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The wheels of history

Hess Toy Truck Mobile Museum stops in Slingerlands, showcases its 50-year history

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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SLINGERLANDS — Fascination over Hess' toy trucks seemed to hold an ageless appeal at a recent and rare showing of the entire collection.

"The adults are more excited than the kids," said Mark DiConzo, a Hess Toy Truck Mobile Museum manager.

Hess' Mobile Museum stopped on



Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the company's gas station located at 1358 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its iconic holiday toy trucks. The mobile museum is the first — and possibly only — time a complete collection of toy trucks were showcased for the general public.

"It's lasted 50 years because its been passed on as a tradition," said Jamie Westberry, a museum manager.



There were even some longtime collectors that stopped at the museum.

"There was a couple today, it was their 50th wedding anniversary and the gentleman had been collecting the trucks," Westberry said.

The Mobile Museum also featured activities for children outside of its collection



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Visitors young and old marveled at 50 years of Hess toy vehicles on display at the company's Mobile Museum, which made a stop in Slingerlands Tuesday, Nov. 4. ▲

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Don't feel like cooking this Thanksgiving? No problem. Local eateries offer takeout and in-house dining options

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The Bethlehem girls soccer team reaches the state semifinals after winning the Section 2 and regional Class AA titles — all while fielding a young team that wasn't expected to get this far.

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SCHOOLS

GCSD calls for bids on upgrades

Capital improvements proceed through fog of building study

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GUILDERLAND — Capital improvements totaling more than \$17 million are proceeding as planned, despite uncertainty over whether Guilderland school district will continue using all its buildings.

The Guilderland Board of Education on Wednesday, Nov. 5, unanimously approved going to bid on its building project, which includes \$14 million of building renovations, safety and securing improvements totaling \$1.5 million, and infrastructure upgrades totaling \$1.8 million. District voters approved spending up

to \$17.32 million on the bulk upgrades proposal last November, which district officials described as needed facilities improvements.

What loomed a year ago were results from the then-uncompleted building capacity study. District leaders had said some improvements might not be completed following results from the study.

School board members could have stalled bidding out some of the project, but decided adhere to the recommendation from district administrators to bid out the entire project.

“Trying to hold off and take a substantial portion of the work that is going to be done and pushing it to the second summer creates a lot of issues that make it difficult to go forward with this project,” said Assistant Superintendent for Business Neil Sanders.

The alternative would

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— Assistant Superintendent for Business Neil Sanders

have been to withhold certain portions of the work pending building capacity determinations, with the remainder of the project going out to bid in January 2016.

School board member Gloria Towle-Hilt said the Business Practices Committee, which she is a member of, spent “a long time” determining the best approach. Towle-Hilt said the committee ultimately agreed with district administrators’ recommendation to bid the entire project, and was urging the school board to follow suit.

Sanders said he would have urged board members to delay the project if a

decision on the future use of school facilities would be realized in a year; otherwise, the delay would have little value.

“If we were closer to a decision in this process, it would be a different conversation,” Sanders said. “But we’re having our first public engagement in a few weeks, and that’s really the start of the process.”

The timeline district leaders originally envisioned would have had a clearer direction from the building capacity study at this point. Setting aside the scenarios prolonged this decision making process.

“We were probably thinking back then we would be in a position

now of knowing, but we’re not. We’ve pushed this out now,” said Towle-Hilt.

She said committee members felt the district would not be ready in a year to decide the future of building usage. “This is going to take some time,” she said.

Around \$5.5 million of construction work, or 40 percent of overall costs, could be bid out in January of 2016 and completed that summer.

Construction priorities to be completed during summer 2015 include safety and security improvements to buildings, along with infrastructure needs.

These security improvements include modifications to lobbies and main offices to better control building access, electronic visitor sign-in systems, additional security cameras and door swipe card access points,

along with new hardware allowing faculty to quickly lock doors from inside a room.

Some building systems or components are nearing a “failure point,” according to Sanders, so making repairs would not make sense economically.

Bidding out the entire project would lock in labor and material prices, too. Sander said if the remaining work is bid out a year later, that could result the price escalating up to 4 percent, or around \$200,000 more for the same work.

“Cost escalation may also lead to a situation where the project budget may be impacted,” said Sanders. “This could lead to the district’s inability to complete all of the work as intended by having to forego elements of the project.”

He said the quality of firms placing bids could diminish as the scope of work decreases through a phased bidding process.

Sanders said the improvements would increase the value of buildings for potential sales or rental.

“The unique attributes of a school building and its grounds make it most attractive for continuing use as an educational space,” said Sanders. “Based on that reasoning, the improvements being pursued will provide additional value to perspective tenant or purchaser for which the district will reap the benefit.”

Some school board members questioned Sanders’ logic on all improvements adding value if an elementary school were sold or rented.

“If any of the five schools are rented or leased out, the configuration that we’re doing up front is not going to help,” said board member Colleen O’Connell. “I disagree ... with your conclusion that they are necessarily going to be schools. I think many of the schools would make

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■ COMMUNITY

Following the path of peace

Delmar woman honored for her tireless dedication to social justice

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BETHLEHEM — Maud Easter attended her first peace demonstration when she was a college freshman to protest against nuclear testing.

"There was this department store in Philadelphia nearby that said you would be safe if you bought a fallout shelter," said Easter.

This was in 1961, and those at the demonstration felt the public was being lied to. At a young age, Easter read a lot about the dangers of nuclear weapons. She quickly realized she didn't want the United States using them or testing them for warfare.

"I was trying to educate people and be a public voice that shelters weren't going to be able to protect us," Easter said. "We needed to find a more peaceful way to work with other countries."

The issue still resonates with her today because the country still has a nuclear arsenal, which President Barack Obama at one time vowed to dismantle.

Easter said there is now movement to upgrade the arsenal again; something she feels is "folly."

As time went on, Easter turned to other social justice issues. She moved to the Capital District in 1981, where she became involved in local peace movements. In 2002, she became one of the founding members of the region's Women Against War group, before moving to Bethlehem in 2004.

"People all over the world were pleading with the U.S. not to go to war with Iraq and we (Women Against War) wanted to be a part of that movement," said Easter. "I wanted to be a part of a group that put together my concerns of women's voices being heard

and the prevention of this war from happening."

The group is still going strong 12 years later, although recent efforts have been to speak out in favor of benefits and health care for veterans, and demonstrating against the use of drone warfare.

Easter said the work has greatly enriched her life, and last month, she was awarded with the Winter Soldier Award from the local chapter of Veterans for Peace.

Dan Wilcox, vice president and treasurer of the local Tom Paine Chapter, said the award has been given out the past six years to honor someone in the community who has been outspoken and active in peace and social justice movements.

Wilcox said the name of the award was inspired by a quote from



Delmar activist Maud Easter was recently given the Winter Soldier Award from the local chapter of Veterans for Peace.

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Tom Paine, who spoke of soldiers during the American Revolution who would only fight in good weather and leave when the seasons turned cold. The saying popped up again during Vietnam, where Vietnam Veterans Against War sponsored a media event to shed light on war crimes.

The chapter felt the name fit perfectly for their award. Their problem in recent years has been deciding who to present the award to since there are so many people in the area who fit the criteria.

"We chose to honor (Maud) essentially for her lifelong work for peace, women's issues and social

"I don't feel this award is for just me, but for all the women in the group who have worked for more than a decade now for the U.S. to settle disputes peacefully and use diplomacy to address problems."

— Maud Easter, activist

justice," said Wilcox. "We are not saying she is better or does more than anyone else, but that she is a model, mentor and elder we should look to, to learn how to do the right thing. She is just one of those people."

Easter said she was thrilled to receive the award.

"I don't feel this award is for just me, but for all the women in the group who have worked for more than a decade now for the U.S. to settle disputes peacefully and use diplomacy to address problems," said Easter.

Women Against War is sponsoring The Drone Quilt Exhibit locally at the Hubbard Interfaith

Sanctuary at the College of St. Rose through Friday, Nov. 14.

The group is also sponsoring performances of the play "Grounded" by George Brant. The play tells the story of a female fighter pilot and her struggles with operating a military drone overseas from the comfort of Las Vegas. Performances are scheduled for The Campus Theater at The College of St. Rose on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m., Old Chatham Quaker Meetinghouse in Old Chatam at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, and Academy of the Holy Names Upper School in Albany on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

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■ COPS, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

Teen driving stolen Mercedes crashes

Bethlehem police arrested a 17-year-old Clifton Park youth on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 8, after the vehicle he was driving crashed into a wooded area near Bender Lane after he allegedly fled a traffic stop. The teen was charged with possession of stolen property, unlawful fleeing of a police officer and various vehicle and traffic law charges.

At 1:55 p.m. Saturday, officers pulled over a gray Mercedes traveling east on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, in violation of various traffic laws. As the officers exited their patrol car, the driver allegedly fled the scene southbound on Oakwood Road at a high rate of speed. The vehicle failed to stop at the end of Oakwood Road, crossed over Bender Lane and crashed into a wooded area where the driver was apprehended without further incident. The driver was uninjured in the crash.

The 1992 Mercedes was reported stolen from Gemini Motorcars of Albany. The license plate displayed on the Mercedes was also reported stolen from Clifton Park.

During arraignment in Bethlehem Town Court, the youth was granted youthful offender status and released under supervision of probation. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Dec. 2.

Fliers distributed seeking more homicide info

A month after a family of four was found slain in their Western Avenue home in the Town of Guilderland, authorities have distributed fliers seeking information on the apparent killings.

State Police, in partnership with the Guilderland Police Department, announced on Wednesday, Nov. 5, that a flier seeking the public's assistance on the quadruple homicide would be distributed in the Capital District. The poster, which is worded in English and Chinese, features two photos, including one of the four family members and another of only the two murdered boys. The fliers had already been distributed in New York City, according to police.

The flier requests anyone with information to contact the established hotline at 1-800-GIVE-TIP. State Police said the fliers would be distributed locally where there is a "Chinese influence or populace."

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.

Authorities said

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(1-800-GIVE TIP) 或电邮: crimetip@nysic.ny.gov

The New York State Police are asking for the public's help in solving the homicides of the Chen family which occurred on 10/08/14 in Guilderland (Albany County), NY. Anyone with information is asked to call the New York State Police at 1-800-448-3847 or (1-800-GIVE TIP) or email: crimetip@nysic.ny.gov



A flier seeking more information about the slain Guilderland family has been distributed in New York City and parts of the Capital District.

specific details regarding the quadruple homicide are still being withheld as State Police, Guilderland police, and other local, state and federal agencies continue the investigation.

Arrests

• Guilderland police arrested Emma A. Osborn, 17, of 68D Bishops Gate Regency

in Albany, around 8:20 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and charged her with assault in the second degree and criminal mischief in the third degree, both felonies, obstructing governmental administration in the second degree, assault in the third degree, resisting arrest and harassment in the second degree. Osborn's mother called police because her

daughter had allegedly damaged her apartment by throwing glass jars on the floor and kicking a large hole through the wall, along with being concerned for her welfare. Police eventually found Osborn in the basement of the apartment complex. She allegedly did not comply with police ordering her to place her hands behind her back, but was eventually taken into custody. After being placed in the back seat of a patrol car, Osborn was allegedly able to free herself from the handcuffs, and again refused to comply with orders of police. She allegedly became combative and bit an officer's thumb. Police then used pepper spray on her to take her back into custody. Osborn was treated at Albany Medical Center. She was transported to Albany County jail and was scheduled to be arraigned on Saturday, Nov. 1.

• Guilderland police arrested Donald Philip Schaak, 62, of 601 Tedesco Court in Schenectady, at 9:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, and charged him with criminal contempt in the first degree, a felony, and harassment in the second degree. Police said Schaak turned himself on the alleged charges that stemmed from an incident on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

• Guilderland police arrested Scott S. Lamb, 39, of 7 Gabriel Terrace in Albany, at 1:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2,

and charged him with aggravated DWI, failure to keep right and failure to stay in a single lane. Police stopped Lamb for traffic infractions and after approaching his car noticed there was "heavy" front-end damage. Lamb allegedly said he was not sure how the damage was sustained. Police said there was an odor of alcohol emanating from Lamb's breath, and he had glassy, bloodshot eyes. He allegedly told police he should not have been driving and appeared to admit he was intoxicated. A chemical breath test determined he had a BAC of 0.21 percent.

• Guilderland police arrested Bethany R. Houck, 25, of 15 Harmony Hill #3D in Albany, around 2:10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and charged her with aggravated DWI for having a BAC of 0.18 or more, failure to turn head lamps on and speeding. Houck was allegedly driving 13 mph over the speed limit on Western Avenue without her headlights turned on. Police stopped her and observed her to have an odor of alcohol emanating from her breath, impaired motor coordination, slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. She allegedly admitted to consuming alcohol before driving. A chemical breath test revealed she had a BAC of 0.18 percent.

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Arrests (cont.)

• Guilderland police arrested Eddie Blanco, 20, of 1918 Foster Ave. in Schenectady, around 1:40 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, and charged him with DWI, refusal to take a breath test and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree. Police stopped Blanco for traffic infractions and he initially sprayed cologne on himself and in the vehicle. Police said he was "Very thick tongued" while speaking and had very slow motor coordination. Blanco allegedly had vomit on his right thigh and a cup filled with vomit in the cup holder. Police observed an odor of alcohol emanating from the vehicle. He failed all standardized field sobriety tests that were administered to him, according to police.

• Guilderland police arrested Cory A. Wickham, 45, of 23 East Dillenbeck Drive in Albany, around 11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and charged him with DWI, refusal to take a breath test and illegal signal. Police stopped Wickham for the traffic infraction and observed him to have a strong odor of alcohol, red cheeks, and bloodshot, watery eyes. Wickham allegedly told police he had consumed "a couple of beers" before driving. He said to police, "I'm 150 feet from my house, can't you just let me go?" He allegedly was

verbally abusive to police during standardized field sobriety tests and refused to finish the tests being administered. Police had to physically place Wickham's hands behind his back, and he did not cooperate while being placed into the back of a patrol car. Police said he was also verbally abusive while being transported to the police station and refused to get out of the patrol car upon arrival. Police said Wickham refused to take a chemical breath test, and he said, "What, blow into that thing to prove that I'm guilty?" Police asked Wickham if he was intoxicated and he allegedly said, "Yeah, a little bit."

• Guilderland police arrested Nicholas J. Pacyna, 23, 10 Baker Road in Queensbury, around 1:25 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and charged him with DWI, refusal to take a breath test, failure to keep right and failure to stay in a single lane. Pacyna allegedly committed traffic infractions while traveling eastbound on Western Avenue. Police stopped Pacyna and observed him to have an odor of alcohol on his breath, impaired motor coordination, slurred speech and glassy eyes. He allegedly had a "blank expression" when police asked him where he was coming from and if he had consumed any alcohol. Police said he failed a series of standardized field sobriety tests. He refused

to take a chemical breath test.

• Guilderland police arrested David R. Krakat, 23, of 43 Cordell Road in Schenectady, around 12:50 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, and charged him with DWI, drinking alcohol in a motor vehicle on a highway, operating a motor vehicle without an inspection certificate and failure to stop at a stop sign. Police said Krakat failed to come to a complete stop at the intersection of Old State Road and Kings Road. Police stopped Krakat and observed a strong odor of alcohol while approaching the vehicle, along with an open bottle of Jaegermeister on the passenger seat. The vehicle had an inspection sticker that expired in September. Police said Krakat's speech was slurred and his face was flushed. When he exited his vehicle he tripped and had to hold onto his vehicle for balance. He then tripped again while walking on the shoulder of the road, according to police. A chemical breath test revealed he had a BAC of 0.16 percent.

• Guilderland police arrested Dominic Howard Covell, 37, 530 Russell Road #2 in Albany, at 12:50 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and charged him with DWI and operating a motor vehicle with obstructed vision. Police said Covell's front windshield was iced over and an officer was not able

to clearly see the driver. Covell was stopped on Western Avenue and police said his windows were frozen over with a thin layer of ice. Police observed him to have a strong odor of alcohol, droopy eyelids and bloodshot eyes. Police allegedly heard what appeared to be Covell's defroster operating on high, but the front windshield was still not clear. Covell allegedly told police he had one drink at a restaurant after work. A chemical breath test revealed he had a BAC of 0.11 percent.

• State Police arrested Kristen Betke, 19, of Watervliet, on Sunday, Nov. 2, and charged her with DWI. Police stopped Betke on I-87 in the Town of Guilderland for allegedly speeding and observed her to have slurred speech and an odor of alcohol on her breath. Following standardized field sobriety tests, she was found to have a BAC of 0.14 percent, according to police.

• Guilderland police arrested Lisa J. Davis, of 44 Cemetery Road in Clifton Park, at 3:10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, and charged her with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, failure to keep to the right, changing lanes when hazardous, illegal signal and speeding. Davis allegedly turned onto Schoolhouse Road from Western Avenue without using a signal, accelerated to 20 mph over the speed

limit and crossed the solid double yellow line completely to be driving on the wrong side of the road, according to police. After an officer asked for her license and registration, she allegedly said, "No, take me to jail." Police observed her to have impaired motor coordination,

impaired speech, dilated pupils, glassy eyes and erratic mood swings. She tested negative for having consumed alcohol, which police said was inconsistent with her impairment. Davis allegedly admitted to taking prescribed medicine four hours before driving. She submitted to a blood draw.

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■ IN THE COURTS

No damages in ex-cop's civil suit

Jury finds in favor of town in court case judge calls 'extremely complicated'

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BETHLEHEM—Former Bethlehem police officer Christopher Hughes was unsuccessful in his civil lawsuit filed against the police chief and town for allegations his First Amendment free speech rights were violated during his years as an officer.

The case was heard in Albany federal court from Monday, Nov. 3 to Friday, Nov. 7. The jury found in favor of Hughes on one of three counts, but said the actions taken by Police Chief Louis Corsi would have taken place whether Hughes had spoken up or not. No damages were awarded to Hughes.

Tom O'Connor of Napierski, Vandenberg, Napierski and O'Connor, who is represented the town and Corsi in the case, weighed in on the verdict shortly after it was reached Friday.

"We're delighted the jury reached the same conclusion we reached in regards to the chief's lack of responsibility in this case," O'Connor said.

Background

Hughes first filed the lawsuit in 2010. In March 2013, Chief Judge Gary Sharp of the New York State

Court of Appeals denied the town's motion for summary judgment, and on March 24 of this year the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit upheld the decision, concluding there were issues of fact to be decided by a jury.

The jury was asked to rule if Corsi had retaliated against Hughes for union participation, for going to the town administration and the press with allegations Corsi had uttered a racial epithet on a taped phone conversation from his office, and speaking out about his concerns regarding the conduct of a fellow officer.

Judge Sharpe called the case "extremely complicated."

The verdict

The jury ruled Hughes' attorney did not prove Corsi retaliated for his participation with the union, and also did not prove Corsi retaliated against Hughes for disclosing the racial slur. They did rule Corsi retaliated against Hughes for his discussions with town officials and the county district attorney's Public Integrity Unit about an officer's alleged misconduct.

However, the jury said it also felt the actions would have been taken by Corsi as disciplinary whether Hughes spoke out or not, due to the Hughes' job conduct. This surprised the attorneys for both sides since they believed if the jury believed Corsi would have taken the disciplinary actions anyway, they first would have found in favor of Hughes on all



Former Bethlehem cop Chris Hughes, shown in this 2012 file photo, was alleging the town retaliated against him for speaking out against what he believed problem in the police department. In his civil case, which went to trial last week, a jury found in favor of the Chief Louis Corsi and the town.

Spotlight file photo

counts. This is because the alleged retaliatory actions had not been separated based on the supposed freedom of speech violations, but were all being accounted for together as a whole.

O'Connor argued all of the "so-called retaliation" was done as disciplinary measures because of Hughes' conduct, while Michael Sussman of Sussman and Watkins, who represented Hughes, claimed the timing of the majority of the actions in the spring of 2009 proved the opposite.

"The verdict was puzzling to me," said Sussman. "The jury ruled the chief retaliated against my client for his complaints in relation to public health and safety. I don't think the evidence supports that ruling, so I now have to speak with my client on how he wants to proceed."

Throughout the trial,

various town officials were asked to testify, along with both former and current police officers. The most time was spent hearing testimony from Hughes and Corsi. The police chief was being sued personally, along with the town, but the court found the town could only be held liable if Corsi was as well.

Union activity

In the fall of 2007, it had been known for some time Hughes, an officer since 1991, was unhappy with the policy department's work substitution policy. Officers were allowed to switch their shifts with another officer if a need arose, but the switch had to be approved by a supervisor, typically their sergeant.

Hughes was vocal against the unwritten policy, since he felt the switches were not being approved fairly. Corsi testified he was not objectionable to a written policy, but felt it would most likely be too restrictive and the decision should remain with the administration.

In that year's union negotiations, Hughes was asked to write a work substitution policy. Corsi was involved in writing a counter policy, and the final policy was agreed upon at the negotiation table.

As time went on, Hughes continued to feel the switches were not being approved fairly even with the written policy. This led

to continued complaints to the administration and to then PBA President Mike Berben. Corsi said he met with staff and said he would not stand for unfair switches, but Hughes said he felt his concerns were not being taken seriously.

Hughes took umbrage with several comments made to him by Berben during union meetings in front of the members, including one about "doing what he always did when denied a switch and take a sick day." Berben confirmed during the trial he made the statement.

This resulted in Hughes writing several letters to Berben with additional copies passed out among union members. In one letter, Hughes said he would "wink, wink" take his advice on using sick leave. Hughes claimed this was sarcasm.

Hughes continued to push the issue and clash with Berben, which almost led to a fight in the parking lot of the station as the two men were changing shifts. Both men claimed the other instigated the fight. Berben and his vice president resigned from their union positions a few days later.

"I told the chief I didn't want to engage with Chris anymore," said Berben. "I didn't want to mediate his problems between the union and the department."

Corsi said he had a good working relationship with Berben and wanted him to stay on as BPA president, but he refused.

Hughes, who had previously withdrawn his name for a potential promotion to detective, said his brother, Brian Hughes, came to him a short time later about a conversation he had with Corsi. According to testimony, Brian Hughes said he was called over by the chief one day as he was leaving work to talk about his brother's actions. He claimed the chief said Chris was "making waves" and because of this, he could not bring his name before the town board for promotion to a K-9 handler.

Corsi said he did have a conversation with Brian Hughes asking him to talk

to his brother and possibly schedule a meeting because the chief was concerned. But he denied saying Chris was making waves, and he wouldn't bring his name forward for promotion. Also at the time, the town did not have a K-9 unit and no positions were available. The department was attempting to get outside funding to possibly resurrect the program, but it never happened and there was never an available position.

Public health and safety

For some time, Hughes said he had concerns about a detective in the department.

Hughes claimed the detective had shown up to several scenes intoxicated when he was on call. At one incident, Brian Hughes was asked to write a report where he said he could smell alcohol on the officer's breath, but did not seem like it affected his job performance or he was so intoxicated he couldn't drive.

At one point, Chris Hughes said he and the detective both responded to the hospital to interview the victim of a sexual assault. Hughes claimed the victim remarked she thought she smelled alcohol on the detective's breath. The victim later filed a complaint in May of 2009 against the detective, but only mentioned he seemed "cold and uncaring."

Much of the report focused on the actions of Hughes. The victim said Hughes gave her his card and said if she wanted to meet "over a beer," he could tell her a few things about the detective and goings-on at the department. The report also claimed Hughes spent two hours on the phone with the victim's sister talking about his union issues and his fight with the department. The report said Hughes told the sister the detective was a "raging alcoholic," that the detective took free hockey tickets from the accused rapist, and he had given special treatment to a suspect in a drug arrest.

Lt. Robert Berben, Mike

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■ IN THE COURTS

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'Complicated' case wraps up

Berben's cousin, took the complaint. He said he found Hughes' actions in the report to be inappropriate.

"I thought it was disgusting," said Berben. "This was a date rape victim who was under treatment and was in the middle of having a rape kit performed."

Berben said he met with the detective and his lawyer, and the allegations were unfounded. The detective, who did not testify, said he accepted the offer of tickets in hopes of gaining the suspect's trust and getting a DNA sample from him. The detective also allegedly used his friendship with a female drug suspect to the advantage of the department in the case. She was later charged with felony drug possession, along with others.

Berben said because of the allegations in the complaint, he went to the district attorney's public integrity unit to attempt to bring charges against Hughes. He wrote a report accusing Hughes of immoral conduct, unbecoming conduct, violation of rules, making public statements about police business and dissemination of information, among other charges. He said he was told the case was good, but the D.A. was focusing on getting a conviction in the rape case first because if the report was released, it could adversely affect the case.

O'Connor asked Hughes if he ever thought about how his actions could impact the outcomes in the sexual assault and drug cases. Hughes said no.

"Do you think that is the activity of a model police officer?" asked O'Connor.

"I guess not," said Hughes.

Berben said the D.A. never followed up with his report against Hughes. Sullivan asked if he ever interviewed Hughes before filing the charges, like he did the detective. Berben said no.

The tale of the tape

Also in May, Hughes asked to meet with then Supervisor John "Jack" Cunningham about complaints and concerns he

had about the department.

It was at this meeting he told Cunningham of the existence of a recording where Corsi said a racial slur while on the phone with an Albany County undersheriff.

Cunningham testified Hughes told him he was in possession of the tape and would be giving it to a local civil rights advocate in the African-American community. Hughes testified he had known of the tape's existence for some time, but had just learned Corsi had asked if the tape could be erased and felt that act was criminal.

Corsi said he was ashamed of what he said, although at that time he thought the slur might have been said by the undersheriff. He claimed he simply asked a telecommunications officer if it was possible for the recording to be erased, and he was told no, not that he ordered anyone to do it.

Hughes claimed he never said he had the tape, but that Cunningham told him, "Be careful what you do with this information. These things have a way of coming back to haunt you." Hughes said he took this as a threat.

A letter was eventually submitted by an attorney of Hughes saying he was not in possession of the tape, after the town said he could be charged for being in possession of town property. This led the town to ask Deputy Chief Tim Beebe to begin looking for the tape.

In April the month prior, Hughes had been brought up on charges of sick leave abuse. This stemmed from an incident where he asked the county assistant district attorney to change a meeting he was scheduled to attend so he could go on a fishing trip with his brother.

When his superiors learned of the switch, he was informed by Nextel radio and e-mail the meeting was put back on for the day it was scheduled because he had not asked them for the day off and the switch would mean he received overtime. Hughes claimed he never got those messages and showed up for the meeting the next day.

When no one showed up, he entered his overtime sheet for coming in on a day off, and a paper to request Friday

off. Hughes said by this time the fishing trip was off, but he needed to go to a doctor's appointment with his wife. His request was denied because he still needed to attend the scheduled meeting with the ADA, but they would call him if the situation changed. Several officers, including Lt. Tom Heffernan, testified Hughes said, "Don't bother. I have no intention of coming in."

Hughes turned in a note from a physician's assistant that said he had strep throat and it was recommended he stay out of work for a few days, but Hughes returned to work on Monday. O'Connor alleged this is because he knew he wasn't really sick and he was lying, since lab results eventually came back negative. Hughes said this wasn't true.

Corsi later said the first note was not sufficient. He asked for a second, more detailed note, which Hughes turned in from a doctor. Corsi said he went ahead with disciplinary charges because Hughes had a pattern of prior sick leave abuse that he had been warned about by letter. Corsi said he still didn't feel the second note was sufficient, and Hughes didn't show up exactly like he told Heffernan would happen.

A second set of charges were levied against Hughes in May for an incident on Mother's Day.

Hughes had signed-up to work the Mother's Day race on May 10, 2009. When he arrived, he asked Sgt. Robert Markel what time he believed the race would be over since he had a brunch to attend with his mother. When Markel said he could not guarantee the race would be over in time, Hughes said he could not stay. Markel said that was fine and he would find someone else.

However, Hughes sought overtime for the shift, which was denied. Markel testified Hughes did not even change into his uniform before he left and he did not work the shift. Hughes claimed he worked for 45 minutes, so under the contract he was entitled to four hours overtime pay. Markel and several officers testified that provision is only if an officer is called back into work. Hughes was working voluntarily, and he was not entitled to the overtime.

Then PBA President Scott Anson said Hughes intended to submit the overtime, and the union was

behind him. The second set of charges was made known the same day Hughes met with Cunningham about the tape.

As Beebe searched through hours worth of audio for the chief's racial slur, the chief kept quiet at the advice of labor consul. Since Beebe first had to get the equipment from Albany County to hear the recordings, learn to work it, and then go through about 50 discs with hours of audio, he advised Cunningham it would be some time before the recording is found, if it existed.

During the summer of 2009, Hughes and his father drove around town with billboards of Beebe depicted as a Teletubbie and Corsi in front of a Confederate Flag. Beebe testifies he was embarrassed by the incident, meanwhile the police department received multiple calls from residents about the billboards. Police didn't respond until CVS called about the billboards being parked in their parking lot without permission.

From this incident, a police report was generated that included Hughes' name and address. In September, Hughes confronted Markel in T.G.I. Fridays in front of his wife about his address being placed on the report. He said usually as a courtesy, that is left off of reports concerning officers.

"I didn't feel it was appropriate to be confronted that way," said Markel. "I told the chief if it happens again, I couldn't guarantee what would happen."

Hughes' two sets of disciplinary charges eventually went to arbitration where they are dismissed. The tape containing the racial slur was later found, and Corsi was issued a 10-day suspension without pay through arbitration.

Sick leave

Hughes never returned to work after May 19, and he began submitting doctors' notes on a weekly basis.

"I felt I couldn't go back to that work environment," said Hughes.

In September, Hughes' badge, guns and police identification were taken at the request of Cunningham. The former supervisor said he was worried about Hughes being in possession of the weapons because he was afraid he may hurt himself, his family, or public officials and their families.

When Sullivan asked why he felt that way, Cunningham said Hughes would "come to Town Hall and make long speeches, gave inaccurate statements to the press and accuse (him) of being a liar."

Cunningham and Corsi both testified the chief did not agree with this decision and felt Hughes should be able to keep his things, as he was still a police officer. Hughes felt the same way as others had been out on leave, but were now asked to turn in their weapons and identification.

Hughes was also restricted from the department unless on official business. Corsi said Hughes had been coming to the station even while on sick leave and accessing records. He said other officers were not comfortable with his presence.

Because of statements made to the press about being stressed out and information from his doctors, Hughes was asked to take a mental health evaluation in October. The chief has the right to do so according to the union contract. The appointed doctor confirmed Hughes' complaints about stress and he was given 207-

C status, or disability.

O'Connor asked if this was done maliciously or in an attempt to get Hughes off the force. Corsi said no and he didn't challenge the results because he was entitled to them.

"Catastrophic sick leave is only good for one year," Corsi said to Sullivan. "He eventually would have run out of a paycheck."

Corsi said he wanted Hughes to receive 207-C status so he could continue to be paid.

Hughes lost his 207-C status in June of 2012 when he was found guilty of criminal possession of a forged instrument for possessing a fake identification card in order to purchase a retired police officer badge. The town was able to terminate Hughes as an employee under Section 141 of the town code as a result of the ruling. He was sentenced to five years probation. Hughes' criminal case is a separate incident and was barely mentioned during the trial.

Hughes can now file a post trial motion, which would see the case continued in federal court, or file an appeal.

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■ COMMUNITY

'Tis the season to be wary

Scams and fraud can occur in any season, but these crimes seem more prevalent during the winter holidays. Learn how to avoid becoming a victim in "Staying Safe: Protecting Yourself from Common Scams and Fraud" at Bethlehem Public Library next Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

You'll learn about a variety of common scams and how to spot and avoid them. You'll also learn about assistance available for victims of consumer fraud.

The presenters — Anne-Marie Malak, Susan Grutza and Brittany Strier — are attorneys with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern NY. Their collective expertise includes consumer law, contract fraud, tenant foreclosure protection, deceptive debt settlement schemes, and legal counseling on behalf



of senior citizens, children, and low-income clients.

Registration is required for this program; to sign up, contact Community Caregivers at 456-2898 or info@communitycaregivers.org.

This program is presented by the Legal Aid Society and Community Caregivers, Inc.

Howe's Cave revisited

Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. Spelunker and author Thom Engel will show vintage images of the cave and discuss its history as an attraction.

— Louise Grieco
Public Information
Specialist

Learn to make an infinity scarf

Get crafty at the library. On Saturday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m., and on Monday, 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. Registration is appreciated.

School vacation day at the library

Nov. 20 is a day off from the RCS schools, and just a week out from Thanksgiving. Positively Preschool will be talking turkey at 10:30 a.m. with stories and a turkey puppet craft.

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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.

No need to register for either activity.

Computer classes

Our class size is limited, so you will get your questions answered. Sign up today.

Round Up and Rein In those "Wild" Files: Learn to find, organize, create, save, and delete files on your computer. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m.

— Carol Melewski

Get the family to the Y

As the weather turns colder, the Bethlehem YMCA has scheduled all kinds of events and activities for the whole family, including opportunities to stay in shape, to keep warm, to have fun, and to enjoy a special time with your kids. Many of these opportunities are open to the entire community, not just YMCA members. So check them out and see what everyone is talking about.

• **YMCA Winter Wonderland 5K** — "Here are some who like to run. They run for fun in the hot, hot sun." Surely this line from the classic Dr. Seuss book "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," can be adapted for running in the cold. Perhaps they run for fun when there is no sun.

For everyone who runs outside no matter the weather, the Bethlehem YMCA is having a Winter Wonderland 5K and 3K run on Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at 9 a.m. The races begin and end at Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar. The cost is \$20 per person if you register early, and \$25 the day of the race. There will also be a free



kids' fun run at 8:30 a.m. You can register at any YMCA location or online at CDYMCA.org.

Bring the whole family for an exhilarating day, because from there to here, from here to there, funny things are everywhere.

• **DROP and Shop** — Are you planning on leaving the kids at home so you can shop until you drop on Black Friday? Here's a better idea. Drop your kids off at the Bethlehem YMCA on the Friday after Thanksgiving so they can enjoy a morning of fun, games, and activities. The Drop and Shop event is from 8 a.m. to noon for kids ages 4 to 12. It's \$13 for the first child, \$7 for each additional child and it's open for the entire community.

• **Family Movie Night** — The fastest growing family entertainment event in town is the family movie night at the Bethlehem YMCA. Bring the kids, bring their friends, and enjoy a classic family movie and pizza



The Bethlehem Area YMCA hosted a "spooky skate" for kids on Halloween Friday, Oct. 31. Joining in the costumed fun were, from left, 8-year-old Molly Kantrowitz, 10-year-old Nala Bughara and 6-year-old Tyler Mattenson.

Submitted photo

on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m., and once again we have a raffle for your favorite movie at the front desk.

• **Family Pool Day** — The Bethlehem Y will also have another family fun

pool day on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The pool lap lane dividers come out, and the floats, rafts and pool balls go in while the music plays, it's a great time for the whole family and it's open to all.

Backyard birds program

Join us for the Capital Repertory production of "The Secret Garden" on Thursday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. The cost is \$13, payable to Town of Bethlehem. We'll have a late lunch at Panera Bread, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation. Suggested van donation: \$5.

It's time to have dinner for lunch. On Friday, Nov. 21, we'll have dinner at noon at the Schenectady Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall. Dinner will be \$11 at the door, and will include roast turkey, potato, dressing, vegetable and dessert. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your



reservation. Suggested van donation: \$7.

Do you like to play bridge? Duplicate bridge will be at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Friday, Nov. 21, at 7:15 p.m. Call 439-6164.

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.

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.

— Wilma DeLucco
Bethlehem Senior
Projects, Inc. Board
Member

■ COMMUNITY

Heroin: a serious problem in your area

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 alert you to the ongoing drug crisis in our communities ... and tell you what's being done about it.

This is a must-attend event for parents, grandparents, relatives, guardians ... anyone who is concerned about the wellbeing and safety of our community's children.

Participants in this forum are Albany County

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Sheriff Craig Apple, Guilderland High School Principal Tom Lutsic, Guilderland Police Chief Carol Lawlor, Addictions Care Center of Albany Executive Director Dr. Keith Stack and Emergency Physician Dr. Don Doynow. Each will address their specific efforts and how their educational, treatment, legislative and enforcement activities intertwine to attack the scourge of heroin use.

A key part of the event is

the Q&A session in which they open the floor to speak to your personal concerns.

If you think there's not a problem, then you should read this extract from New York's Heroin Addiction Crisis, a report by the NYS Senate Democratic Conference: "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..."

The bus leaves at 8 a.m. sharp

A reminder to all of you who are on the sold-out Holiday Bus Trip to New York City that's leaving the GPL parking lot at 8 am on Saturday, Nov. 15: Please be on time!

When we get to New York, we'll be dropped off in midtown, on 42nd St between 7th and 8th avenues. We should arrive about 10:30 a.m. You have all day to enjoy all the sights, sounds and celebrations the city has to

offer. You'll be given a map of midtown so you can find your way about.

For the trip home, the bus will meet us just before 7 p.m. in front of the McDonald's on 42nd Street between 7th and 8th avenues; the bus captain — that guy in "The Cat in The Hat" hat — will show you exactly where once we arrive. The bus will leave at 7 p.m., and get back to the GPL parking lot about 9:30 p.m. A second reminder: Don't miss the return bus.

The Dec. 6 Holiday Bus Excursion still has about 20 seats left. If you want to go, act fast before all the seats are gone.

Reserve online now at the Guilderland Chamber's website. Or you can stop by the library and drop off your reservation form.

Seats are just \$45 per person. You'd spend more than that just on gas and tolls getting to the city and back. And as far as the cost of parking, "fuhgeddaboutit."

About the library

The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the library's website at www.guilpl.org. Check out the "unofficial" library updates at [facebook.com/guilpl](https://www.facebook.com/guilpl).

Senior citizens luncheon

The 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 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

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

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. 12

Scheduled shopping
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. 13

Scheduled shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg

1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, Nov. 14

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

Monday, Nov. 11

Scheduled shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Harmonic Group
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Tuesday, Nov. 18

9 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:45-11:45 a.m. Blood Pressure Reading
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Turkey Meatloaf or Cold Plate
11:30 a.m. Speaker: Speech Albany County Department of Aging
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Rummikub
12:30 p.m. Food Pantry Raffle

International games

On Saturday, November 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 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 out a new PS4 game courtesy of Delmar Game Stop.

Then at 3 p.m., grades 4 and up are invited to learn how to make your own two-player racecar

Voorheesville Public Library



video game from "scratch." Space will be limited for all times, so please call ahead to register.

Holiday shopping on Amazon

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

November artist

You only have a few more days to enjoy the gallery display of photographer M-J Adelman. M-J is a world-traveling photographer, and her pictures tell a thousand stories. She has

focused on Iceland and Greenland for this display, and the pictures are incredible. Let us know what you think on your next visit to the library.

NYC bus trip

Saturday, Dec. 6, is the friends of the library 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.

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■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Clothing and textile recycling event

BETHLEHEM — The Town of Bethlehem has partnered with the Bethlehem Central School District and the Delmar Farmer's market to celebrate America Recycles Day.

The recycling event will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Delmar Farmers Market in the Bethlehem Central Middle School. Residents are encouraged to recycle all unwanted clothing, footwear, and other textiles such as sheets, towels, tablecloths, even underwear and single socks. Proceeds from the event benefit Bethlehem Central School District environmental programs.

After Saturday's collection, residents are urged to drop off textiles at a charitable organization, or by using clothing collection bins (such as the blue bin in the Bethlehem Central Middle School parking lot). Residents can find the nearest drop off location by visiting www.townofbethlehem.org or www.NYTextiles.org, or emailing recycle@townofbethlehem.org.

Scrap Therapy part of QUILT meeting

BETHLEHEM — Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. meets Friday, Nov. 14, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. Doors open at 9:15 a.m., and the general meeting begins at 9:45 a.m.

Following the meeting, Joan Ford will be leading a lecture and trunk show called "Scrap Therapy — Seven Steps and More!" There will also be time for members to show and share their works.

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

Voorheesville church hosts bazaar

VOORHEESVILLE — The annual Christmas Bazaar takes place Saturday, Nov. 15,



Hope floats

Twenty members of Hope in the Boat, the Capital District's breast cancer survivor dragon boat racing team, attended the International Breast Cancer Paddling Commission's Participatory Dragon Boat Festival Oct. 24-26 in Sarasota, Fla. The local group joined 100 teams from around the United States, Australia, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom and Canada for three days of racing, workshops and celebratory events. The team is, from left, (bottom row) Alicia Barraza, Helen Tomaso, Jude Lilly, Debbie Gregg, Robin Smith, Lucille Allegretti Freeman, Barbara Neiman, Jeannie Kiley, Annie Cosgrove and Linda Hess; and (top row) Julie Daniels, Alison Jacob, Cynthia Deligiannis, Rosalind Thomas, Christina Haupt, Karen Smith, Lynn Foley, Isabella Currier, Chris Waite and Nikki Smith.

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from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave.

The bazaar offers crafts, baked goods, books, toys, household goods, antique items, holiday decorations and the Mission Café, featuring soups, sandwiches and pies.

Proceeds benefit the church's mission outreach projects.

Gala celebrates 20th anniversary

VOORHEESVILLE — Community Caregivers celebrates its 20th anniversary with its annual gala Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Colonie Golf and Country Club on Route 85A.

The event includes cocktail hour featuring a jazz pianist, dinner, a silent auction and a pair of awards ceremonies — one to honor Troy Miller with the Community Service Award, and the other to honor Cindy Wadach with the Founders Award.

For more information, call Community Caregivers at 456-2898.

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.

Bottle drive at Voorheesville FD

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Fundraising raffle for preschool

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AJCC hosts concert and dinner

ALBANY — The Albany Jewish Community Center is holding a pre-Thanksgiving concert and dinner Monday, Nov. 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the center's auditorium, 340 Whitehall Road.

The Sentimentalists, a mixed vocal sextet from the Mohawk Valley Chorus, will perform a

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The cost is \$13 per person, and prepaid reservations are required in the senior adult office.

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Sportsmart returns to high school Nov. 22

BETHLEHEM — Boy Scout Troop 75 from Delmar is holding its annual fundraiser, Sportsmart, Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria.

Sportsmart is an annual sale of sporting goods, with an emphasis on winter sports and equipment such as skis, ski boots, snowboards, skates, snowshoes and hockey gear. There are also other sporting goods for sale such as soccer cleats, golf clubs and bags, clothing, bikes, lacrosse and baseball gear.

Members of the community can bring in their sporting goods for sale, set a price and, if it sells, receive 75 percent of the sale. Community members can also donate items. The troop has an outside vendor supplying some of the items.

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Local collectors got a rare glimpse of all the limited edition Hess vehicle from the past 50 years in one place with the museum's Capital District stop Tuesday, Nov. 4.

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Mobile Museum makes local stop

space, which included a Kids' Zone featuring a holiday card coloring area, prize wheel and toy truck computer games to play.

In honor of its 50th anniversary, Hess Corporation is releasing the first Collector's Edition Hess Toy Truck — a green tanker truck with chrome detailing, and yellow and red accents — in a commemorative display box. The truck includes more than 100 working lights and a hinged back door to access to the 1964 replica.

The collector's edition is being sold alongside its

traditional holiday toy truck offering.

"They actually listened

to fans and collectors on what they wanted, and what a lot of people wanted was a more classic tanker truck," said Westberry.

The collector's edition will have a



The Mobile Museum featured a Kids' Zone with coloring and a prize wheel.

limited production and is being sold exclusively on its website at www.hesstoytruck.com. DiConzo wasn't aware exactly how many would be made, and said he's only been told "they will sell out."

Collectors might want to get familiar with the website, too, because next year it will be the only place trucks can be purchased.

"The trucks will continue, but they will not be sold in stores anymore," said Westberry. "We're trying to get people acclimated and get used to buying them online this year, so next year will be an easier transition."

The reason trucks will not be sold in stores anymore is because next year there will not be any Hess retail locations to sell the toys. Hess Corporation in May agreed to sell its retail business to Marathon Petroleum Corporation for \$2.6 billion. Marathon owns and operates Speedway gas stations.

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



MIRANDA MANZANO

Bethlehem girls soccer
goaltender Miranda Manzano
is the Spotlight Player of the
Week for the period ending
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helped the Lady Eagles win
the Section 2 and regional
Class AA titles, as she allowed
only two goals in wins over
Saratoga Springs and Section
3 champion Liverpool.

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If you have a high school
athlete you'd like to nominate for
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■ INSIDE



Top 10 finish

Guilderland's Noah Carey
placed ninth at the New
York State Public High
School Athletic As-
sociation Cross Country
Championships.

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■ GIRLS SOCCER



The Bethlehem girls soccer team celebrates after receiving the Section 2 Class AA championship trophy following its 2-1 victory over Saratoga Springs Wednesday, Nov. 5, in Stillwater.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

BC returns to the top

Lady Eagles fend off Saratoga Springs
for first Sectional title in three years

By **ROB JONAS**
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STILLWATER — No. 3. No. 2. No. 1.

Those were the higher seeds Bethlehem knocked off to win the Section 2 Class AA girls soccer title.

The No. 6 Lady Eagles completed their run through the Sectional field by beating top-seeded Saratoga Springs 2-1 in the Class AA final Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Stillwater High School.

As a result, Bethlehem advanced to the regional final against Section 3 champion Liverpool Saturday, Nov. 8 — a game the Lady Eagles won 2-1 in overtime (see related story on Page 14). Bethlehem coach Tom Rogan said it was quite an accomplishment for a Bethlehem team with only two seniors on the roster.

"When we take a step back and look at the

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FINAL SCORE

- Bethlehem Lady Eagles, 2
- Saratoga Blue Streaks, 1



◀ Bethlehem's Kaylee Rickert, right, tussles with a Saratoga defender while waiting for the ball to come to her during the first half of the Section 2 Class AA final Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Stillwater High School. Rickert assisted on Bethlehem's first goal in the 2-1 victory over the Blue Streaks.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

The ride continues through regionals

By **PHIL BLACKWELL**
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None of this was supposed to happen.

The Bethlehem girls soccer team was too young to contend, too inexperienced to match up with the rest of the Suburban Council.

Then, in the Section II Class AA playoffs as a No. 6 seed, the Eagles were expected to put up a good fight, but then quietly surrender and await bigger glory in the years ahead.

And even when the Eagles somehow upended the top three seeds for a stunning sectional title, surely the fun was going to end in the state

tournament, perhaps as soon as Saturday's AA regional final against Section III champion Liverpool at Fulton, north of Syracuse.

Well, with no one really expecting it, the Eagles have cleared all the hurdles and are now in the state final four, two wins away from a state championship that, by this point, might not shock anyone.

Bethlehem's 2-1 overtime victory over

Liverpool in the regional final fit the season-long template - work hard, play solid defense, find a few opportunites and then seize on them.

Like the Eagles, the Warriors were a young (just three seniors) team not expected to win its sectional title, but then upset top seed and defending champion Cicero-North Syracuse by that same 2-1 margin in its sectional final.

This was a rematch of the 2011 regional final won by Bethlehem. With a cold wind whipping across the Fulton turf, it would take a while for both sides to warm up, as the opening stages brought lots of

possession time for the Warriors and Eagles, but no serious scoring threats.

Liverpool stayed patient, though, and in the 18th minutes freshman Emily Dorr, in just the right place, got hold of a deflected pass and drilled a low shot inside the left post and past Bethlehem goalie Miranda Manzano, just the fifth goal she had allowed since Sept. 20.

Soon it was apparent that Liverpool would need to protect that 1-0 lead, because its attack, especially the likes of Meagan O'Neill and Ore Akinpelu, ran headlong into tough Eagles defenders and were shut down the rest of the half.

Changing tactics, the Warriors started the second half with more

players in the back, attempting to protect that slim lead. But that tactic would backfire.

In the 61st minute, Kassie Hautau, who as a junior is one of Bethlehem's older forwards, got open in the middle and quickly shot it off Richey's hands into the net, tying it at 1-1.

For the rest of regulation, it stayed even, largely due to Manzano, who made at least three point-blank stops to keep the Eagles alive. Instead of that, the game would go to a pair of mandatory 10-minute overtime periods.

Less than three minutes into the first OT, the Eagles' Kaylee Richert moved past the defense and zeroed in on Richey. Before Richey could reach out for the ball, Richert

slid it past her, and it rolled past the goal line.

For the remaining 17-plus minutes of the extra period, the Eagles' defense closed ranks even further, making sure that Manzano was not threatened again. Then time ran out, and Bethlehem's unlikely season was extended for one more weekend.

And it will take the Eagles to Tompkins County Community College on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m., where it will face North Rockland (Section I) in the state semifinals. A win would send Bethlehem to the state title game Sunday at 9:30 a.m. against defending champion Massapequa (Section VIII) or Clarence (Section VI).

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◀ Bethlehem's Madison Ehring (18) stays a step ahead of Saratoga's Ellory Bianco (4) as she brings the ball up-field during the first half of the Section 2 Class AA final Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Stillwater High School. Ehring set up both of the Lady Eagles' goals with well-placed free kicks in the 2-1 victory over the Blue Streaks.

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Direct kicks lead to goals

totality of what we did, it's amazing," said Rogan.

As was the case in beating No. 2 Shenendehowa 2-1 in the semifinals Nov. 1, the Lady Eagles staked themselves to a 2-0 lead before holding on for the one-goal victory over Saratoga, which entered the contest ranked No. 4 in New York among Class AA teams.

"The mentality going in was we had nothing to lose ... just go out and win it," said Bethlehem junior goaltender Miranda Manzano.

Both Bethlehem goals came off free kicks by Madison Ehring. In both cases, Ehring lofted kicks

that landed at the feet of her teammates in front of Saratoga goaltender Julia McDonald, which led to goals by Holly Moore in the first half and Shannon Russo in the second half.

"Her kicks were on point," said Kaylee Rickert, who assisted on Moore's goal by deflecting Ehring's kick to the freshman midfielder. "Everything we needed from her, she gave us."

"Right in that tantalizing spot where it's too far for the goaltender to get it, but not close enough for the defense to turn and recover," said Rogan.

Bethlehem's defense made one mistake in the

game, and it cost the Lady Eagles a goal. Bethlehem over-pursued Saratoga as it was crossing the ball outside Bethlehem's penalty box, which allowed Theresa Starnes to get free and launch a long shot that tucked inside the left post to get the Blue Streaks on the scoreboard with 29:30 left in the second half.

Bethlehem made certain it wouldn't relinquish its 2-1 lead the rest of the night, though. The Lady Eagles prevented Saratoga from getting another quality shot on goal, which allowed them to celebrate their first Sectional title in three years.

"I thought we could do it," said Manzano, who needed to make only three saves to gain the victory. "We just had to work as a team to accomplish what we set out to do."

Carey places ninth

Guilderland sophomore makes big impact at states

By **ROB JONAS**

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GUILDERLAND — Noah Carey turned in a ninth-place finish at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Cross Country Championships Saturday, Nov. 8, at SUNY Canton.

The Guilderland sophomore completed the 5-kilometer course in a time of 16:00.2 to make the top 10 in the boys Class A race. Fayetteville-Manlius' Bryce Millar defended his 2013 state title by winning with a

time of 15:30.3. Saratoga's Aidan Tooker was the top Section 2 runner with a fourth-place time of 15:40.3.

Carey and his Section 2 teammates placed second in the intersectional team standings with 286 points. Section 3 (Syracuse region) easily won the intersectional title with 110 points, paced by Class A state champion Fayetteville-Manlius, which had three of the top 10 individual runners.

On the girls' side, Guilderland's Emily Burns was 22nd in the Class A race with a time of 19:01.8. Arlington's Bella Burda won the race with a time of 17:49.7, and Saratoga's Spencer Hayes was the top

Section 2 runner with a 19th-place time of 18:50.4.

Section 2 was third in the intersectional girls team standings with 297 points. Section 1 finished first with 246 points, and Section 3 placed second with 254 points. Fayetteville-Manlius claimed the Class A girls team title with 20 points.

Burns and Carey will be joined by their Guilderland teammates at this weekend's Federation meet Saturday, Nov. 15, at Bowdoin State Park in Wappingers Falls. The Guilderland boys and girls teams each received bids to the annual meet, which also includes the public and private school champions from New York City.



Super Bowl champ meets future Eagles

Former National Football League player and Super Bowl champion Fred Baxter was in Bethlehem last month visiting players in the Bethlehem Pop Warner football program. Baxter attended the pee wee division team's practice Monday, Oct. 20. He was the first to arrive and greeted the players as they arrived. Pee wee division coach and Bethlehem Pop Warner President Chris Manuel arranged the visit as a surprise for the players. "This is a great example of the steps that the NFL is taking to both ensure proper technique is being taught at the youth football levels, as well as to dispel the many misconceptions around the safety of youth football," said Manuel. "While as coaches we like to think that we have an appropriate level of credibility with the players, having someone like Fred — who played 12 years in the NFL and won a Super Bowl — further reinforces the messages and technique we coach on a daily basis." Manuel arranged the visit through Heads Up Football, a program that includes NFL players as ambassadors. Heads Up Football trains youth coaches emphasizing safety, concussion awareness, heat and hydration, equipment fitting and proper blocking and tackling techniques in a better and safer way.

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Two G-V relays earn berths

BC sends a diver and a relay team to states

By **ROB JONAS**

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CLIFTON PARK

— The Guilderville girls swim team placed fourth at the Section 2 Division 1 championships Nov. 6-8 at the Shen Aquatic Center.

Guilderville finished with 268 points — well behind the top three teams, which were separated by 44 points. Niskayuna edged Shenendehowa 451.5 to 446.5 to claim the Division 1 crown.

Guilderville qualified one individual and two relay teams for the state meet Nov. 21 and 22 at Ithaca College. Junior Caroline Conforti placed third in the 100-yard backstroke with a qualifying time of 58.66 seconds, while the 200- and 400-yard freestyle teams each placed fourth. The 200 freestyle relay team of Kelly Gao, Stephanie Erickson, Olivia Bigge and Belen Marriaga finished with a time of 1:41.33, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Bigge, Conforti, Marriaga and Sarah Webber recorded a time of 3:42.25.

Bethlehem — which finished sixth in the team standings with 171 points — has a diver and a relay team heading to Ithaca.

Annie Burdick placed second in the diving competition with a

score of 505.30 points. Bethlehem's 200-yard freestyle relay team of

Leigha Kosakowski, Lauren Wildermuth, Ally Federman and Kathryn Sancillo finished third with a time of 1:40.88 to also earn a state meet berth.

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■ ELECTION ROUNDUP

Amedore defeats Tkaczyk in rematch

Voters gave him the edge in four of the 46th District's five counties

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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CAPITAL DISTRICT — Unlike two years ago, George Amedore emerged the clear winner on Election Day to represent the 46th Senate District, which he previously lost following a legal battle over ballots.

Amedore, R-Rotterdam, defeated incumbent Cecilia Tkaczyk, D-Duanesburg, on Tuesday, Nov. 4, following a heated rematch for the Senate seat Tkaczyk had won by a little more than a dozen votes. Amedore secured 54.8 percent of votes, totaling almost 50,700, while Tkaczyk fell behind, garnering 42.7 percent, or about 39,500 votes.

Amedore secured the majority of votes in four of the five counties in the 46th Senate District, which encompasses portions of Albany, Schenectady and Ulster counties, and all of Montgomery and Greene



George Amedore

counties.

Amedore had more than 60 percent of the votes in Schenectady, Montgomery and Greene counties, while the only county Tkaczyk led in was Ulster, with 53 percent of votes.

"I want to start by thanking the residents of the 46th Senate District. Your voices were heard loud and clear: We are all ready for a change to get New York back on the right track," Amedore said in a prepared statement. "Over the past seven months, I have traveled to every town in the five counties that make up this district to talk to the residents. I share your concerns and am heading to the Capitol with a clear vision of what needs to be done."

The race was considered a battleground district for control of the state Senate, which the GOP gained the majority in following Election Day.

Supporters gathered at Tkaczyk's campaign party on election night grew quiet as results started coming in and Amedore's lead appeared to only be growing. Tkaczyk had not yet arrived to the party before Amedore declared victory.

Amedore jabbed Tkaczyk during his victory speech, remarking on the slim margin she defeated him by two years ago. Tkaczyk's supporters watched a portion of his speech



Democrat Cecilia Tkaczyk delivers her concession speech to her supporters on election night, Nov. 4, and urges them to continue fighting for issues important to her campaign.

John Purcell/Spotlight

broadcasted on a local newscast.

"I see there was a few more people than 18 that went to the voting booth this year to make sure that we were going to declare victory the night of election and not wait four months," said Amedore.

Not too long after Amedore's speech, Tkaczyk walked into the party around 11:45 p.m. and delivered an emotional address to supporters on her defeat.

"This is a night we've all been waiting for, we've all been working hard for, and unfortunately, we don't have the results we were hoping for," said Tkaczyk. "I am so grateful to you

all for believing and for working on these issues we fought so hard to bring into the forefront."

She also said the fight for issues important to her campaign doesn't end on Election Day.

"These issues don't go away because I didn't win tonight. These issues still have to be fought for," said Tkaczyk. "I'm very sorry it is not what we hoped for tonight, but the issues remain."

Tkaczyk did not commit to or rule out a possible bid to reclaim her seat.

Amedore said taxpayers need "real property tax relief" and he committed to voting against

unfunded mandates that "kick the can down the road to the property taxpayers." He said the Gap Elimination Adjustment, which has decreased state funding to schools, must be eliminated.

He also said the red tape that "strangles" businesses must be reduced to create economic opportunities.

"It's time to get to work and restore the people's faith in our government and get this state back on track," Amedore said in a statement. "We need to do better. We deserve to do better. And now, we are going to do better."

Tonko topples Fischer in the 20th

Democrat easily sweeps to his fourth two-year term

The Republican wave that swept through many national races on Election Day was not felt in New York's 20th Congressional District as incumbent Paul Tonko comfortably defeated his GOP opponent.

Tonko, D-Amsterdam, was elected to his fourth two-year term after election results on Tuesday night, Nov. 4, grew to an insurmountable lead that Jim Fischer, R-Ballston Spa was unable to overcome. Tonko secured nearly 59 percent of votes, totaling

"Now that the election is over, the primary thing on my mind is continuing the critical work I talked about all campaign long, and that means fighting for the issues that are important to New Yorkers."

Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam

almost 119,000, while Fischer garnered 37.4 percent, or almost 75,500 votes, according to unofficial results.

Tonko came out ahead in each of the five counties in the district, too, which includes all of Albany and Schenectady, and portions of Saratoga, Montgomery and Rensselaer. Tonko's biggest county lead was in Albany,

with 64.3 percent of votes, and his smallest county lead was in Saratoga with 50.9 percent.

"I am so humbled by the support I've received during these long and challenging months of campaigning," Tonko said in a prepared statement. "Now that the election is over, the primary thing on my mind is continuing the



critical work I talked about all campaign long, and that means fighting for the issues that are important to New Yorkers."

Tonko said he would focus on bolstering the middle class, revitalizing manufacturing, increasing access to high-quality health care, improving the educational system, and protecting Social Security.

Fischer's bid against Tonko was the first time he had run for office, but he had been active in the 2010 and 2012 Republican congressional campaigns for the district. Tonko has faced a different GOP challenger each of the four times he has run for Congress.

— John Purcell

Other local races:

- In the 109th Assembly District, covering the towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guilderland, Democrat Patricia Fahy kept the seat she has held January 2013. Fahy received 26,185 votes to opponent Jesse D. Calhoun's 13,206. Calhoun ran on the Conservative Party and SCC-Stop Common Core tickets.

- Neil Breslin ran unopposed in the 44th Senate District, receiving 47,052 votes.

- Ryan T. Donovan, running unopposed as Bethlehem town justice, received 9,290 votes.



Patricia Fahy



Neil Breslin



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■ COMMUNITY

Local group gives back to veterans

Jezreel International will open its Miracle Center this weekend

By **EMILY DREW**
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ALBANY — After months of work and planning, Jezreel International will be opening the doors Saturday, Nov. 15, of its Veterans Miracle Center, a store created solely to supply veterans with free basic needs items, from clothing to furniture.

Jezreel International, a faith-based, not-for-profit humanitarian aid organization, began work on the Miracle Center 10 months ago, when the organization held an event to honor veterans.

"This got birthed from that event," said executive director Barry Feinman. "I always wanted to do

something for veterans, but didn't know what to do, so I got together with some veteran organizations and created the Veterans Appreciation Day."

Feinman said about 80 to 85 veterans attended the event, which included a ceremony for prisoners of war and missing soldiers. Merchandise, donated by stores like Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Rite Aid and BJ's Wholesale, was laid out on tables.

"We gave each veteran a little shopping cart. They got toys, little items for their kids. They got all different kinds of Christmas gift items," said Feinman.

Two local restaurants donated chicken Parmesan and pasta for lunch.

"Of 18 years doing this, this was the highlight of everything," Feinman said. "After this was over, we realized a one-day event is nice, but they need



The Veterans Miracle Center offers daily necessities, like clothing, medical supplies and personal care products, to veterans, military members and their families at no cost.

Emily Drew/Spotlight

something ongoing. So that birthed the store."

The store holds items like lotions, shampoos and products for personal hygiene. Veterans can find coats, shoes and other clothing items, as well as kitchen products, tool kits, purses and medical supplies. All of the products are free for veterans.

"How the center works

is that they have to be vetted, so we partnered with agencies where they're going to vet the vet to make sure they are a true veteran. Those agencies will issue a voucher, give a needs list to the vet, and it's up to the vet to complete that. The agency will send that over to us and schedule a time for the vet to come in and pick up the items they

need," said Melody Burns, who helped coordinate the opening.

The Miracle Center will also have space in the back where veterans can meet with counselors if needed, and a chair lift was installed to make sure the store was handicap accessible. The center also has a kitchen for veterans to have coffee and something to eat.

"It's like a regular store in a shopping center. Everything in here is free. The open house is on Saturday, so [vets] can see this first hand. As far as we know, no one has ever done anything like this. It's the first one in the country," Feinman said.

Jezreel International has been around since 1996, beginning as a small organization that grew to provide aid to victims of the earthquake in Haiti and hurricanes Irene and Sandy. With seven full-time

employees and volunteers, they sort through merchandise that cannot be sold in chain stores.

"We want to make sure they get the best. We make sure there are no stains, no smells," said Feinman.

Many of the items are unable to be sold due to tears and marks on the packaging.

"There's nothing wrong with it," said Feinman. "It's just that they can't sell it like this."

Items are then shipped overseas, or trucked to local shelters and to families that are still feeling the effects of the hurricanes.

Now, these donated items for daily necessities will be made available to veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families in the Miracle Center. Saturday's open house will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 10 Interstate Ave. in Albany.

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Notice of Qualification of 125 Beechwood, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/21/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 10/15/2014. 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. Principal office of LLC: 2727 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 202 N. Carson, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#64621

LEGAL NOTICE

127 Mott LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/15/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 123 Bowery, Fl. 4, NY, NY 10002. General Purposes. Ad#62191

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1308 71ST 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#63742

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1403 Bay Ridge Parkway 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: The LLC, 1065 83rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#64806

LEGAL NOTICE

215 East Broadway LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/15/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 123 Bowery, Fl. 4, NY, NY 10002. General Purposes. Ad#62192

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 222 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#63741

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Notice of Formation of 237-43 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#63739

LEGAL NOTICE

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 258 W. 93rd Street, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/14. 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#65148

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.

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The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63746

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOMESTIC 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

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 limited liability company (LLC). Name: 5TH PLACE CLOTHING, LLC. Articles of Organization 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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 868 LORIMER PROJECT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/14. Office location: Albany County.

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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 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 Accumera 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

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LUTIONS, 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 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

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE GUILDERLAND FIRE DISTRICT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the Guilderland Fire District will take place on December 9th, 2014 between the hours of 6:00p.m. and 9:00p.m. at the Guilderland Fire District firehouse located at 2303 Western Avenue, Town of Guilderland, Albany County, New York for the purpose of electing one (1) commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on January 1st, 2015 and ending on Decem-

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ber 31st, 2019.Qualified voters must have been residents of the Guilderland Fire District on or before November 17th, 2014. All voters of the Fire District duly registered with the Albany County Board of Elections on or before November 17th, 2013 shall be eligible to vote.- Candidates for District Office of Commissioner must file a letter of intent to run for election with the Secretary of the Fire District at Guilderland Fire District, 2303 Western Avenue Guilderland, New York 12084, no later than twenty (20) days prior to the election, November 19th, 2014. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GUILDERLAND FIRE DISTRICT Brian K Forte Guilderland Fire District Secretary Ad#64997

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT- PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Election of the Slingerlands Fire District will take place on December 9, 2014, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York for the purpose of Electing one Commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2019. All duly registered residents of the Slingerlands Fire District shall be eligible to vote. All individuals who wish to be candidates must file a petition with the Fire District Secretary at 628 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, with 25 signatures of resident electors of the district by November 19th, 2014. Ad#65185

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Auto Rx 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#64805

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Baldy Burger, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/19/2014. Office location: 15 Pheasant Ln, Menands, NY 12204, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process

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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

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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 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

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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 an LLC: Church Street North LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 29, 2014. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#65282

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)The name of the LLC is Columbia CPRT9 LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 29, 2014. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of

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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

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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

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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

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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

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Notice of Formation of CYBER SECURITY PLAN 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#63755

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Notice is hereby given that the Town of Bethlehem, Planning Board, Albany County, NY, will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, regarding a proposed Site Plan Application, submitted by DG Bethlehem Solar, LLC (NextEra Energy Resources/Developer and Borrego Solar/Contractor) for operation of a ground mounted solar energy generating facility proposed on Town of Bethlehem property (the former Town Clay Mine Site), Bridge Street, Selkirk. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to property owners within 200? of the subject property. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Ad#65285

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

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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

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Emerge Dance Workshop LLC Articles of Org filed NY Sec of State (SSNY) 10/7/14. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated as Agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC c/o Kim M. Aquilo, 3442 Gari Lane, Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#65192

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

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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

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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 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

LEGAL NOTICE

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:

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USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#61439

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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 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. 47th 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

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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.,

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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 Qualification of GSE Investments, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/30/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/11/13. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#65149

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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 designated 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

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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

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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 Normanskill Blvd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2112. Ad#62714

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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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

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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

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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

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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

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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 whom process against it may be served. The Sec-

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retary 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

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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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Notice of Formation of MISCELANEA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/7/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Guillermo Guevara, 122 West St. Ste. 4B, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63136

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Notice of formation of MLK TROY ASSOCIATES L.P. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/9/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the L.P. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: OHD - MLK LLC, c/o Omni Housing Development LLC, 40 Beaver St.,5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#63135

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company: MReid & Associates LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/8/2014. Office location: Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address

OUT AND ABOUT



Born to run

A dozen Capital District elementary schools participated in the Just Run track meet at Tawasentha Park in Guilderland Wednesday, Nov. 5. A second group was scheduled to run the following day. Girls and boys, in third through fifth grade raced 1-mile and half-mile increments in staggered heats. The track meet was the culmination of the fall season of the Just Run program, which is a nationwide program sponsored locally by the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club to promote fitness and healthy lifestyle choices, and students in participating schools meet regularly as a group and track their running goals independently. The spring session will start up in March.

Photos by Kristen Roberts/Spotlight



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 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

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation Oaxaca Hoyt, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63472

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation Oaxaca Prospect Heights, 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. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63948

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of formation of OHD - MLK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 9/30/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I. David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#62085

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of formation of OHD - OS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 10/8/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I.

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 David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#63131
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company, LLC is: ORemtryx, 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

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 Notice of Formation Pain Management of Ramapo, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/30/2014. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#64799

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

LEGAL NOTICE
 PECHETTE STUDIOS PRODUCTIONS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/08/2014. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY

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 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
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Perry Road Development LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/29/2014. 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: 18 Computer Drive East, Suite 201, Albany, New York 12205. Purposes: to temporarily acquire, own, obtain municipal approvals, maintain, mortgage and otherwise manage the real property, consisting of vacant land, located in the Town of Wilton, County of Saratoga, State of New York, among other things, to engage in any lawful act or activity under the LLCL consistent with the purpose of the Company, and to engage in any other lawful purpose or purposes permitted by the LLCL or the laws of any jurisdiction in which the Company may do business to the extent approved by a majority vote of the Members. Ad#65189

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 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
 Potatopia Franchise, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with SSNY on 09/25/14. LLC org. in State of NJ on 07/06/12 NY Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall process to: The LLC, 1733 Sheepshead Bay Rd., Ste. 225, 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

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 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

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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

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 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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Notice of Formation-SHELD 73 NORTH 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 Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#64803
LEGAL NOTICE

SIBLEN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/24/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 861 Bay Ridge Ave., Apt. 1A, Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purposes. Ad#62201

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 Notice of Formation-Suyog LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/30/2014 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#64801
LEGAL NOTICE

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

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 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
LEGAL NOTICE

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. 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#63834
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Notice of formation of limited liability company .Name: TWO GREEK SISTERS LLC, articles of organization filed with the SSNY on 10/17/2014.SSNY has

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 been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served . SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 283 Delaware Avenue ,Delmar NY 12054.Purpose : Any lawful purpose . Ad#64590
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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
LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WIGGAND, LLC On 10/15/14, Articles of Organization of Wiggand, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is lo-

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 cated in Albany County. The SSSNY is designated 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 Wiggand, LLC, 252 Glenmont Rd., Glenmont, NY 12077. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#63132

LEGAL NOTICE
 WISE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of 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
 Notice of Formation of WYETH STREET CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/6/14. 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#63734

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 YEMPL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/17/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 63-30 Cromwell Cres., Rego Park, NY 11374. General Purposes. Ad#62197

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Registry would prevent further suffering of animals

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

I am surprised at your concerns relating to an animal hoarding registry. The primary purpose of a registry is to alert those organizations finding homes for animals to those individuals with a history of hoarding, so they and the animals are not put in yet another

compromised situation. Without the registry the hoarding individual can easily adopt new animals. Not only should there be a statewide registry, but a national one. Further, the registry should be public information as now it is just currently available to large scale adoption agencies, not individuals

who might be looking to rehome their pet. It was reported the individual in Schaticoke had been in three states with repeated instances of hoarding, all with the same sad result. How would you propose to prevent this? Individuals with these issues do not adhere to any court order in the first instance and

traditionally these are county issued orders which are unenforceable when the person moves to a new county, in state or out of state.

I too believe that individuals deserve a second chance. Perhaps if a mental health professional certifies the individual's successful

treatment completion, there is a specific limit on the number and type of animals and there is some period of home inspection, an individual could be removed from the registry. The main thing is for the hoarder to get treatment, prevent the suffering of animals and severe financial impact to

the rescue organizations (which receive no taxpayer funding) all of which occur far too frequently today.

— Jane Burgdorf,
Latham

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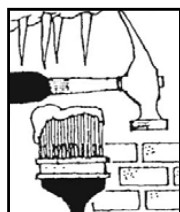
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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Involvement isn't selective

Most Guilderland Central School District residents seem more interested in keeping their schools open than the work it takes to keep them open.

Only a few residents attended the school board meeting Wednesday, Nov. 5, at which the board approved a motion to move forward on its \$17.32 million building improvement project, despite the uncertainty surrounding the future usage of some buildings they seek to improve.

Contrast that scene to the large crowds that showed up earlier this year when the board discussed how to deal with the unused space in its buildings and considered a commissioned study that presented several possible scenarios, including the closure of a school. The scenarios were ultimately put aside, and plans were made for a community summit to discuss other means how to address unused spaces across the district.

Do you see the problem here? We do, and it extends beyond Guilderland.

What we've noticed is that people only become involved in the process of governing when something they hold dear to them might be taken away. In Guilderland, it was the potential closure of a school. In Colonie, it was the firing of a well-liked football coach due to budget cuts — who, coincidentally, was hired back by the South Colonie Central School District as an assistant principal. In Niskayuna, it was the potential closure of one of the school district's two middle schools. In all three cases, people showed up en masse to protest what was being suggested.

But when it comes to the regular business school districts and town boards must deal with — such as creating budgets for the year and approving projects — most people around don't attend those meetings. At that Nov. 5 Guilderland

School Board meeting, there was an opportunity for the public to have a say in the board's budget development, but no one spoke up. No one even signed up to comment at the meeting.

This disconnect worries us, because it's these budget processes that determine what happens over the next year. It's as if people are willing to let their town and school boards decide how much they're going to spend, and then they're genuinely shocked and outraged when those decisions lead to something being closed or taken away.

What people must realize is that they have a say in the matter, and it starts when the budget process starts. Board members aren't mind readers, after all. They are simply looking for the best, most unbiased and balanced way to allocate money for the year. Without public input, they make their decisions based on the facts presented to them.

This is why the public must make more of an effort. Sit in on a preliminary budget session. Listen to the seemingly small details they are talking about. If there is something the board proposes that you don't like, speak up. Remember, you voted for these people to represent you. You have to hold them accountable, and they have to listen.

The public's involvement shouldn't be selective. It needs to be consistent.

TALK BACK

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Joe Hasan

**Owner of Pil Sung
Taekwondo**

• Current residence: Latham

What have you been listening to?

Pretty evenly split between the Frozen soundtrack and Beastie Boys.

What are you watching on TV?

I don't get a chance to watch a lot of TV, but recently we did stumble across "House of Cards" on Netflix, and Melissa, my wife, and I got hooked.

What was the last movie you saw?

I don't get out to the movies that much either, but the last time I did, it was to see "Planes: Fire and Rescue" at the drive in.

What would your dream vacation be?

Several years ago, I attended a conference in Hawaii for five days, and Melissa was able to join me. It'd be great to go back, but next time I'd like to leave the meetings off the agenda, and I'd like to bring my two kids along as well. Joey is only seven months

old, but he loves the water. And Mia, who is almost five years old, would definitely have a blast on the beaches and going on adventures around the island.

What are some of your hobbies?

Distance "running" was something I got into several years ago. I'm not very fast, but I do enjoy the challenge of completing the longer races. Also, my father got me into cars at a very young age, and I always seem to be contemplating the next project.

Who is the one person, dead or alive, that you would most like to meet?

So far in my life, I've been lucky enough to meet, as well as work with, a number of very smart and interesting people. I would actually like to twist this wish around, and I wish that my kids had a chance to meet my father, who passed away from cancer while I was in college the week that I started

my Taekwondo business. Both kids make faces or do things on a regular basis that are definitely my dad. I'm sure he would get a kick out of them, as well.

What is your favorite local moment?

Taking Mia to walk around Emma Willard to show her where we got married, and then having to come up with various princess names for when she asked who lives in each of the "castles."

What is something you think most people would be surprised to learn about you?

I'm half Irish.

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■ BUDGETS

G'land OKs \$33.3M budget

Adopted spending plan unchanged from preliminary, no public comments

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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GUILDERLAND — Town Board members on Thursday, Nov. 6, unanimously approved next year's budget holding a property tax levy increase of 1.5 percent. The spending plan was unchanged from its preliminary proposal.

Guilderland's 2015 budget totals \$33.32 million and increases spending by 3.52 percent, or \$1.13 million, while keeping taxes down through allocating 35 percent more fund balance, totaling \$2.31 million. Projected revenues are increasing 2.21 percent, or nearly \$429,000, and total \$19.8 million.

There was a public hearing held before the Town Board approved the budget, but no residents spoke.

Town Supervisor Ken Runion said next year's budget was easier to craft than some prior years, with revenues steadily increasing and some state mandates staying nearly flat.

"Every budget is a challenge," said Runion. "There are various department heads that

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— Supervisor Ken Runion

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Runion said part of the increase to the fund balance appropriation is tied to upcoming roof repairs at Town Hall, which are estimated to cost \$180,000. Capital improvements scheduled for next year are not being bonded, so fund balances will cover added expenses.

"Our fund balances are very strong so it makes more sense if you can afford to pay for it from now out of current funding rather than try to bond it over a five- or 10-year period and strap up a

subsequent administration ... with a debt," said Runion.

The town would still have a healthy fund balance, according to Runion, which has roughly \$11 million in it. He said fund balances are built up exactly for such purposes as making necessary repairs.

The largest spending increase across all of the town's funds was in the Highway Part-Town Fund, which is increasing 3.2 percent and totals almost \$4.6 million. Increasing fuel and blacktop material for paving roads was a primary cost escalator, according to Runion.

There was a 2 percent

salary increase included for all town employees, along with elected officials, according to Runion.

Runion said the budget was "conservative" and is approximately \$224,000 below its state-mandated property levy tax cap.

"We've done our job to make sure that the town remains fiscally strong," Runion said. "We are able to maintain all the services that we had in the past. We are able to meet all our financial obligations. We are able to make needed repairs and improvements to town properties."

Overall assessed value of property in the town has increased, which is tied to new commercial construction and residential housing developments. The taxable value of properties in the town rose 1.39 percent and totals almost \$3.05 billion in next year's budget.

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Buildings' future still uncertain

very attractive office parks."

District Building and Grounds Supervisor Clifford Nooney said the dull vestibule included in the security upgrades would not likely result in a "total loss." He said some of the systems and security cameras could be removed, too, which the district could save for later usage.

"I don't think we would lose value on having a double vestibule in any building, whether it was an office building or doctor's office," said Nooney. "You see that configuration in many

buildings ... a lot has to do with heating."

Sanders also said dividing the construction would increase complexities and possibly create inefficiencies.

In other news, the school board held its public input for budget development at the start of the meeting, but no resident commented.

Board of Education President Barbara Fraterrigo seemed surprised at the amount, or absence of, people signed up to comment. "Zero? Oh my goodness, OK," she said.

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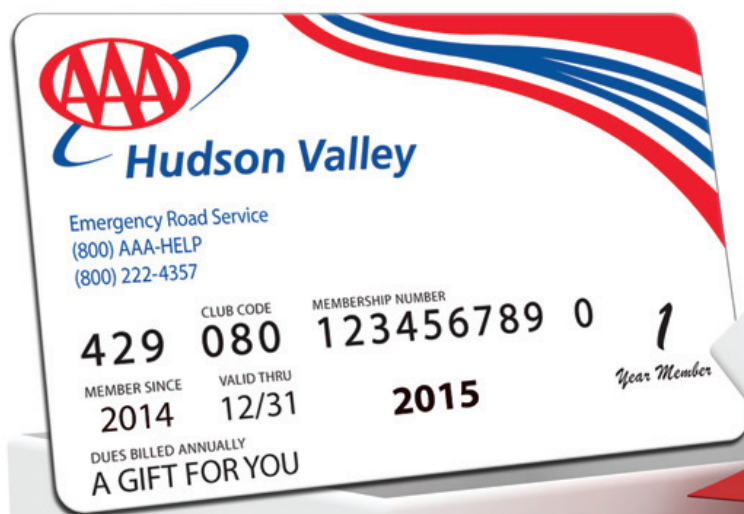
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■ DINING

Have a no-cook Thanksgiving

Restaurants offering takeout or holiday service give kitchen-weary hosts a break

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Some people love spending Thanksgiving in the kitchen, but it's not for everyone, and preparing an elaborate holiday meal is just one of the 8.8 million complaints you'll see if you Google "Thanksgiving stinks."

For the past several years, Tom Gallant, proprietor of Turf Tavern in Scotia, and his wife have hosted Thanksgiving dinner at their Mohawk Avenue establishment, which they have owned since March 1996.

"Couples who don't have family local or don't want to go through the pains of preparing a dinner can come see us," said Gallant. "We're ready for parties of two to 22."

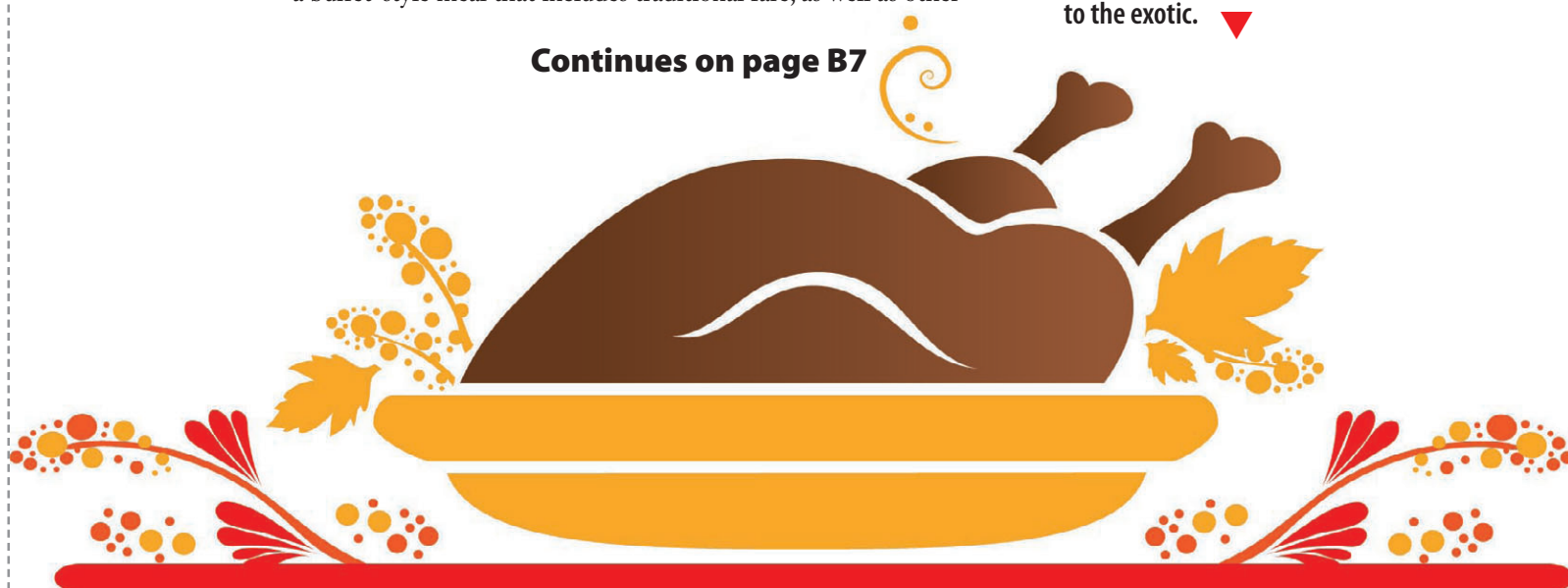
The day, which Gallant calls "a very positive experience," has sold out every year.

The Gallants open from noon to 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving, offering a buffet-style meal that includes traditional fare, as well as other

It doesn't hurt to give your favorite eatery a call if you're hoping to opt out of cooking this Thanksgiving.

The local takeout options for those who don't want to cook on Thanksgiving run from the traditional to the exotic. ▼

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Troubled motherhood

'American Medea' at Skidmore examines the similarities between Euripides' subject and modern-day examples

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SARATOGA SPRINGS— While researching the weighty subject of filicide, the deliberate act of a parent killing their own child, for her play "American Medea," writer and director Holly Derr found herself talking with anyone who would listen.

"I talked about it a lot," she said. "I find I get obsessed on a topic that I'm researching."

She recalls a party in particular when her friends had to stop her.

"Oh, that's right," she remembered thinking. "Not everyone wants to talk about this."

Derr's latest work

is advertised as a "provocative re-imagining" of the Medea myth as originally told by Euripides. "American Medea" takes place in modern-day Corinth, Texas, where a frenzied media reports the facts of a horrific crime, and community members are forced to question their own views on motherhood and gender roles. American Medea is an unflinching collage of story and culture, a new American myth based on our own contemporary Medeas.

Derr said she first put pen to paper in 2001. At the time, she was attending a class on Greek classics at Columbia University, and the catalyst for her play flashed upon hearing the tragic news of

Andrea Yates, who killed her own children.

The original "Medea," written in 431 B.C., focuses on the actions of wife and mother, Medea, as she confronts the betrayal of her husband, Jason. Ultimately, she plots her revenge by involving the murder of their two children.

"I was interested to find more of the similarities than the differences between the original play and the stories I researched," said Derr.

In 2001, Yates was a 36-year-old mother of five in a home she shared with her husband, Rusty, outside of Houston. In June, news reports circulated the nation after she had systematically drowned her children, aged 7 to 6 months old, in the bathtub. She would later be acquitted of the crime as she was found to be suffering from postpartum psychosis.



Cast members rehearse a scene for the upcoming performance of "American Medea" at the Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater at Skidmore College.

Submitted photos

Derr had researched several different cases, finding similarities in modern life to Medea's tale despite the vast span of time between Euripides and today. Societal pressures and professional obligations demand today's mothers be "super moms," said Derr. The breaking point often comes with a divorce or break-up.

Derr's work remains true to the original play by maintaining the same timeline and the same characters, but Euripides' words are often presented through news bulletins and police reports, in addition to dialogue.

Show times are scheduled from Nov. 14-16, and Nov. 20-23, at the Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater at



Actors Evy Yergan, left, and Jocelin Weiss go over a scene.

Skidmore College. All shows start at 8 p.m., except Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$12 general admission, \$8 students and senior citizens. For reservations or information, call the Skidmore Theater Box Office at 580-5439 or email boxoffice@skidmore.edu.

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■ RECOLLECTIONS

Gridiron and gratitude

Thanksgiving rituals change over time, but watching football is a modern tradition



**By
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Despite their differences, even Republicans and Democrats would have to agree that there is a need for a national holiday on the Monday following the NFL's opening day.

Until they stop their squabbling over energy policies, global warming, infrastructure problems, medical care and Social Security benefits – because let's focus on what's really important! – we have to settle for Thanksgiving Day.

Football is all that matters on Thanksgiving. We should all be on a steady diet of linemen pancakes and Cover-2 packages. Drop the turkey and stuffing, because if you can't run as fast as that 350-pound defensive lineman for Dallas, you're in trouble. This is the new tradition.

The following of tradition is one generation's attempt at connecting with the past through rituals replicating sometimes archaic practices of a time when such things were more practical and necessary.

Thanksgiving conjures up images of Puritan settlers breaking bread with Algonquin tribal members in a feast to give thanks. The exact tradition

does not directly descend down through our own lineage. Most of us likely cannot trace our family heritage to Plymouth Rock. The closest relation you have may just be the Tom Brady Patriots jersey you sometimes wear.

I admit, my own Thanksgiving hardly resembles that of a scene out of a Norman Rockwell painting. As for food, due to dietary choices, we avoid turkey in my family. In recent years we've opted for sushi and even steaks. This year, we even planned to do takeout from Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, only to be won over by a ham dinner from Price Chopper. Since meeting my wife, it's been our tradition to do non-traditional things.

The one constant through all the years has been football. The

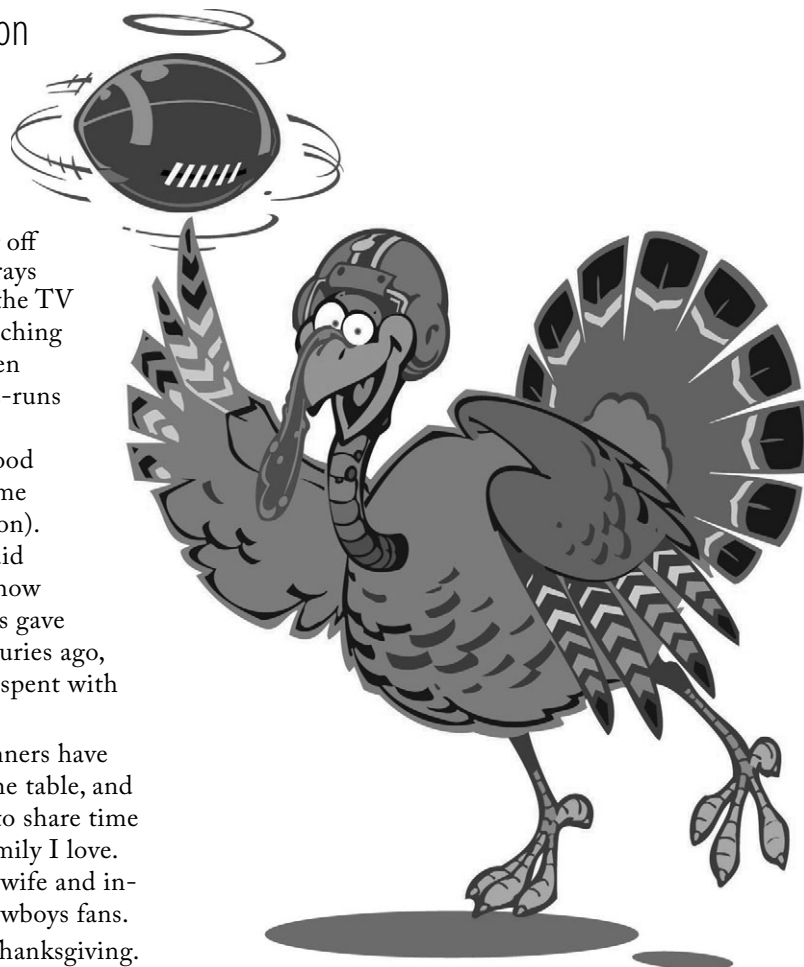
America of decades past has been erased like an iPod, refurbished and flushed down the toilet by accident. But football has marked the time. This game is a part of our past. It's Vince Lombardi reminding you of the benefits of hard work. It's "Brian's Song" making you cry like a baby. It's Hail Marys and praying at the goal post. It's David (Tyree) slaying the (ex-) Giant, Bill Belichick. It reminds us of all that once was good, and what could be again (so long as you stick to the running game, and don't get pass happy).

Until that day comes when both political parties can reach across the divide and give this nation what it desperately cries out for every Election Day, we will continue to fight our families for the television remote. But, I digress.

Growing up, Thanksgiving dinner was spent eating off television trays in front of the TV – if not watching football, then watching re-runs of "Cheers" (the only good thing to come out of Boston). Though it did not mimic how the Pilgrims gave thanks centuries ago, it was time spent with my family.

Now, dinners have moved to the table, and I continue to share time with the family I love. Even if my wife and in-laws are Cowboys fans.

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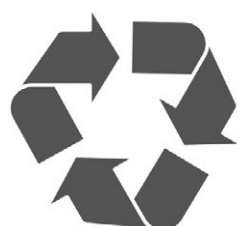
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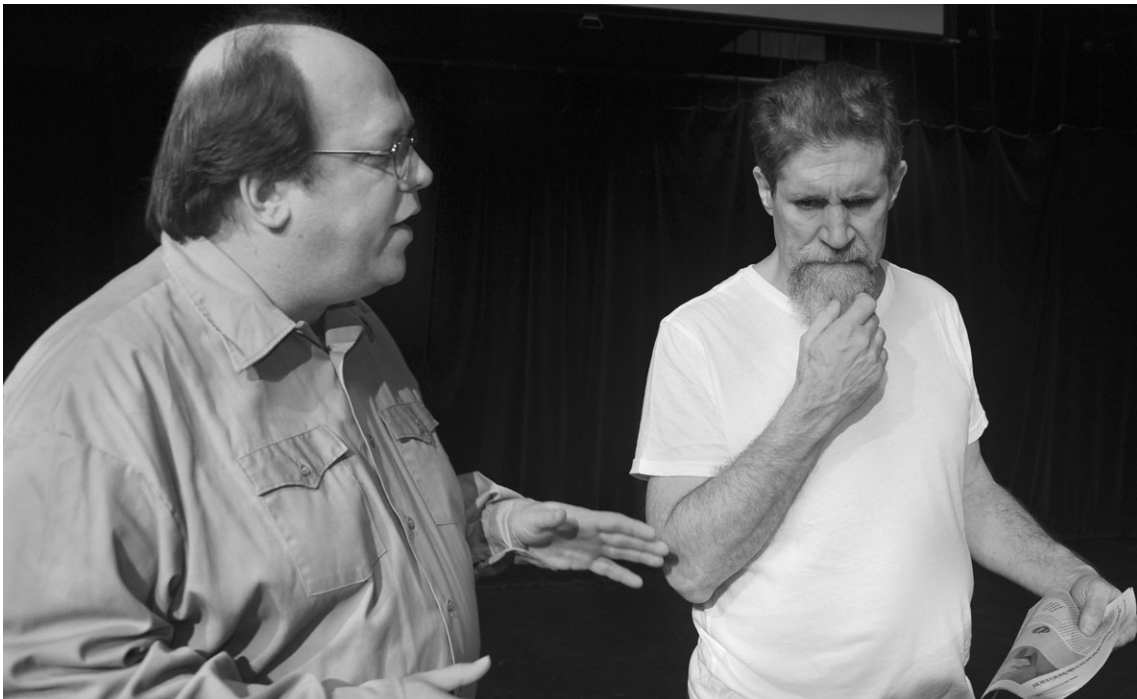
Steve Fletcher's play about a dysfunctional family that's veering in different directions. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre. Through Nov. 22, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

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.

County of Kings

A one-person play based on the works of Lemon Andersen. Part of New York State Writers Institute's fall series. Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave.,



Ezra Pound in jail

D&M Productions presents "Incommunicado," a play about Ezra Pound's time spent in a military detention center in Italy while awaiting trial for treason. The play opens Friday, Nov. 14, at the Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River St., Troy, and runs through Saturday, Nov. 22.

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Albany. Advance tickets: general public \$15, students, seniors and UAlbany faculty/staff \$10. Day of show: general public \$20, students, seniors and UAlbany faculty/staff \$15. Tickets and information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

Incommunicado

Tom Dulack's play about Ezra Pound's time spent in a military detention center in Italy

while awaiting trial for treason. Presented by D&M Productions. Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22, Arts Center for the Capital Region, 265 River St., Troy. Shows: 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Information: 273-0552.

Flashback! Dinner Theater

A musical look back at the last 25 years of Malta community theater, presented by Spotlighter's Theatre Troupe. Nov. 15, 6 p.m., and Nov. 16, 2 p.m., Malta Community Center, 1 Bayberry Drive, Malta. Tickets start at \$15. Information: Malta Parks and Recreation department, 899-4411.

American Medea

Artist in residence Holly Derr's re-telling of the classic story. Nov. 14-16 and 20-23, Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Shows: Thursdays through Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets: general admission \$12, students/senior citizens \$8. Information: 580-5439 or email boxoffice@skidmore.edu.

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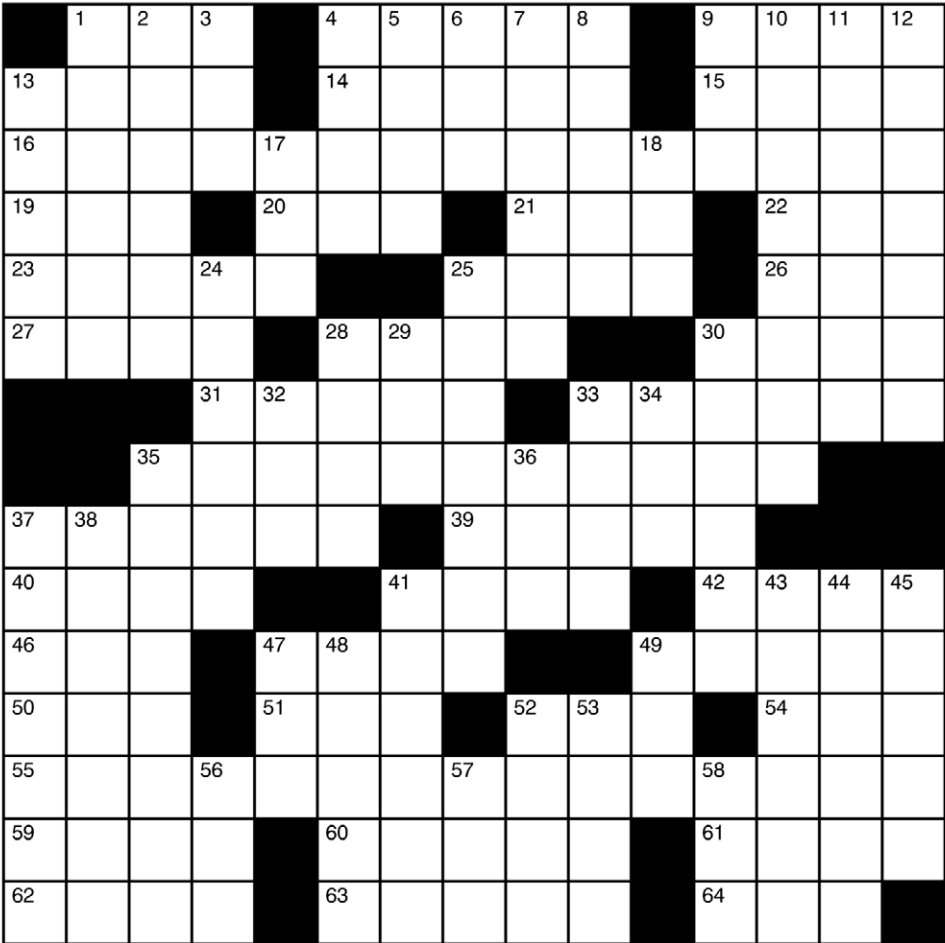
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Forever Young

Alternative country/rock/folk group. Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Emack & Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Duncan Cumming and Melinda Cestaro

A pair of pianists perform duets as part of the Youth Movements Festival. Nov. 14, 7:30 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.

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The Band, with opening act Sean Rowe. Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15-\$25. Information: 337-4871 or www.massrycenter.org.

Gov't Mule

Psychedelic blues-rock band. Nov. 14, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$30-\$45. Tickets and information: (800) 745-3000 or palacealbany.com.

The Mivos Quartet

Premiering a new work by Eric Wubbels, developed in residence at EMPAC. Nov. 14, 8 p.m. EMPAC, Rensseler Polytechnic Institute, 110 Eighth St., Troy. Tickets: adults

\$18, students/seniors \$13, RPI students \$6. Information: 276-3921 or empac.rpi.edu.

Chris Smither

Blues-folk singer-songwriter celebrates his 50th anniversary as a touring musician. Nov. 14, 9 p.m., Club Helsink Hudson, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

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Folk duo. Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Emack & Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Saint Rose Camerata

Performing masterpieces by Schubert, Schumann and Dring. Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 337-4871 or www.massrycenter.org.

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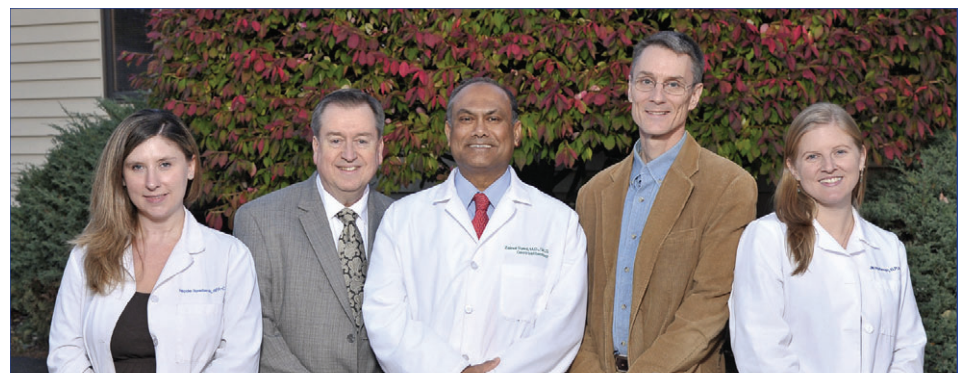


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Etude Musical Club

Fall concert featuring works by Vivaldi, Webber, Villa-Lobos, Schubert and Wieniawski. Nov. 16, 2 p.m., Schenectady County Main Library, 99 Clinton St., Schenectady. Free.

Connie Dover and Skip Gorman

Celebrated Celtic voice Dover and acclaimed

cowboy singer Gorman blend their music in a rare concert celebrating the songs of the trail and the Irish and Scottish ballads that were their predecessors. Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors (Underground), 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$24, day of show \$26, Gold Circle \$35. Tickets and information: 434-1703, 346-6204, proctors.org or 8thstep.org.

Holly Roadfeldt

Performing a program of piano preludes. Nov. 18, 7:30 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.ualbany.edu/pac.

DANCE

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Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

Omaha Theatre brings a children's favorite story to life. Nov. 15, 11 a.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$15. Tickets and information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

FILM

Mean Streets

Director Martin Scorsese's breakthrough hit movie. Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets:

\$5. Information: palacealbany.com.

LITERARY

Tellabration – Bridging the Divide

Storytellers Janet Carter, Carol Connolly, Kate Dudding, Margaret French, Christy Keegan, Jeannine Laverty, Eileen Egan Mack, Eliud Nieves, Nancy Marie Payne and Joe Peck share stories about disparate people being drawn together. Nov. 16, 2 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$12, newcomers and groups \$10, students \$6. Information: www.proctors.org.

Women and Power in the Ancient World

Author Kara Cooney discusses Hatshepsut, the longest reigning female pharaoh. Nov. 16, 2 p.m., Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Free with museum admission. Information: 436-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

Peg Spain Murtagh and Coleen Murtagh Paratore

Reading excerpts from "Writing it Right," their inspirational memoir. Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River St., Troy. Part of the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall's "Hear the Author" series. Tickets: \$10. Information: 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org.



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COMEDY

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Culmination of region-wide search for the funniest amateur comedians. Nov. 15, 6 p.m. WAMC Linda Norris Auditorium, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$10. Information: www.thelinda.org.

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Other local establishments also cater to patrons who are looking to have the stress of holiday cooking taken off their plate. Whether one is looking for something traditional or more exotic, there are plenty of culinary options in the Capital District.

Local restaurateur Frank Lee, who owns Shogun Sushi and Sake Bars in both Albany and Delmar, has built on that success by opening Rain Modern Chinese on Lark Street last year. His newest restaurant bills its fare as "contemporary, up-scale" Chinese cuisine, and on Thanksgiving Rain

is offering its popular dim sum brunch, normally exclusive for weekends. Dim sum is an a la carte menu offering small plates of Chinese delicacies.

Reservations are not necessary. Call Rain at 729-4827 for more information.

Some of favorite local eateries may be closed on Thanksgiving; however, they could be offering a take-out meal to pick up the day before for those who plan ahead.

Grappa'72 Ristorante on Albany's Central Avenue is continuing with its holiday take-out meal tradition.

This year, the family-owned Italian restaurant is offering a roasted turkey with Madeira gravy. The sides include cranberry, apple and sausage stuffing, homemade mashed potatoes, port wine

spiced cranberry sauce and orange-glazed candied carrots. There's also pumpkin butter sweet potatoes, sweet buttered corn, a medley of vegetables, fresh rolls with butter and a fresh-baked pie for dessert.

All orders must be called in at 482-7200 by Monday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. Pick-up will be available all day Wednesday, Nov. 26, from noon to 10:30 p.m.

Bellini's Italian Eatery in Slingerlands, famous for its weekly "Tuesday Take-Out" meals, family-style dinners prepared for pick-up, will be offering rigatoni Bolognese with ricotta and Caesar insalata for take-out the evening before. However, on Thanksgiving, each of the restaurant's three locations – Slingerlands, Clifton Park and Latham – will be closed.

For more information, visit the website at www.marrellorc.com.

In Troy, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que has quickly

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This is by no means a comprehensive list of restaurants offering Thanksgiving takeout, so it doesn't hurt to give your favorite eatery a call if you want to opt out of cooking this Thanksgiving.

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Answers on Pg. B9

ARTS IN BRIEF

Classic film screening

ALBANY — "Great Expectations," an adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel, will be screened Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in Page Hall, 135 Western Avenue, on the University at Albany's downtown campus. Sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute as part of its Classic Film Series, the screening is free and open to the public.

Widely regarded as one of the best translations of

literature to the screen, David Lean's adaptation of Charles Dickens' 1861 novel was nominated for five Oscars.

For additional information contact the Writers Institute at (518) 442-5620 or online at www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

A work in progress

TROY — Can an artist oppose having completion as the ultimate horizon for her work? This is the premise of

Turkish choreographer Begüm Erciyas' interactive performance "This Piece is Still to Come," which will draw local audience members into its episodic performance cycle on Friday, Nov. 21. At 8 p.m. the piece will make its American debut in Studio 1—Goodman at the Curtis R. Priem Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC) at RPI (110 8th St., Troy).

Tickets are \$18, \$13 for seniors and students, and \$6 for RPI students. Call the EMPAC box office at (518) 276-3921 or visit empac.rpi.edu.

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■ EVENTS

Storytelling event to bridge the divide

SCHENECTADY — Story Circle at Proctors is presenting “Tellabration 2014: Bridging the Divide” on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. in the GE Theatre.

The live spoken word performance for adults and teens features 10 storytellers: Janet Carter, Carol Connolly, Kate Dudding, Margaret French, Christy Keegan, Jeannine Laverty, Eileen

Egan Mack, Eliud Nieves, Nancy Marie Payne and Joe Peck, as well as emcee Sandy Schuman.

The profits from this performance will be used to underwrite storytelling events in the Capital District. Also, \$2 of each ticket is donated to the Schenectady Inner City Ministry Summer Lunch program where they served over 65,000 lunches

to the hungry children of Schenectady this summer.

“We chose this year’s theme, ‘Bridging the Divide,’ since there seem to be many things dividing people. People through the ages have been concerned about these divisions and have created stories to draw people together. Four of the stories at our performance are personal stories, two are historical

stories and the rest are folk tales and literary stories. As civil rights activist Alvah McSwain Lambert said, ‘We are all one race – the human race,’ said producer Kate Dudding.

Many of these tellers can be viewed on Story Circle’s YouTube channel: StoryCircleAtProctors.org/youtube.

“One of the goals of Story Circle at Proctors

is to bring the oldest performing art form, storytelling, to the attention of the public,” adds producer Alden (Joe) Doolittle. “Tellabration does this not only as a performance itself, but also as a fund raiser for subsequent storytelling events in our area. The profits from the previous seventeen Tellabratons have underwritten 85 storytelling events in the greater Capital Region. Last fall, three events were underwritten: at the Academy for Lifelong Learning in Saratoga Springs, at the VA Hospital in Albany, and at a house concert in Castleton.”

A project of the National Storytelling Network, Tellabration is a worldwide benefit for storytelling held

in 200 locations around the world. It creates a network of storytelling enthusiasts bonded together in spirit each November. The National Storytelling Network is dedicated to connecting people to and through storytelling. It serves individuals and organizations that use the power of storytelling in all its forms. For information on the network and storytelling, visit www.storynet.org.

Tickets are \$12, \$10 for groups of 8 or more, and \$6 for students. For more information, contact the Proctors Box Office at (518) 346-6204, 432 State Street, Schenectady.

For more information, visit www.storycircleatproctors.org or call 383-4620.

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■ MUSEUMS

Community invited to deck the halls

Albany Institute hosts three-day holiday decorating event

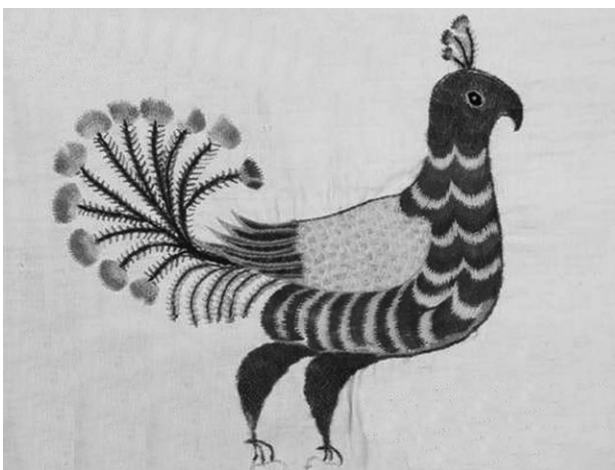
ALBANY—The Albany Institute of History & Art is asking community members to help the museum get ready, and decorated, for their upcoming free Thanksgiving weekend event they are calling “Home for the Holidays.”

The museum, which in the past has hosted holiday-themed events such as the beloved Festival of Trees, is rekindling that holiday spirit with this three-day extravaganza of holiday programs, specialty vendors, food and, of course, trees.

“Whenever I’m in the community and talking with people in the area, they speak fondly of the Festival of Trees. They

remember coming to the museum with their families and seeing the whole place decorated,” says the museum’s Executive Director Tammis Groft. “We are looking to bring back that type of event this Thanksgiving, and we need people to help us get ready by providing their own handmade ornaments for our community trees and decorating the museum.”

The museum will accept ornaments from the community through Nov. 14 during their regular open hours. All ornaments must be handmade or hand-embellished; no bigger than 5-inch wide, tall, or deep; and no more than 4 ounces (no, they won’t weigh it, but they will need to hang in on a tree). They can be ornaments that were made specifically for this event or made in the past. Submitted ornaments may be picked up at the



The Albany Institute of History & Art is looking for volunteers to help create ornaments and decorate the museum for its upcoming “Home for the Holidays” event.

museum in December or after the start of the New Year. They will be sure to keep your packaging so that your ornament(s) may be returned safely. Submission information and forms may be found on the museum’s website.

“We are really excited to work with the

community to decorate these trees,” said Elizabeth Reiss, Director of Development. “Some of the original trees from the Festival of Trees are coming back this Thanksgiving. We have also asked local artists to make ornaments for an artist tree and will display winning squares

from our Quilt Wall Hanging Challenge. We’re taking the opportunity to decorate our historic mantles and fireplaces in the Rice House so that families can take holiday photographs in front of them. It’s going to be a great weekend to be at the Albany Institute.”

The museum is also looking for volunteers the days leading up to the event to help get all the decorations in place and the museum ready to welcome the community.

If you are interested in helping hang decorations, organize ornaments, and get the museum festive on either Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or Thursday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., contact Reiss at (518) 463-4478 ext 402 or reisse@albanyinstitute.org.

For more information about the Home for the Holidays Free Thanksgiving weekend,

visit the museum’s website: www.albanyinstitute.org.

The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Ave. in Albany. There is limited parking available in the museum’s lot, located at the corner of Dove and Elk streets in Albany (just behind the museum). There is also on-street parking available.

The Albany Institute is open Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday until 8 p.m., and Sunday noon-5 p.m. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and some holidays. Admission is \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12. The museum is now offering free admission on Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.



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