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Paint it pink

Teen joins forces with To Life! to promote townwide breast cancer awareness campaign

By MARCY VELTE

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BETHLEHEM — A crop of peculiar pumpkins have popped up on the doorsteps of Bethlehem businesses to promote October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

This is the third year To Life! in Delmar has sponsored the Painting Our Town Pink initiative with the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the month, business and restaurant owners

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Businesses participating in the Painting Our Town Pink initiative receive a pink pumpkin.

A group of teens organized by BCHS senior Emily Stento decorated the gourds.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Buddies tackle transportation together

Fifth-graders help kindergartners navigate the buses in Glenmont

By **MARCY VELTE**
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GLENMONT — The beginning of a new school year can be intimidating for any student, but is especially so for incoming kindergartners.

As the youngest students in the school there's a lot to learn, like finding their new classroom, meeting new teachers and riding the bus for the first time. To help ease this transition period, officials at Glenmont Elementary came up with the Bus Buddies program.

"The first month of school can be very scary for kindergartners," said Principal Laura Heffernan. "It's one of the first times they don't have an adult sitting right there with them, so we thought we'd ask the fifth graders to

buddy up on the ride to and from school."

The program began last year through the efforts of school counselor Michelle Lavigne.

In June, fourth-graders who wished to participate in the program went through a short training course. The students role-played different scenarios in preparation. They learned how to talk to their buddy, how to help them find their seat and how to calm them if they began to feel upset. The older students were asked to seek advice from an adult if the kindergartner needed help or began to make poor choices.

"The fifth-graders have risen to the challenge and embraced this new leadership responsibility," said Lavigne. "The program is a benefit to both sets of students because it's not only a leadership opportunity but also teaches problem-solving skills, empathy and compassion."



The Bus Buddies program in Glenmont pairs older students with kindergartners in order to lessen the younger kids' anxiety about riding the bus.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

A letter was sent home to kindergartners and their families at the beginning of the year that included the name of their new buddies. Matches were made according to bus route, with some fifth-graders having two buddies or vice versa depending on the number of students per bus.

The students are asked to talk about family, friends,

pets and their favorite activities. Some fifth-graders have also borrowed books from the library to read to their buddies while on the bus.

"Having a buddy diminishes the stress and anxiety and helps the kindergartners to feel more at ease," said Lavigne.

The buddy system is scheduled to run through

the end of October, but since it's a pilot program, Heffernan said it could run longer if students feel it's needed.

Some students said they will be sad to see the program end.

"I think it's going to be really hard to say goodbye," said Ryan Reynolds, 10, of his buddy, Jack. "I think I might still want to sit with him. Hopefully, he'll still want to sit with me because he might get bored of me."

Reynolds said he lives a few houses away from his buddy so he's starting to see him outside of school to play baseball. On the bus, they've been reading books, playing with Tech Deck skateboards and talking about school.

"I think they should keep doing the program because for kindergartners coming into school, everyone's like giants, and they don't really know anybody," said Reynolds.

Maggie Bryngelson, 10, agreed.

"When I was a

kindergartner I remember being so scared, but also excited at the same time," she said. "I didn't really want to talk to anyone about it though, because, like, no one asked."

Bryngelson said she didn't want to participate at first because she didn't think the kindergartners would listen to them or want to talk. That changed after she met her buddy.

"She's really cool. I like it now," said Bryngelson.

Heffernan said the program has exceeded officials' expectations, and the plan for now is to do it again next year. Lavigne said they would also be willing to help other elementary schools in the district start their own program.

"I feel like it has been a wonderful program that has added immensely to our school community," said Lavigne. "It's something any school could adopt with the appropriate training, and help from staff and parents."

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■ NEWS

A call for better youth drug abuse prevention

Regional coalition kicks off awareness month with stories of addiction

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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ALBANY COUNTY — One 13-year-old girl started out drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana, but in four years, she found herself addicted to prescription pills. More than a decade later, she's hoping her message of recovery keeps someone from ever starting down that same path.

"One day, when there were no pills, a feeling I never experienced happened: I was sweaty, my skin was crawling and my body pains were immense," said Lynde Noel. "I was physically addicted, and now I was sick."

Noel, a 25-year-old who lives in a halfway house in Catskill, said the pain of withdrawal was something she wouldn't wish on anyone.

"This disease is so cunning and powerful that the heroin I was offered instead seemed like the only solution," said Noel. "Right then and there, I wish I had known the long, tiring battle I would be facing with active addiction for the next seven years."

Noel said she "never wanted to use heroin," but the "insanity of her addiction" led her to believe what she was doing

was OK and she could stop anytime.

"This disease told me that I was a better person with heroin in my system. That I needed it," she said. "So quickly, and right before my eyes, I lost who I truly was and the power to do anything about it."

The Regional Underage Drinking and Drug Use Prevention Coalition is seeking to have no other child get to the point where they feel powerless to addiction. The coalition is a combined effort among the counties of Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer and Schoharie.

The coalition held a media conference Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Capital Region BOCES' central offices in Albany to kick off National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. Noel shared her story alongside lawmakers and community leaders calling for enhanced support for prevention efforts and initiatives.

Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk, D-Duanesburg, said if more kids heard Noel's story, there would hopefully be fewer kids getting addicted. She also said Noel's story could give hope to those already battling addiction.

"We have to do everything we can to educate our kids and prevent them from becoming addicted," Tkaczyk said, "but we also have to make sure there are treatment programs available for people when they are addicted."



Lynde Noel, a former heroin addict, talked about her struggle to overcome addiction Wednesday, Oct. 1, during a regional coalition's media conference urging stronger prevention efforts.

John Purcell/Spotlight

A bill Tkaczyk recently introduced would help parents identify if their child is using drugs.

The legislation would allow 12- to 18-year-olds to be tested for drug use during their annual physical examination and require health insurance to cover the cost of it without co-payment, deductible or co-insurance. The drug screening results would remain confidential, even from health insurance companies.

A positive drug screening under the bill would not fall into the requirements for mandatory child abuse reporting if there are no other indications of abuse or neglect.

"If you can catch a child that might be experimenting with drugs early on, you have a much better chance of diverting

them before they are in a situation where they are so addicted that it is much harder to get off of," said Tkaczyk.

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple Sr. said he has had a fifth-grader's mother call him asking

"So quickly, and right before my eyes, I lost who I truly was and the power to do anything about it."

— Lynde Noel

if she could show him something, which ended up being a bag of heroin.

"It was intact. I think he got his hands on it and didn't know what to do with it, thank god," said Apple.

A couple years ago, Apple said, he was wondering if heroin use was going to peak and then taper off, but these days, heroin is showing no signs of going away. A month and a half ago, Apple said, police confiscated a pound of pure, uncut heroin less than a mile from the BOCES office.

"It is non-stop. We had an overdose last week,"

said Apple. "We can't arrest our way out of it. We've tried that, and it doesn't work."

Noel said drug use prevention should be mandatory for schools, so young people are reached before their first drink.

"Somewhere, we are losing our youth," she said. "Heroin especially has become an epidemic. Every day I pray for the addict using for the first time not knowing what they are getting themselves into."

Apple said there are not enough places for treatment and more resources are needed. He also believes targeting prevention efforts in school is key but might need to evolve from popular methods.

"I am a big advocate for trying to get people in the schools more," he said. "Yes, D.A.R.E. is there, but I just think it needs to be a little dirtier than that and let the kids know."



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■ SCHOOL NEWS

GCSD restarts building capacity discussion

District leaders review study, look toward community driven solutions

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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GUILDERLAND — Guilderland school district officials essentially hit the reset button on the community conversation regarding building capacity usage after tensions rose, primarily among Altamont residents, over the possibility of closing an elementary school.

District leaders held a community meeting Monday, Sept. 29, to discuss factors leading to the building capacity study and reviewing some of the data presented in it. The study, which consultant Paul Seversky completed, revealed 22 percent of

building space districtwide is not being used. Seversky had included five scenarios at the end of the study, outside of doing nothing and any community developed options, but Board of Education members in August voted to set aside the scenarios following community backlash.

Four of the scenarios targeted closing Altamont Elementary School, with the other shuttering Lynnwood Elementary School. The potential savings for scenarios ranged from \$1.16 million to \$1.99 million.

Guilderland Superintendent of Schools Marie Wiles said the district had “a lot of questions” it wanted to ask regarding building capacity. The first mention of looking into a formal study was during a March 2011 budget presentation.

Some district residents

have questioned why Seversky was chosen, but Wiles pointed to his experience in completing several similar studies for other districts. Seversky has had 40 years of experience in education and has held several different positions within the school system.

“He has extensive experience in gathering and organizing this kind of data and finding ways to analyze it to think through the problems and the options,” said Wiles.

Wiles said hiring Seversky was also the most cost effective option. The total cost of his study was \$18,890, but since he’s with the planning service at Madison-Oneida BOCES, the expense is eligible for state aid. The actual cost to the district was approximately \$8,330, which has already been paid.

Michael Saltsman, of Altamont, later asked how



From left, Guilderland Superintendent of Schools Marie Wiles, Assistant Superintendent of Business Neil Sanders and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Demian Singleton listen to a question from a resident during a community meeting Monday, Sept. 29.

John Purcell/Spotlight

many firms were evaluated for the study contract, which Wiles answered by saying no other consultants were considered. The district does not need to do a typical request for proposals (RFP) process because it falls under a professional service, which is exempt, according to Wiles.

“We weren’t looking to spend a lot of money, and we had seen quality work from the same consultant on similar kinds of study,” said Wiles.

Saltsman asked if district leaders were happy with the completed study report. Wiles said the district was not “100 percent thrilled” with it.

“I’ll be very frank, there are elements of

the study that are very disappointing,” said Wiles. “However, there is information in here that can guide our conversation.”

Assistant Superintendent for Business Neil Sanders talked about the district’s declining enrollment, which is driving the unused building space. There were 415 graduates last June while only 393 kindergarten students entered this year. The total enrollment for this school year is 4,908 students, while a decade ago it was 5,645.

“During the past 10 years, our enrollment has declined by 737 students and that’s about a 13 percent decline,” said

Sanders.

In another decade, the district is projecting to lose at least 74 students, while at most it could lose 392 students.

The district’s long-range financial plan projects a budget gap of almost \$1.43 for the 2015-16 budget. This gap generally continues to climb through the 2019-20 budget holding a projected \$1.83 million budget gap.

A second community meeting will be held in a workshop format Thursday, Nov. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Guilderland High School. District residents will be invited to share ideas for addressing some of the challenges the district faces regarding building capacity.

District leaders are also planning to form an advisory group to review, discuss and consider ideas generated during the November workshop.

The study found 2013-14 enrollment was below the minimum district goals for capacity at Altamont, Pine Bush and Westmere elementary schools.

The building with the most unused space though was the middle school with approximately 30 percent of its pupil capacity not being used. There were 1,141 students enrolled in 2013-14, but 490 more students could have been served.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Officials say permits keep parking fair

Round of tickets handed out at high school as students vie for limited spaces

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — Some Bethlehem Central High School students were upset last week and took to Twitter to complain after their cars were ticketed for parking in the school lot without a permit.

Administrators said 29 cars were ticketed on Monday, Sept. 29. The tickets didn't include a fine, but indicated the students' cars would be towed if they drove to school again without a parking permit.

"The last thing we want to do is tow a car," said Administrative Dean Anthony Malizia, who oversees the ninth and 11th grades. "Once we found out who the cars belonged to, we spoke to them about the importance of getting a permit. We're making every attempt to not have to tow someone's car."

Only juniors and seniors are allowed to drive to and park at the high school, and about 150 students have signed up for the \$50 parking permits. The permits are used to provide access to the limited number of parking spaces at the school.

School officials said the recent round of tickets were handed out to make

students aware of the parking issue.

According to Administrative Dean Dave Doemal, the money from the permits ends up in the general fund. He said most other schools in the area also charge their students for parking permits.

A number of students declined to go on the record with their complaints about the permit process because they were worried their parking privileges would be revoked, but Doemal said those concerns were unfounded.

Officials are telling students that if they want to see the policy changed, they should go through the process of speaking to the Student Senate, principal or district administration.

"Some students had an issue with the cost, and

"The problem became the students who did pay for a parking pass couldn't find a spot because other students without a pass were taking them."

— Administrative Dean Dave Doemal

we told them to utilize the appropriate channels to voice their opinion," said Doemal. "I think that's one of the benefits of Bethlehem. It's a great skill for them to learn, and we want them to be advocates for themselves."

Doemal said the reason some students may have felt the tickets came as a surprise is because enforcement of student parking rules was lax last year and left up to the responsibility of students. However, he said, the policy has been in the student handbooks for years.

"The problem became the students who did pay for a parking pass couldn't

find a spot because other students without a pass were taking them, and they didn't think that was fair," said Doemal.

The parking lot congestion problem has been compounded due to budget cutbacks that have made it so the school can no longer afford a parking attendant. This has also contributed to the problem of traffic flow in the morning.

At a Board of Education meeting last month, Principal Scott Landry said the parking situation last year "had become like the Wild West," with students trying to find spaces in the morning, and parents

trying to drop their kids off at school. He said the fee was reinstated more to establish a sense of responsibility.

"It's also easier for us to keep track of who is supposed to be there and who's not, because last year we couldn't keep track of who was in visitor parking and who was in faculty and staff. We're trying something. Whether it works or not, we'll see," said Landry.

Superintendent Tom Douglas said at the meeting money was unlikely to be found to pay for another parking attendant, and one of the best solutions would be for more students to take the bus or walk.

Board Member Joanne Cunningham said the \$50 price seemed high and wondered if something could be done for students who have to drive because

of an after-school job or sporting event. Some sports, like hockey, hold practices off of school property.

Landry said the school could possibly look into refunding a portion of the fee for those students.

At one time, the parking fee was much higher at \$120. The money was meant to go to expand the parking lot, but board member Lynn Lenhardt said the community rejected the proposal to expand parking, saying they considered it a privilege for students and not a right.

For now, Doemal and Malizia are monitoring the parking lot when they have free time.

"Our goal is not to punish the students, but make sure they do the right thing and follow the policy in the handbook," said Malizia.

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■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

DiDonato speaks at Q.U.I.L.T. meeting

BETHLEHEM — Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will hold its monthly meeting Friday, Oct. 10, at 9:15 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Bethlehem.

Nancy DiDonato will be the guest speaker. DiDonato's program is called "Journey into the Brain of an Art Quilter" and features some of her work.

Besides the lecture, the meeting includes a quilting session from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Connie Danko will talk about "tools and tricks" to make quilting easier. No registration is required.

There is a \$5 visitor donation for this month's meeting. For more information, call 393-2284 or visit www.quiltinc.org.

Foltan receives scholarship

BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem resident Bianca Foltan is one of 130 high school seniors from 11 states who received Cumberland Farms' Believe and Achieve Scholarships. Foltan is attending the University of Maryland, College Park.

Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship from Cumberland Farms. Foltan is one of 19 students from New York who earned the scholarship.

Food and Fellowship at N.B. church

NEW BALTIMORE — The New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in New Baltimore, is holding its next Food and Fellowship Luncheon program Wednesday, Oct. 8, from noon to 2 p.m.

The program is about fire prevention and presented by the EMS of Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company. The menu features roast pork with gravy, rice, green beans with almonds and birthday cake for dessert.

The luncheon is open to the public, and free will offerings are accepted to offset food costs. Reservations are encouraged to help plan the program, and



New Albany County GOP officers

Albany County Legislator Christine Benedict (second from right) was unanimously elected Albany County Republican Party chairperson Monday, Sept. 29, at a GOP meeting in Colonie. Other officers elected were secretary Barbara Davis (far left), treasurer Melissa Kermani (second from left) and senior vice chair Joe Gomez (right). Not pictured: first vice chair Doug Breakell.

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dining space is limited to 60 seats.

For more information, call the church office at 756-8764.

Church offers drive-thru BBQ

GUILDERLAND — Lynnwood Reformed Church, 3714 Carman Road in Guilderland, is offering Brooks Barbecue dinners for take-out Friday, Oct. 10, from 3 p.m. until all the meals are sold out.

The cost is \$10 for a chicken dinner, \$6 for a half chicken and \$12 for a rib dinner.

Home run derby to support team

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Eagles National Division 12-and-under travel baseball team is holding an adult home run derby Saturday, Oct. 11, at 4:30 p.m. at Magee Park in Bethlehem.

The event is a fundraising effort to support the Eagles in their goal of participating in the 2015 Field of Dreams Tournament in Cooperstown. There will be trophies and prizes awarded to the top three

finishers, as well as free hot dogs and hamburgers courtesy of ShopRite and drawings for more prizes.

Halloween buttons part of program

BETHLEHEM — The Half Moon Button Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Bethlehem.

There will be a social hour, followed by the business meeting at noon and a Halloween button program. Bring a bag lunch. Desserts will be provided.

For more information, call Kathy at 393-3156, or Kirsti at 869-8125.

Orienteering club schedules events

CAPITAL DISTRICT — The Empire Orienteering Club is holding two more events this fall.

The first is Saturday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m. at Partridge Run Wildlife Management Area in Berne, and the other is Saturday, Nov. 1, at 10 a.m. at Camp Wakpominee in Fort Ann.

Both events feature beginner, intermediate and advanced

courses. The entry fees for non-members are \$10 per event with a \$25 maximum per family. Large groups are \$10 for the first two groups' maps and \$5 for each additional map. There is a \$5 charge for first timers or those trying the beginner course.

Orienteering is a sport that ranges from adventure racing to a walk in the park. For more information, contact Philip Hawkes-Teeter at 872-1993 or email philht@gmail.com.

Annual chicken and biscuits dinner

NEW BALTIMORE — On Oct. 18, the New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on Route 144 in New Baltimore, will hold its annual chicken and biscuits dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Besides the chicken and biscuits, dinners include mashed potatoes, squash, broccoli and your choice of apple or pumpkin pie.

The suggested donation is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Take out meals are also available from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 756-8764.

Guilderland winter sports registration

GUILDERLAND — Registration is underway for the Guilderland High School winter sports season.

Students interested in playing a winter sport — boys/girls basketball, boys swimming, bowling, ice hockey, cross country skiing, gymnastics, wrestling, cheerleading and indoor track — should pick up a registration packet from the nurses' office and return the completed form as soon as possible. The packet includes three forms: the School and Sport Physical Form, the Athletic Form and the Health History Form, all of which are also available online at www.guilderlandschools.org.

Physicals will be held in the high school nurses' office on Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Students are encouraged to sign up for their physicals in advance. Appointments may take up to one hour, so please plan accordingly. Students may have their physicals done by their own doctors, but it must be completed on the high school physical form and reviewed by the school nurse before a student can sign up for a sport or attend practice.

For more information, call the Guilderland High School nurses' office at 861-8591, ext. 3030, or visit www.guilderlandschools.org.

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Guilderland author Mark Grimm will present an entertaining, thought-provoking program that gives you a new approach to public speaking. This revelation will allow you to feel more at ease, make your presentations much clearer and more relevant to audiences, and provide an easy-to-follow path to becoming a captivating speaker.

You'll learn why most speakers prepare the wrong way for presentations. You'll hear why Mark once hid in the men's room when it was his turn to speak. He'll share his personal path from nervous presenter to paid speaker, a path anyone can follow.

Mark will read brief excerpts from his book, "Everyone Can Be A Dynamic Speaker: Yes, I Mean You!" that will highlight key points. But don't expect an evening of being read to, as the session will be engaging, interactive and provide a

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few laughs. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

Please register for this program by calling 456-2400, ext. 2.

Baseball series continues

GPL's Monday Night Baseball Series continues Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. when Jim Gates, the librarian at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, will talk about the museum and the history of this great American institution.

This program is being held in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of what is undeniably the cultural home of the greatest players to ever take bat and glove in hand.

Please register for this program by calling 456-2400, ext. 2.

Holiday season bus trips to NYC

The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce and the Guilderland Library Foundation are doing something a bit different with the annual holiday bus trips this year: We are having two! And the time to sign up is now.

The first trip — on Saturday, Nov. 15 — is being held a few weeks before the city's holiday season hits full swing to give you the opportunity to get to all those stores and special places that get mobbed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. There is just one bus for this trip, so please reserve early.

The traditional December trip — on Saturday, Dec. 6 — enables you to enjoy all the holiday excitement that only New York City can create. There will be two buses for this trip.

The bus/buses leave the GPL parking lot at 8 a.m. You will be dropped off in midtown, on 42nd Street between 7th and 8th avenues. Planned arrival time is 10:30 a.m.

Buses will meet you in front of the McDonald's (on 42nd St, between 7th and 8th avenues) just before 7 p.m. The buses will leave NYC at 7 p.m. and get back to the GPL parking lot about 9:30 p.m.

To reserve your seat online, go to the Chamber's website at www.guilderlandchamber.com, or call the Chamber at 456-6611.

— Mark Curiale

Lego club meets

The next meeting of the library Tween Lego Club is Monday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. Join other Lego-maniacs and enjoy free-building time at the library. Bring a model from home to show off, if you'd like; we have library Legos to share and club-member creations will be kept separate. You can also take a turn on the Wii playing Lego videogames. Grades 3 to 6, please register.

Beginning beaded jewelry

Ages 14 and up, on Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., you can learn easy beading techniques for making simple necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Choose from our varied bead options to make something that suits your style. Once you've learned the basics, you can create a holiday gift. Please register. There will be a small materials fee.

Disaster preparedness

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m., the American Red Cross will present a disaster preparedness program. This session will provide information on types of common disasters, ways to prepare as an individual, family and

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community member, and what to do when a disaster strikes. Disaster preparedness kits will be provided to participants of the program. Please register.

Halloween family storytime

Preschool children through 2nd grade, please join Miss Amy on Saturday morning, Oct. 25, at 10:15 a.m. for a morning of spooktacular stories, Halloween activities and a costume parade in the library. Come dressed in costume. Please register for this special Halloween celebration.

Halloween candy craze

Tweens are invited for this creativity lab on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. Make a Candy Corn Catapult, paint with Skittles, explode some Peep Ghosts, and of course, snack too! Grades 4 to 6, please register.

Columbus Day hours

The library will be closing at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 13, in observance of Columbus Day.

Holiday shopping on Amazon

If you will be doing some of your holiday shopping online at Amazon.com, please consider using the boxed Amazon link on the library website. For every dollar spent using the library link, Amazon will donate a small portion back to the friends of the library.

October artist and display case

The library is very pleased to announce the return of photographer MJ Adelman. MJ is a world traveler and world-class photographer. That combination makes for some wonderful moments captured on film. If you missed her show last year, please be sure to take a few minutes to stop by and enjoy the views. MJ will be hosting an artist reception in the community room on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

LaMini Scala will be filling the display case this month with their miniature creations. These are intricately detailed miniatures that are incredibly accurate. The children especially love to stand in front of the glass and marvel at the tiny replicas.

— Lynn Kohler

Colorful changes in the picture room

Look for changes in the library's picture book section. The picture book area will soon be arranged in neighborhoods by subject. By organizing the picture books by subject, children will more easily find books they are interested in and read more. Subjects range from "things that go" to "nature," "all about me" and more.

Over the summer, each picture book was color coded by subject. Most of the picture books are still in alphabetical order, but

holiday books and some story books have moved into their neighborhoods. Find the color code in the children's area so you and your children can look for books by subject by finding the colored labels.

Library book delivery to the homebound

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library materials yourself. A staff member will deliver your requests to you. If you don't have a library card, we will register you on our first delivery.

Join other community members who enjoy all the library has to offer, without leaving their home.

Olaf to reside at the library

Many thanks to the Furhman and Thorpe families who have made certain a little bit of "Frozen" will stay with the

library.

A life-sized Olaf was created by artist Tracey Douglas to replace the "Frozen" train stolen from in front of the library this summer. Olaf was put up for auction along with the other trains at the Trainfest. The two families bid on and won Olaf and have very generously donated him to the library for all the children of the community (no matter what age) to enjoy. Find Olaf in the lobby and welcome him back home.

Computer classes

Make plans to sharpen your Microsoft skill set this fall with computer classes at the library. Familiarity with these programs is useful in the work setting as well as at home. Class size is small, so your questions will get answered. All classes are free and take place in the library. Registration is required: call 756-2053, or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org

— Carol Melewsiki

■ COMMUNITY

Teen Read Week

It's Teen Read Week next week, Oct. 12-18, and the theme this year is "Turn Dreams Into Reality @ Your Library." Teen Read Week is a national literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). It began in 1998 and is held annually during the third week of October. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.

Teen Read Week is the last week that teens can participate in Read It Forward, a book-sharing program initiated in collaboration with the Upper Hudson Library System. See if the library or a friend has a copy of "The Paladin Prophecy" by Mark Frost. After you read it, pass it on—no due dates, no late fees, no worries. For more information, stop by the youth services desk. After you've read the book, go to www.bplteens.org and complete an online survey for a chance to win a prize. Read It Forward ends on Oct. 18.

Other upcoming events for teens include a DVD release party on Monday, Oct. 13, at 5:15 p.m. (call 439-9314 for information) and a Teen Advisory Group Halloween party on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. TAG meets to share ideas and help plan teen programs and activities at the library.

Star Wars Reads Day

A reminder that the library's Star Wars activities begin tomorrow, Oct. 9, with a special "Trivia Night on Tatooine" for adults and teens. Call 439-9314 for more information and to register. Doors open at 6 p.m.; contest starts at 6:30.

Families are invited to come to a Star Wars Reads Day doubleheader this Friday, Oct. 10. Come in costume at 4 p.m. for Star Wars books, games



and trivia. Come back at 6 p.m. for a now-classic Star Wars film (PG, 134 minutes), and text your comments to the screen via MuVChat. Call 439-9314 for more information.

Puppet performance

Don't forget that The Puppet People perform "The Wizard of Oz" at the library this Sunday, Oct. 12, in back-to-back showings at 1 and 2:30 p.m. Seating is limited, so please arrive early. The program is recommended for age 5 and up, but all ages are welcome.

Listening party

Thursday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. Listen to recordings of jazz accordionists from VanDamme to Piazzolla to Prieto. Explore jazz history; share stories.

Preschool math

Friday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. Counting and sorting for children up to age 6 with caregiver.

Songs of the '40s Through Today

Friday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. Singer, guitarist and entertainer Brian Zapel will perform popular songs of the past 75 years. Audience participation is encouraged. Cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Hands-only CPR

Friday, Oct. 17, at 3 p.m. (adults only) and 4 p.m. (adults and children age 10 and up). Presented by the American Red Cross. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

— Louise Grieco
Public Information
Specialist

Take a trip down Motown Lane

We're going to Broadway. Join us for "Motown the Musical" on Sunday, Oct. 26. This award winning show celebrates the music that changed America. You will enjoy the stories of Motown, featuring such artists as Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson and others. The cost is \$195 per person, checks payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and covers the cost the show, dinner at the Crow's Nest Restaurant in Hackensack, N.J., transportation, plus a donation to Senior Projects. Lunch will be on your own. We leave Bethlehem Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. and return at about 11 p.m. Seats are limited. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

Nature walk

Join us for a fall nature walk on Wednesday, Oct. 15. We'll meet at Town Hall at 10 a.m. and visit a nearby nature trail. Wear good shoes and bring a bottle of water and a bag lunch.

Bereavement support group

The Bereavement Support Group for those who have lost someone close will meet on Thursday, Oct. 16, at Town Hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join others and share concerns, emotions, etc. Call Will Vail at 439-4955, ext. 1173, to register or to get more information.

See 'Newsies'

Come with us to see "Newsies," a popular Broadway based on the New York City newsboy



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strike of 1899. The show is at Proctors in Schenectady on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. The cost is \$51, payable to Town of Bethlehem. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Suggested van donation: \$10.

Music and a meal

Join us for "Music of the '40s through Today," presented by Brian Zapel, at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. We'll have lunch beforehand at the Windowbox Café, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Medicare help provided

Medicare Open enrollment is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. Our Senior Outreach Workers will be available for counseling appointments on Medicare and other health insurance issues. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Senior club meets

The 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 3:30 p.m.

— Wilma DeLucco
Bethlehem Senior Projects,
Inc. Board Member

Annual Campaign kicks off



responsibility.

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Please consider coming to the kickoff event. It includes snacks and refreshments, and it's free, not only for members, but for anyone who would like to hear families and individuals discuss how support from the Y's Annual Campaign and the programs it funds helped change their lives.

Family Movie Night is back

The Bethlehem YMCA's Family Movie Night last month was such a huge success that we are holding another

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one on Friday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m. It's free for members, and there will be pizza and a classic family movie. What movie? Well, you get to choose. Stop by the Y front desk and enter a raffle slip with your movie request and, if it's selected, you get a prize and we'll show the movie you suggested.

In addition to movie night, the Bethlehem Y will also hold another Family Fun Pool day on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Make it feel like it's still summer by playing in the Y's pool with floats, boats, balls, a pool basketball hoop, music and games.

Learn to skate

There are about 2,700 YMCAs in the United States. The Bethlehem YMCA is one of only four that have an ice rink. That means we can offer unique programs such as our Learn To Skate program and public ice skating sessions.

The Y offers 30-minute group lessons based on age, from kids ages 3-5 and 5-17, for adults and even advanced-level lessons. All lessons are held on Sunday afternoons. Skating lessons are available for members and non-members. Ice skating is a fun activity and great exercise for the winter months, which are coming soon, whether we like it or not. To find out more, pick up a Learn To Skate brochure at the YMCA front desk or call for our program director at 439-4394.

— Mark Hansen
Member, Bethlehem
YMCA Board of Advisors

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**Limit one (1) prize awarded per membership family. Contest winners will be chosen on Monday, November 3, 2014.

NEWS

Report highlights financial footing

Albany County, Town of Colonie receive lower fiscal stress designations

By JOHN PURCELL
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ALBANY COUNTY — Local lawmakers are still feeling financial burdens of living within the tax cap while balancing budgets, but there are signs of improvement. Three of the 20 government entities in Albany County are designated as being fiscally stressed, ranging from moderate to susceptible, according to state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's report issued Thursday, Sept. 25. The three designations of fiscal stress include significant, moderate and susceptible, with the towns of Colonie and Coeymans falling

in the middle category. Albany County government received the lowest designation as susceptible. This is the second year the state Comptroller's Office issued the report, which draws from data municipalities were already submitting. The report is based off the fiscal year ending in 2013. Any actions since then are not taken into account. DiNapoli said the "early warning system" is meant to kick off "frank discussions" in communities before a fiscal crisis develops, not after. The designation of "significant" fiscal stress ranges from a score of 100 to 65 percent. A "moderate" fiscal stress designation is from 64.9 to 55 percent. The lowest designation is "susceptible," which includes scores from 54.9 to 45 percent. Any municipality with a score below 45 percent receives no designation. Albany County and

Colonie had its fiscal stress score improve from the first report, both by exactly 3.3 percent, and dropped into a lower designation category. The county just barely dropped to "susceptible" with a score of 54.6 percent, while Colonie was lowered into "moderate" with a score of 52.5 percent. Albany County Executive Dan McCoy said the fiscal management strategies and cost-saving measures implemented by his administration in the last two years have produced measurable results. This is reflected in the Fiscal Stress Monitoring Report issued today by NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. McCoy pointed to the lowered rating as evidence his administration has made "sound fiscal decisions." This year's budget was the first time the county's budget fell within the state imposed property tax cap, which McCoy plans to do again in 2015.

"As we enter budget season my administration remains focused on improving our finances, reducing debt and providing value for the taxpayers," McCoy said in a prepared statement. McCoy said he continues to focus on reducing the county's rolling cash deficit, which was reduced from \$15 million in 2012 to \$10 million this year. He also pointed to recently reaching an agreement with unions representing 270 nursing home employees, which will provide annual savings.

Colonie Supervisor Paula Mahan touted the town's designation being reduced as "great progress" and vowed to continue improving its financial stability. "We look at it as incremental changes, so every step that we improve we are happy with," said Mahan. Mahan said the town's fund balance had been tapped out when she was elected in 2008, so it has been a concerted effort to restore town savings. "We had a very large deficit that we had to pay

off, which was in excess of \$21 million, and we paid that off," said Mahan. Mahan said the fund balance has approximately \$2.4 million, which the town started building back up in 2011, according to Mahan. The Town of Coeymans fiscal score increased 10 percent to total 57.5 percent, which moved it from a "susceptible" to "moderate" fiscal stress designation. Coeymans fund reserves had a deficit of \$200,000 last year, according to the report.

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AT A GLANCE

Fiscal stress ratings for Albany County and its municipalities

Municipality	2013 Stress rating	Designation
Village of Altamont	9.6%	None
Village of Colonie	10%	None
Village of Menands	6.7%	None
Village of Ravena	3.3%	None
Village of Voorheesville	5%	None
Bethlehem	20%	None
Coeymans	57.5%	Moderate
Colonie	62.5%	Moderate
Guilderland	0%	None
New Scotland	12.5%	None
Watervliet	42.9%	None
Albany County	54.6%	Susceptible

Breakdown of stress designation levels:

Significant	65%-100%
Moderate	55%-64.9%
Susceptible	45%-54.9%
No designation	0%-44.9%



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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



EMMA OLIVER

Guilderland girls soccer player Emma Oliver is the Spotlight Player of the Week. The senior had four goals and two assists during a four-game stretch for the Lady Dutch. An honorable mention goes Bethlehem diver Annie Burdick, who recorded an 11-dive score of 459.3 to qualify for the Section 2 championships.

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If you have a high school athlete you'd like to nominate for our Player of the Week, please e-mail Sports Editor Rob Jonas at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

■ INSIDE



Stopped cold

Undefeated Schalmont out-gained Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 393 yards to 87 yards in a 59-0 Reinfort Division victory Friday, Oct. 3.

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■ GIRLS SOCCER

Gaining momentum

Bethlehem passes Guilderland in
Suburban Council South

By **ROB JONAS**

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The Bethlehem girls soccer team had its most complete performance of the season at Guilderland's expense.

Olivia Miranda and Shannon Russo each scored a goal, and goaltender Miranda Manziano did the rest in the Lady Eagles' 2-0 victory over the Lady Dutch Thursday, Oct. 2, in a Suburban Council South Division game.

"I think we both needed this win today as we head towards Sectionals," said Bethlehem coach Tom Rogan. "We put two complete halves together today, which is something we hadn't done all season. So, I was very pleased with our effort."

FINAL SCORE

- Bethlehem Lady Eagles, 2
- Guilderland Lady Dutch, 0

Russo got Bethlehem (7-4-1) on the scoreboard with her team-leading fifth goal of the season off Kaylee Rickert's assist in the first half. Then early in the second half, Sophia Calabrese sent a crossing pass off the end line on to Miranda's feet, and the freshman kicked the ball past Guilderland goaltender Taylor Dorado to double the Lady Eagles' advantage.

"Both of our goals were good goals. There was nothing their keeper could do



A Guilderland player shadows Bethlehem midfielder Callie Noonan (19) during a Suburban Council South Division game between the neighboring rivals Thursday, Oct. 2, in Guilderland.

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A Bethlehem defender clears the ball away from Guilderland's Rachel Cardiff (23).

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Bethlehem's Grace Hotaling (14) and Guilderland's Kerry Gerety (5) battle for the ball during the first half.

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Schalmont dominates RCS

Gac, Gallo run through Ravena's defense in win

By **ROB JONAS**
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Any thoughts Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk had of knocking Schalmont from the ranks of undefeated football teams faded quickly.

The Sabres (5-0) jumped out to a 19-0 lead with three quick touchdowns in the first quarter and cruised to a 59-0 victory over the Indians (4-1) Friday, Oct. 3, in Rotterdam.

It was a harsh dose of reality for Ravena, which entered the game having outscored its previous four opponents 146-60.

"They beat us in all aspects of the game," said Ravena coach Gary VanDerzee. "We've got a lot of work to do."

Devon Higgins electrified the Schalmont fans with a 75-yard touchdown run less than four minutes in the opening quarter to put the Sabres in front. Less than two minutes after that, Schalmont blocked

quarterback David Warnken's quick kick attempt on third down deep in Ravena territory. Dalton Cooke recovered the loose ball in the end zone for Schalmont's second touchdown, and the rout was on.

Every break seemingly went the Sabres' way, too. Ravena thought it forced a Schalmont turnover

FINAL SCORE

• Schalmont
Sabres, 59
• Ravena
Indians, 0



It took three Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk defenders to tackle Schalmont's Hunter Gac during a Reinfurt Division game Friday, Oct. 3, in Rotterdam.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

three touchdowns.

"Those two are very talented, but that front seven (on the offensive line) made some very large holes for them, too," said VanDerzee.

On the other side of the ball, Ravena couldn't get anything going against Schalmont. The Indians managed 87 yards of total offense, approximately half of which came on a fourth quarter series that ended

with a missed 30-yard field goal – the lone scoring chance Ravena had all night.

"We knew they're a very good football team," said VanDerzee. "You can't simulate their speed and their physicalness (in practice). Our young guys got their heads kind of spun around out there."

The Indians will try to bounce back with a non-league game against Johnstown Friday, Oct. 10.

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Manziano posts fifth shutout

about those goals," said Rogan.

Manziano made seven mostly routine saves to send Guilderland (7-5-0) to its third consecutive loss and its second in a row by shutout.

"It's funny because we went our first nine games and scored a goal in every game. We were the only Suburban Council team to do that," said Guilderland coach Curtis Snyder. "And suddenly, we can't find the back of the net."

Manziano has been a rock in goal for Bethlehem all season. The junior posted her fifth shutout of the season Thursday and has allowed nine goals over the Lady Eagles' 12 games.

"We've had quite a run of goaltenders," said Rogan,

whose Bethlehem teams have seen the likes of Katie Nickles and Kiersten Swete guard the net over the last six years. "It's been very nice, to say the least. I've been very fortunate to have that run of goaltenders."

Rogan said Bethlehem is looking to get on a good run over its last four games, which includes a match-up against eighth-ranked Columbia (10-1-1) Tuesday, Oct. 14, in its second-to-last Suburban Council game of the season.

"I don't pay attention to (records)," said Rogan. "There are several good teams in the Suburban Council this season."

Meanwhile, Guilderland is looking to regain the form it showed during

a seven-game winning streak that propelled the Lady Dutch into the state rankings before falling out after losses to Saratoga, Shenendehowa and Bethlehem.

"We're not afraid of anybody, and we can compete with anybody," said Snyder. "We just have to put it all together."

Guilderland squared off against Columbia Tuesday, Oct. 7, while Bethlehem faced Mohonasen.

In other girls soccer news, Voorheesville (9-1-1) sits at No. 19 in the state Class B rankings following a 3-0 Colonial Council victory over Cobleskill-Richmondville Saturday, Oct. 4.

Veda Hensel recorded a hat trick for the Blackbirds, who out-shot the Bulldogs 27-6. Cobleskill-Richmondville goaltender Kristen Kruglak stopped 24 shots.

■ NEWS

Budget within tax cap

New Scotland's proposal totals \$7.2M, holds no staffing cuts

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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NEW SCOTLAND — Town Supervisor Tom Dolin's proposed budget holds a property tax levy just below New Scotland's state imposed tax cap, while tapping less from its reserves.

Dolin released the 2015 Tentative Town Budget last week, which totals \$7.2 million and holds a property tax levy increase of 1.92 percent, or nearly \$49,000. The average New Scotland homeowner with a property assessed at \$250,000 would see their taxes increase \$10, according to Dolin. The budget allocates nearly \$237,000 from the town fund balances, which is almost \$97,000 less than this year's budget.

"We are probably going to have to use some reserves, but we have a substantial amount so we won't be falling below what we think is reasonable," said Dolin.

Town officials are projecting around \$2.69 million remaining in its fund balance, which is equal to 37 percent of its 2015 budget. This year, the town budgeted \$334,000 from fund balances, but its four main funds had \$146,000 going into reserve accounts.

Town Board members met Monday, Oct. 6, to review the supervisor's budget proposal.

Board members are scheduled to meet three more times before approving

a preliminary budget. The next budget review meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at New Scotland Town Hall.

Dolin included a \$500 raise for each Town Board member in the tentative budget, but not for himself or any other elected official. Each board member with the increase would be paid approximately \$8,595 annually.

Dolin said each board member is "very active" in town operations and the salary increase is justified.

"I have been here six-and-a-half years and they have never gotten a raise, except for [1 percent] cost-of-living allowances," said Dolin. "I compared their salaries to other municipalities ... and I felt they deserved a \$500 increase."

Retirement expenses are protected to be relatively flat next year, but medical insurance is estimated to increase around \$21,500. Additional revenue from the proposed tax increase

would total nearly the same, according to Dolin.

Spending across the town's four main funds, which excludes special districts, is increasing almost \$22,500, or 0.38 percent, and totals \$5.8 million. The appropriated fund balance across these funds is decreasing about \$105,000 from this year and totals \$185,000.

Dolin said the biggest problem facing the town is declining mortgage tax revenues, which is down about \$70,000. He said the decrease was felt across the county for the first half of the year.

"We are hoping our second payment, which comes in this December, will recover a little bit from that. We estimated conservatively, but we still didn't expect a 17 percent decline," said Dolin.

Dolin said the town is already down to a rather thin amount of employees, so there are little areas for the town to make cuts.

■ CRIME, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

45 cats found in camper

Two homeless women who were living in a camper trailer were arrested on animal abuse charges after police allegedly found them keeping almost four-dozen cats in deplorable conditions.

A Delmar Animal Hospital employee contacted the Albany County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday, Sept. 23, expressing concern over the number of cats they had euthanized for Frances J. Stannard and her sister, Shirley I. Stannard, over the past few months. The Sheriff's Office was already aware of the sisters, who had been seen around the Town of New Scotland living out of their small trailer. Police said Frances, 73, and Shirley, 65, were homeless.

Police were not able to locate the sisters until Monday, Sept. 29, when they were found at Hannaford in Voorheesville.

Police observed a

strong odor of cat urine and feces coming from the Stannards' trailer. The sisters consented to police inspecting the trailer to check the welfare of the cats, which allegedly revealed 45 cats living in "deplorable conditions" that "did not appear to be in good health."

The Sheriff's Office said numerous cats were clearly distressed and several of the cats were missing eyes, while others appeared to have diseases. Police said at least one cat was pregnant.

Both women were arrested for failure to provide sustenance to animals and were issued tickets to appear in New Scotland Town Court on Thursday, Oct. 23.

The Albany County Animal Response Team partnered with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society to provide assistance at the scene. The Humane

Society took all of the cats for further evaluation.

Man fatally struck by train

A Schenectady man was killed after a train hit him Thursday night, Oct. 2, in what police believe to be an apparent suicide.

Guilderland police responded to the railroad grade crossing on County Line Road after a representative from CSX reported a train had struck someone. Police discovered Christopher Weston, 39, was hit by the train traveling eastbound from Buffalo. Weston was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said actions of Weston's before he was struck made his death appear to be a suicide.

Train traffic was halted during the investigation. Members of CSX and Fort Hunter Fire Company assisted Guilderland police.

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1554 Fulton Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/14/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2805 Avenue N, Brooklyn, NY 11210. General Purposes. Ad#58929

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE The Selkirk Fire District will hold a public hearing on Tuesday October 21 at 7:00 PM at the Administrative Offices located behind Station No. 1, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, for the purpose of presenting the 2015 proposed district budget. At that time, anyone who would like to comment on the 2015 proposed district budget shall be heard. A copy of the proposed district budget is available for viewing on the district website: http://www.selkirkfd.org or is available at any Selkirk Fire District station upon request: Selkirk Fire Station No. 1: 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, NY 12158 Selkirk Fire Station No. 2: 301 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, NY 12077 Selkirk Fire Station No. 3: 480 Bridge Street, Selkirk, NY 12158 Anyone in need of reasonable accommodations can contact the Selkirk Fire District. This meeting room is ADA compliant. Stephanie E. Sellers District Secretary Selkirk Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Ad# 60724

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 245 W JERICHO TURNPIKE HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/18/14. 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. Ad#59864

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 400 M Family LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/12/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o United Corporate Services, Inc., 100 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#60302

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 419A Classon, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/3/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#59369

LEGAL NOTICE

43 Essex LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/28/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 123 Bowery, 4th Fl., NY, NY 10002. General Purposes. Ad#58931

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 552 84TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/22/14. 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. Ad#59858

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 59-21 Queens Anjo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/18/14. Office location: 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 System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#60712

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 59-21 Queens RFLP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/18/14. Office location: 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 System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#60710

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 7CC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/8/14. 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. Ad#59851

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK-BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: 981 Broadway LLC. Ar-

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ticles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 9/17/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 981 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#60293

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: A-METRO MOVERS & SELF STORAGE III, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 19, 2014. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 889 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. Ad#60785

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK-BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Ampersand Trafalgar Acquisitions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 8/27/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 717 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 1A, Boston, MA 02111. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#58838

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ANG ACQUISITION, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on July 25, 2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The West Firm PLLC, 677 Broadway, 8th Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#59354

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AO HENRY LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 09/08/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#60381

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ARM 21ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/9/14. 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:

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USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#59848

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Avita Drugs, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/4/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Louisiana (LA) on 9/5/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Avenue, Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. LA address of LLC: 5551 Corporate Blvd., Ste. 102, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Arts. of Org. filed with LA Secy. of State, 8585 Archives Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#59628

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Baldy Burger, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/19/2014. Office location: 15 Pheasant Ln, Menands, NY 12204, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Ste 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity. Ad#61800

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BALLYORGAN II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/5/14. 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. Ad#59850

LEGAL NOTICE

The name of the limited liability company is BRIAN J CAR REPAIR LLC. The Articles of Organization of LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on JANUARY 28, 2014. The office of the LLC is in Schenectady County and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served is to STEVEN SARGENT; 20 S CHURCH ST; SCHENECTADY, NY 12305. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State. Ad#59777

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION The name of the limited liability company is CHRIS HORWEDEL LLC. The Articles of Organization of LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on

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MAY 6, 2014. The office of the LLC is in Schenectady county and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served is to STEVEN M. SARGENT; 20 S CHURCH ST; SCHENECTADY, NY 12305. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State. Ad#57975

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)The name of the LLC is Columbia CPRT9 LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 29, 2014. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#61284

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Covert Bacon, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 10/08/2013. Office location, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o B. Pauquette, 80 Berwick Rd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#61699

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Disaster Capitalism Film, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/24/2014 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#61652

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EMERALD WATER NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/20/14. 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. Ad#59862

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EVOLLUSION PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/14/14. Office location:

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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. Ad#59876

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.NAME: FEINMAN FAMILY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/14/2014. 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 the process to the LLC c/o Lynn M. Coles, Esq., Gioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#58121

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FIRST DUNES DEVELOPMENT III, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/12/14. 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. Ad#59877

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FIVE STAR NECKTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/24/14. 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. Ad#61439

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GALION HENRY LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 09/08/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#60384

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: GGSJ LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/15/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY

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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 at, 2667 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11223. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#60036

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK-BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Gialanella Real Estate, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 8/27/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 523 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#58837

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-Honeybee Media, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/1/2014 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#61647

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HOUSE OF MANY EXPERTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/21/14. 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. Ad#59861

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HTA White Plains 244 EAT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/18/14. Office location: 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 System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#58088

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK-BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Huck Finn's Playland, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 9/22/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 19

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Erie Boulevard, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#60714

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF HUDSON COBEE, LLC On September 18, 2014, Hudson Cobee, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC 479 South Pearl St., Albany County, Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC, is 479 South Pearl St., Albany, NY 12202. The LLC is organized for the purpose of any and all lawful business. Ad#60884

LEGAL NOTICE

HUDSON NORTH COUNTRY WIND 1, LLCForeign LLC Notice of NY Publication Pursuant to Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law Hudson North Country Wind 1, LLC App. For Auth. filed NY Dept of State on 08/26/14. Juris and date of org: DE 08/22/14. County of loc: Albany Cty. Princ. bus. loc. Executive Woods, 5 Palisades Dr., Ste. 300, Albany, NY 12205. Sec. of State designated as agent of foreign LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Sec. of State shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Executive Woods, 5 Palisades Dr., Ste. 300, Albany, NY 12205. Addr. of Foreign LLC in DE is 615 South DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Auth. Officer in DE where Cert of Form. filed: Jeffrey W. Bullock, Sec. of State of the State of DE, Division of Corporations, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#59047

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of INNOVATIVE AQUATICS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/17/14. 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. Ad#59881

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK-BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: JAK Development NY, LLC. Articles of Organi-

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zation filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 9/16/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to One Park Place, Suite 204, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#60287

LEGAL NOTICE

KAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS LLC was filed with the SSNY on 09/08/2014. 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: c/o Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Wash. Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#59621

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is KEEP MOVING WITH STEPHANIE, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on August 27, 2014.
THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 1177 U.S. Route 9W Selkirk, New York 12158
FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company isThe Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. Ad#59441

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Lamar Service Company, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/12/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/3/13. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#60300

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Notice of Formation of Lodge Street LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/18/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: James P. Sauter, Esq., O'Neill DiManno & Kelly, 15 Beekman St., Ste. 1000, NY, NY 10038Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#61074

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Loudon House Interiors LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/2/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1 Loudon Heights North, Loudonville, NY, 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#59351

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Notice of Formation of MAGEN DAVID RSD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/15/14. 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. Ad#59867

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation J.O. Martins & Family LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o LLC, 705 S. Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: All legal purposes. Ad#60007

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MATCHMAKING INKORPORATED, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/4/14. 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 at, 154A Hicks Street, Brooklyn NY 11201. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#59625

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MENAR MINERAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/5/14. 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,

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46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#59849

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a professional limited liability company name: New Scotland Clinical Social Work and Counseling, LCSW PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State on 12/02/2013. Office location Albany County, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of PLLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 878 New Scotland Rd Albany NY 12208. Purpose: general. Ad#60716

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Oaxaca Navy Yard, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/15/2014 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. Ad#60307

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Omega ElderCare Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/26/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/1/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 132 E. 43rd St., Ste. 744, NY, NY 10017, Attn: Joyce I. Francis. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#58909

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of OPTIM HENRY LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 09/08/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#60374

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Albany County, on the 20th day of June, 2014 bearing Index Number 2994.14, a copy of which may be examined in the office of the Albany County Clerk, located at 16 Eagle Street in the City and County of Albany, State of New York, grants me the

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right, effective on the 31st day of October, 2014, to assume the name of Marsha Thomas. My present address is 50 Glynn Street, Albany, New York 12203. The date of my birth is September 7, 1953. The place of my birth is Troy, New York. My present name is Marsha Thomas Lamere Ad#61624

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Oversite Properties, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/19/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Massachusetts (MA) on 8/15/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. MA address of LLC: 265 Franklin Street, 8th Fl., Boston, MA 02110. Arts. of Org. filed with MA Secy. of State, One Ashburton Place, Room 1717, Boston, MA 02108. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#58086

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From page 10 ... Fiscal health

The town also had an operating deficit last year of almost \$750,000.

Coeymans Supervisor Stephen Flach could not be reached for comment before *The Spotlight* went to press.

Other towns across the

county have maintained a score below any designation, with Guilderland receiving the best fiscal stress score at 0 percent.

Guilderland Supervisor Ken Runion said the town's fund balance has been growing, and it has not been borrowing to meet its obligations.

"Even during the lagging economy, we've held the

line on taxes and meet our obligations," said Runion. "We've done a good job in just managing the finances in town, particularly in a weak economic environment."

The Town of Bethlehem scored nearly as well as Guilderland, with a score of 3.3 percent.

Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson said the town

uses a multiyear budget projection to make financial decisions, which allows it to have a strong fiscal position.

"This year's numbers from the state Comptroller's Office continue to show that Bethlehem is in excellent financial condition," Clarkson said in an email to *Spotlight News*.

The recent state Comptroller's Office report

includes all counties and towns statewide, along with 44 cities and 10 villages having fiscal years ending on Dec. 31, 2013. This is a total of 1,043 communities.

There were 10 government entities receiving a "significant" designation this cycle, and eight communities designated as facing "moderate" fiscal stress.

Another 17 municipalities were designated as being susceptible to fiscal stress.

There were 18 municipalities receiving a higher classification of fiscal stress from 2012 scores, while 23 communities moved into a lower stress designation. The overall number of communities receiving a stress designation dropped by three, totaling 35.

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■ POINT OF VIEW

Why pink? Let me count the ways

By JESSICA MELCHIOR

“I don't even like the color pink.” That was one of my first thoughts when my doctor told me the lump in my right breast was cancer.

So here I am, in the midst of treatments for Stage 3 breast cancer and suddenly those pink ribbons are quite relevant.

My scars are healed, but the back of my arm is still numb. My hair is gone, but I can't tell you how many compliments I've gotten on my new “haircut.” I can keep up with my kids, but my errands will have to wait.

I was 35 when diagnosed. Too young for regular mammograms. I have no family history, I nursed both of my children, and I live a healthy lifestyle. I might not have expected this, or asked for this, but here I am.

I've often wondered, why out of all of the charities, breast cancer has gotten so much attention. Why is breast cancer such a favorite cause? Pink ribbons are everywhere, on everyone. Who hasn't seen those BOOBIES rubber bracelets? The juice I buy donates a portion of its proceeds to breast cancer research. Yogurt containers claim to “Share My Courage.” Garbage companies offer pink cans for patrons to roll to the curb. Women are invited to come onto morning TV shows without their wigs. But I'm sitting here in yoga pants, a green T-shirt and a wig to match my regular hair color. I don't feel pink today. I'm just trying to rest so I can take care of my family before my next treatment.

I know why all this pink pervades in October. It's

What does a 5-year-old boy see when he brushes hair off his mommy's head? He sees his mommy. What does a husband see when his wife lies on the couch, weak from treatment? He sees his wife. What does a father see when his daughter complains of aches and pains? He sees his daughter.

because it's personal. It's for the mothers, and the sisters, and the daughters, and the wives. It's like, attack all of us (lung cancer, heart disease, ALS, poverty), and we'll show concern, we'll help each other and donate. But to attack the innocence that is the bosom of our caregiving mothers? The sweetness of our daughters? Our best friend and sister? The love of lives, our wives? That's like a kick to the gut. It makes us angry and it makes us want to cry. It seems like a heinous crime for a disease to attack mostly women. Didn't cancer ever hear of chivalry? Apparently not.

And so it is that the body who sustains life in the womb, who feeds and who comforts is attacked by a disease that could care less but to grow and spread, often aggressively.

Women like me who are used to protecting others are forced to look inward and protect our own bodies against internal foes. We remove the cancer with surgery, attack the cells with chemotherapy and then “zap” the remaining cells with radiation. We sacrifice our femininity by losing our breasts, hair, eyelashes and even our estrogen. What's left depends on those around us.

What does a 5-year-old boy see when he brushes hair off his mommy's head? He sees his mommy. What does a husband see when his wife lies on the couch, weak from treatment? He sees his wife. What

does a father see when his daughter complains of aches and pains? He sees his daughter. What does a best friend see when the survivor admits she needs her help? She sees her sister. In their eyes we haven't changed.

Breast cancer threatens all of that. It threatens to take away the family as we know it, to leave a father without his daughter, a family without its mother, a man without his wife, a best friend without a sister. The woman who was diagnosed didn't do anything to deserve it. On the contrary, she held them all in the very bosom that has betrayed her.

So why does breast cancer get all of the attention when there are so many other causes out there? Heck, when there are so many other cancers out there! It's because of the value we place on women; our mothers, daughters, wives and sisters. We expect them to always be there for us. We still consider them innocent. We love them. We want to protect them, but we also want them to be there to protect us.

So be it. I'll wear pink. And I'll thank you for the attention, this month and next month, too. While I'm at it, I'll even encourage you to give yourself a breast exam, even if you are too young and you lack a family history. And if you feel something that just isn't right (whether you are a man or woman), call your doctor right away. Perhaps



Jessica Melchior and her family have been navigating the ups and downs of breast cancer treatment and recovery since her March 27 diagnosis.

by coming together in this fight against breast cancer we'll all survive and have the strength to face the next challenge in the form of a colored ribbon or ice bucket!

The writer and her husband have lived in the Town of Bethlehem for just over 10 years. She is a teacher in the Schalmont Central School District, and she has two

boys ages 8 and 5. she was diagnosed with breast cancer on March 27 and is currently undergoing chemotherapy, which will be followed by radiation therapy.

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Another fight looms

Remember how contentious the first battle for New York's 46th Senate District was between Cecilia Tkaczyk and George Amedore? Well, it looks like we're in for another fight to the finish the second time around.

Tkaczyk and Amedore had their first debate Sept. 23 at Proctors' GE Theatre in Schenectady, and they didn't hold back. The incumbent senator criticized Amedore for his voting record on women's rights, and Amedore made it clear he wouldn't support any bill that codified Roe v. Wade into state law. Amedore also emphatically stated he would not support Common Core's implementation, while Tkaczyk said she felt anything that would raise

educational standards needs to be looked at, as long as the state also provides the necessary resources to make it work.

What took place two weeks ago was emblematic of how the first contest between Tkaczyk and Amedore went two years ago. In one of the most hotly contested state Senate races, the end result was a vote so close that it took weeks of absentee ballot counting and challenges before Tkaczyk was declared the winner.

Obviously, time did nothing to soften their views of each other, as they picked up basically right where they left off. Perhaps the points of contention were different, but the way they performed at this first debate made it clear this battle will be as hard fought as the first one.

This is where we, as voters, must be careful. We can't allow ourselves to be led blindly into voting for Tkaczyk or Amedore based on the rhetoric. There will be a lot of misinformation thrown our way as they vie for our support. It's up to us to do our due diligence and look at each candidate for who they are, not for who they say they are. Voting records can always be looked up on the Internet. You just have to do a quick search for the information.

And it's very important that we make an informed decision. Whoever wins the 46th district race could decide what the majority political party is in the state Senate. The Democrats held onto their slim majority when Tkaczyk defeated Amedore, but

it could swing the Republicans' way if Amedore takes the rematch.

So voters of the 46th Senate District, be prepared for more mudslinging as Cecilia Tkaczyk and George Amedore revive their rivalry. Just remember to look beyond what is being said and make an informed decision come Nov. 4.

TALK BACK

The Spotlight welcomes feedback on this editorial or any other hot topics in the news. Email us at news@spotlightnews.com.

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Adam Chaskin
AJCC Executive Director

• Current residence: Loudonville

What are you listening to?

To be honest, I don't listen to a lot of music. I have sports talk tuned into the radio in the car and at home. But if you asked me, it would be '50s and '60s R&B.

What are you reading?

I guess I read books by people who have been successful leaders.

What are you watching on TV?

I love to watch movies on TV. I don't get out to the movie theaters a lot, so if there is a movie I haven't seen that's showing on TV, I'll tune in. I also watch a lot of sports on TV.

What was the last movie you saw?

My wife and I just went out on a date

last Friday (Sept. 26), so we saw "The Equalizer."

What is your dream vacation?

If money was not an issue, I'd say to spend a week in Manhattan and enjoy everything the city has to offer.

What are some of your hobbies?

Following my kids around. That's my No. 1 hobby.

What would your last meal be?

Lasagna and my wife's chocolate mousse for dessert.

Who would you most want to meet, dead or alive?

If you want to go real old, Moses. If you

don't want to go that old, (former Boston Celtics coach) Red Auerbach.

What is your favorite local moment?

When I was coaching (men's basketball with Fran McCaffrey) at Siena College and we won our first (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) title in 2008 to go to the NCAA Tournament.

What is a surprising fact about you?

I used to work on classified projects for the Pentagon.

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Painting the town pink

are invited to decorate their windows and lobbies pink for breast cancer awareness.

"It's become a tradition that's nicely received in the community," said Executive Director Eileen Howe Bird.

To Life! provides support services to local breast cancer patients through educational programs, support groups, peer mentoring and massage therapy. The organization also helps with patient fittings for wigs and mastectomy bras.

"We're not a research institute, but we help people deal with the reality of here and now," said Bird. "We don't provide treatment, but ongoing support."

According to Bird, the pink is meant to do more than raise awareness. It's also a celebration of the lives of those affected by the disease and the progress made in treatment over the years.

"Fortunately, being diagnosed is no longer the death sentence it once was," she said.

As thanks for their participation in the Painting Our Town Pink initiative, businesses receive a pink pumpkin from the organization. This year's event is set to be the largest yet as senior Emily Stento took over its organization for her volunteer project for Bethlehem Central High School.

Stento visited local businesses, both that have participated in the past and may be new, and asked for them to participate by decorating their windows for the month of October. She then got Hannaford, Price Chopper and Olsen's Hardware and Garden Center in Slingerlands to donate 70 pumpkins. Olsen's also donated the pink paint.

"I chose To Life! because I know people who have been affected by breast cancer," said Stento, whose mother previously worked for the organization. "I also know when people hear their name (To Life!), they aren't always aware of who they are and what they do, so I wanted to get their name out there."

Stento said she also wanted to pick a project that was not only fun, but gave back to the community.

"I didn't want a one-and-done project like some other students do," she said.

Each senior at Bethlehem is required to volunteer 20 hours of their time as part of their Participation in Government course.

After collecting donations and seeking participants, Stento gathered a group of fellow students to help paint the pumpkins on Saturday, Sept. 27. She put the call out to her field hockey team and Girl Scout troop and was surprised by the large turnout.

"It was very generous of everybody to come and help, since most of them have their own projects to complete," said Stento.

After the pumpkins were painted and tied with ribbons, they were delivered to local businesses. Some extras were left at To Life! for businesses who would still like to participate.

Emily's mom, Judi Stento, said she was proud of her daughter's hard work and that of her classmates.

"The kids today communicate via texting, and Emily sent a message to the girls to ask them to come and word spread," said Judi Steno. "Girls who we didn't even expect came. Some dropped things they were doing and came to help. That's what I loved. I think it says a lot about the student body at Bethlehem, the team spirit of the hockey and Girl Scouts. I think they felt a sense of accomplishment."

Bird said she couldn't be happier so many community members and businesses were taking part in this year's event.

"It speaks a lot to the impact breast cancer has had on this community and how we are fighting back," she said.

To participate in this year's Painting Our Town Pink event, or to donate directly to To Life!, call 439-5975 or visit www.tolife.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blood drive exceeds all expectations

Editor, *The Spotlight*;
I would like to thank all those who donated at the Annual Town Hall Blood Drive held Monday, Sept. 8. We achieved 140 percent of our goal set by the Red Cross! Also highly commendable, we had 19 first-time donors!

I would also like to thank Liz Mosier for assisting with organizing, Barbara Kuhn and Kathy Newkirk as well as members of the Delmar Progress Club who volunteered at the sign-in and canteen tables.

Without anyone asking, the branch manager at the National Bank of Cocksackie in Glenmont offered to advertise the drive on their electronic sign. Thank you for that.

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Please visit www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation-v6 to find a drive or location convenient to you and schedule your next or first appointment. As an added bonus, all presenting donors in the month of September will receive a free t-shirt and coupon for a free haircut.

We wouldn't have had such a successful drive without our volunteers and our generous donors. Thank you!

Susan Alexander
Bethlehem

Race for Hope bigger than ever

Editor, *The Spotlight*;
Awesome day, Sept. 27, the sixth year of the Race for Hope sponsored by Capital Region Special Surgery.

Each year the event gets bigger, this year 320 runners and walkers enjoyed a sometimes competitive, but always friendly and fun day. The weather always seems to be beautiful on this early fall day, this year was no exception.

While there were winners in different categories, the real winner was the Community Foundation who received the race proceeds so that it could make donations to area charities.

A special thank you to Drs. Ed and Sara Scheid and Capital Region Special Surgery who made the morning special for the runners and walkers.

Thanks also to

the Bethlehem Police Department, Highway Department and Ambulance Corps for making the streets safe for running and all the volunteers from Capital Region Special Surgery and elsewhere, you do a great job.

Looking forward to another great event in 2015.

Robert Lazar
Delmar



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25 years as an advocate for the disabled

Editor, *The Spotlight*;
Brad Williams has been advocating for people with disabilities for more than 25 years. But first he had to learn how to advocate for himself. From there, he moved to advocating for people with disabilities. His efforts to champion civil rights have led to national recognition and numerous awards from his peers. Brad recently received the Region II Advocacy Award from the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) – an award he also won in 2003.

As the 25th anniversary of the historic passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act nears, it is important to note that Williams has been at the forefront of the battle for equality for a quarter century – in civil rights, employment, voting access, emergency preparedness, and the future – for the more than 2 million people with disabilities in New

York.

Before he was "officially" diagnosed with a disability, Williams knew that he had cognitive and processing issues. "I had difficulty writing a complete sentence. A paragraph was a real challenge. The thought of creating a whole page of text was like scaling the precipice of a mountain," he notes. In those days, before the Americans with Disabilities Act, he had no support – nor, at that time, was there even recognition of the need for support. Williams was left to find ways to cope as best he could. Using the analogy of how he is also color blind, he set up a coding system for what he believed colors to be. He embarked upon a painstaking exercise of trial and error to adapt with his disability. He admits the process of navigating without support "was exhausting." Despite the challenges, he adds, "I

made it work for me."

Today, Williams works to help ensure that other New Yorkers with disabilities don't have to fight for their rights alone. Indeed, in his view, "a cornerstone of independent living encourages a person to build upon self-advocacy skills by working on systems advocacy issues. As a person works with their peers on issues that impact the group, eventually the person reaches an epiphany – we all possess the ability to create change in our lives and the world around us."

There is still much to be done. The most-pressing issues New Yorkers with disabilities must contend with today include the following:

- Employment gap – Nearly 3 out of 4 unemployed
- Emergency preparedness – Systems are in place to evacuate stray pets but not for New

Yorkers with disabilities. Disasters like the 9/11 terrorist attack, Super Storm Sandy, and others raise the urgent need for emergency preparedness for people with disabilities. Currently, Williams and the New York State Independent Living Council work with Albany Law School & the Disability Law Clinic on this life-or-death issue.

- Voter Accessibility – Thousands of New Yorkers with disabilities are discriminated against at polling places and voting machines.

The New York State Independent Living Council is a not-for-profit, non-governmental, consumer controlled organization. The council is composed of 25 appointees from around the state, a majority of whom have disabilities, representing diverse cultures and needs in the state.

— Pauline Barfield,
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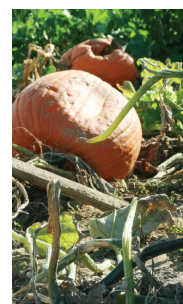
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OUT AND ABOUT

Creepy Capital District

This October, get your dose of chills and thrills at these local haunts

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
halliseym@spotlightnews.com

Deep within the basement of Proctors in Schenectady, Greg Rubusto and his Tri-City New York Paranormal Society team were investigating what many had already suspected of the 88-year old vaudeville house: that it's haunted.

"Humans are fascinated with death," said Rubusto, who founded the paranormal society five

years ago. "People are compelled to be scared."

He said his own fascination with death started when he witnessed the passing of his grandmother when he was 8. For more than 20 years, he has educated himself on the paranormal. By definition, paranormal is "seemingly outside normal sensory channels." But, it is most commonly associated with ghosts.

Rubusto emphasizes the primary goal of

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Much Ado About Nothing

American Shakespeare Center’s production of “The Bard’s” comedic classic. Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Advance tickets: general public \$15, students, seniors and UAlbany faculty/staff \$10. Day of show: general public \$20, students/seniors/UAlbany faculty and staff \$15. Information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

Beast on the Moon

Staged reading of Richard Kalinoski’s play about an Armenian couple living in early



Shakespeare for one night

Stephanie Holladay Earl, left, and Patrick Earl play Beatrice and Benedick in American Shakespeare Center’s production of “Much Ado About Nothing” Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the University at Albany.

Submitted photo

1920s Milwaukee who meet up with a street boy. Oct. 17-19, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Shows: Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 3 p.m. Information: 438-5503 or www.

theatervoices.org.

The Liar

Adapted by David Ives from the classic comedy by Pierre Corneille. Oct. 17-19 and 22-

26, Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$17. Tickets and information: 382-2081, 346-6204 or www.civicplayers.org.

Company

Stephen Sondheim’s famous musical. Presented by The Local Actors Guild of Saratoga, Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26, Saratoga Arts Center, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Shows: Saturdays 2 and 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Information: 393-3496.

Family Furniture

Regional premiere of AR Gurney’s coming-of-age tale about parents and children in 1950s Buffalo. Through Oct. 11, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Tickets and information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

Lake Effect

A comedy about a family stranded in their recently sold tavern by Buffalo’s infamous “Blizzard of ‘77.” Through Oct. 11. Lake George Dinner Theatre at the Holiday Inn Resort. Shows: Wednesdays through Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. dinner seating, curtain at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$69 including meal, show, all taxes and tip; \$40 for the show only. Tickets and information: 668-5762, ext. 411.

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Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

Legendary rock and roll group. Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$39-\$126. Information: palacealbany.com.

Heavy Trash

Psychobilly duo of singer-guitarist Jon Spencer and singer-bassist Matt Verta-Ray. With opening act Bloodshot Bill. Oct. 9, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki Hudson, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Tickets and information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

Alexis Cole Quintet

Award-winning jazz vocalist is backed by a quartet featuring tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander and pianist Harold Mabern. Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m., A Place for Jazz, Unitarian Universalist Society of Schenectady, 1221 Wendell Ave., Schenectady. Tickets: \$15. Information: 393-4011 or www.aplaceforjazz.org.

Chris Thile and Edgar Meyers

Two MacArthur Fellows musicians team up for a night of eclectic originals. Oct. 10, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second Street, Troy. Tickets: \$15-\$42. Tickets and information: 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org.

The Hello Strangers

Indie sister-folk music, with opening act Rebel Darling. Oct. 10, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Auditorium, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$12. Information: www.thelinda.org.

Martina McBride

Contemporary country singer-songwriter touring in support of latest album. Oct. 10, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$41.75-\$81.75. Information: palacealbany.com.

Dover Quartet

Chamber group performs works by Haydn, Fung and Beethoven. Pianist Louis Lohraseb opens by playing works by Friends of Chamber Music founder Martha Beck Carragan. Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., Kiggins Hall, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy. Tickets: adults \$25, students \$15. Tickets and information: 273-4843.



Get classical in Troy

The Dover Quartet begins the new Friends of Chamber Music concert series with a performance on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Emma Willard School on Pawling Avenue in Troy.

Submitted photo

TriBeCaStan

New York City-based band uses diverse instruments from around the world to create their eclectic sound. Part of the American Roots Series. Oct. 11, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Auditorium, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. Information: www.thelinda.org.

Monday Jazz: Big Band Swing

A performance of works by Goodman, Ellington, Basie and more. Oct. 13, 11:45 a.m., Taylor Music Center, Emerson Auditorium, Union College, Schenectady. Information: 388-6202.

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A performance of W.F. Bach and Rachmaninoff's music. Oct. 13, 5 p.m., Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady. Information: 388-6202.

Brian Patneaude Quartet

Jazz combo. Oct. 11, 9 p.m., 9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information: 583-CLUB or www.9mapleave.com.

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Alternative rock band famous for its inventive videos. Oct. 14, 8

p.m., Upstate Concert Hall, 1208 Route 146, Clifton Park. Tickets: advance \$15, day of show \$18. Tickets and information: 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com.

Black Francis

Lead singer of alt-rock band The Pixies performs solo acoustic show. Oct. 15, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki Hudson, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Tickets and information: 828-4800 or www.helsinkihudson.com.

Belcea String Quartet

Offering a program of masterworks by the Mount Rushmore of the classical period. Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady. Information: 388-6202.

Margaret Chalker

Opera and Broadway musical performer will sing works by Brahms, Strauss, Wagner, Puccini, Mozart and more to begin Bel Canto concert series. Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Tickets: general public \$10, students, seniors and UAlbany faculty and staff \$5. Information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

Mary Lambert and Howie Day

Two up-and-coming singer-songwriters on one stage.

Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Tickets: general admission \$30, students \$20. Information: 337-4871 or www.massrycenter.org.

DANCE

Single Squares of Albany

Third Wednesday of the month dance featuring caller Cliff Brodeur and cuer Dolores Randall. Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham. Tickets: \$6. Information: 674-2076.

FILM

Safety Last!

Classic 1923 silent film comedy with live musical entertainment by Mike Schiffer. Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m., Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Presented by New York State Writers Institute. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

Devdas

Bollywood musical. Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m., Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., University at Albany downtown campus, Albany. Sponsored by the New

York State Writers Institute as part of its Classic Film Series. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

LITERARY

Chloe Caldwell

Hudson-based author and creative writing educator kicks off "Frequency North" season. Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., Saint Rose Events and Athletics Center, Standish Rooms, 420 Western Ave., Albany. Information: www.FrequencyNorth.com.

David Finkel

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and nonfiction author speaks as part of New York State Writers Institute's fall series. Oct. 9, 8 p.m., Recital Hall, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

Mark Supley

Author of "Capital Region Motorcycling" signs copies of his book. Oct. 11, 1-2:30 p.m., Open Door Bookstore and Gift Gallery, 128 Jay St., Schenectady. Information: 346-2719.

Jacinda Townsend and Tiphonie Yanique

Two young authors speak as part of New York State Writers Institute's fall series. Oct. 16, 8 p.m., Recital Hall, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

COMEDY

Comedy Works

Veteran comic Bobcat Goldthwait headlines. Oct. 10 and 11, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Advance tickets \$25, day of show \$39. Dinner and show: advance tickets \$49.95, day of show \$54.95. Information: 275-6897 or www.thecomedyworks.com.

Lewis Black

Acerbic comic who gained his fame on "The Daily Show with John Stewart" and his own Comedy Central specials. Oct. 16, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$29.50-\$59.50. Information: palacealbany.com.

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■ ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)

EXHIBITS

Arts Center of the Capital Region

"East Coast National Screenprint Biennial," through Oct. 11. "Displayed," a juried exhibit of photographs taken by students enrolled in photography classes with Katherine Wright, through Oct. 19. "Points of Entry through Folkloric Expressions," featuring works by Armando Soto, through Oct. 19. 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552 or www.artscenteronline.org.

Albany Institute of History and Art

"2014 Exhibition by Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region," a juried exhibit featuring the best contemporary art in the Capital District. Through Jan. 19. Plus "Ancient Egyptian Galleries" and "The Hudson River School and the Nineteenth-Century

Landscape." 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Artist talks: Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, 6 p.m. Information: 463-4478 or albanyinstitute.org.

Esther Massry Gallery

Featuring new exhibition by Daniella Dooling, Oct. 10 through Dec. 7. "Black," an exhibition featuring narrative figure paintings of American images telling American stories by Brian Cirno. Through Feb. 25. The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: www.strose.edu.

miSci

"Making Sense of Sound," a hands-on exhibit from San Francisco's Exploratorium. Through June 2015. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

New York State Museum

"Along His Own Lines: A Retrospective of New York

Realist Eugene Speicher," Oct. 18 through March 22. Plus, "Binghamton University Paleobotany Collection" and "The Passenger Pigeon: From Billions to Zero." Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Niche Gallery

"Encaustic Showcase" to benefit North Country Wild Care, featuring work in wax by Natalie Boburka, Ali Hermann, Dorothea Osborn, Kathy Liguori, Millie Patnode, Elizabeth Riker and Susan Rivers. Oct. 9-23. Also, "Bradford Smith: A Retrospective," Oct. 1-30. 480 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.TheNicheGallery.com.

Nisk-Art Gallery

"Best of Nisk-Art '14," featuring the works of Niskayuna Central School District students from the 2013-14 school year. Through Nov. 5. Niskayuna High School, 1626

Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Information: 382-2511.

Sorelle Gallery

Paintings by Cathy Diefendorf, through Oct. 16. Stuyvesant Plaza, Western Avenue, Albany. Information: 482-2000 or sorellegallery.com.

University at Albany Art Museum

"Mary Reid Kelley: Working Objects and Videos." Through Oct. 18. Uptown campus, 1400 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany. Information: 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum.

The Hyde Collection

"Picturing America: Signature Works from the Westmoreland Museum of American Art," featuring 57 paintings and sculptures that describe the American experience from the Colonial period to early Modernism; "Anne Diggory: Hybrid Vision," showcasing 16 of her most

recent works. Through Jan. 4. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information: 792-1761 or www.hydecollection.org.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Home Made Theater

Holding auditions for its production of "The Jungle Book." There are 22 roles available for actors age 10 through adult. Oct. 12 and 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

Menselssohn Club of Albany

Openings for all parts in 65-voice men's chorus. Rehearsals at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. Information: www.mendelssohn.org.



HOT DATE

Chris Thile and Edgar Meyers

Masters of the mandolin (Thile) and upright bass (Meyers) team up for eclectic performance of mostly original music. Oct. 10, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$27-\$42, as well as "Test Drive" tickets for first-time Music Hall visitors for \$15. Tickets and information: 273-0038 or troymusic.hall.org.

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■ ON DISPLAY

Scarecrows to spruce up Albany

Competition to build the best hay man in its third year

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — A scarecrow presiding over a cornfield is as common in the farmlands of the Capital District as it is a staple of Halloween imagery.

And you're about to see more of them.

For the third year, the Central Avenue Business Improvement District (CBID) has ushered in the Scarecrows on the Avenue Contest, challenging area residents and businesses to compete for who can construct the best, and win \$500 in the process.

"The scarecrows are a real life social marketing and quality of life idea," said Anthony Capece, executive director for the Central Avenue Business Improvement District. "It just takes something so simple and fun for just about anyone and brings it to life. It's also a great promotional way to let people know about a cause or organization."

Area residents will soon start to see more hay men along Central Avenue, in the West End section of Albany. Scarecrows will be on display on the fences in front of Hannaford Plaza, Westgate Plaza and ShopRite Plaza from Oct. 10-24. CBID estimates that 40,000 vehicles travel this stretch of Central Avenue each day.

"It should really spruce up the areas for fall," said Capece. "And that's good for business."

Contestants were asked to submit \$20 along with their entry form by Sept. 26. This year, dozens will compete for the top prize.

"This year, we have 20 contestants, including businesses,

schools, and community organizations," said Molly Belmont, of CBID. "We started this contest three years ago as a way to spruce up the district for fall. This is a fun, team-building contest, and it gives our merchants a chance to get some free advertising for their businesses in a very busy section of the city."

Scarecrows have served farmers for centuries to ward off vermin and would-be thieves, but the origins of their creation is lost today.

Lori Rotenberk, an author out of Chicago, tackled the subject for an article published in Modern Farmer magazine in May. What she found could rekindle the fear behind the sight of a human form hanging in effigy.

Through her research, scarecrows have been in use in the Americas

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— Molly Belmont, of CBID

as early as 1585, as depicted in artwork at that time. As the name hints, the fashioning of a figure, standing above the crops, was to scare away crows and other birds. This replaced having children and farmers standing watch themselves, especially as farms grew larger. Some people go so far as to suggest there is a religious connection. Still, others hypothesize further to suggest ties to the man who ultimately inspired another Halloween icon — Dracula. Vlad III, Prince of Wallachia, is heralded as a hero in modern day Romania, but the stories behind how he treated

his enemies on the battlefield posthumously earned him the name Vlad the Impaler. In life, however, he was known as Dracula. His name, which translates from early Romanian as "The Son of the Dragon," references the legacy of his father, Vlad II Dracul.

There have been more lighthearted portrayals of scarecrows since Dracula's reign.

Actor Ray Bolger starred in the 1939 film, "The Wizard of Oz". Michael Jackson adopted the same role in a 1978 Motown Production/Universal Pictures adaptation called "The Wiz."



The Orlo School of Hair Design and Cosmetology created a scarecrow based on "Wicked."

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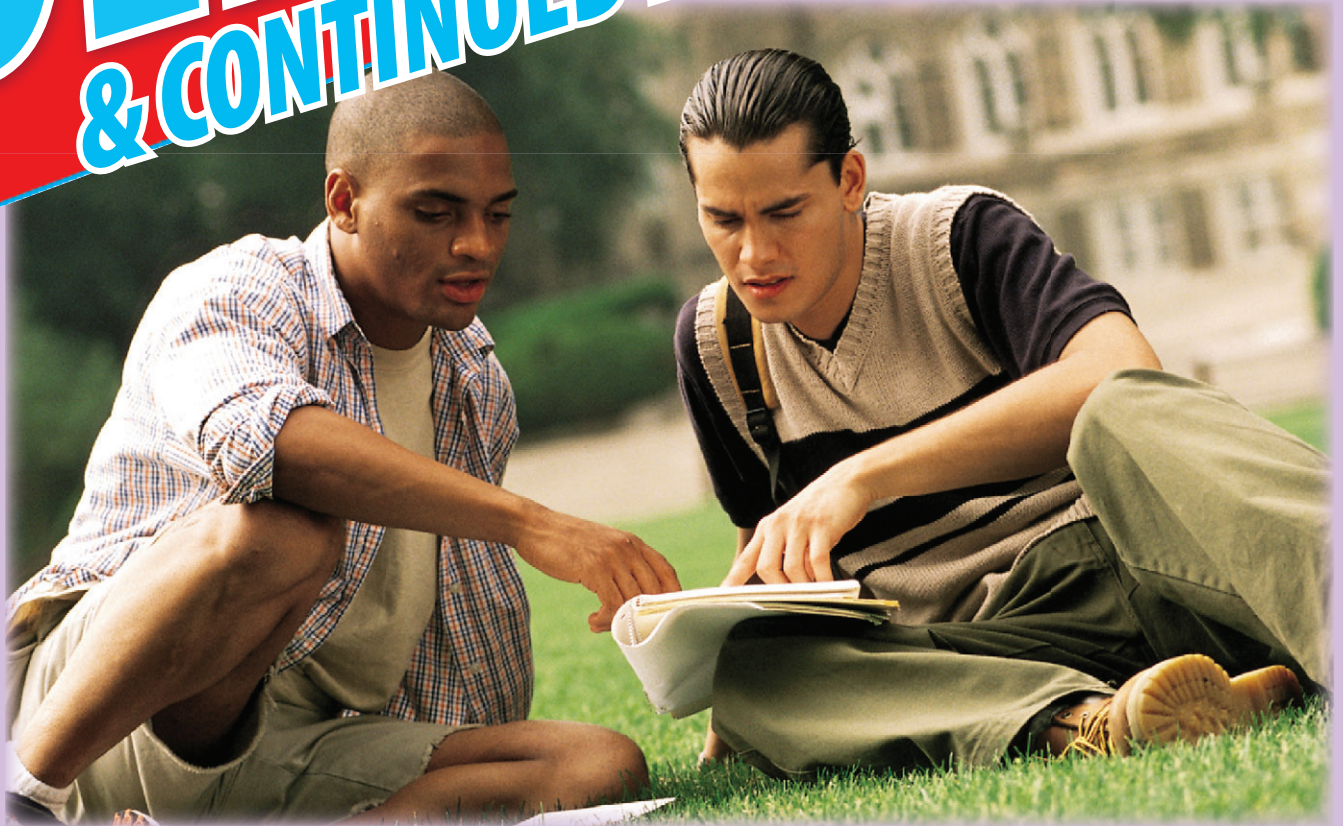
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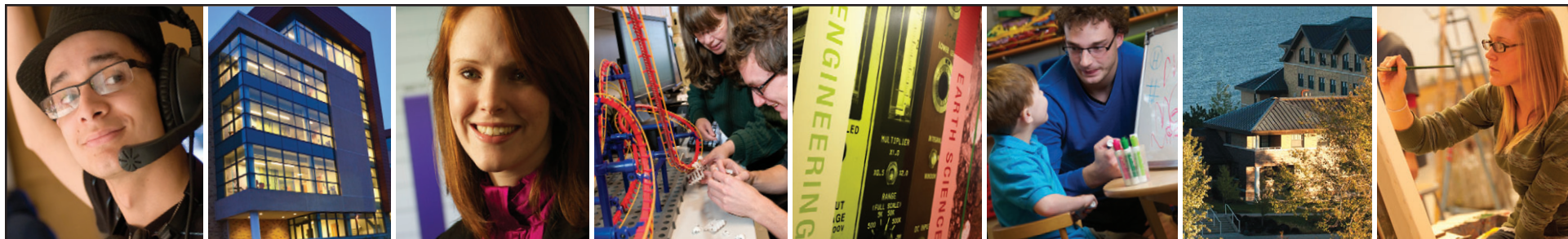
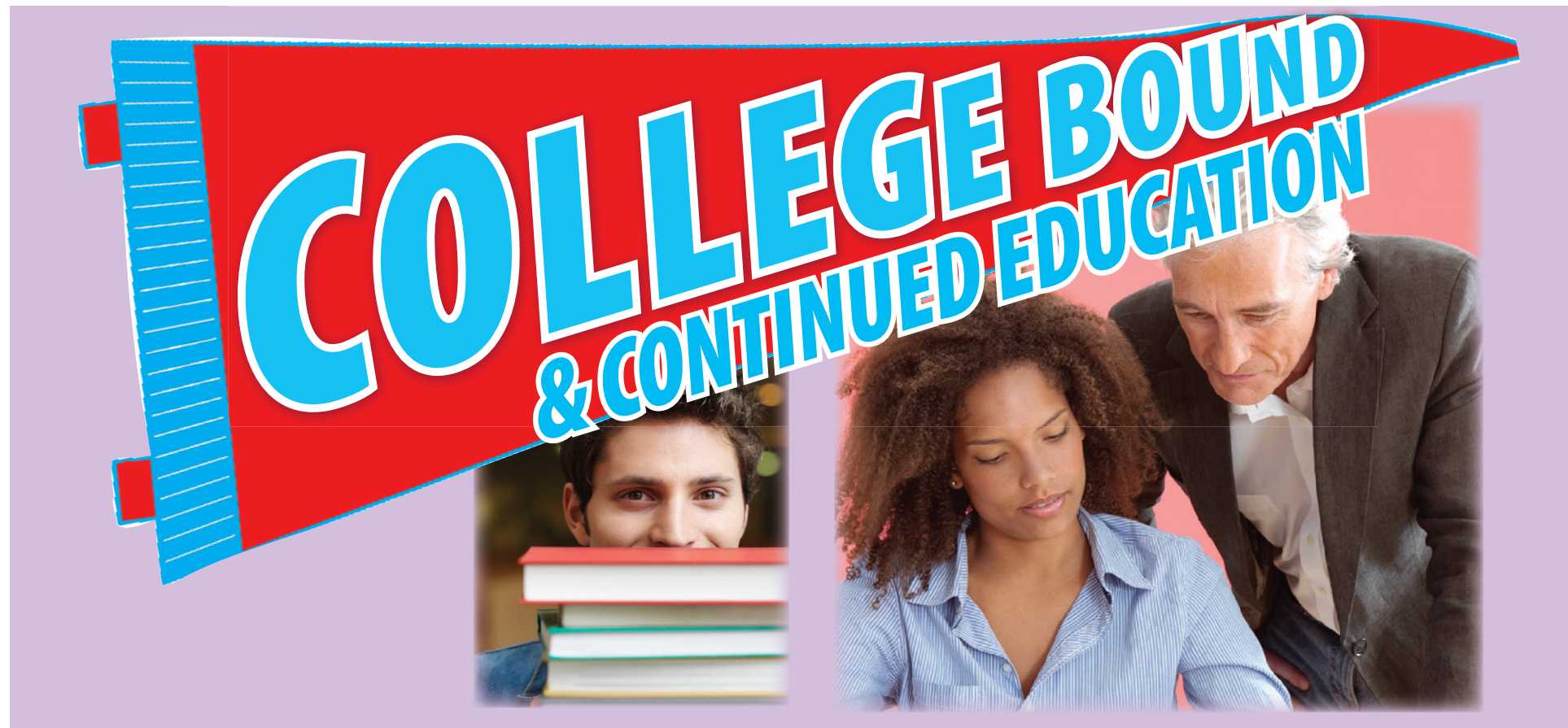
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■ ARTS AND CRAFTS

Library trains Etsy entrepreneurs

Program at Albany's Main Branch helps artisans get their online shops up and running

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — The Internet has served as a source of income for many over the years, with such well-established commercial hubs as Amazon.com and eBay. Now, a relative newcomer to the scene is reaching out to communities with the intent to establish partnerships and teach would-be online entrepreneurs.

Etsy.com, established in 2005, has carved out a niche market by providing an outlet for artists and crafters to sell

unique, handmade pieces to global consumers. This year, the virtual marketplace created the Craft Entrepreneurship Program, collaborating with community leaders in 10 cities throughout the United States and England.

Albany is one of the 10 cities represented in the program, with the Albany Public Library serving as the training ground.

"Craft Entrepreneurship is a unique program where Etsy partners with a public entity or non-profit organization to teach entrepreneurial skills to

people with existing craft skills who want to earn a supplemental income," said Etsy spokeswoman Nikki Summer.

Etsy provides the curriculum and its website as a real-life learning lab, and the partner runs the program.

"Albany is a 'do-it-yourself' city, full of talented craftspeople and artists," said Albany Public Library Executive Director Scott Jarzombek. "The library hopes that this new partnership with Etsy will expand the market nationally and internationally for hand-designed and hand-crafted products from Albany."

The library launched the first program session with 16 students on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Students attend a series of five workshops at the Main Library taught by successful online craft sellers, who coach and

strategies — including pricing, elementary accounting, product photography and marketing will be covered through the session. The ultimate goal is for participants to create their own online stores

through Etsy and sell their handcrafted items.

"We are very excited to be able to offer this

public to use and discover a new passion and creative outlet. The space is called Albany Made, and will provide our community a space to play, and create, and discover something new or deepen a current creative passion."

Some of the requirements to participate include an establish residency within the city of Albany, commitment to attend all five workshops, and at least one handmade craft item ready to sell.

Library officials expect to add future sessions as demand increases.

For more information about the Etsy Craft Entrepreneurship Program, call 427-4334, or email albanymade@albanypubliclibrary.org.

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support them along the way. The free program provides micro-business training to underemployed, low-income adults with existing artistic skills to help supplement their income and sell their products to new markets.

Basic online business

opportunity to our community," said Amy McLaughlin, program manager at Albany Public Library. "It was a bit of perfect timing for us since we have been developing space at our Washington Avenue branch to be a creative lab space for the

■ ARTS IN BRIEF

Candlelight tour at Schuyler House

SCHUYLERVILLE — Saratoga National Historical Park announces that the annual Candlelight Tour of the General Philip Schuyler House, located just south of Schuylerville on Route 4, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Old Saratoga Historical Association hosts the event and in addition to providing light refreshments, their members join park staff and volunteers to guide visitors on short tours throughout the evening through the candle-lit atmosphere of General Schuyler's 1777 country house.

As the autumn evenings can be chilly or wet, please dress for the weather. It is also recommended that visitors bring a flashlight for the walk back to their cars.

For more information about this or other park events, call the Visitor Center at 518-664-9821 ext. 1777, check the park website at www.nps.gov/sara or check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/saratoganhp.

Art exhibit opens at Town Hall

BETHLEHEM — "Bethlehem Scenes" is the subject of a Bethlehem Art Association exhibition on display at Bethlehem Town Hall now through the end

of November.

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For more information about the Bethlehem Art Association, visit www.bethlehemartassociation.com.

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From page B1 ... Halloween has ancient roots

every investigation is to debunk any perception of spirit activity. After all, that bump in the night is more likely to be the home furnace kicking on than it is to be Casper.

But, then, there are investigations like the one at Proctors.

The paranormal society was invited to the theater on the suspicion that the historic building was haunted. The basement was of particular interest, he said. So, when theater officials left them to investigate throughout the night, he and his crew made for the bottom floor. They went down the old service elevator. They pushed through a heavy iron door, propping it open by means of a 25-pound brick, and proceeded to a corridor underneath State Street.

An unexpected fright

Rubusto employs a team of nine other investigators, using sophisticated equipment that includes an electromagnetic field

(EMF) meter, a four-track digital recorder, and a high-definition video recorder. He explains the common belief that spirits can influence the electricity in the atmosphere. The EMF meters can be used to detect such differences. When there are drastic shifts of EMF, a light atop of the meter turns red, indicating the possible presence of a ghost. A recording device is often used to detect what is known as an Electronic Voice Phenomenon (EVP). It can pick up sounds that the human ear may not hear, such as the faint sound of a distant voice.

Almost immediately after establishing camp at Proctors, Rubusto spoke out into the emptiness of the underground corridor. The EMF meter began to spike, and the team continued to walk through the corridor, asking questions along the way. Each time, the red light atop of the meter blinked red in response. At one point, Rubusto recalled, he told his group that he felt the air was "heavy." As soon as he said this, a



When Greg Rubusto and his Tri-City New York Paranormal Society team went to record paranormal activity at Proctors, they were in for a shock.

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loud bang was heard out from the distance, and his assistant's video recorder immediately turned off.

The camera never turned off before, said Rubusto, and the loud bang could not come from the streets above. The rest of the team, who was upstairs within the theater, could not access the area as the elevator car was at the basement. As he attempted to radio his findings to those upstairs, he learned his radio could not reach them. Deciding to go back up, Rubusto and his team found the iron door all but closed. The heavy brick that once propped it open had been

moved, not by the weight of the door because the brick was positioned on the opposite side, behind the door.

"If the door closed, we wouldn't have been able to get out," he said. "Someone wanted us to stay down there."

Rubusto said that ever since he was 15 years old and venturing alone to abandoned buildings to record EVPs on an old tape recorder, nothing scared him more than that encounter at Proctors.

And, on Halloween this year, he and his crew go back to Proctors to do it again.

Halloween's pagan roots

For centuries, Halloween has been the night to converse with the dead, leading no one to doubt it to be the best night to seek out the most thrilling, haunted jaunts in town.

There are plenty of events to satisfy your fancy for the ghoulish throughout the Capital District. But, before you commit to any one of the events listed below, perhaps it is best you understand just why Halloween is, in fact, the one night to seek out the dead.

Rubusto said that Halloween is deeply rooted in pagan beliefs, where the day signifies the end of the harvest season and the coming of the new year. Pagans see Halloween (or Samhain) as the night to remember, and speak to, the dead. Samhain is the time of year when the veil between the world of the living and the world of the dead is at its weakest.

Other imagery associated with Halloween references pagan stories and rituals; from jack-o'-lanterns, to pictures of the moon, to dressing up as the witches

who – among others – followed the ancient, nature-based religion. As Christianity spread throughout the Gaelic nations of present-day Scotland and Ireland, the old stories associated with paganism were demonized to persuade followers to convert.

But, people kept going back to the old traditions, and Samhain ultimately turned to Halloween.

"Why do we do that?" asked Rubusto. He answers by saying Halloween is a time for re-birth for some. For others, it allows them to dress up and be someone different for a day. And, yet for others, there are those who are following through on a what Rubusto calls a "Psudeo-Science," to investigate the last unknown. "We all die, so we try to contact with the dead," said Rubusto. "We have a fascination for the dead."

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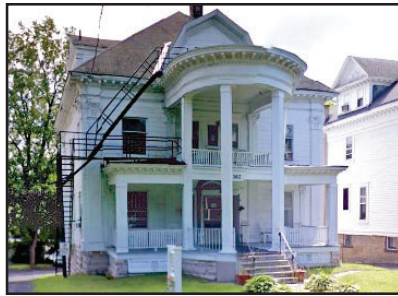


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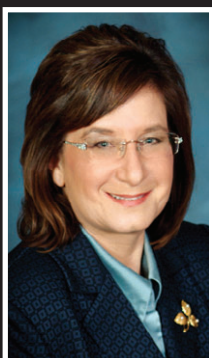
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