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TOP STORY



Going nuts

Food company founded by Delmar couple
marks its 10th anniversary

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**Caroline and Paul
Barrett of Delmar
have built up Our
Daily Eats over the
past decade, out-
growing their home
kitchen and adding
employees. Today,
their products can
be found in most
local supermarkets.**

Submitted photos

BETHLEHEM — Caroline
Barrett knew quitting her job was a
risk.

After nearly 20 years in graphic
design, Barrett's youngest son had
just been born, and she was looking
to do something different with her
life. She loved to cook and had some
recipes that were loved by friends
and family. So Barrett decided to try
catering.

That's when she hit on a different idea.

"I had a flavor of almonds I made for friends and
often gave on holidays," said Barrett. "I thought I
could possibly sell it."



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On track

Toys and Trains exhibit at miSci
is a perennial holiday crowd pleaser.

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A look back

The fall high school sports season
provided many highs and lows, as
well as some spectacular individual
efforts. We look back on all of them
this week as we prepare for the
start of the winter sports season.

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SCHOOLS

V'ville fills vacancy

BOE appoints
newcomer, who plans
to run for full term

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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VOORHEESVILLE — School board members appointed a local attorney to fill the vacancy created after a recent resignation, which comes as the board gears up to make some big decisions.

The Voorheesville Board of Education on Monday, Nov. 17, unanimously appointed Doreen Saia to fill the vacancy created following Kristine Gravino's resignation on Sept. 30. Saia's appointment stretches through June 30, 2015, but has said she plans to run for a seat in next year's election. Gravino was reelected in May to her second four-year term in

an uncontested race.

Saia said she read the district's mass email requesting people to apply for the vacancy and it piqued her interest in joining the board. Saia, who as an attorney for Greenberg Traurig, said she believes her career skills will nicely complement those of fellow board members.

"I was happy to help," said Saia. "I think I bring a lot of capability to the board based on my own experience."

Saia was included in the 2015 edition of "Best Lawyers in America," a peer-reviewed publication, for her practice area of energy law. She has previously received other similar honors. Greenberg Traurig, LLP, is an international, multi-practice law firm with approximately 1,750 attorneys serving clients from 36 offices.

She has two sons in



Doreen Saia

the school district, an eighth-grader and fifth-grader, so she is already involved in the school community.

"I am very involved and interested in how the school structure is now and going forward the next 10 years," said Saia. "When you have children, I think you have more of a focused interest, naturally."

Saia said she's friends with Gravino and said her "presence would be missed."

When Saia applied for the vacancy, she also committed to running in the upcoming election to keep her seat on the board.

The last election did not see any challengers against incumbents. Gravino and Cynthia Monaghan were both running for their second four-year term earlier this year. Saia said she did not want to run against either candidate, but was interested in serving on the board. She liked the job both were doing on the board, but once the vacancy popped up, she took advantage of it.

"I look forward to working with the community," said Saia. "We are very lucky in Voorheesville. ... I just think it is such an amazing place."

The school board is also in the beginning steps of a transitional process for the district as it searches for a new superintendent. About two months ago, Teresa Thayer Snyder announced her intention to retire.

Snyder said she might do some consulting work for schools or teaching after leaving the district, but said she plans to stay out of administrative roles.

District administrators are in the beginning of the budget process for the 2015-16 school year, as well.

"Obviously, we all understand we are in a different world as far as tax levies and restrictions on budgets, and needing to be more and more creative," said Saia.

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to its annual
Holiday Silver Tea.*

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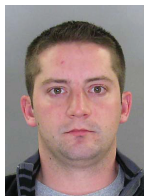


*Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum
1003 River Road, Selkirk 12158*

■ COPS, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

Man charged with locker larcenies at the Y

Bethlehem police arrested Matthew J. Hanson, 27, of Westerlo, on Wednesday, Nov. 19, and charged him with a series of larcenies from lockers at the Delmar YMCA.



Matthew J. Hanson

Over the past few weeks, multiple reports had been received of property being stolen from lockers from patrons at the YMCA. During their investigation, Bethlehem police found that Hanson had allegedly stolen wallets, credit cards and other personal property from lockers and then used the credit cards at various locations in the Capital District.

Hanson was charged with three felony counts of grand larceny in the fourth degree, and four felony counts of identity theft in the second degree. He was arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court and sent to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail. He was expected to return to court Friday, Nov. 21.

Additional charges are pending as the investigation continues.

Other arrests

• State Police in New Scotland arrested Michael

A. Hill, 34, of Delmar, on Wednesday, Nov. 19, and charged him with DWI. Troopers stopped Hill for speeding on Delaware Avenue in Bethlehem and observed an odor of alcohol on his breath. He was given field sobriety tests and processed at the State Police Station in Gunderland, where a chemical test determined that he had a BAC of 0.09 percent. He is due to appear in the Town of Bethlehem Court on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

• Gunderland police arrested Yeyang Lin, 18, of 939 Western Ave., in Albany, around 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, and charged him with DWI, operating a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver, speeding, failure to stay in a single lane, failure to keep right, plate display violation and illegal signal. Police observed Lin driving a 2012 Porsche westbound on Western Avenue and changing lanes while “accelerating recklessly.” Lin allegedly made a left turn in the 1700 Western Ave. apartment complex by crossing over the center turn lane without using his turn signal. Police said after Lin was stopped, he allegedly jumped out of his car and asked what was wrong. Police observed him to have a strong odor of alcohol on his breath, impaired motor coordination and glassy,

bloodshot eyes. A chemical breath test revealed he had a BAC of 0.12 percent.

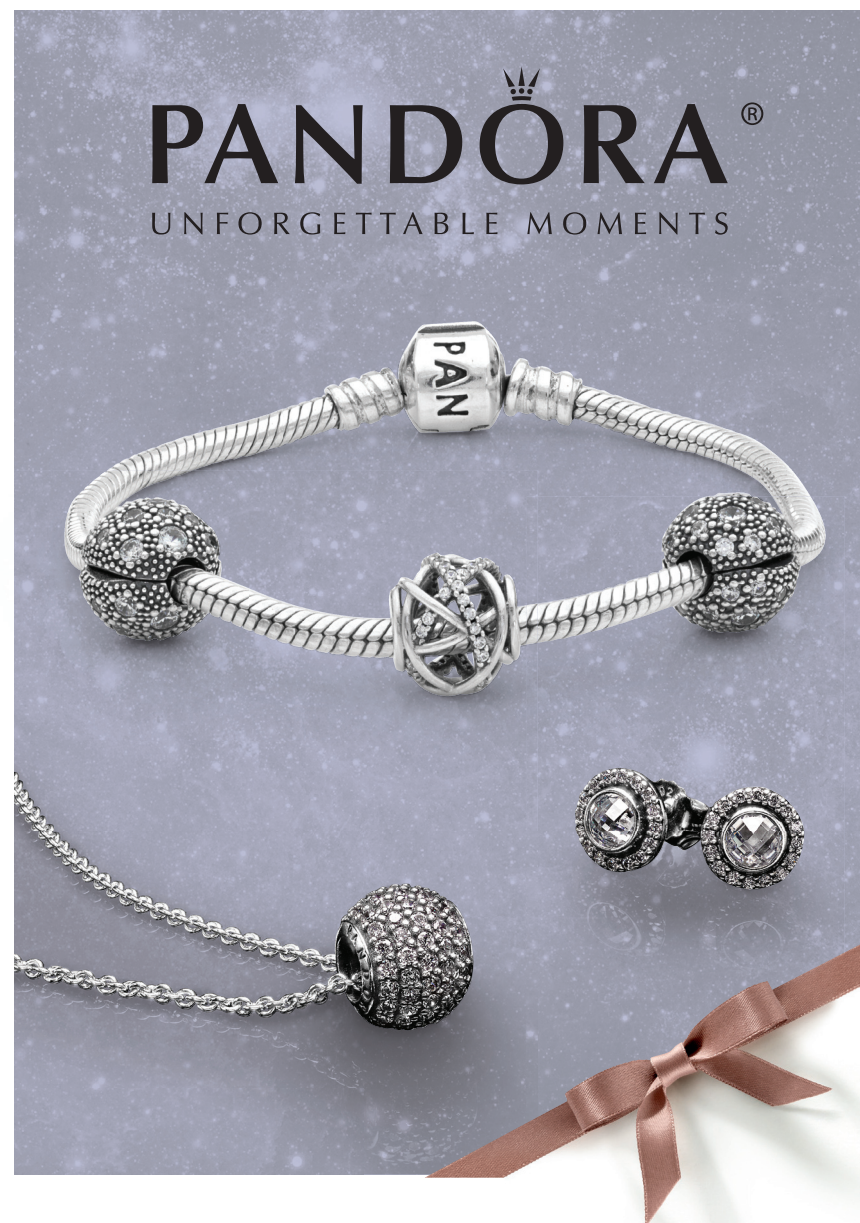
• Gunderland police arrested Joshua F. Richardson, 24, of 572 Fox St. No. 2 in Bronx, at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, and charged him with DWI, speeding and illegal signal. Richardson was allegedly driving 33 mph over the speed limit on Western Avenue in the City of Albany, and 14 mph over the speed limit as he entered the Town of Gunderland. Police stopped Richardson after he turned into the University at Albany campus and observed him to have a strong odor of alcohol, slow responses to questions, droopy eyelids and bloodshot eyes. When he exited his vehicle he allegedly “threw his door open” and hit an officer in the left arm with the door. Police said he refused to take responsibility for allegedly driving while intoxicated, and requested numerous breaks after being arrested. A chemical breath test revealed he had a BAC of 0.12 percent. Police said Richardson was “crying and looked out of it, foaming at the mouth, and had slurred speech.”

• Gunderland police arrested Codi A. Decker, 22, of 140 Maple in Selkirk, around 4:05 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, and charged him with operating a motor vehicle

while under the influence of drugs, failure to keep right, muffler exhaust system violation and an equipment violation. Decker was allegedly driving westbound on Western Avenue without license plate lamps and a load exhaust. Police stopped Decker and

observed him to have an odor of alcohol on his breath, lethargic speech, impaired motor coordination dilated pupils and glassy, bloodshot eyes. Decker allegedly admitted to consuming a beer before driving. While Decker was outside his vehicle,

police said he was grinding his teeth and chewing his lip. He failed the five standardized field sobriety tests administered to him, according to police. A chemical breath test was inconclusive, and Decker consented to having his blood drawn.



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■ COMMUNITY

G'land seeks solutions for schools

District projects \$129k budget gap next year, while focusing on long-term vision

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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GUILDERLAND — School district leaders again sought community input before budget deliberations begin, but this year, residents had new insight on the excess capacity of its buildings. Guilderland Central School District held a community summit Wednesday, Nov. 19, which gathered feedback from residents on what the future of its schools should be amid declining enrollment and diminishing resources. Unlike previous workshops, where residents primarily tackled

how to close a certain year's budget gap, the district wanted community members to help chart its long-term plan.

The fundamental question addressed was how the district could commit to its core mission with available resources. District officials offered up four options — school closure, redistricting, repurposing, and regrouping grade levels — and solicited any other options residents proposed.

"We are facing a lot of difficult questions and the solutions we have found so far have been difficult, to say the least, but we are kind of running out of ideas for how we close revenue gaps," said Superintendent of Schools Marie Wiles.

Wiles said participants were only being asked what options should be considered, not necessarily

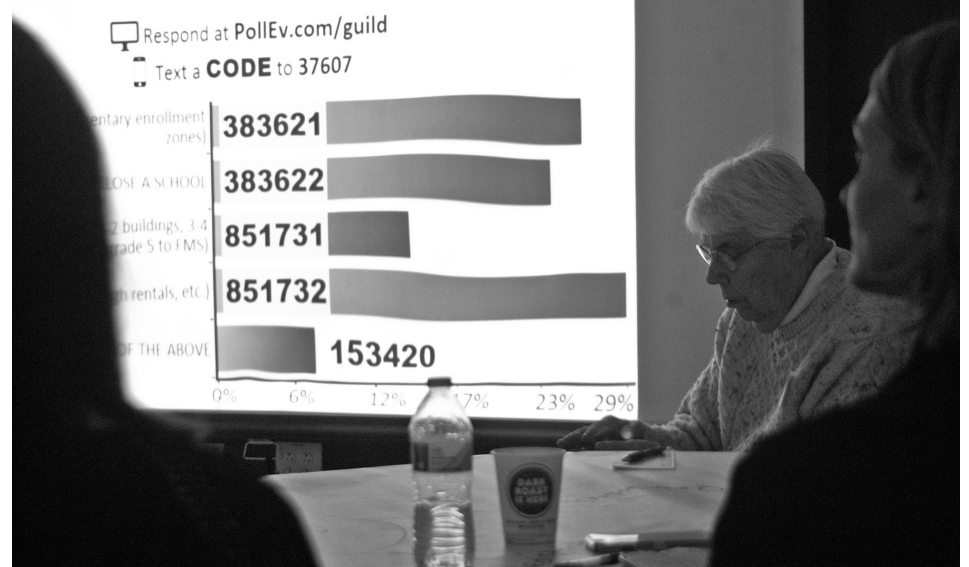
what would be done.

There were 74 people selected to participate in the meeting, with the maximum allowed at 100. Some board members and district staff attended the summit, too, but only observed conversations. All five attendance zones were represented among selected participants with 18 from Altamont, 17 from Lynnwood, 15 of Pine Bush, 14 from Guilderland and 10 from Westmere, according to the district.

"Tonight's event is really not about us, but it's about you and what you think, and what you can contribute by way of ideas and thoughts as we grapple with some pretty challenging issues," said Wiles.

The projected budget gap in next school year's spending plan falls around \$129,000, which is considerably lower than

ng, grade levels, or repurposing buildings?



Participants at the start of the Future of Guilderland Schools Summit on Wednesday, Nov. 19, vote in a live poll as results are displayed. The overall votes showed there was generally the same support for redistricting, closing a school and repurposing building spaces. Regrouping grade levels garnered less support, but did have more support than doing none of the options.

John Purcell/Spotlight

in recent years. Despite the shrinking gap for the 2015-16 budget, Wiles said it would be a short reprieve rather than the norm.

The 2016-17 budget is projected to face a \$1.98 million gap, which would stay relatively flat over the next four school years.

"The idea here is while we seem to have a small breather for the upcoming year, it will be short lived," said Wiles.

Wiles said the district has already cut staffing across all levels, from administration to teachers, with nearly 228 full-time equivalent positions eliminated since the 2009-10 school year. During

the same timeframe, 18 percent of teachers, 45 percent of teaching assistants, 20 percent of support staff and 22 percent of administration positions have been eliminated.

Enrollment has declined since the 2004-05 school year, which saw 5,645 students enrolled. This school year there are 728 fewer students enrolled compared to that year.

Wiles said the most optimistic enrollment forecast for 2023 would have 4,877 students, or 40 fewer than this year. The most pessimistic forecast puts the district at 4,470 students in 2023.

Approximately one-third of the school district population is of childbearing age, according to Wiles, and the estimated median resident age is 40 years old. Roughly 25 percent of households have one person 65 years or older, while another 25 percent have an individual 18 years or younger.

"We have to think about what does the housing market have to do, or what will need to happen to have more people live in Guilderland that are of child-bearing age and actually have

children," said Wiles.

One idea suggested was to develop a marketing plan to attract families, or those planning to have a family, to the district by highlighting its strengths.

One person had crossed out the "none of the above" option, which district presented as a fifth option about its other four, and wrote "all of the above." Groups were directed to write out their ideas on massive "mind maps."

A more complicated proposal some group members discussed was redistricting and possibly absorbing parts of other school districts.

Another suggestion was to poll residents on if they were OK with raising taxes if it was being done to "maintain the mission and quality of education," which received a lot of support.

There were some attendees who had experienced fifth-grade at the middle school and lent their support to regrouping grades that way. Earlier this year, that idea was presented in the now set aside scenarios from the district's building capacity study, but it was tied to closing an elementary school so savings would be achieved.

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■ COMMUNITY

Ten years of song

Bethlehem Senior Choir celebrates a decade of providing music for seniors by seniors

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — One local singing group is kicking off its 10-year anniversary with a series of events throughout the year.

The Bethlehem Senior Choir started in 2004 with the help of Claudia Summers. Recently retired from her job as a music instructor at Guilderland Central School District, Summers, a Bethlehem resident, said she was looking to do something to give back to the community. That's when she approached Bethlehem Senior Services with her idea.

"I knew that my talents were strongest in the area of music. They always have been," said Summers. "So I wanted to focus on that."

Summers said her mother was briefly in a nursing home for rehabilitation around 2003. When she would visit, Summers would play piano for her mother, and people in the facility would stop what they were doing to come watch.

"It just seemed like music was such an avenue where we could all enjoy ourselves," said Summers. "Many would hum or tap or play rhythms on the knees. It really reached these folks who were either permanently there or rehabbing. It made me think of what I would do with my future."

Summers said her mother had participated in a similar singing group for 20 years also led by a retired teacher. She knew how much it meant to her and wanted to see the group go forward in Bethlehem. She reached out to senior services to see what the town could do to help it go forward

and maybe help with some funding.

The group is now made up of 60 singers ages 55 to 96. Summers' own mother, who now lives with her, is the 96-year-old singing with the choir. The group performs 12 concerts each year, spread out over three concert series held in December, March and June. Each concert series is seasonally themed, with the majority performed at local nursing homes and senior care facilities.

"The singers love to gather," said Summers, now 64. "For some it's the highlight of their week."

The goal of the group is two-fold: to provide an additional activity for the community's seniors, as well as provide entertainment for those unable or unwilling to join the choir.

RoseAnne Fogarty has been with the choir since the spring of its first year. She joined because her mother knew she loved to sing and pressured her to give it a shot.

"I think when people get together and sing, there is some kind of definitely euphoric effect," said Fogarty. "I know it happens to me every time I sing. I think singing has a very powerful and positive effect on people."



The Bethlehem Senior Choir is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a series of concerts over the year.

Submitted

Fogarty said she enjoys the camaraderie of the group and called it something "blissful to have happened" later in their lives.

The Bethlehem Senior Choir will kick off its 10-year anniversary with a concert on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Bethlehem Town Hall at 1 p.m. Another singing group, the Thursday Belles under Judy Moore from Clifton Park, will also take part as guests.

The choir will perform seasonal favorites, along with classic hits from earlier generations and some show tunes. The

theme for this concert series is "A celebration of musical sounds."

Summers said she's been excited to share 10 years of song with her community and make

new friends along the way. She also enjoys arranging music as much as her group likes singing it.

"They say when you sing, the endorphins get fired up," said Summers.

"I think (choir members) leave with a very joyous feeling. We're really just a group of friends who care about one another, and I think that alone is an accomplishment."

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■ COMMUNITY

Book club holds first meeting

Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal. — Pamela Vaull Starr

Holiday hours

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26, and will remain closed on Thursday, Nov. 27, for Thanksgiving.

Stitching group to form

RCS Community Library is creating a new community group for yarn lovers. Come, meet and create.

Bring a project you have been working on or start a new one. Anyone can attend from beginners to those experienced with needlework. We will have an organizational meeting on Monday, Dec. 1, at 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Bring a project and a friend!

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Lunchtime book discussion

A new daytime book discussion group will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at noon, in the library Community Room. The group will be led by Director Judith Wines and the discussion will revolve around "Life After Lif" by Kate Atkinson. Copies of the book are available for check out at the library.

Computer classes

Organize Holiday Tasks with an Online Calendar — Get ready to tackle the holiday season with a free online calendar. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

— Carol Melewski

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.

HEAP program

Cold months approach. Heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under \$2,194 for one person, or \$2,869 for

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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. 26

Scheduled shopping
No 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 +

Work up an appetite at the Y

As you get ready for your big Thanksgiving meal and welcoming your family and friends to your home, here's one thing that you can add to your turkey day to-do list to help you prepare — work out at the Bethlehem YMCA.

The Y will have special holiday hours on Thursday, and will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. That's something to be thankful for. You can get some exercise, work up an appetite and maybe even make room for an extra piece of pumpkin pie.

At the Bethlehem YMCA, we have over 10,000 members, and we are thankful for every one of them. Our facility has become the town's community center, as well as a focus for charitable efforts to help people in our town through the Y's Annual Campaign.



The Bethlehem YMCA is an integral part of the everyday lives of so many families and individuals. We are thankful for that, and we are grateful for your support and participation in everything we do and each program we offer.

We are thankful that our members choose to come to the Y to swim, run, lift, spin, sing, skate, learn, box, breathe in, stretch out, shoot hoops, shoot pucks, shuffle cards, celebrate birthdays, enjoy camp, run into friends, drop kids off, pick kids up, expand your horizons or just collect your inner thoughts.

With that in mind, I decided to ask some

random members what they are thankful for about the Bethlehem YMCA. These are actual responses from Y members.

"My children prefer to come to the Bethlehem YMCA because it's clean, the staff watches the kids and they always have something to do because there are so many programs. I moved away for two years, then moved back and returned to the Bethlehem Y, and the staff recognized me and welcomed me back! That was great."

"I love the ice rink programs. I think it's great that the Y has a rink. Not only does my son participate in skating, he also comes to the Y for basketball, swimming and singing programs."

"The weight room is nice and the pickup basketball games are well organized."

"The staff does a great

job with the kids."

"I am thankful my children can run around in a safe place and have a ball doing it."

"I am thankful that, at this time of year, I can take my kids to the Y so they can be active and play. It's a good option, especially in the winter months."

"It's a very clean, well-maintained facility."

From a group of very young children: "I like playing in the gym." "I like playing basketball, it's my favorite." "I like running on the track because you can do exercise."

That's just a small sampling of opinion, but clearly there's a lot to enjoy at the Y and a lot to be thankful for. Thanks again to all our members for making the Bethlehem YMCA a special place in our community.

— Mark Hansen

See the lights in the park

Join us for Capitol Lights in the Park on Tuesday, Dec. 2. We'll have dinner at Bob and Ron's

Fish Fry, cost on your own, and then view the winter wonderland at Washington Park. We'll also stroll through the fully decorated Lakehouse filled with craft vendors. In lieu of van donation, a suggested \$5 donation will benefit the Albany Police Athletic League. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to be added to the wait list.

Let's go candy shopping at Krause's in Colonie, followed by lunch at Smokey Bones, cost on your own. The date is Friday, Dec. 5. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to be added to the wait list.

Get a head start on



your Christmas shopping. Ride with us on Monday, Dec. 1, to Wal-Mart and Glenmont Plaza. Call 439-5770.

The Senior Discussion Group, facilitated by Jane Sanders will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at Town Hall. Join others to discuss current events and human interest stories, and reminisce about the past. Call 439-5770.

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. You can also make an appointment for counseling on health insurance, housing issues, health and income related programs and heating costs support. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

— Wilma DeLucco

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■ COMMUNITY

Living well for Baby Boomers

Now that youngest Baby Boomers are turning 50 (50!), it's time to focus on healthy living for years yet to come. Join us for a three-part series — "Living Well for Boomers and Beyond: A CDPHP Wellness Workshop" — that starts Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 5:30 p.m., at GPL.

Among the topics covered are eating well, staying active and getting the best night's sleep for optimal health.

Registration is required; please call 456-2400, ext. 2. You can also sign up online at guilpl.org; go to the event calendar for Dec. 2, and click on the "Living Well for Boomers" link.

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Just in case: snow date for this event is Dec. 4.

Stitch 'n' Giggle Club

Kids in grade 4 and up are invited to join us for a monthly meeting of our new "Stitch 'n' Giggle Club!" on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m.

Staff members will be available to help you with your knitting or crocheting project. Don't know how to knit or crochet? No problem, we will help you learn.

Bring size 8 knitting

needles or an 8mm (size L) crochet hook, and we'll get you started. GPL will provide the yarn. Feel free to bring your own after-school snack, too.

Please call 456-2400, ext. 4 to register.

Li'l Lego Club

GPL's Li'l Lego Club for children in grades K-2 is back and really snapping together. The next session is on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m.

We will meet in the Storyhour room and use our imagination for some

creative play with friends. Bring your own bricks or create with ours. As usual, creations that you bring to show off will be kept separate from the library supplies.

Give us a call at 456-2400, ext. 4 so that we can make sure we have enough Legos for all.

Images of America: Altamont

Altamont is the focus of a book signing at GPL with author Keith C. Lee on Friday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Lee will be talking about his new book "Altamont," the latest locale profiled in the popular "Images of

America" series.

From the book: "... the village of Altamont was originally called Knowersville. It first gained prominence as a stopping-off place for early travelers struggling along trails from the Hudson River to the Schoharie Valley. As time passed, roads improved and commerce grew. Once the railroad arrived in 1863, the trip from Albany took just 45 minutes, and travelers quickly embraced the beauty of the Helderberg escarpment. A commercial center, including hotels, shops, and small manufacturers, grew quickly around the new train station, and well-to-do Albanians

seeking respite from city heat bought property for summer mansions on the hillside above the village."

Come hear Mr. Lee's presentation, complemented by illustrations from the book. Copies will be available for sale and author's autograph.

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/Guilderland.Library](https://www.facebook.com/Guilderland.Library).

— Mark Curiale

Decorate for the holidays

Teens in grades 6 and up are invited to join us on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 2 p.m., to make holiday ornaments for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York's Annual Holiday Hunger Appeal. We'll also be making decorations to brighten the tables at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center. All supplies provided, just bring your creativity. Participants will earn two hours of community service credit. Please call or stop by the library to register.

Beginning Beaded Jewelry

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., you can learn easy beading techniques for making simple necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Choose from our varied bead options to make something that suits your style. Once you've learned the basics, you can create a holiday gift. (Ages 14 and up, please register. There will be a small materials fee.)

NYC Bus trip

This is the last chance to save your seat on the bus to New York City. Saturday, Dec. 6, is the Friends of



the Library annual NYC 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 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. Check out just a few of the fun things to do in the city at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Save the date

Join local author and historian Dennis Sullivan as he guides you on a journey through your own history. The program will be held every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., from Jan. 13 through March 24. The sessions offer the opportunity for you to share what you are writing with the group

and receive a helpful critique of your work. Limited seats are available, so register early.

December Artist of the Month

The library is proud to welcome local artist Barbara McGeachen as our December Artist of the Month. Please be sure to stroll through the hall gallery and admire her watercolors. Our display case this month will be a collection of Nutcrackers, shared by Pat Galvin. If you have a collection that you would be willing to share at the library, please give us a call at 765-2598 and let us know about it.

Humane Society donations

This year the library is collecting donations for the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. From Sunday, Dec. 1, through Tuesday, Dec. 31, bring in any pet related item (food, leash, treats, etc.). Place them on our "donations for pets" table display. For a complete list of acceptable items, go to www.mohawkhumane.org/wishlist.html.

— Lynn Kohler

3D printer is a popular library resource

3D printing technology is rapidly moving beyond innovative play to practical applications worldwide. Bethlehem Public Library's MakerBot 3D printer continues to attract users from schoolchildren to adults. Last week the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce got a first-hand look and a demonstration by our IT specialist John Love.

Potential users can get "certified" by scheduling a one-hour orientation, which is required before independent use. If you've attended an orientation and are looking for design ideas or advanced help, volunteers are available one-on-one for OpenSCAD, Blender, and Sketchup coaching. Call 439-9314 ext. 3009 to sign up for an orientation or more advanced coaching.

Holiday hours

A reminder that the library will close at 5 p.m. today, Nov. 26, and remain closed tomorrow, Nov. 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 28. We're open



anytime online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. Trustees and staff wish all of you a safe and happy holiday.

Teen Advisory Group

Thursday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. TAG shares ideas and helps plan programs and activities for teens at the library. Grade 6-12.

Saturday movie

Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 p.m. Call 439-9314 for more information. All ages.

A Little Sunday Music

Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m.

Bass-baritone Steve Dahlin and soprano Margaret Lampasi perform songs of Henry Purcell.

Knit One, Purl One

Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. Experienced knitters: bring a project. Beginners: bring size 8 knitting needles; yarn and instruction provided. Adults, youth age 9 and up.

Daybooks

Monday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 p.m. "Burial Rites" by Hannah Kent. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk.

Bethlehem Public Library Board

Monday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. Open to the public.

— Louise Grieco

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■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Start the holidays at Five Rivers

BETHLEHEM — Kick off your holiday preparations at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road.

There are two programs on Saturday, Nov. 29. At 10 a.m., learn how to turn trash into treasure by using eco-friendly materials to wrap packages for the holidays. Come dressed to do crafts, as we explore various wrapping materials that are friendly to the environment, children and fun. Parents must accompany children. The program is free, but space is limited. Call the center at 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, Nov. 26.

At 2 p.m., there is a presentation about some of the smartphone and tablet applications that are geared for keeping children connected to nature. Learn about some of the options that might inspire your child's love for the outdoors.

For more information, call 475-0291.

Late November at the Pine Bush Center

COLONIE — The Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road in Colonie, is hosting three programs this weekend.

On Friday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m., learn about what's happening outdoors with the center's Nature of November program. Join center staff for an afternoon exploration of the preparations underway for winter's arrival. The program starts indoors and ventures outside for a walk of less than one mile.

On Saturday, Nov. 29, at 11 a.m., the center is hosting a "waddle walk" to help people walk off their Thanksgiving meals. The 2.6-mile hike over rolling terrain goes through the Karner Barrens East region, taking breaks along the way for rest and water. If there is snow, participants will snowshoe for less than one mile.

On Sunday, Nov. 30, at 1 p.m., learn about fishers. The program begins inside with a short talk about the history and biology of the fisher, and then heads outside



Daisies visit Good Samaritan

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 1294 from Elsmere Elementary School visited with some of the residents at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Bethlehem Friday, Nov. 14, and worked on a special turkey craft for Thanksgiving. The troop members are Peyton Conway, Chloe Bardin, Lizzie Cable, Vivian Wall, Liliana Jones, Cecilia Cromling, Emilie Dubin, Taryb Van Vranken, Sophie Donahue, Haley, Donahue, Kahlan Van Vranken, Katie Horn and Charlotte Lester.

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for a 1-mile hike to look for signs of the animal.

For more information on these programs, call 456-0655 or visit www.albanypinebush.org.

AJCC Summer Camp reunion Nov. 29

ALBANY — The Albany Jewish Community Center will hold its first summer camp reunion Saturday, Nov. 29, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the JCC, 340 Whitehall Road.

The reunion is for all camp alumni ages 21 and over. Activities will include pool and gym time, games, trivia and songs. Alumni are encouraged to wear old camp T-shirts and organize a team for camp trivia games. Prizes will be awarded. Soda, beer, wine and light hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served.

Reservations must be made by

Nov. 26 by calling 438-6651, ext. 113 or emailing Drew Katz at andrewk@albanyjcc.org.

Adopt-A-Wish to help area children

CAPITAL DISTRICT — Make-A-Wish Northeast New York has launched its annual Adopt-A-Wish campaign to help grant wishes to area children.

Wish stars are available for a \$3 donation at Aviation Mall in Glens Falls, Colonie Center, Crossgates Mall, Rotterdam Square Mall, Wilton Mall, Champlain Center in Plattsburgh, Clifton Park Center and branches of First Niagara Bank. Stars are also available at many local schools and businesses, and they can be ordered by calling 782-4673 or online at www.neny.wish.org. Mobile donations of \$19 can be made by texting

"DONATE" to 80088.

Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. The Northeast New York branch serves 15 counties and grants approximately 100 wishes per year. For more information, visit www.neny.wish.org.

Chilly Willy Winter's Eve

NEW SALEM — The New Scotland Historical Association is hosting Shelby Mattice's "Chilly Willy Winter's Eve" program Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m., at th Wyman Osterhout Community Center, just off Route 85.

The event shows the challenges of winter life on a Dutch farmstead in the 1600s. Learn how Dutch settlers secured and stored enough food and beverages to last through

the winter and how they coped with low light, cold temperatures and the fear of starvation. Also, learn about the various holidays they celebrated from Nov. 11 (Martinmas) through Twelfth Night in January.

Mattice is the curator for the Bronck Museum in Greene County. She is an active researcher and helped develop outreach programs for adults and youth.

The program is free. For more information, call 765-4212.

Thacher Nature Center hosts bazaar

VOORHEESVILLE — The annual Thacher Holiday Gift Bazaar takes place Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Thacher Nature Center.

Hand-crafted wares by local artisans and artists, jewelry, jams and jellies, honey products, homespun wool products and knitted items, original artwork, pine needle baskets, hand-painted gourds, stained glass and painted glass works, bark baskets, homemade soaps and organic beauty products, folk art items and more are on sale. Tunefolk will provide live music, and there will be a 50/50 drawing both days.

Fifty percent of the proceeds will be donated to local charity.

For more information, call 872-1237 or visit www.nysparks.com.

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SCHOOLS

V'ville elementary honored

School celebrates Blue Ribbon designation

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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VOORHEESVILLE
— There aren't many times someone can say they're having a blue day while sporting a big smile, but that's exactly what Voorheesville Elementary School Principal Thomas Reardon recently did.

"A lot of times, we wear our purple and gold, but today is certainly a blue day," Reardon said a crowd of students in blue during the school's Blue Ribbon Ceremony Thursday, Nov. 13. Voorheesville Elementary School received its Blue Ribbon designation for being a consistently high-performing school.

"There are 497 students in this room right now, and each one of you is the reason why we have this very special award," said Reardon.

Elementary school leaders were asked to apply for the award last year. Only schools the state Department of Education selects are allowed to apply. Before the switch to a more selective process about a decade ago, any school, or district, could apply.

There are almost

132,200 of schools nationwide, from kindergarten to 12th grade. Only 290 public schools received a Blue Ribbon award this year. There were also 50 private schools awarded. Statewide, there were 19 schools invited to apply this year, with 17 selected.

"It is an honor we want to make sure we relish and not have it get lost in the shuffle of things."

— Voorheesville Elementary School Principal Thomas Reardon

Each school receives a plaque and a flag to show its status as a National Blue Ribbon School. Over its 32-year history, fewer than 7,900 schools have received the designation.

Reardon said school leaders wanted to make sure the award was properly celebrated.

"It is an honor we want to make sure we relish and not have it get lost in the shuffle of things," Reardon said on Thursday, Nov. 20.

Albany County Executive Dan McCoy said the designation is "no small accomplishment" for the school and district.

"Thank you to the teachers and thank you to the students for getting this award," said McCoy. "It is a foundation starting with the family and coming to school."

Sen. Cecilia Tkaczyk noted Voorheesville was the only school to receive the award this year in her senate district, which has



almost 30 districts.

Students were "authentically excited," said Reardon. "The kids really walked away understanding this was a really big honor, because of the staff, parents and them."

Elementary schools have been undergoing the transition to Common Core Learning Standards, which has added a new challenge for educators. Reardon said the new standards were not a roadblock for achievement.

"Rather than being stumbling blocks, it was just challenges that we overcame," he said. "We really are a family. ... We come together to fix a

problem, and I think there is something to be said for that."

Reardon said there is something special about Voorheesville, a sentiment echoed by Superintendent of Schools Teresa Thayer Snyder.

"What makes Voorheesville Elementary School special is so much more than the performance of our children on assessments or our teachers' investment in the classrooms, or the principal's legendary energy. What makes Voorheesville special can more accurately be described as its soul," Snyder said in a statement.



ABOVE: Albany County Executive Dan McCoy talks to some of the students at Voorheesville Elementary School during its Blue Ribbon Ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 13.

LEFT: Voorheesville Elementary School Principal Thomas Reardon dons a cut out of a blue ribbon in honor of the school recently being selected as a National Blue Ribbon School.

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



SARAH MAYER

Former Siena College tennis star Sarah Mayer is the Spotlight News Player of the Week after it was announced that she was one of four athletes elected to the Loudonville college's Athletics Hall of Fame. A Shaker High School graduate, Mayer is Siena's all-time leader in career wins (66) and singles wins (21).

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

■ INSIDE



Signing day

Six Bethlehem Central High School seniors signed their National Letters of Intent at a ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 18..

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■ IN REVIEW



The Bethlehem girls soccer team's playoff run was one of the top stories of the fall sports season.

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Local teams shine

Bethlehem girls soccer, boys volleyball
reach state semifinals

By **ROB JONAS**
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ALBANY COUNTY — As the winter sports season begins, let's take a look back at the fall season.

Soccer

The Bethlehem girls soccer team finished third in the Suburban Council South Division standings, but the Lady Eagles came on in the playoffs. They upset No. 3 Columbia, No. 2 Shenendehowa and No. 1 Saratoga Springs to win their first Section 2 Class AA title in three years. Then, they beat Section 3 champion Liverpool in the regionals to reach the state semifinals, where they lost to Section 1 champ North Rockland.

The Voorheesville girls team staged its own monumental upset when it knocked off Schalmont — the state's No. 1 ranked team — in the Section 2 Class B semifinals. Goaltender Jordan Pettograsso made 17 saves to keep the high-scoring Sabres off the scoreboard. The Blackbirds lost to Catholic Central in overtime in the Sectional final.

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◀ Voorheesville tailback Matt Feller was one of the stand-out athletes during the fall season. The senior rushed for more than 1,200 yards, including four games where he rushed for more than 150 yards. The Blackbirds won the Class C Central Division title and reached the Sectional semifinal.

Spotlight file photo

Six sign their letters

Comber, Cremo and Rickert choose to play DI lacrosse teams

By **ROB JONAS**
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BETHLEHEM — Six Bethlehem Central High School seniors signed their National Letters of Intent to play sports at the collegiate level at a Tuesday, Nov. 18, ceremony.

Dan Comber, Emma Cremo and Kaylee Rickert will continue their lacrosse careers at the NCAA Division I level next year. Comber signed with Stony Brook, Cremo chose American University and Rickert picked the University at Albany.

"I really feel like Stony Brook is a perfect marriage for me in terms of athletics, academics and location," said Comber, who has been one of Section 2's top boys lacrosse goaltenders

for the past three years. "There's some lower level Division I schools that I turned away because they didn't have what I was looking for academically."

"I really love the Patriot League, and the American program is awesome," said Cremo. "Also, D.C. life is incredible."

Rickert was the only athlete to sign with a Capital District college, as she chose to play for former Bethlehem girls lacrosse coach John Battaglino at UAlbany.

"Definitely the coaching staff — the way they know the game, and they are all so welcoming," said Rickert.

Basketball stars John Sica and Gabby Giacone also announced their college choices. Sica will play at Columbia University next season, while Giacone signed with Northeastern University.

"I just think the Boston area and the school ... were a perfect for me, academically and athletically," said Giacone.

"Obviously Columbia being an Ivy League school has great academics, and I wanted to go to a school that had great academics," said Sica.

Defending state high jump champion Grace Smith will continue her track and field career at Cornell University — a place she dreamed of going to.

"When I was a (high school) freshman, we went to their annual invitational. I looked out the window at the school ... and I knew that's where I wanted to go," said Smith.

Bethlehem athletic director Len Keis said the most impressive thing about all six athletes who signed their letters of intent is that they are as good in the classroom as they are in their sports.

"Every one of these kids are 90-plus students. Every bit of leadership they have in the classroom, they show on the field," said Keis.

From page 11 ... Young runners lead Guilderland

On the boys' side, defending Sectional champion Guilderland surprised outside observers by winning the Suburban Council South Division title, despite graduating nearly every starter from its 2013 squad. The Dutchmen got as far as the Class AA semifinals before losing to Shenendehowa. Bethlehem made it as far as the quarterfinals, where it lost to Niskayuna.

Football

Experience mattered for the Voorheesville football team. The veteran-laden Blackbirds posted a 7-0 regular season record on their way to claiming the Class C Central Division title. They reached the Sectional semifinals before losing to Fonda-Fultonville.

Voorheesville had several standout individual performances throughout the season. Wide receiver Shane Parry caught five passes — all of them for touchdowns — for 193 yards in the Blackbirds' 42-16 victory over Mechanicville in the Sectional quarterfinals. Tailback Matt Feller rushed for more than 150 yards four times, including a 210-yard effort in a victory over Ichabod Crane and a 198-yard, three-touchdown performance the following week against Stillwater. And quarterback Robert Denman threw for 209 yards and rushed for 65 more in a victory over Taconic Hills.

Bethlehem won its first four games before bowing out of the Class AA Sectionals in the quarterfinals. The Eagles had the top tailback in the Liberty Division, though, in senior Ben Zonca, who rushed for 1,240 yards and 18 touchdowns. Zonca's best game was a 249-yard, two-touchdown effort in a 28-27 overtime loss to Colonie.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's season had

a similar trajectory to Bethlehem's season. The Indians won their first four games before stumbling to a 5-4 finish and a Class B Sectional quarterfinal appearance. Guilderland struggled to a 2-7 record.

Volleyball

The Bethlehem boys team remained at the top of the Section 2 Division 1 heap, despite graduating seven seniors from last year's team. After posting the second-best record in the Suburban Council during the regular season, the Eagles navigated their way to the Sectional and regional titles for the fifth straight season. Bethlehem couldn't keep the momentum going at states, though, as it lost all four of its pool play sets.

Bethlehem's girls team also had a successful season. Led by veterans such as Gabby and Jenna Giacone, the Lady Eagles won the Suburban Council South Division title and reached the Class AA Sectional final, where they lost to defending champion Shenendehowa. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk got to the Class B Sectional final before falling to Broadalbin-Perth.

Cross country

Guilderland added to the legacy of its "Long Red Line" with a strong showing at the Section 2 Class A championships. The boys team placed second to Shenendehowa, while the girls team placed third behind Saratoga Springs and Shen, which tied for first place.

Sophomore Noah Carey and eighth grader Noah Tindale made headlines for the Guilderland boys team. Both runners finished in the top 10 at Sectionals, with Carey placing third and Tindale finishing sixth. Carey qualified for the state meet, where he posted a ninth-place finish in a time of 16:00.2.

Senior Emily Burns was Guilderland's top female runner, as she won two invitational titles and finished seventh at Sectionals. The future looks bright for the Lady Dutch, thanks to Emily Bini. The seventh grader came on late in the season to place ninth at Sectionals and 11th at the Federation meet.

Girls swimming

Guilderland-Voorheesville placed fourth at the Section 2 Division 1 meet. Caroline Conforti qualified for the state meet with a third-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke, while Guilderville's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Kelly Gao, Stephanie Erickson, Olivia Bigge and Belen Marriaga earned a state meet berth with a fourth-place finish. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Bigge, Conforti, Marriaga and Sarah Webber also qualified for states.

Bethlehem sent its 200-yard freestyle relay team to states after the team of Leigha Kosakowski, Lauren Wildermuth, Ally Federman and Kathryn Sancilio placed third at Sectionals. Diver Annie Burdick qualified for states following a second-place finish.

Field hockey

Bethlehem reached the Section 2 Class A semifinals following a 2-1 quarterfinal victory over Niskayuna, which had played in last year's Sectional final. The Lady Eagles lost to eventual Sectional champion Shenendehowa 3-0 in the semifinal round.

Golf

Bethlehem's Tyler Hull and Guilderland's Will Burger qualified for the Section 2 championships by posting top-20 scores at the Class A tournament. Hull was part of a four-way tie for fifth place with an 18-hole score of 77, while Burger was part of a three-way tie for 10th place with a score of 80.

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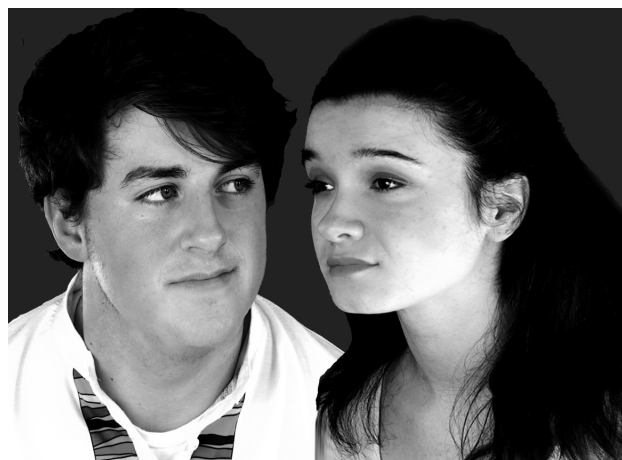
The school's 26th annual Shakespeare production set for December

By **LIBBY MCGINN**

DELMAR – An annual Bethlehem tradition is in the final stages of preparation as the high school's Shakespearean company prepares to take the stage in this year's production of "The Tempest," to take place Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 12-14.

Before the witchcraft and wizardry of Harry Potter, Disney magicians and "The Wizard of Oz," William Shakespeare wrote "The Tempest." In his final play, Shakespeare weaves together comedy, tragedy and romance to tell the tale of the deposed and presumably dead Duke of Milan, Prospero, who finds himself (due to the tempest he raised) with a rare choice 12 years later — seek revenge or use his magic to forgive his wrongdoers and reclaim his place in the world with integrity.

Aided by the magical Ariel and opposed by the savage half-human/half-demon Caliban, Prospero has to grapple with whether "the rarer action is in virtue than in vengeance," or whether King Alonso, Duke Sebastian and the usurping Duke of Milan, Antonio, deserve the



The BCHS Shakespeare will be performing "The Tempest" on Dec. 5-7 and 12-14 at the high school's auditorium.

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death to which they had sentenced Prospero 12 years earlier.

"We are such stuff as dreams are made of," Prospero famously utters.

According to Director James Yeara, "The Tempest" is full of Shakespeare's finest storytelling, poetry, comedy and tragedy. Yeara acted in Ten Broeck Mansion's production of "The Tempest" just this summer and said he finds inspiration in directing this production.

"I find the theatrical magic this cast and crew create looking at the play with new eyes and a fresh heart," said Yeara.

The students involved expressed enthusiasm and passion for the production.

"(Being in 'The Tempest') is truly an incredible experience," said senior Cameron Duwe, a veteran in both the

Shakespeare productions and the musicals at BCHS. "It has challenged me to play a type of role I've never played before."

Duwe said an added benefit is being surrounded by "the most supportive cast an actor could ask for."

Student Rozara Sanders echoed Duwe's sentiments regarding the camaraderie shared among the cast.

"There is an overwhelming feeling of unity that bonds this cast together," Sanders said, adding that the sense of unity allows the actors to "become completely vulnerable and take on the challenge that is Shakespeare." Junior Hannah Thien said the show is "the yin and yang of Shakespeare's work."

"There's comedy and tragedy, romance and heartbreak, light moments



and dark," she said. "It presents the cast with the challenge of reaching those levels. It has strengthened us as actors."

Live music, adapted by Thien, will accompany the production and be performed by Bethlehem student musicians.

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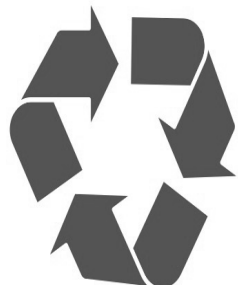
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Notice of Formation 003 Venus Tacos LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/6/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#65541

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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,

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46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#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. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63746

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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(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 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 PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday December 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Paul & Jane LeBlanc, 7 Grandview Terrace, Selkirk, for an area variance under Article XIII, Section 128-100, Schedule of area yard and bulk requirements. Applicant would like to construct a carport that does not meet front yard setback requirements. Daniel W. Coffey ChairmanBoard of Appeals Ad#66537

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 868 LORIMER PROJECT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/10/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered

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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

AAT Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/05/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3202 Nostrand Ave., Ste. 3F, Brooklyn, NY 11229. General Purposes. Ad#65659

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:

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USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63799

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 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

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 Balistik 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

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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

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,

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation Complete Perfection Construction LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/31/2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o LLC, 705 S. Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202. Purpose: All legal purposes. Ad#62949

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CORIE HENGST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/7/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63823

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CYBER SECURITY PLAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/15/14. Office location: Albany

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County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63755

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#63732

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of ERHARDT HOLT, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on August 6, 2014. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, at 138 Western Avenue, Altamont, New York 12009. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful purposes. Ad#65578

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.

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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 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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Graebel/Northeastern Acquisition Movers, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 10/22/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/15/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. NJ address of LLC: 9 Aspen Drive, Randolph, NJ 07869. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Div. of Rev., PO Box 450, Trenton, NJ 08646. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#64589

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF GREAT DISCLOSURE LLC. Appl. for Auth. Filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Michigan (MI) on 10/10/05. SSNY des-

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igned 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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Hudson Valley Renewal, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/25/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Maxwell & Van Ryn, 2 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

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Notice of Formation- Javid & Teddy LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63469

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation JSR Auto Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Ad#64373

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Land Property Management, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63471

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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: STRAGILITY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/13/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1574 New Scotland Road. Slingerlands, NY 12159 Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#66287

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation LNY Real Estate Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/7/2014 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#65540

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAIN MAN WATER MAIN & SEWER PLUMBING CO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/15/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63735

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Manhattan Fertility Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#63470

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formationof Limited Liability CompanyArticles of Organization of MCBG, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on 11/12/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process c/o the LLC, 124 Lincoln Ave., Albany, NY 12205. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#65883

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: MFB Healthcare Consultants,

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PEARLS & DIAMONDS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State, November 10, 2014. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to MRP Associates, LLC, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. Ad#66319

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NG Realty NY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/25/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2216 Avenue X, Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes. Ad#65653

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LEGAL NOTICE

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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

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LEGAL NOTICE

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■ GIVING

Modest favors make a big difference

Local woman just one example of how organization helps those living on the edge of poverty

By **MARCY VELTE**
veltem@spotlightnews.com

CAPITAL DISTRICT — There are people and families who fall between the cracks when it comes to financial assistance. Amy Wink counts herself among them.

In the spring of 2013, Wink, who lives in Albany, lost her high-paying sales position in Guilderland. She had just gone through a divorce and made the decision to send her son away to school at the Anderson Center for Autism.

"I was not doing my job at the best of my ability and was having a bit of an emotional crisis," said Wink, who had, at the time, just finished purchasing the house she had shared with her ex husband.

Wink had recently refinanced her mortgage to a shorter payment term and needed the higher salary to help her stay afloat.

Knowing she needed to tighten her budget, she opted to stop giving to some of the charities she had donated to on a monthly basis.

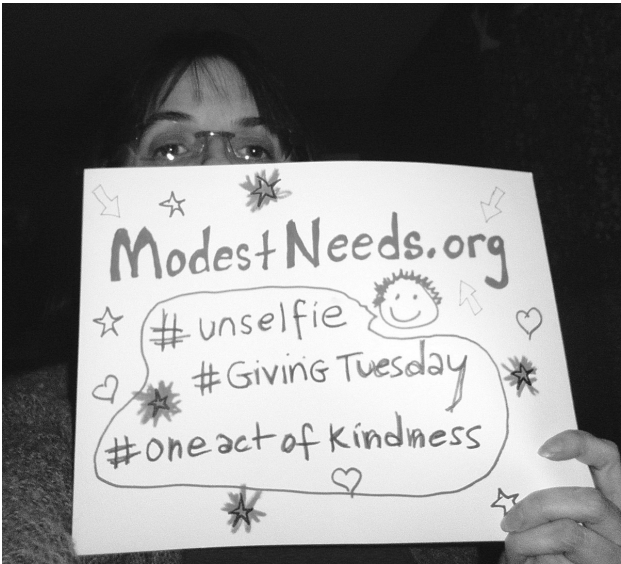
Many of the charities sent her letters asking her to reconsider, but the executive director of one of the organizations called her back personally.

Wink had been donating to Modest Needs from its inception after reading a story about the organization in Reader's Digest. The national nonprofit provides short-term financial assistance to individuals and families in temporary crisis.

"He immediately knew something was wrong if I was ending my donations," said Wink of Keith Taylor, president and executive director of Modest Needs. "He asked if there was anything he could do, and I said 'Give me a job.'"

So Taylor did. He had been looking for a new communications and marketing specialist, and he offered Wink the job. She would be able to work from home and help spread the word about the organization throughout the Capital District.

Wink said she is in a much better position now



Amy Wink of the non-profit Modest Needs, promotes "Giving Tuesday." Along with giving holiday gift grants for those in need, the organization is hoping people will give to their favorite charity on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Submitted photo

financially, but sometimes still struggles. She will most likely have to refinance her mortgage once again to help make the payments.

"That's not to say Modest Needs isn't paying me well, but it's still hard," said Wink. "I feel lucky, and now I get to do something that truly makes me feels good when I lay my head down at night."

Wink said what first attracted her to donate to Modest Needs was their

mission to help those who don't qualify for conventional assistance. There aren't many charities for those who make decent money, but are living paycheck-to-paycheck.

"Anything from a broken down car or unexpected medical bill could put them behind," said Wink.

Those who apply for help through Modest Needs are heavily vetted. Individuals and families then write a brief description of

themselves and their situation to be put online. Those who wish to give to specific cases can then browse online and donate much like they would to a Kickstarter campaign, or by giving to Modest Needs directly.

Once the goal for each case is reached, an update is provided from the family.

"The great thing is about 67 percent of our recipients go on to become donors themselves," said Wink.

During the months of November and December, Modest Needs provides Holiday Gift Grants. Those eligible are able to receive up to \$75 in age appropriate gifts per child. Recipient parents are able to shop online for the gifts, which are then purchased by Modest Needs and shipped to their house in time for the holidays.

"This is designed for parents who would normally be able to afford presents, but for some reason this year can't," said Wink. "It's so people don't have to choose between which bill to pay and buying presents for their children."

The hope is through the work of Modest Needs, the cycle of poverty will not continue for families put in

these types of situations.

This year, the organization is also working to spread the word about "Giving Tuesday." Modeled after the themed days Black Friday, Shop Local Saturday and Cyber Monday, Giving Tuesday is when people are asked to give to their favorite charities. It's a movement many charities are hoping will catch on to help further the joy of the holiday season.

The organization is looking for both donors and those in need who would like to apply for assistance. Wink said she knows many are not comfortable asking for help, but personal information is kept confidential. There may also be less of a stigma since the organization is national and based in New York City, so those needing help don't have to seek it out from other community members.

"I'm sure there are people out there who have found themselves in both situations, either needing help or able to give," said Wink. "There's no government program for people living on the edge of poverty. It's incredible we can help them a dollar at a time."

For more information, visit www.modestneeds.org.

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■ COMMUNITY

Town's textile recycling day a success

DELMAR—The Town of Bethlehem helped launch the Clothes the Loop NY statewide environmental campaign with a successful textile collection event on America Recycles Day, Saturday, Nov. 15.

The town partnered with the Bethlehem Central School District, the Delmar Farmers Market and the American Clothing Recycling Company, based in Glens Falls, to hold this first event of its kind. More than 17,000 pounds of

clothing, footwear and cloth products were collected for reuse and recycling and diverted from the landfill. The material from this single event averages out to nearly 2 pounds for each household in Bethlehem, or more than a half pound for every resident. The event also raised \$871 for Bethlehem Central School District environmental programs.

Clothes the Loop NY aims to increase clothing and textile recovery from the waste stream statewide,

as well as inform residents to reuse and recycle all unwanted clothing, footwear, and other textiles such as sheets, towels, tablecloths, pillows, stuffed animals, even fabric scraps and socks.

"We received a lot of thanks from people for hosting this collection; most of whom hadn't realized that in addition to wearable clothing, these other types of textiles and footwear should also be donated for reuse or recycling rather than thrown away — even if items are ripped,

missing buttons, have a broken zipper, or are stained," said Dan Rain, Town of Bethlehem recycling coordinator and chairman of the Clothes The Loop NY campaign for the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling.

Residents are urged to drop off textiles at a local charitable organization, or by using clothing collection bins found throughout the region. Visit www.NYTextiles.org for more information.



More than 17,000 pounds of textiles were collected during the Clothes the Loop NY textile reuse and recycling campaign held at the Bethlehem Middle School Saturday, Nov. 15.

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What we're thankful for

It's Thanksgiving time once again — that time of the year where we get together with family and friends to share in an overabundance of food and give thanks for what we have.

We at *Spotlight News* have our own list of things we're thankful for. It's a relatively short list, but loaded with a lot of people.

The first group we want to thank is our staff — from our publisher, John McIntyre, to our editorial staff, our art department, our advertising representatives, our business manager and our office manager. For such a small staff, we get a lot done in a week. Our reporters — Marcy Velte, John Purcell, Emily Drew and Michael Hallisey — and our sports editor, Rob Jonas, may be the names you recognize most easily, since their

names are at the top of every story they write. But we wouldn't have a product for you to read without the behind-the-scenes help from managing editor Kristen Roberts, advertising representatives Cyndi Robinson and Tony Gaddy, art director David Abbott, graphic designer Martha Eriksen, distribution manager Evelyn Necroto and the drivers who deliver our publications, and our front office staff of Shekia Gandy and Kathy Bryant. They all make contributions to the product that you see on the newsstands and in your mailboxes.

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winning papers week in and week out or have them delivered to your doors tells us that you also believe that we're your best source for local news. And we intend on continuing to bring you the best local coverage in the area.

With that, let's tuck into our Thanksgiving meals and look forward to another wonderful year. Happy Thanksgiving from *Spotlight News*!

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Richard Naylor

**Director of the William
K. Sanford Library**

• *Hometown: Clarksville, Ind.*

What are you listening to these days?

What I like the most is kind of fusion jazz, although I like Santana. I (recently) went to the University of Albany. I don't remember his name, but it was modern piano music. But Wagner is the one classic pianist that gives me goose bumps.

What are you reading?

I've got this project going. I'm reading the diaries of presidents. So I started with George Washington, and now I'm at Andrew Johnson, which is really painful once you get to his presidency. I read books on photography otherwise. I'm reading "Anna Karenina," too, because my wife and I went to Russia this past year.

What are you watching on TV?

My wife and I tend to not keep up on the latest shows. Right now, we're going through "House of Cards."

What was the last movie you saw?

We just saw "Birdman."

Who is one person living or dead you would like to meet and why?

George Washington. He seems to have been popular. He managed to do so many things in his life. He was surveyor, he was an expert farmer. He was incredibly brave and intellectual.

Describe your dream vacation.

We like vacations. We do that, so we don't just dream, we actually go. I guess one of my favorites was the Galapagos Islands. We did a 10-day tour going from the most recent developments to the oldest ones that were the least developed.

What is your favorite hobby?

Photography. This one was easy.

Describe what your last meal would be.

Probably something Indian. I think I

would get a sampler, so I could remember all of the things that I like.

What is your favorite thing about the library?

I think it's helping people. That's the nicest thing about it. I've been fortunate enough to have a job where you just help people that walk in the door. It is nice to think that, well, I can just help people.

What is one book you would recommend and why?

"Creating WE" by Judith Glaser. The whole idea is to work toward making people feel like we're all together, and to work together. And we have it here at the library.

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Owners took a 'leap of faith'

She figured going into business for herself would also allow her more time at home with her kids.

Our Daily Eats began in 2004 with Barrett making small batches of her Spicy Maple Almonds out of her home kitchen in Delmar. Her first two retail customers were Delmar Marketplace and Indian Ladder Farms in Altamont. The almonds were originally sold in plastic cone bags that were filled and labeled by hand.

Within a month, the business had grown, and she decided to add more flavors along with different varieties of nuts. The business stayed in her kitchen for about a year and a half before moving to a larger space behind the former Four Corners Pharmacy on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

"Everything was going great there, but we couldn't fill our bigger orders," said Barrett. "We couldn't get them through the door, so we had to fill them on pallets outside of the building."

The family was dealt a major blow when, in the spring of 2010, Caroline's husband, Paul, lost his job with IBM.

"It was a challenging time for us," said Paul. "I went from a steady income with insurance to a job of unknowns. We had the company, but it was very small at that point. We debated if it was the right move to continue, but it was enough of an investment that it was worth the risk."

Paul had been working as a traveling consultant with IBM and was gone most of the week, helping with production or distribution for Our Daily Eats when he had the extra time. The loss of his job meant big changes. Both Paul and Caroline decided to sit down and see if it

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— Paul Barrett,
co-owner of Our Daily Eats

was possible for them to work together on a day-to-day basis.

"Now I couldn't be happier with the business partner I've chosen," said Paul. "I think it was a blessing in disguise. We obviously have our differences of opinion, but we complement each other in different ways."

With the decision

made they would both be working full-time at Our Daily Eats, the couple decided it was time to expand and focus more on their branding.

By fall of 2010, the company moved to its current location on Everett Road in Albany. The design and packaging were changed, and they decided to reach out to more retailers. They also decided to take on more employees.

Ten years later, Our

Daily Eats has four employees, plus Caroline and Paul. They produce seven varieties of nuts and seeds, seven granola and dried fruit mixes and two kinds of roasted peanuts. They also offer specially themed holiday options.

Caroline said each day the company focuses on the production of one type of nut or granola. Each are

made in 50-pound batches, with 600 to 800 pounds of a product made in one day. Our Daily Eats can now be found in most local supermarkets, along with farmers markets and many specialty food stores.

"It was a leap of faith, and sometimes it's a struggle," said Caroline. "But for the most part it works out every day, and we are pretty blessed."

The company celebrates its 10th anniversary this month. Paul said the goal is to stay competitively priced while continuing to produce a quality product.

"We want customers to see the value in what we make and that it's not just another scoop of vanilla (granola) but something much greater than that."

Caroline said she's glad they stuck with the company and hopes it will continue to grow.

"We are very proud of what we done," she said. "I feel like it's our fourth child. It's a journey we are on, and we're raising it and growing it just like one of our children."

For more information, visit www.ourdailyeats.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fahy is good for the environment

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

Congratulations to Assembly Member Patricia Fahy on her re-election. Fahy has been a champion on environmental issues and has been a leader in calling for action on legislative priorities, including the Child Safe Products Act, which would help get dangerous chemicals out of children's toys and products. There is a full docket of environmental legislation waiting for action next year. We are going to need every green champion to advance critical initiatives such as lifting barriers to clean energy, fighting climate change, strengthening the Environmental

Protection Fund and fully funding the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Capital Plan. As a founding member of the New York State Caucus for Environmental Legislators, Fahy will play a key role in setting New York's environmental agenda next year. Her leadership will be essential for developing our clean energy economy and protecting our environment for future generations. We look forward to rolling up our sleeves with Assembly Member Patricia Fahy and getting the job done.

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Update

A public hearing with the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals concerning a proposed National Grid substation on Van Dyke Road in Delmar has been postponed until January. The applicants told the town they needed more time and would not be prepared by the previous date of Dec. 3. The new date for the public hearing will likely be Wednesday, Jan. 21.



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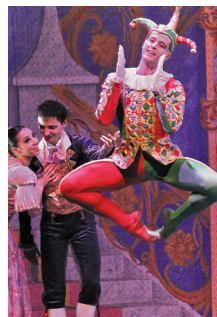
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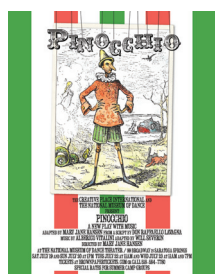


A seasonal classic

The Moscow Ballet to perform the Nutcracker.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Oh boy!

The National Museum of Dance and the Creative Place are presenting "Pinocchio," the classic tale of a puppet's journey as he transforms into a "real boy." Performances will be held Dec. 4 and 5 at 10 a.m. and Dec. 6 and 7 at 2 p.m. For more information visit www.brownpapertickets.com. The museum is at 99 South Broadway in Saratoga Springs.

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Model holiday

The Trains and Toys exhibit at miSci has become a tradition for many families

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SCHENECTADY — In a world where 8-year-olds beg for the latest cellphone, the sight of a toy train set still holds a special kind of magic this time of year — especially in Schenectady.

"If you were to list the Top 20 toys in history, trains would certainly be one of them," said miSci Executive Director Mac Sudduth.

And on Nov. 28, miSci opens the doors to its annual Trains and Toys Holiday Show.

"It's a family favorite that's been happening for several years," said Sudduth. "We've been doing it for quite a few years. People love it and always ask when it's coming back."

This year's exhibit features running model trains and science

The 19-by-27-foot train set diorama at miSci will be set up Nov. 28-Jan. 19.

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ARTS CALENDAR

THEATER

The Secret Garden

Tony Award-winning musical adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's book. Presented by Capital Repertory Theatre. Through Dec. 21. 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Shows: Tuesdays

through Sundays. Tickets: \$20-\$65. Information: 445-SHOW or www.capitalrep.org.

The Game's Afoot (or Holmes for the Holidays)

Ken Ludwig's comedy about a house party that goes murderously wrong.

Presented by Schenectady Civic Players. Dec. 5-7 and 10-14, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$17. Information: 346-6204 or www.civicplayers.org.

Shrek: The Musical

Stage adaptation of successful animated

movie series. Presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company. Dec. 5-7 and 11-14, SLOC Theater, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady. Shows: Thursday through Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2 p.m. Information: (877) 350-7378 or www.sloctheater.org.

women's vocal group. Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$15-\$25. Information: 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org.

"It's a Jazzy Christmas"

The music of Vince Guaraldi as performed by The Peanut Gallery Jazz Band. Dec. 5, 6 p.m. Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Tickets: general admission \$20, students \$10, children under 5 free. Information: Sal Prizio, 337-4871 or www.massrycenter.org.

MUSIC

Thanksgiving Super Soul Fest

Featuring Jeff Redd, Fonda Rae, Cupid and Al B. Sure. Nov. 28, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$39-\$59 in advance, price increases by \$5 on day of show. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Scott Low

Singing his southern folk songs. Nov. 29, 7 p.m., Emack & Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Kitka

Acclaimed American

Pharmakon

Industrial electronics artist. Dec. 5, 8 p.m., EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 110 Eighth St., Troy. Information: 276-3921 or empac.rpi.edu.

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HOT DATE

The Secret Garden

The Tony Award-winning musical enters the second week of its run at Capital Repertory Theatre. Watch as Frances Hodgson Burnett's book comes to life on the Market Theater stage. The play runs through Dec. 21, with shows Tuesdays through Sundays. Tickets and information: 445-SHOW or www.capitalrep.org.

The Albany County Historical Association's HOLIDAY HOUSE 2014 AT TEN BROECK MANSION "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"



The Holiday Shop Opens - Friday, November 28 • 12 - 3:00 pm:
Gift Certificates to the shop are available for purchase as well.

Open House - Saturday, December 6 • Noon - 3:00 pm:

Begin the Albany holiday season with a visit to Holiday House at Ten Broeck Mansion's Open House.
- \$5 per adult • \$1 for children under 12

Lecture, "Hanukkah" - Thursday, December 11 • 1:00 pm:

Rabbi Cashman will discuss the history and traditions of Hanukkah
- Admission is free, reservations not required.

Musicians of Ma'alwyck - Friday, December 12 • 7:00 pm:

"A Sprig of Mistletoe, A Garland of Ivy." Enjoy refreshments while listening to this talented duo play a variety of Christmas tunes of different nationalities and early music.
- \$25 per person • Reservations encouraged.

Holiday Tea at Ten Broeck Mansion - Saturday, December 13 • 1:00 - 4:30 pm:

Enjoy a festive Holiday Tea served in the formal dining room. Seatings are from 1:00-2:30 pm and 3:00-4:30 pm
- \$25 per person, \$20 ACHA member price
Pre-Paid Reservations required.

Children's Story Hour - Saturday, December 20 • 10:30 am - Noon:

Bring your children to hear Holiday stories read by Sinterklaas, play parlour games, crafts, decorate cookies and enjoy simple holiday refreshments. (Recommended ages 3 to 10), Free Admission.

Holiday Madrigals, Coffee & Desserts - Saturday, December 20 • 1:30 - 4:00 pm:

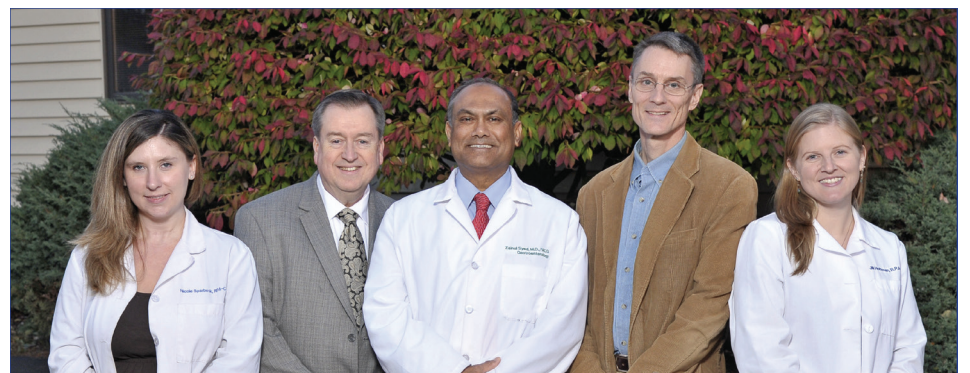
Enjoy afternoon coffee & desserts and holiday songs performed by the full ensemble of the Helderberg Madrigal Singers
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Ample off-street parking is available in the lot at the rear of the Mansion Gardens.

The Mansion Holiday Gift Shop is open during all scheduled events.

For more information or to arrange your holiday party at the Mansion
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Solas

Irish-American Celtic band. Dec. 5, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$24. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Thursday Musical Club

Annual holiday concert featuring guest artists The Thursday Belles handbell choir and flautists Jean Hayes and Natalie Posner. Dec. 6, 2:30 p.m. First Reformed Church, 8 North Church St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$15, students and seniors \$12.

Slambovian Circus of Dreams

Celebrating the release of its new CD, "A Box of Everything." Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors (GE Theatre), 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$26, day of show \$28, Gold Circle \$35. Tickets and information: 346-6204, 434-1703 or 8thstep.org.

DANCE

First Friday Swing Dance

Featuring the music of Eight to the Bar. Free lesson at 7:30 p.m.; dancing begins at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 5, Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St.,



A hilarious whodunit

Michael Ciaravella, left, plays William Gillette — the lead character in Schenectady Civic Players' production of "The Game's Afoot (or Holmes for the Holidays)." Nancy Hammell, right, plays Inspector Goring. The play opens Dec. 5 at the Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., in Schenectady.

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Albany. Tickets: general admission \$15, Dance Flurry members \$12, students/seniors \$10. Information: www.danceflurry.org/swing.

FILM

1971: The Film

Documentary about a break-in at an FBI office

that exposed a secret government program of spying, followed by a commentary by the film's editor, Gabriel Rhodes, and journalist Betty Medsger. Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

LITERARY

Delicious December

As part of the museum's Thanksgiving weekend celebration, author Peter Rose talks about the Dutch roots of many of our favorite holiday traditions. Nov. 30, 2 p.m., Albany Institute

of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Free with museum admission. Information: 436-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

Dave King

Part of "Frequency North" visiting writers series. Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., Neil Hellman Library, 392 Western Ave., Albany. Information: www.FrequencyNorth.com.

COMEDY

Comedy Works

RC Smith headlines. Dec. 5 and 6, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Dinner and show: advance tickets \$39.95, day of show \$44.95. Information, 275-6897 or www.thecomedyworks.com.

Gabriel Iglesias

One of America's top comics brings his "Unity through Laughter Tour" to town. Dec. 5, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets and information: www.palacealbany.com.

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Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region,” a juried exhibit featuring the best contemporary art in the Capital District. Through Jan. 19. Plus “Ancient Egyptian Galleries” and “The Hudson River School and the Nineteenth-Century Landscape.” 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Artist talks: Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, 6 p.m. Information: 463-4478 or albanyinstitute.org.

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center

“Pine Bush Perspectives,” a juried photo exhibit. Through Jan. 1. 195 New Karner Road, Albany. Information: 456-0655 or www.albanypinebush.org.

Albany Public Library

“Written Response Requested,” featuring the work of four visual artists and four local authors. Through March 21. Pine Hills branch, 517 Western Ave., Albany.

Arts Center of the Capital Region

“Abecedarius,” a

collaboration between Colin Boyd and Michael Oatman, through Dec. 23. 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552 or www.artscenteronline.org.

Esther Massry Gallery

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

Hudson Valley Community College

“The 2014 Fine Arts and Digital Media Faculty Exhibition,” through Dec. 6. The Teaching Gallery, 80 Vandenburg Ave., Troy. Information: www.hvcc.edu/teachinggallery.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

“Where Do You Come From?” Part of the Schenectady County

Historical Society’s “Exploring Schenectady County’s Immigrant Past” project. Through Feb. 7. Plus, “Hops & Hogsheads: Beer from Colonial to Craft Brew,” through February 2015. 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information: 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

miSci

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

New York State Museum

“The Shakers: America’s Quiet Revolutionaries,” through March 6; “Along His Own Lines: A Retrospective of New York Realist Eugene Speicher,” through March 22. Plus, “Binghamton University Paleobotany Collection” and “The Passenger Pigeon: From Billions to Zero.” Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.



Outstanding voices

The all-women’s vocal group Kitka makes a tour stop at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall box office. Call 273-0038 or visit www.troymusichall.org.

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Train exhibit free with admission

toys most people don't have at home. With the show opening just after Thanksgiving, Sudduth said he hopes it gives families the opportunity to take advantage of the traditional day off from school and work to share the exhibit with friends and family visiting from out of town.

An elaborate 19-by-27-foot train set diorama, constructed by the Upstate Train Associates, will display functioning O-Gauge model trains in front of the main entrance to the Suits-Bueche Planetarium. Toy train enthusiasts will identify these as Lionel model trains.

In addition to several model trains that will run continuously, visitors are promised scenes of an amusement park (complete with Santa riding a roller coaster), a pair of children ice-skating on a pond, a farm with horses and cows, and more. The trains that load and unload their cargo of barrels, lumber and other objects are always a hit with visitors.

There will be a working "Thomas the Train" display for children who know and love the iconic animated character.

The museum's Play Space also promises to provide science toys and other activities to entertain the young and young-at-heart. The popular water table has been moved inside for the winter, allowing kids to explore how moving gates from one position to another affects the flow of a waterway.

The museum is featuring a new Kids' Supermarket, opening just in time for the holiday season. The supermarket helps teach weight, measurement and sorting in a kid-sized market.

There is also the opportunity to explore engineering as children can design and construct their own playhouse.

A place in history

For the first half of the 20th century, trains were as synonymous with the city of Schenectady as General Electric.

As Thomas Edison developed luxuries such as the incandescent light bulb, refrigerators and phonographs, the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) became a regional

manufacturing giant known for its locomotives and automobiles. It provided the engines for the Union Pacific Railroad and answered the country's call to duty by providing the military with tanks in World War II.

Together, the two companies established Schenectady as a prominent manufacturing center known as "The City that Lights and Hauls the World."

Sudduth said that history is preserved at the museum's extensive archives – just another service the museum has provided over the years. The archives at miSci include an extensive GE Photograph collection, with more than 1.6 million prints and negatives; an archival collection with more than 3,500 cubic feet of historic materials; and more than 15,000 objects relating to the history of science and technology. The archives also house an 1878 Edison tinfoil, the second oldest documented Edison tinfoil recording, the oldest playable American voice.

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Trains & Toys Holiday Show
- **When:** Nov. 28-Jan. 19
- **Where:** miSci, 5 Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady.
- **How much:** General admission is \$6.50 for children 3-12, \$8 for seniors 65 and older; and \$9.50 for adults
- **Info:** 382-7890 or visit miSci.org

Founded in 1934 as the Schenectady Museum, miSci houses The Suits-Bueche Planetarium with the only GOTO Star Projector in the Northeast and is recognized as an official NASA Space Place.

The Trains & Toys Holiday Show opens Friday, Nov. 28, and runs through Jan. 19. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday (closing at 2 p.m. on Dec. 24 and closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1).

MiSci is located at 15 Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady. General admission is \$6.50 for children 3-12, \$8 for seniors 65 and older; and \$9.50 for adults. Admission to Trains & Toys is included in general admission. For more information, call 382-7890 or visit miSci.org.



Visitors of all ages delight in the model train display at miSci. The trains will be running through Jan. 19.

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Moscow Ballet brings 'The Nutcracker' back to The Palace at a more family-friendly time

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — The Moscow Ballet returns the Palace Theater for a matinee performance of "The Nutcracker" Saturday, Nov. 29.

"It's a great show," said Sean Allen, marketing director for The Palace. "The Moscow Ballet does a wonderful job. ... We always get wonderful responses to it."

The dance group has made the former RKO movie palace a regular stop on their annual tour over the past several years. The group's publicist recognizes the Capital District's appreciation for the arts,



In this scene from the "Great Russian Nutcracker," young Masha meets the Nutcracker Prince.

Moscow Ballet

and ballet in particular.

In years past, the show has been an evening affair. However, the ballet's Saturday performance is scheduled for 3 p.m., which should allow for "varied audiences," said Allen. Already, ticket sales reflect that more families, young and old, are taking advantage of the earlier time.

"It's a wonderful performance to take

the family," said Allen.

"Something for kids, parents, grandparents, all to enjoy."

The popular Christmas story has a long history associated with Russia since its debut in St. Petersburg more than 100 years ago. The story itself was penned by a German novelist, E.T.A. Hoffman, and the performance was set to ballet by

French dance teacher, Marius Petipa. However, the ballet's prolonged popularity is due in large part to the music of Russian composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

The production in 1892 was considered a flop, but Tchaikovsky's 20-minute suite has since developed into a staple holiday music theme.

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From page B6 ... Show has a theme of peace

Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker" tells the story of the girl who falls in love with her Nutcracker Prince on Christmas eve – with a lot of Russian flair. Award-winning principal dancers Ekaterina Bortiakova and Akzhol Mussakhanov perform as heroine Masha and the Nutcracker Prince, with the company of 40 dancers.

The principal dancers represent a sampling of the best performers in the world.

Bortiakova has been described by critics as the "epitome of a classical ballerina." Her partner, Mussakhanov, is a native

of Kazakhstan and laureate of several prestigious International Ballet Competitions.

This tour also represents soloist Yuliya Aleinik's premier in North America. She is considered among the top international ballerinas.

There are a few, notable variations to the Moscow Ballet's adaptation of "The Nutcracker." The production is said to maintain the class tradition and story line; however, the second act takes place at the Land of Peace and Harmony instead of a visit to the Sugar Plum Fairy. This is a nod to the ballet's overall mission of promoting international peace and harmony, as it

continues to perform for audiences worldwide since the end of the Cold War.

The production will also feature a five-story tall growing Christmas tree, along with nine hand-painted backdrops made in Russia – one of which is Rousseau-inspired piece for the Land of Peace and Harmony scene. Also of note is the presence of the Dove of Peace, portrayed by two dancers, each with one, 20-foot-long wing.

Tickets start at \$30 each, with groups of 10 or more and Girl Scout troops receiving discounts, by calling 800-320-1733. Seniors 65 and older, military and AAA discounts are also available at the theater box office with appropriate identification. Tickets go to www.nutcracker.com/buy-tickets.



Principal dancer Ekaterina Bortiakova leaps during the Spanish variation in the "Great Russian Nutcracker." Bortiakova is one of the premier ballerinas in the world.

Moscow Ballet photos

Tickets to the matinee performance at The Palace in Albany start at \$30. Palace representatives say the new performance time will likely bring in a new audience to enjoy this perennial holiday classic.



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Troy Music Hall, Pro Musica partner up

Community arts institutions join in arrangement to offer expanded cultural offerings to the area

TROY – It was announced Wednesday, Nov. 19, at an event in Downtown Troy that Albany Pro Musica will become the chorus-in-residence at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

The announcement was made from the historic and acoustically perfect Music Hall, which has been a cultural landmark in the Capital District since the 1800s, in an event punctuated by a performance by the Pro Musica chorus.

“The collaboration between the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Corporation and Albany Pro Musica presents a tremendous opportunity for both of our organizations,” said John Hoggan, president of the Troy Savings Bank Music

Hall board of directors. “Albany Pro Musica is an organization with a tradition of excellence and a bold vision. We look forward to welcoming APM's members and audience to the Music Hall.”

The agreement was approved by the boards of directors of both organizations last week, and it lays the groundwork for several 2015 performances by Albany Pro Musica at the Music Hall. The schedule of performances will be announced at a future date.

“Becoming chorus-in-residence at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall not only allows us to bring the exceptional artistry of Albany Pro Musica to a wider audience more

often, but also connects us with one of the truly exceptional concert halls in the country,” said Karen Hitchcock, president of the Albany Pro Musica board of directors. “The Community Foundation of the Greater Capital Region just released a report urging steps toward a more collaborative, cohesive creative economy in the Capital Region, and the creation of partnerships like this one across city and county lines is exactly the kind of positive, proactive action we need to help the arts in our region thrive.”

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Executive Director Jon Elbaum said the two organizations have been working towards this partnership for several months.

“Each year, we aim to build upon our successes and offer new programming to our patrons,” said Elbaum. “I

can think of no better way to do that than to have this celebrated group in residence.”

Jose Daniel Flores-Caraballo said that when he recently came on as artistic director of Albany Pro Musica, one of the first goals he set was to make their concerts accessible to a wider audience.

“This is exactly what this partnership will accomplish, while also connecting us to a historic cultural institution in the Capital Region,” he said. “I know all members of the chorus are excited to call such an exquisite, world-renowned space our new performance home.

The synergy between this acoustically perfect, elegant hall and the extraordinary talent of Albany Pro Musica singers will bring national and international attention to Albany, Troy and the Capital Region.”

Troy Mayor Lou Rosamilia said that over the past few years, the city has really started to move in the right direction.

“Expanding our cultural offerings is a key component to continued revitalization and bringing fans of the arts into our city,” he said. “This partnership demonstrates a deep commitment from two organizations that are clearly invested in our

region, and I am looking forward to all the 2015 season has to bring.”

Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan praised the Capital District's artistic community — in Albany, Troy and Schenectady, as having incredible strength.

“And this musical partnership is a prime example of how we can make the entire region's arts scene even stronger,” said Sheehan.

Members of the Albany Pro Musica Chorus performed two songs at the announcement on Nov. 19: “Hard Times Come Again No More” by Stephen Foster and “The Road Home” by Stephen Paulus.

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ON STAGE
Clothes call
Bringing Cirque du Soleil's vibrant 'Dralion' costumes to the stage requires a wardrobe team that can think on its feet.
By DANIA BIANCHI
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It's East meets West with a circus twist in downtown Albany for the final run of "Dralion." Cirque du Soleil, which has sparked the imagination of millions of people in more than 40 countries, brings the elements of a traditional Chinese circus and a Western contemporary circus to life in "Dralion" for six performances Thursday, Oct. 2, through Sunday, Oct. 5, at the Times Union Center.
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Local comedians take the stage at event.
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Creating a costume sketch was one of the first steps in bringing the vibrant look of the "Dralion" wardrobe to the stage.

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