake Boss” and “Cooking Italian with the Cake Boss,” as well as boxes of his new line of cakes.

Jaylen, 10, and Laurann Belivau, from Pine Plains, were the first people in line. The two staked the spot out even though they lived an hour-and-a-half away. They were going to see Valastro’s show later that night at Proctors, too.

“I did a biography on him in school,” Jaylen



said. “I kind of just like to watch and learn different techniques and tips.”

Jaylen said it was “really cool” to meet Valastro and it was worth showing up plenty of time before he arrived to get their place in line. Jaylen said her favorite things to bake are cupcakes and cakes.

Erik Voss, of Ballston Spa, came with his daughters, Madison and Camryn, to meet the Cake Boss. Voss said his daughters are avid watches of the show, which features some family drama as a side to the grand and inventive



cakes crafted.

“These two watch him every morning,” Voss said. “They DVR it and they watch it before

Cake Boss Buddy Valastro drew a crowd to the Price Chopper in Niskayuna’s Mohawk Commons on Friday, Nov. 30, to talk baking sign copies of his books.

Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

school every morning.” The Cake Boss line of cakes will be sold at Price Choppers throughout the area.

Your Community in The Spotlight

Student production a rousing success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
Last weekend’s production of “Twelfth Night” at Bethlehem Central High School was a great success, and many thanks go to everyone who supported the show, and will make next week’s production equally enjoyable.

Thanks to media that promoted the show, especially *The Spotlight*. Thanks to all the merchants who bought ads in the program that keeps the show running, and thanks to all the merchants who hung posters in their shops to advertise the show. Thanks to the parents who volunteered their time and energy to help make the show possible. Thanks to all the schools that hung posters and put notices

in their newsletters to let people know about the show.

Thanks and praise go to the students who have worked hard since September on this special event. You do our whole community proud!

And countless thanks go to Jim Yeara, who has brought Shakespeare to Bethlehem for 24 years. We’re all richer for it.

If you haven’t seen the show, treat yourself to something special this Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for students, seniors and military, and \$10 general admission. For information and reservations, visit theatrewithoutanet.org.

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Shen stands strong

It's a terrible truism that the worst of times often brings out the best in people.

That has been evident here in the Capital District over the past few days, as the Shenendehowa school community roils in the wake of a tragedy that took two young lives.

Chris Stewart and Deanna Rivers have appeared in our sports pages in the past. And it has become plain in recent days as their personalities are recounted, they were much more than student athletes to friends and family.

This was plainly evident in last Tuesday's vigil held at the Brent T. Steurwald Stadium at the Shenendehowa campus in Clifton Park. Thousands turned out to pay respects to these two teens and show support for Matthew Hardy and Shaker student Bailey Wind, who are still recovering. And they didn't just turn out from within the school district — it was clear people who were touched by the tragedy came from miles around.

As reporter Marci Revette writes, if this is not the epitome of community, then we don't know what is.

This fitting remembrance was perhaps the apex of what was several days of grappling with the gravity of the situation from all corners. In today's day and age, this has become a more public and far-reaching process than it ever might have been; within hours of the tragedy, Facebook and Twitter were abuzz with not only the tragic news, but calls for prayers and support. Memorial pages have since been established on Facebook and the hashtag #shenstrong was swept up by alumni nationwide.

This led to an entreaty to NFL quarterback Tim Tebow to place a call to Hardy, and the star QB reached out to him on Monday evening. This has seemingly expanded into calls for support from other celebrities, including a campaign on Facebook to get Ellen Degeneres to voice her support for the Shen community.

The capacity for so many to be moved to try and help provide solace in this dark hour is truly inspiring. It is truly the best being brought out in thousands of people.

But let us also reference a statement released by the Hardy family calling for space and time to heal, and for the focus to be kept on remembering those who have been lost.

In the wake of such dramatic tragedy, it can be difficult to cope with the size of the loss simply because there is no way to change things. We grasp for ways to make a difference, to show those insurmountable emotions. That might be sharing a story, or lighting a candle in vigil. Now, let us heed a simple request and turn toward healing.

Rather than (or in addition to) taking to social media, we would suggest another type of remembrance: a donation suggested by the families in lieu of flowers for Chris Stewart and Deanna Rivers. Donations may be directed to the Deanna Marie Rivers Memorial Scholarship, c/o Shenendehowa Central School, 5 Chelsea Place, Clifton Park, NY 12065, and the St. Colman's Autistic Program, 11 Haswell Road, Watervliet, NY 12189, in honor of Stewart's cousin, Andy.

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Editorial

Hiking with your neighbors

By ALAN VIA

The author enjoys hiking, biking, paddling, photography and fly fishing. He is the author of many hiking oriented articles and his hiking guide, "The Catskill 67 - A Hiker's Guide to the Catskill 100 Highest Peaks under 3500" was published by the Adirondack Mt Club in February and is about to go into its second printing. You can find his book at I Love Books, The Book House, or other independent booksellers or online.

Four years ago I walked into the office of Mark Thurman, Bethlehem YMCA's wellness director, and asked if he had a few minutes. I was hoping I could interest him in a Y hiking group. Little did poor Mark realize that what he thought was going to be another two minute conversation in the fitness center would turn into a lengthy discussion about a new program at the Bethlehem Y.

I've been the outings chair for the Albany chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club for 14 years and led four-season hikes for the Club, the Catskill 3500 and Taconic Hiking Clubs for 30 years. After some conversation I managed to persuade Mark to take a chance on the idea.

One of the things I enjoy most about the outdoors is seeing the mountains through the eyes of others. Whether they are new to hiking, returning to the sport or taking people to places they haven't been to before, it's all good stuff. There isn't any more outdoor activity that I find more satisfying than to watch the expressions on people's faces when they see a porcupine up close, a newborn fawn or the fresh tracks of a bear or fisher crossing a trail. On trips to the Catskills there have been bald eagles gliding overhead, a sighting of a shy timber rattlesnake and acres of wildflowers and fern glades. Our hikes to the Adirondacks have included sweeping vistas of Lake George from the summit of Buck Mountain and the windswept ledges of Pilot Knob. And

Point of View

we've seen the spectacular panorama of Adirondack High Peaks from the rocky, open top of Hurricane Mountain.

The first hike was to Overlook Mountain, near Woodstock. It was a bluebird day with a large, enthusiastic group of Y members that included Mark. Everyone got a chance to climb the firetower for the 360-degree views from its cab, and then take the short hike through the oak forest to the overlook for which the mountain was named. Word of the hike rapidly spread and before long I was receiving requests every week from members who wanted to get on the email list for hikes.

Since the inception of the group, we've had a couple of winter "innings," evening sessions at the Y to go over gear, equipment and clothing for winter hiking. That was followed up with a beginner's instructional snowshoe hike on and off the trails in the woods of Thatcher Park. That was a particularly rewarding experience as the large group spanned ages from 5 years old to hikers in their 60s.

We met at the Paint Mine trail and snowshoed on newly fallen snow, deep enough to require everyone to cooperate in breaking trail. Using the conga line technique, everyone had a turn out front and after a few minutes the lead trailbreaker stepped to the side and filed in at the end of the line. One of our most enthusiastic snowshoers was the 5-year-old who loved leading the adults through the unbroken snow. Our group even sampled some very steep slopes and went off trail and got a chance to learn how to turn around in place, negotiate through wooded terrain and how to flip up their snowshoes

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to knock off ice clumps from the snowshoe crampons.

It was a memorable day in the woods for everyone, with lots of smiles and folks who got a chance to take their snowshoes out of their closets and get a chance to really use them. While the absence of snow last winter was a real hindrance, the previous winter found our group snowshoeing over hill and dale at the Capitol Hills golf course in Albany, a terrific place for winter travel when snow conditions allow. We're keeping our fingers crossed for enough snow this winter to have more trips on the course.

The key things for our hiking group are safety, enjoyment and learning, and we've had the chance to practice all three on hikes and snowshoes all over. Our more than 125 participants have had the chance to hike all over in the almost 5 years since the group has been formed. I hope Y members who like the outdoors sign up, or join the Y and join us on the trails.

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How much will you spend this holiday season?

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Last week's poll results:

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- Technology 40%
- Athletics 31%
- Neither. Cut back spending 29%

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Christmas Day dinner planned

The Annual Community Christmas Day Dinner will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 25, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, starting at 1:30 p.m. for hospitality with dinner served at 2 p.m.

The turkey and ham dinner has no fee and is open to all residents and church members of the Town. A goodwill offering will be accepted. Join us for good food and fellowship. Senior Transportation will be available for Town of Bethlehem residents who are age 60 and over. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Food pantry in need

The Bethlehem Food Pantry is in need of coffee, tea, juice, cleaning products, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant.

Donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall Senior Office. If you need information about using the Food Pantry, call 439-4955, ext. 1173, 1174 or 1175.

Transportation service offered

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy and clinic appointments, grocery stores and a variety of social and recreational



programs. Call 439-5770 to make reservations. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at www.townofbethlehem.org.

Program Highlights Wednesday, Dec. 19 Grocery shopping

Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor.

For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, Dec. 20 Support group

The Bereavement Support Group for those who have lost someone close will meet at Town Hall from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

Join others in similar grieving situations and share concerns, emotions, etc. Call Will Vail at 439-4955, ext. 1173, to register or to get more information.

Weekly meet-up 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.

Grocery shopping

Senior grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem.

For reservations, call 439-5770.

Friday, Dec. 21 Grocery Shopping

Senior grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments.

For reservations, call 439-5770.

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

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

Be more tech savvy in the New Year

The New Year brings resolutions. If one of your resolutions is to get more tech savvy, the library is here to help.

Free classes are offered weekly, with a new topic each week. Both day and evening classes are available. Class topics range from introduction to the computer to learning how to use all the functions of a smartphone. Class size is small, allowing for individualized attention.

Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email from info@rcscommunitylibrary.org to register.

RU Smarter than your Smartphone?

Experiment with us and discover some great tools like texting, a camera, a calendar and maybe some games to help pass the time in lines or waiting rooms.

Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 11 a.m.

Find me on Facebook Learn about social media

With Facebook you can get in touch with old friends, children or colleagues online. This class is your opportunity to get up to speed in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

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Tuesday, Jan 8, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m.

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Tuesday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 11 a.m.

My Computer: Move the Mouse and More

Learn the basics. Using a computer can help you keep track of letters, recipes or a household budget and feel more confident in learning about a new hobby or job.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, at

6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m.

Acoustic Doorways Concert Series to resume in January

Acoustic Doorways returns on Friday, Jan. 4 with All About the Drums, featuring Reggie Harris, Cheryl Prashker, Barbara Chepatis and Brian Melick, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale at the library on Monday, Dec. 17 and at the door the evening of the concert.

Holiday Hours

The library will be open regular hours on Saturday, Dec. 22 and will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas.

For the New Year holiday, the library will be open Saturday, Dec. 29 and closed Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Stuffed animal sleepover

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

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Traveling art exhibit to benefit school

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 exhibit was created by grade 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.

Quilt Raffle

The Friends of the Library are selling raffle



tickets for a beautiful, 63-inch by 63-inch multi-colored quilt donated by The Village Quilters.

The quilt is currently on display at the circulation desk, where tickets may be purchased for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.

The quilt drawing will be held in February. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library.

Toddler Town

Is your child too old for Babygarten but not quite ready for preschool storytime yet?

Come to the library on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 10:15 a.m. to sing, dance and play your way through an age appropriate program designed just for your toddler. Short books, flannel boards and an exploratory art activity comprise the program.

Teen Book Club

On Thursday, Dec.

13, from 2:30 to 3:25 p.m., the teen book club will meet at the C.A. Bouton High School library to discuss “Princess Ben” by Catherine Murdock.

Princess Ben is a story about a girl who is transformed, through instruction in life at court, determination and magic, from a sullen, pudgy graceless Ben into Crown Princess Benevolence, a fit ruler of the kingdom of Montagne as it faces war with neighboring Drachensbett. Benevolence is not your typical princess and Princess Ben is certainly not your typical fairy tale!

Pick up a copy of the book at the high school library where the club meets.

Support veterans of Fisher House

The library is collecting travel size toiletries, items such as shampoo, lotion and toothpaste for our veterans and their families.

One-on-one computer help available

If you want to raise your comfort level with one or all of the electronic devices and media out there, you can get one-on-one coaching at the library by scheduling a half-hour appointment any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday the library is open at 7 or 7:30 p.m.

A librarian will help you with your smart phone, tablet or e-reader. You can also learn how to set up and manage an email account, get started on Microsoft Word or navigate the Facebook and Twitter universe.

Make an appointment at least a week in advance by visiting the information desk or calling the library at 439-9314, ext. 3009.

Ebook open houses

We’ve scheduled two more of our popular ebook open houses this month, Thursday, Dec. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to noon and Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Stop by with any e-reader (Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc.) and a laptop if you have one, and our librarians will help you find your way around the library’s e-book databases. Don’t have your own e-reader? Come in and try one of ours.

If your calendar is



already full this holiday season, don’t worry, more ebook open houses are scheduled in January.

Text us

Got a question on the go? Now you can text us anytime during library hours. We’ll respond as soon as possible.

To get started, text the word AskNow to 66746. Standard message rates apply.

Holiday hours

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday. On Monday, Dec. 31, the library will close at 3 p.m. for the New Year holiday. Regular hours resume Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Don’t forget that you can access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at www.bethlehempublibrary.org, www.bplkids.org and www.bplteens.org.

Lego Club

Thursday, Dec. 27, 2 to 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

Build things, build friendships! Lego pieces donated by Friends of the library and community members.

Minecraft: Can You Dig It?

Thursday, Dec. 27, 2 to 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

Learn to play or refine your game. Grades 4 and up. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

Cookie Decorating

Friday, Dec. 28, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

Add your personal touch to seasonal sugar cookies. Grades 6-12.

Dazzle Dogs

Saturday, Dec. 29, 11 a.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

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A community grieves

Candlelight vigil held for students killed, injured in Northway crash

By MARCI REVETTE
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One word that could sum up what has happened in the Shenendehowa Central School District in the past few days: “community.”

That word rises above “tragedy” or even “heartbreak,” and indeed extends out beyond the school district. And it was epitomized Tuesday, Dec. 4, when thousands from not only the Clifton Park area but from all over the Capital District flocked to a candlelight vigil at the Shenendehowa High School Athletic Field for

Chris Stewart and Deanna Rivers.

They lit candles, raised signs and shared stories about the students, whose lives were cut short in weekend crash on the Northway.

The emotional remembrance was punctuated by the surprise arrival of Matthew Hardy, who along with Shaker student Bailey Wind was injured in the crash. When the crowd saw an ambulance pull up, accompanied by state troopers, thousand surged to their feet with a cheer that thundered through the stadium.

But most of the evening was filled with somber remembrance. A group of Shenendehowa football alumni who knew Stewart spoke of how sorely he will

be missed.

“This is so terrible and shocking,” said Jesse Fulger. “He was like a little brother to all of us. I can’t think of anyone more undeserving than Chris for this to happen to.”

“As good as he was in class and on the football field, it doesn’t even begin to compare how he was in day-to-day life,” said Aaron Vassar.

Shenendehowa Superintendent L. Oliver Robinson seemed overwhelmed by the show of support.

“This is such an impact on not only the school, but surrounding schools,” said Robinson. “The ripple effect is so wide, we tried to accommodate as many people as we could. This is the time to show our

respect to the families.”

The hour-long ceremony was sprinkled with moments of tears and laughter as speaker after speaker rose to share their memories of Stewart and Rivers, and share hopes and prayers for a speedy recovery for Hardy and Wind.

Robinson encouraged the crowd to remember how fragile life can be.

“This tragic event has left us all with heavy hearts,” he said in part. “It causes us to question our faith. But moments like this serve as a reminder of how fragile life is. Our lives are marked by footprints on the sands of time.

“Let their lives not be in vain,” he continued. “Let us rekindle our own faith. We should let peace and friendship be our shelter from life’s storms, because inevitably we will be strengthened by this event and the legacy of Deanna Rivers and Chris Stewart will persist in our hearts and minds forever.”

Brian Clawson, who coaches Shen football, announced that Stewart’s football jersey number, 69, and Rivers’ softball number, 19, would be retired. He also said scholarships would be established in their memory.



Attendees lit candles and shared stories at a vigil held Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Photos by Marci Revette/Spotlight

Perhaps the most poignant moment in an evening wrought with emotions came when Nikki Wind, Bailey Wind’s sister, read an email message she had sent. Bailey, who was Chris’ girlfriend, thanked everyone for their prayers and urged people to never drink and drive.

“I loved Chris with all my heart and I don’t know what I will do without him,” wrote Bailey. “Number 69 is forever mine.”

Patricia Hardy and Matthew Hardy, Matt’s parents, declined to speak publicly, but released a message through the Shenendehowa School District:

“We appreciate and are overwhelmed with gratitude for the outpouring of support and concern from the entire Shenendehowa community and beyond. While the call from Tim Tebow provided a smile in an otherwise devastating situation, we would like to keep the attention focused on supporting the families of the students who passed.

Tonight is a time to come together as a community and celebrate the lives of Chris and Deanna.”

Charges have not yet been filed against the driver who allegedly collided with Stewart’s SUV, pushing it off the road.

State Police say Dennis Drue, 22, of Clifton Park, rear-ended Stewart’s car and sent both vehicles off the roadway about one mile north of the Twin Bridges on Saturday, Dec. 1. The students were returning home from the Siena College, UAlbany basketball game at the Times Union Center.

Police said Drue tested positive for alcohol in a Breathalyzer test but his exact BAC will be determined from analysis blood drawn at Ellis Hospital, where he received treatment. The testing process is being expedited, according to police.

Police say Drue is likely to face charges, and the severity of the legal action is likely to hinge on his BAC.

Tuesday luncheon program

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Participants may order the featured hot meal (listed on the calendar), or opt for a cold tuna salad plate or cold fruit plate. Orders must be placed with our office by 10:30 a.m. the day before the luncheon and the suggested donation is only \$3. Some decide to bring their own lunch, which is also fine.

Following the lunch, many seniors play bingo, other board games, shoot a game of pool, or simply converse with friends.

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To register, please make an appointment with the Senior Office.

Thursday, Dec. 13

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9 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 Balance Class
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
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Friday, Dec. 14

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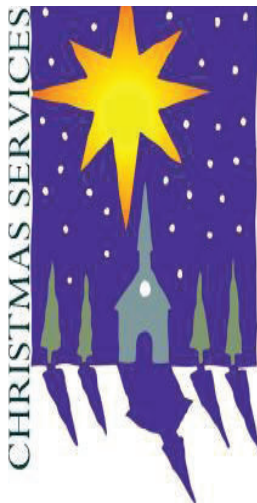
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Give

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that have all the supplies needed to hold a child's birthday party in one box.

The items were donated to the Food Pantry on Thursday, Dec. 6, while the rest were donated to Mercy House over the following weekend.

Jane Sanders, outreach coordinator for Bethlehem Senior Services, took the time to tell the girls about the town Food Pantry and its purpose. She also thanked them for their donations, and asked that they keep the food bank in mind in the summer months when contributions are low.

"We mostly deal with food, but we got few, if any, donations this year from the program Coats for Kids," she said. "When we saw they were collecting, we have many families who can't afford to go out and buy coats. Their kids grow each year, season to season, and coats are expensive."

Because of the need, the Food Pantry asked for coats of specific sizes for specific genders. They were also pleased to be given the birthday boxes, since all of the things needed to hold a birthday party can also be costly for parents.



Bethlehem Junior Girl Scout Troop 1546 collected coats for local charities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight Newspapers

"(This collection) really drove home the meaning of teamwork," said Heffernan. "When each girl contributes something individually, together we make a big difference."

Many of the girls were simply in awe of how old the organization is and that it is something they can still be a part of.

"I'm proud the Girl Scouts has lasted this long and so many girls devoted their lives to helping other people," said Megan Novak, 9. "Now I can do the same thing."

Those who would still like to donate coats for the drive may do so until Monday, Dec. 17, at Bethlehem Town Hall.

Debris

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and demolition debris, including scrap metal, wood, broken ceramic tiles, etc. All recyclables and asbestos have been removed prior to bringing the debris Upstate.

The DEC and FEMA had originally starting shipping debris to Rochester and Pennsylvania, but realized it would be more cost effective to bring ships to the Port of Albany and send debris to the Albany and Colonie landfills, Cunningham said.

The Colonie landfill currently takes in all municipal waste and construction debris for the town and can take in about 170,500 tons per year. With the extension, the Colonie landfill is permitted to take in a maximum 5,000 tons of Downstate debris per day through Jan. 15. The

extension needed to be DEC-approved because it will exceed the regulated annual tonnage.

Although Cunningham said he doesn't expect to meet the 5,000 tons per day limit, the town originally thought it would still be accepting debris from Queens. They will only be accepting debris from Nassua County on Long Island now.

"We probably won't see the 5,000 number ... we just left it at that. That's a cap, we can't take in more than that a day," he said.

If the landfill were to accept 5,000 tons per day, six days a week for five weeks, the maximum total debris cap would be 165,000 tons. Cunningham said there's a probability that there will be a continuation for collecting the debris past the Jan. 15 cutoff, however the extension would have to be approved by the Colonie Town Board.

If the maximum tonnage were accepted at \$4 per ton, the town would collect \$660,000 off the extension alone. The cleanup has generated unexpected revenue that officials hope to apply to building up reserves.

"The town just got out of the deficit. The supervisor's goal is to create some reserve account to fall back on, just in case we fall into an emergency," Cunningham said.

Colonie Town Supervisor Paula Mahan said the goal for the additional revenue is to "apply it to a rainy day fund."

"While doing so will generate some additional revenue for the town, the most important thing is that we are able to help the state recover from the tragic devastation of this terrible storm," Mahan said. "Our hearts go out to all those (who) will have to deal with its effects for

months and years to come."

The Town of Bethlehem is also cooperating with the agreement, as the Port of Albany, where the debris will be distributed, is within the town's borders. Bethlehem will continue to take in debris from Downstate until Jan. 11.

"Our solid waste law is intended to deal with permanent facilities, and we wouldn't want it to prevent assistance to those suffering the effects of Hurricane Sandy," Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson said.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

By DANIA BIANCHI
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Kristin Cowan began skating when she was five years old. The daughter of an Ice Capades skater, she was a natural. But now, 20 years later, all those years on the ice couldn't prepare Cowan for a performance 35 feet above it as Princess Ariel in Disney On Ice's "Rockin' Ever After."

"That was definitely the hardest thing for me," Cowan said. "I learned it this summer at a circus training course that I did – it was difficult, but fun."

In a stunt that is often featured in circus shows, Cowan is lifted up on a long rope attached to the ceiling. She then spins around by her wrists and ankles as she performs her routine high in the air.

"To see her leave the ocean floor and see her swim up to the surface like that is really visually exciting," said Director Patty Vincent.

Although Cowan has skated in various shows in the past, this is the first time she has played a talking character. She jumped at the opportunity.

"It's fun to try and get in her head and act how you think she would act," Cowan said.

Cowan's partner in the show, Prince Eric, played by Sean Wirtz, said being the prince is easy.

"It's not too hard for me to portray him – trying to be the cool guy, save the day and pick up the girl. It's fun," he laughed.

In this year's ice show, Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy lead the audience through a talent show full of Disney's favorite characters. The show brings the audience through stories of Disney's most adventurous heroines with a lineup that includes Sebastian and the Daughters of Triton from "The Little Mermaid," the rowdy pub thugs from "Tangled" and the spunky enchanted

servants from "Beauty and the Beast." New to the ice this year are the characters from the movie "Brave."



"The most exciting part of bringing a fearless and independent character like Merida to the ice for the first time is knowing that she has a powerful and inspiring message to deliver about finding the courage to determine one's own fate," said Producer Nicole Feld. "We think her story translates well to the ice and will really resonate with today's audience."

Though Disney on Ice is always geared toward families, Feld said "Rockin' Ever After" has something for all audiences.

"Whether you prefer the comedy that Sebastian from "The Little Mermaid" or the triplets from "Brave" bring, whether you're impressed by the athleticism of Merida and her defiance or whether you just love the beauty and the love story that's behind "Beauty and the Beast," there is something for everyone," she said.

Disney's "Rockin' Ever After" will be rocking the Times Union Center Wednesday, Dec. 19, through Sunday, Dec. 23. For show times and ticket information, visit the Times Union Center Box Office, Ticketmaster Outlets, Ticketmaster.com or call 1-800-745-3000.





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St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

COMEDY WORKS (ALBANY COUNTY)

Dan Wilson with Mike Speirs, Dec. 14 and 15, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

COMEDY WORKS (SARATOGA COUNTY)

Dan Wilson with Mike Speirs, Dec. 15, 6 p.m., City Sports Grille, 1668 U.S. 9, Clifton Park, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Information, 275-6897.

Visual Arts

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"An Irrepressible Conflict: The Empire State in the Civil War," through Sept. 22, 2013; "Seneca Ray Stoddard: Capturing the Adirondacks," through Feb. 24; :1934: A New Deal for Artists," through Jan. 20; "Focus on Nature XII," through Dec. 31; "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

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

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"Photography from the Captured Image Guild," through Dec. 31; Arcade Building, 488 Broadway, Albany. Information, 732-4224.

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

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"Group Show V," through Jan. 29; 210 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

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MASS MOCA

"Making Room: The Space Between Two & Three Dimensions," Through Jan. 2; "Invisible Cities," through Feb. 4; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; plus more; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

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Call for Artists

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

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6 Greek island
11 Hard wood
14 Start of a Donne quote
15 Smart one
16 Glimmer
17 5th Dimension: 1967
19 Best when first
20 Schubert classic
21 Kind of corporal
23 Hindu epic character
24 Tilt
26 Rib
29 Henry Mancini: 1961
34 Falsehood addicts
35 Cranny
36 Palindromic name
37 Supporter
38 Lures
40 Arduous journey
41 Ice hockey goal
42 Change the look
43 Sparkle
44 Paul Simon: 1986
47 Lacking sensitivity
48 With expertise
49 H.G. Wells' imaginary race

- 51 Jacket type
54 Bite one's tongue, in a way
58 Turkish title
59 Stevie Wonder: 1995
62 Frat emblem
63 Former Hollywood swashbuckler
64 French playwright
65 Make inquiry
66 Origins
67 Obliterate

DOWN

- 1 Antelopes
2 Lariat
3 Asian boundary river
4 Carole King: 1971
5 Name synonymous with 34 Across
6 Nemesis of George and Bill
7 Wings
8 Small gull
9 Edible tuber
10 Shelley subject
11 Irish island group
12 Levantine vessel
13 Roosevelt park
18 Singer Cole
22 Black cuckoo

- 24 Booty
25 Slaughter, of baseball
26 Loud metallic sound
27 Cargo ship
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Kim is a warm, caring, generous, genuine individual who makes our lives better by just being part of it. Her laughter and ability to see the



Kim Jeram Ganley

good and fun in all, is a blessing to those of us around her. So Kim.... Thank you for all the laughs and happy times.

Happy 50th birthday!

Patrick Anthony Wheatley

DELMAR – Patrick Anthony Wheatley, 85, passed away on Monday, December 3, 2012, in Delmar.

A resident of Delmar since 2004, Patrick is survived by his wife of 58 years, Regine (Sartaine) Wheatley; his daughter, Diane Betts, and her husband, Chris Betts, of Delmar; and, Richard Wheatley and his wife, Adrienne Rosenberg, of Sharon, MA. Patrick's grandchildren include Joseph, Henry and Sidney Betts and William Wheatley. Patrick is the son of the former Joseph and Mary Wheatley.

Born in Ireland on June 13, 1927, Patrick moved as a young boy with his

parents to New York City. Patrick is a veteran of the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 1946. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia College in 1950 in New York and his doctorate in dentistry in 1954 from New York University.

Patrick married his fellow dental school graduate, Dr. Regine Sartaine, in 1954 in New York City. In 1957, Patrick and Regine moved to Islip, NY and set up a dental practice which they operated in their home until his retirement in 1991. Soon thereafter, they moved to Bridgehampton, NY where they lived until moving to Delmar to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren.

Dr. Wheatley was an

avid reader, photographer, painter, hobbyist, car enthusiast and collector of memorabilia. His home is filled with his paintings, photographs, car parts, and hand constructed model airplanes.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Pl., Delmar. A military burial service will take place at Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Empire State Youth Orchestra, 432 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305.

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(December 12, 2012)

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(December 12, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
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(December 12, 2012)

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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)
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(December 12, 2012)

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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 law-

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ful activities. 84336 (D)
(December 12, 2012)

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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)
(December 12, 2012)

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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)
(December 12, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SWEETIE TOPS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/29/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 708 Penny Lane, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84344 (D)
(December 12, 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 01/04/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 25 Elk Street, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84345 (D)
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Notice of Formation East-side Anesthesia PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/6/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave. #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84346 (D)
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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)
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(December 12, 2012)

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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ZANDERSON LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Zoe Anderson 1 Forest Drive Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84574 (D)
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Notice of Formation of 198 HIGHLAND TERRACE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84579 (D)
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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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Notice of Formation of 110 W 81 ST LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84602 (D)
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Notice of Formation of LOVE AND PARTNERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/10. 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. 84608 (D)
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Notice of Formation of J&C Anderson, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/5/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Jon Anderson, The LLC, 8 Broadview Ave., Madison, NJ 07940. Purpose: any lawful activity. 84609 (D)
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Notice of Formation of EKJAY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/15/12. 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. 84617 (D)
(December 12, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RDFSolutions LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/07/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 997 Delaware Avenue, Delmar NY, 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 84626 (D)
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Notice of Formation Ace Tutors Aboard LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/19/2012. 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. 84627 (D)
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Notice of Formation Sigma Prepaid Global LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/16/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84628 (D)
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Notice of Formation The Pine Rental LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 2 Ableman Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84630 (D)
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Notice of Formation of M3 SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/19/12. 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. 84640 (D)
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Notice of Formation of IOTA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84644 (D)
(December 12, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Frontier New York, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/18/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 84645 (D)
(December 12, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Cole MT Brooklyn NY, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/31/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 84646 (D)
(December 12, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: RSN BETHLEHEM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 14, 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. 84647 (D)
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Your Community in The Spotlight



Fire department receives gift

PSEG Power NY presented the Selkirk Fire Department with a \$5,000 donation on Wednesday, Nov. 28. The donation will be used to fund communications equipment for the department to alert firefighters to an emergency.

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Holiday concert planned

The Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Michael Blostein, will present a holiday concert on Monday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The concert is free and open to the public. The orchestra is pleased to welcome distinguished clarinet soloist Richard Viglucci to the program, who will perform an original operatic fantasy he orchestrated, the Luigi Bassi Fantasy based on Themes from Verdi's Rigoletto.

Cookie sale at church

On Saturday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon,

the third annual Great Cookie Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the New Baltimore Reformed Church located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet

Once again there will be a variety of fancy Christmas cookies baked fresh and from scratch in our church kitchen for your enjoyment as well as for holiday gift giving.

Included will be linzer, decorated butter cookies, spritz, pizzelles, gingerbread, rugelach and many other favorites too numerous to mention.

The cost is \$10.50 for a packaged one-pound box

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Gospel group to perform

On Sunday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m., the Westerlo Reformed Church will hold a benefit concert for the Hilltown Resource Center featuring a new Gospel group "For God and Country" Jim Statts. They are very proud of their pure country gospel and Christian background.

Come see and hear great music and support a wonderful community resource that needs our help and support during the rough winter months ahead.

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LEGAL NOTICE

110 Brightwater Court LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/21/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 110 Brightwater Ct., Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes. 84842 (D) (December 12, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of New Heights Pictures, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/30/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 84843 (D) (December 12, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC")

LEGAL NOTICE

Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 21, 2012. Office location: Albany County. Street Address: 11 Stockbridge Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. 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 c/o Herzog Law Firm P.C., 7 Southwoods Boulevard, Albany, New York 12211. Latest date to dissolve: None. Purpose: to engage in any act or activity permissible under the LLC law. 84847 (D) (December 12, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HURMOSO LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/27/12. 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. 84848 (D) (December 12, 2012)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of FIRST BRICK LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 150 Broadway #1102, NY, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 84855 (D) (December 12, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of MEADOWS CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/29/12. 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. 84856 (D)

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Notice of Formation of LANDMARK 25, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/29/12. 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. 84859 (D) (December 12, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

LM Realty 18 West, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/16/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may

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be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rectory St., Ste 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 84860 (D) (December 12, 2012)

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Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84863 (D) (December 12, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Artbot Collective LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/30/2012. 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. 84867 (D) (December 12, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Brook Oak, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/23/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 181 Hoags Corners Road, Nassau, NY 12123. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84868 (D) (December 12, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Turnbull Projects LLC Arts.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Zeal Capital LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/27/2012. 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. 84870 (D) (December 12, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation B & B Couture LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/27/2012. 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. 84871 (D) (December 12, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application from Stacy Threlfall, 1406 River Road, Selkirk for an area variance under Article VI, Section 128-47, Fences. Applicant wishes to install a 6 foot fence on front & side of property. 85065 (D) (December 12, 2012)

Your Community in The Spotlight

Quilt group to meet

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The general meeting starts at 9:45 a.m. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. There is a \$5 visitor donation.

This is our holiday meeting and we will have a gift and cookie exchange, giant show and share and the 2012 Program Chair Challenge - finish ANY UFO quilt project that you started in a Q.U.I.L.T. workshop, from any year.

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B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation in Albany is offering two courses for those who want to learn about and speak Yiddish. Classes for advanced beginners and advanced Yiddish classes will be held Wednesday evenings starting Jan. 9. All classes are held at B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany.

The courses introduce students to the Yiddish language by using both a textbook with accompanying instructional media and the teacher's own experiences as a Yiddish speaker. They are geared to two levels of Yiddish proficiency.

The advanced beginners' class is for those who have learned to read and write some

Yiddish, while the advanced classes will be geared to those with a working knowledge of the language.

Both courses are taught by Rachel Weitz, an Israeli native speaker of Hebrew and Yiddish who teaches both languages in the Capital Region. Weitz holds a master's degree in Jewish education and a bachelor's degree in modern Middle East history and Arabic language and literature.

Advanced Yiddish will be Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Advanced Beginner Yiddish will be Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Yiddish courses are open to the public. Fee for each course is \$55 plus cost of required textbook and CDs or tapes. Registration is required.

Students may register

for a class at any time. The required textbook may be purchased after the first day of class.

For more information, or to register for a course, contact the B'nai Sholom office at office@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us or call 482-5283.

Family program about beavers

A family-oriented program on the American beaver will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m.

During this indoor/outdoor study, Five Rivers staff will present an elementary overview of the natural and cultural

history of this fascinating rodent through crafts, games and show-and-tell artifacts. Afterwards, staff will lead a tour of prime beaver habitat, searching for tell-tale signs of seasonal activity such as freshly chewed tree stumps, gnawed sticks and new dam building.

This program is free of charge, but enrollment is limited. Parents and children must accompany each other. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity.

Please call 475-0291 by Friday, Dec. 21, to register or for more information.

Learn about evergreen trees

A field study of the natural history of evergreen trees will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers

Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 10 a.m.

Evergreen trees provide many animals with food, nest sites, shelter from the weather and protection from predators. On this outdoor foray over gentle terrain, center staff will lead a tour of selected evergreen stands at Five Rivers. Participants will learn about the ecological and economic importance of evergreen species commonly used for seasonal decoration such as pine, spruce and fir. Participants will learn basic tree identification tips. The impact of invasive forest pest species will be discussed.

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



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BC, Guilderland boys win league openers

Ravena takes to the mat in Colonie

Bergere leads Eagles past Averill Park on the road

By SPORTS STAFF
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Bethlehem and Guilderland each earned wins in their Suburban Council boys basketball openers last Friday.

Bethlehem (1-0) downed Averill Park 70-58 on the road, while Guilderland (2-1) got past Columbia 73-61 at home.

Bethlehem started strong against Averill Park (0-1) by out-scoring the Warriors 16-8 in the first quarter. Averill Park trimmed the lead to three points at halftime before the Eagles used a 22-12 third-quarter run to take control.

Myles Bergere led four Bethlehem players in double figures with 17 points. Connor Morelli contributed 13 points, Nate Kane chipped in with 11

points and John Sica added 10 points.

Lucas Ziegler's 17 points paced Averill Park.

Guilderland had a tougher time putting Columbia (0-1) away. The Blue Devils were within four points of the Dutchmen entering the fourth quarter, but Guilderland out-scored them 19-11 to gain its first league win of the season.

Five Dutchmen scored 10 or more points, led by Marc Dumoulin's 18-point performance. Brian Crupi had 14 points, and Andrew Platek added 11 points.

Conrad Zampier netted 18 points for Columbia.

Bethlehem and Guilderland met each other for the first time Tuesday in Guilderland.

In the Colonial Council, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk started its league season on the right foot by beating Mechanicville 58-51 last Friday.



Led by heavyweight Alex Soutiere, top, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling team participated in last weekend's Linda Stuart Memorial Duals at Colonie Central High School. The Indians competed against several top programs including Queensbury, Hudson Falls, Colonie, Rocky Point and Division.

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Gate

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run to cut Bethlehem's lead to three points, but Bethlehem ended the game by outscoring the Warriors 33-13.

Freshman guard Jenna Giacone contributed 10 points, while senior guard Bridget Murphy added nine points for Bethlehem. Alison Nunziato had 10 points to pace Averill Park.

The Averill Park win gives Bethlehem momentum to work off of as it starts a stretch of three tough South Division games in a row. The Lady Eagles hosted an improved Guilderland squad Tuesday before meeting defending Section II Class AA champion Colonie Friday.

"I'm not sure if we could have a tougher start to our season," said Bixby. "But in the bigger picture, I don't see any reason why we shouldn't test ourselves right away."



Bethlehem's Kaylee Rickert goes in for a layup during last Friday's Suburban Council South Division opener against Averill Park. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Region

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Welch. But with no one tall enough to guard Giacone near the basket, the Garnet Raiders will have to hope its full-court press will be good enough to force Bethlehem into some turnovers of its own.

On the boys' side, I like the start Saratoga Springs has had to its season. The Blue Streaks don't have a true superstar, but they have scrapped their way to three consecutive wins, including a 59-50 victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston

Lake last Friday. Beating a truly dominant team like Shaker or Bethlehem might be a little too much to ask of Saratoga, but it will give both of those teams a fierce battle.

Finally, a belated congratulations to Saratoga runner Taylor Driscoll on her ninth-place finish at the Dec. 1 Nike Team Nationals in Portland, Ore. The senior completed the Portland Meadows Racetrack course in a time of 19:45 to help Kinetic (that's the name Saratoga uses at national events) finish fifth.

G'land

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contributed eight points. Voorheesville had a difficult time containing Watervliet's offense in a 63-46 Colonial Council loss last Friday. The defending Section II Class B champions from Watervliet

built a 56-26 lead before Voorheesville made a mild run late.

Mikayla Deguire scored 16 points, and Ailayia Demand chipped in with 15 points for the Cannoneers (1-0), who are looking for another Colonial Council title. Anna Norris paced the Blackbirds (0-1) with 12 points.

Hockey teams fall at Potsdam tournament

Bethlehem and Guilderland/Mohonasen traveled north last weekend to play in the Potsdam Hockey Tournament.

Bethlehem (2-3-0) saw its two-game winning streak end with Friday's

5-0 loss to Potsdam. Then, the Eagles fell to Canton 4-3 in Saturday's contest.

Goaltender Kevin Cooley was busy both days for Bethlehem. Cooley made 25 saves Friday against Potsdam and

stopped 23 shots against Canton Saturday.

Chris Caswell, Nick Hospodar and Steven Zayas each scored a goal for the Eagles in Saturday's loss to Canton.

Guilderland/Mohon-

asen (0-3-0) suffered a 4-1 loss to Canton Friday and a 7-0 setback against Potsdam Saturday.

Both teams return to Capital District High School Hockey League action this week.

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RCS wrestlers hit the mat

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling team competed against several top-notch programs during last weekend's Linda Stuart Memorial Duals at Colonie Central High School.

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Weekly poll

Which girls basketball team will have the best record in the Suburban Council?

- Bethlehem
- Colonie
- Shaker
- Shenendehowa

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Last week's poll results:

Which boys basketball team will have the best record in the Suburban Council?

- Bethlehem 50%
- Shaker 38%
- Guilderland 6%
- Shenendehowa 6%

Flying out of the gate

Giacone's 31 points leads Bethlehem past Averill Park in first league game

By ROB JONAS
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The Bethlehem girls basketball team pressed Averill Park into submission.

The Lady Eagles forced 30 Warrior turnovers with their full-court press on their way to a 71-48 victory in last Friday's Suburban Council South Division opener in Delmar.

"This is the best I've seen it work so far, but it's something we've been emphasizing and working on," Bethlehem coach Matt Bixby said of the press. "The more we can force turnovers, the more offense we can create."

Nobody benefited more from Bethlehem's press than Gabby Giacone. The sophomore forward hit several layups on her way to a 31-point night.

Bixby said Giacone has improved her game significantly since her freshman season, when she was one of Bethlehem's leading scorers.

"She's the classic example of the kid who put in the time during the off-season," said Bixby. "She worked hard on her own, and she played for the Albany City Rocks (an area AAU team). Her game has definitely matured."

Bethlehem had a difficult time capitalizing on Averill Park's turnovers early on. The Lady Eagles missed several layups in the first four minutes of the game, which contributed to an 8-4 deficit.

Eventually, Bethlehem's shots



Bethlehem's Gabby Giacone (24) takes a shot during last Friday's Suburban Council opener against Averill Park in Delmar. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

started falling. The Lady Eagles closed out the first quarter on a 17-2 run and built a 34-25 halftime lead.

"I think early on, what you saw was first-game jitters," said Bixby. "That is why we missed a lot of early shots. But once we

settled down, we were able to hit our layups."

Averill Park wasn't going to fall without a fight. The defending Section II Class A champions opened the third quarter on a 10-4

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G'land wins opener

Strong first half propels Lady Dutch past Columbia

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The Guilderland girls basketball team began its season by beating Columbia 41-23 in last Friday's Suburban Council South Division game in East Greenbush.

The Lady Dutch (1-0) built a 23-11 halftime lead, and they cruised from there to knock off the Blue Devils (0-1).

Caitlin Corbett had nine points, while Shannon Mackesey and Emily Sisco each added seven points for Guilderland. Naslasja Johnston's 12 points paced Columbia.

In the Colonial Council, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk used a big second quarter to pull away for a 47-26 victory over Mechanicville last Friday.

Hope Rebeor netted a game-high 13 points for the Indians (1-0), who out-scored the Red Raiders 17-7 in the second quarter. Kayla Hotaling and Olivia Vosburgh each

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Region unites in Shen-Shaker tragedy

The most uplifting thing that has come out of the tragic accident Dec. 1 – which claimed the lives of Shenendehowa senior student-athletes Chris Stewart and Deanna Rivers and injured Shen's Matt Hardy and Shaker's Bailey Wind – has been the response from the rest of the Capital District

Several area high schools had days where students wore green and/or blue to support the Shen and Shaker communities, and students from nearly every Suburban Council school attended last Tuesday's memorial service at Shen.

Siena College basketball players encouraged their fans to wear those colors during last Friday's home game against Rider at the Times Union Center.

And there was the Twitter campaign that got New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow to call Hardy and Olympic swimmer Missy Franklin to call Wind while they were at Albany Medical Center recovering from their injuries.

One such tribute came during last Friday's Colonie-Mohonasen girls basketball game when Colonie's players and coaches wore dark green T-shirts bearing the numbers 69 and 19 in honor of Stewart and Rivers.

"Obviously, it was a terrible tragedy that affected the whole community," said Colonie

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coach Heather Fiore. "It's touched every school district. And we want to do everything we can to show support for them."

The number of tributes are already declining as the rhythm of everyday life returns to the region. What won't go away so quickly is the sense of loss felt by those who knew Stewart and Rivers. By all accounts, the two Shen student-athletes were well-liked by everyone who knew them, and the fact they died in a two-car collision on the Northway while returning from the Siena-University at Albany men's basketball game – an innocent night of fun for them and their friends – makes it harder to take.

"I don't think there will be any quick closure from this," said Shen softball coach Dan D'Amboise, who coached Rivers.

Still, it's not every day when a diverse region such as the Capital District unites in this manner.

Moving on to the high school basketball world, we'll have a better indication of how the Suburban Council girls season will play out Friday when Bethlehem plays defending Section II Class AA champion Colonie.

Based on their season openers alone, I'd say Bethlehem has the upper hand in this first meeting between the two South Division power brokers. The Lady Eagles forced 30 turnovers with their full-court press in a 71-48 victory over Averill Park last Friday in Delmar, while Colonie fended off a young Mohonasen squad 48-39.

Normally, Averill Park would be the team to use a full-court press to overwhelm an opponent. But Bethlehem turned the tables on the Warriors with a press so tight, it forced Averill Park to throw the ball away time after time.

It helps to have a dominant player such as Gabby Giacone in your line-up, too. Bethlehem's sophomore forward used her 6-foot tall frame to shoot over Averill Park's smaller defenders on her way to a 31-point night.

Colonie has a dominant player in Marist-bound senior guard Sydnie Rosales and a strong shooting guard in senior Jaclyn

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