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# Life in hard places

## Film on work of Tom Little needs backing for Afghanistan trip

By MARCY VELTE  
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Out of respect for Libby Little, Dan Swinton waited a year after her husband's death before approaching her about producing a documentary on his life and work in Afghanistan. But Swinton had no idea that was actually the worst possible moment.

"There were just planning a memorial to honor his life because it's so dangerous to travel to Afghanistan," he said.

It was a little more than two years before Libby Little was ready to help make the film come to life for PBS. The title is "The Hard Places," a nickname many aid workers have for Afghanistan.

"It took me a while to entertain the idea of having the documentary done," Little said. "We were private people and we kept a low profile. Eventually, I found that it would be balanced and Tom wouldn't be made out to be a hero."



A film will look at the life of Delmar optometrist Tom Little, who was killed in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan during one of his philanthropic missions to the war-ravaged country.

Submitted photos

Tom Little, an optometrist who kept a home in Delmar, was killed in August of 2010 in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan. The incident has since been dubbed the Badakshan Massacre, and it is viewed as the deadliest

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# CDTA restores evening stops

## Residents' concerns prompt schedule change

By MARCY VELTE  
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After a group of Bethlehem commuters aired their concerns last month about changes to a bus route, officials from the Capital District Transportation Authority have opted to increase bus frequency during evening hours.

The change has been made to Bus Route 18, which travels along Delaware Avenue. The bus will continue to make stops every 20 minutes as per the plan that went into effect on Nov. 11. Stops will increase to every 15 minutes during peak evening hours from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

"We are thrilled," said Paul Tick, a resident who spearheaded a town meeting with CDTA. "The (CDTA) Executive Director (Carm

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# Dispatchers, town ink contract

## Consolidation with county services still on the table

By MARCY VELTE  
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The Town of Bethlehem and its telecommunications union have come to a three-year contract agreement after going a full year without a contract in place.

The contract includes a 2 percent salary increase beginning in January for 2014, but the town's emergency dispatchers will not receive a cost of living increase for the two years prior. In return, the town agreed to increase tuition

"There is going to be a time when something does go unanswered, and we will not be responsible for the outcome."

— Jenn Peters,  
Telecommunications Union president

reimbursement from a maximum of \$2,000 a year to a maximum of \$4,000 a year and supply four uniforms per year instead of two.

"I was very glad we could reach agreements with two of the three public safety unions," said Supervisor John Clarkson. "These agreements involved some give and take on both sides, but the result was fair and reasonable."

Union members will also contribute more towards their health insurance premiums. Starting in 2014, members will contribute 10 percent for individual coverage and 20 percent for family coverage. This will result in an immediate savings of \$1,600 to the town, with a savings of \$14,000 over the lifespan of the contract.

"Obviously, it is not what we

wanted," said Telecommunications Union President Jenn Peters. "We are getting no raises until 2014, which is tough, and we have to deal with the health insurance increases that will cancel each other out, but we realize the sergeants didn't get a much better contract."

Peters said she feels understaffing is still a major issue that need to be addressed because overtime is being used regularly. The Police Department previously operated with 12 dispatchers and a supervisor. Through attrition, there are now nine employees and no supervisor. A union goal had

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# Town gets grant for sidewalks

**DOT program meant to provide safe routes to walk to school**

By MARCY VELTE  
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The Town of Bethlehem has received a federal grant to fund the installation of sidewalks throughout portions of the town where students lack a safe place to walk to and from school.

A grant of \$500,000 was awarded through the federal Safe Routes to School Program. The money will be used to install sidewalks, ramps and crosswalk markings along portions of Fernbank Avenue, Delmar Place and Adams Street.

“The project will provide a safe, accessible and convenient path for hundreds of students to walk to school,” said Supervisor John Clarkson. “Our residents want sidewalks, particularly where safety is involved, and this project fills a link on the town’s pedestrian plans and advances our Complete Streets goals.”

Town Planner Robert Leslie submitted an application in October of last year to the state Department of Transportation. A total of \$26.5 million was awarded throughout the state, with eight municipalities in the Capital District receiving funds totaling \$2.4 million.

The application was backed

*“The project will provide a safe, accessible and convenient path for hundreds of students to walk to school.”*

-Supervisor John Clarkson

by the Bethlehem Central School District and St. Thomas the Apostle School, along with the town’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and parent teacher organizations.

“The health and safety of our students is our utmost priority and we are delighted to partner with the town on a project that benefits the district’s children and the community as a whole,” said Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Thomas Douglas.

The program’s intent is to allow children to walk and bike safely to school, encourage a “healthy and active lifestyle,” make alternative transportation more appealing and reduce “traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.”

Projects also had to meet certain criteria, like being within two miles of a school, benefitting the public interest



Bethlehem Central Superintendent Thomas Douglas and Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson discuss the town’s receipt of a \$50,000 from the state DOT to install sidewalks in needed areas to provide safe routes to school for students.

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and being located near a public right-of-way. The sidewalks will benefit students of the Bethlehem Middle School, Hamagrael Elementary School and St. Thomas the Apostle School.

The grant money will pay for a majority of the work, with the town and local sponsors contributing a possible

\$189,000 in additional funds.

Maureen Cunningham, a member of the town’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, said in a statement she felt the sidewalks would bring “added value” to the community and improve safety.

“My husband and I moved to this part of Delmar four years ago due in part to how

walkable this community is. As an active parent with two small children, I am routinely walking, running and riding on our community’s streets,” she said.

The town expects construction to start in the spring of 2014 after plans and arrangements have been made.

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# Supervisor chalks up 2012 as a success

**Town budget, politics play central roles in Clarkson's brief political life**

By MARCY VELTE  
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As he prepares to deliver his second State of the Town address, Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson feels he has managed to accomplish the goals he laid out after taking office one year ago, despite a difficult budget season.

The first-term Democrat pointed to changes to the ethics law, a new sign law and a "responsible" town budget formed through the use of citizen advisory committees. He also touted the start of multi-year budget planning, a capital spending plan and a fund balance policy, while having what he believes was an open dialogue with citizens and town employees.

"When I began to run, I knew there was a tremendous financial problem facing the town. It wasn't well publicized but I knew of it because of my work on the 20/20 Committee," he said. "I talked about it during my campaign, so it wasn't a

surprise. The bad news was we had a bad financial year, but the good news is we addressed it straight on."

## Dollars and cents

The 2013 budget passed in a split vote in November, with board members Kyle Kotary and Joann Dawson voting against the plan and Jeffery Kuhn, George Lenhardt, and the supervisor voting in favor. The \$37.9 million spending plan raised the property tax levy by 8 percent and cut spending by 1.8 percent. The budget also included a 7 percent decrease in staffing through attrition with the loss of 16 positions.

The budget gap was so significant because of the expiration of a 20-year Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement with Selkirk Cogen. But Clarkson believes the situation was handled appropriately by asking for public input, using a citizens advisory group to go over options and by talking about the budget earlier in the year. The first budget estimates were released in April, when discussions normally begin in the fall.

"The process we used was good and the result

was as good as it could be," he said.

Clarkson said he knew implementing change would be difficult and working with the board would come with challenges.

"I think it's a good thing when a board debates issues and disagrees on various policy," he said. "That's the whole point of having a Town Board. There are of course sometimes when politics enter into it and false arguments and I really don't like those sorts of things, but I don't think we had too much of that."

The supervisor said that debate, as well as input from the public and employees, has helped him to change his point of view on various issues, especially on further budget cuts.

"I'm thinking of the transfer station and the compost facility," he said. "On both of those, there was a bigger dollar cut to be had, but when you looked at the impact it wasn't worth it. The leaf collection was a big one, too, but where we landed was a good place."

The town considered cutting back on leaf pick up and did opt to reduce the hours of the transfer



Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson reminisces about his first year in office and looks ahead to plans for the rest of his term.

Marcy Velte/  
Spotlight

station, an issue that elicited many calls from the public. A decision to close the Colonial Acres Golf Course was hotly debated, as were expenditures in the Police Department.

## The politics of power

Before running for supervisor, Clarkson was previously the executive director of the Commission on Local Government Efficiency, which was formed under

the former Gov. Elliot Spitzer's administration. His 2011 bid was his first shot at elected office, and Clarkson began campaigning against Councilman Kotary, who was cross endorsed by the town's Democratic, Republican and Independence parties. Once former supervisor Sam Messina dropped a reelection bid, Kotary was the sole candidate until Clarkson announced. Clarkson went on to win the Democratic primary,

and Kotary suspended his campaign.

In the time since, a group calling themselves Reform Democrats worked to put new members onto the town Democratic Committee and backed Bill Reinhardt for Town Board – with Clarkson's support. After winning a number of positions on the committee and seeing Reinhardt being elected to the Town Board, the

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group disbanded.

Clarkson said he feels the politics in town have changed for the good, with it being more about the issues over personalities and “who’s with who.”

“I think that can be the hardest thing, but I think naturally over time we’ll do the right thing and find a consensus,” he said.

Support, for the coming months

Some have wondered whether Reinhardt’s election might clear the way for more 3-2 votes, like the one on the 2013 budget. Kuhn, who is also the newly elected chairman of the town Democratic Committee, said it is within Clarkson’s scope as supervisor to shape the board in order to fulfill his vision for the town.

Dawson, an Independent, said she thinks Reinhardt has his own goals in mind for the town, and will make his own decisions regarding issues and policy.

“He’ll most likely need some time to come into his own,” she said.

For his part, Clarkson said his involvement in the Reform movement had less to do with what’s happening at Town Hall and more to do with the party.

“Yes, I did back that effort, but the idea was to get people to become aware of the Democratic Committee, run for it and participate. ... I don’t

concur with the fact that every political move should be about a power struggle. It’s about the issues and the process you want to follow. I am idealistic.”

Outside the party, Bethlehem Republican Committee Chairman Fred DiMaggio commended Clarkson on his first-year performance.

“I think John addressed the issues which are important to members of the community by not filling positions and enacting a 2 percent budget cut. He should be commended for cuts,” DiMaggio said. “I still think it’s unfortunate we had to face an 8 percent (tax) increase, along with school and county taxes. The board could have recognized the need for further cuts and consolidations so property taxes didn’t increase.”

Clarkson is now looking to his second year in office. He plans to find a better balance between development and maintaining open space; make sure economic efforts and policy are aligned with that of the town’s Industrial Development Agency; and tackle civic improvements.

“This community expects a certain level services, and we want to maintain those,” said Clarkson.

The supervisor’s State of the Town Address will be held on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 8 a.m. at Town Hall.

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Driver in V’ville triple fatality sentenced

DA calls on medical professionals to be responsible when prescribing drugs

By MARCY VELTE  
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The driver who ran down three people outside of a Voorheesville church in 2011 was sentenced in an Albany County court on Friday, Jan. 11.

LuAnn Burgess, 55, was given five years of probation with 600 hours of community service. As per a plea deal reached in November, she will not serve any jail time. As a condition of the plea, she cannot operate a motor vehicle for the rest of her life.

In August of 2012, Burgess was charged with felony aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular manslaughter and three counts of criminally negligent homicide. The charges were leveled nearly one year after the crash took place. She was also charged with misdemeanor counts of reckless driving and driving while ability impaired by the combined influence of drugs, along with other traffic violations.

“When tragedies like this occur, no one ever wants to accept any part of the responsibility, however, I want to remind everyone that we all have a collective responsibility to prevent anything like this from happening again,” said Albany County District Attorney David Soares in a statement. “The doctors prescribing medications, the patients taking medications, and the friends and family of those taking these

medications must all realize the risks that can occur when taking prescription medication.”

On Aug. 10, 2011, Burgess had dropped off her 6-year-old foster son at Voorheesville Elementary School and began to head east on Mountainview Street toward her home, according to then Albany County Acting Sheriff Craig Apple. According to police, her flip-flop sandal fell off near the gas pedal, leading to her losing control of the SUV and striking three elderly women standing in front of St. Matthew’s Roman Catholic Church.



LuAnn Burgess

It was later discovered through a round of toxicology reports that Burgess had several medications in her system at the time of the crash that were being used to treat her Parkinson’s disease.

The three women standing outside the church were Carol Lansing, 66, of Green Island, Rosmarie Hume, 79, of Waterford and Frances C. Pallozzi, 89, of Waterford. They were a part of the Empire State Volkspointers, a group of nearly 50 hikers in the Capital District who Apple had said would normally walk in that area on Wednesdays. They were waiting for a friend who had stopped into the church to use to the bathroom when the car careened across the church lawn and struck them.

Attorneys Larry Rosen and Cheryl Coleman, who represented Burgess, released a statement after the August indictment arguing Burgess should not be held accountable for the deaths.

“We do not believe that Ms. Burgess committed any crimes. A tragic accident occurred a year ago and it was an accident, not a crime,” it read in part.

The District Attorney’s Office called investigation “exhaustive” and said the charges were the result of “countless man hours dedicated to witness interviews, collision investigation and reconstruction analysis, toxicology inquiry and exploration, and a thorough assessment of potential legal matters associated with the presentation of this case to a Grand Jury.”

“I would like to sincerely applaud the families of Rosemarie Hume, Carol Lansing and Frances Pallozzi for their strength and courage during this extremely challenging process,” said Soares.

The district attorney said he hopes people will think before taking their medication to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

was stopped by State Police at 10:10 p.m. on Jan. 9 after the 2012 Nissan Sentra she was driving was observed traveling north in the southbound lane of State Route 9W in the City of Albany. During a search of the vehicle, police said they found the cocaine and marijuana.

Pettitway was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the first degree, a felony. She was arraigned before City of Albany Court Judge Thomas Keefe and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility with no bail.

Other arrests

- Guilderland Police arrested Kaley Follano, 21, on Wednesday, Jan. 9 on charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated. She was also charged with several traffic infractions.
- Guilderland police arrested Swen Boehm, 39, on Thursday, Jan. 10, on charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated. He was also charged with several traffic infractions.
- Rotterdam police on Saturday, Dec. 29, arrested Michael Stuto, 32, of Loudonville, on the charge of criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, a felony.
- Glenville police on Saturday, Dec. 29, at approximately 8:46 p.m., arrested Devindranauth Sreekisson, 56, of Charlton Road, Glenville, on the charge of reckless endangerment in the first degree, a felony.
- Scotia police on Saturday, Dec. 15, arrested Ashley Sperbeck, 22, of State Street, Schenectady, on the charge of DWI.

Woman stopped with 1.5 pounds of cocaine

A 31-year-old Albany woman was arrested Wednesday, Jan. 9, after police said they found 1.5 pounds of cocaine and a small amount of marijuana in her car following a traffic stop.

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# Good food is a winter lullaby

By CAROLINE BARRETT

My husband likes to nap. He's pretty good at it, too. It may seem funny to say, but it's true. He can close his eyes, catch a little nap and never have a problem falling asleep at bedtime. It's a fine talent, and he's famous around town for this. Friends call in the afternoon and whisper into the phone, "Is it nap time? Am I waking your husband?"

Paul deserves a nap now and then. He's hard-working, loving, an all-around good guy. There is a part of me that's supportive, accommodating and the good wife who always says, "Yup, go close your eyes. I'll wake you up in 20 minutes." That good wife would say it, then give him 25 or 30 minutes. The other part of me, and maybe it's my evil twin, decides it's time to vacuum. Or invite the neighborhood kids in for a snack. The loud kids.

It could be that I'm jealous. Napping doesn't come that easily for me. I'd love to nap as easily and happily as my husband. But I can't. Planned sleep comes to me only after a cup of tea and pages of my book. For Paul, it's as easy as the late afternoon sun, a warm blanket and closing his eyes. It doesn't matter that the football game is playing loudly on the television. Or that Agnes barks at the front door. His dreamy eyes stay closed and he sleeps. He must have been a wonderful baby.

On summer afternoons, Paul likes to snooze on our front porch. He stretches out on the couch while the sun dips low in the sky and the steamy air cools. He sleeps right through Elliot and his pals running past, yelling and toting Nerf guns. One of them will hide behind the couch where Paul naps. Elliot will run over and yell, "Gotcha! You're DEAD!" They all scream and yell, laughing or howling at the injustice of being discovered so quickly. It's enough to be heard from the backyard, down the street even. But Paul, with a peaceful look on his face, naps on.

I do nap, however infrequently. My afternoon sleep comes when I least expect it. In the orthodontist's office last week, wrapped up in my down coat, I cozied down in one of the corner chairs. The office was quiet and low voices murmured, lulling me into sleep. I couldn't help it, sleep just happened.

## Our Daily Plate

Caroline Barrett



When I awoke, Lucy and her orthodontist were standing in front of me, waiting to go over her treatment. I must not have been the first mother to doze in the office, because he didn't look very surprised. Lucy was mortified, but I was quite refreshed.

The last time I had a quiet afternoon at home, I felt the lull and the pull of my eyelids. Yup, I thought, a nap would feel so good. My timing was perfect: Elliot was outside playing with friends. Zoe and her pal were upstairs, squirreled away in her room. Lucy was out for the day. So I made the cup of tea. I found a warm spot and gathered up the appropriate paraphernalia: my glasses, book and a fuzzy blanket. The house was so quiet, I could hear the hum of the refrigerator. In the big chair, blanket tucked in, I sipped tea, read a few pages and made room for Bugs, our cat. He likes to nap too.

A few minutes in, I sipped, I read and I felt my eyes starting to close. Even Bugs sighed deeply and turned the purring off for awhile. Blissful sleep was within my grasp. Until Zoe. She stood before me, friend in tow. "MOM!" she yelled, as if I was hard of hearing, "Hey Mom! Can we make cupcakes? PLEEEEEEEASE?"

There was a part of me, the same part, I think, that wants to vacuum while Paul is sleeping; she woke up

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1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1-1/2 teaspoon ginger

pinch sea salt

For the topping:

1 stick butter, room temp

1 cup pecans, chopped

1/2 cup white flour

1 cup oats

1/2 cup brown sugar

2 tablespoon crystallized ginger, chopped fine

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Butter a 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish. Toss the apples with the sugar and spice, and spread into baking dish. Use your hands to mix together the topping ingredients in a large bowl, then press lightly over the apples. Bake for 40 minutes, or until the apples are bubbly and the top is golden brown.

## Butternut Squash, Kale and Pomegranate Salad

*(Based on a salad from the Honest Weight Food Co-op in Albany.)*

1 tablespoon olive oil

sea salt

1 medium-sized butternut squash, cut into 1-inch cubes

4-5 leaves kale, stems removed and sliced into shreds

seeds from 1/2 pomegranate

3/4 cup toasted walnuts

Dressing: 1/4 cup olive oil, juice of 1 lemon, 1 tablespoon minced shallot. Whisk together and season to taste with sea salt.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Toss squash with olive oil, season with salt and roast on a foil lined baking sheet for 15-20 minutes, until just starting to brown. Spoon into a glass bowl and toss with the kale while still hot. Cool. Add pomegranate and walnuts and gently stir dressing in. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Keeps for a few days, covered and refrigerated.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

License record drives home need for reform

The other shoe has dropped for Dennis Drue, whose name has become somewhat infamous in the Capital District in past weeks, and the Siena student is facing quite a set of charges in a Saratoga County court. You can read all about it on our website, [spotlightnews.com](http://spotlightnews.com).

Our story covers Drue’s alleged involvement in the Northway crash last year that killed Shen seniors Chris Stewart and Deanna Rivers, and badly injured teens Matt Hardy and Bailey Wind. But what prosecutors included as part of the indictment against Drue were portions of his driving record.

Since 2007, Drue has racked up the following on his driving record: 13 speeding tickets (some for more than 30 mph over the limit, and one after an accident); two tickets for blowing a stop sign; a ticket for an uninspected vehicle; two tickets for driving while using a cell phone; a ticket for obstructed view; a ticket for having a light out; and two tickets pertaining to the windows on his car. The vast majority of these tickets were upheld.

Add to that the fact Drue’s license was suspended no fewer than five times for failing to answer a ticket or pay fines, and on another occasion for racking up three speeding tickets in an 18-month period. He was also involved in four car accidents (not including that fateful December crash), one of them a hit-and-run, and was found to be at fault in each and every instance.

A six-year window is a goodly span of time, but this list is voluminous by any standard. And yet on Dec. 1 of last year, when Drue allegedly clipped that SUV and sent it rolling off the road, he was behind the wheel holding a valid license.

Whether or not Drue should be punished for his actions will be left up to the legal system. But the entire affair should also demand a reexamination of our traffic laws.

Here in the United States, driving is looked on as something of a right. Although police and driver’s ed instructors will tell you about how your license is a privilege, the case of Dennis Drue teaches us that privilege can be heavily dependent on your ability to simply pay off fines.

There is, of course, the “points” system. The state DMV will suspend your license if you rack up 11 points within an 18-month period. Most violations earn you three points, so one would have to get caught four times in that time to have a license pulled — that is, if you don’t take a point reduction course, which can be done over the Internet these days.

This is a tricky topic because in today’s day and age, most people must drive as a matter of living a happy and efficient life. And as even a good driver knows, it’s simply impossible to not make a mistake now and then. Even under today’s rules, that can quickly land you in an expensive and inconvenient position.

But in our car-centric world, with daily bumper-to-bumper congestion on roads like I-90 and the Northway, when distances are measured in the number of minutes you’ll be behind the wheel, when we do so much driving that looking at the road seems an offensive distraction from one’s cell phone, it can be easy to forget getting on the road means being in direct control of a multi-ton death machine. At least, until that fact is driven home by a crushing tragedy.

Let’s not let this tragedy go unnoticed. It is clear this state — this society — needs better way to keep the most destructive and dangerous off of our roads. Or at the very least, to provide a sufficient incentive or deterrent to keep everyone behaving in a civil manner. This is not a pipe dream. Last year, for instance, legislation kicked in here in New York that keeps drivers with five or more alcohol- or drug-related driving convictions from ever getting their license back.

Perhaps it’s time to apply that thinking to other areas.

Editorial

Call for pre-K inspires hope

By MARSHA BASLOE

*The author is the executive director of the Early Care & Learning Council.*

Today, I am proud to be a New Yorker.

Coming off a national election cycle with little mention, from either party, of our youngest citizens, it was quite refreshing to hear Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s dedication to our state’s pre-K children. I believe the governor understands the scientifically proven developmental and societal benefits of providing high quality early care and learning to our youngest citizens. Expanding universal pre-K is a first step.

The governor would like New York to have a world-class education system, in part by providing more learning time. This begins by making the most of the learning time that happens before kindergarten. Children who arrive at kindergarten having had high quality early care and learning experiences are less likely to need remedial or special education, repeat grades or drop out of high school. Children from birth to age 5 who have close relationships with caregivers, who are encouraged to explore, who are read and sung to, held and who get lots of play time in safe and stimulating environments come to school ready to succeed.

The governor outlined actions to spur economic growth and create new jobs. We applaud this, and recognize that we cannot talk about bringing new employees to the state without addressing their families’ needs, including child care. Child care is an essential part of our economic infrastructure. As we grow, we need to ensure that the child care options are available and attractive enough for young professionals and their families. Parents too know the importance of high quality programs.

Another part of the governor’s plan for economic growth is to better match training

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programs to meet the skills required in today’s workforce. We know that most of a person’s personality and intellect are formed in the first three years. We know that skills needed in a 21st century workforce – creativity, problem solving, teamwork, adaptability, ingenuity – are developed in early childhood. An investment in quality early care and learning nets a much higher return on investment than job training programs that begin in adulthood. As we provide for 4-year-olds today, let us also continue to support our infants and toddlers and 3-year-olds who will be 4 in the blink of an eye! Let’s invest now to have a creative innovative workforce two decades from now.

We, like the governor, are concerned about public safety. We want our children to grow up feeling secure and want New York to be a place that others want to visit and live. Children who engage in high quality early care and learning are less likely than their peers to be incarcerated. Investments in early childhood are an investment in our security.

We applaud the expansion of universal pre-K time from 2.5 hours to 5 hours and are hopeful that this will provide thousands of 4-year-olds with a good pre-K experience. We know New York’s child care resource and referral agencies (CCR&Rs) will be working hard through the transition to help families identify wrap around care that is accessible and affordable. Our network of CCR&Rs will also be particularly interested in how this change affects the children and families in the 60 percent of UPK programs operating in community based programs like Head Start and child care centers. UPK is currently operating in

67 percent of school districts so the changes to UPK will reach thousands of New York’s children. There are hundreds of thousands more in early care and learning programs, ages 6 weeks to 6 years, outside of the UPK system who could benefit from quality improvements. The key to addressing the needs of all of New York’s early care and learning programs including pre-K is QUALITYstarsNY.

QUALITYstarsNY is New York’s quality rating and improvement system for early childhood programs including UPK, Head Start, child care centers, preschools and child care family homes. It is a process that assesses and improves the quality of care available to children while supporting the program and staff through the process. It has been proven to work and is currently in place in select communities. To see an impact across the state, to let all New Yorkers enjoy the many long term benefits of a well cared for generation of children, the state also needs full state wide implementation of QUALITYstarsNY.

The Race to the Top support in place for the beginning implementation of QUALITYstarsNY shows the State Education Department’s support. The recent Education Reform Commission also made high quality programming an essential piece for the future. Gov. Cuomo understands that learning begins early to build New York State’s future. With everyone focused on high quality programs and services, the expansion of Pre-K begins.

The governor has acknowledged, in front of the world, the value of quality early care and learning experiences. I am hopeful. We have just taken the first baby step and in a grand journey towards a statewide system that supports and values all of our children. It’s a beautiful day in New York.

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- Yes, regarding money/profession 38%
- No 8%
- Yes, but I broke it already 23%

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## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

# Sign law needs another look Time for divisive politics is over

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I am a Boy Scout in Troop 75, Delmar, writing to express my opinion on an ordinance concerning the placement of temporary roadside signs. This past year the Bethlehem Town Board passed a local law regulating the display and placement of signs on public and commercial property. I do support the ordinance in that it prevents the placement of political campaign signs on street corners and intersections during the election season, but it also applies to signs belonging to non-profit organizations.

Every year in November, my troop holds a SportsMart in at Bethlehem Central High School. To attract people, we have heavily relied on temporary signs placed throughout

the town. This year, my troop was not able to display signs on street corners or other public property. Because of the sign ordinance, my troop was unable to display as many signs as it has in the past, and we had to go out of our way to get permission from other nonprofit organizations, mostly churches, to display signs. This year at SportsMart it was also noticed that we had fewer people show up than in previous years, which we believe is due to the lack of advertising because of the new ordinance. I believe that the Town Board should revisit the sign ordinance and make an exception to nonprofit organizations for advertising fundraising activities.

William Barnes  
Delmar

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

For most people involved in politics, post-election time is traditionally about reflecting on the results and charting a course that is consistent with positions and goals articulated to voters during the campaign.

Here in the Town of Bethlehem, Democrat Jack Cunningham thinks otherwise. Rather than embracing a group of newly-elected Bethlehem Democratic Committee members, Cunningham's idea of a welcome is to threaten them with primaries.

Mr. Cunningham, a former Bethlehem town supervisor and Town Board member, lost the

September Democratic primary for an open Town Board seat, and then was defeated in the general election for the same seat running on the Independence Party line.

Cunningham managed to retain his seat on the Bethlehem Democratic Committee. However, the committee on which he previously served as 1st vice chairman lost 26 seats to challengers who had grown weary of among other things, a lack of transparency in committee deliberations.

The shake up within the membership of the committee reflected the voter's desire for change. But not to Mr. Cunningham, who

in a recent interview (*The Spotlight*, Jan. 2) characterizes new committee members as "militant minded." Militant minded! My goodness. Cunningham went on to state, "We can run candidates just like the Reform group did. In two years we can look for people to run against them..." Commenting further about prior (committee) experience with a group Cunningham described as similar to the Reform group, Cunningham stated, "We worked hard to get them out of the party ... We can do that again."

Calling for primaries of committee members, just three months

following their election — this is a novel approach to team-building, and an odd way to accept the decision of voters.

Mr. Cunningham apparently rejects the committee members Bethlehem Democrats elected. His stunningly divisive comments are nothing less than an attempt to marginalize and intimidate new committee members.

Mr. Cunningham doesn't get it. Bethlehem voters are weary of D.C.-style political rhetoric.

They simply want good government.

Sean Raleigh  
Member, Bethlehem  
Democratic Committee

## Remember history for bond vote

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Thank you to *The Spotlight* for informing BCSD taxpayers about the misguided decision on the part of four Board of Education members to support the inclusion of a \$3.8 million plan to build an artificial turf athletic field into a proposed school facilities bond issue. Perhaps if these board members will read your Dec. 26 report which appears adjacent to the 2012 "Look Back" year-end review they will realize how politically and economically tone deaf their support for this

perceived frill appears to the voting public.

*The Spotlight* reminds us that last February, BCSD leaders projected a \$4.4 million deficit in the upcoming year and, in April, the school board adopted a budget that eliminated 56 full-time-equivalent positions, as well as a negotiated four year, \$2.7 million giveback on the part of BC teachers and administrators. We also were reminded in this week's *Spotlight* of the closure of the Clarksville school, the elimination of school bus runs and the sale of the former

district administration building — all in the name of saving (and making) money. *The Spotlight* year-end review also reports on the \$3.5 million budget gap experienced in 2012 by the Town of Bethlehem due to the loss of PILOT payments from the COGEN plant in Selkirk. 2012 was indeed a year of financial hardship for the schools and local government that we support.

It is unfortunate that state aid funding in New York does not provide sufficient assistance for ongoing building maintenance, but instead encourages districts to pursue large multi-million dollar bond issues when buildings fall into disrepair. Hence, the \$17.1 million

of the proposed plan is for necessary facility upgrades and repairs. I would hope that these plans can be allowed to move forward. But, to attach to this necessary plan an additional \$3.8 million for an artificial turf athletic field in a time of financial austerity will be perceived as a slap in the face to the district/town taxpayers and voters. As a result, the inclusion of an artificial turf athletic field will seriously jeopardize the successful passage of any future bond proposition. The board should make these plans into two separate bond issues and let the voters decide accordingly.

Ted Smith  
Delmar

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# Karate workshop for kids planned

Break up the dreary days of February with a new activity to get your kids moving. Local black belt trainers will be at the library's First Saturday and First Monday program to demonstrate some basic karate moves. Instructors Christine and Shawn Snyder will also share the basic principles of Fudozen Kempo Karate, balance, control, focus, respect, confidence, health and wellness.

Choose between sessions offered on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. or noon and Monday, Feb. 4, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held at the Congregational Christian Church right across Mountain Road from the library. Enter through the parking lot door.

Registration is required, so reserve your spot today by calling 756-2053 or emailing [info@rcscommunitylibrary.org](mailto:info@rcscommunitylibrary.org).

## Winter computer classes

Free classes are offered weekly with a new topic each week. Both day and evening classes are available. Class size is small allowing for individualized attention. Registration is required. Call today to reserve your place.

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### •Streaming Music

Got Internet? Then you can listen to an unlimited amount of free music like new Top 40 hits, classics and outrageous indie tunes. See the wide variety of safe, reliable options. Tuesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 23, 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 or feel more confident in learning about a new hobby or job. Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 30, 11 a.m.

### •iPods and iPads and Bears, Oh My!

Have fun exploring the features and possibilities of tablet computers like the iPad or iPod. Bring your own or experiment with one at the library. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 11 a.m.

### •Beginning Internet

Learn how to navigate

the web in this beginner's class. Understand what the address bar is, how to type in a url (web address) and how to add a page to your favorites. Mouse skills required. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m.

### •More Internet - What Makes Clouds?

Learn about different web browsers, search tips and storing your pictures and documents online 'in the cloud,' Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m.

Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email [info@rcscommunitylibrary.org](mailto:info@rcscommunitylibrary.org) to register.

## 10th Annual Fun Fair a success

Seth Warden, Brian Melick and Doug Moody of Seth and The Moody Melix perform outside the AW Becker library during the 10th Annual Fun Fair sponsored by the RCS Community Library and the RCS School District. Early childhood providers provided play activities while parents filled in school registration

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# Winter reading club for all ages

The Winter Reading Club is now in progress, and this year it's for all ages. Everyone is welcome! Check out any book, CD or DVD. Tell us what you think about it on the library website or by filling out a comment card at the library. Win gift certificates for local stores and restaurants. Winners are drawn every Friday. To learn more, visit [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org) and click on Winter Reading Club.

## Let's Sing & Dance

Ring in the new year with bells, shakers, music and dancing! For toddlers through kindergarteners with an adult, this musical program with many fun activities will begin at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 19. No registration is necessary.

## Family math fair

Enjoy games, picture books and art activities that reveal the concepts



of math. For kids from preschool through the early elementary grades, the Family Math Fair will be held on Friday, Jan. 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Call the reference desk at 765-2791 to sign up.

## Thursday afternoon at the movies

On Thursday, Jan. 24, watch 'High Noon,' the classic Western starring Gary Cooper and Grace Kelly, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

## Library to close early for holiday

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

## Art on display

The landscapes of Rae Lee Robinson, inspired by local places, are now on exhibit through

January. Featured in the display case are the exquisite works of the traveling exhibit from the Embroiderers Guild of America.

## Quilt raffle

The Friends of the Library are selling raffle tickets for a beautiful multi-colored quilt donated by The Village Quilters. The quilt is on display at the circulation desk, where tickets may be purchased for \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

## Writing your personal history

For folks who want to record their life stories for their children, grandchildren and friends, these workshops will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Jan. 29, Feb. 12 and 26 and March 12. Registration is required. Contact Suzanne Fisher at the library.

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# AARP tax counseling available

A.A.R.P. tax counseling service will be available on Wednesdays at Town Hall starting on Feb. 6. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment. Bring 2011 tax returns, 2012 W-2 and 1099 forms and receipts for contributions, interest, medical bills and property and school taxes.

## Show at Proctors

Join us on Saturday, Jan. 26, for 'Million Dollar Quartet,' a Tony Award winning Broadway musical, at Proctors' Theater in Schenectady. The show features musical icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins preparing for the famed recording session with Sam Phillip. The cost is \$55, payable to Town of Bethlehem. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about noon. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation is \$10. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

## Transportation service

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy, 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).

## Food pantry in need

The Bethlehem Food Pantry needs coffee, tea, juice, canned fruit, cleaning products,



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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.

## Tuesday, Jan. 22

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, Jan. 23

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

•Caregiver's Support Group for those caring for a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia. Meet at Town Hall from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call 439-5770 for transportation.

## Thursday, Jan. 24

•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 from 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, Jan. 25

•This week's health and wellness program is 'Healing Power of Music' and will run from 1 to 2 p.m. at Town Hall. The program will be presented by William Vail, LCSW, Town of Bethlehem. You can also join us for lunch before the program at the Windowbox Cafe. Cost on your own. The program is free and transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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paperwork and chatted. Participants enjoyed musical games and a dance contest, along with lots of great music! The fun doesn't have to end there. Check out their CD, 'Hi, hello, how do you do?' at the RCS Community Library.

**What's New? New Adult Fiction**

- "Collateral Damage"

by Stuart Woods

- "Dream Eyes" by Jayne Ann Krentz
- "Driver's Education" by Grant Ginder
- "The Husband List" by Janet Evanovich & Dorien Kelly
- "The Last Runaway" by Tracy Chevalier
- "A Memory of Light" by Robert Jordan
- "Political Suicide" by Michael Palmer
- "1356" by Bernard Cornwell

Find the right balance at workshop

Town of Guilderland Senior Services will be hosting "A matter of Balance," an eight-week workshop at Town Hall designed to help seniors manage concerns about falls, improved balance, flexibility and increase your activity levels.

Classes will take place most Fridays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. March 8 through May 3.

The workshop fee is \$12.

**Tuesday, Jan. 22**

9 a.m. - OsteoBusters  
11:30 a.m. - Luncheon: Beef Stew or Cold Plate 12:30 p.m.  
B i n g o / G a m e s / Billiards

**Wednesday, Jan. 23**

Scheduled Shopping  
9 a.m. - Cardio Circuit  
10:30 a.m. - OsteoBusters  
10:30 a.m. - Sr. Fitness

**Monday, Jan. 21**  
Closed

1 p.m. - Needlecraft  
1:30 p.m. - OsteoBusters

**Thursday, Jan. 24**  
Scheduled Shopping  
9 a.m. - OsteoBusters  
12:30 p.m. - Mahjongg  
1 p.m. - Pinochle

**Friday, Jan. 25**  
Scheduled Shopping  
10 a.m. - Painting  
10 a.m. - Bridge  
1 p.m. - Quilting

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for storytime, starts at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24.

**Book club in a bag**

Need a good book for your book group? Try the library's Book Club in a Bag program. Contact Suzanne Fisher at the library for details.

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**Preschool Storytime**

Preschool Storytime starts at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, and Toddler Town, for kids who are not quite ready

Food

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first. She wanted to yell at Zoe. She was very upset at being roused after only five minutes of napping. She wanted to throw out a curse word or two and make Zoe and her friend go away. But the reasonable, nice me intervened. I blinked and reached out for Zoe's hand. "A few more minutes, Zoe. Then I would love to make cupcakes with you." That's what I said when her friend was there. Later, we had a talk about how to act when someone (especially when that someone is me) is curled up under a blanket with her eyes closed. We walk right by, I told her. Walk by very quietly. She apologized and promised to try that next time. She just

Food

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*There are plenty of things that make afternoon napping better. Quiet houses. Warm fires. A cat and a blanket. Food matters, too. No one naps after eating super healthy food like salads and veggies.*

after eating super healthy food like salads and veggies. It's a big bowl of stew, the over-stuffed sandwich or the piece of cake that sends us off for a winters' afternoon nap. Which brings me to the apple crisp. I am a firm believer in one-apple-dessert-a-year-is-not-enough. We always make an apple pie at Thanksgiving and then all the other desserts tend to take over. But my family loves sweet, bubbly, warm apple desserts. We shouldn't have to wait until next fall for another. This one is a different take on our traditional apple crisp: heavy on ginger with a bit of cinnamon.

Paul loves a big scoop of this apple crisp with a big glass of cold milk. And you know what he does after his plate is cleaned, right? On a cold, quiet afternoon, a serving of warm apple crisp

is like a lullaby for my dear husband.

There is also wintery food that won't send you off for a nap. This salad is a blend of all the healthiest foods around - kale, squash, pomegranate and walnuts. It's sweet, crunchy, earthy; all the flavors I love to put together. Will a bowl of this super-food salad keep my husband from taking an afternoon nap? I doubt it. That's all right, though. Because the nice me, the supportive and loving me - I'll let him take his nap. And I won't even vacuum while he's doing it.

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

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# Educators skeptical about gov’s reforms

## Area school districts grade Cuomo’s education proposals, performance

By JOHN PURCELL  
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If it were up to educators, Gov. Andrew Cuomo probably wouldn’t be making the honor roll.

In his State of the State address on Thursday, Jan. 10, Cuomo linked education to the economic recovery of the state and laid out several proposals to enhance the quality of the state’s public schools. But many of Cuomo’s initiatives will require additional funds to be spent in schools that administrators claim are already tapped out through declining state and federal aid and strangled by the very property tax cap championed by Cuomo. Mandate relief, a common cry from educators, was notably absent from Cuomo’s speech.

Cuomo outlined two initiatives for local school districts, both of which include offering more learning time for students and creating better teachers and principals. The proposals followed recommendations from the New NY Education Reform Commission.

His proposition is to extend learning time by 25 percent,

either by lengthening the school day or year. Cuomo also announced a state initiative to fund full-day kindergarten.

“When it comes to education, I say two words: more and better. We need more learning time in this country, not just in this state,” Cuomo said. “The advantages of more education are clear. When you look internationally, countries that are beating us educated their children more.”

Billy Easton, executive director of the advocacy group Alliance for Quality Education, applauded the governor’s proposals. The group previously hosted a forum locally featuring area school district employees speaking about how cuts to education have affected learning opportunities.

“Governor Cuomo’s State of the State contains positive educational initiatives including a proposal for full-day pre-K, longer school days and school year and community schools,” Easton said in a statement. “We look to the state budget to see how the proposals can move from ideas to reality.”

The resounding response from area educators is much the same: Let’s see what’s in the budget. Shenendehowa Superintendent L. Oliver

**“We at Bethlehem Central School District would like nothing more than to accelerate our students’ learning and maximize time in classrooms, but I’m unsure of how this could be funded considering the current economic climate in New York state and beyond.”**

– BCSD Superintendent Thomas Douglas

Robinson said Cuomo’s ideas weren’t particularly radical and also wondered what might come to fruition lacking mandate relief.

“These aren’t new ideas, but the reason why they keep coming about is there hasn’t been a true commitment to change laws,” Robinson said. “Politicians often say the right things, but the question is if those things can come to a head.”

Robinson said extending the school day is a “good idea,” but in reality it won’t happen without increased state aid.

“If we were to extend the school day merely half-an-hour for each teacher, with the same compensation formula, we would have to increase our teacher compensation by 7 percent, which is almost \$3.75 million,” Robinson said.

South Colonie Superintendent Jonathan Buhner echoed Robinson

and said funding is integral to expanding learning opportunities.

“The problem I have with some of the suggestions he has is unless the gap elimination reduction is addressed, districts are going to be cutting many of the programs he is recommending,” Buhner said.

The state’s gap elimination adjustment has cut \$3 billion from public schools, according to Buhner, and South Colonie schools have seen a reduction of around \$9 million in state aid.

“A lot of those concepts he presented were sound ... but unless we find a way in New York state to address the loss in state aid, I’m not sure how to get there,” Buhner said.

Bethlehem Central Superintendent Thomas Douglas was of the same mind.

“I feel the proposal is made with the best intentions, but needs to be carefully thought

out in regard to cost and implementation,” Douglas said in an email. “We at Bethlehem Central School District would like nothing more than to accelerate our students’ learning and maximize time in classrooms, but I’m unsure of how this could be funded considering the current economic climate in New York state and beyond.”

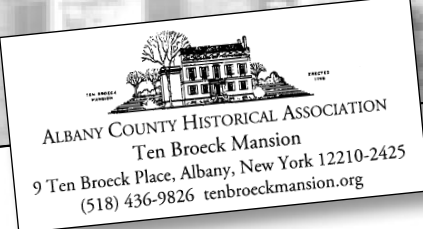
Cuomo might have two words to describe his feelings on education, but Douglas had two words for Cuomo – mandate relief. Douglas said he is reaching out to local lawmakers for their support.

“I’ve reached out to Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb who has been a true leader on mandate relief with his Taxpayer Protection and Mandate Relief Act and other legislation, to help Bethlehem and other districts rally for mandate relief,” Douglas said.

As far as how school administrators would grade Cuomo, Douglas said he’d give him “a passing grade,” with Robinson and Buhner giving him a “C-” and “C,” respectively.

“Right now, when you look at the inequity in funding it is hard to offer a higher grade,” Robinson said. “What has transpired with mandate relief is a huge F.”

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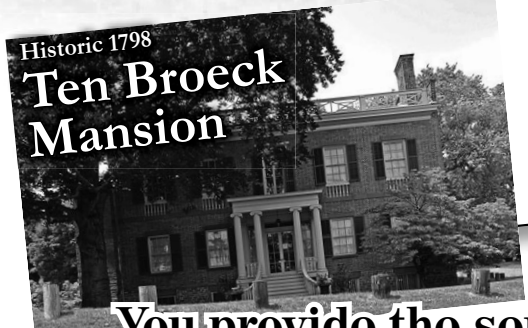
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# Finance in the Spotlight

## Estate planning fundamentals: Preserving wealth not just for the rich

By FRAN O'ROURKE  
Senior Vice President  
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**T**hink you're not wealthy enough for an estate? Think again. Even a child with a savings account has an estate.

Think you're estate isn't big enough to warrant an estate plan? Consider this: where do you want your possessions to go when you pass away? Do you want to provide for your family after your death? Leave a philanthropic legacy? Reduce taxes? Ease the transition of your business?

An estate is nothing more than possessions of value that can be transferred to another individual or entity upon death. So essentially everything you own—property, bank accounts, investments, business interests, retirement benefits, IRAs, insurance policies, fine art, collections, jewelry, clothing and other personal belongings—comprises your estate. An estate plan determines to whom and when the proceeds of your estate

will be distributed in a way that maximizes the value of the estate by minimizing and reducing taxes, liability and other expenses.

### One percent or 99 percent, estate planning is smart

Estate planning isn't just for the wealthy. It is just as important for a family with limited financial resources. After all, you work your whole life to acquire, develop and grow your estate. It only makes sense to take the time to ensure sure your property and belongings are distributed the way in which you choose.

Estate planning can also be an all-inclusive, tax-saving financial plan for the preservation of your assets when combined with savings, investments and retirement; the protection and continued operation of a business; the support and care of your children and much more.

### Considerations when estate planning

When it comes to transferring property after death, there are four primary methods:

**Will.** A will is a written

document that provides for the transfer of all property owned by the person signing it upon her/his death.

**Living trust.** A living trust is similar to a will, in that it assigns transfer of assets to a trustee upon death. Even though your estate is put into the trust, you can control your assets—even revoke them—during your lifetime.

**Joint tenancy.** Joint tenancy is when two or more people own a property together and the title or interest of the person that dies automatically gets transferred to the survivor(s).

**Community property.** Community property is when all earnings and assets acquired during a marriage belong to both spouses, regardless of who earned the income. Upon death of the spouse, the community property is split equally and the survivor gets his or her share outright. The deceased spouse's share of community property is handled through the will or living trust.

You should take the time to find a local financial advisor and schedule an appointment to create a will and discuss your estate planning. This will allow you to put into writing your intentions on the handling of your property and valuables at

death. You can change your will at any time. For parents, one of the most important parts of this process is designating guardians for your children. Determining who cares for your children upon your death is not something any parent wants to leave as an open question. You also should choose an executor and explain how you want your property distributed. Choosing an executor is another important decision you should discuss thoroughly with your advisor. This way you can avoid some of the other methods of property and asset transfer that may be against your intentions. Here are some additional things to consider when estate planning:

**Probate.** This process deals with proving in court the validity of the deceased person's will, identifying his or her property, having it appraised, paying off debts and taxes and then finally distributing the remaining property as the will directs.

Property transfer taxes for the transfer of title on property owned.

The estate tax, which is a tax on the transfer of property to others. Depending on the value of the property and assets at the time of death, estate taxes may need to be

paid before distribution of the estate can take place.

The gift tax, which is a tax on the transfer of property by one individual to another while receiving nothing or less than full value in return during a person's life. This tax prevents the avoidance of an estate tax should a person want to give away his/her estate.

The inheritance tax, which is similar to the estate tax, but is imposed by certain states.

Estate planning may not sound like fun—most of us don't like to think of our own mortality—but it is an important and responsible thing to do. So take a few hours to meet with an advisor. They can work with you and your lawyer to address your specific goals and concerns about preserving your wealth. Equally important, a fiduciary advisor can provide you with economic insights and potential legislative impacts to your plan. After all, you've worked hard to accumulate an estate. The prudent next step is to develop and execute a plan to protect it.

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## Nine reasons why you should have an estate plan

Regardless of career and earning power, the reason why most of us work is the same: to have the opportunity to provide a life of comfort for ourselves and those we love. A well-prepared estate plan helps ensure this happens... even if something happens to you. So even if you don't think you need an estate plan, here are nine good reasons why you should want—and have—one.

It will allow you to keep more of your money and property in the hands of your beneficiaries by minimizing and reducing taxes, liability and other expenses.

It will ensure that your assets are distributed as you intend.

It will allow you to provide for your loved ones in the ways you see fit.

It will allow you to designate the donation of charitable gifts, provided this is important in the distribution of your property and assets.

It can be set up to provide funds to cover your own funeral expenses, as well as any immediate or long-term living costs (in case you become incapacitated).

If you are a small business owner, you can ensure business continuity.

It will allow you to designate the individuals that you want

to carry out your instructions and to care for your minor children.

It will help in providing prompt economical and private distribution of your estate.

It will help eliminate the likelihood of family disputes over the distribution of your estate.

To develop an estate plan that is best aligned to your interests, you should work with a reputable lawyer, skilled fiduciary specialist and other professionals who have experience and expertise in wealth transfer planning, custom trust solutions, trust administration, estate tax minimization, power of attorney/living will, document review, beneficiary designation, titling of assets and real estate management services.

Remember, you've worked hard your whole life to provide support to your family. Your estate plan will ensure that you can continue to do that after you die or are no longer capable of doing so. For most people, that makes a well-defined estate plan less of a nice-to-have and more of a necessity...especially for individuals who are capable of and care about leaving a legacy.

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# Entertainment in the Spotlight



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Backdraft and five other monster trucks will compete in the Advance

Auto Parts Monster Jam event Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18 and 19, at the Times Union Center.

The custom-designed monster trucks average 12 feet tall by 12 feet wide and sit atop 66-inch tires. They weigh a minimum of 10,000 pounds. Built for short, high-powered bursts of speed, monster trucks generate 1,500 to 2,000 horsepower and are capable of speeds of up to 100 miles per hour. The trucks can fly up to 125 to 130 feet and up to 35-feet in the air.



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A favorite with fans is the pit party before Saturday's show, which gives fans the opportunity to meet the stars of Monster Jam up close and obtain autographs and photos.

The show will also feature the monster trucks Predator (driven by Jeff Cook), Prowler (driven by Lenny Kuilder), Eradicator (driven by Andy Slifko), XXX (driven by Chrissy Moler) and Mountaineer (driven by RB Moler).

Monster Jam will rumble the Times Union Center Jan. 18 and 19. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. The pit party will take place on Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets available at the Times Union Center Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, online at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com) or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. Pit passes are available for \$10.



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Quartet that plays bluegrass and more, Jan. 19, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

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Self-conducted orchestra performs works by Biber, Part, Golijov and Walton, Jan. 19, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy, \$15-\$39. Information, 273-0038.

### ANNIE AND THE HEDONISTS

Americana quartet celebrates the release of a new album, Jan. 19, 8 p.m., Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, \$13-\$15. Information, 438-5503.

### FRANK JAKLITSCH AND FRIENDS

Capital District-based folk/Celtic artist, with special guests Three Irish Voices, Jan. 19, 8 p.m., Caff  Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, members \$14, general admission \$16, children under 13 \$8. Information, 583-0022.

### ALYSSA YEAGER & EMILY LITWIN

Two female singers, Jan. 19, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### PIERCE AND GRACE PETTIS

Father-daughter contemporary folk duo, Jan. 20, 7 p.m., Caff  Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, members \$16, general admission \$18, children under 13 \$9. Information, 583-0022.

### JOE LOVANO "US FIVE"

Award-winning jazz saxophone player teams up with all-star band including bassist Esperanza Spalding, Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, members \$27.50, general public \$29.50. Information, 473-1845.

## Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

"Spontaneous Broadway," a weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Jan. 18, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204. Also, weekly improv skit show, Jan. 19, 8 p.m., Comedy Works, 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$33.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

### COMEDY WORKS (ALBANY COUNTY)

Robert Kelly headlines, Jan. 18 and 19, 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)

Robert Kelly headlines, Jan. 19, 6 p.m., City Sports Grille, 1668 U.S. 9, Clifton Park, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Information, 275-6897.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

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

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

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

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

Installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 463-3726.

### ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"The Eighth Annual Members Show," through Jan. 26; 30 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

### BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

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

### CLEMENT ART GALLERY

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

### MISCI

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

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

### TANG TEACHING MUSEUM & GALLERY

"We the People," through April 7; Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

### UPSTATE ARTISTS GUILD

"In Art We Trust," through Jan. 25; 47 Lark St., Albany. Information, 426-3501.

### CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Lions and Tigers and Museums, Oh My!" through March 31; "Clark Remix," through Jan. 1, 2014; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

### MASS MOCA

"Invisible Cities," through Feb. 4; "Oh Canada," through April 1; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; plus more; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

### ARKELL MUSEUM

"From Giverny to the Brooklyn Bridge," through Feb. 2; "Pastoral and Parkland: American Landscape Paintings," through March 31; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

## Call for Artists

### AJKUN BALLET THEATRE

Seeking dancers from pre-Kindergarten to young teens for its summer residency production of "La Bayadere" at The Egg in Albany, rehearsals begin July 29, 2013 for the Aug. 10 performance date, dancers will have the option to join the full company for its performances the following week in New York City. Information, www.ajkunbt.org or email Ajkun@aol.com.

### MALTA COMMUNITY CENTER

Offering acting classes starting in January including "Dance N Gym" for children ages 2-5, "Theater Discovery" for children ages 8-12 and "Acting/Directing for the Stage" for people age 13 to adult, taught by artistic director Elyse Young. Information, 899-4411.

### BALLSTON SPA COMMUNITY BAND

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

### THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

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

### THE CHORALIERS

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

### ETUDE CLUB

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

### CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

Ongoing rehearsals for its winter concert, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center,

Clifton Common, Clifton Park, no auditions required to join. Information, 371-6681.

### CAPITALAND CHORUS

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

### TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

### SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

### SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

### THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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

### ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

# Weekly Crossword

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- Chemical compound
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- Aristophanes' realm of fantasy
- Lure
- Course for aspiring Lts.
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- At hand
- Ironworking city east of the Urals
- Expertise
- Most quickly
- Impossible!
- Auto pioneer Olds' middle name
- Macbeth, for one
- Leading
- Downbeat
- Singer McEntire

- Transpires
- The Third
- Kid's wheels
- Dwarf who wove straw into gold
- Diamond fragments
- Nintendo's kin
- Lead-tin alloy
- Three, in Turin
- Smidgens
- Scorch
- US citizen ID
- Religionist Hubbard

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- Remedy
- Moreover
- Alaskan islander
- Hunting dog
- Head start
- British spirit
- Panzer
- Bomb in a bottle
- Boitano's jumps
- Kind of bean
- Idyllic place
- Pres. monogram
- Goal
- Beyond fashionable
- 1 in. = 2.54 \_\_\_\_
- Baseball foursome

- Gay preceder
- Earthlike shape
- Its capital is Alencon
- African language
- Passion
- Goalkeeping stat
- Wild try
- Aussie gal
- Forebear
- Babbles
- Tin Man's need
- Toothpaste from the past
- Up
- IOU, for example
- Rubber source
- Measly
- Military ldrs.
- Valet of the Green Hornet
- Theocracy, since 1979
- Serbian city



Life

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attack against aid workers of the Afghanistan War. A total of 10 members of the International Assistance Mission Eye Camp team were killed as they traveled from Nuristan to Kabul.

When Tom Little’s story became national news, Swinton was working at WMHT, the PBS station in Albany. The story had broad interest as far as current events, but also a local, human connection. Swinton said he quickly knew he wanted to produce a project about Little.

“We want to examine his legacy, but this story is also important because in 2014 our troops are scheduled to leave,” he said. “I think the country would like to forget about Afghanistan because we are sick of hearing about it, but there are a lot of humanitarians who poured their life into their work there and are going to

stay no mater what. This is a story not just about Tom’s death, but also what his team accomplished.”

Libby and Tom Little met in high school before going to separate universities. They married after graduation, and Tom helped his father, also an optometrist, in his practice. It was in the 1970s that Tom heard about the growing need for eye care in Afghanistan and spoke with his wife about moving there to help out. The couple moved in 1976, raised their family and lived in Afghanistan almost full time for 30 years.

“For the first two years we got our feet wet,” Little said. “Then, once we got involved and it never got better, Tom felt very strongly that you don’t just skip out when things got rough. I believed that, too.”

The Littles lived in Afghanistan through the Russian invasion and occupation, the emergence of the Taliban and the War on Terror. During that time, Little worked to set up

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– Libby Little

clinics and hospitals through IAM’S National Organization for Ophthalmic Rehabilitation (NOOR) and traveled to see patients throughout the country. The program has evolved into a system of hospitals with a training and education centers for locals and mobile eye camps.

“The thought is to train the Afghan people to care for themselves,” said Little. “It’s the only sustainable way to work in a setting like that and it’s the best situation for everyone involved.”

Filming got the documentary has already begun. Swinton said the film will cover Tom’s early life in Claverack and

Kinderhook, and then move on to his time in Afghanistan and Delmar. The crew has already collected archival material that is being edited together, and filming has been done at the Little’s home in Delmar.

Currently, the crew is attempting to raise \$20,000 to pay for a trip to Afghanistan to film. The money will be used to cover travel costs and salaries. Other money is being found through private donations and grants, but the travel funding has to be gathered up soon. There isn’t a good sense of how safe conditions in the country will be as U.S. troops

withdraw, so the crew must go when there is still some security in the area.

The hope is to film at the hospital where Tom Little worked. Libby will travel with the crew and they will speak with some of Tom’s colleagues and patients to get a sense of the work done and what is still needed.

“He’s sort of a legend over there,” said Swinton. “A project like this is important so people don’t forget.”

Little said she thinks her husband would like anything that helped raise awareness for his life’s work.

“This is based on his story, but he wouldn’t agree to a hero thing,” she said. “He didn’t think of himself that way. He was just an ordinary person doing his job somewhere else.”

To help with production of the documentary, people can donate by visiting [www.thehardplaces.com](http://www.thehardplaces.com). To donate to NOOR, visit [www.iam-afghanistan.org/noor](http://www.iam-afghanistan.org/noor).

Milestones

Morrow, Louise A.

ROCKLEDGE, FLA. – Louise Morrow, 71, passed away peacefully Friday, January 4, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 10, 1941 in Albany NY and was the daughter of the late Norman and Doris Wirz.

Louise was a tireless wife and mother devoted to her family. Louise is survived by her husband James Morrow and six children; Ronald (Mary), John (Jennifer), Christine (Alex), Michael (Kelly), Jennifer and

Todd (Naomi). She is also survived by eight grandchildren; Mia, Ashley, Dylan, Nicholas, Lucas, Jacob, Bobby and one great-grandchild; Vincent.

Louise was a gentle, warm and loving presence in the lives of her family and anyone who had the pleasure to know her. She worked for many years as a legal secretary for Albany County Dept. of Social Services where she retired.

A memorial service was held on January 8, 2013 in Rockledge, FLA. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send memorial contributions to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in her name.

Contract

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been to regain staffing levels or add positions.

“Going into negotiations is frustrating because they’re not willing to work with us,” Peters said. “There’s been a huge change in working conditions for us, and obviously there is a huge fiscal element to it and I get that completely and wholeheartedly. We try to come to fair agreements. We went there with few demands and asked for nothing extravagant.”

Clarkson said he believes the deal was fair. It leaves only the police officer’s union — the largest of the three

public safety bargaining units — without a contract.

“Difficult financial times put pressure on employees as well as management, but I think we’ve made the right choices this year and I expect the strain on employee relations to ease over time,” he said. “We are grateful for the service of our highly professional police force and all other town employees.”

Peters said she feels public safety is in jeopardy with the lower staffing levels and decisions are being made from purely a monetary standpoint.

“We can’t just not answer a call. Time is of the essence,” she said. “Our job has become very difficult with the budget cuts. ... There is going to be a time when something does go unanswered and we will not be responsible for the outcome.”

Meanwhile, Albany County and the town are continuing negotiations to

consolidate Bethlehem’s operations into the county. County Executive Dan McCoy made consolidation one of his main goals after taking office and quickly brought dispatching for the cities of Watervliet and Cohoes under the county’s umbrella. Clarkson has said consolidation throughout the town is key to cut costs and running things more efficiently.

Consolidating dispatch services with the county would save the town money since the county would pay the salaries of employees and the town would pay a fee for the service of dispatchers. The county would save money by reducing its overall number of dispatchers.

Peters said the union has no control over the consolidation, but she and Clarkson reported consolidation talks have stalled because of logistics. The county and

town each use a different records system. Time and money would be needed to make them compatible. The county also is in need of space because its telecommunications operation has yet to be moved into Clarksville with the new sheriff’s station.

“I really think it’s only a matter of time,” said Peters.

Clarkson said his goal is to not consolidate until it can be done responsibly and one of his goals would be that none of the Bethlehem dispatchers lose their jobs. However, positions would eventually have to be trimmed somewhere.

“There are efficiencies,” Clarkson said. “They think they can do the job with eight people. We have more than that now here ... you attrit down is what you would do.”

Peters, though, does not believe lower staffing is appropriate.

“The county is overwhelmed as it is. If we did go to county the level of service, it would be drastically different and I don’t know what the savings would be,” she said.

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# Your Community in The Spotlight

## Haircuts for cancer

The annual haircut-a-thon fundraiser for the Coaches vs. Cancer organization will be held on Jan. 20 at Gregory’s Barbershop at 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many of Gregory’s barbers and staff members are on hand to help with haircuts and shaves for a \$20 donation.

## After-school environmental program

The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy and Critter Patrol are offering an after-school environmental education program for middle school students at two Bethlehem MHLC Preserves. The Adopt a Forest forest stewardship program will run Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday’s class will meet at the Kiosk at the Normanskill West Preserve at the end of Normanskill Blvd. Thursday’s class will meet at the Schiffendecker Preserve entrance Kiosk, on Bender Lane. The program begins Jan. 23, and runs to the end of the school year.

The Adopt a Forest program is a forest land stewardship program for middle school students designed to enhance their science and environmental education. The program is free with a one-year family membership to the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, \$40. Advance registration required.

For more information, contact m h l c @ mohawkhudson.org, 436-6346 or 369-1533 or visit www.mohawkhudson.org.

## Lunch and learn discussion

On Feb. 6 at Noon, Congregation Beth Emeth invites members of the community to a free presentation by Friar Christopher DeGiovine, currently the Dean of Spiritual Life and Chaplain of the College of Saint Rose and an adjunct professor at St. Bernard’s Institute of Technology and at the College of Saint Rose, who will discuss the Vactican II and Nostra Aetate. This presentation will help promote further



## New deputies assigned to the field

Albany County Sheriff Craig D. Apple Sr. recently announced the graduation of 10 new sheriff’s deputies. The newly graduated deputies will be assigned to four weeks of additional field training riding with sheriff’s deputies.

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understanding between members of the Catholic and Jewish faiths and is sponsored by the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue.

This program is free and open to the community. Participants should bring their own lunch,. Beverages and coffee will be provided.

For more information, please contact Deb Sokoler by email at dsokoler@bethemethalbany.org or call the office at 436-9761.

## Church to sell truffles

The New Baltimore Reformed Church, located at the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet, will be making and selling Heavenly Temptations Truffles. Each truffle batch will be made fresh in the church kitchen using only the best ingredients, then carefully packaged for your order.

Each one-pound box sells for \$20 and contains approximately eight of each truffle flavor. Pre-orders are requested. Please call the church at 756-8764 no later than Sunday, Feb. 4 to place your order for these Heavenly Temptation Truffles. These orders can be picked up between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Feb. 9. These

will make good Valentine’s Day gifts as well as sweet indulgences for yourself. The profits will help support the missions and ministry of the church.

Also, on Feb. 9, during the Heavenly Temptations Truffle sale, we will have a one-day in-door farmers market featuring some of your favorite vendors from the New Baltimore Farmers Market at District 2 Park. This will be a chance to purchase their specialties without the worry of inclement weather outdoors.

## JCC hosts model Seder

The Albany Jewish Community Center’s senior adult program is offering a model Passover Seder on Monday, March 4, 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Albany JCC, 340 Whitehall Road. Cantor Glenn Groper of Albany’s Congregation Beth Emeth will lead the Seder which includes a full-course kosher roast chicken dinner.

Cost is \$13 per person and prepaid reservations are due in the senior adult office by Feb. 19. This program is open to the community.

For information, contact Claire Sigal, Director of Senior Adult programs at 438-6651, ext. 112 or by email at

ClaireS@sajcc.org.

## Ice-fishing contest

Thompson’s Lake State Park in East Berne welcomes the return of its ice fishing contest. The event will be held on Jan. 26, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fishing and fish measurement will take place 6 a.m. to 2p.m. and ice fishing registration will begin at 5:30 a.m.

The registration fee is \$10 per person. Children under 12 fish free. The registration fee will be used directly for cash prizes which will be offered in three categories – perch, pickerel and trout. Prizes will be awarded at 2 p.m. Patrons may bring their own skates and snow shoes if they wish to participate in skating or snowshoeing. A limited number of snowshoes will be available for a rental fee of \$5. Hot food and refreshments will be available.

Call 872-1237 for additional information and to check on ice conditions. Visit the parks website at www.nysparks.com for information.

## Writing and painting classes

The Albany Jewish Community Center plans a series of eight writing

workshops. The Art of the Personal Essay will be held on Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 13, 20 and April 10, in the Albany JCC’s Massry Senior Center, 340 Whitehall Road.

This memoir class celebrates the personal essay in all its forms and gives writers a gentle supportive setting. Workshop leader Marea Gordett taught English and creative writing at Tufts University and Boston University and is currently director of Big Mind Learning, an educational firm in Albany’s Capital District. Class space is limited. Prepaid \$64 registration is required.

In addition, the center will offer a series of four acrylic painting classes, ‘Flowers in February’ on Mondays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, to be held in the Albany JCC’s Massry Senior Center, 340 Whitehall Road. The instructor, Noreen Powell, will teach participants how to use acrylic paints to create a close- up view of their favorite flower, Georgia O’Keefe style. Prepaid \$36 registration is required.

To register, request a supply list or receive more information, contact the Albany JCC’s senior adult office at 438-6651, ext. 112

or by email at ClaireS@sajcc.org.

## Pancake Supper

Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 will hold its 40th Annual Pancake Supper on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville American Legion Post. The event is the annual fund raising event for the troop and features fresh pancakes, sausage, syrup, apple sauce and coffee. Adults \$7, children \$3. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Scouts or at the door.

## Town meetings to be held

The first in a series of community meetings will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 7p.m. at the Selkirk Fire Department Station #1, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk. The meetings will provide an opportunity for citizens to speak directly with town-wide officials and discuss town issues and specific community concerns. Come to share your views with Supervisor Clarkson, Town Board members and other town officials. Some of the community concerns to be discussed include CSX and idling trains, sidewalks in your area and the Selkirk Bypass (Thruway Interchange).

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Basile) called me and said they are working hard to adjust the schedule to make it better for Bethlehem residents. I think this is a tremendous opportunity for us.”

On Thursday, Dec. 13, about 25 residents met with CDTA officials to discuss problems they witnessed along the route since the change. Complaints ranged from buses being off schedule, overcrowded or having unsafe riding conditions.

Town Supervisor John Clarkson, then councilman-elect Bill Reinhardt and

representatives from the Albany County Legislature and Rep. Paul Tonko’s office attended the meeting. CDTA Director of Marketing Jon Scherzer, who is a Delmar resident, and Director of Transportation Gary Cook represented the CDTA.

Route 18 runs from downtown Albany along Delaware Avenue into Delmar, where it then turns down Cherry Avenue into Slingerlands and the Vista Technology Campus. As part of CDTA’s recent restructuring, Route 18 was reduced from four buses each hour per stop to three each hour, every 20 minutes. Commuters asked for the fourth bus to be restored.

Scherzer explained part of that decision

was based on allowing buses to travel farther to stop at the new Vista Technology Campus as part of the CDTA’s partnership with the town for campus employees. A portion of the parking lot has also been included as a park-and-ride location.

Riders said for several weeks, buses were early or late, throwing off the schedule and making them miss their bus to work. It was also causing overcrowding and unsafe conditions, they said. Officials asked for patience while they sorted out the issues.

“This was a combination of evaluating service and listing to customers,” said CDTA spokeswoman Margo Janack of the change.

She said the decision to add back some stops was made after listening to customer comments, monitoring the route via supervisors who watch boarding from the street and a GPS system that is used to track buses.

“We’re grateful they took our concerns seriously and acted quickly,” said Tick.

He believes the issues of overcrowding and riders missing their intended buses should now stop or significantly decrease. The changes new go into effect on Jan. 28.

“We are all very excited about this,” said Tick. “Service had been very good before and very excited about having very good service again.”

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Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT 48TH STREET VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/30/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84862 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of APIECE APART, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/30/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 84863 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of NEXTERA FIBERNET, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/12. Off. loc.: Schenectady County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/10/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 147 Barrett St., Schenectady, NY 12305. DE address of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity . 84864 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**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) (January 16, 2013)

**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) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Turnbull Projects LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/28/2012. 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. 84869 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**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:

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all lawful activities. 84870 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**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) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of VIVA BLUE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/4/12. 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. 85066 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: AMS Management Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 5, 2012. LLC office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: 4 Walter Way, Albany, New York 12211. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC shall be member-managed. 85067 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ORBIT LANE HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/4/12. 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. 85069 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Pro Tem Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/1/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Michael Staff, 18 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. 85070 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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DiMatteo Group - Insurance, LLC (DBA: DiMatteo Group – Insurance Services, LLC) was filed with the SSNY on December 03, 2012. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Loretta Lesko, 79 Bridgeport Avenue, Shelton, CT 06484. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 85072 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Georgia Law Firm, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on

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12/06/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 15 Rugby Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful activity. 85074 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Christine A. Marra, Psychologist, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of State of New York on 11/07/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 33 Traditional Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: To practice the profession of Psychology. 85075 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of OBJECT EDITION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/7/12. 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. 85076 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Organization: Acorn Marketing Group, LLC was filed with SSNY on December 6, 2012. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. PO address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon it: 37 Devon Road, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose is to engage in any lawful activity. 85077 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PROWESS TEST PREP LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/23/12. 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 James Addeo, 1 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203 . Purpose: SAT prep for high school students and for any lawful purpose. 85078 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of CAPCO HOME IMPROVEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/10/12. 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. 85080 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of B. MANGREEN DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/10/12. 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.

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Purpose: all lawful activities. 85081 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of KE 20 Clinton Street, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/30/12. 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 Delaney Corp. Services, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85129 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of DALONG LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/22/12. 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 Peter Dudley, 6 Breslin Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85130 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of KE 20 Clinton Street Management LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/7/12. 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 Delaney Corp. Services, 99 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210, the Reg. Agt. upon whom proc. may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85131 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qual. of DVJ Brothers, LLC. Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/29/12. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in FL 9/18/12. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to Josephine Joyce Bianco, Managing Member, DVJ Brothers, 318 Tradewinds Ave., Naples, FL 34108, the principal office addr. in FL. Art. of Org. on file: SSFL, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purp.: any lawful activities. 85132 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qual. of Commonwealth Wall Systems, LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/4/12. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 5/26/11. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to c/o CSC, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE off. addr.: CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp.: any lawful activities. 85133 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Tech Valley Premier Properties, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 13, 2012, effective on January 1, 2013. 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 83 Springfield Drive, Voorheesville, New York 12186, which is the principal business location. The purpose for

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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. 85135 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of TDB REAL ESTATE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/12/12. 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. 85136 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ROKKUS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/12/12. 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. 85137 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of HELLBOUND MEDIA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1843 Central Ave. #127, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85140 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of OMOGA MANAGEMENT, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 150 4 Ave. #12E, Bklyn, NY 11214. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85141 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of PH-4F PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/11/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. 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. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 85142 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of NTC SYSTEMS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/2/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1670 65 St., Bklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85143 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 696 Dune Road, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/12. 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 CT Corporation Sys-

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tem, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. 85144 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SOLVEIT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on September 26, 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 any process to the LLC to David Stutsrim, 58 Egmont Court, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. 85147 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Registration of Horne LLP. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLP registered in Delaware (DE) on 12/21/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office address of LLP: 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: practice the profession of certified public accountants. 85223 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Professional Group Assets LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 85224 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of LI SPECIALTY FOODS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/18/12. 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. 85226 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

IRENE MACK LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/29/12. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 2 Old English Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 85229 (D) (January 16, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Registration of CUSHJEN, LLC Articles of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/12. Office loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of partnership upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process c/o The LLC, 157 Horseshoe Road, Mill Neck, NY 11765. Profession to be practiced by LLC: Law. 85230 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Reeves Associates, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/10/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1525 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: all lawful activities. 85231 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation 24 Amity Street, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/10/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 24 Amity Street, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: all lawful activities. 85232 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of OLA BEAUTY CARE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/19/12. 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. 85235 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Hogan Health Solutions LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 88 McGuffey La., Delmar NY 12054. Purpose: All lawful activities. 85236 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Qualification of MRS BPO, L.L.C. App. for Auth. filed Sec'y. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/08. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 12/7/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 10 E. 40th St., 10th Fl., NY, NY 10016, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LLC: 3 Executive Campus, Ste. 400, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. Arts. of Org. filed NJ Dept. of Treasury, 225 West State St., 3rd Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 85237 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Antana Linings System, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/12/2012 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 1 School Street, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: all lawful activities. 85238 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Registration of 42 Prospect, LLC Articles of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/24/12. Office loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of partnership upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process c/o The LLC, 42 Prospect Street, Sea Cliff, NY 11579. Profession to be practiced by LLC: Law. 85359 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CRUX 5.0+ LLC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Organization for a limited liability company to be known as CRUX 5.0+ LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 6, 2012. The Company is being formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. The principal office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 518 Townwood Drive, Albany, New York 12203. 85360 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LOLA ACCESSORY BOUTIQUE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/10/2012. 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, 5 Dauphin Drive, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 85362 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of SHA-PIRO REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/27/12. 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. 85364 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of G-AVAZI & SONS CONSTRUCTION CO., LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/21/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 85365 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 608 MP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/21/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 85366 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of NITO CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/2/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may

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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. 85375 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SENTA SEWER SERVICE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/2/13. 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. 85376 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JURE SUO LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 63 Roebling St. #6C, Bklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85377 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY (LLC) Name: NorthEast Network Solutions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 2, 2013. 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 108 Patroon Drive #9, Guilderland, New York 12084. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. 85378 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 137 NEWELL STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/4/13. 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. 85460 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Morse Hill, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/19/12. 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 Aldrich, Esq., Bond, Schoeneck & King, 111 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85383 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Wards Forest Media, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/2/13. 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 PO Box 2267, Albany, NY 12220. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85461 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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Notice of Qual. of Paul Davis National, LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/3/12. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in WI 7/14/11. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to 2010 S. 4th St., Milwaukee, WI 53204, the principal office addr. in WI. Art. of Org. on file: Dept. of Financial Institutions, 201 W. Washington Ave., Madison, WI 53703. Purp.: any lawful activities. 85462 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of AVALNET SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on September 20, 2012, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, purpose is any lawful purpose. 85463 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Montgomery Tree Service, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/31/2012. 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, 8 Schoolcraft Street, Guilderland, NY 12084. Purpose: Any lawful activities. 85464 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for Utility Repair Crews for the use of said Town for the year 2013. Bids will be received up to 3:30 p.m. on the 31st day of January, 2013 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. John Clarkson, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NANCY MOQUIN TOWN CLERK Dated: January 16, 2013 85465 (D) (January 16, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Cor-

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rugated Metal Pipe for the use of said Town for the year 2013. Bids will be received up to 2:30 pm on the 1st. day of February, 2013 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be submitted on Town of Bethlehem "Bid Sheets" and addressed to Mr. John Clarkson, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

TOWN CLERK

Dated: January 16, 2013 85466 (D) (January 16, 2013)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV- EN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Washed Crushed Stone for the use of said Town for the year 2013. Bids will be received up to 2:45 p.m. on the 30th. day of January, 2013 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. John Clarkson, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

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Eagles

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with when sophomore defenseman Dillon Kedik scored off a Troy Bennett assist with 4:26 left in the first period for a 1-0 advantage. Kedik's goal was one of only 12 shots Guilderland/Mohonasen had in the game.

By contrast, Bethlehem threw shot after shot at McCrum through the first two periods. The only one that got past McCrum was a great individual effort by Carroll midway through the second period. Carroll skated through the Guilderland/Mohonasen defense and jammed the puck into the net to tie the score at 1-1.

"We played very well in the first two periods of the game, but we ran into a very hot goaltender and we started playing tight," said Rodrigue.

All of the offensive pressure Bethlehem placed on Guilderland/Mohonasen in the first two periods turned into a four-goal outburst in the final 15 minutes. Diego got things going with his marker 1:08 into the period, and Carroll scored off a pass from behind the net nine seconds later to make the score 3-1.

"You could see the kids take a breath and relax," said Rodrigue.

Carroll tallied his third goal of the game midway through the third period when he sprung himself for a breakaway McCrum had no chance of stopping. Carroll skated in ahead of the Guilderland/Mohonasen defense and wristed a shot inside the

crossbar that knocked McCrum's water bottle off the top of the goal.

"The key was to stay confident in the third period, which we did," said Carroll, who is second on the team in scoring with eight goals.

Matt State capped the scoring with 4:56 left in the third period when he took Luke McGrath's pass and slapped home a shot for a 5-1 Bethlehem lead.

Koivula said Saturday's game followed a familiar pattern for Guilderland/Mohonasen.

"You can put two good periods together, but you run out of gas in the third period with only 12 skaters," said Koivula. "But these guys play hard."

"You've got to hand it to them. They came out and played a great game," said Rodrigue. "They have a short bench and a great goaltender, and they gave it everything they got. It took everything we had and then some to pull it out in the third period."

McCrum finished with 35 saves for Guilderland/Mohonasen, while Bethlehem goaltender Josh Banach stopped 11 shots.

The season doesn't get easier for Guilderland/Mohonasen or Bethlehem. The Dutch Warriors' next game is Wednesday against Shenendehowa (4-1-1, 6-5-1), and the Eagles head north Thursday to face Queensbury (3-2-1, 7-5-2). Guilderland/Mohonasen then hosts South Glens Falls/Hudson Falls (1-6-1, 3-8-2) Saturday at Union College, while Bethlehem battles Shen at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.



Bethlehem's Andrew Carroll, left, controls the puck during Saturday's "Wooden Skate" game against Guilderland/Mohonasen at Union College. Carroll recorded a hat trick in the Eagles' 5-1 win.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Dutchmen dismantle Averill Park

Simeone's 24 points help Guilderland extend winning streak

By SPORTS STAFF  
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The Guilderland boys basketball team extended its season-best winning streak to four games by knocking off Averill Park 77-61 in last Friday's Suburban Council South Division contest.

The Dutchmen (6-2 league, 7-3 overall) jumped out to a 27-14 lead after the

first quarter and cruised to the 16-point victory.

Vincent Simeone led four Guilderland players in double figures with 24 points. Marc DuMoulin contributed 17 points, Brian Crupi chipped in with 12 points and Andrew Platek added 11 points.

Dan VanRoy had a game-high 30 points for Averill Park.

In another Suburban Council South Division game, Bethlehem (7-1, 9-1) had no trouble with Mohonasen in a 61-40 victory.

The Eagles used a 21-6 first quarter to take control of the game, and they put it out of reach with a 17-8 third quarter.

Dan Ball had 17 points, and John Sica added 13 points for Bethlehem,

which limited Mohonasen's leading scorer, Grant Masaroni, to nine points.

Guilderland hosted Columbia Tuesday in a Suburban Council South Division game, while Bethlehem traveled to Colonie.

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1999 Ford F-550 4X4 2-door

The mentioned equipment is to be sold in "as is" condition with no warranties expressed written or otherwise implied. Equipment available for public inspection between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Village of Altamont, Dept. of Public Works, 6370 Gun Club Road. Please call 861-6913 with further questions. Minimum bid is \$5,500. The Board of Trustees has the right to refuse bids.

Anyone wishing to bid on said items must submit their bid in a sealed envelope marked, "Ford Dump Truck," along with the bidder's name, address and phone number.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 31, 2013, where the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Village Clerks Office, Village Hall, Altamont, New York 12009.

DATED: 01/04/2013

Patty Blackwood

Village Clerk

Village of Altamont

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# Healing

(From Page 24)

Council rivals have helped each other through a difficult time.

The latest show of support came during the basketball doubleheader. Approximately 3,300 fans filled the Alumni Recreation Center, more than half of whom were wearing special T-shirts in Shen green and Shaker blue commemorating Stewart and Rivers. More than \$22,000 was raised for scholarships established at Shen in honor of Stewart and Rivers.

“I think it’s great to see the support from the fans,” said Shen Athletic Director Chris Culnan, who worked with Shaker Athletic Director Ed Dopp to re-schedule the first of two meetings between the school’s varsity basketball programs for the doubleheader. “At some point, we had to start the process of healing.”

One sign of healing popped up in the second half of the boys basketball game, which Shaker won 65-61. Shaker students couldn’t resist ribbing the Shen students a little as they started a “Shaker football” chant – a reminder that their school’s team defeated Shen 14-0 for the Section II Class AA title in November. Shen students countered with a “Shen hockey” chant, which resulted in some back-and-forth between the two sections before it ended as the action resumed on the basketball court.

Outside of that moment, the competition remained on the court as Shaker and Shen played two intense basketball games. The girls game wasn’t decided until the fourth quarter, when Shaker took advantage of Shen’s inability to make critical shots to pull away for a 51-43 win. In the boys game, Shen rallied from a 19-point deficit to take a 52-49 lead before Shaker closed on a 16-9 run to earn the victory.

Even though the result didn’t go in his team’s favor, Shen boys coach Tony Dzikas best summed up the evening. “It was a great night and a great event,” said Dzikas.

And Culnan said he was pleased with how the teams played.

“You don’t want to lose sight of the fact that the teams are here to compete, but you want to compete with sportsmanship and understanding the bigger picture,” said Culnan.

The atmosphere won’t be the same when Shen and Shaker meet again on Feb. 8 for another basketball doubleheader. The games will be played at Shaker, not Siena. The student sections for Shaker and Shen won’t likely be located next to each other. And the chants between the two student sections might be more antagonistic than they were last Thursday.

But for one more night, Shen and Shaker stood united as they try to make sense of what happened to their classmates and friends Dec. 1.

“Nothing in the world can bring back Chris or Deanna,” said Culnan.

Stewart received an honor last Wednesday when the New York State Sportswriters Association announced its all-state football teams in Class AA and Class A. Stewart was named to the fourth team as an offensive lineman, while Shen teammate Chris Miller was selected to the fourth team as a linebacker.

As one might expect, state champion Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake was heavily represented on the all-state football list in Class A. Three players – Nick Marschisiello, Eric Dillon and Ryan McDonnell – earned first team honors, while Nico Fragale gained a second team nod. Shane Fisher, Dan Porter, Paul Krowell, Nate Sawyer and David Newell also earned recognition from the sportswriters.

Section II champion Shaker had four players make the Class AA all-state list led by first team offensive lineman David Morrison, who is now tearing things up on the basketball court. Tailback Ryan Griffin and lineman Schuyler Huntington earned second team honors, while quarterback Chris Landers received an honorable mention.

Schalmont’s Devon Willis, Lansingburgh’s Anthony Walker and Glens Falls’ Mike LaNoir all earned first team honors in Class B, giving Section II more players on that squad than any other individual section in the state. That’s pretty impressive, as well.

Finally, goaltenders Dakota Smith and Spencer Glaim have put up some gaudy statistics for the Saratoga Springs hockey team. Smith has a 6-0-0 record, a 0.93 goals against average and a .951 save percentage in eight games with the Blue Streaks, while Glaim owns a 5-1-1 record, a 2.17 goals against average and an .871 save percentage. Bottom line: you’re not going to get a lot past these two goalies.

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# Spotlight on Sports

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## Dutch handle Averill Park

The Guilderland boys basketball team ran its winning streak to four games by beating Averill Park 77-61 in last Friday's Suburban Council South Division game. Four Dutchmen reached double digits in scoring.

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## Weekly poll

What is the best rivalry in Section II hockey?

- Bethlehem vs. Shen
- Bethlehem vs. Shaker/Colonie
- CBA vs. Shaker/Colonie
- Saratoga vs. Shen
- Shaker/Colonie vs. Shen

Go to [spotlightnews.com](http://spotlightnews.com) and click on "Sports" to cast your vote.

## Last week's poll results:

Who is the best boys basketball player in the Suburban Council?

- Jake Samuels 70%
- Grant Massaroni 28%
- Conrad Zampier 2%
- Robert Knightes 0%



Guilderland/Mohonasen's Brock Gingell, left, and John Dombrowski, second from right, converge on Bethlehem goaltender Josh Banach during the second period of Saturday's "Wooden Skate" game. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

# Eagles earn their skates

## Big third period helps Bethlehem get past Guilderland/Mohonasen

By ROB JONAS  
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After two dream periods against Bethlehem, reality hit the Guilderland/Mohonasen hockey team in the third period.

The Dutch Warriors – a group of 14 players, many of whom are juniors or younger – ran out of gas in the third period, which helped Bethlehem pull away for a 5-1 victory in the annual "Wooden Skate" game at Union College.

R.J. Diego and Andrew Carroll scored goals nine seconds apart

within the first 1:17 of the third period to give Bethlehem (4-2-1 league, 6-5-1 overall) a 3-1 lead, and the Eagles never looked back.

"When it was 1-1 at the beginning of the third period, I told the guys it was important to get the lead within the first five minutes ... because you never know what can happen," said Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue.

Up to that point, Guilderland/Mohonasen (0-6-0, 0-12-0) had ridden the coattails of goaltender Austin McCrum. The Mohonasen

senior made 27 saves on Bethlehem's first 28 shots to keep his team in the game.

"He's had games where he's played like that," said Guilderland/Mohonasen coach Ed Koivula. "When he's on, it's tough to get it by him."

"Their goalie was playing well," said Carroll, who recorded a hat trick to lead Bethlehem's offense. "We had some good opportunities, and we just didn't finish them."

Guilderland/Mohonasen had a difficult time generating any offensive pressure to support McCrum, but the Dutch Warriors did give him a lead to work

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## FINAL SCORE

- Bethlehem Eagles, 5
- G/M Dutch Warriors, 1

# The healing begins at Shen and Shaker

From the  
**Sports Desk**  
Rob Jonas



Normally, having the Shenendehowa and Shaker student sections sitting next to each other in the bleachers might have been an invitation for trouble.

That was not the case last Thursday at Siena College. The two student sections – Shen in its dark green T-shirts, and Shaker in its blue T-shirts – were side by side in solidarity for the special basketball doubleheader between the two schools.

That has been the relationship between Shen and Shaker since the Dec. 1 Northway accident that claimed the lives of Shen students Christopher Stewart and Deanna Rivers, and seriously injured Shen student Matt Hardy and Shaker student Bailey Wind. Linked by tragedy, the Suburban

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This banner was taped to the wall of Siena's Alumni Recreation Center during last Thursday's basketball doubleheader between Shaker and Shenendehowa. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

## Antoinette receives all-state honor

### Guilderland linebacker named to third team

By SPORTS STAFF  
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Guilderland's Andrew Antoinette was named to the Class AA all-state third team by the New York State Sportswriters Association last week.

Guilderland quarterback Frank Gallo and Bethlehem kicker Spencer Ferrigan each received honorable mentions for Class AA.

Nineteen Section II players were chosen for the all-state team in Class AA. Shen had the most players with five, while Shaker was the lone team to have one of its players — offensive lineman David Morrison — receive a first team nod.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk had two players earn all-state honors in Class B when that list was released Jan. 2. Lineman Alex Soutiere was a third team selection, while linebacker Dylan Keyer earned an honorable mention.

The all-state list honors the top football players in New York.