

GOVERNMENT

Proposed tax increase under \$1

Town in stable financial condition for third year

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BETHLEHEM — For the third year in a row, Supervisor John Clarkson has released a preliminary budget showing the town is in a financially stable condition.

Clarkson and Comptroller Michael Cohen presented the initial spending plan at a Town Board meeting held Wednesday, Sept. 30. The proposed 2016 budget increase for homeowners would be approximately 71 cents, based on an assessed

property value of \$250,000.

"The tax rate is going up more slowly because we continue to have growth in the tax base," said Clarkson, adding the increase is negligible this year for most homeowners.

Similar to last year, the town's proposed budget

is \$40 million. There is a spending increase of less than 1 percent, or about \$337,000 over 2015. This is mostly to help pay for the rising cost of employee benefits and to allow for a 2 percent cost-of-living raise. As the largest part of the budget, wage costs will rise to a total of \$15.8 million.

"We think 2 percent COLA is really very richly deserved," said Clarkson. "This is keeping our employees at a level with inflation. There are other raises employees can get, like step increases, but many employees are at the top of their grade for whatever reason, so the only increase they get is the COLA."

The budget proposes a tax rate increase of .07 percent. This is due to an increase in property values and the phase-out of several Payment in lieu of Taxes agreements. The tax levy is .05 percent.

Clarkson told board member they will have to decide this year whether they will choose to end a decades-old front footage fee.

Cohen previously explained as new homes were built in the 1970s and '80s in underdeveloped parts of town, new sewer lines were also needed. Town officials needed to find a way to pay for this new infrastructure, and unlike today, the developers were not made to foot the bill.

The town decided to bond to pay for the projects, since at the time they could not get federal aid. It was decided the cost for the new sewer lines should be passed on to the homeowners.

Residents in those homes were billed with an extra charge on their taxes called a front footage charge. This was determined by measuring the curb of their property by feet and charging residents a certain amount per foot based on the measurement.

Cohen said not everyone in town have this extra charge, and most that do, don't realize it. The



Supervisor John Clarkson recently proposed a \$40 million budget with a tax rate increase of .07 percent.

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bonds for the sewer work were paid off in the mid-2000s, but the charge has continued to be included in the tax bills of some residents. It was decided to phase-out the charge last year.

Clarkson said the average tax increase could change for residents depending on what is decided by the board.

The presentation called for no cuts to the budget, but did include investments in the town as the Capital Plan calls for water and sewer upgrades to be made by 2020. There will also be additional community improvements, like the installation of new sidewalks and the implementation of the Delaware Avenue Enhancement Study.

Also outlined were the investment plans for the town through funds received through the state Local Government and Efficiency Award. Money received from that award will continue to fund grants for technology upgrades, sustainability efforts, tax relief and various community enhancement projects. However, \$30,000 will now go toward a study and implementation measures for needed security upgrades at the town court and police department.

The proposed budget includes the anticipated

\$673,000 increase in sales tax revenue but a \$150,000 drop in mortgage tax revenue.

Clarkson also lauded the installation of solar panels at the former town clay mine site. The panels were installed at no initial cost from the town through a partnership with the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency. The panels will provide 4.6 million kWh of solar power generation. There's an estimated first-year savings of \$150,000 with a total savings of \$5 million to \$7 million over 20 years.

Last year's \$39.7 million budget held a tax levy increase of 1.8 percent, below the state tax cap for the town. However, many homeowners saw a reduction in their tax bills following the town-wide reassessment completed in early 2014. The savings will continue for many during the 2016 budget season. About 6,000 homeowners, or 62 percent, saw their tax bills lowered.

Continued budget discussions will take place at the Wednesday, Oct. 14 Town Board meeting. The public hearing will take place on Oct. 28.

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■ GOVERNMENT

Town police served notice of lawsuit

Former town police officer alleges sexual harassment

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — A former Bethlehem police officer has filed notice she intends to sue the town over alleged sexual harassment when she was on the force.

Caitlin Dole, who resigned from her position with the police department in May, filed the alleged charges with the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The notice does not list the official allegations, just that it involves issues of sexual harassment.

Town Supervisor John Clarkson said the town

received a notice of a pending EEOC complaint from former BPD officer Caitlin Dole about two weeks ago. Since they have not received the complaint, he could not comment on any specifics of the case.

"When we received Officer Dole's resignation in May, Bethlehem police command staff and our director of human resources discussed with her the reasons expressed for leaving and tried to address those concerns," said Clarkson. "We asked her to consider remaining on the police force."

Clarkson said at the same time, the town decided to take additional steps beyond its regular annual training to make sure that all Bethlehem police supervisors were aware of their responsibilities "to help ensure that employees do

not face a hostile work environment."

"An EEOC discrimination complaint is a serious matter and when it arrives, we will review the complaint carefully, look into any areas we need to, and take all steps necessary if there are problems that need addressing," said Clarkson. "We want to be absolutely sure that our workplace environment supports a diverse and highly effective workforce, and that is and will remain the highest goal throughout this process."

According to Clarkson, Dole was hired in January of 2014. She graduated from the police academy in July of 2014 and resigned from the police force in May 2015. She was one of three women to have ever served on the Bethlehem police force. Sgt. Regina



The town was put on notice last month of former Bethlehem police officer Caitlin Dole's intent to sue the town for sexual harassment.

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Cocchiara remains the only woman currently with the department. Cynthia Reed Kerr retired in 2001 after 23 years of service.

Steve Kraz, president of the Bethlehem Police Supervisor's union, responded on behalf of the town's two police unions.

"We were sad to see (Dole) go and wish the best of luck in the future," said Kraz "I don't know what the complaint involves, so we can't add anything at this time. To my knowledge, none of my membership has been indicated in the complaint.

She was a very intelligent person, and we wish her success on whatever path she decides to go down."

Dole's lawyer, Daniel Maloy of the DeLorenzo Law Firm in Schenectady, could not be reached for comment.

SUPERVISOR JOHN CLARKSON

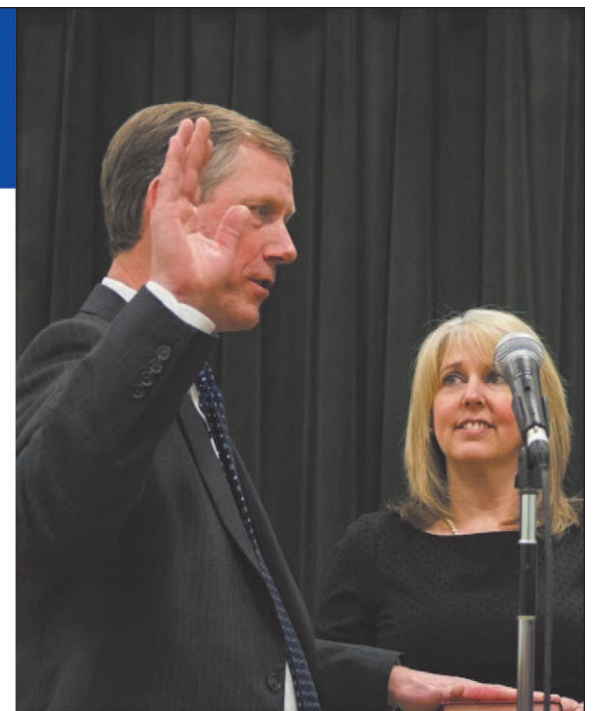
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COMMUNITY

Bike ride to Boston

Delmar father and daughter bike to Boston to replicate life-saving journey

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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BETHLEHEM — Twenty years after the ambulance ride to a Boston hospital where his life was saved, Howard Strobe and his daughter Sarah have replicated that journey on bicycle.

Once in Boston, the duo met with some of the doctors and nurses at Massachusetts General Hospital who performed the life-saving heart transplant Strobe received so many years ago. After departing from the Savile Road Bike Shop in Delmar, Thursday, Oct. 1, the pair traveled

55 miles the first day of their journey, 40 miles the next two days each, and a shorter 30 miles on the final day, for a combined four days of biking.

In 1995, Strobe underwent a heart transplant after a virus, likely the Coxsackie B Virus, caused the white blood cells in his heart to multiply. Those white blood cells did not dissipate as they should have after they mended to the virus, and Strobe's heart was destroyed as a result.

"I got hit with a virus and it just brought me to my knees," said Strobe, a healthy, relatively athletic individual before the virus hit. Since his transplant, Strobe has made great efforts to eat healthily and exercise often. He and his family have now become advocates for LiveOnNY, formerly named Organ Donors Network of New York.

Howard and Sarah Strobe were joined for their first leg of the journey by Audrey Koester, Sarah's advisor at Albany Academy for Girls during her father's illness, and the school's librarian. "They're a very strong family. They support each other all the time," said Koester.

Strobe was a senior in high school at the time her father was struck with the virus. While many teenagers would have buckled under the stress of applying to colleges, school work and the "self-imposed pressure" that came with being the ranking scholar at the school, Strobe "just had to keep plowing on through," during such a trying time, said Koester.

"To balance all that with the emotional challenges of that time is not something that I think a lot of 17-year-olds would have been able to handle

at that time, so we talked a lot and we hugged a lot and we've stayed in touch," said Koester.

With the help of email and Facebook, she and Strobe have stayed in contact for the 20 years that have passed since Strobe's graduation. When Koester joined Sarah Strobe for the trip, it was the first time in a number of years that they had met in person. She will return home after the first 55 miles of the trip, after reaching North Adams, Mass., in the Berkshires. The Berkshires were considered the most difficult leg of the Strobes' journey, according to Howard Strobe.

Sarah Strobe has been planning the trip for about three years now, and regularly cycles as part of the training for the numerous triathlons and Iron Man competitions



Sarah Strobe and her father Howard Strobe hug before their four-day bike ride to Boston.

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she has competed in since 2006. Her father, an avid cyclist since his retirement five years ago, and mother Mary, who drove alongside her daughter and husband during the trip, have been present at every major race of hers since then.

In the days leading up to her departure, Strobe returned to Albany

Academy for Girls, stressing to the upper school girls how important organ donation is. "One person becoming an organ donor can extend a family's life by 20 years," said Sarah Strobe. And for Howard Strobe, "I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for people signing up to be organ donors."

Library bike station promotes healthy living

Station installed to accommodate town's growing cycling population

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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BETHLEHEM — A new public-use bicycle service station at the Bethlehem Public Library addresses a growing population of bikers in town.

The station was installed Wednesday, Sept. 23, and cost around \$1,000. It uses hanger arms to lift your bike so that users can perform basic bike repairs and maintenance, such as changing a flat, filling tires, adjusting the brakes or fixing a wobbly seat.

The Dero Fixit device includes Phillips and flat-head screwdrivers, six sizes of Allen wrenches, six sizes of box wrenches and two tire levers. A heavy-duty air pump with a universal pump head next to the

station accommodates all valve stem types. The station is located at the entrance closest to the parking lot at the Bethlehem Public Library.

"We were looking to provide service to the significant amount of people that ride bikes to library," said Bethlehem Public Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick. Staff at the library had not heard of any such device being placed in any other libraries in the region, but when one of the librarians suggested

it, the device's installation seemed like a great way to make the library more community oriented.

"Making Bethlehem a more walkable, bike-able community is part of what makes Bethlehem great. If we can improve that then we're doing our job," said Kirkpatrick.

As more cyclists have started using the streets of Bethlehem as their playground, the community has raised efforts to accommodate them, both with the

installation of the rail train and with the Bethlehem Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee's efforts increase awareness for bicycle safety.

"It's not just hardcore bikers, but families and teens," said Kirkpatrick. "People are realizing that the distances aren't as far, and there's an increase in awareness on the roads and an increase in safer trails."

The Bethlehem Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is currently distributing bright yellow lawn

signs with the message "please look out for us," accompanied by images of a biker and a group of children. Signs are available at Town Hall Room 203, and can only be placed on residentially-zoned properties.

"Having resource like this to make it easier for cyclists in town to fix minor problems is beneficial to community," said Kenneth Kovalchik, chair of the Bethlehem Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Delmar man arrested for sale of gun

Colonie police arrested Keith M. Manganaro, 39, of 35 Hanover Drive in Delmar, around 3:40 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and charged him with felony criminal sale of a firearm in the third degree. Police said Manganaro sold a semiautomatic rifle.

Other arrests:

State Police in Guilderland arrested Natishia J. Hall, 41, of Albany around 11:36 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, and charged her with DWI and felony possession of a forged instrument. Police stopped Hall on I-90 at Exit 25 for an alleged traffic violation. Police said she had a forged inspection sticker. Hall was transported and processed at SP Albany where her BAC was determined to be 0.16 percent, according to police. She was arraigned at the Town of Guilderland Court on the same day.

• State Police in Ravena arrested Brandon C. Horn, 29, of Toms River, N.J., Monday, Sept. 14 at around 10:12 p.m. and charged him with DWI. Police stopped a vehicle for speeding, traveling 92 mph in a posted 65 mph zone, and reportedly found the driver, Horn, to be intoxicated. Horn was transported and processed at SP Albany where his BAC was determined to be 0.11 percent. He was scheduled to appear in Village of Ravena Court Wednesday, Sept. 23.

• State Police in Colonie arrested Blair T. Junco, 32, of Voorheesville, around 8:49 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, and charged him with felony DWI. Police stopped a vehicle on I-90 at Exit 24 for an alleged traffic violation, and reportedly found the driver, Junco, to be intoxicated. He had a BAC of 0.08 percent, according to police, and a prior DWI conviction from April

2006. He was scheduled to appear in Town of Colonie Court Wednesday, Sept. 30.

• State Police in Guilderland arrested Gregory E. Holden, 45, of Schenectady, around 12 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19, and charged him with DWI. Police stopped Holden on I-90 at Exit 25 during a roach check, and reportedly found him to be intoxicated. Holden was transported to SP Albany where he had a BAC of 0.09 percent. He was scheduled to appear in Town of Guilderland Court, Thursday, Oct. 1.

• State Police in Guilderland arrested Zakia V. Tarver, 35, of Albany, around 4:34 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, and charged her with DWI, felony possession of a forged instrument and misdemeanor aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Police stopped Tarver on I-90 at Exit 25 for an alleged

traffic violation, and reportedly found the driver, Tarver, to be intoxicated. Her vehicle was reportedly found to have a forged inspection sticker, and she was reportedly driving on a suspended license. Tarver had a BAC of 0.08 percent, according to police, and was scheduled to appear in Town of Guilderland Court Saturday, Sept. 24.

• State Police in Bethlehem arrested Maria E. Fairfax, 46, of Poughkeepsie, Thursday, Sept. 22, around 11:00 p.m. and charged her with

DWI. Police stopped a vehicle on I-87 for allegedly speeding and reportedly found Fairfax to be intoxicated. She had a BAC of 0.12 percent, according to police, and is scheduled to appear in Town of Bethlehem Court Tuesday, Oct. 20.

• State Police in Guilderland arrested Benjamin D. Tetteh, 23, of Albany, Thursday, Sept. 24, around 2:17 a.m. and charged him with possession of a forged instrument in the second degree and criminal

possession of forgery devices, both felonies. Police stopped Tetteh on I-87 for allegedly speeding and reportedly found him to have a suspended license. As a result, the vehicle was towed and an inventory was conducted, which reportedly revealed fraudulent credit cards with Tetteh's name on them and a card-skimming device, according to police. Tetteh was transported and processed at SP Albany, arraigned at Town of Guilderland Court, and remanded to the Albany County Jail in lieu of bail.



Bethlehem Police are investigating a two-car accident that occurred at the intersection of Kenwood and Elsmere avenues at about 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30. Witnesses said the traffic light was out at the time. No report of injuries was available.

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■ COMMUNITY

GPL celebrates homegrown talent

GPL is proud to count many accomplished authors and book illustrators among us in the Capital District, and we are celebrating one of them on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m., at the kick-off of the Read Local series.

Bruce Dearstyne, former program director at the New York State Archives and professor of history at University at Albany, SUNY Potsdam and Russell Sage College, will discuss his new book — a beautifully written biography of our state — titled “The Spirit of New York: Defining Events in the Empire State’s History.” Bruce’s book received a starred review in Library Journal, and that’s a big deal. A reception for this event, sponsored by the Guilderland Library Foundation under the auspices of the Frank & Joan Sheehan Local Author Speaker Series, will follow Bruce’s talk.

One Saturday a month, we’ll invite a special guest to share his or her literary or artistic work, talk about the creative process, and perhaps offer some words of wisdom and advice to other writers and artists.



Whenever possible, we’ll have books for sale and signing!

Monday Night Baseball concert

Join noted singer-songwriter Chuck Brodsky, once described as “Baseball’s Troubadour Poet Laureate,” at GPL on Monday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m., for an evening of original baseball songs (and maybe a few non-baseball tunes).

Chuck’s songs reflect the many great stories that can be found in the history and culture of baseball. Come hear great songs about colorful baseball characters such as Babe Ruth, Moe Berg, Harry Kalas, Max Patkin and Eddie Klepp, the only Caucasian to play in the Negro Leagues.

How do you do, Mr. Llama?

Come to GPL for a very special event on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 4

p.m., when llamas will be at the library.

Join us for stories, songs, and special llama guests from the Wunsapana Farm in Altamont. Teri Conroy will teach you about llamas, answer questions, and introduce you to her llama friends. You’ll learn the safe way to “meet” a llama, and your grown-up can snap your picture, too. This program is recommended for families with preschool and elementary school aged children, and is open to the general public.

College admission success

Kelly Linehan, a certified Independent College Admission Counselor, will offer “Tips for College Admission Success: What Colleges Want in High School Students” at GPL on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m.

This presentation is a practical, informative session that will give parents and their college-bound teens much-needed

guidance on steps students can take to improve their college application process. No registration required.

Come to Teen Open Mic Night

Teens from throughout the area will be performing at GPL’s Open Mic Night on Friday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m., and everyone’s invited to come enjoy what will surely be a delightfully musical evening.

So if you’re a teen in grades 9 through 12, come share your musical talent with your friends, family and community.

No registration required to attend this event; performers should have already registered with librarian Ashley Whitfield at whitfielda@guilpl.org.

A ‘Popular’ Crafty Book Club

Parents and tweens are invited to this twist on the traditional book discussion group. Read the same book at the same time, and join the group to discuss it over a craft project. And it all starts on Monday, Oct. 12, at 5 p.m., when the

group discusses “Popular,” by Maya VanWagenen, while you “Modge podge” a notebook.

The series concludes on Nov. 9 with a discussion of “The Night Gardener,” by Jonathan Auxier, while you create a spooky tree on canvas using paint and buttons.

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To get detailed information on the sporting license service at GPL, please visit <http://www.guilpl.org/nys-sporting-licenses>.

Better Books Sale

On Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., there are bargains galore on books, CDs, DVDs and more at the Guilderland Public Library’s monthly Better Books Sale. Good hunting.

Putting the pieces together

GPL’s Li’l Lego Club for children in Kindergarten through grade 2 starts on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 3:30 p.m.

We will meet in the Storyhour Room and use our imaginations 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. Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

— Mark Curiale

■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Church hosts Brooks Barbecue

GUILDERLAND — Brooks Barbecue is coming to Lynnwood Reformed Church, 3714 Carman Road, on Friday, Oct. 9, from 3 p.m. until meals are sold out.

There are three options — a chicken dinner for \$10, a half chicken for \$6 and a rib dinner for \$12. Meals are for pick-up only.

Legion Auxiliary seeks tag sale items

VOORHEESVILLE — The Voorheesville American Legion

Auxiliary is hosting its annual Community Tag Sale Saturday, Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

People interested in donating items can call Robin Hull-Pease at 765-4580 to make an appointment for dropping off their donations. The auxiliary asks people not to donate large items, electronics or clothing other than baby items.

Free Alzheimer’s seminar at church

BETHLEHEM — The Northeastern New York chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association presents “Alzheimer’s: Know the 10

Signs — Early Detection Matters” Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

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For more information, call 439-9976.

Garden Club celebrates 50 years

BETHLEHEM — This month, the Bethlehem Garden

Club will celebrate its 50 years of gardening in the town at its monthly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 12:45 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

The meeting is open to the public, and the guest speaker is master gardener Judith Fetterley, who will give tips on garden design — even if the gardens weren’t designed before being planted. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation.

Please join the club for its open meeting, learn about its activities, see displays of its past 50 years and enjoy some refreshments.

Using buttons to decorate

BETHLEHEM — The Half Moon Button Club meets Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 11 a.m., at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. Social time begins at 11 a.m., and the business meeting starts at noon.

Following the business meeting is this month’s program, “Decorating Frames, Pictures and Other Items with Kirsti Gariepy.” Bring an item to embellish, and bring your own glue, scissors or other tools if you have them.

Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be provided.

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■ COMMUNITY

Family History Month

The library has planned a couple of exciting programs in the coming weeks to celebrate Family History Month.

First up is "Like Grandma Used to Make" on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 2:30 p.m. Sometimes, our strongest memories come from the kitchen. Explore your family's history through the foods your ancestors ate, and learn how to research traditional family recipes alongside historic ethnic foods to create family cookbooks, potlucks and more.

Later on in the month, we will be hosting a program titled "Preserving Family Treasures" on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. Learn how to protect and preserve your collected archives so that they may be shared and enjoyed in the years to come. The focus of the program will be on books and paper, as well as traditional photographic materials. Presenter Karen Brown is the preservation librarian at SUNY Albany. She will discuss the importance of good storage



and handling and low-cost options for long-term preservation.

Tying into the idea of artifact preservation is a program that can help you preserve your digital memorabilia for future generations. At the "Personal Digital Archives" program on Friday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m., you'll learn how to manage and preserve digital photos, emails, documents, videos and more. Sign up for this program is required.

Finally, for those of you who are researching your own family history, our databases include the Ancestry.com search engine available for in-library use. Please see the Information Desk if you need help getting started.

Antiques Appraisal tickets

There are still tickets available in most time

slots for the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library Antiques Appraisal on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year, the popular event features a couple of notable changes. Appraisals will take place in the Tawasentha Room at the Normanside Country Club. Moving the venue outside of the library means that appraisers may now offer a purchase price for some items.

Timed tickets are available at the library Information Desk for \$5 per item, with a maximum of three tickets per person. They may be purchased in person only, by cash or check; no phone purchases, no credit cards.

Space for the event was generously donated by the Normanside.

Teen Reader Con at UAlbany

Nine well-known YA authors, including Bethlehem scribes James Preller and Jackie Morse Kessler, will be taking

part in the upcoming Teen Reader Con at the University at Albany downtown campus on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public features breakout sessions and author Q&As, as well as vendors, concessions, and book sales and signings. Learn more at teenreadercon.weebly.com.

The Friends of Bethlehem Library are sponsoring James Preller's appearance at the event. Preller has written more than 80 books for young people, including the Jigsaw Jones Mysteries, as well as the Scary Tales series, "Bystander," "Along Came a Spider," and many more.

Build career skills

The library's Atomic Training database is a powerful tool for accessing in-depth online tech and career tutorials from

trusted sources. Training tutorials on more than 150 software applications are quick, concise and easy to understand. Novices can work their way through the tutorials from the beginning, while those with some proficiency can skip ahead to troubleshoot a particular area.

To watch videos at the library or remotely from home with a Bethlehem Public Library card, visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org and click on "databases" in the quick link options.

Upcoming events

All events are free and take place at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For more information or to sign up, call 439-9314 or visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Friday, Oct. 9

Star Wars Reads Day

Celebrate this year with a Star Wars Angry Birds Alive Game. Be prepared

to strategize and have lots of fun! 4 to 5 p.m.

Fire Safety Fun

For Fire Prevention Week, meet a firefighter from the Delmar Fire Department, take a tour of a fire truck, and get an up-close view of the gear. For age 3 and up with family. 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Super Smash Afternoon

Join your friends for an afternoon of Super Smash Bros. Brawl on the Wii. Snacks will be served! For grades 6-12. 2:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 12

StoryPlay InterACTIVE Children's Theater

Kids are the stars of the show as award-winning author Jason Edwards guides them through the art of story crafting and joins them in an improvisational performance. An Ann Seegal Memorial Storytelling event. For kids and families. 2 p.m.

— Kristen Roberts

WWI slide show & lecture

Robert Mulligan's slide show, "Sammy Doughboy Remembers," and lecture will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8. It derives from the NY Times Wednesday afternoon "rotogravure section." The rotogravure process gave newspapers the ability to publish very sharp, clear photographic images. These images



were collected from the Times and supplemented through Mr. Mulligan's research for a museum exhibit about WWI.

Mr. Mulligan spent some time in the trenches himself at Neuville, the recreated trench system created and maintained in central

Pennsylvania by the Great War Association. We are pleased to have Mr. Mulligan share his passion for military history and his expertise, knowledge and artifacts for our WWI Remembrance Series.

For more information on "The Great War Remembrance Series" at the library, please check out our website at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

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Cardboard challenge

There's no school on Monday, Oct. 12, for many kids. Head to the library for a Construction Challenge. The challenge invites kids to dream up something to build, using their imaginations and resourcefulness, along with some cardboard and

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tape. Let the creations begin.

The program starts at 10:30 a.m. No need to register.

Domestic violence awareness

Did you know that 1-in-3 women and 1-in-4 men have been victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime? Join a speaker from Equinox to learn what you can do to raise awareness about domestic violence, how to assist victims and help lower its negative impact in our

community on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m.

Computer classes

October's classes include Basic Typing, Google Maps, Family Trees and more. Class size is limited, so you will get your questions answered. All classes are free and take place in the library. See our website for the full calendar. Registration is required: call 756-2053, or email.

Plan Trips with Online Tools Like Google Maps—Discover how to find and print out routes by car, bike or walking tours with fairly reliable online tools. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

— Carol Melewski

The Y stands for young

Family time is precious time. It's valuable, it's healthy, it's good for mind, body and spirit, and it can create memories for a lifetime. That's why the Bethlehem YMCA offers so many opportunities for families to be active together, as well as many programs to help youngsters learn, grow and have fun.

Remember, the Y in YMCA stands for Young, whether it's helping young people or helping people feel young.

The Bethlehem Y's Family Boot Camp is a great way for families with young children to exercise together. It's a one-hour program with age-appropriate exercises on Sundays at 10 a.m.

The YMCA is one of only four Y's in the country with an ice rink, and it's the best rink in the Capital Region, as well as one of the busiest. Right now, we are setting aside time on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. for our Learn To Skate program. It's for kids of all ages — adults, too — who want to learn to skate or improve their skating with experienced instructors. And the Y provides the skates if you need them.

In the next few weeks,



watch for announcements about our annual Halloween Spooky Skate; gliding across the rink in costume during our Halloween party on ice. We will also have our popular Sunday family pool days with floats, pool toys, hoops and more. Family movie nights will continue with a free movie and pizza on a Friday night. So many family activities for free, or at very low cost.

We will also have our Saturday Night Live program where parents can drop off their kids for a fun Saturday night at the Y, while Mom and Dad enjoy a parent's night out. The Y also has two programs to watch your children while you work out. Kids Corner is for young children up to 5 years old, and Prime Time is for kids 5 to 12 years of age. The kids have a fun time while you get to work out.

With so much going on, the Bethlehem YMCA is the best place in town for families to enjoy active time together. Please come by the Y for a tour of our facilities and

to learn more about our programs.

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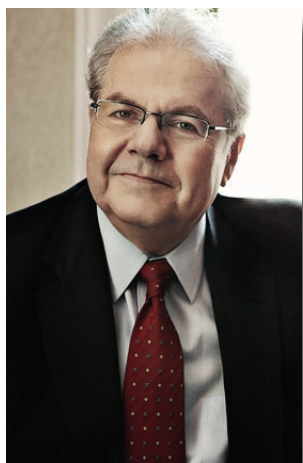
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The Second Milers, a club for retired men, will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 14, for lunch and a speaker at the Normanside Country Club. Call Bob Mulligan at 439-3802 to make a reservation.

Take a trip with us to the Carrot Barn in Schoharie on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. We will have lunch, cost on your own, and shop for fresh fall vegetables, yummy homemade baked goods and a large array of Schoharie Valley and New York state products. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation. Van donation: \$10.

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.'s website is bethlehemsenioproject.org.
— Wilma DeLucco

PICK OF THE WEEK



Emanuel Ax

"An Evening with Emanuel Ax," features the great pianist performing works by Mozart, Verdi, Weber and more, Saturday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre.

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Herb Cloutier and Jeff Ayers, top photo, headline one of the most popular podcasts in the area, and garner in numbers ranking among the top. Submitted photo

#PodcastDay has come and gone, but the phenomenon is here and strong

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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Like a thief in the night, the hashtag #PodcastDay emerged on trending lists throughout social media last week to pay homage to a phenomenon that equally snuck into a mainstream audience when it first emerged more than a decade ago.

September 30 was set aside by InternationalPodcastDay.com to spread the news on anything and everything about the subject of what is essentially Internet broadcasting.

Today, podcasts are ubiquitous in the lives of a mobile world, so trying to define this means of communication is

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Hello, sun!

One local reader has his feet perched up on top of the world, enjoying what appears to be one of the last, few sunny days promised to us. The Capital District got a swift dose of autumn last week, with the threat of rain each day and temperatures hardly reaching the 60s. But, this only means the green you see here will soon turn to vibrant golds and amber.

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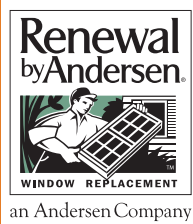
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■ ARTS

Gallery looking for new home

Demand for downtown residential property makes search difficult on not-for-profit

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Downtown's only art gallery dedicated to showcasing local artists should be planning to celebrate its 40th anniversary for next year, but it can't. It has to worry about finding another place to live.

◀ **Albany Center Gallery's plans to celebrate its 40th anniversary next year are on hold until it finds a new home.**

Photo by Michael Hallisey/
Spotlight

2016 will mark 40 years for the Albany Center Gallery, an award-winning gallery focused on promoting local and regional artists. The gallery established operations across the street from Tricentennial Park nearly a decade ago. The small pocket of green grass, with a statue of the late Albany Mayor Tom Whalen sitting on a bench, has been an ideal place for downtown workers along Broadway to relax, enjoy lunch, and visit the neighboring gallery. Next April, the gallery's 10-year lease for 39 Columbia Street will expire.

Tony Iadicicco, Albany Center Gallery executive director, said he and board members are making

tentative preparations for the anniversary, but "we're also in the process of re-locating the gallery ... so we're not."

Like the neighboring cities of Schenectady and Troy, Albany's downtown has seen a resurgence in development. Former office spaces left vacant after state offices moved back to state-owned property a few years ago have since been converted to residential space.

In August, the Downtown Albany Business Improvement District (AlbanyBID) held an open house at Tricentennial Park to highlight several downtown apartment buildings. AlbanyBID commissioned a report through Zimmerman Volk which stated the demand for downtown residential property had increased 83 percent since 2006.

This demand on downtown real estate plays a factor in the gallery's search.

"It comes to the spaces downtown," said Iadicicco. "But, with the increases in development, the price for properties is increasing, too."

The rent for the 1700-square foot gallery is nearly \$2,000 a month, said Iadicicco. Its lease from ten years ago incorporated annual increases. The real estate climate within the city has changed dramatically since 2006, leaving the gallery to only speculate on what the new rate will be. As of last week, Iadicicco said the gallery's lawyer had not formally met with the property owners to discuss a new lease.

With the gallery's prospects in limbo, Iadicicco described the situation as an "urgency." The gallery runs as a not-for-profit. The art on exhibit is often accompanied with prices. Albany Center Gallery takes 25 percent of the proceeds collected from

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■ BUSINESS BRIEFS

Transfinder expands west

SCHENECTADY — Transfinder Corp. is celebrating the official opening of its office in Austin, Texas as part of the software company's plans to expand where its clients are.

Texas represents Transfinder's second largest concentration of customers behind New York State. The new location will be a training and customer service center. Transfinder scheduled its first on-site Transfinder University, a three-day intensive seminar for Transfinder clients, late last month.

"This new office represents in many ways the future of Transfinder," said Antonio Civitella, Transfinder's president and CEO. "For the first time in Transfinder's history, we will have offices in two locations and two time zones. We received a lot of input from our clients and we are responding. I expect we'll have additional satellite offices in the not-too-distant future."

2015 marks two decades of Transfinder providing service to Texas school districts. Civitella said at the same time, the company continues to grow at its headquarters in Schenectady, where the company opened a \$7 million headquarters in 2013.

Founded in 1988 and headquartered in Schenectady, Transfinder is a national leader in intelligent transportation systems, providing transportation management systems and services to school districts and adult care facilities.

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Transfinder opened a training and customer service center in Austin, Texas two weeks ago. Founded in Schenectady in 1988, Transfinder has been recognized by Inc. magazine as one of the fastest growing companies for several years.

Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

UAlbany, Albany Law grow tighter

ALBANY — The University at Albany and Albany Law School today announced a deeper affiliation that creates important new academic opportunities for students, novel research and grant prospects for faculty, and advances the Capital Region's role as a leader in higher education and innovation.

The announcement marks the natural next step in a 20-year collaboration between the region's public research university and the nation's oldest independent law school. That relationship already includes a "3+3" program in which students can receive an undergraduate degree and law degree in six years (instead of seven), and multiple joint graduate programs.

"This agreement strengthens both the University at Albany and Albany Law School, providing tremendous opportunities to our students and faculty across many disciplines," said UAlbany President Robert J. Jones. "Today marks an extraordinary accomplishment—both as a model of collaboration and in establishing a powerful academic portfolio in our region."

"This partnership makes both institutions stronger," said Albany Law School Board of Trustees Chairman Daniel P. Nolan, both a UAlbany and Albany Law School alum. "With more than a dozen collaborative programs launching now, and in the coming months, our affiliation will offer unprecedented opportunities for Albany Law and UAlbany students, while enhancing the region's economic growth, public service and access to justice."

In addition to allowing expanded academic and research opportunities, the affiliation creates powerful synergies that can help tackle issues critical to our local community, our state and our increasingly complex world.

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Albany Law School is the nation's oldest independent school of law. Founded in 1851, it has played an important role in the development of legal education in the United States.

— University at Albany

Fenimore Asset appoints Putnam V.P.

COBLESKILL — Fenimore Asset Management recently appointed Anne Putnam to Vice President of Intermediaries.

Putnam currently serves on the boards of Millbrook School, her alma mater, and Proctors Theater while also volunteering on no-profit committees at Glimmerglass Festival, First Reformed Church of Schenectady and SALT.

She worked as an advisor with Danforth Associates prior to joining Fenimore in 2006. She holds a bachelor's degree from Bucknell University and a master's degree in business association from the Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University. She is now a firm principal.

Putnam is responsible for coordinating third-party outreach in sales, service, and operations to expand the firm's presence in the intermediary market, especially with independent Registered Investment Advisors. She was previously the V.P. of Institutional Development and also served as a Client Relationship Manager.

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CULINARY ARTS

Spa City earns the name 'Flavortown'

Flavorfeast festival comes back to Saratoga Springs for a second year

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SARATOGA SPRINGS — Fans of different worldly delicacies will want to plan a pilgrimage to Saratoga Springs this Saturday for The Saratoga International Flavorfeast.

The Saratoga International Flavorfeast is a celebration of the worldly culinary styles, all of which are available in Saratoga Springs. Feast on flavors from a variety of countries including France, China, Japan, Italy, Mexico and America, among others.

Flavorfeast returns to the Spa City for a second year on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., showcasing 32 restaurants from in and around Saratoga Springs.

Festival goers will find participating restaurants presenting from their local store fronts. Those establishments from outside Saratoga Springs will gather at the Fingerpaint Marketing parking lot.

The event is free to the public and samples cost just \$1 each.

"I actually put on this event with my mom (Fran Dingeman) who's an event coordinator (with Network Saratoga)," said Ashley Dingeman, founder of SaratogaFoodFanatic.

com. "It was a concept we developed while sitting at the kitchen table talking about how many different ethnic restaurants we have in this area."

2015 Saratoga International Flavorfeast participants include:

Saratoga Tea and Honey (India), Alaturco (Turkey), Harvey's (Ireland), Maestro's (Italy), Gaffney's (Mexico), Bon Bon Brazil (Brazil), Pestwick Chase (America), Ravenous (France and Belgium), Park Side Eatery (Germany), Prime at Saratoga National (Germany), Savory Pantry/Hungry Spot (Italy), Three Vines Bistro (Italy), Henry Street Taproom (America), Druthers (Mexico), Phila Fusion Noodle Bar (Vietnam, Korea, Thai, Chinese), Sushi Thai Garden (Thai & Japan).

The list also includes: Esperanto (Thailand), Boca Bistro (Spain), Tapas Wheatfields (Italy), The Ice House (America), Four Seasons Natural Foods (Africa), Mingle (Korea), Halfmoon Cellars (America), Peabody's (America), Chili Mango Tree Imports (Ghana), Mexican Connection (Mexico), Saratoga 5 Points Market & Deli (Italy), Parting Glass Pub (Ireland), Capriccio Saratoga (Italy), The Merry Monk

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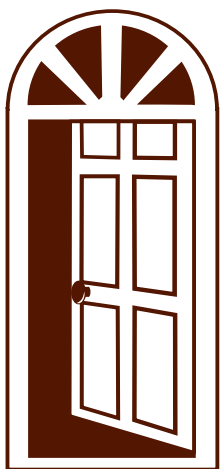
"Of course, with me so engulfed in the food world and with [my mother's] knowledge of event planning, it was only natural for us to team up and pursue our idea of celebrating the diverse cultural cuisines by creating an international food festival," said Dingeman.

Along with the food, the festival features live cultural entertainment throughout the day with a free trolley service between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to transport people to participating locations.

For more information on 2015 Saratoga International Flavorfeast visit www.saratogaflavorfeast.com.

Restaurants throughout the Capital District, 32 in all, will present themselves at this year's Saratoga International Flavorfeast.

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Food & Vino

Chicken Enchiladas

By ANN LINDA CIOTOLI
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With the recent news of Taco Bell introducing wine and craft beers to the menus of a few of its restaurants, I was challenged with the task of pairing a wine with a Mexican inspired dish.

Ingredients: (Serves eight)

4 skinless boneless breasts cut in half - bake in oven at 350 with salt, pepper, and small amount of olive oil for 15-20

minutes cool, shred, and set aside

1 onion chopped

1/2 pt. of sour cream

1 cup white cheddar cheese shredded

1 Tbs. dried parsley

1/2 tsp. dried oregano

1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

1/2 tsp. salt (optional)

1 15 ounce can of crushed tomatoes

1/2 cup chicken or vegetable broth (organic)

1 Tbs. chili powder

1/3 cup green, red, orange, or yellow peppers chopped small (whichever you prefer)

1 clove garlic, chopped

1 12 ounce jar of taco sauce

8 (10 inch) flour tortillas

Another 3/4 cup of white cheddar cheese for topping

Instructions:

Add onion, sour cream, cheddar cheese, parsley, oregano, ground black pepper, chopped chicken, to a skillet. Heat until cheese melts. Add stock, crushed tomatoes, chili powder, garlic, peppers and continue cooking. Spoon even amounts on each flour tortilla, and roll. Arrange tortillas in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Cover with taco sauce and the remaining 3/4 cup of cheddar cheese. Bake uncovered in a 350 oven for 20-25 minutes. Cool 10 minutes and serve.

Pairing:

So some pairings for Mexican would be Pinot Gris; not to be confused with Pinot Grigio. Pinot Gris is more full bodied, richer and spicier. Pinot Gris tends to have greater ageing potential, and is thicker in texture. A dry Riesling also would work well. For those that want red, a Spanish Rioja would work well (Tempranillo grape). It's a highly acidic red.

Ann Linda Ciotoli owns a catering business called Good Enough to Eat. For questions and information, e-mail Ciotoli at sodeliciousalc@yahoo.com.

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ARTS CALENDAR

THEATER

4000 Miles

Amy Herzog’s award-winning dramatic comedy about a young man learning life lessons from his grandmother. Presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Oct. 18. Shows: Tuesdays through Sundays. Tickets: \$20-\$50. Information: 445-7469 or www.capitalrep.org.

A Chorus Line

Famous Broadway musical about people auditioning for eight chorus parts in a musical. Presented by Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Oct. 9-25. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets: \$26-\$29. Information: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

Dracula

New adaptation of famous story, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, Oct. 16-25. Shows: Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17. Information: 382-2081, 346-6204 or www.civicplayers.org.



A singular sensation

Home Made Theater presents the long-running Broadway classic “A Chorus Line” Oct. 9 through 25 at the Spa Little Theater in Saratoga Spa State Park.

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Outside Mullingar

Staged reading of John Patrick Shanley’s comedy, presented by Theater Voices, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Oct. 16-18. Shows: Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., matinees Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. Free admission. Information: www.theatervoces.org.

MUSIC

JD McPherson

High-energy roots rocker, with special guest Nicole Atkins. Oct. 8, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkiHUDSON.com.

Saint Rose Wind Ensemble

Kicking off the college’s soloists and ensembles concert series. Oct. 8, 8 p.m., Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 454-5178 or www.strose.edu/music.

Rick Sacchetti and Anonymous Figg Leaf

Singer-songwriter joins forces with some of his musician friends. Oct. 9, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

British musician ensemble that mixes music with mirth. Oct. 9, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$25-\$36. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

Patrick Ball

A premier Celtic harp player and a captivating spoken word artist. Oct. 9, 8 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: adults \$20, children 12 and under \$5. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

Jake Canull

Singer-songwriter. Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

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■ ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)

Albany Symphony Orchestra

"An Evening with Emanuel Ax," featuring the great pianist performing works by Mozart, Verdi, Weber, Franck and contemporary composer Jessica Montgomery. Oct. 10, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: \$45-\$85. Information: 465-3334 or palacealbany.com.

Peter Wolf & The Midnight Travelers

Lead singer of the J. Geils Band takes a solo turn. Oct. 10, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$38.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

The Orchestra Now

A new take on a traditional ensemble, performing works by Rossini, Ives and Beethoven. Oct. 11, 3 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$25. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

Skip Parsons Dixieland Jazz

Kicking off the Music at Noon Concert Series with some Dixieland jazz, Oct. 13, noon, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Free. Information: 273-0038 or www.troymuichall.org.

Saint Rose Choral Showcase

Part of the college's soloists and ensembles concert series. Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m., Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 454-5178 or www.strose.edu/music.

Regina Carter

Considered to be the foremost jazz violinist of her generation. Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$29. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

Kat Edmonson

Fast-rising contemporary singer,

with opening act Milton. Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$28. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

COMEDY

Comedy Works Albany

Dom Irrera headlines, Oct. 9 and 10. Shows: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Advance tickets: dinner and show \$49.95, admission only \$25. Day of show: dinner and show \$54.95, admission only \$30. Information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

Comedy Works Saratoga

Andy Woodhull headlines, Oct. 9 and 10, 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Shows: Friday 7:30 p.m., Saturday 8 and 10 p.m. Advance tickets: dinner and show \$39.95, admission only \$15. Day of show: dinner and show \$44.95, admission only \$20. Information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.



Irish music and tales

Celtic harp player and spoken word artist Patrick Ball comes to Old Songs Community Arts Center in Voorheesville Friday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. See Page 9 for details. Submitted photo

MopCo

"Theatresports," a night of improvised comedy and music, Oct. 9, 8 p.m., Underground at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$6-\$14. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Wanda Sykes

Stand-up comedian who has appeared on TV and in movies. Oct. 17, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: \$20-\$75. Information: 465-3334 or palacealbany.com.

DANCE

USA Dance

Monthly ballroom dance including a group lesson and a dance demonstration with Dave Levesque and Barbara Ritschel. Oct. 18, 6:15 p.m., Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. Tickets: non-members \$13, USA Dance members \$10, students \$5, children 18 and under free. Information: Jim DeForge 233-0957 or capitalusadance.com.

FILM

Ghostbusters

Classic 1980s comedy kicks off Kinderhook Bank Movie Series, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3. Information: 465-3334 or palacealbany.com.

POETRY

Third Thursday Poetry Night

John Amen is the featured artist at this month's event, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m., Social Justice

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Albany Center Gallery

"Telling," featuring works by Jane McCambley, Theresa McTague, Josette Pastore and Alana Sparrow, Oct. 13 through Nov. 13, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information: 462-4775 or albanycentergallery.org.

Albany Institute of History and Art

"The Capital Region in 50 Objects," through April 3; "Seeing Double: the Anaglyphs of Eric Egas," through Oct. 25; plus "Ancient Egyptian Galleries" and "The Hudson River School and the Nineteenth-Century Landscape." 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-4478 or albanyinstitute.org.

Esther Massry Gallery

"Zero Eyes," a collection of works by Canadian artist Janet Werner, Oct. 11 through Dec. 6, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: www.saintrose.edu.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

"Local Eats! What Does Your Food Say About You?" Featuring original artwork, artifacts and documents from the Schenectady County Historical Society, as well as pieces from the Iroquois Indian Museum, the USS Slater, Hanford Mills Museum, miSci and the City Mission, through April 8. 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information: 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

miSci

"Earth Exposed: Discover Our Planet's Hidden Secrets." Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

National Museum of Dance

"125 Years of Tango — A Walk through the History of the Dance," featuring costumes, music, artifacts, rare film footage and historical materials of the origins of this famous dance. Through March 2016. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org.

New York State Museum

"Empire State Plaza at 50," a look back at the history of downtown Albany's most recognizable feature, through Jan. 17; 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.

Opalka Gallery at Sage College

"From Concept to Console: Art and

Aesthetics in Video Game Design," through Dec. 13. 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: 292-7742 or www.sage.edu/opalka.

Saratoga Springs History Museum

"Mapping A City: Saratoga Springs as Seen Through 250 Years of Maps," through Dec. 31. Canfield Casino, Congress Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-6920 or www.saratogahistory.org.

Sorelle Gallery

"Whimsy," featuring paintings by David Miller and ceramics by Jill Kovachick. Sept. 18 through Oct. 9. Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Albany. Information: 482-2000 or www.sorellegallery.com.

Teaching Gallery at HVCC

"With Which," featuring paintings and works on paper by Tom Nicol. Sept. 17 through Oct. 24. Hudson Valley Community College,

Route 4, Troy. Information: www.hvcc.edu/teachinggallery.

University Art Museum

"Bordering Utopia: Sculptures by Brian Tolle" and "Oded Hirsch: Three Videos," Oct. 6 through Dec. 12. University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: www.albany.edu.

Waterford Historical Museum

"The Best of the Waterford Museum," a recap of exhibits from the past 10 years. 2 Museum Lane, Waterford. Information: 238-0809 or www.waterfordmuseum.com.

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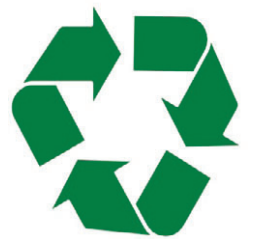
Home Made Theater

Holding open auditions for its production of "Miracle on 34th Street,"

Oct. 18 and 19, 6 p.m., Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park. There are more than 20 roles for actors ages 7 through adult. Actors will read from provided excerpts from the play and should bring a current photo and resume. Information: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

Capital Community Voices

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■ ARTS

Pulitzer novelist to visit UAlbany

ALBANY — Adam Johnson, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Orphan Master's Son*, a novel about North Korea, will read from his new story collection, Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

The author will present an informal seminar in the same location at 4:15 p.m.

Free and open to the public, the events are sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute in conjunction with the department-wide reading project of UAlbany's English Department.

Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction writer

Adam Johnson will present his new story collection, "Fortune Smiles," which was longlisted for the 2015 National Book Award. The stories include "Nirvana," winner of the *London Sunday Times* Short Story Prize, the story of a computer programmer who forms a friendship with a digital simulacrum of the U. S. President; and "Hurricanes Anonymous," selected for the Best American Short Stories, the tale of a man who searches for the mother of his son in storm-ravaged Louisiana.

Johnson received the Pulitzer Prize for "The Orphan Master's Son," an epic tale about life in North Korea—its

economic misery and routine corruption, its prison camps, orphanages, infiltration tunnels, factories, fishing vessels, and farm collectives, as well as the lifestyles of its privileged bureaucrats, propagandists, foreign ambassadors, paranoid generals, and peculiar cultural icons.

The Pulitzer Board described it as "an exquisitely crafted novel that carries the reader on an adventuresome journey into the depths of totalitarian North Korea and into the most intimate spaces of the human heart."

Johnson's earlier fiction includes the story collection, "Emporium," "Debut

of the Year" by Amazon.com, and the novel, "Parasites Like Us," winner of the California Book Award and a selection of the Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers series.

A creative writing professor at Stanford University, Johnson is a past recipient of the Stegner Fellowship and Whiting Writers' Award. He is also the founder of the Stanford Graphic Novel Project.

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ARTS

Drug abuse focus on latest viewing

ALBANY — Sean Dunne, director of an intimate and harrowing documentary profile on Oxycodone abuse, will speak following a screening of the film, Friday, Oct. 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Page Hall on the University at Albany downtown campus.

Free and open to the public, the event is sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute in conjunction with UAlbany's School of Criminal Justice's Crime, Justice and Social Structure Film Series.

"Oxyana" received "Best Documentary

Feature — Special Jury Mention" at the 2013 Tribeca Film Festival, and Dunne received "Best Documentary Director." "Oxyana" is a front-line account of a community in the grips of an epidemic, told through the voices of the addicts, the dealers, and members of the general community. It's a haunting glimpse into an American nightmare, a cautionary tale told with raw and unflinching honesty.

Dunne, a native of Peekskill, is known for films that focus on socially marginalized individuals, and for his ability to get his subjects to "open up"

and share their stories. A former writer and producer for The History Channel, Dunne received an Emmy nomination for his short film, "The Archive." His feature length documentaries include "Florida Man," about the marginalized inhabitants of the Sunshine State, and "Cam Girlz," about the DIY porn industry.

A continuation of the Justice & Multiculturalism in the 21st Century film and speakers series, the Crime, Justice and Social Structure Film Series represents an ongoing partnership between the University at Albany's School of Criminal

Justice and the New York State Writers Institute. The current series addresses crime and justice issues related to social structure and inequalities, the challenges faced by urban and rural communities, and the roles of family bonds, social support networks, and inter-generational relationships.

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ARTS

C.S. Lewis novel on stage

SCHENECTADY — “The Screwtape Letters”, the provocative and wickedly funny theatrical adaptation of the C.S. Lewis novel about spiritual warfare from a demon’s point of view, returns to Proctors for one performance only. The production will appear at Proctors, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29.

The National Tour of “The Screwtape Letters” kicked off after a hit nine-month run at the Westside Theatre in New York City where it entertained 50,000 theatergoers. Prior to that, “The Screwtape Letters” was a sold-out hit in Chicago and Washington D. C. where it ran for a combined eight months.

“The Screwtape Letters” National Tour has delighted capacity audiences in 50 major cities including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Boston, Salt Lake

City, Orlando, Seattle, Dallas and Houston. More than 400,000 have seen this production on tour, which continues to attract a national following.

“The Screwtape Letters” creates a topsy-turvy morally inverted universe set in an eerily stylish office in Hell, where God is called the “Enemy” and the devil is referred to as “Our Father below.” The play follows His Abysmal Sublimity Screwtape, Satan’s top psychiatrist (due to his profound understanding of human nature), and his slavish creature-demon Toadpipe, as they train an apprentice demon, Wormwood, on how to ruin the life and damn the soul of an unsuspecting human on earth. Screwtape is played by award winning actor, Max McLean.

Along with “The Chronicles of Narnia” (including “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe”), “The Great Divorce” and “Mere Christianity,” “The Screwtape Letters” is still one of Lewis’ most popular and influential works. The book’s piercing insight into human nature and the lucid and humorous way Lewis makes his readers squirm in self-recognition made it an immediate success. When first published in 1942 it brought worldwide fame to



this little-known Oxford don including the cover of Time Magazine.

The idea for Screwtape first came to Lewis after listening to Hitler’s Reichstag Speech on July 19, 1940, while it was simultaneously translated on BBC Radio. Lewis wrote, “I don’t know if I’m weaker than other people, but it is a positive revelation to me how while the speech lasts it is impossible not to waver just a little. ... Statements which I know to be untrue all but convince me... if only the man says them unflinchingly.”

Lewis dedicated it to his close friend J. R. R. Tolkien who had expressed to Lewis that delving too deeply into the craft of evil would have consequences. Lewis admitted as much when he wrote “Though I had never written anything more easily, I never wrote with less enjoyment... though it was easy to twist one’s mind into the diabolical attitude, it was not fun, or not for long. The work into which I had to project myself while I spoke through Screwtape was all dust, grit, thirst, and itch. Every trace of beauty, freshness, and geniality had to be excluded.”

“The Screwtape Letters” is produced by New York City based Fellowship for Performing Arts. Max McLean serves as artistic director. Executive Producer and general manager is Ken Denison of Aruba Productions. Scenic Design is by Cameron Anderson, costumes by Michael Bevens, lighting design by Jesse Klug, and original music and sound design by John Gromada.

“The Screwtape Letters,” 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at Proctors in Schenectady. Tickets, \$20-\$55, are available at the Box Office at Proctors; by phone at 346-6204; and online at proctors.org.

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ARTS

Educational programs at the Palace

ALBANY — Park Playhouse recently announced the next steps in its collaboration with the Palace Performing Arts Center, including a series of year-round education initiatives housed at the nearly 100-year-old theater.

Park Playhouse instructors will offer a variety of tuition-based theatre classes being offered in 10-week sessions. These classes are designed to cater to both beginner and advanced students between the ages of 8-18.

For students ages 8-12, Performing Artist's Workshop is aimed at giving beginner and intermediate-level students a well-rounded musical theatre education. These classes provide fundamental skills with each student training in the basics of dance, acting, and voice technique during each weekly 90-minute class. Classes are held Wednesdays 5:30pm-7:00pm.

For students 12 and over, a series of Theatrical Dance Classes help build the fundamental abilities needed to excel as a dancer and artist on stage. Classes are technique-based, with the focus on building skills and not preparation for recital performances. Tuesday evenings will feature a schedule of Tap Dance (5:30pm), Ballet (6:30pm), and Jazz Dance (7:30pm).

Finally, for students ages 15-18, Park Playhouse is introducing a new class focused exclusively on the art of acting. Advanced Scene Study will cover topics including rehearsal preparation, scoring of scenes, monologue presentation, audition preparation, in-depth scene analysis and improvisation. Classes are held Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Palace Theatre is presenting a new, free Urban Arts Series, giving locals students a tuition free opportunity to learn to express themselves through a variety of performing arts styles.

Beginning on Tuesday, October 6, classes in Step Dance (5:30 p.m.), Spoken Word Poetry (6:30 p.m.), and Hip-Hop Dance (7:30 p.m.) will be taught to students ages 13-18. Whether interested in movement or poetry, students will be encouraged to explore their experience and channel their stories through the performing arts. The classes will run over a ten-week session.

Park Playhouse will partner with Broadway Connection to bring professional Broadway artists to the Palace in Albany for a series of diverse two-hour master classes.

Broadway Connection is a unique seven-session Master Class Series featuring teaching artists from the National Tour productions coming to Proctors during the 2015-2016 Season. The two-hour classes cover topics drawn from a wide variety of performance disciplines, based on the style of the show in which the visiting artists are featured. Classes will culminate in open question & answer sessions with Broadway Connection instructors, all of whom have significant experience performing on Broadway and in touring productions. Students can sign up for individual sessions or the full series of master classes.

Park Playhouse will present "A Year with Frog and Toad," "Freedom Train," and "Freckleface Strawberry" as free school-time shows – Sponsored by Berkshire Bank – as well as performances available to the public at the Palace, and will bring touring versions of the shows to area schools. Public performances feature free admission for children twelve years of age and under.

A Year with Frog and Toad

- Public performance Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2:00 p.m.
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school-time performance Monday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m.

- Local school tour Nov. 9 - 20.
- A hit on Broadway, A Year With Frog And Toad was nominated for three Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Based on Arnold Lobel's much-loved books, this whimsical show follows two great friends, the cheerful Frog and the grumpy Toad, through four, fun-filled seasons. "A Year With Frog And Toad" tells a story of friendship and loyalty that endures all obstacles.

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Freckleface Strawberry

- Public performance Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
- Free Palace Theatre school-time performance Monday, May 16 at 10 a.m.
- Local school tour May 9 - 20.
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Park Playhouse students will, once again, present a stage version of the holiday classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas," live on stage at the Palace Theatre in December – Sponsored by KeyBank.

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a waste of time for many. Fixing the word "Internet" to said definition also grossly underplays its benefits, which is allowing listeners to subscribe, download content onto a mobile device, and listen at will.

Podcasting is a term first used by reporter Ben Hammersley in a piece he wrote for The Guardian in February 2004. Hammersley reported on a trend fueled by the popularity of iPods and the cheap audio technology used to take advantage of a new audience. He just didn't know what to call it.

"Audioblogging? Podcasting?"

GuerillaMedia?" asked Hammersley, rhetorically. Podcasting would remain in lexicon, but "GuerillaMedia" broached the subject of a new world order for journalism.

Flash forward another four years, Edison Research finds 37 percent of Americans have heard of podcasting, while Pew Research finds 19 percent of Internet users it sampled had downloaded a podcast. When Pew Research broached the subject again the following year, the number of those who downloaded a podcast nearly doubled to 32 percent. It's about at this same time, in March 2009, television personality Adam Carolla starts a run of nearly 60 million unique downloads from March 2009 to March 2011, a Guinness World Record.

"It's a new way of exploring an old means of broadcasting — which is radio," said Liz Richards, assistant professor of communications at the

College of Saint Rose. "It was really heralded as a savior for radio. Since broadcast television became more accessible, radio sort of declined."

Within the same timeline of the rise of podcasting, there has been a steady increase in the perceived demise of print journalism. Much like how the Buggles proclaimed "video killed the radio star" in 1980, advancing technology has opened an instant audience to anyone possessing as little as a smartphone and Wi-Fi access.

In the movie "Pump Up the Volume," actor Christian Slater stars as an angst-ridden teenager who voices out his frustrations over the airways on a pirate radio station out of his bedroom. Though the movie is now 25 years old — dating back to before chatrooms on America Online — it represents a microcosm to today's Internet broadcasting phenomenon.

"I just started looking back to get 'Pump Up the Volume,'" said Herb Cloutier, founder of FanBoysInc.com "It

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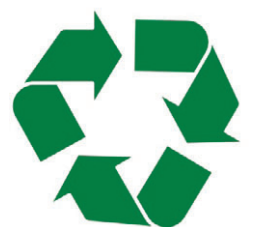
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wasn't revolutionary, but it started out on its own." He recalls reading an interview with Slater on the movie's 25th anniversary. "The interviewer brought up podcasting. [Slater] feels he was part of the podcast movement back then ... back in that day private radio was the only way – there was no podcasting."

Cloutier started out in "Internet radio" seven years ago with Ken Lytle for a broadcast from RadioUgly.com. "In 2005, he was where I am now." He helped with logo design, and co-hosted on the air. But, he ultimately walked away to concentrate on his professional career as a graphic artist, only to come back to it four years ago.

"Four years ago, I asked what is this podcast thing?" said Cloutier. He soon realized what he was doing at Radio Ugly was the same thing "And, I started kicking myself for not learning the back-end production."

Herb now manages five podcast productions off the website dedicated to all things fandom, from his home base out of Saratoga Springs. The shows go by the names "Incast," "DW and Incredible Jeff Show," "Random Sh*t, Random Guy," "Popping the Cherrywood," and "The Infinite Crossover." It's a popular franchise that started out covering the subject of comic books, and later, toy collecting. Eventually, podcasts started to delve into everyday pop culture. Now, the show garners a healthy enough following to lure sponsorships to help pay

for operations.

Some of that pop culture leads to talk about the day's headlines.

"We always try to do something that's pertinent and current," said Cloutier. "Yes, we'll break out and talk about the news, but the website is not a news site. It's more entertainment. I'm not really sure I would call myself a journalist. We try to make it fun for the person as they are listening."

Gregarious in nature, Cloutier (or DW) finds himself behind the microphone starting off each show with current events. Recently, the discussion turned to the murders of Virginia television reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward, whose murders were recorded by the assailant Bryce Williams, and subsequently uploaded onto the Internet. Cloutier mentioned a similar act done on Parascopes.com, a video streaming service. The ability to broadcast material, any material, to a mass audience without regulations in place for radio, television, even feature films, have people wondering what should be done with the Internet.

"Not saying there should be regulations. There should be, maybe," said Cloutier. "It's hard to say because I don't want an [Federal Communications Commission] regulating podcasts. ... There should be some moderating, but no regulations."

Today, there are more than 250,000 unique podcasts residing on

Apple's iTunes, according to the Cupertino, CA company's own figures. On occasion, Cloutier and his staff of personalities ranks within the Top 100. The popularity has caught the attention of financial backers like Death Wish Coffee. Cloutier said there is also discussions of leading a seminar on podcasting at a New York City school.

Cloutier said he and his staff maintains a code of ethics that is self-regulated. Schools like the College of Saint Rose, are educating students on the importance.

"It's absolutely something I incorporate into my classes," said Richards. "Anybody can use a video camera. Anybody can use an audio recorder. We can teach a chimp to do these things." Richards' students learn the logistics of the interview process, the potential dangers associated with thrusting oneself on the scene and the concerns over legality issues. "You don't necessarily know what you're doing or the legal implications," she said.

Just as the news of the radio star's demise was exaggerated decades ago, the professor said she has observed how newspapers have evolved to incorporate podcasting into their operations.

"What I see newspapers doing quite well, New York Times being one of them, is that they are using podcasts," said Richards. As an example, a podcast can follow a column where the author is interviewed on the subject,



FanBoysInc. broadcasting from a recent comic book convention.

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sometimes accompanied by visual animation to provide additional content for the paper's website. Print, audio, video – each medium can survive independently, said Richards, but the marriage of the three enhances the reader's experience. "It's a compliment to print media," she said.

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From page B4 ... Gallery needs new home

sales. The gallery's largest fundraiser is an annual gala, scheduled for late November. With the gallery's current challenges, Iadicicco said the board is looking at other means, including crowdfunding, to generate additional funds.

"All of these things, to get from here to there, is not a straight line," said gallery board member, Peter Leue. "We would love to have somebody step up and say, 'Hey, I'm a philanthropist. I've got just the place for you!'"

The gallery has received some help. Capitalize Albany Corporation, a not-for-profit focused on creating, retaining and

attracting businesses to the city, has stepped up to recommend potential landlords on a prospective move. In the meantime, Iadicicco said, the gallery has the potential to receive a month-to-month extension once the contract ends. A temporary option, he said.

As to whether or not the gallery could close indefinitely, Leue said that is not an option.

"No. No. No," he said. "As a matter of fact, that has not been in any of the discussion among the board. Although, I suppose it has been offered as one of the options, but it's not going to happen."

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And that tale, of course, would be The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, which was first related to Washington Irving by the brothers' great, great, great, great grandfather.

Sleepy Hollow, Capital Repertory Theatre's whimsical new adaptation of the classic Catskills ghost story, is the latest original entry in the company's On-The-Go! School Tour program.

Two public performances (Recommended for age 7 and up) will be offered: 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 (as part of the Next Act! New Play Summit) at Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany.

Tickets are \$11 adults; \$9 age 17 and under.

Based on Irving's eternally spooky story of the Headless Horseman, the play with music was written this

summer by the REP's Producing Artistic Director Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill, with an original musical score by local musician/actors Justin Friello and Lecco Morris, who also play the brothers, Wilbur and Webster (as well as, respectively, Ichabod Crane and Brom Bones).

On-The-Go! has become an important element of educational programming for the REP,

but it also employs many young actors working towards Equity status and serves as creative engine for new works. Mancinelli-Cahill, for example, has authored or co-written recent curriculum-driven vehicles like "They Built America: Workers of the Erie Canal," "A Friend of A Friend: Tales of the Underground Railroad from the Capital Region," "The Remarkable and Perplexing Case of Henry

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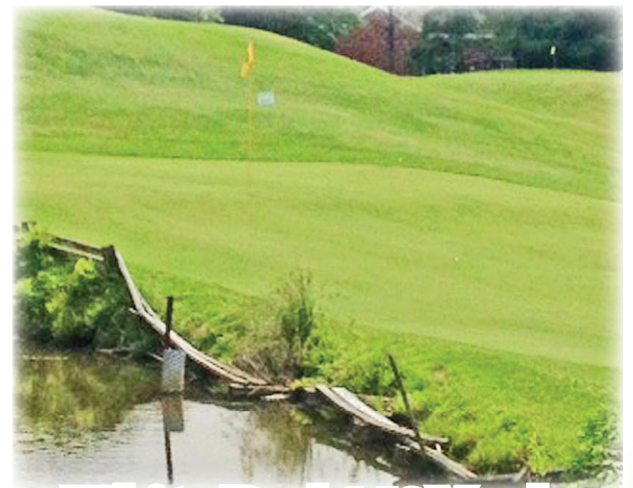
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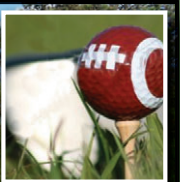
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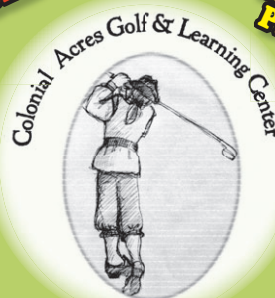
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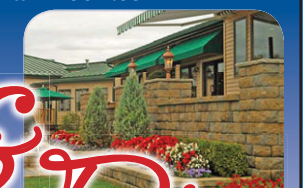
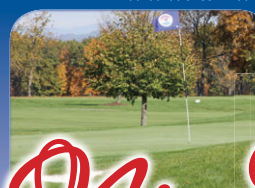


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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



KATELYN SANCILLO

Bethlehem swimmer Katelyn Sancillo is the MarGas Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Oct. 4. Sancillo led the Lady Eagles to a 91-67 Suburban Council dual meet victory over Schenectady Thursday, Oct. 1, by winning the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly.

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Falling short

Cambridge thwarts Voorheesville's rally to beat the Blackbirds 35-25 Saturday, Oct. 3.

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■ BETHLEHEM

Homer's victory

Bethlehem senior wins individual title
to help Eagles claim team crown

By **ROB JONAS**
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BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem boys cross country team ended Christian Brothers Academy's three-year run of Grout Run championships.

Led by Dawson Homer, the Eagles placed four runners in the top 10 to claim the Division II title with 39 points. CBA was second with 46 points, and Washingtonville finished third with 51 points.

Homer won the individual title with a time of 13:49.00, nearly 17 seconds ahead of runner-up Mike Carnavos of CBA.

"I think about half a mile in, I looked back and saw I had a 20-meter lead," said Homer. "I knew the guys from CBA were good, so I didn't want to be too close to be tripped up at the end."

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▲ Bethlehem's Dawson Homer hits the home stretch at the annual Grout Run Saturday, Oct. 3, in Schenectady's Central Park. Homer won the boys Division II race with a time of 13:49.00.

◀ Bethlehem's Holly Machabee, center, makes her way through the pack at the start of the girls Division I race at the Grout Run. Machabee placed fifth with a time of 16:14.47.

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From page 9 ... Homer's victory

Cameron Davis, Lucas Culley and Derek Baranski took seventh through ninth place to help Bethlehem pull out the team victory. Davis finished with a time of 14:24.91, Culley crossed the finish line with a time of 14:43.55 and Baranski recorded a time of 14:50.67.

Bethlehem's girls team finished third in a highly-competitive Division I race. Section 1 power North Rockland won with 20 points, Shaker placed second with 58 points and Bethlehem finished third with 66 points.

Bethlehem's Holly Machabee placed fifth with a time of 16:14.47. North Rockland's Alex Harris won the race with a time of 15:10.20, less than a half-second ahead of teammate Katelyn Tuohy.

Football

The Bethlehem football team survived a critical mistake late in the fourth quarter to hang on for a 14-13 Liberty Division victory over Colonie.

Friday, Oct. 2.

With less than two minutes left in the game, Bethlehem (2-1 division, 3-2 overall) punted out of bounds at its own 15-yard line. But on third-and-long, Chris Harvey intercepted Will McCann's pass in the end zone to seal the Eagles' victory.

Colonie (0-3, 0-5) jumped out to a 13-0 lead in the first quarter, but quarterback Ryan Starr ran for one touchdown and threw for another in the second quarter to put Bethlehem in front.

Boys soccer

The Bethlehem boys soccer team improved its record to 9-3-0 with a 4-1 Suburban Council victory over Mohonasen on Senior Night Thursday, Oct. 1.

Luke Dole scored two goals, including the go-ahead goal late in the first half, to pace the Eagles. Noah Weinstock and Andy Kessler also tallied.

Cory Compositor scored Mohonasen's goal,

and goaltender Connor DeMyer stopped 20 shots.

Boys volleyball

The Bethlehem boys volleyball team earned a big Suburban Council victory by defeating Shenendehowa 3-1 Friday, Oct. 2, in Clifton Park.

Nick Mazone recorded nine kills, and Andrew Wollner added eight digs for the Eagles, who won by scores of 25-21, 24-26, 25-20 and 25-23.

Mitchell DeBortoli had 13 kills and four blocks for Shen, which was one of the teams chasing Bethlehem for best record in the Suburban Council.

Girls swimming

The Bethlehem girls swim team defeated Schenectady 91-67 in a Suburban Council meet Thursday, Oct. 1.

Kathryn Sancillo won the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly to lead the Lady Eagles. Lauren Wildemuth (200-yard individual medley), Ally Federman (50-yard freestyle), Leigha Kosakowski (100-yard freestyle) and Olivia Healy (500-yard freestyle) also won individual events.

■ VOORHEESVILLE



Two Voorheesville defenders force Cambridge quarterback Brenden Holcomb to fumble the ball during a non-league game Saturday, Oct. 3.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Rally falls short

Late Cambridge TD seals non-league loss for Voorheesville

By **ROB JONAS**
jonasr@spotlightnews.com

VOORHEESVILLE — Voorheesville's rally fell short, as Cambridge pulled out a 35-25 non-league football victory Saturday, Oct. 3.

Cambridge led 28-7 late in the third quarter before Voorheesville started making big plays. Quarterback Ryan Daly connected with Ethan Richardson on a 40-yard touchdown pass to trim

the deficit to 28-13. Then, the Blackbirds forced Cambridge quarterback Brenden Holcomb to cough up the ball on a sack. Voorheesville recovered the fumble to set up another scoring drive, which Dalton Esposito capped with a 3-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter.

The Blackbirds got within three points when Daly scored on a 5-yard run midway through the fourth quarter, but Riley Stefanovich's third touchdown run of the game with 1:12 left in regulation gave Cambridge the insurance points it needed to stave off Voorheesville.

Stefanovich rushed for 123 yards, and Andy Romack added 125 rushing yards and two interceptions on defense for Cambridge (5-0). Daly threw for 212 yards and rushed for 88 yards to lead Voorheesville (2-3).

Girls soccer

The Voorheesville girls soccer team improved its record to 11-1-0 with a 2-1 Colonial Council victory at Academy of the Holy Names Thursday, Oct. 1.

Rachael Bogdany and Rebecca Clair each tallied in the first half to lead the Blackbirds. Bella Tronco scored for Holy Names, and goaltender Skylar Migliucci stopped 13 shots.



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Note, as with all public commissioner meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available.

Stephanie E. Sellers

District Secretary,

Selkirk Fire District

Board of Fire Commissioners

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LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION****OF A****DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-****ABILITY COMPANY****(LLC)**

The name of the LLC is 144 State Street Asset Management LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 18, 2015. 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.

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Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/28/15. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 305 AS-TOR CT, DELMAR, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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LEGAL NOTICE**PUBLIC HEARING NO-****TICE**

The Selkirk Fire District will hold a public hearing on Tuesday October 20 at 7:00 PM at the Administrative Offices located behind Station

No. 1, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, for the purpose of presenting the 2016 proposed district budget. At that time, anyone who would like to comment on the 2016 proposed district

LEGALS**budget shall be heard.**

A copy of the proposed district budget is available for viewing on the district website:

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or is available at any Selkirk Fire District station upon request:

Selkirk Fire Station No. 1: 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, NY 12158

Selkirk Fire Station No. 2: 301 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, NY 12077

Selkirk Fire Station No. 3: 480 Bridge Street, Selkirk, NY 12158

Anyone in need of reasonable accommodations can contact the Selkirk Fire District. This meeting room is ADA compliant.

Stephanie E. Sellers

District Secretary

Selkirk Fire District

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LEGAL NOTICE**203 N WALNUT LLC.**

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LEGAL NOTICE**Notice of Formation of****2051 33RD ST. LLC.**

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LEGAL NOTICE**Notice of Formation of****2Helix LLC. Articles of****Organization filed with****the Secretary of State of****New York (SSNY) on****8/06/2015. Office loca-****LEGALS****tion: Albany County.**

SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 90 State Street Suite 700 Box, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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LEGAL NOTICE**Notice of Formation of****31-16 71ST ST. LLC.**

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Ad#94191

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION****DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-****ABILITY COMPANY****(LLC)**

The name of the LLC is 35 Empire State Properties LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 25, 2015. 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE**49TH ST. RE LLC. Arts.****Of Org. Filed w/SSNY****on 9/14/15. Office: Albany****Co. SSNY designated as****agent for process &****shall mail to: 54 State****St., #103, Albany, NY****12207. Reg. Agent: USA****Corporate Services Inc.****@ same address. Purpose:****all lawful.**

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LEGAL NOTICE**546 LAFAYETTE AV-****ENUE MANAGEMENT,****LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed****w/SSNY on 9/9/15. Of-****fice: Albany Co. SSNY****designated as agent for****process & shall mail to:****54 State St., #103, Al-****bany, NY 12207. Reg.****Agent: USA Corporate****Services Inc. @ same****address. Purpose: all****lawful.**

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LEGALS**LEGAL NOTICE****61-59 70TH STREET**

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LEGAL NOTICE**Notice of Formation of****81 TEN BROECK-AL-****BANY, LLC. Arts. of Org.****filed on 07/21/2015****with the Secy. Of State****of NY (SSNY). Office****Location: Albany County,****SSNY designated as****agent of LLC upon****whom against it may****be served. SSNY shall****mail process to po Box****6632, Albany, NY 12206.****Ad#93393****LEGAL NOTICE****ACCELER8 AUTOS, LLC.**

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LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE OF FORMATION****DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-****ABILITY COMPANY****(LLC).**

Name: ANANDA SHANTI APPAREL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 18, 2015. 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 8 Yardley Court, Loudonville, New York 12211.

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LEGAL NOTICE**ANNUAL MEETING-****BETHLEHEM CEMETERY****ASSOC., INC., 7:30PM****MONDAY, NOVEMBER****2, 2015 AT THE DEL-****MAR REFORMED****CHURCH 386****DELAWARE AVE., DEL-****MAR, NY. THOSE WISH-****ING TO VOTE MUST****CONTACT VIA PHONE****(439-2394) FOR OWN-****ERSHIP VERIFICATION****NO LATER THAN****10/21/2015**

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First: The name of the limited liability company is ATEN LLC

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LEGAL NOTICE**Notice of Formation of****BREAKTHROUGH PIC-****TURES, LLC. Arts. of****Org. filed with SSNY****on 8/24/15. Office location:****Albany County. SSNY****designated as agent of****LLC whom process****against may be served.****SSNY shall mail process**

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Estate, 25 Howard St., 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#95334

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Name: L-VISION LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of New York (SSNY) on 9/9/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process the LLC to: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#94916

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Lever2, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 7/3/2015. Office: 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 processes to: C/O Lever1, LLC 510 W 5th Street Kansas City, MO 64105. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Ad#95319

LEGAL NOTICE

LH NUTRITION, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 9/2/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#95977

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LLC: Lily's Place, LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 7/1/2015. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 376 Northern Blvd, Albany, NY 12204. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. Ad#94571

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Notice of formation of Luminous Networks, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 2, 2015. Office located within the county of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Paul Centanni, 25 Patton Place, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act. Ad#95966

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MATTERHORN RE LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 8/28/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#95973

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: McGuinness Home Solutions LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/21/2015. 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: C/O McGuinness Home Solutions LLC, 19 Marlborough Court, Albany, 12209. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. Ad#94700

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the limited liability company is Merchants Restaurant Service Company, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on August 14, 2015 with the NYS Department of State. The County within the State in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this State to which the Secretary of State will mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is 258 State Street, Albany, New York 12210. There is no specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve. The purpose of the business of the LLC is any lawful purpose permitted of a limited liability company in the State of New York /s/Thomas F. Gleason, Esq., Organizer Ad#93488

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MHO HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/17/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA

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Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#94179

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: NAT REAL PROPERTY GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 1, 2015. 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 Nicholas Thomas, 261 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. Ad#97089

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NEW YORK BUSINESS GROUP LLC. Auth. Filed w/SSNY on 9/3/15. Fictitious name: NEW YORK BUSINESS GROUP INTERNATIONAL LLC. Office: Albany Co. Formed in DE on 10/2/14. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. DE address: c/o The Corp. Trust Co., Corp. Trust Ctr., Wilmington, DE 19801. Filed with DE Sec. of State: 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#95988

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: PSP MEMBER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 18, 2015. 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 Ext., Albany, NY 12205. Ad#93539

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: PSP MRP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 18, 2015. 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 Ext., Albany, NY 12205. Ad#93537

LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 30 day of September 2015, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund repairs at the Vly Creek Dike Gate House and improvements at the New Salem Water Treatment Plant. WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will not exceed \$330,000; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the Water Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the repairs at the Vly Creek Dike Gate House and improvements at the New Salem Water Treatment Plant. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$330,000 and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the Water Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$330,000 in said reserve fund; and This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law. The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Kuhn, was seconded by Councilwoman Dawson and duly adopted by the following vote: AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Kuhn, Councilman Reinhardt, Councilwoman Sasso NOES: none ABSENT: none DATED: September 30, 2015 Ad#97090

LEGAL NOTICE

RP 81 MERCER, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/14/15. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Pep Real Estate, 25 Howard St., 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#95335

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of S.P. ASSOCIATES BLDG. CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/17/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#94180

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SHEMLEY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/13/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#94196

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LLC-SIAL BROTHERS LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 9/15/15. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 309 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability

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companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. Ad#96263

LEGAL NOTICE

SICE USA Holding LLC, Art. of Org., filed with the SSNY of 02/17/2015. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o PO Box 831 Albany, NY 12201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#93967

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Spa City Opportunities Fund, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 9/24/15. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to One Mustang Drive, Co-hoes, NY 12047. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#96400

LEGAL NOTICE

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING VOTE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. during which times the qualified voters of the School District will be asked to vote on the proposition described below: PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of reconstruction and replacement of the pool filtration system and related components of the swimming pool at the Voorheesville Middle School/High School building, along with the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$75,000, and appropriate, encumber, and expend existing and unexpended funds and/or funds from the Capital Reserve Fund there for.

PROPOSITION

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form: PROPOSITION

THE HULDISCH GROUP LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 4/30/13. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg.

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Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special district meeting, authorizing a capital construction project consisting of capital improvements consisting of reconstruction and replacement of the pool filtration system and related components of the swimming pool at the Voorheesville Middle School/High School building at an estimated cost of \$75,000 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from unexpended funds and/or the Capital Reserve fund, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved? SEQRA STATUS OF PROJECT: The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under SEQRA, has completed its environmental review and, on September 3, 2015, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to: District Clerk, Voorheesville Central School District, P.O. Box 498, Voorheesville, New York 12186. Dated: September 22, 2015 Jessica Tabakain District Clerk Ad#95993

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SPREAD THE HEALTH NOW, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/26/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#94174

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SUPERLATIVE NEWYORKERS TRADING CO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/21/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#94175

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Notice of Formation of VANTIA CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed

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Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#95986

LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 30th day of September 2015, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the condition of the Town's sidewalks were assessed in 2014; and,

WHEREAS, sections of the Town's sidewalks have deteriorated and need repair and/or replacement, and WHEREAS, a repair and replacement plan for the Town's sidewalks was developed to prioritize these repairs and/or replacements; and, WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that these repairs and/or replacements are necessary; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will not exceed \$25,000 for 2015; and WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to repair or replace sections of sidewalk that have deteriorated, as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$25,000; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the General Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$25,000 in said reserve fund; and, This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Councilman , seconded by Councilwoman and approved with the following vote: Ayes - Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Kuhn, Councilman Reinhardt, Councilwoman Sasso Nays - none Absent - none Ad#97091

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UPPER WEST SIDE ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 8/19/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc. @ same address. Purpose: all lawful. Ad#95981

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Bethlehem Middle School students enjoy freshly-picked salads, grown in the school's own garden and served by volunteers from Bethlehem Healthy Kids committee and the BC Green Team.

Photos courtesy of the Bethlehem Central School District

From page 1 ... From farm to you

Held Monday, Oct. 5 to Friday, Oct. 9, the seventh annual event encourages Bethlehem Central School District students to think about local farming and sustainable choices with lunches that week sourced from local farms, a produce drive for local food pantries, and the culminating event, “Salad for Kids Day” at Bethlehem Central Middle School, with ingredients sourced from BCMS’ own garden.

“They’re elated,” said Green Team Leader and Bethlehem Central Middle School Assistant Principal Mark Warford, of the student response. “They’re eating vegetables picked straight from ground and really excited about it.” Some activities, such as Salad for Kids Day, will be focused on the middle school, where the Delmar Farmer’s market is held weekly and where the BC Garden Club operates a community-planted garden. Other activities will be held at all schools.

On Friday, Oct. 9 Salad for Kids Day will use fresh-picked lettuce and carrots grown at the Bethlehem Middle School garden, and served by the Bethlehem Healthy Kids Committee and the school Garden Club volunteers. All middle schoolers will receive free salads during lunch periods. In order to encourage kids about the amount of garbage they make, the bowls used for the event are made of compostable sugar cane, which will be composted and put back into the school garden.

Each school in the district now has a compost

bin for garbage so that teachers are “not just talking about problems, but modeling solutions in sustainability,” said Warford. After a garden is planted at Slingerlands Elementary School, Wednesday, Oct. 7, the BC Green Team will have a garden in each of the school’s across the district.

With the Squash Hunger Produce Drive, each school in the district will have collection bins for fresh produce, set to be donated to local food pantries and shelters. Produce will be weighed, brought to McCarroll’s Delmar Market Place, and distributed to local shelters and food pantries by the Capital Roots organization. Suggested donations include long-lasting perishable items like potatoes, apples, eggplants and squash. Last year the district donated a record-breaking 1,659 pounds of fresh produce. The goal is now set to break that.

“Healthy kids got involve important to get kids excited for fresh fruit and vegies,” said co-chair Cindy Ferrari. “We’re so lucky live in a region with so many great local farms.”

School lunches that week will highlight fruits and veggies grown by local farmers. Packs of sliced apples, pears, carrots and cucumbers, all grown from local farms and in season in New York State will be available each day. Students are also reminded of the locally made food options already served in the district, such as the milk in cafeteria milk cartons sourced from New York dairy farms.

According to Ferrari, some teachers also choose to hold their own healthy eating instructions, giving prizes to those who “eat the rainbow” with their packed lunches.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, a guess the weight of a pumpkin contest will be held in the middle school and elementary schools. A large pumpkin will be placed in each school, and the student who guesses the correct weight gets to take the pumpkin home.

At the Saturday, Oct. 10 Delmar Farmer’s Market at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, where items grown by the BCMS Garden Club are regularly sold, and at the Tuesday, Oct. 6 farmer’s market at the Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave., a Farmer’s Market Scavenger Hunt will be available, encouraging kids to explore the market and to talk to farmers about organic growing.

Farm to You Fest was created by the Bethlehem Healthy Kids Committee, formed by parents of Bethlehem students, and the BC Green Team. The BC Green, a collective of students, parents, teachers and administrators, leads initiatives focused on improving the district’s energy footprint by reducing garbage made, reducing energy use and choosing sustainable food options.

“When we recycle everything that we possibly can and eat as healthily as we can, it doesn’t just effect one day, it becomes part f culture across the whole district,” said Warford.

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with SSNY on 7/30/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#94216 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Volant, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Sec-	retary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/4/15. 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: C/O Volant, LLC, 34 Axbridge Ln, Delmar, 12054 for Any Lawful Purpose. Latest Date which LLC is to dissolve:Not specified. Ad#94598 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of VORTILLA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/17/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#93515 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Wellington Restaurant	LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 12, 2015. 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#93482 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT 7TH AVE. VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/12/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA	Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#94194 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is WHOLESAL SOLAR STORE LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on September 16, 2015. 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 20 Walker Way, Colonie, New York 12205. Ad#95671 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Wolf Road Plaza II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/21/2015. Office loca-	tion: 125 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Ste 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity. Ad#93990 To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949



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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

An inconvenient fact

Given the historic flooding in South Carolina, talking about two spots in Albany County that routinely have to be shut down when it rains hard for a few hours seems trivial. But the fact is, something needs to be done to mitigate the problem.

The two spots in question are Western Avenue in front of Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland and the railway underpass on Central Avenue near the Albany-Colonie line. Both spots flooded again last week when we had one day of steady, heavy rain, forcing traffic on the busy thoroughfares to be re-routed. Thankfully it was only one day.

As Capital District residents are well aware, this has been a long-standing issue along these two state roads. The sad part is, not much has been done to fix these problem areas. The Town of Guilderland commissioned a study in 2009 to address the drainage problem around that section of Western Avenue and the surrounding neighborhood, with the findings released in 2012. But to date, no work has been

done to mitigate the problem. Still, that's more than what the Town of Colonie has done about the situation under the railway overpass on Central Avenue — even though that has been an issue for many years.

Whether or not our municipalities draw up plans of action, it's still up to New York State to put these plans into motion. Herein lies the problem: the state is far more concerned with grander projects such as replacing the Tappan Zee Bridge on the Thruway than it is with relatively minor issues such as a small section of a local roadway that routinely floods. It's not because the state doesn't care; it's because there are items of greater importance to work on first. But, Guilderland and Colonie can't do the work because Western Avenue and Central Avenue are state roads and under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Transportation for maintenance.

What can be done to catch the state's attention to these local issues? We can pressure our town officials and our

representatives in the state Legislature to get money approved to fix these long-standing drainage problems, so portions of two busy roads won't have to be shut down the next time it rains hard. This is not only a matter of convenience, but also an economic issue, since the flooding redirects traffic away from area businesses — especially Stuyvesant Plaza. The longer the problems exist, the more harm it does.

Again, our problems pale in comparison to what other East Coast residents have experienced in the last week, and we will not get into the reasons why so much rain has fallen in a prolonged period of time. But, the drainage issues on Western Avenue and Central Avenue need to be addressed once and for all. They've been allowed to persist for too long a period of time.

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Paula Mahan
Colonie Town Supervisor

Town: Colonie

Hometown: Schenectady

What are you listening to these days?

I love Barbara Streisand. She's been my favorite since I've been in junior high school. I really enjoy country music. I just love music, all kinds of music. I still love Motown.

Reading?

One of my favorites that I read not too long ago was "Olive Kitteridge." I don't have as much time as I'd like for free reading. One of my favorite books of all time is "To Kill a Mockingbird." That was one of my eighth-grade books. I'll pretty much read whatever I can get my hands on, spur of the moment. I have very little free time. I still enjoy, every day, reading the various newspapers.

Watching on TV?

I love HG TV and the Cooking Channel, because I love to cook. I watch CNN, try to keep up with the day's events,

but most of the time, when I actually settle down it's pretty late in the evening.

What was the last movie you saw?

"St. Vincent." That was not too long ago that I saw that on demand.

One person living or dead you would like to meet and why?

I would love to meet Barbara Streisand. I just loved her movies, as I said, when I was in junior high, high school. All her musicals. When she did a movie in Schenectady at Union College in the early 1970s, it's called "The Way We Were." I was an extra in that movie. That was a big thrill. She's not only a singer she's an actress, a writer, a director. I just think she's done amazing things.

Describe your dream vacation.

It doesn't take a lot. I love the beach. Just a dream vacation that is peaceful,

relaxing, and just time to relax. I have the most fun when I go on vacation with my grandchildren.

What is your favorite hobby?

I'd have to say, probably turning on some of my favorite music and cooking.

Describe what your last meal would be.

It would be pasta with my mother's homemade meatballs, antipasto and fresh Italian bread.

Favorite local memory?

I have a lot of great memories. But I would say my days teaching at Shaker Junior High School.

What three things would you bring with you to a desert island?

My family, something to cook with and probably a pad of paper so I could keep a journal.

• What would people be surprised to

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big Bill Yet to Come

Editor, *The Spotlight*;
As reported in last week's front page *Spotlight* article, although Normanside Country Club has agreed to pay for the relatively inexpensive widening of an emergency channel in the Normans Kill Creek, that is just a temporary band aid. Let me state what this "agreement" is, or, more importantly, what it is not. No agreement has been reached regarding who will pay for the much more expensive permanent remediation of the landslide disaster, which the State DEC and DOT say will be required. As a reminder, the DOT estimates these remediation costs may total up to \$7.8 million, and it is very possible that this bill may wind up in the lap of the Town of Bethlehem and you the taxpayers. Here's why.

As reported in the *Times Union*, the City of Albany has filed a legal

claim against the Town of Bethlehem accusing the Town of negligence for its part in causing the landslide. Indeed, the few facts we know so far relating to the Town's involvement in this disaster are alarming. During the summer and fall of 2014, residents along Salisbury Road observed hundreds of dump trucks of dirt being brought to the country club and alerted the Town to the dumping and asked if the club had a permit for the work. The club had no permit. In spite of that fact, it appears that for months the Town did little or nothing to halt the work. Eventually, work on the slope was temporarily stopped. Then in January, the club applied for, and received from the Town, a permit approving a plan for dumping millions of pounds of additional fill on the already unstable slope. As reported in the *Times Union*, this permit, issued by the Town on March

6, 2015, was the basis for the City of Albany's claim against the Town that it violated its own Town Code in issuing the permit and did not use "care and skill" in approving it.

Despite these facts demonstrating clear failures in his administration's management and oversight of work along the Normans Kill, Town Supervisor (John) Clarkson wants you to believe that he is "not concerned that this will end up impacting taxpayers." As a taxpayer, are you so sure? The City of Albany has already taken steps to sue the Town for its role in causing the landslide, and others may soon follow. Clarkson's administration helped cause this mess, and unfortunately we, the taxpayers, may end up paying for it.

Jim Foster
Bethlehem

Editor's note: Jim Foster is the Republican candidate for Town Supervisor.

Foster needs more town experience

Editor, *The Spotlight*;
On Nov. 1, I will have lived in the Town of Bethlehem 10 years. I landed here by accident. The Albany suburb where I lived for many years had very few apartments with garages and none vacant. I was past the stage where I could comfortably clean snow off my car, and so I started looking elsewhere. I found just what I needed here in town.

This town the friendliest place I have lived in since childhood. As time went on, I learned more and more about the town's culture of inclusiveness and the integrity of its people. Yes, there are always a few, but coming from a different

place, I felt lucky to be here and wished I moved here earlier.

People love this town. Many have been born here, gone to school here — maybe left for a few years, but come back to spend the rest of their lives here. Though I have learned quite a bit, I feel it will take me a lot longer to really understand the essence of where we live.

I have been following this current election as best I can. The thing that really strikes me about the man running for supervisor — Jim Foster — is that he has only lived here for any length of time before he was 18. At 18, one does not have a wide enough view to

know what is good for the larger population. And having returned to our town only last year, Mr. Foster has not had enough time to learn intricacies of the town's culture and needs. He talks about things like better snow and leaf removal. Yes, those things can always be better, but I am disappointed that he can't talk about complex issues I would expect any Town Supervisor candidate to talk about — things like good water, priority spending, taxes, development and the like.

I encourage Mr. Foster to wait 10 years and try again.

Barbara Quint
Delmar

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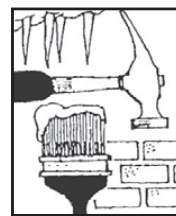
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town is in solid financial shape

Editor, *The Spotlight*,
The New York State Comptroller recently released results of his annual fiscal stress monitoring for all municipalities in the state. Not only did Bethlehem receive the best marks among the 19 municipalities in Albany County, but the town received a perfect zero percent "fiscal stress" score, which is a measure of short- and long-term budgetary solvency. This is attributed to talented town employees and the professional management and prudent decisions made by Supervisor Clarkson and the town board.

The town's budget will be lower this year than it was four years ago – and that was accomplished without layoffs or elimination of services. Last year Standard and Poor's cited the town's strong financial status and farsighted budgeting by upgrading Bethlehem's credit rating to AA+. In 2013, Bethlehem was awarded a \$776,107 Local Government Performance and Efficiency Award from the State of New York, which the town has used for tax relief, sidewalk expansion, and other civic improvements. While there is always room for improvement, it is clear by numerous objective measures that the state of our town is extremely

strong and the envy of our region.

Some of the budgetary decisions made over the past few years have been opposed by special interests – such as the police unions' opposition to rein in overtime spending. Now two candidates with direct ties to the police unions, Jim Foster and Dave Harrington, are running on the Republican line for supervisor and town board, respectively. Neither Mr. Foster nor Mr. Harrington has any experience in municipal management. Mr. Foster has never even voted in a town election, and Mr. Harrington only sporadically. This lack of knowledge – or interest – in town governance shows.

Mr. Foster, a 32-year-old attorney, has taken a leave of absence from a job in Manhattan to pursue an alternative career in politics. Mr. Foster asserts that the town can increase the size of our police department without raising taxes by "finding efficiencies" (which he never specifies). The town is already operating with extreme efficiency, and the idea that the size of the BPD can be increased without raising taxes or cutting core services elsewhere is either naïve or evasive, but it clearly is not good management.

Mr. Harrington's main campaign issue appears to be his claim that the town has "refused" his

attempted donation of a surplus dog from his business. In my four years on the town board, no one from the BPD has ever suggested a need for a canine unit. Canine units are a significant expense, especially for a relatively small suburban force – with the cost of kenneling, food, veterinary care, equipment, training, insurance, and special vehicles dwarfing the cost to merely acquire the dog. The Albany County Sheriff's Office provides canine services to the BPD without charge when needed, which is an appropriate way to provide a specialized and infrequently needed resource.

Bethlehem is a town of approximately 35,000 with an annual budget of over \$40 million. The town is responsible for core services that contribute a great deal to our high quality of life. Town Hall is no place for amateurism, silly proposals or catering to special interests. Management of the town requires the kind of serious professionalism, expertise and integrity demonstrated by Supervisor John Clarkson over the last four years.

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Kicking it

Guilderland's Ben Couture (10) kicks the ball away while tangling with a Ballston Spa midfielder during a Suburban Council soccer game Thursday, Oct. 1. Ballston Spa scored two goals in the second half to defeat Guilderland 2-0 and maintain its perfect record. The Dutchmen's record dropped to 5-3-2 entering a game at Mohonasen Tuesday, Oct. 6.

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