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## TOP STORY

# New direction for road signs

Municipalities to replace older models with larger versions sporting lower-case letters

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**BETHLEHEM** — Drivers along New Scotland Avenue in Slingerlands may have noticed a change in the road signs in recent weeks, and that is just a sign of things to come.

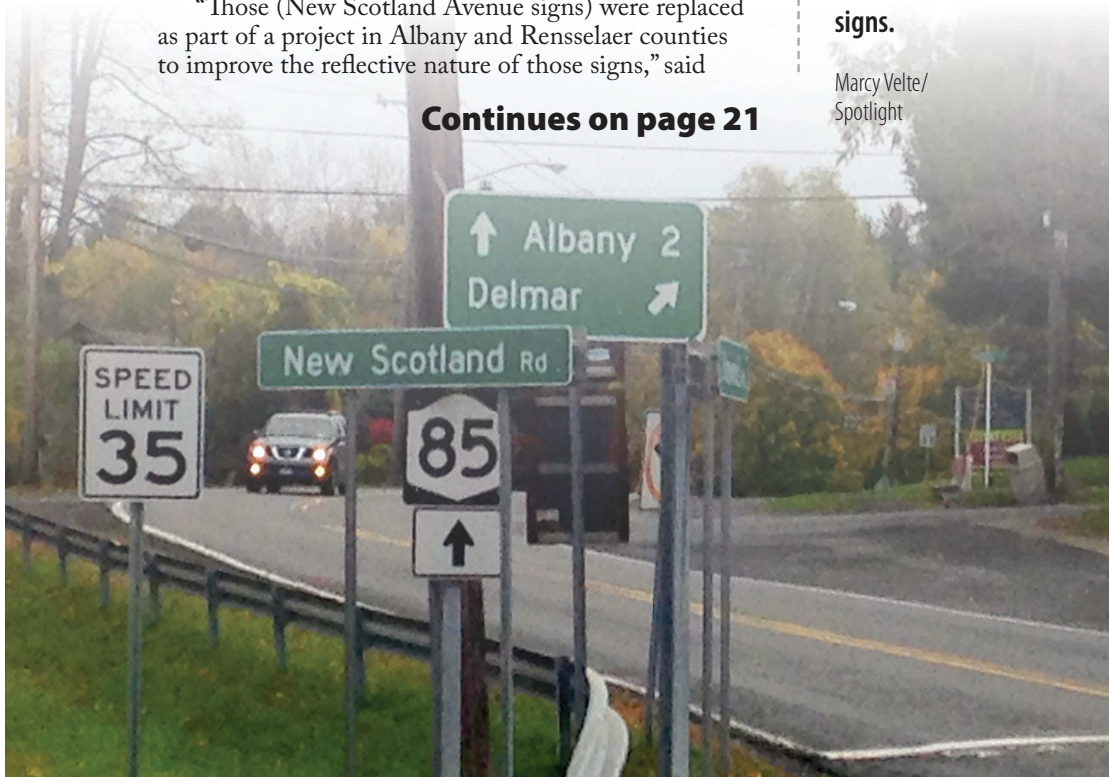
As federal regulations from 2009 take effect, new road signs will soon be seen across the state and in local municipalities as their older versions come due for replacement.

"Those (New Scotland Avenue signs) were replaced as part of a project in Albany and Rensselaer counties to improve the reflective nature of those signs," said

With new federal regulations going into effect, municipalities will slowly be replacing older road signs.

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The Voorheesville girls soccer team missed several scoring chances on its way to a 2-1 overtime loss to Catholic Central in the Section 2 Class B finals Saturday, Nov. 1, at Lansingburgh High School.

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# Resilience follows unthinkable tragedy

GES grieves over slain students, plans to memorialize boys

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**GUILDERLAND**—After the initial shock of hearing about the quadruple murder at a home on Western Avenue wore off, Guilderland school district officials were faced with tackling how to address the varying needs of grieving students and staff. While public attention has somewhat subsided over the last month, the grieving process is ongoing and likely long-term.

"It hit a lot of our students and faculty members very hard," said Guilderland Elementary School Principal Allan Lockwood. "It was a devastating blow to our entire community."

Police found four people slain inside the 1846 Western Ave. home on Oct. 6. The victims included Jin Feng Chen, his wife, Hai Yan Li, and their two sons, 10-year-old Anthony and 7-year-old Eddy. The fifth- and second-grader had attended Guilderland Elementary School since kindergarten, according to Lockwood.

Authorities have not officially released any additional information since the Oct. 9 press conference, including how the family was murdered. No suspects or motives have been publicly disclosed.

State Police, who are leading the investigation, could not be reached for comment.

## Grieving process ongoing

At a recent school board meeting, Superintendent



**A makeshift memorial soon developed in front of the sign for Guilderland Elementary School following the alleged murder of two students and their parents. Plans are being developed to create a more permanent memorial for the boys.**

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of Schools Marie Wiles thanked Lockwood for displaying "extraordinary leadership" following the tragedy and commended all district staff for their efforts.

"If a crisis is the measure of a community and how it can respond, then we have much to be proud of here in Guilderland," Wiles said during the Tuesday, Oct. 21, Board of Education meeting. "Everybody worked together as you would only hope, but with tremendous foresight and compassion and the willingness to lend whatever helping hand needed to be lent."

Lockwood said immediately following news of the murders, social workers and psychologists from across the district were brought in. He said this gathering of in-house staff was able to meet the needs of students for the first several days.

"We are dealing with

this mostly through in-house support services with our own school counselor and social worker in the building," said Lockwood. "We have continued to consult with many outside people as well, but have not had the need to bring in additional resources."

School staff aimed to provide a consistent message from the beginning and reassure children that they are safe.

"A normal reaction for students when hearing about the murders is for them to be scared. So we are, first and foremost, reassuring people they are safe," said Lockwood.

Lockwood said students can be "amazingly resilient," and the school staff quickly focused on trying to maintain routines to provide the structure students needed. Moving forward, the school is more focused

on individualized support for those in need.

"The first few days after the murders, we really took our cues from the students," he said. "There were times classes just needed to stop and have class meetings, which were conducted with the class teacher and one of our social workers."

He added the school is planning to support students and families for the "foreseeable future," which is likely going to be a long-term situation.

Wiles acknowledged the grieving process is not over, and the district is continuing to focus on how it can help students and faculty.

"I will say we are not done yet by any stretch of the imagination. There will be many more weeks and months where we will continue to work through the implications for what happened here," she said.

There is a group working on a "proper, fitting memorial" for the boys, according to Lockwood.

"We had a generous outpouring of support and love from the community, and there have been many groups that have offered to support us in any way they can, including helping with a memorial," said Lockwood.

## Remembering Anthony and Eddy

Guilderland school officials released the names of the murdered boys on Oct. 11 and said they "clearly loved each other."

The boys would walk into the school each morning together after getting off the bus and "always had smiles on their faces," according to school officials.

"Anthony and Eddy were kind, gentle and joyful boys," Lockwood said in a prepared statement. "Quiet by nature, they loved being in school and were friends with all of their classmates."

School officials said Anthony loved drawing and often sketched intricate designs in his notebook, which impressed many of his friends. He always was very fond of animals and took care of the school's therapy dog, Bailey.

He also greatly enjoyed being part of the school's Garden Club. Club advisor Lois McDonald recounted Anthony's passion.

"Anthony was one of the most enthusiastic members of the club," school officials said, "and he loved the freedom of the space to explore the elements of nature he found there; figuring out how and why things worked captured Anthony's attention. He loved planting, digging and watering and was often placed in charge of groups of students."

Eddy also shared his brother's love of nature and joined him earlier this fall as a member of the Garden Club, said school officials.

"Eddy was a curious and keen observer in the garden area, and was fascinated by the sunflowers gone to seed," the district said. "He spent a recent meeting harvesting the seeds from the flower-head, carefully and gently planting and watering them. Eddy embraced the spirit of the club, and independently found areas of interest to examine and explore."

Eddy was also "curious by nature" and "lit up" during science experiments. He also enjoyed writing stories about doing things with his family, such as bowling.

"Anthony and Eddy made a lasting impression on everyone around them. They will be greatly missed," the district said in a statement. "Our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to the people whose lives Anthony and Eddy touched — their family, teachers and friends."

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# Heroin use on the rise

Bethlehem organization holds informational discussion for parents

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**BETHLEHEM** — Talking with teenagers about the subjects of drug use and peer pressure can often be an uncomfortable time for both parents and child.

Recognizing this problem, the non-profit Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited will be sponsoring a discussion for parents with local officials called "Talking with your Teen" Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School. In its second year, the event is meant to provide education about local drug trends, statistics, communication tips and how to seek out additional resources.

"Last year we focused on the middle school and that age group, and we talked about communication. This year, we decided with what's going on around the region with drug trends, we should deal with the high school and try to educate parents," said BOU President Jayne Deane-White.

Although this is the second teen talk event, the BOU partnered with the district to hold a panel discussion in 2011 after methadone was found being sold at the high school, and several students overdosed. Methadone is an opioid most commonly used to treat patients withdrawing from an opiate dependency, such as a heroin addiction. All students were required to attend the panel discussion during school hours, and a second event was held for parents at

night.

It was shortly after this that BOE opted to go back to its main mission of sponsoring events to promote education to "prevent drug and alcohol use and other risky behaviors among young people residing in the Town of Bethlehem or attending school in the Bethlehem Central School District." Member and district Health Supervisor

would take part in the event because in the last eight years he's been on the bench, there has been a significant increase in heroin arrests.

"This is something very concerning to me as a judge, a parent and a resident," said Donovan. "I'm advocating it whenever I get a chance to speak, for people to look for the warning signs. This is a health epidemic that is

*"Heroin is everywhere. I live in Bethlehem. I'm a lifelong resident. This idea (of) 'it can't happen to our town' is ridiculous, and that's what I'm trying to debunk."*

— Bethlehem Town Justice Ryan Donovan

Fred Powers said the events weren't connected, but the organization wanted to focus a little less on fundraising.

Nearly 80 people attended last year's event in the middle school media center, and the organization was pleased with the amount of participation. This year's event will be held in the middle school auditorium and will feature presentations from Bethlehem Town Justice Ryan Donovan, Dr. Alexander Brand from Delmar Pediatrics, Sgt. Douglas Paquette from the New York State Police and Ed Corless, Director of Outpatient Programs from The Addictions Care Center of Albany.

Donovan said he was happy when asked if he

destroying lives and knows no economic barriers. I've seen dozens of families ruined by heroin."

Under the law, the judge is not allowed to talk about specific numbers of arrests or cases, but hopes some families would come forward willingly to share their stories for the benefit of others.

"Heroin is everywhere," said Donovan. "I live in Bethlehem. I'm a lifelong resident. This idea (of) 'it can't happen to our town' is ridiculous, and that's what I'm trying to debunk."

Since heroin use often begins through the abuse of opioid pills, Donovan often tells families to go through their medicine chests and throw away expired pills or those they no longer take. That way, teens are less

enticed to take them.

"Don't save pills because you might need them in the future," said Donovan. "You can always go back to the doctor for another prescription."

Powers said he is also worried that parents no longer look down upon the use of marijuana as they once did, and new studies have linked its use in earlier stages of life with poor brain development.

"Parents don't realize the strains out now are more potent than they were in the '70s," said Powers. "I feel like there is no longer an associated stigma, and that isn't always a good thing."

Deane-White said they want parents to understand even if their kids don't do drugs, they will be exposed to them and probably impacted in some way.

"We don't want parents to be alarmed, but educate themselves on the

statistics and signs," said Deane-White. "A lot of these students will also be going to college soon, and they will no longer be in a structured living

environment."

The event is recommended for parents, guardians, or anyone who works with teens on a regular basis.

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## ■ NEWS

# Pipeline extension in town proposed

Mixed reactions at info meeting leading up to environmental assessment

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**BETHLEHEM** — A project to expand a gas pipeline that extends throughout Albany County was met with mixed

reactions.

An informational meeting was held at Bethlehem Town Hall on Thursday, Oct. 30, by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as Texas-based KinderMorgan

prepares for an environmental assessment. Some attending the meeting felt the review would not go far enough, while members of a local union assured the crowd every precaution would

be taken during the installation process.

The project calls for 1.35 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline to be installed in Bethlehem. There are already two natural gas pipelines installed in the town, one from the '50s and one from the '80s. This project would see the extension of a third pipeline that already exists and ends to the west of Feura Bush. The pipeline will run horizontal with the other lines near Route 32. It would then be reconnected back into two pipelines near the pump station in Nassau, Rensselaer County.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, which is owned by KinderMorgan, is proposing the pipeline extension. Project Manager Jim Flynn said the new pipeline is needed for upgrade purposes and because of a larger demand for natural gas in New England.

Flynn said the upgrade would help provide adequate pressure to the lines as the gas moves eastward.

The morning of the informational meeting, residents and town officials were invited to walk a portion of the land where the pipeline would be installed. Those who wished to participate were asked to meet at the town Department of Public Utilities Garage, so residents could get a visual of the impact of the project. There are no homes in the area, but there is a cemetery, which has been informed of the possible work.

The Connecticut Expansion Project would see 72 million additional cubic feet of gas throughout Massachusetts to Connecticut, said Flynn during a short presentation to the crowd before residents were allowed to speak. Similar projects are proposed in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

"The project is targeted to go into service in the November of 2016 heating season," said Flynn.

If approved by the FERC, installation is estimated to take six to eight weeks, depending on

the weather.

Only six people spoke at the meeting.

Three speakers were opposed to the project. Some were worried about the number of violations KinderMorgan has received in recent years for corroded pipelines, while citing environmental concerns and a perceived lack of safety oversight. Others wanted to make sure the expansion was happening because the gas needed in the United States, and it was not being shipped out of the country.

"FERC is reviewing this project through the abbreviated fast-track process of environmental assessment, instead of the more comprehensive review of environmental impact statement," said Dianne Sefcik. "I object to this project. It would dramatically expand the use of fracked gas in New York state. More gas means more fracking, risk to public health and accelerated climate change."

A significant number of members of Albany Labor Union #190 were in attendance to lend support to the project.

"This project has nothing to do with fracking," said union member Frank Marchese, who has attended a number of the scoping meetings throughout the Northeast. "It's a very small addition to an existing pipeline."

Members also wanted to stress they would never put their needs for jobs before safety, and all workers would be appropriately trained and have the necessary certifications.

"Of the thousands I trade members I have met throughout the state, not a single one would trade the well-being of their community, and the health and safety of their families, for a three- or four-month job," Marchese said.

Additional information can be found on the town's website and at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov).

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## ■ BUSINESS

# Fastrax goes off track, closes doors

Indoor raceway abruptly closes at Crossgates Commons, deposits allegedly not refunded

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**GUILDERLAND** — The area's only indoor go-kart racing facility abruptly shut its doors last month, and there has been little information revealed about the reason behind the closure.

Fastrax Raceway opened its doors to go-kart racing enthusiasts and thrill seekers in the summer of 2013 at Crossgates Commons, but closed without any warning to employees or customers, according to Amanda Podgorski, who was director of sales. In an email Thursday, Oct. 24, to clients, Podgorski said some employees were not paid for the last two weeks of work, and several deposits were not refunded.

The Fastrax located in Poughkeepsie has also been permanently closed, according to Podgorski. Both of the company's facilities were located on property owned by Syracuse-based Pyramid Management Associates.

There was a sign on the door stating the facility was temporarily closed for building and kart repair, and directed customers to check its website for updates. The website is still up, but there is nothing regarding the closing. Its Facebook page appears to have been deleted, and its phones were disconnected at the Albany location.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office changed the locks on Fastrax's doors on Oct. 2 as part of a court-ordered eviction. Podgorski said employees came to work that day to find the locks changed.

"As soon as this happened, I began returning deposits for future scheduled events," Podgorski said in her email

to clients. "I then started to receive phone calls that employees' checks were bouncing and blame was placed on me by one of our owners for returning deposits to future guests. I was then locked out of email and our booking host could therefore not get a hold of guests or return any more deposits."

Podgorski could not be reached for comments beyond her email. The owners of Fastrax could not be reached for comment.

Pyramid filed a lawsuit in Albany City Court regarding "non-payment" in July, and the judge granted a vacate order in September, according to court records. The court records available online did not include any details behind the lawsuit.

Podgorski claimed she had little success contacting the owners about the closure and being locked out of its booking system.

"I have done my best to send emails and call the owners and they have chosen not to respond," Podgorski said in her email. "They are instead choosing to handle their mess with zero understanding, compassion or regard for others. In my opinion, it is incredibly immature and disgraceful."

Among the deposits Podgorski said were not refunded was one from a church group that had planned to host a fundraiser. Other media outlets reported Podgorski said up to \$10,000 in

deposits was not refunded. There were also paid memberships that are now useless.

There was a slight silver lining for Fastrax members because Pole Position Raceway announced on Friday, Oct. 28, it would offer all former Fastrax members a free three-month membership to its facilities.

The two Pole Position Raceway locations where the offer can be redeemed include Destiny USA in Syracuse and The Marketplace Mall in Rochester.

Karen Davis-Farage, president and co-owner of the Pole Position Raceway franchise, said she was disappointed to see Fastrax abruptly close and wanted to restore customers' faith in the indoor racing industry.

"We feel like we represent a best-of-breed



Fastrax indoor raceway opened in Crossgates Commons in July 2013. It abruptly closed recently, leaving some paid members and those who put down deposits on future events in the lurch.

Spotlight file photo

of indoor electric go-kart venues, and we want to make sure people understand that is a unique situation," said Davis-Farage. "I can't tell you why Fastrax didn't make it."

There are 13 Pole Position Raceway venues across the country, with two where Fastrax

customers can redeem its free membership offer located in Pyramid-owned facilities.

Davis-Farage said Pole Position had previously looked at opening a location in the Capital District, but at the time had made some commitments to other

locations so the timing wasn't right.

She did not rule out a Pole Position Raceway eventually opening in the area, and said the company has a "great" relationship with Pyramid.

"I can't really comment on what the future holds," she said.

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## ■ COPS, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

# Delmar burglary suspect charged

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, Bethlehem Police Department detectives arrested an Albany resident and charged him with a series of day-time residential burglaries that occurred in Delmar.

William M. Deruve, 24, was charged with three felony counts of burglary in the second degree, two felony counts of grand larceny in the third degree, one felony count of grand larceny in the fourth degree and one felony count of criminal mischief in the third degree.



**William M. Deruve**

Deruve would allegedly knock on

doors and look in windows to see if anyone was home before entering the homes through unlocked doors or by forcing entry. Deruve was also allegedly pawning the stolen jewelry at local pawn shops. After executing search warrants, police said they found evidence linking Deruve to the burglaries, along with a quantity of heroin.

Deruve was arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court and sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail. Deruve was scheduled to reappear in the Town of Bethlehem Court on Monday, Nov. 3.

Due to the similarity to incidents occurring in other municipalities, police in Albany, Colonie and Guilderland assisted with the investigation. The investigation is ongoing with additional charges possible.

## Heroin arrest in Bethlehem

Bethlehem police responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the CVS Pharmacy parking lot at 260 Delaware Ave. in Delmar on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at approximately 4 p.m.

Upon interviewing the occupants, detectives observed a packet of heroin and materials used to allegedly cook and use heroin in the vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of approximately 75 bags of heroin, Oxycodone, Trazadone, Clonazepam and marijuana. All three occupants, who are residents of Ticonderoga, were arrested on drug-related charges.



**Kristi L. Shpur**



**Jason M. Cobb**



**Andrew W. Mack**

Kristi L. Shpur, 35, was charged with felony counts of criminal possession of a controlled substances in the third degree and criminal possession of a controlled substances in the fourth degree, as well as two misdemeanor counts of criminal possession of a controlled substances in the seventh degree and the violations of unlawful

possession of marijuana and possessing controlled substances outside of their original container. Jason M. Cobb, 31, was charged with felony counts of criminal possession of a controlled substances in the third degree and criminal possession of a controlled substances in the fourth degree. Andrew W. Mack, 32, was charged with felony counts of criminal possession of a controlled substances in the third degree and criminal possession of a controlled substances in the fourth degree.

Shpur, Cobb and Mack were arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility. Shpur was remanded in lieu of \$2,000 bail, Cobb was remanded without bail and Mack was remanded in lieu of \$7,500 bail. All three were scheduled to return to the Town of Bethlehem Court on Friday, Oct. 31, for a preliminary hearing.

## Police warn seniors of Green Dot scam

The Bethlehem Police Department announced it is investigating multiple cases of fraud involving the use of Green Dot credit cards. In these incidents, Bethlehem residents are receiving phone calls from a person pretending to be their grandson. The suspects say they were arrested and need bail money. They instruct the victim to purchase a Green Dot credit card and then read them the number on the card. Once this is done, the suspect then is in control of all of the funds that are on the credit card, and the victim has lost the money that was used to purchase the card.

According to Detective Sgt.

Adam Hornick, the Green Dot scheme is fairly new, with only two incidents reported this year. However, the grandparent calls are an older scam, and about six using other payments methods have been reported so far. The police department has been working with Bethlehem Senior Services, and local retirement homes to provide information to residents.

Many times the suspects in these cases are out of state or even in another country. Police say that despite how convincing the callers may be in these situations, they are fraudulent. A good indicator of fraud is when the caller instructs the person, "Don't tell anyone else about this," or "Don't call any family members, friends or police."

The Bethlehem Police Department recommends that people be cautious of potential scams and be alert to any unsolicited phone calls that they receive. Further, people should be cautious of giving credit card information over the phone unless it is a call that they initiate. Likewise, legitimate companies or corporations, or bail bondsman will never ask people to purchase prepaid credit cards to purchase items or pay fees. If residents are unsure if the person calling is legitimate then they should contact their local police prior to sending any money or providing any personal information.

## Glenmont man charged in assault

Bethlehem police responding to a 911 call from a residence in Glenmont on Saturday, Sept. 6, found Harrison Conley, 51, standing outside of a nearby

Route 9W business. Conley was telling police he had been the victim of an assault when a teenage girl came from a nearby residence holding a knife. Police instructed her to drop the knife, but she did not and allegedly lunged toward police, at which point they used a Taser on her. Another woman from the residence said she was allegedly woken by Conley, and an altercation ensued where she was allegedly punched in the face by Conley while she was holding her grandson. Conley then allegedly picked up a fork from the nightstand and stabbed the woman in the face. The woman said Conley then began choking her while she was still holding her grandson son, before she finally broke free and ran to call 911. Conley then became upset and allegedly began breaking items in the house, while continuing to punch and hit the woman while she called 911. The teen who was Tasered said Conley allegedly started hitting and attempting to choke her before she was able to break free by hitting him.

Police arrested Conley and charged him with felony criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree and felony assault in the second degree. He was also charged with criminal mischief in the fourth degree, criminal obstruction of breathing, endangering the welfare for a child, and harassment, all misdemeanors.

The teen who was Tasered was noted as a victim and not charged. Conley was arraigned and sent to Albany County Jail without bail.

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### Other arrests

• Guilderland police arrested Typhane M. Torch, 21, of 6211 Sherbourn House Road in Albany, at 6:40 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, and charged her with burglary in the second degree and grand larceny in the third degree, both felonies. Police said the victim said a bedroom door was forced open and a safe was taken from the top of the closet. Torch was allegedly in the victim's home when that person left for work, and she was not in the home when the victim returned. Torch was the only other person with a key to the victim's home. As the victim was providing a complaint to police, the Albany County Sheriff's Office called Guilderland police to report Torch was stopped with the safe. Torch was arraigned and remanded to county jail on \$25,000 bail.

• Guilderland police arrested Luke J. Brehm, 34, of 2581 Western Ave.

in Altamont, around 5:10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, and charged him with assault in the second degree, a felony, menacing in the second degree, and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree. Police responded to a gas station on Western Avenue for reports of an intoxicated person in a physical altercation with a taxi cab driver. Upon arrival, police observed the victim "bleeding heavily" from his face and Brehm stumbling out of the store. Police ordered Brehm to the ground and patted him down for weapons, at which point they found a black Uni-Ball Signo pen in the right front pocket of his jeans. The taxi driver said Brehm stabbed him repeatedly in his face during the altercation. Police said Brehm was apparently going to the store's ATM to get more money for the taxi ride. Brehm was arraigned and remanded to Albany County jail on

\$25,000 bail.

• Guilderland police arrested Joshua P. Maxwell-Tew, 17, of 9 Windingbrook Drive 2C in Guilderland, around 4:10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, and charged him with grand larceny in the fourth degree, a felony, criminal contempt in the second degree and unauthorized use of vehicle without the owner's consent. Police were investigating a suspicious vehicle complaint in the area of Ronald Drive and observed an unattended vehicle at Ronald Park with the back passenger door open. As an officer approached the car, several people ran off through the park. Maxwell-Tew and three other juvenile boys were detained in the area of Anne Drive and the dead end. Maxwell-Tew told police the vehicle belonged to his mother, and he was driving around with his friends. After police brought him home, his mother said he

did not have permission to drive the vehicle and he allegedly took three of her credit cards, which were in the vehicle. He was also found to be in violation of an order of protection. He was arraigned in Guilderland Town Court and sent to Albany County jail.

• Guilderland police arrested Kimberly M. Jacobs, 28, of 1522 Vermont View Drive in Watervliet, around 12:10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, and charged her with DWI and speeding. Police observed and confirmed by radar that Jacobs was traveling 10 mph over the speed limit on Curry Road. Police observed her to have an odor of alcohol on her breath, impaired motor coordination, slurred speech and glassy eyes. She allegedly told police she had consumed three Heinken Light beers. She later admitted to smoking marijuana earlier that night. There was an error when she submitted to a chemical breath test, so she agreed

to take a blood test to determine her BAC, along with any possible drug content.

• Guilderland police arrested Adam Joshua Cohn, 29, of 201 Placid Drive in Schenectady, around 2:50 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, and charged him with DWI and illegal signal. Police stopped Cohn for an alleged traffic infraction and observed him to have an odor of alcohol, glassy eyes and impaired speech and motor coordination. Cohn allegedly admitted to consuming one beer. He consented to a breath test.

• Colonie police arrested Richard Murray, 43, of 97 Esplandy Dr. in Delmar, at around 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 24, and charged him with criminal mischief in the third degree, a felony. Police said Murray damaged another's property.

• Colonie police arrested Ismael Maxwell, 26, of 2B Jay St. in

Cohoes, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, and charged him with two counts of robbery in the third degree, a felony, and petit larceny, a misdemeanor. Police had issued a warrant for Maxwell's arrest stemming from an alleged incident at the Airport Mobil at 1114 Troy Schenectady Road back in June, and an incident at the Village Mobil at 88 Wolf Road in July.

• Colonie police arrested Alonte White, 23, of 863 Third St. 1 in Albany, at around 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, and charged him with violation of probation, a felony, resisting arrest and petit larceny, both misdemeanors. Police said White allegedly stole \$29.38 worth of merchandise from Walmart in Latham Farms. White allegedly exited the store and fled on foot, before being arrested and found to have a pre-existing parole warrant for absconding.

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# Library hosts blood drive

According to the Red Cross ([www.redcrossblood.org/learn-about-blood/](http://www.redcrossblood.org/learn-about-blood/)), someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds; that's more than 41,000 blood donations required every day. A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.

This vital supply can't be manufactured; it comes entirely from volunteer donors. What's more, because whole blood can be broken down into its components, each donation has the potential to save three lives.

You can do your part. Bethlehem Public Library is once again hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, Nov. 6, 1-6 p.m. in the Community



Room. Donors must be at least 17 years old and in good general health. In New York state, 16-year-olds may donate blood with signed parental consent; download a form from the Red Cross website.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds. Additional weight requirements apply for donors 18 years old and younger and all high school donors.

Walk-ins are welcome. Call 1-800 RED-CROSS or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for more information.

— Louise Grieco  
Public Information  
Specialist

# Create a turkey pinwheel

The library will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day. Regular hours resume at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

## Gobble up this kids' craft

Nov. 20 is a day off from school, and just a week out from Thanksgiving. For some good, old-fashioned, fun, bring your kids to the library at 3 p.m. to create a Thanksgiving turkey pinwheel. After a couple of quick steps, your turkeys will be shaking their tail feathers!

## Easy knitting for all ages

The temperature is dropping, and cozy knit scarves are perfect to beat the chill.

At the library on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m., and again on Monday,

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Nov. 17, at 2:30 p.m., learn the popular new technique of arm knitting. Arm knitting is a fun and easy way to knit for all ages. In less than 30 minutes, with no knitting needles, you can make a chunky infinity scarf. Seeing is believing.

We'll provide instruction and yarn – just bring yourself.

## Computer classes

Clean Up Your Computer: Come in and discover tips and tricks to help your computer look and run better. We will discuss cleaning tips for the case, screen and keyboard. You will also free up space on your computer using free built-in maintenance tools. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

# The Roosevelts and the YMCA

An average of more than seven million people per night watched the recent PBS series "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History," by documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. It was a terrific, informative and absorbing account of Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, who helped shape much of American history in the first half of the 20th century.

With such weighty and important topics to cover as World Wars I and II, the Depression, the expansion of America's role in the world and the government's role in American lives, the series did not discuss the Roosevelt's long-time support of the YMCA as a strong force for developing stronger individuals, families and communities across the country and the world.

President Theodore Roosevelt spoke at or commemorated countless YMCA openings from New York to California. Roosevelt led a very



vigorous lifestyle to help him overcome severe asthma. He believed that the exercise programs at the YMCA were critical to building strong, healthy bodies. He also praised the charitable efforts of YMCA volunteers that he said were integral to building strong communities.

In a speech to the national YMCA, Theodore Roosevelt spoke of the importance of the Y's mission to combine individual initiatives with philanthropic efforts to help communities. "More and more this is recognized as true not only in charitable work proper, but in that best form of philanthropic endeavor where we all do good to ourselves by all joining together to do good for one another. This is exactly what is done in your associations," he said.

When World War I

broke out, the President's oldest son, Theodore Jr., went to fight in France. He was accompanied by his wife, who set up YMCA canteens throughout France to provide relief and recreation to soldiers at the front lines.

In 1936, at a time when the country was still struggling its way through the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized the important role the YMCA could play as part of his National Youth Administration (NYA). As part of the NYA, the YMCA partnered with several other organizations in supervising young students and providing facilities for recreational programs for young people.

In a letter marking YMCA founders day, FDR wrote: "It is difficult to imagine what a difference it would have made if no organization such as the YMCA had been developed in this country. Down through the decades the YMCA has grown strong. It

has adjusted itself to the changing needs of the times. During this recent depression it has done valiant service in providing programs of guidance, education, and recreation for the millions of unemployed young men who have stood in great need of such programs."

To help promote the work of the National Youth Administration, as well as the key role played by YMCAs across the country, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited YMCA facilities throughout the country. She would partner with the YMCA again in 1942 in an effort to relocate college students of Japanese descent from internment camps along the West Coast.

The Ken Burns film documented the enormous impact the Roosevelts had on our nation's history. It is interesting to note that they often turned to the YMCA and supported the Y's efforts to strengthen individuals, families and communities. Looking to the future, it's important that we do the same.

# Backyard birds program

Learn how to attract birds to your backyard. Denise Hackert-Stoner will present this free program on Friday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library. Join us for lunch before the program at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange transportation and lunch. Suggested van donation: \$7.

Income eligible households can get federally funded assistance with heating and energy costs. Call our Outreach Workers at 439-4955, ext. 1173, 1174, or 1175, to make an appointment to get assistance with the HEAP application process.

Bethlehem Town Hall will be closed, and there will be no senior



transportation on Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day.

The Legal Services Program, staffed by the Legal Aid Society, will be available on Thursday, Nov. 13, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The program provides legal advice and service at no cost for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, for an appointment.

Medicare Open Enrollment continues 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.

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 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and play pinochle, bingo, or mah jongg. Or just come for a chat with friends. Call Yvonne Mendleson at 472-0202 for more information.

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

The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and

accepts donations of non-perishable food, as well as paper and household products. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at [townofbethlehem.org](http://townofbethlehem.org). You can also make an appointment for counseling on health insurance, housing issues, health and income related programs and heating costs support. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# Martin talks about the allergy-free pantry

**A**claimed cookbook author Colette Martin will present The Allergy-Free Pantry at GPL on Saturday, Nov. 8, at noon.

You'll learn a wealth of clever gluten-free and food allergy recipe substitutions, based on Martin's just-published "The Allergy-Free Pantry: Make Your Own Staples, Snacks, and More without Wheat, Gluten, Dairy, Eggs, Soy or Nuts." She will demonstrate how easy it is to prepare pantry staples in the safety of your own home. She'll also share some of her favorite recipes including sunflower seed butter, egg-free mayonnaise, and gluten-free breadcrumbs.

Martin is an advocate for food-allergy awareness and author of the highly acclaimed "Learning to Bake Allergen-Free" (2012). Copies of her

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books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

Martin's last book talk and food demo was a big hit, so be sure to register soon! Call 456-2400, ext. 2, to reserve your place.

## Online resources and job applications

On Thursday, Nov. 13, at 3 p.m., the first part of GPL's two-session Job-Hunting Series will give you the skill needed to find a job using online resources including Career Zone.

After exploring the many Internet-based channels for finding a job, you will also give you an overview of applying for a job online.

On Thursday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m., you will learn

about preparing for job interviews.

You must register for these classes. Register for one or both. Please call 456-2400, ext. 2.

## It was a hoot

"We're not in Guilderland anymore, Toto" may well have been the exclamation of many a GPL customer when they came into the library on Halloween and saw virtually the entire staff in "Wizard of Oz" (and other) costumes. And then a smile undoubtedly came to customers' faces when they saw the Kids' Costume Cavalcade preceding that day's two Oz movie showings.

It was all part of GPL's "Lions, and tigers, and books! Oh, my!"

celebration of Halloween. Many children – and a few adults, too – came in costume. After traveling down GPL's "Yellow Brick Road," everyone settled in to watch the movie, eat some popcorn and consume reasonable amounts of candy.

Thank you to everyone who donated their gently used costumes on Saturday, Nov. 1. (We are still collecting; if you have costumes you'd like to donate.) We had asked that members of the Guilderland community donate their adult and children's "hero and superhero" costumes to the library for use during next year's "Every Hero Has a Story" Summer Reading Club. GPL staffers will gratefully accept any costume donations.

## First Friday Family Films

The First Friday Family

Film being shown on Friday, Nov. 7, is about a group of most-wanted Muppets who, while on a grand world tour, find themselves wrapped into a European jewel-heist caper. Kermit the Frog plays two roles (think Lily Tomlin in "The Incredible Shrinking Woman") — one as himself, and the other as an evil genius bent on theft.

This is another one of those delightfully clever children's movies that has a lot of gentle humor and throw-away lines that adults will enjoy. Rated: PG, 107 minutes, 2014.

## Save the date: heroin/opiate education forum

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., state Assembly member Pat Fahy will host a heroin/opiate education forum at the Guilderland

Public Library to provide constituents with an opportunity to learn more about the ongoing heroin/opiate crisis in our communities.

Participants include Sheriff Craig Apple, Guilderland Police Chief Carol Lawlor, Addictions Care Center of Albany Executive Director Keith Stack and others. The speakers will discuss legislation that recently passed in New York state, and the ongoing efforts being made in the fields of education, treatment and enforcement.

"Here in New York...in the past three years, heroin use by 17- to 25-year-olds has exploded, and the issue is compounded by the aggressiveness of heroin dealers who target younger buyers..." --Extract from "New York's Heroin Addiction Crisis" a report by the NYS Senate Democratic Conference.

# Senior citizens luncheon

**T**he annual Town of Guilderland Senior Citizens Holiday Luncheon takes place Tuesday, Dec. 9, at noon, at the Cider House Restaurant, 6700 Dunnsville Road in Altamont.

The menu features the choice of stuffed meatloaf with mashed potatoes or roaster turkey with butternut squash.

The cost is \$20 per person. Transportation service is available for Guilderland seniors. Tickets are available from Nov. 10 to Dec. 2. Please make checks payable to the Town of Guilderland.

## Movie of the month: '42'

Thursday, Nov. 20, at 10:30 a.m., in the Guilderland Town Hall Court Room. RSVP by Nov. 13 to the Senior Service Office at 356-1980, ext. 1048.

This biopic focuses on the relationship between baseball icon Jackie Robinson and Brooklyn

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Dodgers general manager Branch Rickey, who signed Robinson and in 1947 made him the first black major League Baseball player of the modern era. Cast: Chadwick Boseman, Harrison Ford, Andre Holland and Nicole Beharie. 128 Minutes. Rated PG-13; thematic elements including language.

## HEAP program

Cold months approach. Heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under \$2,194 for one person, or \$2,869 for two people, etc. are eligible for the Heating Assistance Program called HEAP. This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each person is determined by income, living expenses and type of fuel used. Applications to the program should be

available Nov. 17 in the Senior Office, and if you need assistance, please call to set up an appointment.

## Wednesday, Nov. 5

Scheduled shopping  
Christmas Tree Shopping Trip  
9 a.m. Cardio Circuit  
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +  
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness  
1 p.m. Needlecraft  
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

## Thursday, Nov. 6

Scheduled shopping  
9 a.m. Strong Bones +  
10:30 a.m. Medicare Presentation  
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg  
1 p.m. Pinochle

## Friday, Nov. 7

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

## Monday, Nov. 10

Scheduled shopping  
9 a.m. Aerobics  
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +

# Building with Legos

**T**he next meeting of the library Tween Lego Club is Monday, Nov. 10, 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.

## International Games Day

On Saturday, Nov. 15, the library is holding a games day for children of all ages.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., we'll have circle games for ages 4-6. Join us for a round of "Duck, Duck, Goose" and learn to go "In and Out the Window." At 11:30 a.m., students in grades K-5 and their families can join the Family Challenge and try your hand at some silly, fast paced physical

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challenges inspired by the TV game show, "Minute To Win It." Then at 1:30 p.m., we welcome all Monopoly tycoons, Pokemon card collectors and videogamers in grades 3 and up to show us your best game. Try a new game on the PS3 system courtesy of the Delmar Game Stop. Then at 3 p.m., grades 4 and up are invited to learn how to make your own two-player racecar video game from "scratch." Space will be limited for all times, so please call ahead to register.

## Holiday hours

The library will be closing at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. If you would like to renew an item, you may do so online at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

## November display

Our November display

is shared by the Adamsville Ancient Fife and Drum Corps. One of the main goals of the corps is the continuation of the ancient fifing and drumming heritage. They are always looking for new members, and no experience is necessary. Stop by and see what it's all about.

## Save the date – NYC bus trip

Saturday, Dec. 6, is the Friends of the Library's annual New York City Holiday Bus Trip. Here's the itinerary: Departure from the Voorheesville Elementary School at 7 a.m.; arrive in Manhattan around 10 a.m. Leave from Bryant Park (Manhattan) at 8 p.m.; arrival back in Voorheesville around 11 p.m. For the low, low price of \$45, you can enjoy a day at one of New York's most exciting holiday destinations and support the library at the same time. And if you're a member of the friends, you get a \$5 discount. Payment in advance is required, and paid reservations are only accepted at the library.

## ■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Annual Card and Game Party

**BETHLEHEM** — The Delmar Progress Club is hosting its annual Card and Game Party Saturday, Nov. 8, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club in Bethlehem.

There will be card and board games, as well as lunch, a bake sale, a silent auction and prizes. Admission is \$25, and proceeds raise scholarship money for graduating seniors at Bethlehem Central High School.

For more information call Deanne Sodergren at 439-6878.

### Wildlife workshops at Five Rivers

**BETHLEHEM** — Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, is offering two wildlife workshops for educators Saturday, Nov. 8.

Project WILD, for those working with students in grades K-12, takes place from 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop introduces educators to lessons and activities that integrate wildlife themes into core disciplines. Participants receive a free guide full of hands-on activities that support state learning standards. Activities are suitable for use in classrooms, Scout and after-school programs, and summer camps.

Growing Up WILD, for those working with children ages 3-7, takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. This workshop will teach educators how to use a child's sense of wonder to encourage first-hand exploration of the natural world. Participants receive a free manual with more than 25 field-tested lessons, described in an easy-to-follow format. Activities are correlated to the National Association for the Education of Young Children standards and Head Start domains.

Space is limited for both programs. Call 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, Nov. 5. Participants should dress for outdoor activity.

### BAA November art show at library

**BETHLEHEM** — The Bethlehem Art Association's Fall



### Running for a good cause

**St. Catherine's Center for Children raised more than \$14,000 at its inaugural Running SCCCared Family 5K Run at The Crossings of Colonie Oct. 18. The event, which was presented by Radiant Pools, had 230 registered runners. Ben Heller of Albany won the race with a time of 18:30, while Wade Lacey of Albany was the top female runner with a time of 21:22.**

Submitted photo

Member Art Show is on display at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., through the end of the month.

More than 60 local artists have their work on display. Artwork is in a variety of mediums, including photography, oil, watercolor, pastel and mixed media.

For more information on the organization, visit [www.bethlehemartassociation.com](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com).

### Learn how to make mittens

**VOORHEESVILLE** — The Thacher Nature Center at Thacher State Park is offering a "Mitten Mania" class Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants will learn how to sew mittens from an easy pattern. Some sewing experience is helpful. The program is appropriate for ages 12 and up. Participants should bring one or two old wool sweaters, scissors, needles, heavy thread and fleece. An acrylic sweater may also be used if it is not loosely knit, and

some fleece will be available at the class for people to share.

The program is free, and registration is required. To register or for more information, call 872-1237.

### Turkey dinner at Helderberg Church

**GUILDERLAND** — The Helderberg Reformed Church, 140 Main Street in Guilderland Center, is holding its annual turkey dinner Saturday, Nov. 8. Seating times are 3:30, 5 and 6:30 p.m.

The menu includes roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, stuffing, gravy, green beans, fresh Dutch slaw, pickled beets, cranberry sauce, rolls, beverages and assorted pies.

The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 5-10 years old and free for children under 5. Dinners are by reservation only, since there is limited seating. All meals are served family style. Take out dinners are also available.

For reservations, call 698-9911.

### Soup and pie supper at reformed church

**FEURA BUSH** — The Jerusalem Reformed Church on Route 32 is holding a soup and pie supper Saturday, Nov. 8, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

A variety of soups, pies and more are available. Free will donations are accepted, and take outs are available.

### Button club holds monthly meeting

**BETHLEHEM** — The Half Moon Button Club meets Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

The social time starts at 11 a.m., followed by the business meeting at noon. A program about paper buttons follows the business meeting.

Bring a bag lunch. Desserts will be provided.

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

### Chabad sponsors rabbi's program

**BETHLEHEM** — Bethlehem Chabad is hosting a talk about happiness by Rabbi Yehuda Shemtov Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m., at Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road.

Shemtov is involved in several trend-setting programs and activities focusing on relating the ancient teachings of Judaism to contemporary minds. The seminar includes exercises and practical tools to help people find their happiness.

The cost is \$12 in advance and \$18 at the door. For more information, visit [www.BethlehemChabad.com](http://www.BethlehemChabad.com).

### Art association offers drawing workshop

**BETHLEHEM** — The Bethlehem Art Association is offering a daylong drawing workshop Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave. Nina Stanley, an artist and educator, will lead the workshop on still life drawing in charcoal or pencil.

The cost is \$30 for BAA members and \$40 for non members. To register, call Bob Lynk at 439-3948 or Jacqueline Smith at 489-1882.

For more information, visit [www.bethlehemartassociation.com](http://www.bethlehemartassociation.com).

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## ■ STATE NEWS

# Recognizing wartime stressors

State Police host two-day training conference on assisting military veterans in crisis

By **JOHN PURCELL**  
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**ALBANY** — A simple traffic stop sometimes isn't so simple if a veteran is suffering from the aftereffects of traumatic experiences overseas, but

area police are looking to assist those veterans during their time of need.

State Police hosted a two-day training conference starting on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the State Police Academy in Albany, which welcomed

local law enforcement officials and public safety personnel in learning how to assist veterans in crisis. Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute taught the course for attendees from across the state. The training

focused on how to effectively communicate with veterans in a crisis situation using tools to help de-escalate the situation.

Trooper Juanita Salas-Jackson, military liaison for State Police, said she

realized the training was needed after going through experiences on the road. State Police have internally offered training courses but wanted to expand the training outside of its ranks.

"We know when we go to a scene ... we are not always going to be alone,"

Salas-Jackson said. "For everyone to get the same kind of training for de-escalation will be beneficial for all parties, so we're on the same page."

She said experience has shown these tools for de-escalation have often been

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## BUSINESS

# Kicking into high gear

Latham man expands Taekwondo lessons to a second Guilderland location

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**GUILDERLAND** — Joe Hasan started his martial arts training at 4 years old and went on to compete in national and international competitions. Now, he's looking spur other 4-year-olds' interest in taekwondo.

Hasan founded Pil Sung Taekwondo in August 2000 while attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and offered lessons at space in the Guilderland YMCA. At first, Hasan was only offering lessons two days each week, but over the years, interest grew and it expanded into a more

full-time endeavor. At the start of this month, he opened his second location at Karner Plaza in Guilderland.

The new 3,000-square-foot training facility allows him to expand his offerings to include a "Little Dragon" program for 4- to 6-year-old students. The second location is almost triple the size of space he used at the Guilderland YMCA.

"My true love has always been martial arts and working with kids," said Hasan. "It is a unique physical experience that you are not really going to experience in any other traditional sport. The benefits of the type of training we do is giving kids confidence to do so much more than martial arts."

Hasan, a 34-year-old Latham resident, began his training under



**LEFT:** Students practice Hwa Rang in the Saturday morning advanced forms class.

**BELOW:** Joe Hasan recently opened a second Guilderland location for his business, Pil Sung Taekwondo.

Submitted

his father, Jusuf, in the Indonesian art of Penjak Silat before starting his taekwondo training under Master Michael D. Friello in 1986. Hasan has risen to the rank of 6th Dan, as of 2009, and is certified under the Amateur Athletic Union

and Kukkiwon, also known as the World Taekwondo Headquarters.

"I started the business while I was in college at RPI, and I was a competitive taekwondo fighter," he said. "Martial arts and taekwondo, especially, really bring together a number of things people in the community are looking for."

After graduating from RPI, he was working as an IP professional in software development and taught martial arts on the side. He retired from competition in 2004 and has increased the time he spends teaching lessons.

"This is my primary focus currently; I still do some part-time work in the IT world," he said.

His new location offers several benefits, but he is going to continue teaching at the YMCA. The second location also allows him to welcome more adults, who also enjoy the recreational aspect of the sport.

Some former students have also stayed active in taekwondo, with some high school students and college students volunteering as assistants. He said some of the instructors at his school he has known since before he ever started offering lessons.

"We have a really good family atmosphere, and it leads to people staying with us a long time," he said.



*"My true love has always been martial arts and working with kids."*

— Joe Hasan,  
founder of Pil Sung Taekwondo

Students sticking with martial arts usually see their confidence increase, he said, which can benefit other areas such as public speaking. Some might even be able to travel internationally to compete in competitions.

The core curriculum is designed to build a strong mental and physical understanding of the Korean martial art, while instilling the

five tenets of taekwondo — courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit.

The name of his facility, "Pil Sung," literally translates to "certain victory," which is the mindset he aims to instill in students.

"This is the mindset that we challenge all of our students to take when approaching any obstacle in life," he said.

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## ■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



### GRACE HOTALING

Bethlehem girls soccer player  
Grace Hotaling, left, is the  
Spotlight Player of the Week  
for the period ending Satur-  
day, Nov. 1. Hotaling came  
through for the Lady Eagles  
with the game-winning  
goal in a 1-0 Section 2 Class  
AA quarterfinal victory over  
Columbia, and she scored the  
first goal in Bethlehem's 2-1  
semifinal win against Shen.

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Ravena-Coeymans-  
Selkirk was one of two  
area volleyball teams that  
were in action during  
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## ■ GIRLS SOCCER



Catholic Central's Nora Ball (19) heads the ball away from Voorheesville's Rebecca Clair during the first half of the Section 2 Class B final Saturday, Nov. 1, at Lansingburgh High School.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

# Bad breaks for Blackbirds

Catholic Central prevails in overtime  
to beat Voorheesville for Class B title

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**LANSINGBURGH** — The Voorheesville girls soccer team's run in the Section 2 Class B playoffs ended on a cold, damp afternoon in Lansingburgh.

Alexis Riffelbach scored off a rebound one minute into the second overtime period to lift No. 3 Catholic Central to a 2-1 victory over the fourth-seeded Blackbirds in the Sectional finals Saturday, Nov. 1.

Voorheesville (16-3-1) entered the final off a 1-0 upset victory over top-seeded Schalmont — the state's No. 1-ranked Class B team — Wednesday, Oct. 29, on the same Lansingburgh High School field Saturday's championship game took place. But this time,

### FINAL SCORE

- Catholic Central Crusaders, 2
- Voorheesville Blackbirds, 1 (OT)



◀ Voorheesville's Talia Crisafulli (8) battles for the ball with a Catholic Central player during the first half of the Section 2 Class B final Nov. 1 at Lansingburgh High School. The Crusaders defeated the Blackbirds 2-1 in overtime to capture their first Sectional title. Voorheesville finished the season with a 16-3-1 record.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

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# A good week for BC volleyball

Girls advance to finals, while boys team wins another Sectional title

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**BETHLEHEM** — The Bethlehem girls volleyball team hoped to do what the boys volleyball team has already done this season — beat Shenendehowa for the Section 2 Class AA title.

The second-seeded Lady Eagles met top-seeded Shen in the Class A final Tuesday, Nov. 4, at Rensselaer High School. The Plainsmen defeated Bethlehem 3-1 the one time they met during the Suburban Council season and edged the Lady Eagles in a one-game match during a regular season tournament.

“Shen is going to be a tough game for us,” said Bethlehem girls coach Lisa Kniffen. “They are a very good team — very quick

(and) very skilled. So, we’re going to have to be on top of our game to win.”

Bethlehem narrowly avoided a first-round upset by edging Schenectady 3-2 in the quarterfinals. But, the Lady Eagles looked better in a 3-1 semifinal victory over Guilderland Thursday, Oct. 30.

“What hurt us against Schenectady was we hadn’t played in so long. It had been nine days since our previous match,” said

Kniffen. “We were slow coming out in that match. We lost the first game, bounced back and won the second game before losing again in the third game. We won the last two games.”

Bethlehem didn’t have to play from behind in its semifinal match against No. 3 Guilderland Thursday, Oct. 30, in Broadalbin. The Lady Eagles won the first two games 25-17 and 27-25 before the Lady Dutch took the third game 25-19. Bethlehem finished off Guilderland 25-20 in the fourth game.

Gabby Giacone recorded 19 kills, Jenna Giacone contributed 11 blocks and Julia Maniccia added 35 assists for Bethlehem. Kylie McKenna chipped in with 18 service points and eight digs.

Rebecca Straubel had 11 kills for Guilderland.

The Bethlehem boys volleyball team earned its fourth straight Sectional title by beating Shen 3-0 in the Division 1 final Saturday, Nov. 1, at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School.



## Going for the block

A Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk player tries to block Zoe Simonson’s shot during the Section 2 Class C girls volleyball final against Broadalbin-Perth Saturday, Nov. 1, at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. The Patriots swept the Indians 25-20, 25-23 and 25-9.

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# Lady Eagles advance

Bethlehem fend off Shenendehowa in Class AA semifinal

By **ROB JONAS**  
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**BETHLEHEM**—Tom Rogan has been coaching girls soccer long enough to know that what happens at the start of the season doesn't define a team.

Rogan's Bethlehem Lady Eagles were 4-3-1 at the midway point of this season. They were coming off back-to-back 2-0 losses to Saratoga Springs and Columbia. Bethlehem's

reputation as an elite Suburban Council team was at stake.

That reputation is intact, now. The Lady Eagles advanced to the Section 2 Class AA finals by fending off Shenendehowa 2-1 in a semifinal game Friday, Oct. 31, in Lansingburgh. It's the seventh time Bethlehem has reached the Sectional final in the last eight years.

## FINAL SCORE

• Bethlehem Lady Eagles, 2  
• Shen Plainsmen, 1

"To get through Sectionals, you only have to worry about the next game, and that's what these girls have done," said Rogan.

Grace Hotaling scored in the first half, and Shannon Russo tallied in the second half to give sixth-seeded Bethlehem (12-4-2) a 2-0 lead.

"The first goal is always important because then you can play differently," said Rogan. "But, I told the girls at halftime that I didn't think one goal would be enough. We needed that second goal."

No. 2 Shen (15-3-0) got one goal back late in the

second half, but the Lady Eagles' defense held firm after that to seal the victory.

"To some degree, it's expected that if you play good defense, you're not going to allow any goals," said Rogan. "We've only allowed 10 or 11 goals this season, and we've given up three goals since that Sept. 20 game (a 2-0 loss to Columbia)."

Bethlehem faces top-seeded Saratoga Springs (16-2-0) in the Class AA finals Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Stillwater High School.

"It'll be a fun game. They're a big, strong, physical team," said Rogan.

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Voorheesville finishes 16-3-1

the Blackbirds couldn't recapture the magic.

"Ever since I've been coaching at Voorheesville, this has been our best season," said coach Joe Santos. "This has been a great run, and it hasn't been by accident."

Most of Saturday's final was a combination of skill and bad luck. Catholic Central (18-2-0) challenged Voorheesville goaltender Jordan Pettograsso with well-placed shots, while Voorheesville missed several golden scoring opportunities when their shots hit off posts while Crusaders netminder Dominique Stavis was caught out of position.

"I've been involved in games like this before. It just wasn't meant to be," said Santos.

Pettograsso was up to the challenge, as she made 23 saves against a Catholic Central team that was coming off a 6-2 semifinal win against No. 2 Hoosick Falls three days earlier.

"She's a skilled goalie," said Santos. "She had a breakout season, and she showed her skill in the playoffs."

There was nothing Pettograsso could do about stopping Catholic Central's first goal, though. Lauren Drake launched a high line drive that sailed over Pettograsso and into the upper third of the net to put the Crusaders ahead 1-0 with 6:17 left in the second half.

It looked as if the game would end with that score until Voorheesville got

a bounce to go its way. With less than 30 seconds left in regulation, Lydia Parker launched a long, high pass from near the midfield stripe. The ball bounced high off the wet turf in the penalty box and past Stavis into the goal to tie the score at 1-1.

"That's the type of play I ask the girls to make in these kinds of weather conditions. You never know how the ball will bounce," said Santos.

Unfortunately for Voorheesville, the final bounce went Catholic Central's way. Pettograsso went to catch a line drive shot, but the ball bounced off her chest and onto Riffelbach's feet at close range. Riffelbach knocked the ball into the goal to put the Crusaders ahead to stay.

Catholic Central advances to the regional round of the state playoffs for the first time in school history. The Crusaders met Section 3 champion Westhill Tuesday outside Syracuse.

## Dutch run second at Sectionals

Carey, Burns qualify for state meet as individual runners

By **ROB JONAS**  
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**SARATOGA SPRINGS**—The Guilderland boys and girls cross country teams made their cases for inclusion in the Federation Championships Nov. 15.

The Guilderland boys placed second to Shenendehowa, while the girls finished behind Shen and Saratoga Springs in the team standings at the Section 2 Cross Country Championships Friday, Oct. 31, at Saratoga Spa State Park.

Guilderland had two of the top six boys runners in

the Class A field, but Shen grouped its top five runners between seventh and 15th place to earn the Sectional championship with 49 points. The Dutchmen were second with 62 points, while Bethlehem finished seventh with 168 points.

Guilderland is sending a runner to the Nov. 8 state meet at SUNY Canton. Sophomore Noah Carey placed third overall with a time of 15:09.96 to earn one of five spots on the Section 2 Class A squad. Eighth grader Noah Tindale nearly made the cut, but Niskayuna's Matt McDermott beat him out by placing fifth with a time of 15:34.11. Tindale was sixth with a time of 15:41.28.

The other three Class A runners making up

the Sectional team are Saratoga's Aidan Tooker, Colonie's Jake Johnson and Shaker's Paul Nichols. Tooker won the individual title with a time of 14:57.36, while Johnson placed second with a time of 15:05.72. Nichols was fourth with a time of 15:26.84.

Simon Powhida was Bethlehem's top runner with an 11th-place time of 15:50.66.

The Guilderland girls team was part of a wild finish for the Class A championship. Saratoga and Shen tied for first place with 42 points, while Guilderland finished third with 69 points. Saratoga earned the team title by having its sixth runner cross the finish line ahead of Shen's sixth runner.

Guilderland's Emily

Burns qualified for states as an individual runner by finishing seventh with a time of 17:53.15. Burns joins Shen's Danielle Jordan and Julia Zachgo on the Sectional team, along with Shaker's Maryanna Lansing and Niskayuna's Abigail Spiers. Jordan claimed the individual title with a time of 17:34.64.

Bethlehem took seventh place in the girls race with 163 points. Holly Machabee led the Lady Eagles with a 22nd-place finish in a time of 18:40.27.

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## ■ COMMUNITY

# Hopes rise for indoor facility at Colonial Acres

Organization plans to build a sustainable community center

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**BETHLEHEM** — A new partnership could mean the construction of long-awaited indoor facility at Colonial Acres Golf Course.

International Sustainability Council-Audubon Lifestyles, a sustainability advocacy organization, has announced it would help to see a sustainable community center built on the land owned by

the Open Space Institute and managed by golf professional Dale Ezyk.

"The management of Colonial Acres Golf Club has been committed to environmental stewardship for many years, and under the stewardship of course

superintendent Pat Blum has won nearly every environmental award and certification that is offered," said Chairman Ronald Dodson. "Last year, ISC-Audubon was approached to work cooperatively with the entire course management team and community

leaders to see if there were ways to broaden the positive community-wide impacts that could be offered by the course."

Ezyk has been running the course since last April, after the town agreed to a three-year operating contract with the option to renew. He has since begun

to offer more learning opportunities for young and first-time golfers. A disc-golf course was also opened after staff saw growing interest in the sport.

The town opted to no longer fund operation

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Notice of Formation of 245 AVENUE U, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/23/14. 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#63740

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 34-11 REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/18/14. 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#63753

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 35-48 REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/18/14. 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#63769

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 39-35 21ST STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/19/14. 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#63746

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)The name of the LLC is 405 MA Holdings LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 1, 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#63893

**LEGALS****LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 43-18 49TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/19/14. 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#63751

**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 limited liability company (LLC). Name: 5TH PLACE CLOTHING, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/11/2013. NY office location: ALBANY County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is 204 WASHINGTON AVE, ALBANY, NY 12210. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose Ad#62189

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 663 MACDONOUGH HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/9/14. 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: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63794

**LEGALS****LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 868 LORIMER PROJECT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/14. 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#63788

**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 Formation of A.N. HOLDING GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/14. 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#63811

**LEGAL NOTICE**

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is ABP HOLDINGS, LLC
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on July 15, 2014 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 289 So. Main Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208.
6. The latest date to dissolve to dissolve is indefinite.
7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. Ad#63157

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation ABS New York Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/28/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-

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umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#64372

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/14. 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#63799

**LEGAL NOTICE**

ADVANCED WEB SERVICES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC, doing business as AWSITS, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/8/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 40 Woodlake Rd, Apt. 5, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#61565

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of ALIS INTERNATIONAL, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 9/11/14 using the fictitious name of ALIS INTERNATIONAL GROUP, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 2/3/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. FL address of LLC: c/o Registered Agents Inc., 330 N. Rocky Point Dr. #150a, Tampa, Fl 33607. Arts. Of Org. filed with the FL Dept. of State, Clifton Bldg., 2661 Executive Center Cir., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63731

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of Allan DeFazio, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/22/2014. Office location: 446 Copeland Hill Rd, Coeymans Hollow, NY 12046, 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#61995

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Amazing Day Yoga LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/28/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as

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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#64371

**LEGAL NOTICE**

AP Diagnostic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/25/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2792 Ocean Ave., Unit 5A, Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purposes. Ad#62202

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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 Ballistik Media LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/17/2014 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#63946

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of BATSAVILLE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/19/14. 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#63738

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of BIOTE MEDICAL, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/21/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 7/10/09. 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. TX address of LLC: 800 W. Arbrook, Ste. 100, Arlington, TX 76015. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#64588

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of BRAM Holdings, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of

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State (SSNY) 5/27/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to August Montgomery, 54 State St., Ste. 1003, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#62718

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of BRANDCINEMA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/1/11. 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#63837

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Bronx Vision Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/27/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 200 Baychester Ave., Space #111, Bronx, NY 10475. General Purposes. Ad#62199

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Bruce Research & Trading, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/3/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Maxwell & Van Ryn, 2 Normanskill Blvd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2112. Ad#62715

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of CHATHAM 868 PARTNERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/14. 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#63787

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Circles of Hope Family Intervention Services, LLC Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/3/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to P.O. Box 82, Slingerland, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63918

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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 Complete Perfection Construction LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/31/2006. 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#62949

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of CORIE HENGST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/7/14. 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#63823

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Couture Collective, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/01/14. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 410 E 57th St., Apt. 2C, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: General. Ad#63474

**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 of CYBER SECURITY PLAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/15/14.

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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#63755

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

Elements of Life, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/23/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 734 Hillcrest Pl., North Woodmere, NY 11581. General Purposes. Ad#62200

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of END OF ERA CREATIVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/29/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/12. 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. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63732

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Enervest Employee Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/25/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/13/14. 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#62113

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EXECUTIVE GLOBAL INSTITUTE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as

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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#63764

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Notice of Formation of Fashionest LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/22/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Gold Law Firm, 1843 Central Ave., #187, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#62716

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FINE ART INVEST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/19/14. 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#63736

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

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Professional Limited Liability Company is FSI MUNICIPAL CONSULTANTS, 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 September 29, 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 18 Caldwell Boulevard Slingerlands, NY 12159 FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited

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liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. Ad#62100

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of G & G WHOLESALERS JEWELRY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/06. 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, 58 W. 47<sup>th</sup> St., Booth 28, NY, NY 10036. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address.46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63757

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GATSBY UNLIMITED, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/14. 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#63806

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Graebel/Northeastern Acquisition Movers, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/22/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/15/14. 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. NJ address of LLC: 9 Aspen Drive, Randolph, NJ 07869. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Div. of Rev., PO Box 450, Trenton, NJ 08646. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#64589

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF GREAT DISCLOSURE LLC. Appl. for Auth. Filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Michigan (MI) on 10/10/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 622 S. West St., Royal Oak, MI 48067. MI address of LLC: Same. Art. of Org. filed with MI Dept. of Lic. & Reg. Affairs, P.O. Box 30054, Lansing, MI 48909. Ad#64332

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HISTORIC RAIL SERVICES, LLC On 9/12/14, Articles of Organization of Historic Rail Services, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSSNY is designat-

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ed as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSS-NY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Historic Rail Services, LLC, 252 Glenmont Rd., Glenmont, NY 12077. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#63134

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 FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK-BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Luck 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 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

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Renewal, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/25/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Maxwell & Van Ryn, 2 Normanskil Blvd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2112. Ad#62714

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Notice of Formation of INTUISTIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/3/14. 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#63825

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-Javid & Teddy LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2014 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#63469

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation JSR Auto Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/2014 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. Ad#64373

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Konralvarez Properties II, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/3/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 83 Grove Ave., Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#63848

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of KSV LSJ Real Estate, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/2014. Office location: 15 Bridget Cir, Cohoes, NY 12047, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Suite 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity. Ad#63143

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Land Property Management, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2014 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#63471

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Notice of Formation of LEGACY TOUCH UPS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/9/14. 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: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63785

LEGAL NOTICE

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 MAGIC SPORTLIFE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/22/14. 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#62098

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAIN MAN WATER MAIN & SEWER PLUMBING CO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/15/14. 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#63735

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Manhattan Fertility Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2014 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#63470

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: MFB Healthcare Consultants, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State's Office on October 4, 2010. Office location: Albany County. Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon

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whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of the process to the Limited Liability Company at 20 St. James Place, Albany, New York 12209. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#63886

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Professional Limited Liability Company is MILLENNIUM MEDICAL LEASING, 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 September 30, 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 54 Dott Avenue Albany, NY 12205 FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The 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#62092

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process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is 14 Computer Drive East, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#62709

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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

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## Training aids first responders

effective in the field.

“We know first-hand how valuable this training will be to the members of the New York State Police and also to law enforcement agencies across the state,” Salas-Jackson said in a statement. “Participants will take what they learn here in Albany back to their communities, and we will all work as a team to assist veterans who may need our help.”

Some veterans suffer from posttraumatic stress

disorder, which could lead them to injure themselves, loved ones, or safety and law enforcement personnel. Along with learning effective tools, participants learned about wartime stressors, the effects of multiple deployments, and the challenges of veterans reintegrating into society and their families.

“We value the sacrifice our veterans have made for our country,” State Police Superintendent Joseph A. D’Amico said in a prepared statement. “Much

like the oath they took to protect us while overseas, the mission of New York State Police is to serve and protect the people of New York. This training will help our members be prepared for any situation they encounter, and to make sure it is also safe for someone in crisis.”

Salas-Jackson said the training is important, because, as with any other special group, there is focused training to best address situations.

“We are public servants. We want to be able to not arrest them and give them a ticket,” said Salas-Jackson. “They are human beings, and we want to

help them.”

One issue Salas-Jackson has seen is veterans will sometimes not want to talk to somebody who is not also a veteran. This will lead police to need to find another connection to help the situation.

There are also many things that could be a wartime trigger for veterans, such as a certain smell or loud noise. She said just looking at a bridge overpass or garbage in the road could trigger something from their time overseas.

“They are trained to look at these things different in another country,” she said.



**State Police hosted a two-day training course for local law enforcement officials and public safety personnel on assisting veterans in crisis. The training, which kicked off on Tuesday, Oct. 28, taught attendees tools for de-escalation and provided insight into wartime stressors.**

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LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the State of New York August 25, 2014. Location: 36 Douglas Road, Delmar, New York 12054 under section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The designated agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served is United States Corporation Agents, INC. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. The purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. Ad#61989

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PEARLS & DIAMONDS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/02/2014. 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 process to the LLC, 19 Rose Court, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For holding real estate. Ad#64052

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PECHETTE STUDIOS PRODUCTIONS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/08/2014. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Joshua Pechette, 34 Frost Place, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Ad#63476

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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served. SSNY shall process to: The LLC, 1733 Sheephead Bay Rd., Ste. 25, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Off. address in jurisdiction of org.: 330 Changebridge Rd., Ste. 101, Pine Brook, NJ 07058. Copy of Cert of org. on file with S/S NJ. General Purposes. Ad#62329

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Pramukh Bapa LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 224 Quail Street, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#62504

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Premier Painting & Contracting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/18/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 765 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11216. General Purposes. Ad#62198

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK-BY A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Proactive Edge Physical Therapy PLLC. 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

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2 Fallentree Lane, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#60981

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: R. TEATOR REALTY II, L.L.C.- Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 22, 2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 29 Hartman Road, Glenmont, New York, 12077. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#64386

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF RELATIONSHIP & PSYCHOLOGY CONSULTING PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/14/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 270 Lafayette St. #1008, NY, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#64325

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SAVOY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/8/14. 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#63791

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The LLC, 861 Bay Ridge Ave., Apt. 1A, Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purposes. Ad#62201

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of T5 Construction Services LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/16/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 5/1/14. 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. GA address of LLC: One Glenlake Parkway, Ste. 525, Atlanta, GA 30328. Arts. of Org. filed with GA Secy. of State, 313 West Tower, #2 Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#60713

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Notice of Formation of THE DRIVE COLLECTIVE NEW YORK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/2/14. 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#63831

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Neilson Group, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/17/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Maxwell & Van Ryn, 2 Normanskill Blvd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#62713

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The RS Reed Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/16/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1086 Fox St., Bronx, NY 10459. General Purposes. Ad#62194

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Notice of Formation The Sports Solution LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/21/2014 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#63947

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THE YOGA NOOK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/2/14. Office location: Albany County.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

Urban Cuts & Color LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/09/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 107-10/12 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. General Purposes. Ad#62193

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Wedgewood One, LLC.

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The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on September 16, 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 219 Bell Court, Schenectady, New York 12303. Ad#64074

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WHIZKID VENTURES LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/31/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 160-04 Cross Bay Blvd. #121, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#64324

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

WISE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of

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State (SSNY) 10/16/2014. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 4 Loudon Pkwy., Loudonville, NY 12211, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#63467

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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## ■ SCHOOLS

# Poet lends voice to children's school

Director will portray Emily Dickinson to raise money

By **MARCY VELTE**  
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**BETHLEHEM** — Emily Dickinson will be brought to life next month as her poems are recited as part of a local school benefit.

Bethlehem Children's School Director Sara Melita will portray the famous poet for the school's upcoming dinner theater event. The one-woman show, called "The Belle of Amherst," is said to be based on the secret life of Dickinson.

The theater event has become an annual tradition for the school, after it was started five years ago.

"In the past, it was traditional for the director

to perform something," said Melita. "I'm a new director, so I pulled out this one-woman show I did previously."

Melita formerly worked in theatre education for years at the New York State Theatre Institute in Troy. The Dickinson piece was often performed at libraries and historical societies in the region. The show tells of Dickinson's life and shows possible motivations and inspirations for her poetry. Melita will portray Dickinson in Victorian garb, along with a few set pieces from the time.

The show is being directed by Dick Heart, who directed Melita for the first time 37 years ago in "Alice in Wonderland."

"When I was young, I had a vivid imagination and was really shy," said Melita. "My parents took me to an audition after



Bethlehem Children's School Director Sara Melita will portray Emily Dickinson at upcoming dinner theater to benefit the Bethlehem Children's School.

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dressing as Alice for Halloween. Being cast was the turning point in my life because it helped me come out of my shell."

The costume was previewed for students as part of the school's Halloween celebration. It also acted as a nice segue

into a discussion on the Victorian Era and a unit on poetry.

"We want to incorporate those lessons here in our school," said Melita. "Hopefully, it helps students express themselves and relate to the outside world. We want to help students find their own special talent."

All of the money raised goes toward the small school's scholarship program.

Bethlehem Children's School was founded in 1995 by a group of parents. The Montessori school on Fisher Boulevard in Slingerlands now teaches children age 3 through eighth grade, after beginning preschool and kindergarten classes in 2011.

Last month, elementary and Spanish teacher Brittany Pardi went skydiving in an attempt to raise more funds for the

school. The original goal was to raise \$13,500, \$1 for every foot Pardi was to fall. The jump was paid for by the school's board, and the effort raised \$2,100.

"It was amazing," said Pardi of the experience. "About 12 students came with their families, and they came with a banner and we took pictures beforehand. I could hear them screaming and could see them before I even hit the ground. The whole thing was incomparable to anything else."

The annual dinner theater event will be held at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar on Saturday, Nov. 15. It includes a cocktail hour featuring a cash bar, a three-course dinner and the theatrical performance. Tickets are \$60 and may be purchased by contacting the school at 478-0224 or heather12bcs@yahoo.com.



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### Project needs community support

of the golf course in the 2013 budget. Officials had previously projected the nine-hole, par-three course to run at an annual loss of \$40,000. Under the operating agreement, the town and the Open Space Conservancy will split some of the course's profits on a sliding scale.

One of the main goals for Ezyk since taking over Colonial Acres has been to open a type of clubhouse. A small pro-shop sits on the property, but the course still does not have indoor bathrooms. That idea soon grew to constructing a building that could act as a community center, where residents could also use the rooms for meeting space and perhaps also to hold educational classes.

ISC-Audubon would have an office within the building, and members would work to reach out and develop partnerships with other organizations like Five Rivers to use the building as a possible extension site.

The organization is working to help the golf course figure out how much it would need to raise for the project, and then ISC-Audubon will help with that effort. The ideal would be to raise enough money over the winter, and then begin construction in the spring.

"We wanted to do more than just throw up a building that had indoor bathrooms," said Dodson. "We want this to become a community asset that goes beyond just golf."

Dodson said local officials have put together a Capital Region Sustainability Plan, but not much has been done with it. Both Ezyk and

the Audubon organization would like the community center project to be the one that gets more community members and businesses to join in and take it seriously.

The building isn't expected to be very large. The thought is to keep the same footprint as the pro-shop and deck are using now. They are also determining whether to include some concessions, though Ezyk has received a state liquor license just in case.

Ezyk said by broadening the activities offered at the course to include non-golf activities, they are broadening the customer-base and appeal offered within the community. "We are both excited and proud to be designated as an ISC-Audubon Sustainable Community Center," he said.

Dodson said the designation should not be viewing like other awards the golf course has won, but is more a "strategic plan for the future of the property."

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### Old sign styles to be phased out

state Department of Transportation Public Information Officer Bryan Viggiani.

The original regulations passed by the Federal Highway Administration called for much larger signs to be installed by 2017. The signs would be 12 inches high with 6-inch lettering, unless on a local road where the speed was 30 mph or lower. In those instances, signs could be 8 inches high with 4-inch lettering. All new signs also must have capital and lower case letters, a change from the current all-caps version.

The new standards are being implemented for visibility reasons.

Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Brent Meredith brought up the new regulations during the town's budget negotiations. Some Town Board members had seen the new signs installed by the state along New Scotland Avenue and said they were unattractive. They said they were also worried about the cost of having to replace all of the town's road signs by 2017 to meet the new regulations. At the time, Meredith said the

town has more than 1,600 road signs it would be responsible for replacing, and the cost could place a large burden on his department's budget.

After some research, it was found other municipalities had similar concerns, but in 2012, the federal regulations were changed so signs no longer have to be swapped to the new style by 2017. New ones now must be installed whenever the old ones have reached their life expectancy.

Meredith said the cost for the new signs will still be more than what the town pays now. The new requirements also call for breakaway posts to be installed. Signs are currently put into the ground using concrete. In the future, signs will have a short bracket cemented into the ground, and the remainder of the sign will be attached with a bolt. This will help reduce damage if the signs are hit, and may also make it easier to replace signs faster.

The new regulations also mean intersection signs will no longer be on top of one another, but at an almost 90 degree angle. Meredith said mock ups are being done by the Highway Department to see what will

*"Obviously the upside is we don't have to go out and replace 400 signs every year to meet a deadline."*

— Bethlehem Highway Superintendent  
Brent Meredith

work best for the town.

"The signs are a little less aesthetically pleasing," said Supervisor John Clarkson, referring to the size of some of them. "But it's not anywhere near what we thought as far as the height, so I'm not as worried about it now because the cost will be incremental."

Clarkson said he still found the requirements to be "misguided" and wondered how the aesthetics were weighed appropriately against "some theoretical standard of visibility."

Meredith said the town is now calculating how much more the signs will cost versus the older version. The town specs will also have to be updated for developers in case they build any new roads in the future. He plans to go back before the Town Board within the next month to provide recommendations.

"Obviously the upside is we don't have to go out and replace 400 signs every year to meet a deadline," said Meredith.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# New Yorkers, it's time to wake up

Editor, *The Spotlight*;  
Gov. Andrew Cuomo's shoot-from-the-hip tactics continue. His recent attempt to quarantine health care workers coming into New York from West Africa is a prime example of his bungled initiatives.

He offered his quarantine proposal without devising a plan on how it was to be implemented. He did not address the legality of it, nor did he devise a strategy on how to impose it. Like the Safe Act, Start-Up New York, and the Moreland Commission fiasco he simply proceeds with initiatives that sound appealing. He gets airtime on radio or TV and headlines in the paper so he deems his proposals successful.

Sadly, the media allows itself to be used in such a manner.

These feel-good initiatives are becoming the way of life not only on the federal and state levels, but also in Albany County government. As an Albany County legislator, I see the same routine played out. Legislators introduce laws that are legally and strategically unenforceable and don't seem to care. What they do care about is the media attention they receive.

It's time for the media and voters to ask hard questions of all politicians instead of falling for their publicity exploits.

*Christine Benedict,  
Colonie*

*Albany County Republican  
Chairwoman*

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## ■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# Helping the hoarders

**I**n cases of animal hoarding, authorities are quick to help the animals, but not always the people who hoard them.

Recently, two elderly homeless women were arrested in Voorheesville for keeping 45 cats in their camper. The Mohawk Hudson Humane Society took the cats to be evaluated, while the two women were issued court appearance tickets.

Last week, authorities went to a home in Schaghticoke where they found more than 100 cats living in overcrowded conditions. It took two days for the Humane Society to get most of the cats out of the house, but they reported there were even more living inside the walls. Rensselaer County officials offered assistance to the family of four who lived there, but criminal charges were also being considered.

State Assemblyman Jim Tedisco wasted

little time in using the Schaghticoke incident to promote a bill he's sponsoring that would create a statewide registry of convicted animal abusers. Those on the list would undergo psychiatric evaluations and treatment, but they would also be banned from ever owning a pet again.

Tedisco's bill gets one thing right: Pet hoarders need and deserve psychiatric assistance. They don't however deserve to be criminalized and added to the same kind of database used for sex offenders. These are human beings who need help, too. The majority of these cases involve people who genuinely love animals and want to help them, but they eventually become overwhelmed because they don't have the means or the desire to get their animals spayed or neutered. So the animals take over, which creates unsafe living conditions for the animals and the people who try to

care for them. While this can lead to unintentional suffering, it is not a case where the person is deliberately abusing an animal.

The problem is, Tedisco's bill still creates a stigma for pet hoarders by placing them on a registry. Even if it has no criminal implications for them, it punishes them in ways that aren't consistent with what they have done.

This is wrong. Pet hoarders are not violent criminals, and they have a right to a second chance if they get the help they need. By placing them on a registry similar to that of a sex offender, the state is stigmatizing what most now agree is a mental health issue. And the provision that the hoarders receive a mental evaluation and treatment rings a little hollow if that care can't be consistently provided. Maybe we would be better off requiring caseworkers to regularly visit animal hoarders to make sure they, and

their animals, are being well cared for.

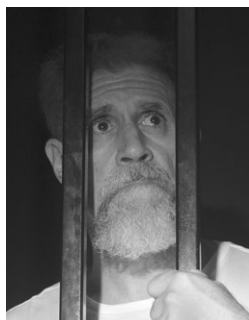
At least Albany County gives pet hoarders a second chance. While there is a registry, hoarders can be taken off of it after 10 years.

We know pet hoarding is a serious problem, and we believe all animals deserve a loving home and proper care. But we also believe that people deserve help when they can't help themselves. It has to work both ways.

### TALK BACK

*The Spotlight welcomes feedback on this editorial or any other hot topics in the news. Email us at [news@spotlightnews.com](mailto:news@spotlightnews.com).*

## ■ GET TO KNOW ...



**Ed McMullen**

**Actor/producer at  
D&M Productions**

• *Current residence: Bethlehem*

### What have you been listening to?

I listen to all sorts of music, but I have a soft spot for Irish traditional music.

### What are you watching on TV?

I'm a big Fox News guy. I like (Bill) O'Reilly and Megyn Kelly. That's what I'm watching when I'm not watching a movie on TV.

### What was the last book you read?

"Rendezvous with Destiny." It was about (Ronald) Reagan's 1980 campaign against (President Jimmy) Carter and the debates they had. Political reading has always been big with me ... I also have a bug for history. I've always had an interest in the 18th and 19th Century, but lately I've had a fascination with the early 20th Century.

### What was the last movie you saw?

The Coen Brothers' "Inside Llewyn

Davis." It was a look at the 1960s folk music scene before Bob Dylan. I actually saw that movie twice in the theaters.

### What person, dead or alive, would you most like to meet?

There have probably been a lot of people I would have liked to meet. The guy I'm playing right now (in D&M's production of "Incommunicado"), Ezra Pound ... if he was half as funny as the character I'm playing, I would have loved to meet him. I would have also liked to meet Calvin Coolidge. I've always been a fan of his presidency.

### What would your last meal be?

Let's just shove some Fountain pizza in me and some salad. I've had pizza from lots of places, but the Fountain has always been my favorite.

### What is your favorite hobby?

Exercise has always been a big thing for me. I used to be a boxer, and I even taught boxing at the Bethlehem (Area) YMCA.

### Name three things you'd want to have on a desert island.

Some sort of hut to live in to protect me from changes in the weather, a nice food supply that doesn't need something to be plugged in to prepare it and a nice woman to keep me company. Failing that, a fire source so I could prepare the food.

*"Get to know" is a weekly feature where community members are asked questions that aren't necessarily related to their jobs. If you know of someone you think should be highlighted, email [news@spotlightnews.com](mailto:news@spotlightnews.com).*

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## SCHOOLS



### Time to play

Two Bethlehem elementary schools held ribbon cuttings to celebrate the opening of their new playgrounds follow long fundraising campaigns. Glenmont Elementary (pictured right) had its dedication on Friday, Oct. 17, while Elsmere Elementary (above) followed on Wednesday, Oct. 29. The funds were raised through each of the school's Parent-Teacher Associations, with \$100,000 matched by the district as part of the Facilities Improvement Project, approved by voters in 2013. New playgrounds were purchased to bring them up to code and make repairs.

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**PICK OF  
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**Band together**

The Navy Band Commodores will be performing in a free concert at the Palace Theatre in Albany Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. The Commodores offer a mixture of styles ranging from the sounds of the swing era to contemporary high-energy music. Tickets are free and can be obtained by calling the box office at (518) 465-4663.

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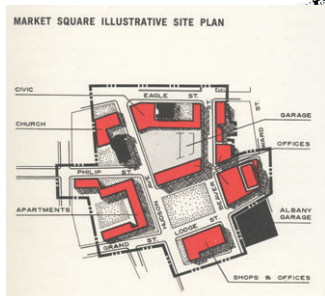
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Library's Main  
Branch, where  
teams will use clues  
to make their way  
through the city.



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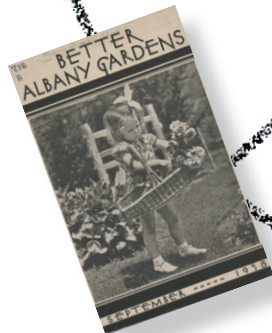
# A race through Albany history

Library turns the city into a game board  
to introduce new patrons to  
its Pruyn Collection



Materials from  
the Albany Public  
Library's Pruyn  
Collection will  
make up the  
clues in the  
Albany History  
Race on  
Saturday,  
Nov. 8.

Submitted



By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**A**s the local history librarian for Albany Public Library, Jim Davies has found a way to combine his love for history with his love of gaming.

Come Saturday, Nov. 8, Davies will take on the role of game master, with the entire city of Albany serving as the game board, as the library launches its first ever Albany History Race.

"I've done some gaming events here and there," said Davies,

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## EVENTS

# Where the cars are the stars

Empire State Plaza Auto Show features the latest models in an indoor setting

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

**ALBANY** — The 2014 Empire State Plaza Auto Show will give attendees a hands-on look at dozens of 2015 automobile models, as well as present-day ones.

"What makes it so nice is that it's all inside and all-inclusive," said Kim Perrella, of Eastern New York Coalition of Automotive Retailers, Inc.

As vice president

of ENYCAR, Perrella is responsible for the auto show and member relations.

"There's no pressure to buy and it's stress free," she said.

And attendance is free.

In all, 130 vehicles from 30 different manufacturers will occupy the floor space of the plaza's concourse from Friday, Nov. 7, to Sunday, Nov. 9.

The list of automakers who will be in attendance includes: Acura, Audi, BMW, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler Jeep, Dodge/RAM, FIAT, Ford, GMC, Honda, Hyundai, Infiniti, Jaguar, Kia, Land Rover, Lincoln, Mazda, Mercedes Benz,

## IF YOU GO

- **What:** Empire State Plaza Auto Show
- **When:** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8; and 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9
- **Where:** Empire State Plaza, Downtown Albany
- **How much:** Free
- **Info:** [www.AlbanyAutoShows.com](http://www.AlbanyAutoShows.com)

Mini, Mitsubishi, MV-1, Nissan, Porsche, Scion, Smart, Subaru, Toyota, Volkswagen and Volvo.

This is the second auto show ENYCAR has organized for the area, and Perrella said it is a



Porsche will be among the automakers displaying their latest models at the Empire State Plaza Auto Show this weekend.

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great opportunity for car shoppers to browse and compare.

"With great incentives and continuing low interest rates, now is the time to go see and feel the latest trends in automotive styling, product development and safety features from 30 different manufacturers,"

said Perrella. "This auto show features cars, trucks, sport-utility vehicles, minivans and specialty exhibitor vehicles to look at, along with additional automotive displays and exhibitors."

Each car remains the star of the show, but there is plenty of other

entertainment to enjoy as well.

For the kids, Mr. Twisty will perform on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Face painting by Audra Miller Face Painting will take place Sunday, from 1-4 p.m. Homegrown celebrity Yolanda Vega is to make a special appearance at the New York Lottery booth.

Perrella also said, those car shoppers in the market for a ski rack are in for a special treat, as the plaza is also hosting the Ski & Snowboard Expo at the same time, beginning at 4 p.m.

The Empire State Plaza Auto Show hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free and parking is available in the Empire State Plaza visitor lot on Friday after 4 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday for \$5. (Parking is available before 4 p.m. on Friday for \$2 an hour.) More information can be found at [www.AlbanyAutoShows.com](http://www.AlbanyAutoShows.com) or "like" the Facebook page Albany Auto Shows for a special contest.

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## ■ THEATER

# 'Almost, Maine' at Spa high school

**SARATOGA SPRINGS**—The Drama Club at Saratoga Springs High School will present its fall production, "Almost, Maine," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8, in the Loewenberg Auditorium.

On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. As the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend - almost - in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

## ■ IF YOU GO

- **What:** "Almost, Maine"
- **When:** Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Saratoga Springs High School's Loewenberg Auditorium
- **How much:** \$6 adults, \$3 students and seniors
- **Info:** [www.sshsdramclub.com](http://www.sshsdramclub.com)

"Almost, Maine" is directed by Kirk Starczewski through special arrangement with Dramatist's Play Service and features a cast of 19 students representing grades 9-12. In addition to the director, other adults filling key roles are Bob Berenis, Linda Bertrand and Lisa Shields.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and \$3 for

senior citizens. Students will sell tickets during lunch hours outside the cafeteria, and tickets will be sold at the door of the high school auditorium one hour prior to each show.

Advanced ticket order forms are available during school hours in the main office. Payments for advance sales must accompany the order, and tickets will be available for pickup at Will Call one hour prior to curtain. Checks may be made payable to "SSHS Drama Club" and mailed to: Drama Club, Saratoga Springs High School, 1 Blue Streak Blvd., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. All seats are general admission.

More information can be found at [www.sshsdramclub.com](http://www.sshsdramclub.com).

## From page B1 ... Archives serve as clues

describing his efforts to introduce new patrons to the library and its variety of materials. "When I took over the role in February, not everyone was aware of the Pruyn Collection."

The Pruyn Collection consists of books, pamphlets, clippings, newspapers, post cards and photographs of Albany County's past. The lives of past citizens can be uncovered through city directories, census records and newspapers. Some of the material also relates to neighboring communities in the Capital District.

The library's effort to preserve and illustrate the storied history of Albany has included several outreach programs. There is the initiative to collect local yearbooks, which ultimately aid patrons with genealogy research. The introduction to "The Story of My House" program educates residents on how to research the stories behind their own homes. And, there's even a mobile

## ■ IF YOU GO

- **What:** Albany History Race
- **When:** Saturday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m.
- **Where:** Albany Public Library Main Branch
- **How much:** free, but must provide own transportation
- **Info:** [localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org](mailto:localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org), or call 427-4376

app that was developed by Troy Web Consulting and the Historic Albany Foundation, which enables people to conduct their own walking tours of Albany's amazing architecture.

The Albany History Race is loosely modeled after CBS television's "The Amazing Race," which pits teams against one another to solve puzzles and overcome challenges in a race across the globe. In this local version, history buffs can test their knowledge as they sprint around Albany.

On Saturday afternoon,

participants will arrive at the library's main location at 161 Washington Ave., where they will be given clues they will need to investigate using the Pruyn Collection. The clues will direct the gamers to eight locations throughout the city. They will then be given a short amount of time to plot the quickest route to visit all of them before they set out on the race.

Teams of four people will need their own vehicle for transpiration. Each team must also have a digital camera (or camera phone), to record proof of their visit to each site. Once all the tasks are completed, it's a race to the finish line at McGeary's Pub at 4 Clinton Square.

Each team is promised a 20 percent discount on food and drinks for the day. The top three teams will receive bragging rights and additional prizes.

Those interested in playing must first register at [localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org](mailto:localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org), or call 427-4376. The race starts Saturday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m., at the library's main location on Washington Avenue.

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## ■ MUSEUMS

# An innovation destination

Festival at miSci packs a lot of science into three days

**SCHENECTADY**—The Museum of Innovation and Science, miSci, is hosting the Science Festival of the Capital Region Friday, Nov. 7, through Sunday, Nov. 9, with a special kick-off event Thursday evening, Nov. 6.

The Science Festival features three days of wall-to-wall science with demos, activities, planetarium shows, and special stage shows in the Festival Tent with more than 45 presenters from throughout the Capital District and beyond. Broadcast from Time Warner Cable's mobile weather station, test your innovation at Quirky's School of Invention, discover the magic of science with San Francisco's Exploratorium, explore birds and nature with the Albany Pine Bush Nature Preserve, and much more.

There are special planetarium shows offered every half hour each day, including "Una Explacion de las Estrellas," a planetarium show offered in Spanish by MiSci and San Francisco's Exploratorium at 2:30 and 4 p.m. Sunday. Stage shows in the Festival Tent include "It's Not Magic ... It's Science!" by San Francisco Exploratorium on Friday, "Wildlife Education" by Bernie on Saturday, and "Bubble Trouble" by Jeff Boyer on Sunday. Visit [www.miSci.org](http://www.miSci.org) for daily schedules.

Kick off the Science Festival of the Capital Region with an exploration of the history of sound recording from 6-8 p.m. Thursday. Hear an 1878 Edison tinfoil recording with miSci archivist Chris Hunter; listen to Pallophotophone demonstrations with mechanical engineer Russ DeMuth, and observe an Edison



Jeff Boyer takes bubbles to the max in this one-man bubble extravaganza stage show at 1 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Science Festival of the Capital Region at miSci.

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wax cylinder acoustic recording and playback demonstration on original equipment with Peter Dilg and SCCC's dean of the School of Music William Meckley. Conclude the evening with a special screening of WMHT's Steinmetz Documentary from 8-9 p.m. "Divine Discontent: Charles Proteus Steinmetz" traces the life of "The Wizard of Schenectady" and how Steinmetz's contributions live today within every electrical pulse and circuit. Dr. Ronald Kline of Cornell University headlines a group of historians and engineers who bring him back to life. Together with the help of the Schenectady Historical Society and miSci, home of General Electric's archives, they combine to tell a compelling story of innovation and triumph in America's Golden Age of Invention.

In conjunction with the Science Festival, there is a Dudley Observatory Skywatch lecture and star party at miSci from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. Astrophysicist

Dr. Heidi Newberg, RPI, presents "On Winning the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics for the Discovery of Dark Energy." Newberg will describe what dark energy is, how it was discovered, what it is like to work on ground-breaking scientific research with The Supernova Cosmology Project. A star party (rain or shine) will follow the lecture. Look at the night sky outside through telescopes or inside the Suits-Bueche Planetarium if rainy.

Festival hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9. Admission to the Science Festival is free with miSci admission of \$9.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children 3-12; add \$2.50 for planetarium show. Admission to the Dudley Observatory Skywatch lecture and star party is \$10 per adult and \$15 per family. Tickets for the Science Festival are also available at all Price Chopper stores. The museum is located at 15 Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady.

## ■ IF YOU GO

## Friday, Nov. 7

- All day: Our Natural Neighbors, Adirondack Museum; Ancient Egyptians, Albany Institute of History & Art; Pine Bush Mobile, Albany Pine Bush Preserve; Take Flight & Pine Bush Display, Albany Pine Bush Preserve; Endangered Species, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center; Fun with Electricity, KAPL; Power Grid, NYISO; SCCC Research Class Posters, SCCC; Stormwater Education, Schenectady County Water Quality Coordinating Committee; and Skull Science & Adaptations, Wilton Wildlife Preserve
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Electromagnets, GE Engineers Edison Group
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Weather Station Broadcasting, Time Warner Cable; Vortex in a Bottle, Time Warner Cable
- 9 a.m.-noon: Constellation Station, Henry Hudson Planetarium
- 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.: School of Invention, Quirky
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: How the Brain Works, Dr. Laura Schweitzer, Union Graduate College
- 10-10:30 a.m.: It's Not Magic...It's Science! Special Stage Show, San Francisco's Exploratorium
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Using Your Noodle, Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Face Painting, miSci
- 11-11:30 a.m.: Cow Eye Dissection, miSci
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: School of Invention, Quirky
- 11:30 a.m.-noon: It's Not Magic ... It's Science! Special Stage Show, San Francisco's Exploratorium
- Noon-12:30 p.m.: Cow Eye Dissection, miSci
- 12:30-2 p.m.: School of Invention, Quirky
- 1-1:30 p.m.: Cow Eye Dissection, miSci
- 1-4 p.m.: Constellation Station, Henry Hudson Planetarium
- 2-2:30 p.m.: Cow Eye Dissection, miSci
- 2-3:30 p.m.: School of Invention, Quirky
- 3-3:30 p.m.: Cow Eye Dissection, miSci
- 3:30-5 p.m.: School of Invention, Quirky

## Saturday, Nov. 8

- All Day: Pine Bush Mobile, Albany Pine Bush Preserve; Birds Take Flight & Pine Bush Display, Albany Pine Bush Preserve; Endangered Species, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center; Fun with Electricity, KAPL; Magic of Nano Snow & Sand, Nano-Link; Power Grid, NYISO; SCCC Research Class Posters, SCCC; Microbiology & Experimenting with Molecules, Science Club of SCCC; Color Printing, Times Union; and Skull Science & Adaptations,

Wilton Wildlife Preserve

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Icosahedrons, Girls Inc. Eureka Girls; Hands-on Fun with Chemistry, Niskayuna Chem Demo Club; and Stormwater Education, Schenectady County Water Quality Coordinating Committee
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Face Painting, miSci; and Animal Encounter, Wildlife Education by Bernie
- 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Weather Station Broadcasting, Time Warner Cable; Vortex in a Bottle, Time Warner Cable
- 10-10:30 a.m., 10:30-11 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.: Kitchen Science, Scotia-Glenville Traveling Museum
- 11 a.m.: "It's Not Magic...It's Science!" San Francisco's Exploratorium
- 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.: Dry Ice Demonstrations, miSci
- 1 p.m.: Wildlife Education Show Special Stage Show, Wildlife Education by Bernie
- 1-5 p.m.: Cockroaches, Eww!, Cat's Eye Pest Control; Paper Airplanes, Union College Engineering Ambassadors Network; Physics Demonstrations, Union College Physics Society; and STEP into Science, Union College STEP Program
- 2 p.m.: "It's Not Magic...It's Science!" San Francisco's Exploratorium

## Sunday, Nov. 9

- Noon-5 p.m.: Pine Bush Mobile, Albany Pine Bush Preserve; Birds Take Flight & Pine Bush Display, Albany Pine Bush Preserve; Bird Quiz, Audubon Society / Capital Region; Rockets to the Rescue, Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H; Endangered Species, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center; Color Printing, Times Union; Fun with Electricity, KAPL; Robotics Scrimmage, Niskayuna HS Robotics Club; Power Grid, NYISO; STEP into Science, Union College STEP Program; Schenectady County Recycles!, Schenectady County Recycling; Stormwater Education, Schenectady County Water Quality Coordinating Committee; Skull Science & Adaptations, Wilton Wildlife Preserve; and Mobile Learning Lab, WMHT
- Noon-4 p.m.: Face Painting, miSci
- 1-2 p.m.: Bubble Trouble Special Stage Show, Jeff Boyer
- 2:30-3 p.m.: "Una Explacion de las Estrellas" Spanish Planetarium Show, miSci & Exploratorium
- 3-4 p.m.: "Bubble Trouble," Jeff Boyer
- 4-4:30 p.m.: "Una Explacion de las Estrellas" Spanish Planetarium Show, miSci & Exploratorium

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## ■ ARTS CALENDAR

### THEATER

#### Evil Dead: The Musical

Troy Civic Theatre's production of modern musical about a zombie apocalypse. Nov. 7, 8 and 9. Uncle Sam Atrium, downtown Troy. Shows: Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$15, students and seniors \$13. Information: 217-8282 or [www.troycivic.org](http://www.troycivic.org).

#### The Lyons

Steve Fletcher's play about a dysfunctional family that's veering in different directions. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre. Through Nov. 22, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or [www.curtaincalltheatre.com](http://www.curtaincalltheatre.com).

#### Jack, the Beanstalk, and Friends

A merging of several children's tales into one play. Nov. 7-23, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Shows: 7 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11. Tickets: general admission \$15. Information: 438-5503 or [www.steamer10theatre.org](http://www.steamer10theatre.org).

### MUSIC

#### Lyle Lovett and His Acoustic Group

Texas singer-songwriter



#### An evening of modern Latin music

Soprano Patricia Cay, above, joins pianist Max Lifchitz for an evening of 20th and 21st century Latin music Monday, Nov. 10, at the University at Albany Performing Arts Center.

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showcases his blend of folk, country and jazz. Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$58-\$64. Information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

#### Crystal Bowersox

Folk rock/country singer and "American Idol" runner-up. Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$27, test drive tickets \$15. Tickets and

information: 273-0038.

#### The Mavericks

Roots rock/alternative country superstars. Nov. 6, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$38-\$48. Information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

#### Under the Streetlamp

Doo wop quartet brings back the American Radio

Songbook. Nov. 6, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$40. Information: 346-6204 or [proctors.org](http://proctors.org).

#### The Compact

Upstate songwriting team of Steven Ross and Erin Hobson celebrate release of "One At A Time." Nov. 6, Club Helsinki Hudson, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Tickets: advance \$12, at the door \$15. Tickets and information: 828-4800 or [www.helsinkihudson.com](http://www.helsinkihudson.com).

#### Emerald Dawn

Irish/acoustic rock duo. Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Emack & Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or [www.ebalbany.com](http://www.ebalbany.com).

#### Bria Skonberg Quintet

Trumpeter and vocalist Skonberg covers jazz from swing to modern. Nov. 7, 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](http://www.aplaceforjazz.org).

#### Bobby Long

British-born singer-songwriter now living in New York City performs his brand of Americana. Nov. 7, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$17. Information: 465-5233, ext. 158 or [www.thelinda.org](http://www.thelinda.org).

#### The Pine Hill Project

Richard Shindell and Lucy Kaplansky team up with Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams for a night of contemporary folk music. Nov. 7, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$28. Information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

#### Dave Hart

Singer-songwriter accompanies himself on guitar and mandolin. Nov. 8, 7 p.m., Emack & Bolio's,

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### HOT DATE

#### George Winston

*One of the greatest modern American pianists performs his seasonal favorites in a variety of styles, from melodic folk to New Orleans stride jazz. Sunday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets are \$29.50 per person. Tickets and more information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).*

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Brother Sun

Folk super trio featuring Greg Greenway, Pat Wictor and Joe Jencks. Nov. 8, 8 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: adults \$23, children 12 and under \$5. Information: 765-2815 or [oldsongs.org](http://oldsongs.org).

Charlie Mars

Musician who's opened for REM, KT Tunstall and Steve Earle plays headlining show. Nov. 8, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$18. Information: 465-5233, ext. 158 or [www.thelinda.org](http://www.thelinda.org).

The Swing Docs

Performing big band-era hits from Glenn Miller to Count Basie, as well as Latin, swing and contemporary songs. Nov. 9, 3 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel, 2195 Eastern Parkway, Schenectady.

Tessa Lark

The first American violinist to win the Naumburg Award since Joseph Silverstein will



From 'American Idol' to Troy

Former "American Idol" contestant Crystal Bowersox brings her blend of Americana music to the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$27, with a special "Test Drive" price of \$15 for those attending their first show at the hall. Call 273-0038.

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perform accompanied by pianist Ellen Hwangbo. Nov. 9, 3 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Presented by Troy Chromatic Concerts. Information: 273-0038 or [www.troymusichall.org](http://www.troymusichall.org).

The Choral Hour

Featuring performances by the University Chamber Singers and the Universty-Community Chorale. Nov. 9, 4 p.m., University at Albany

Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. Tickets: general public \$6, students/seniors/UAlbany faculty and staff \$3. Information: 442-4997 or [www.albany.edu/pac](http://www.albany.edu/pac).

The Battlefield Band

Traditional Scottish ensemble. Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors (GE Theatre), 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$26, day of show \$30, Gold Circle \$40. Tickets and information: 346-6204 or 434-1703.

George Winston

Great American pianist performs solo show. Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$29.50. Information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

Latin America in Song

Soprano Patricia Cay and pianist Max Lifchitz performs art songs from the 20th and 21st centuries. Nov. 10, 7 p.m. University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. Tickets: general public \$8, students/seniors/UAlbany faculty and staff, \$4. Information: 442-3997 or [www.albany.edu/pac](http://www.albany.edu/pac).

Veena Chandra and Devesh Chandra

Sitar and tabla performers. Part of Music at Noon concert series. Nov. 11, noon, Troy

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Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Free. Information: 273-0038 or [www.troymusichall.org](http://www.troymusichall.org).

FILM

The Conversation

Screening of film on its 40th anniversary, followed by a discussion with prize-winning poet and jazz music scholar Sean Singer. Part of New York State Writers Institute's fall series. Nov. 7, 7 p.m., Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Information: [www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst).

Warren Miller's "No Turning Back"

Latest winter sports adventure movie from company that made the genre famous. Nov. 7 and 8, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$23. Information: [palacealbany.com](http://palacealbany.com).

The Goonies

1980s children's adventure film. Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$5. Information: [palacealbany.com](http://palacealbany.com).

LITERARY

An Evening with Lemon Andersen

Cast member of Russell Simmons "Def Poetry Slam" discusses his work and his motivation as part of New York State Writers Institute's fall series. Nov. 6, 7 p.m., University at Albany Art Museum, Fine Arts Building, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: [www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst).

Marc Spitz

Part of "Frequency North" visiting writers series. Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: [www.FrequencyNorth.com](http://www.FrequencyNorth.com).

William Gibson

Science fiction writer reads from his works as part of New York State Writers Institute's fall series. Nov. 9, 7 p.m., EMPAC Concert Hall, RPI, Troy.

Information: [www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst).

Angela Pneuman and Julie Orringer

Novelists and short story writers read from their works as part of New York State Writers Institute's fall series. Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., University at Albany Art Museum, Fine Arts Building, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: [www.albany.edu/writers-inst](http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst).

COMEDY

Comedy Works

Ross Bennett headlines. Nov. 7 and 8, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Advance tickets \$215, day of show \$20. Dinner and show: advance tickets \$39.95, day of show \$44.95. Information, 275-6897 or [www.thecomedyworks.com](http://www.thecomedyworks.com).

Danny Bhoy

Young Scottish comic. Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$25-\$28. Information: 473-1845 or [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).

Kathleen Madigan

Veteran stand-up comedienne. Nov. 8, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank

Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$25-\$34. Information: 273-0038 or [www.troymusichall.org](http://www.troymusichall.org).

The Not Too Far From Home Comedy Tour

Featuring Aaron David Ward, Frank Gentile and Dave Cooperman. Nov. 8, 9 p.m., the Villa Tuscan Grille, 273 Duanesburg Road (Route 7), Rotterdam. Tickets: advance \$15, at the door \$20. Information: 355-2090 or [www.thevillatg.com](http://www.thevillatg.com).

EXHIBITS

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](http://albanyinstitute.org).

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center

"Pine Bush Perspectives,"

a juried photo exhibit. Through Jan. 1. 195 New Karner Road, Albany. Information: 456-0655 or [www.albanypinebush.org](http://www.albanypinebush.org).

Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Abecedarius," a collaboration between Colin Boyd and Michael Oatman, through Dec. 23. 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552 or [www.artscenteronline.org](http://www.artscenteronline.org).

Esther Massry Gallery

Featuring new exhibition by Daniella Dooling, Through Dec. 7. "Black," an exhibition featuring narrative figure paintings of American images telling American stories by Brian Cirimo. Through Feb. 25. The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: [www.strose.edu](http://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](http://www.miSci.org).

New York State Museum

"Along His Own Lines: A Retrospective of New York Realist Eugene Speicher," 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](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov).

The Opalka at Sage

"Meander, Because You Don't See Much While Marching/Mike Glier, a 35 Year Survey." Through Dec. 21, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: [www.sage.edu/opalka](http://www.sage.edu/opalka).

Sorelle Gallery

"Giclee Print Show," featuring several area

artists. Nov. 7-20. Stuyvesant Plaza, Western Avenue, Albany. Opening reception: Oct. 25, 4 p.m. Information: 482-2000 or [www.sorellegallery.com](http://www.sorellegallery.com).

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

Laffer Gallery

"Upstate Invitational," featuring works by Bob Augstell, Susan Stuart and Laura Von Rosk. Nov. 1-30. 96 Broad St., Schuylerville. Information: 695-3181 or [www.thelaffergallery.com](http://www.thelaffergallery.com).

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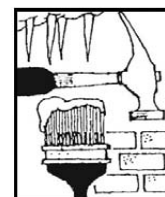
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## EVENTS

# Comic timing

Albany Comic Con capitalizes on a growing interest in the industry, as well as a shift in its typical demographic

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**  
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**COLONIE** — The tattered remnants of a kid's first comic are often interwoven into the stuff that makes a grownup.

"I remember the first comic I got was Spiderman. It was when Spiderman was introduced to Carnage," said Albany resident Jordan Gonyea, 23, who was a mere infant when that issue was released in 1991.

"Still have that comic to this day."

Gonyea describes himself as a "Spiderman nerd" because he identifies himself with the Marvel comic hero.

"His personality closely resembles my own. I like when he gets his powers, when he loses his way and uses them strictly for revenge but [then] is able to find himself and eventually use it for the greater good; to protect those who cannot protect themselves," he said. "It's more than just saving the day because there are a lot of internal battles."

These days, the popularity of

comic book heroes is at an all-time high, fueled by a Hollywood injection into mainstream society, bringing storylines previously locked within graphic novels perused only by the closet geeks who enjoyed them.

That popularity has led to the cultural phenomenon that is a "ComicCon." The term is just a chic way of saying comic book convention, something that local proprietor John Belskis knows all too well. Three times a year, he organizes such shows for the Capital District, events that "seem like a walk down memory lane for some, and like attending a carnival for others."

Belskis' latest event, the Albany Comic Con, is set for Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Colonie.

"For new attendees, they should expect a day of fun and excitement," said Belskis. "There is a lot to look at, and take in with the shows costume contest, panel discussions, and all of the different vendors. If you're a fan of the current movies or games, or just like Adam West Batman,

*"If you're a fan of the current movies or games, or just like Adam West Batman, there is something here for you."*

— John Belskis,  
organizer of the Albany Comic Con

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In the world of comics, gone is the awkward persona of intelligent young adults portrayed in the '80s. It's 2014. It's already been several years since Anthony Edwards has evolved from a socially inept nerd in "Revenge of the Nerds" into a sexy and confident doctor of "ER." Being a nerd is cool. See also: Bill Gates or Tony Stark (also known as Iron Man).

Fwoosh.com managing editor Timothy Pitts is self-proclaimed geek.

"Absolutely, I always was," said the 40-year old Bethlehem Central graduate, whose life vitae includes martial arts student, night club DJ, and college English professor. "I tried to hide from it and play it down for many years

The Albany Comic Con gives comic book fans a chance to meet fellow fans and the creators of some of their illustrated favorites.

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### Conventions give fans face time

due to toxic social stigma, but in the room I'm in right now I'm surrounded by comics and action figures. So, yes, geek."

In recent years, millions of moviegoers have geeked-out to comic-themed features like "X-Men," "Iron Man," "Avengers," and "Captain America." So much so that earlier this year "Captain America 2: Winter Soldier" grossed more than \$700 million dollars in box office sales. It's just the latest film within the franchise to garner such financial success. And, it has since coaxed Marvel Studios to recently announce plans to release nine films over the next five years, including two new Avengers movies.

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But, that success doesn't necessarily trickle down to the comic book industry.

"Comic properties are more popular," said Pitts, whose online magazine covers the collectibles industry that includes comic books and action figures. He cites the popularity of the movies, of television shows, toys, statues, clothes and games. "Comics themselves, however, haven't actually benefitted all that much from this newfound cultural legitimacy."

One reason is that

Marvel Comics sold away the movie and television rights of their beloved characters to media moguls Disney, SONY and Fox. As a result, the successes of each movie have not produced a financial windfall for the book publisher.

Another reason is that the comic book industry became self-aware of the value individual books received in secondary markets like trade conventions. Heavier paper stock was used. Books were printed in excess, saturating the market. Yet, traditional outlets like toy stores and corner stores were phased out, replaced by bookstores and specialty comic shops. Gone were the "Still Only 35 Cent" copies and in were collected volumes sold for several dollars apiece.

"When you do that, you see mostly guys in their 30s and 40s," said Pitts, who said he learned how to read by going over Batman comics. He said today he sees publishers focusing on a more adult audience, or "guys who've been buying comics since they were kids."

"It's rare you see kids there on their own accord buying things for themselves; usually they're there with their dad who is buying stuff for himself," said Pitts. "In terms of sales, comics are way down from the halcyon days of

## IF YOU GO

- **What:** Albany Comic Con
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the early '90s."

Sales expectations have dramatically changed in the past 20 years, said Pitts. A book that sells enough to produce a 12-issue run is considered a "phenomenal" success in today's market, whereas in the past that same production would be deemed a failure.

"The playing field today is way different."

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That playing field includes comic book conventions like the Albany Comic Con.

Today, those conventions are often attended by people wearing handmade costumes of their favorite characters from comics, video games or television shows. Many comic-cons also include exclusive question-and-answer sessions involving major players of the industry. At the Albany Comic Con, Joe Sinnott, whose credits include *Fantastic Four* and *Captain America*, and Bob Wiacek, of *Uncanny X-men* and *Star Wars* fame, will be among the guests.

"Many of the fans that come to the show enjoy

meeting the comic artists and writers that regularly attend the show," said Belskis. "Having sketches and getting signatures is a big part of attending for them."

The intimate approach of these conventions has had a positive influence on the industry of late. For one, they allow fans to be exposed to smaller publishing houses, outside of the big two — DC and Marvel Comics.

Pitts credits one in particular for pushing the proverbial envelope.

"What is cool is the diversity we're seeing these days," said Pitts. "It's not all male superheroes saving the day and barely dressed female characters used to sell the books to 15-year-old boys. There are now creators from a wide array of backgrounds creating some of the most compelling comic books ever. Anything Image produces these days is gold in terms of quality storytelling, and every month, new books debut that makes us rethink what a comic book can be."

The paradigm shift in readers has included an increase in women who enjoy comics. Pitts said his wife moderates a Facebook page (Lady Geek — there's that word again) for the female fan.

"It's awesome," he said. "It's a place where women can discuss this stuff without being harassed."

Many collectors like Pitts no longer see comics



as the investment vehicle they were decades ago. Nonetheless, there is still a good reason to go to a bookstore or convention to pick up a book.

"If you're buying them for any other reason than you want to read the story, then you're delusional," he said. "We stick to mostly collected editions. But, for some books, we can't wait that long. So, we do buy the floppies (slang for

monthly comic)."

The Albany Comic Con takes place Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Colonie, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Advanced tickets, VIP packages and additional information about events and exhibitors are available by visiting albanycomicbookshow.com. Tickets start at \$8 for general admission and \$20 for a family pass.

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# State Museum celebrates New York History Month

Free November programs to include talks, educational activities and family events

**ALBANY**— The New York State Museum will celebrate New York State History Month in November with a variety of free, public programs for children, families and adults.

The museum will also open a new exhibition that explores the history of the Shaker community on Saturday, Nov. 15, called "The Shakers: America's Quiet Revolutionaries."

"November is New York State History Month," said Museum Director Mark Schaming. "The Board of Regents and the State Museum understand the importance of history education. New York's history is central to American history. Across the state and at the State Museum, New Yorkers can learn about the Empire State's history at our wonderful museums and educational institutions. From talks with historians to children's educational activities, there's a free history program for everyone, everywhere in New York."

New York State Historian Robert Weible said History Month is a time for all New Yorkers to appreciate the importance of the Empire State's history and visit some of its cultural institutions and

historic sites.

The Museum has created a webpage to celebrate New York State History Month at [www.nysm.nysed.gov/historymonth](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/historymonth). The website features a list of history programs and statewide history organizations, educational resources, and a "New York Minutes" feature that includes a New York State history fact of the day for every day in November.

Below is a schedule of free programs at the museum to celebrate History Month, including a special presentation by Harold Holzer, one of the county's leading authorities on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era. Holzer will speak about the Civil War, his new book on President Lincoln, and the catalog book for the State Museum's 2012 award-winning Civil War exhibition. For more information about any of the programs below, visit [www.nysm.nysed.gov/historymonth/nsymprograms.html](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/historymonth/nsymprograms.html).

### Schedule

- **Lasting Impact: The Waterford Flight Lecture**, Nov. 12, 7-8 p.m.

- **Behind the Scenes Tour: State Museum Shaker Collection Tour**,

Nov. 15, 1 p.m. (pre-registration is required, call (518) 474-0575)

- **Cities Under Pressure: How the Great Migration Affected Upstate New York** Lecture, Nov. 19, 7-8 p.m.

- **New York State's Great Places and Spaces Family Program**, Nov. 22, noon-4 p.m.

- **Gallery Tour of The Shakers: America's Quiet Revolutionaries**, Nov. 22, 1-3 p.m.

- **Civil War History: Special Presentation by Harold Holzer and Double Book Signing**, Nov. 24, 7 p.m.,

- **Celebrating 100 Years of the New York State Museum's Carousel Family Program**, Nov. 29, 1-4 p.m.

- **Preserving the Carousel: The History and Conservation of the Museum's Carousel** Lecture, Nov. 29, 2-3 p.m.

The New York State Museum is a program of the New York State Education Department's Office of Cultural Education. Located on Madison Avenue in Albany, the museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is free. Further information about programs and events can be obtained by calling (518) 474-5877 or visiting the Museum website at [www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov).

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