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Unexpected home renovation

A local driver accidently runs his car through his living room.

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LaGrange family honored with historical roadside marker in Slingerlands.

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■ TOP STORY

Pioneering family honored

By MARCY VELTE

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BETHLEHEM — Following a period of French Huguenot persecution during the 17th century, the family of Omie de LaGrange fled their home country before opting to settle in the Capital District in 1665. Centuries later, his descendents are honoring their patriarch with a historical marker at the family farm in Slingerlands.

Garry McBride took up the project more than three years ago following the sale of the majority of the LaGrange farm property to developers. The back of the Vista Technology Campus goes through the historic LaGrange homestead and, although the farm house and a barn still stand, it is no longer owned by the family.

Before development could go forward, the state Historic Preservation office had to oversee the property. A compromise was struck since the family's old cemetery is still on the grounds. It was left undisturbed, and is now showcased in the middle of a roundabout at the back of Vista.

"I felt this was important to honor my family," said McBride.

"They are an old family that was important to the area. They should be remembered."

McBride, 76, said he grew up on the farm in Slingerlands until the death of his father when he was 11. The homestead was no longer used as a farm, but his father was a veterinarian and the space allowed for him to care for the farm animals of neighbors.

"I had a lot of good memories there," said McBride, who has two younger brothers and a sister also raised on the property. "My grandmother loved that farm, and I did it out of respect for her."

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ENTERTAINMENT



Flowing in tune

Russel the Leaf has recorded, collaborated and performed around the Capital District for the last four years; says his next projects include even more.

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SPORTS



Split

Bethlehem boys hockey started the season off spliting its two matches over the weekend.

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Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson walks walks with volunteers along the trail at the newly opened Van Dyke land preserve on Van Dyke Road and Meads Lane in Delmar.

preserves serving as an escape for local residents

Newest addition to chain of

By TRICIA CREMO

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BETHLEHEM — After years of planning, and donations from a new development, the Van Dyke land preserve has now opened.

The 33-acre property lies at the intersection of Van Dyke Road and Meads Lane in Delmar and sits on the Phillipin Kill, a meandering creak that flows through the property, creating a flood plain along the floor of a narrow valley.

A half-mile trail follows the creek through a valley and "gives people opportunity to get away and take walk through peaceful setting," said Mark King, executive director of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, which created the preserve.

The official opening of the preserve was held Monday, Nov. 16 and was attended by Supervisor John Clarkson and Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy. Both spoke on the importance of

protecting nature in communities. About 40 people attended the event, who shared the same interest.

Preserve opens at Van Dyke

With the preserve's close proximity to the Bethlehem Central School District's middle and high schools, and the Bethlehem YMCA, King described the location as "on the edge of very developed area and remaining undeveloped areas.' The preserve is easy to access by bikes, which is accommodating for students, and includes a parking lot for those that choose to drive there.

The creation of the Van Dyke land preserve was a provision required in the zoning of the neighboring The Spinney At Van Dyke housing development at 246 Van Dyke Road, owned by The Spinney Group. The company contributed the 33-acres of land for the project, provided an endowment for the preserve's upkeep, and according to King have been very supportive throughout the creation

"It's of huge benefit not only for

our residents, but for the residents of Bethlehem as well. As development happens, it's important to keep open land spaces, and we recognize that," said Samantha Feinberg of The Spinney

The Spinney Group first proposed their 104-apartment, 54-acre Spinney At Van Dyke housing development for those "55 and better" looking for an "active adult rental community," to the zoning board in May 2008, and opened in October 2014. Though it took a while, the company is pleased to be able offer this resource to the community.

The Van Dyke Preserve is open every day, dawn until dusk, and parking is located off Van Dyke Road. Trails are intended solely for running and walking, and snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in the winter. Bike riding is not

To learn more, visit mohawkhudson.

125th holiday wintermarket

By TRICIA CREMO

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GUILDERLAND — This holiday season will see the quaint village of Altamont transformed into a Victorianera-themed holiday celebration that would leave Charles Dickens himself impressed.

The quaint village of Altamont turns 125 this year. To celebrate, Altamont's yearly Victorian Holiday Wintermarket, which takes place on Sunday, Dec. 13 from noon to 5 p.m., will be bigger than any year previous.

The festival finds the town decorated head to toe in Victorian holiday fashion, with six indoor markets, activities for children and "free hot chocolate and cider in just about every shop you walk by," said Laura Shore, a member of the event's planning committee.

Altamont Community Tradition

(ACT), an organization that works to preserve the historic nature of the town, holds the event again this year for the 14th time. This year the organization is expanding its offerings with an emphasis on young people, with new venues and activities added.

What began as a celebration of the numerous historical houses in town as well as the Victorian-era train station, which was renovated just two years ago, has expanded to become a large, communitywide event. In recent years, residents from all over the Capital District have flocked to Altamont for the celebration.

The Victorian Holiday Market's traditional house tours will feature five homes, including some village Victorians and several in the new Bozenkill addition. Tours are \$10 and draw crowds of 300 to 500 people come to explore the centuriesold homes. **Continue on 16**

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Bethlehem seeks board members

Town, planning and zoning boards each have vacancies that need to be filled

By TRICIA CREMO

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BETHLEHEM —

Open positions are left on all three major boards – town, zoning and planning – in the aftermath of an unpredictable election season.

All three appointments will officially be made in January by the Town Board as it stands now. Four people, including Town Supervisor John Clarkson and Town Board Members Julie Sasso (D), David VanLuven (D) and Joyce Becker (D) will make the call. The only board member not involved in the process is Bill Reinhardt.

Democrat Bill Reinhart will leave his position vacant when he takes on his recently-elected role of Albany County Legislator, District 33, in January, leaving his Town Board term ending in 2017 empty.

One position each

on the Planning Board and Zoning Board are left open. Planning Board Chairman John Smolinsky's and Zoning Board Member George Harder' terms each end in January. Each are planning to put their name in for their respective positions, and will in all likelihood be reappointed, but no announcements can be made at this time.

"We certainly encourage everyone that's interested to put their name in," said Town Supervisor John Clarkson. "We're just beginning to talk, but there have been interest already, as well as applicants from previous go-arounds," said the supervisor. This, however, should not discourage others from applying, he said.

The appointments on Zoning Board and Planning Board are for a five-year terms, with \$5,475 compensation annually. Town Board positions have a salary of \$14,674.

Each year the chairman of the Planning Board and Zoning Board must be reappointed, and Clarkson had complaints about neither Smolinksky, nor Zoning Board Chairman Daniel Coffey.

Smolinsky is seeking re-appointment after serving as Planning Board chairman for two years, with nine years total on the board. Harder is seeking re-appointment after serving six years on the Zoning Board, and said he still has "a lot of unfinished business," to resolve there, including the A.W. Becker sign issue and the National Grid substation issue.

As all current Town Board members are Democrats, odds are the councilman chosen will be of the same political affiliation, yet the board did decide to turn from political ties once before. In 2012 a Democratic board under the helm of Supervisor Clarkson chose a Republican, George Lenhardt to fill an open seat on the board.

Democratic Chairman and Deputy Town
Supervisor Jeff Kuhn,
who decided not to seek
reelection to the Town
Board this year, said he
would not be putting his
name forward for the
position. However, losers
in the recent election who
previously held seats on
the board such as Joanne
Dawson who lost the

Democratic primaries and ran for Town Board under the Conservative line, cannot be counted out as options.

Clarkson has chosen Julie Stasso as the new deputy supervisor in place of Kuhn. The position can sign on the supervisor's behalf during board meeting missed by the supervisor, yet this event has not occurred during Clarkson's term.

Applicants will be interviewed by all four board members, and positions will be announced Jan. 13 at the town's 2016 Organizational Meeting, where the board will set the calendar of events for that year. Applications for the Town Board position must be submitted by Dec. 8, and Zoning and Planning Board applications are due by Dec. 15.

Reappointments have been made for the town's comptroller, Michael Cohen and Department of Public Works Commissioner George Kansas.

"While technically those actions aren't taken legally until January, because they are critical management positions with ongoing duties and tasks in process, we though it was important to reach consensus on those issues first," said Clarkson.

"This has been the most fulfilling job I've ever had," said Comptroller Cohen. Cohen has been at the post since 2012, after working as an accountant at Time Warner Cable for 12 years, and has helped the town through several financial difficulties, such as the Selkirk Cogen Pilot, which left the town a \$1.6 million debt, with each yearly budget, and with the Verizon Fios project, which aims to bring cellular coverage to the entire Bethlehem area.

All Board members –town, zoning and planning included - must

be town residents and "should have general knowledge of planning and land use in town, zoning and subdivision processes, use and area variances and applicable procedures, SEQR (State Environment Quality Review) requirements and procedures," according to a description provided on the Town of Bethlehem webpage.

Community involvement will also be taken into consideration. Resumes and a cover letter should be submitted to Confidential Secretary to the Town Supervisor Robin Nagenast at rnagengast@townofbethlehem.org.

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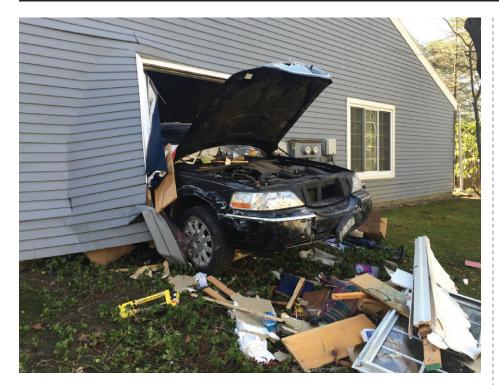
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Man drives through home

At 10:18 a.m on Tuesday morning, Nov. 24, a 94 year-old man drove through his garage and into the living room of his house at 23 Willow Drive in Delmar, according to Bethlehem Police. The vehicle was completely inside the house, and the man was stuck inside the car. He was uninjured and no one else was home at the time of the crash. The man reportedly told police he went to step on the brake, but hit the accelerator instead The house had significant damages and building inspectors were at the scene. The Bethlehem building inspector is said to have deemed the house unsafe to occupy until repairs are made.

Photos by Thomas Heffernan, Sr.



COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

3-car crash in N.S.

NEW SCOTLAND — A three-vehicle crash occurred Sunday, Nov. 22, around noon on County Route 203 and Krumkill Road in New Scotland. Two drivers were transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital by Voorheesville Ambulance Service and the Town of Bethlehem Ambulance Service, according to Bethlehem Police.

The condition of the victims are unknown. Slingerlands Heavy Rescue assisted New Salem Fire and Albany Company Paramedics with extraction. State Police investigated the accident with assistance from the Albany County Sheriff's Department.

UPS truck crashes

One "extremely lucky" UPS driver crashed his truck while hauling doubles on the NYS Throughway, just south of Albany, said Bethlehem Police Deputy Chief Tom Heffernan, Jr. The crash occurred on Saturday, Nov. 21, around 6:45 a.m. The victim was transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital by Bethlehem Ambulance Service, condition unknown. Selkirk Fire Department and Albany Co. EMS were on the scene. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

Police pursuit stolen car

Michael S. Evans, 34, of Abington, Mass. led police a pursuit through Sand Lake, North Greenbush, Troy, Colonie and Guilderland on Saturday, Nov. 28, around 2:20 a.m. Evans reportedly ran out of road where the Northway meets State Route 20. That is where police stated Evans lost control of his vehicle and struck a State Police car.

State Police in Sand Lake were notified by police agencies from Massachusetts that they were attempting to stop a stolen vehicle heading westbound on State Route 43 in New York. Troopers located the vehicle traveling on State Route 43 in Sand Lake, and attempted to make a vehicle stop. The pursuit ended when Evans lost control of his vehicle and struck a police car.

Evans was transported to the Schodack Barracks where he was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fourth degree, a felony; driving while ability impaired by drugs, unlawful fleeing a police officer, reckless endangerment in the second degree, resisting arrest, obstructing governmental administration in the second degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, misdemeanors; and numerous vehicle and traffic law infractions.

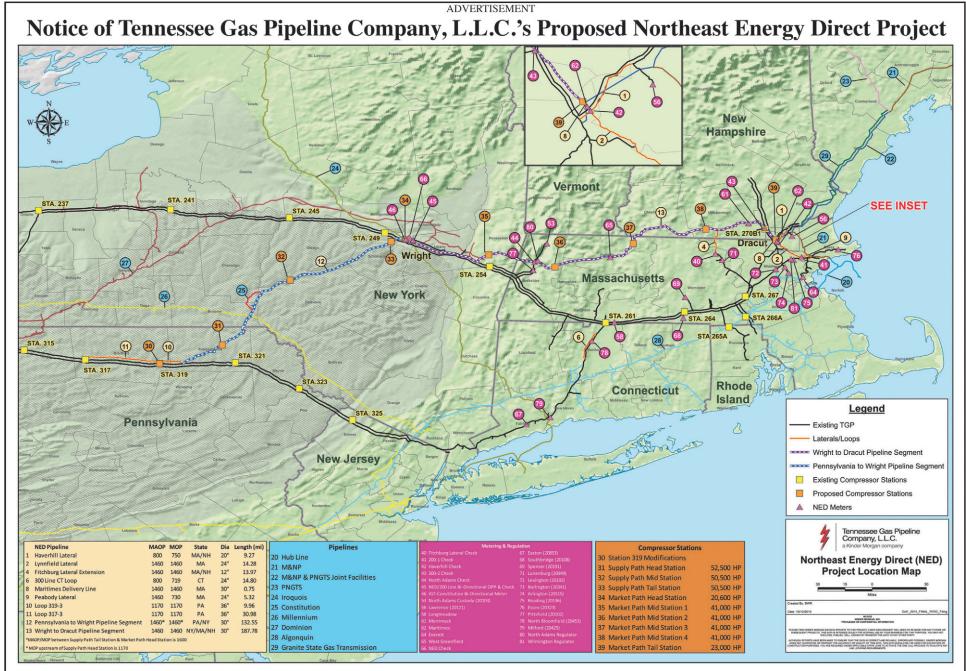
Evans was arraigned in Town of Guilderland Court and remanded to Albany County Jail with no bail. He is scheduled to reappear in court on Dec. 3.

Other arrests

- State Police in Guilderland arrested William B. Griffin II, 28, of Troy, on Friday, Nov. 20, at 11:14 p.m. and charged him with felony DWI. Police stopped Griffin on I-90 for an alleged traffic violation. Griffin had a BAC of 0.09 percent, according to police. A prior DWI conviction within the past ten years qualified the charge as a felony. Griffin was arraigned in Town of Guilderland Court and remanded to Albany Count Jail in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail or bond.
- Guilderland Police and State Police arrested Brendan Hungerford, 22, of Albany, on Saturday, Nov. 28, and charged him with DWI and unlawful possession of marijuana. A police road check on State Route 910F saw his arrest. Police said Hungerford refused a chemical test to determine his BAC and faces a license revocation.
- Guilderland Police and State Police arrested Patrick Anastasi, 42, of Latham, on Saturday, Nov. 28, and charged him with DWI. Anastasi was arrested subsequent to a sobriety road check on State Route 910F. He had a BAC of 0.08 percent, according to police.
- Guilderland Police and State Police arrested Stephen Cummins, 38, of Albany, on Saturday, Nov. 28, and charged him with DWI. A sobriety road check on State Route 910F saw his arrest. Cummins had a BAC of 0.10 percent, according to police.



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Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. ("Tennessee") plans to construct a project referred to as the Northeast Energy Direct Project ("NED Project" or "Project"). Tennessee, a Kinder Morgan company, is an interstate natural gas transmission pipeline company that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission"). Tennessee has been in operation since 1943 and its principal office is located at 1001 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002. Tennessee proposes to expand and modify its existing pipeline system in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. The NED Project is being developed to meet the increased demand in the Northeast United States ("U.S.") for transportation capacity of natural gas.

On November 20, 2015, Tennessee filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Application") with the Commission for authorization to construct, install, modify, operate, and maintain pipeline and compression facilities to be located in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, as described below. The Commission assigned Docket No. CP16-21-000 to the certificate proceeding.

The NED Project will provide new firm natural gas transportation capacity to meet the growing energy needs in the Northeast U.S., particularly in New England. The Supply Path Component, as defined in the Application, will transport up to 1.2 billion cubic feet per day ("Bcf/d") of natural gas, and the Market Path Component, as defined in the Application, will transport up to 1.3

Bcf/d of natural gas. The proposed Project involves the following facilities:

- Approximately 41 miles of pipeline looping on Tennessee's 300 Line in Pennsylvania;
- Approximately 133 miles of new pipeline, of which 102 miles are proposed to be generally co-located with the certificated Constitution Pipeline Project (FERC Docket Number CP13-499-000) in Pennsylvania and New York (extending from Tennessee's existing 300 Line near Auburn, Pennsylvania to Wright, New York);
- Approximately 54 miles of pipeline generally co-located with Tennessee's existing 200 Line and an existing utility corridor in New York;
- Approximately 64 miles of pipeline generally co-located with an existing utility corridor in Massachusetts;
- Approximately 70 miles of pipeline generally co-located with an existing utility corridor in New Hampshire (extending southeast to Dracut, Massachusetts);
- Approximately 58 miles of various laterals and pipeline looping segments in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut to serve local markets:
- Construction of nine new compressor stations and 15 new meter stations, and modifications to an existing compressor station and 14 existing meter stations throughout the Project area; and
- Construction of appurtenant facilities, including mainline valves, cathodic protection, and pig facilities through the Project area

Please see the enclosed map for the locations of Project activities.

To the extent that it is practicable, feasible, and in compliance with existing law, Tennessee proposes to locate proposed pipeline facilities (either pipeline looping segments or co-located pipeline facilities) generally within or adjacent to its existing right-of-way associated with its existing 300 Line in Pennsylvania and Connecticut; its existing 200 Line in New York and Massachusetts; and existing utility (pipeline and powerline) corridors in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Tennessee is requesting issuance of a certificate order for the Project in the fourth quarter of 2016 and proposes to commence construction activities in January 2017, in anticipation of placing the Project facilities in-service by November 2018 (with the exception of the proposed pipeline loop in Connecticut, which will be placed in-service by November 2019), consistent with the terms and conditions of the precedent agreements executed with Project shippers.

During construction, restoration, and mitigation activities for the Project, Tennessee will follow the Project-specific Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures, which will incorporate the provisions from the Commission's Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation and Maintenance Plan and the Commission's Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures.

If you are interested in reviewing Tennessee's Application for the Project, an

electronic copy of the public version of the complete Application is available for public viewing at public libraries located in each county where the Project will be located. A list of the locations where the Application can be accessed is included in the Environmental Report, Resource Report 1, included with the Application, and is also available on the Project's website: http://www.kindermorgan.com/business/gas_pipelines/east/neenergydirect/.

Additionally, a copy of Tennessee's Application is available for viewing on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov. Also available on this website is the Commission's most recent landowner pamphlet entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" The pamphlet includes the FERC's summary of landowner rights at FERC. You may reach the Commission through its website or by calling the Commission's Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-3372.

Should your property be directly affected by this Project, a representative of Tennessee will contact you in the near future to discuss the Project. Tennessee has mailed notices to landowners directly affected by this Project, to landowners whose property abuts the Project, and to local government entities. If you have not received such a notice, your property is most likely not affected.

Tennessee strives to be a good neighbor as it provides a safe, clean, and reliable source of energy to the nation's consumers and industry. Questions concerning this Project may be directed to Tennessee at (844) 277-1047.

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Concert series features clarinet quintet

Bethlehem Public Library's annual winter concert series, A Little Sunday Music, continues Dec. 6 with cellist Will Hayes performing Brahms and Mozart with a clarinet quintet.

Hayes is a Cincinnati Conservatory of Music graduate and past student artist at Chautauqua Institution and the Aspen Music Festival. He has appeared in concerts with Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and Grammy living legend Rod Stewart, Johnny Mathis, Eileen Ivers of Riverdance fame, and has held numerous positions in orchestras across the United States, including the Middletown Symphony in Ohio; Richmond Symphony in Indiana; Lawton Philharmonic and Enid Symphony in Oklahoma; Wyoming Symphony; Las Cruces Symphony in New Mexico; and the Schenectady Symphony.

After a short break in January, the music series resume Feb. 7 with The River Trio. A Little Sunday Music



concludes March 6 with a flower-themed recital with soprano Bien Baez and returning pianist Michael Clement. All concerts take place on a Sunday at 2 p.m.

A Little Sunday Music is generously underwritten by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Senior Chorus at Town Hall

December is a musical month! The Bethlehem Senior Chorus presents "Questions in Song" this Friday, Dec. 4, at 1 p.m. in the Bethlehem Town Hall. Directed by Claudia Summers, the chorus is a mixed group of about 60 senior citizens who have enjoyed singing and entertaining folks in the community for almost a decade.

Open to all, the concert is cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Please note that this event does not take place at the library.

Late opening

The library will open at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, to accommodate a staff development session in the morning. Our bookdrops will be open, but there will be no telephone service in the morning.

Upcoming events Friday, Dec. 11

Babies & Self-Soothing

Learn how to soothe an infant and encourage self-soothing to promote good sleeping habits. Snow date is Monday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 a.m. Presented by the Capital District Child Care Council. For caregivers and infants. 10 a.m.

Teen SEWcial: Pajama Pants

Make a pair of pajama pants. Boys and girls welcome. Bring 3 yards of fabric. Coordinating thread optional. For grade 6-12. Sign up online or call. 3:30 to 5:45 p.m.



Children in grades 1-5 are invited to "Paws to Read" at Bethlehem Public Library Thursday, Dec. 10, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Bring a book or borrow one from the shelves and read to a gentle dog who loves stories. No signup is required.

Kristen Roberts

Saturday, Dec. 12

Time Out for Tales

Stories and fun for children up to age 6 and families. 11 a.m.

Origami Club

Bring your own project or fold something with us.

3 to 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 13 Outside In: Decorating with Greenery

Learn how to use natural materials to create stunning centerpieces and decorative items for the home with Master Gardener Denise Maurer. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14 Tiny Tots

Stories, songs and fingerplays. Up to age 35 months with caregiver. 9:30 a.m.

— Kristen Roberts

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Holiday gift bazaar at nature center

VOORHEESVILLE — The annual Thacher Holiday Gift Bazaar takes place Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Thacher Nature Center.

Among the items being sold by local artisans and artists are:

Jewelry

Jams, jellies and honey producs

Homespun wool and knitted items

Original artwork

Wildlife and nature photography

Pine needle and bark baskets Stained glass and painted glass works Hand-painted gourds Folk art items Carved wooden bowls

Sweets and treats

There is also live music by Tunefolk, and a 50/50 raffle sponsored by Friends of Thacher Park. Fifty percent of the

proceeds will be donated to local charities.

For more information, call

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

BHA Silver Tea and open house

BETHLEHEM —

The Bethlehem Historical Association's annual Silver Tea and open house takes place Sunday, Dec. 6, and Monday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, 1003 River Road.

The schoolhouse will be decorated for the holiday season with a theme of "Cozy Plaids and Sparkling Lights." Refreshments will be served during the Silver Tea on Dec. 6, and punch and cookies will be available for the open house on Dec. 7.

Both events are free. For more information, visit BethlehemHistorical.org.

Singers wanted for Christmas festival

VOORHEESVILLE — The annual Voorheesville Community Christmas Festival takes place Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple Ave.

Singers are invited to join the Community Choir for this performance. Practice sessions are at the church on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

For more information, call Ken George at 765-4442.

Ellis presents 'The U.S. War in Laos'

BETHLEHEM —

Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace welcomes Tom Ellis, who will discuss "The United States' War in Laos and Its Continuing Consequences" Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m., at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

Ellis is a leader in several social justice groups including the Palestinian Rights
Committee and Upper Hudson Peace Action, as well as playing a role in several successful environmental campaigns. He lives in Albany and works as a teacher.

The program is free and open to the public. For information, call 466-1192.

Onesquethaw hosts Sunday breakfast

VOORHEESVILLE — The Onesquethaw Fish and Game Club, 2032 Tarrytown Road, is hosting a breakfast Sunday, Dec.

6, from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

Breakfast includes regular,
blueberry and whole wheat
pancakes, eggs, bacon, home fries,
sausage and sausage gravy.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 10 and free for children five and under. People are also asked to bring a gift for the Hilltown Christmas Program.

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"Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?,"



the young man asks.

"Because the sun is up and the tide is going out, and if I don't throw them further in, they will die," said the other.

"But, old man, don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it? You can't possibly save them all — you can't even save one-tenth of them. In fact, even if you work all day, your efforts won't make any difference at all."

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— Mark Hansen

Tea and lunch

Isist the Little Red Schoolhouse in Selkirk for the Bethlehem Historical Association Silver Tea on Monday, Dec. 7, and enjoy this year's holiday theme, "Christmas in the Town of Bethlehem." We'll also have lunch at Panera's, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation.

Medicare open enrolment is available now through Dec. 7. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to schedule a counseling appointment with a Senior Services Outreach Worker.

Need something to read? Senior transportation will be available to take you to the Bethlehem Public Library on Dec. 11 at 12:30 p.m. Call 439-5770 to make arrangements. Books can be delivered to you if you are permanently or



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temporarily unable to visit the library. Call the library at 439-9314 and ask about the Books to People delivery service.

Outreach Workers are available to assist with counseling on health insurance, housing issues, food stamps, health and income related programs or heating costs support. Make an appointment by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy and clinic appointments, grocery stores and a variety of social and recreational programs. The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and accepts donations of non-perishable food, as well as paper and household products. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and play pinochle, bingo or mah jongg. Or just come for a chat with friends. Call Yvonne Mendleson at 472-0202 for more information.

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.'s website is bethlehemseniorproject.org.

— Wilma DeLucco

Sweets with Santa

weets with Santa will be extra sweet this year.

Join us Dec. 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to create a gingerbread house, do crafts and have an early visit with Santa. There will also be a basket raffle and bake sale to benefit the library.

Sign up is required to build gingerbread houses—the cost is \$1 per family. Move on to the village party at the firehouse afterwards.

Computer classes

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Explore Apple iPads and iPhones: Have fun exploring the features and possibilities of these Apple devices. Bring your own in, or experiment with an iPod or iPad at the library. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Try Video Chat with Facebook or Skype: Now you can have face-to-face conversations with your friends and the people you care about at no cost. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m.

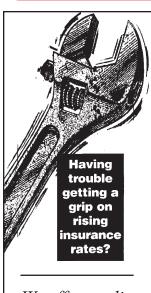
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'Fine Food' campaign

t's the holiday season when we give thanks ... and also have a thought for those less fortunate. That's why GPL is starting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, a month-long campaign where your late fine on a book/CD/DVD will be forgiven when you donate non-perishable, unexpired food items to our "Fine Food" drive. It's a one-forone exchange: One late fine gets forgiven for each food item you donate.

All donations will be given to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The campaign ends on Monday, Jan. 4. GPL staffers will bring donations to the food bank every couple of days or so, so that the food bank can aid those in need over the

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holiday season.

Be generous to kids and troops

Toys for Tots: The local Marine Corps Reserve unit is asking you to donate an unwrapped toy to its annual Toys for Tots drive via the donation boxes in the library lobby.

The mission of the program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. Over its

life span, the Marine Toys for Tots Program has distributed over 494 million toys to over 230 million less fortunate children.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: By donating your unused cell phone in the Cell Phones for Soldiers collection box in the library lobby, you will provide a lifeline to our troops serving around the world. Your generous, tax-deductible donation delivers calling cards that connect military members with their loved ones at home. For more information, please visit cellphonesforsoldiers. com.

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To get your GPL card, simply bring proof of service — military ID for active duty and reservists; DD-214 (Report of Separation) for veterans — to GPL and go to the circulation desk to complete a library card application. We'll give you a card that puts the full resources of your new library to work for you.

Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators

The Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators welcomes one and all to an open house being held at GPL on Monday, Dece. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

You'll be able to view and purchase children's books ... just in time for holiday giving. There will be books of every type, so come in and browse: you may just find the perfect gift.

Star Wars Trade Show

Don't miss GPL's biggest and most exciting popular culture event to date, the Star Wars Trade Show, happening on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring a full day of comics, graphic novels, food, toys, games ... and a life-size R2D2.

Part of the fun is the Star Wars Cantina at 12:30 p.m., where you can get a free pizza lunch. Some seats are still left — you have to register — so call 456-2400, ext. 2 to reserve your seat, or go to www. guilpl.org.

Last call for NYC

You'll see the sights, sounds and holiday cheer

of Manhattan when you join your neighbors and friends on the Chamber/Library Bus Trip to NYC on Saturday, Dec. 12. That is, if you've already made your reservation. If not, you still have time.

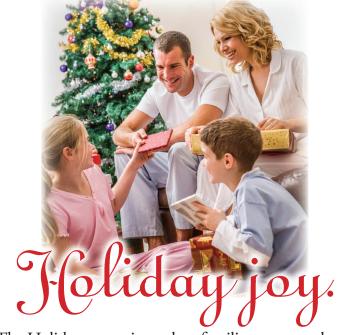
You can purchase your seats at the library — we accept all major credit cards, checks and cash (of course) — or you can purchase your seats online at the Chamber website at www. guilderlandchamber.com. Click on the calendar, and page down to Dec. 12. Links there enable you to purchase seats ... assuming there are any left. Act now.

Inside Out

"Inside Out," the First Friday Family Film that's showing in GPL's Helderberg Room on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., follows young Riley and her emotions — Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness — as she navigates a new city, house and school. Rated PG, 2015, 94-minutes long.

— Mark Curiale

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Storytelling cabaret

he Friends of the Library will sponsor a dinner and reading of stories from the "Writing Personal History for Family, Friends, and Posterity" class on Tuesday, Dec. 8. The dinner begins at 6 p.m, with stories immediately following. Attendance is free, but space is very limited. Please register

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online or call the library to sign up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Friends of the Library bus trip

On Saturday, Dec. 5, you

can enjoy a day at one of New York's most exciting holiday destinations and support the library at the same time. The cost of the bus is \$40 for Friends' members; \$45 for nonmembers. Paid reservations are accepted at the circulation desk. Payment in advance is required; no seat is reserved until payment has been received. For more details visit the library web site.

— Lynn Kohler



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■ PICK OF THE WEEK



Vanessa Carlton

Benefit for the Capital Region Coalition to End Homelessness at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

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MUSIC

Flowing in tune

Russel the Leaf has recorded, collaborated and performed around the Capital District for the last four years; says his next projects include even more collaborating, a music video, and ultimately, a record deal

By ALI HIBBS

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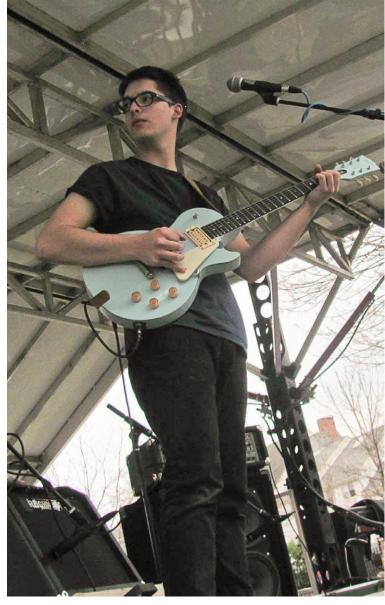
Will Tear Us Apart" begins playing at The Brakes coffee shop on Lark Street in Albany. The 22-year-old musician from Scotia has just been discussing his recent musical influences: Todd Rundgren, Prince, Randy Newman and, his all-time favorite, The Beach Boys. "They're incredible," he said reverentially.

Marré, aka Russel the Leaf, began playing venues around the Capital District just two years ago and has already made a name for himself in the local indie rock scene. He claims he has played pretty much all the indie venues in the area except a little-known underground spot in a hard-to-find Albany basement known as The TreeHouse. "There's good stuff happening there," he said a little wistfully. "But we've played Ground Zero at RPI; we've played The Low Beat a bunch of times; Fuze Box was our first show in 2013." Marré first began recording as Russel the Leaf in 2011, two years before you could catch his live performances, and his output has been impressive for both its volume and its creative evolution.

Asked how many albums he's recorded, he laughed and began to count on his fingers. "Oh boy. One, two. . . How many have I made that I still enjoy? That's the bigger question. I think it's 14, but that's including shorter-length releases—EPs and singles and stuff like that. Around 13 or 14." His first album, he said, was made using Garage Band, "all fake drums, fake synthesizers, pretty cheaply done." He plans to have his next record released on an established label—something he said is a dream of his.

Marré, who is dark-haired and bespectacled with a goofy grin and easy demeanor, is wearing two pins denoting favorite artists—Zappa and, of course, the Beach Boys—on blue plaid flannel this cool November evening. He is heading to Saratoga Springs later to play bass in an Americana/blues/folk trio at One Caroline Street. Playing and producing music for other projects is something Marré clearly enjoys.

After graduating from Scotia-Glenville High School in 2012, the young musician went to Schenectady Community College to study jazz performance on the double bass. His love of music began when he



Evan Marré is pretty laid back as a person, but busy working his way around the local scene, making a name for himself as Russel the Leaf.

Submitted phot

was about six years old and he received a set of bongos as a gift from family friends. "I got really into it," he recalls. "I would just play to all the tapes I had—Elvis Presley albums and a lot of Beach Boys—I would play one-man bongos against these recordings. I would put on these little concerts for my parents."

Marré, who said he doesn't often consider his family to be a musical one will, upon reflection, admits he's not the only one with talent. His twin brother Josh is a musician with a project of his own, his sister Stacie is a singer and his grandmother was an orchestra conductor and music instructor. "She also played in a fairly well-known marching band, I think it was. And was a really talented pianist. So I guess we are a pretty musical family." His parents aren't musicians (his mother is an interior designer and his father owns Tom's floor covering business in Troy) but Marré said that they have always been supportive of his music.

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Holiday Teas: Friday December 4th & Saturday December 5th, 1:00 pm Enjoy a festive Holiday Tea served in the formal dining room. Sit with friends in one

of the lovely parlors and then stroll through the beautifully decorated rooms and hallways. Stop in the Holiday Gift Shop for early gift shopping.

\$25/\$20 ACHA members. Pre-paid reservations required.

Scrooge Lecture: Wednesday December 9th, 1:00 pm
Carl Devito will give a talk on his book, "Inventing Scrooged." Light refreshments served.
\$5/Free for ACHA members. Reservations encouraged.

Musicians of Malwyk: Friday, December 11th, 6:00 pm
Enjoy refreshments while listening to this talented duo play a variety of
Christmas tunes of different nationalities and early music.

\$25/\$20 for ACHA members. Reservations encouraged.

Open House: Saturday, December 12th, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm

Begin the Albany holiday season with a visit to Holiday House at Ten Broeck Mansion's Open House. Let the children enjoy holiday crafts and a visit from Sinterklaas

Jazz up the Holidays with Aria: Sunday, December 13th, 2:00 pm Back by popular demand! Enjoy delectable desserts while listening to this festive group present classical, jazz, and contemporary music in our beautifully decorated parlors. \$25/\$20 for ACHA members. Reservations encouraged.

(12 to 2pm). \$5 per adult \$1 for children under 12.

Candlelit Tour: Thursday & Friday, December 17th & 18th, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Take a candlelit tour through the beautiful Ten Broeck and journey through the history of
American Christmas. \$15/\$10 for members. Reservations encouraged

Children's Story Hour: Saturday, December 19th, 10:30am-12:00pm
Bring your children to hear Holiday stories read by Sinterklaas, take photos with
Sinterklaas, and decorate cookies. (Recommended ages 3 to 10). Free admission.

Madrigals: Saturday, December 19th, 2pm-4pm

Enjoy afternoon coffee & desserts and holiday songs performed by the full ensemble of the Helderberg Madrigal Singers. Stroll through the beautifully decorated Mansion rooms and hallways. \$25/\$20 for ACHA members. Reservations encouraged.

Tickets may be purchased on our website at www.tenbroeckmansion.org or by calling 436-9826 $\hbox{AMPLE STREET PARKING AT THE MANSION }$

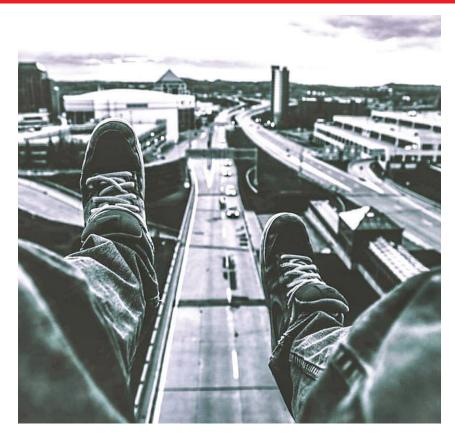
The Mansion Holiday Gift Shop is open during all scheduled events.

All funds raised go to benefit the educational programming of the Albany County Historical Association and towards the preservation of the historic Ten Broeck Mansion.

For more information or to arrange your holiday party at the Mansion Albany County Historical Association, Ten Broeck Mansion ~ 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany ~ Phone 436-9826 ~ www.tenbroeckmansion.org



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An Otis Redding Day

It's not exactly sitting on the dock of the bay, but this week's submission gives us a neat perspective on the spaghetti network of highway on-ramps and off-ramps for I-787, from the Empire State Plaza.

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EVENT

Gentle mix of history and holidays

Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany is hosting holiday events for all ages through the month of December

By MICHAEL HALLISEY

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ALBANY — As

rich and ever-present as Albany's history may be in its cityscape, it may not come alive more vibrantly than during the holidays.

"What bums me out is that I meet a lot of people from out of town, more than I do locals," said Jillian Altenburg, executive director of Albany County Historical Association. "[But,] once they get in they are shocked and overwhelmed, and they come back."

For the past decade, the mansion has played host to a bevy of events for the

holidays, too. What started as a weekend celebration has evolved in recent years into a fun, month-long event. Think of the holiday parties you have at work, and extend it out over five weeks. "It's crazy," said Altenburg. "We're constantly eating the whole time." Throughout the month of December, there's live music, tours, readings and other forms of entertainment to piqué the interests of all.

The events kick-off with something a tad different. Instead of hosting the Holiday Gala at the mansion, the annual fund raiser took place last week at 677 Prime, resulting in a successful turnout. It also opened things up for volunteers and patrons to partake in the traditional, now less expensive, "first look" festivities at home. Visitors will now preview the gracious rooms and halls as they are beautifully decorated by community

volunteers. Light hors d'oeuvres, a holiday gift shop and a visit from Sinterklaas are all promised for the evening's First Look Thursday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. The event is free to ACHA members, \$5 for non-members.

You may be less familiar with the Dutch figure whose characteristic red suit and white beard was adopted into the iconic Christmas figure of Santa Claus. "In history, Sinterklaas was more of a trickster than we realized,' said Altenburg. He's seldom caught without candy in his pockets for the sake of the children. He's also said to be pretty suave with the ladies. A charismatic gentleman, at the least, Sinterklaas is scheduled to be on-hand throughout the month.

What has commonly been the most popular one-day event on the schedule has been separated to cover two days, The Holiday Teas is to be served in the formal dining room Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5. "It's a pretty delicious, insane spread," said Altenburg. Food served on fine china, tables adorned with flowers, and teas served by ladies in Victorian garb allow visitors to experience the life of Albany's high society from ages past. Sit with friends in one of the lovely parlors and then stroll through beautifully decorated rooms and hallways. A pre-paid reservation is required for each of the two seating periods (\$25 a person or \$20 ACHA member price).

Sinterklass returns for the Children's Story Hour on Saturday, Dec. 19. Stories for children aged 3 to 10 are shared from 10:30 to noon. Bring your children to hear stories read by the jolly man, play parlor games, crafts, decorate cookies and enjoy simple holiday refreshments. Admission is free.

Musicians of Malwyk return from last year's inaugural performance at the mansion. The local duo intermingle education with entertainment into their repertoire, as they play a variety of holiday tunes of different nationalities, Friday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. (\$25 a person or \$20 ACHA member price).

What is new on the itinerary is a special candlelit tour, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17 and 18, each starting at 7 p.m. Visitors will surround themselves in Christmas' passed, taking an evening stroll though the mansion by candlelight. "We've never done it before, so we're very excited," said Altenburg.

The list of holiday events is capped off with the Holiday Madrigals, Coffee and Desserts on Saturday, Dec. 19. Afternoon coffee and desserts are served from 1:30-4 p.m. as holiday songs are performed by the full ensemble of the Helderberg Madrigal Singers. Reservations are suggested, and admission of \$25 a person will be charged.

"We want everyone to see us as accessible," said Altenburg, who said she worries people feel turned away from the large, iron gate that separates the grounds from the local neighborhood. But, the purpose of the mansion today is to serve the community. "We're using the home as a documentary. Not only to tell the story of the families that lived here, but of what was going on in Albany. ... We're open to everyone."

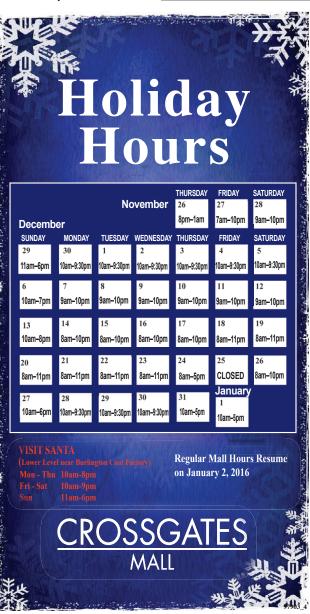
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FITNESS



Top 10 tips from our resident certified fitness trainer

By DAN ROMAND

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id you know that studies show the average person gains 3-5lbs during the holiday season? With all the family gatherings, holiday parties, travel and stress that we have to deal with it isn't hard to understand why. Add to it that we tend to eat and drink a lot of calories dense, nutrient poor foods like cookies, pie and, yes, alcohol. Lots and lots of alcohol. With all that we do to prepare for the holidays, it's all too common that we also stop working out.

Add it all up and you can see why come the beginning of the New Year our clothes feel a little tighter, we've let out another notch on the belt and that resolution to get the weight off suddenly comes into play.

The thing is you don't need to let those pounds pack on. And you can still enjoy the holiday season. Here are 10 tips you can use to help you survive the holidays without ruining your figure.

10. Don't skip meals – enjoy a snack or small meal at least an hour before your main meal. Be sure it contains protein and complex carbs. Example: An apple with some almond butter or part-skim

string cheese with a few whole wheat crackers

9. Choose appetizers sparingly. Opt for fresh fruits and veggies, a handful of nuts, or a few chips with salsa. Steer clear of those creamy dips or deep fried foods.

8. Avoid alcohol or at least limit yourself to 1-2 drinks. Alternate your adult beverages with water or seltzer to help lower the affects. Heck it might also save you from getting pulled over!

7. Chew Gum – not only does it keep your breath fresh it will keep your mouth occupied limiting the temptation to grab something you probably shouldn't.

6. Have a calorie budget. In other words set a goal and stick to it but allow yourself to indulge a bit. This way you can enjoy some of the season's foods without feeling deprived or guilty.

5. Trim the trimmings. The average holiday dinner plate is over 3,000 calories! Much of the extra calories come from the trimmings especially butter, gravy, cream sauces, cheeses and whipped cream. If you must you them limit the amounts

4. Choose quality over quantity! Use your calorie budget on things you usually only get this time of year. For example enjoy grandma's special stuffing recipe instead of the donut from the drive through.

3. Keep busy. An odd thing to say for sure when

we all have so much to do this time of year but keep yourself from mindless eating by helping clean up the kitchen, taking photos or getting folks out for a walk. Not only will you avoid mindless eating that tends to occur around the dinner table but you can burn a few of those calories you just ate off!

2. Stay active! Get to the gym or plan fun family outings. Play games with the kids or any other activity your family finds enjoyable. Not only will it help you burn calories but in the end spending time with the family is the best gift you could give them.

1. If you do over-indulge or have a bad food day... LET IT GO! Move on from that bad meal and don't let it ruin your success. All too often we hear people say well I blew it yesterday so might as well blow it today. Next thing you today becomes a week, a month or even years.

Finally keep in mind its okay to enjoy yourself during the holiday season. The key it to do it in moderation. Not only will your prevent the weight from creeping on you might actually lose weight. Who knows...maybe you won't need to make that resolution to lose weight come January.

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FASHION

All that she wants

Shopping for the woman in your life

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h the holly, jolly, spend your wallet away season is upon us. So gift givers, what are you getting those special ladies in your life? I can't be subjective and just say your significant other, because all the women in your life should be spoiled. So where do you start?

The first step is to know your lady! Has she dropped any hints as of late to what she'd like? Try to pay close attention to her when you are out and about. Does she linger by store windows? Does she squeal with delight at jewelry counters? She may not completely come out and tell you, but look for hints in your everyday life. Does she leave catalogs out on the table? Does she mention items she

saw online and how nicely discounted they are? Keep your eyes peeled and you'll probably be led right to the perfect find.

If she genuinely tells you not to purchase anything, think about something that won't cost much. Her favorite candies, wine, a heartfelt poem. I told my husband not to get anything for me and I meant that. Well, I meant it until a new hunter colored Dooney and Bourke caught my eye! But the holiday season should be a time to express thankfulness and love. It doesn't need to carry a hefty price tag. A foot rub on the couch coupon if she's on her feet would be a lovely idea. Cards are also perfect if you want to share a Hallmark moment. I find Americans tend to be on the decline with these paper niceties, but go out and find one. Even a simple card with an "I love you" under the mistletoe can win you brownie points. And don't think

a card for your mom or sister is out of the question. A nice card to your mom saying "thank you for everything" will surely bring a tear to her eye.

Now if you are still wandering around clueless, there are some tried and true things that will win the hearts of all ladies. The first gift is the scarf. Women can't have enough scarves or similar accessories. There is a plethora of online retailers specializing in scarves and they will be your best bet for trendy, plush styles. Scarves.net and MyCentsOfStyle.com are my go to's (not affiliated, just a shopaholic). If you want to go brick and mortar, take a peek at local folks such as Joyelle's, the Silver Parrot or even big box stores. As a rule of thumb, get a gift receipt, but scarves are always welcomed in my book.

Another tried and true female favorite is the spa gift card. Who could



turn down a massage, manicure, pedicure or facial experience? Not anyone I know of. There are so many specials during the holidays at local beauty salons and spas, something is sure to stand out to you. If you can make a package and send her off for a day, even better. Pair that package with a new robe, slippers and bottle of nail polish and you will have your lady grinning from ear to ear.

My final no fail suggestion is body care products. I am a fan of daily rituals and little luxuries. If you know your recipient loves a certain fragrance or product line, stock up for her. Many of these stores also sell the fragrance in candles so get her an all-around set for body and room. These gifts have a sweet sentiment of pamper yourself every day and take the time to take care of you. I know when I am shopping for the women in my life; I always look for personal care products to remind these busy ladies to look after themselves.

One gentle piece of advice for gentlemen looking to gift jewelry to their special someone is to mind the shape of the box if you're not engaged

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Happy Shopping!

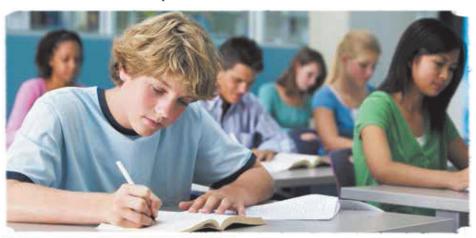
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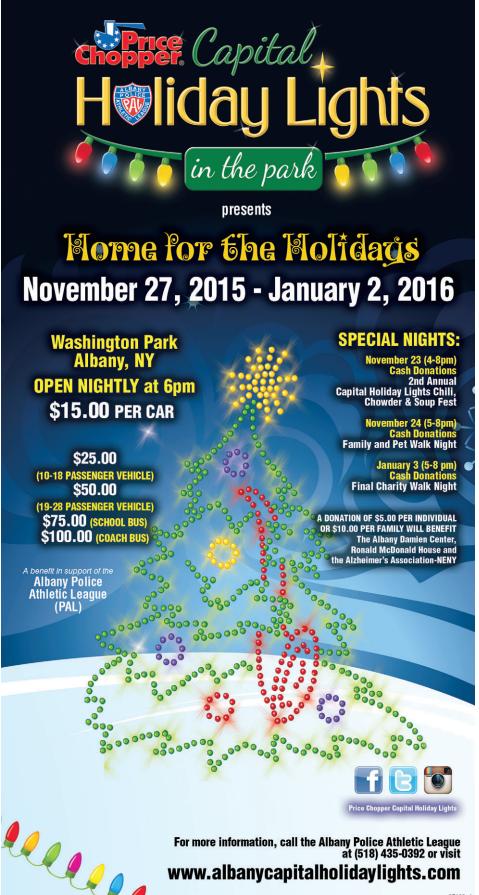
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Largely panned by critics, Randall Miller's film follows Hilly Kristal as he manages what becomes the iconic New York night club that launched the musical careers of the Ramones, Patti Smith, Blondie and Talking Heads. For that reason alone, it's worth a look on Netflix. (2013) Rated R.

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Darkman

The cult classic comes out on Netflix 25 years after its theatrical release. Liam Neeson plays a scientist seeking revenge after falling victim to the sinister acts of a mob boss played by Larry Drake. Sam Raimi co-wrote this dark, superhero classic for his first Hollywood film. (1990) Rated R.



FILM REVIEW

A beacon of truth

A review of "Spotlight"

By ANYA JAREMKO-GREENWOLD

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ased on a true story, "Spotlight" illustrates the gritty, protracted process of hard-hitting journalism. Directed by Tom McCarthy ("The Station Agent"), the film's title comes from the Boston Globe's "Spotlight" team; this small investigative unit was responsible for uncovering the Catholic Church sexual abuse scandal in 2002 (for which they won the Pulitzer). The Spotlight journalists discerned a chilling pattern: Roman Catholic priests were abusing children in Massachusetts, and the Boston Archdiocese was letting them.

Achievement in journalism can stem from thrusting just one overlooked story into the light. When a new editor named Marty Baron (Liev Schreiber) takes over at the *Globe*, he encourages a full investigative papal report. His colleagues are hesitant in pursuing the story; no one wants to go up against the Church. Why question hidden sexual agendas of clergymen? Ignorance is blies

Under Baron's fearless leadership, however, the elite Spotlight team, including Walter "Robby" Robinson (Michael Keaton), Michael Rezendes (Mark Ruffalo), and Sacha Pfieffer (Rachel McAdams) start on the case; knocking on doors, making calls, and contacting sources and victims, all in pursuit of the truth. Journalists are truthmongers, after all; the truth is what the good ones hope to uncover.

Avoiding too-obvious

clichés, "Spotlight" reveals the small intricacies of a newsroom; stacks of papers piled high, messy desks covered in clippings, frumpy outfits. Journalistic procedures are not always exciting—there's a lot of dull research and rifling through records until you stumble upon something. But the film's tension is slow burning, and begins to mount as more child molestation charges are unearthed. At least 80 kids made allegations against priests—just in the Boston

"Spotlight" doesn't feature sequences of children tearfully sharing their stories; the film is meant more as a love letter to investigative reporting, emphasizing the heroic fashion in which journalists tell the stories of the downtrodden, and give a voice to the voiceless. The role of a journo is partwriter, part-shrink; to get sources confessing their secrets, you must wield weapons of sympathy and compassion.

A fascinating debate rages in *Spotlight* between "knowledge" and "faith." One priest admits there are bad apples in the church—but argues that the masses depend on religion, so why ruin it for everyone? The point is legitimate, though the film deftly demonstrates the dangers of allowing any institution too much power. The priests aren't murdering anyone, but they are robbing children of their innocence. Victims describe the mixture of flattery and pressure they felt when priests preyed upon them: "How do you say no to God?"The trauma of child molestation lasts a lifetime. It can rob a person of their identity and faith.

The Catholic Church doesn't get off easy. Various characters discuss *why*

Catholic priests are doing this; maybe because they've been forced into celibacy, and repressed urges became perverted over time. Religion is dubbed "a culture of secrecy;" almost the ideal breeding ground for pedophiles, it is noted, since no one asks questions. The Spotlight team finds out that the church has removed legal documents from a courthouse, transferred accused priests to different locales under the guise of "sick leave," and covered for each other's crimes.

The most powerful revelation in *Spotlight* is the journalists' realization that they are part of the coverup; lists of victims' names were sent to the Globe years before, but were ignored or brushed aside. Reporters buried and missed the scope of the story. In response to the swelling evidence, the personal lives of the Spotlight team begin to change; Rezendes and Pfieffer question their faith, realizing they can no longer believe in the comforts of Catholicism.

Ruffalo shines as a hard-headed reporter; he clearly did his research for the role. McAdams isn't the token female character; she's the other reporters' equal. Schreiber plays Baron with a quiet intensity; he's the one who recognizes the scandal as systemic. "We need to focus on the institution, not the individuals," he tells his team. Few journalists are fortunate enough to acquire a story this important, and not every writer is brave enough to challenge religious hypocrisy. McCarthy's film captures the need for a newspaper to stand alone, a beacon of truth, unwilling to assist other great organizations in duplicity.



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ARTS CALENDAR

THEATER

Charley's Aunt In this beloved farce by

Brandon Thomas, two Oxford undergrads persuade a classmate to impersonate a millionaire aunt to act as chaperone for their visiting girlfriends, instigating a comically confusing series of events in which not even they know who is really who. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Rd., Latham. Shows: Through Dec. 19; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m.; Saturday matinee performance on Nov. 28 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529.

Snow White: House of Dwarves

The classic fairy tale with some zany touches. Through Dec. 13; Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. The Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Ghent. \$10 - \$20. Information: 800-838-3006 or ghentplayhouse.org.

The Wizard of Oz

A musical adaptation of the novel by L. Frank Baum and the classic 1939 film. Dec. 3 – 17, Performances as follow: Dec. 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 & 17 at 10 a.m.; Dec. 4, 5, 11, & 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.; Dec. 13 at 2 p.m., and



It's a wonderful radio play

Schenectady Civic Players present "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" Dec. 4-13 at the Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St. Call 382-2081 or visit www.civicplayers.org.

Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. \$15 adults, \$12 students/seniors. Theatre Institute at Sage, 65 1st St., Troy. Information: 244-4505 or www. sage.edu/theatre.

Macbeth

The immortal classic is given

new life in this bold, genderbending production directed by published writer, feminist media critic and Skidmore Theater artist-in-residence, Holly L. Derr. Dec. 3 – 5, 8 p.m., Dec. 6, 2 p.m. \$12 general, \$8 students and seniors. Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater at Skidmore College, 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 580-5439.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play

The beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast.

With the help of a five-actor ensemble that brings dozens of characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds one fateful Christmas Eve. Dec. 4 - 6 & 9 - 13; Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday, 2:30 p.m. \$17. Schenectady Civic Players Playhouse, 12 South Church Street, Schenectady. Information: 382-2081 or civicplayers.org.

MUSIC

Joe Sorrentino Trio

Jazz brunch. Every Sunday, 10 a.m., Prime at Saratoga National, 458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information: 583-4653.

Saint Rose Symphony Orchestra

Dec. 2, 7 p,.m., Free. Kathleen McManus Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 454-5178.

Vanessa Carlton

Benefit for the Capital Region Coalition to End Homelessness. Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. \$27, \$36. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 2nd St., Troy. Information: 273-8945.

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Alenni Davis, Sydney Schizzano, Ryan Leddick

Saint Rose Night. Dec. 3, 8 p.m. The Low Beat, 335 Central Ave., Albany. Information: 432-6572.

Firestarter

Pop punk. Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Pauly's Hotel, 337 Central Ave., Albany. Information: paulyshotel.

Mary Halvorson and Colin Marston

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\$18. EMPAC, 110 8th St., Troy. Information: www. empac.rpi.edu.

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Dec. 3, 9:30 p.m., \$10 under 21. Putnam Den, 63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-

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Dec. 3, 8 p.m. The Half Moon, 48 S. Front St., Hudson. Information: thehalfmoonhudson.com.

Tommy Verrigni

Jazz. Dec. 3, 7 p.m., Stockade Inn, 1 North Church St., Schenectady. Information: 346-3400 or www.stockadeinn.com.

It's a Jazzy Christmas

The Peanut Gallery Jazz Band will take concertgoers on an interactive musical journey reminiscent of 1940s radio serials, evoking images and emotions from an innocent childhood and days gone by. Dec. 4, 6 p.m., \$20 general, \$10 students/ staff. Kathleen McManus Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 454-5178.

Eric Owen

Bass-baritone performance presented by Troy Chromatic Concerts. Dec. 4, 8 p.m. \$25, \$35. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 2nd St., Troy. Information: 273-8945.

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Chamber music concert with classical and Christmasthemed music, including pieces by Elgar, Holst, Bach, and Mozart; special woodwind arrangements by Diane Baltazar and guest performers, St. Luke's Choir. Dec. 4, 7 p.m. Free. Church of St. Adalbert, 55 Lansing St., Schenectady. Information: 346-4204.

Skidmore Jazz **Ensemble**

Dec. 4, 7 p.m. Free. Arthur Zankel Music Center at Skidmore College, 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel/.

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Dec. 4, 9:30 p.m. \$12. The Hollow Bar + Kitchen, 79 N. Pearl St., Albany. Information: 426-8550.

Burnt Hill, Moon Magick, **Private Parts**

Dec. 4, 8 p.m. The Low

Beat, 335 Central Ave., Albany. Information: 432-

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Dec. 4, 8 p.m., Rustic Barn Pub, 150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. Information: 235-5858.

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Skidmore **Community Chorus**

Dec. 5, 3 p.m., \$8 general, \$5 seniors/staff, free for students and children. Arthur Zankel Music Center at Skidmore College, 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/ zankel/.

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\$10. The Hollow Bar + Kitchen, 79 N. Pearl St., Albany. Information: 426-8550.

Girls Guns and Glory

With The Hawbuckees and Henry's Rifle. Dec. 5, 8 p.m. The Low Beat, 335 Central Ave., Albany. Information: 432-6572.

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Holiday concert, featuring popular holiday music and sing-a-longs. Dec. 6, 4 p.m., Free. Niskayuna Reformed Church, 3041 Troy Schenectady Rd., Niskayuna. Information: 785-5575.

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Dec. 6, 5 p.m., Free. Kathleen McManus Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 454-5178.

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Flowing in tune

Josh Marré plays often with his brother—in the studio, on his own project Blue Ranger (Evan plays bass and sings on an album that is soon to be released) and in Russel the Leaf ... when Russel the Leaf isn't a one-man band.

"I'm really working on solo stuff right now," said Marré. "I had a band for about two years under the same name, but we're currently on hiatus." Marré said that, when they do play together, his bandmates are simply "in tune" with the music that he writes. "It's my brother and two of my best friends and they just get my music. I've never had to teach my drummer a drum part."

Marré points to his most recent album, "The Gary Matters," as a perfect example of how his sound has matured over the last few years and become increasingly more independent. "It's the epitome, for me, of digital recording by myself, playing everything," he said. "It's very self-indulgent. If I wanted to put a keyboard part in there, it was going

there and it wasn't going anywhere else. And if I didn't like how it sounded, I would change the way it sounded rather than take it out. So, in that respect, it was like an experiment with being almost totally gluttonous with instrumentation and using everything, taking everything, and just spitting it back out onto the recording."

Earlier recordings were more experimental, he said, and part of a learning process. "Folk/ambient. Very swirly, very long songs and sprawling melodies. After the third album, they start to become more condensed. I feel like I've been becoming more condensed in that I taught myself how to write songs by experimenting with all of those other ways of writing and recording. Until that third album, I was really just writing as I was going. And then I released an EP on Christmas of 2012.'

That EP, "Instead of Being Honest," is still one of his favorite recordings. "You can hear a shift in attention to melody and arrangement, rather than just letting the brain go. Since then, it's been more actual songs. Ten songs, not just experiments." His next album will be even more pared down, he said. "The songs are less experimental, more classic," he offers thoughtfully. "More of a singer-songwriter feel. Less rock."

"I think a big part of what I'm trying to do next is ..." he pauses. "Usually, I have a bunch of songs and I want to record them and want to show them to my friends and just get it out there. So now I'm trying to sit on things. I want to record my next album in an actual studio with Jeremy [Mendicino] from Pretty & Nice."

"We played at Jack's Place," he said, referring to the student-run venue at The College of Saint Rose where he met Mendocino. "A friend was taking an artist management class for the music business degree program and chose me because I'm fairly out of touch with the whole moneymaking side of it." Marré smiles ruefully. "Part of that was to set up a big show with some bigger acts and probably my favorite new band. It was an incredible experience." Pretty & Nice are no

longer together, but Marré said that he has been in touch with Mendocino and is optimistic that the collaboration will happen. He hastens to add, "Hopefully. I'm very, very sure I want to do it, but money could be a problem." Once that album has been recorded "in a real studio," he said he intends to wait until he finds a label who will release it.

When asked if he has concerns about working with an industry that has become widely reviled for treatment of its artists, Russel the Leaf said that he has zero compunction. "I'm not saying you don't hear any bad stories about independent labels, but I think the true horror stories you're referring to usually happen with major labels. I think once I find a label, it will be under very friendly circumstances."

In his live sets, the songs that Marré writes come across with a rawer, "more punk" sound. "It's just two guitars, bass drums and singing," he said. "So it's not as finely tuned and arranged as the recordings are. That's really what I'm into. Big productions, big arrangements. Like, Brian Wilson Beach Boys style—sprawling with lots of instruments going on. But,

that's why the live band is fun, because I can just focus on rhythm guitar and have all my buddies flesh out everything else." While his solo sets have been even more pared down, just an acoustic guitar and Marré's singing, he said that he's been working on recording minimalistic backing tracks on cassette tapes to play back during live solo performances.

"Evan draws from influences a generation removed from his," said Brent Gorton, the creative force behind the popular, yet elusive, local indie band, Better Pills, "and he synthesizes them in his mixed up monster lab of a recording studio. What emerges has a heart of '70s stomp glitter rock, the brain of Todd Rundgren and a voice of its own. Does that sound too fancy?"

"[That] makes me feel so motivated and makes me want to record!" said Marré excitedly. "I'm even more happy that he hears Todd in my music. I love Brent's songs and recordings so that makes me feel amazing."

"I'm really out of touch," he adds, after admitting that he wishes he could make it out to see more local bands. "But Better Pills is great. I really enjoy the release that [Gorton] just put out. I'm always confused by how he does his stuff, but his new release, No Eject, is really great."

Impatient fans can anticipate another live performance in the somewhat near future, said Marré, "either December or February," but details have yet to be worked out. (There is also reason to believe that a possible TreeHouse performance is not unlikely.) In the meantime, he has been working on a music video for his song, "Sit Tight," with a high school friend and local filmmaker, Cooper Wright, for whom Marré has scored short films. He expects to release the video sometime in the next two months."It's almost done, at least the filming--editing is whole other process. The song is very on the nose. It's about being in a band and the drummer's late and the show goes wrong. It's like a little story, from all these different perspectives.'

Until then, cassette recordings of his music can be purchased on his Russel the Leaf bandcamp site or at Last Vestige Music Shop on Quail Street in Albany.

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ALEX BREINER

Bethlehem goaltender Alex Breiner is the MarGas Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Nov. 29. Brenier made 33 saves for the Eagles in a 2-1 loss to Mamaroneck Friday, Nov. 27, and earned a shutout in Bethlehem's 6-0 victory over Cortland-Homer Saturday, Nov. 28.

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seasons Tuesday, Dec. 1.

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HOCKEY



Eagles impress

Bethlehem earns split at Shaker/Colonie Thanksgiving tourney

By ROB JONAS

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ALBANY COUNTY — The Bethlehem hockey team turned in a pair of strong performances at the Shaker/Colonie Thanksgiving Tournament Nov. 27 and 28 at the Albany County Hockey Facility in Colonie.

After dropping a 2-1 decision against perennial Section 1 power Mamaroneck in the opener Friday, Nov. 27, the Eagles (1-1-0) downed Section 3's Cortland-Homer 6-0 Saturday, Nov. 28.

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Bethlehem's
Ned Engelbride
clears the puck out
of the Eagles' end
of the ice during
their game against
Mamaroneck at
the Shaker/Colonie
Thanksgiving
Tournament Friday,
Nov. 27, at the
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Hockey Facility.

Bethlehem's Jake Dempf is hounded by Mamaroneck's Nick Friedland.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight



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Joining forces for a title

The Bethlehem/East Greenbush junior midget division team defeated Albany 28-20 for the Capital District Pop Warner championship Nov. 22 at Albany's Bleecker Stadium. The Wolfpack featured 13 players from Bethlehem Pop Warner and eight players from East Greenbush Pop Warner.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Tip-off time

Area teams reload for the 2015–16 high school season

By ROB JONAS

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ALBANY COUNTY

— The Section 2 boys basketball season began Tuesday, Dec. 1, with a full slate of games in the Suburban Council and the Colonial Council.

Following a season in which it reached the Class AA Sectional final, the Guilderland Dutchmen opened with a home game against Christian Brothers Academy, while Bethlehem hosted Schenectady in another Suburban Council contest. Voorheesville traveled to Fonda-Fultonville for its Colonial

Council opener.

Here is a closer look at the three area teams.

Bethlehem Eagles

Key returning players: Aaron Carrk (senior forward), Zane Thompson (senior guard), Liam Dole (senior forward), Luke Dole (senior guard).

Outlook: The Eagles must overcome the graduation of several key players from last year, including center John Sica and guard Ben Zonca. Thompson offers veteran experience to the backcourt, while Carrk and the Dole twins give Bethlehem size in the low post.

Guilderland Dutchmen

Key returning players: Michael Wine (senior guard), Andrew Sischo (senior center).

Outlook: Leading scorer Andrew Platek moved on to prep school, while Ralph Simeone graduated. That leaves Wine and Sischo as the offensive lynchpins for the Dutchmen as they seek another deep run in the Section 2 playoffs.

Voorheesville Blackbirds

Key returning players: Justin Burke (senior forward), Alex Giordano (senior forward), Sean Nolan (junior guard).

Outlook: The Blackbirds are in reloading mode after graduating Isaiah Meaux and Shane Parry from last year's roster. Nolan is the leading returning scorer for Voorheesville.

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Eagles impress

Senior forward Evan Davis scored two goals and assisted on another for Bethlehem in Saturday's shutout against Cortland-Homer (1-1-0). Eighth grader Michael Bievenue, sophomore Nick Hospodar, junior Zachary Nunez and senior Thomas Liebold also tallied, and goaltender Alex Breiner needed only six saves to pick up his first victory of the season.

In Friday's opener, Mamaroneck (2-0-0) scored twice in the first period, but Breiner stopped the Tigers repeatedly over the next two periods to keep Bethlehem within striking distance. Junior Brian Harder tallied in the third period to cut Mamaroneck's lead in half, which was as close as the Eagles got.

Breiner made 33 saves for Bethlehem.

The Eagles play their first two home games of the season this weekend at the Bethlehem Area YMCA against teams from the Rochester area. They meet Penfield Friday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., and Victor Saturday, Dec. 5, at 12:30 p.m.

In Capital District High School Hockey League action last weekend, Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa shut out Guilderland/Mohonasen/Scotia 9-0 Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Schenectady County Recreation Facility in Glenville. Goaltender Daniel Cooper stopped 46 shots for the Storm, who played their first league game in two years.

G/M/S travels to the Albany County Hockey Facility Friday, Dec. 4, to play Shaker/Colonie (0-2-0) at 5:15 p.m.

Carey qualifies for Nike Nationals

GUILDERLAND

— Guilderland's Noah Carey qualified for the national meet at the Nike Team Nationals' New York Regional Saturday, Nov. 28, at Bowdoin State Park in Wappingers Falls.

The junior placed seventh overall with a time of 16:06.6, but he earned an individual berth to the national meet in Portland, Ore., by being one of the first five runners not affiliated with the two qualifying teams – Liverpool and Manlius from Syracuse – to cross the finish line.

Guilderland, which went by the name Flying Dutch for the meet, placed seventh in the team standings with 209 points.

— Rob Jonas



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STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Cell phones for soldiers

Senator Amedore pushes effort to get more cell phone minutes to soldiers

By TRICIA CREMO

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GUILDERLAND —

As holiday shopping gears up, a drive is set to give back by issuing cell phone minutes for solders for every cell phone donated.

Senator George Amedore Jr. (R, District 46) has teamed up the Cell Phones for Soldiers charity and AT&T to make this effort possible.

For every donated device worth \$5 or more, Cell Phones For Soldiers is able to provide two and a half hours of free talk time on long-distance calling cards to deployed troops. The drive is running now through Dec. 20. Tablets may also be donated.

"The holidays are the most important time for

active military to be able to stay in touch with family," said the senator in a statement." By donating to Cell Phones For Soldiers, local residents and businesses can provide a lifeline for America's bravest."

Amedore was joined by AT&T executives, the founders of Cell Phones for Soldiers and army veterans at a press conference held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, at Crossgates Mall in Guilderland, in front of the AT&T store on the mall's lower level.

As cell phones are a popular gift during the holiday season, the drive hopes to capitalize on this by encouraging residents to donate older models to those in need.

Proceeds from recycled devices are used to buy long distance calling cards for troops at home and abroad. As many as 200,000 troops are serving in the United States

military overseas.

The move comes in honor of Military Family Appreciation Month, and with the holiday season upon us.

Donations can be made at the AT&T store at Crossgates mall, the Guilderland Public Library and Albany County Sheriff's Office in Clarksville (the site of the former Clarksville Elementary School) in Albany County as well as at various locations in Greene, Montgomery, Schenectady and Ulster counties.

Since 2004, the charity has provided over 216 million minutes in free talk time to servicemen and women stationed around the world. Then 12 and 13-year old siblings Robbie and Brittany Berquist formed the charity after hearing of a soldier returning from Iraq with a near \$8,000 phone bill from calls made to his family back home. AT&T

helped the organization expand in 2007 with their financial support.

Now 23 and 24, respectively, Robbie and Brittany Berquist said they have been humbled by the number of people who have donated to their drive over the years. "The communication gap between those serving and their families is a crucial need that Cell Phones For Soldiers is committed to addressing for years to come," said co-founder Robbie Berquist.

Donators are encouraged to follow a few safety precautions before donating their phone, in order to protect personal information. It is recommended to restore the device to its factory settings or manually erase the phone book, photos, messages or remove the phone's SIM card.

For more information on Cell Phones for Soldiers, visit www. cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

Law cuts red tape between cops, CPS

By TRICIA CREMO

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ALBANY COUNTY — In light of a child's tragic death, a new bill will help law enforcement agencies investigate missing children quicker.

Senator George Amedore and Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, along with Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple announced on Monday, Nov. 23 that Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed their bill into law. The law will expedite law enforcement agencies' access to child abuse and maltreatment records when investigating missing child cases.

The law was created in response to the tragic Kenneth White case in Knox. According to police, when the Albany County Sheriff's Office contacted Child Protective Services (CPS) to request access to White's records, they were denied.

"When a child is missing, every second counts, and we need to make sure law enforcement has access to every resource at their disposal" said Senator George Amedore. "This new law fixes a flaw and removes the questions of when it's appropriate to release CPS records to law enforcement during a criminal investigation."

This legislation clarifies existing law and parameters for when CPS records should be turned over to law enforcement. Now, on top of being turned over when there is reason to belive a family member or guardian is named in a report of child abuse or maltreatment, records can also be released when law enforcement agencies are investigating a missing child.



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Jeff Moss, 7 Maryland Ave., Albany, NY, 12205. Purpose of LLC: any lawful activity. Ad#100136

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Notice of formation of Everin, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: Northwest Registered Agent, LLC with the ad-Registered dress 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40, Albany, New York, 12207. Principal business address of the LLC is: 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40, Albany, New York, 12207 No dissolution date.

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FAMA CONSULTANCY LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed w/SSNY on 9/30/15. 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 Ad#99267

Purpose: any lawful act

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NOTICE OF FORMATION FREDDY COMPANIES OF NY. LLC On 10/21/2015, Articles

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Highlander Properties LLC Articles Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/24/15. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Highlander Properties LLC c/o Robert 19 Highland Nowak. Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#100700

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Corporate Services Inc.
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NOTICE OF CONVER-SION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) MALM REALY, partnership converted to MALM GLENMONT LLC, a NY LLC. Certificate of Conversion filed with NY Secretary State November 12. 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC managed by one or more members. Office: in Albany County. agent for service of process and shall mail copy to 41 Hamilton Lane, Glenmont, NY 12077. Ad#101879

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MICHAEL JAMES RU-ANE LLC. Articles of Organization were with the Secretary of New York State of New York (SSNY) on 10/27/2015. 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 the LLC, 65 Columbia Street, Apt 2, Albany, New York 12210. Pur pose: For holding real estate. Ad#101117

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Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 11/10/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O: I. David

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Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful pur-Ad#101881

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REPAIR MY OWN CRED-IT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed w/SSNY on 9/25/15. Office: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: c/o THE LLC, 11 Computer Dr. W. #111, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: all law-Ad#99259

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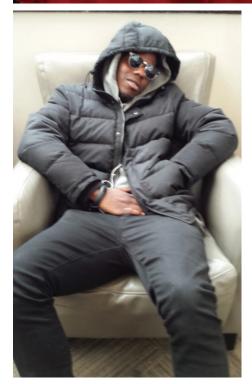
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uptown downtown properties, Ilc On October 21, 2015, UPTOWN DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the

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Black Friday Hangover

If shopping malls looked a little less crowded this Black Friday than in year's passed, you may be on to something. According to retailing research firm ShopperTrak, brick and mortar stores witnessed a ten percent drop in sales compared to last year. A visit to Crossgates Mall in Guilderland, and Colonie Center in Colonie, showed quite a few spots available in each of their respective parking lots. Nevertheless, consumers hit local retailers last Friday to take advantage of sales, and fill out the wish lists of family and friends. Before noon rolled around, some shoppers were just plain tired!

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New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 268 Man-ning Blvd., Albany County, Albany, New York 12206. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any pro-cess against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC, is c/o John Slattery 268 Manning Blvd., Albany NY, 12206. The LLC is organized for the purpose of any and Ad#99202

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OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: WHITNEY ROAD ASSOCIATES LLC Articles of Organization

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were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 10, 2015. Office location: C/O Platform Re-Corporate Woods Blvd, City of Albany, County of Albany, New York.

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Wolfe House Movers, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/15. Originally filed with Pennsylvania Sec-retary of State on 01/01/2006. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be copy of process to the LLC, 10 Ricch LLC, 10 Birch Lane, Bernville, PA 19506. Purpose: Any lawful pur-

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Feeling the pressure?

martphone footage of Wal Mart shoppers fighting over large screen televisions in Texas, suggest Black Friday was, as it has been, full of crazy shoppers hitting stores in the wee-hours of the morning to take advantage of ridiculous sales not available anytime else.

But, recent numbers suggest otherwise. According to a retail marketing firm, about one in every ten consumer dollars were home last Friday, translating to a perceived loss of \$1 billion nationwide.

Now, are retailers truly losing out this year? No. Black Friday is becoming more of a subset to the Holiday Shopping Season again, to be lumped in with Cyber Monday, Shop Local Saturday and, yeah Thanksgiving Thursday, too.

The National Retail Federation conducted a study and found nearly just as many people decided to shop from the comfort of their own home, more than 103 million people, than the nearly 102 million who decided to venture off into

the mayhem.

It's unclear as to who comes up with these special shopping days, but in 2015 we now have seven days devoted to consumer consumption:

Mobile Monday (Nov. 23), Thanksgiving (Nov. 26), Black Friday (Nov. 27), Small Business Saturday (Nov. 28), Luxury Sunday (Nov. 29), Cyber Monday (Nov. 30), and Green Monday (Dec. 14).

Cute and catchy, but it's getting to be a little much. People must understand the marketing purposes behind all of this. That is, to get people to spend more money. No one wants to be left out in participating in what has turned into mini-holidays. Water cooler discussion gravitates towards whether or not you will participate, and a kind of peer pressure starts to set in.

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for big ticket items. Sure, it's on sale, but is it truly necessary to max out your credit card to obtain something you really were not missing the previous 11 months out of the year? But, that's the trick many of us fall into.

This holiday season is truly about giving thanks for what we already have, not beating up our neighbors in a Wal Mart for a television that will likely break down within a few years. Be thankful for family, friends and health. Shower your loved ones with tokens of your affection, and it doesn't have to be store bought. A family tradition of ours involves choosing a name out of a hat, and making something for that person. No. It is not an Xbox One, but the time and effort of putting something together with your imagination and love should be worth much more than what you can buy.

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GET TO KNOW ...



Ali Hibbs Spotlight Reporter

Town: Albany Hometown: Albany

What are you listening to these days?

Anything good. I recently met The Bouncing Souls and got to dance on stage with George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic, both awesome shows at Upstate. When I listen to music at home alone, I tend to go for cheesier, mellower stuff—Ingrid Michaelson, The Lumineers and Owl City all make me happy. But, so does my Hot Chip Pandora radio station. And, Drum & Bass.

Reading?

I just finished "Narcissus and Goldmund," by Hermann Hesse and "Fierce Invalids Home from Hot Climates," by Tom Robbins. Currently reading "Don Quixote," by Miguel de Cervantes. Next up is "The Handmaid's Tale," by Margaret Atwood. I'm also reading a book on Buddhism and meandering through "O Albany," by William Kennedy. My Goodreads wish list just keeps getting longer and longer . . .

Watching on TV?

Currently? "Gotham." But I've just finished the first season and can't find the first five episodes of season two, so now I'm stuck.

What was the last movie you saw?

"People Places Things," with Gemaine Clement from Flight of the Conchords. I just love him.

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

Kurt Vonnegut or Joseph Campbell. Maybe Max Planck. Because they know things.

Describe your dream vacation.

At least a month wandering Europe, ending with a week in Ibiza.

What is your favorite hobby?

Reading, dancing and eating probably tie.

Describe what your last meal would be.

It would be yummy. And, involve mimosas. And, last forever.

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COMMUNITY

Shatynski wins Altamont 5k race

Tarquino takes first place in women's division

ALTAMONT —

Todd Shatynski and Lisa Tarquino claimed the overall titles at the Run Off That Turkey Trot 5-kilometer race Saturday, Nov. 28, in Altamont.

Shatynski — an Altamont resident — completed the course in a time of 18:00, six seconds ahead of runner-up Lukus Becker of Berne. Gary Longhi of Voorheesville was third with a time of 20:14.

Tarquino, a Schenectady resident, won the women's title with a time of 21:40. Penny Tisko of Voorheesville was second with a time of 21:48, and Dana Peterson of Voorheesville placed third with a time of 21:54. In other community racing news, Voorheesville native Conor Cashin placed second in the 10-kilometer race at the annual Troy Turkey Troy Thursday, Nov. 26.

Cashin completed the course with a time of 31:35, five seconds behind overall champion Kieran O'Connor.

Several area runners won their age divisions in the 10k race. Guilderland's Matt Pasquali was first among males age 15-19 with a time of 34:55, while Slingerlands resident Thomas Kracker took first place in the men's 50-54 division with a time of 37:05.

Delmar's Emily Miller and Renee Wing took the top two places in the women's 35-39 division. Miller finished first with a time of 41:37, and Wing was second with a time of 44:09.

Voorheesville's Sarah Mattfeld claimed the women's 14-and-under division title with a time of 46:24, and Guilderland's Jessica Northan won the women's 40-44 division with a time of 43:48.

Two veteran runners placed second in their divisions. Michael Kelly of Selkirk was second in the men's 45-49 division, and Martha DeGrazia placed second in the women's 60-64 division.

In the 5k race, Glenmont's Lindsay Cheu placed eight in the women's overall standings with a time of 19:23. Colonie's Kathryn Tenney won the women's title with a time of 17:26.

Theresa Fiori took home a division title. The Slingerlands resident won the women's 45-49 division with a time of 22:34.



On to nationals

The Bethlehem Central Middle School History Bowl team qualified for nationals after placing third in the Junior Varsity Central New Jersey Regionals Saturday, Nov. 21, at Princeton University. The team reached the semifinals in a field of 12 teams, which were made up of ninth and 10th graders, and finished with 1,650 points. The team includes sixth grader Griffin Roeder; seventh graders Sam Cooper, Michael Fishburn and Ben Goldberg; and eighth grader Navid Mazidabadifarahani.

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Pioneering family honored

Omie de LaGrange first settled in Albany, or what was then called Fort Orange. According to the "Hudson-Mohawk Genealogical and Family Memoirs" published in 1911 by Cuyler Reynolds, he purchased half of the Van Baal patent from Jan Hendrickse Vroman in 1686 for a typical price at the time--100 beaver skins and 250 pounds sterling. In 1716, the other half of the property was purchased with partner Johannes Simonse Vedder to equal 69,000 acres. LaGrange and his bother Issac then settled a piece of land by the Normanskill.

As more settlers arrived, LaGrange and Veeder leased portions of their property as farmland. This caused issue with the patroon of Rensselaerwyck Manor, with VanRensselaer filing a suit to lay claim over the property. In 1776, the court ruled in VanRensselaer's favor, making the family tenants of property they had previously owned for decades. But portions of the property were returned

following the Anti-rent Wars in the 1840s.

The land in Slingerlands remained in the LaGrange family until 1956, with Ella LaGrange McBride as the last owner.

McBride said he was having trouble getting the marker installed, so he reached out to Bethlehem Town Historian Susan Leath. She worked with McBride on the research of the property and the wording to get the marker.

"The problem is the state's Historical Marker program is kind of defunct," said Leath. McBride and his family had to pay to get the marker made themselves. They then needed to get permission from developers to have it installed by the town's Highway Department.

Leath said she felt the marker was important. "As Vista continues to develop, people will be curious about the cemetery that is preserved in the middle of a roundabout. The historic marker provides some background about

an important family in the area."

Buried in the cemetery are Christian I. LaGrange (1779-1848) and his wife Jamima LaGrange, along with three other family members from that time.

Several offshoots of the LaGrange family established their own farms throughout Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guilderland throughout the generations.

New Scotland Supervisor Doug LaGrange is a descendent of Omie, with relations to James LaGrange, who established his farms in Guilderland Center.

"Frankly, I think it's nice for one of the area's original families to be recognized in such a way," said LaGrange, who thanked McBride for his work on the project. "I love history and our family was pivotal to the establishment of these towns. I think the marker is a nice acknowledgment."

McBride said the marker would not have been possible without Leath's help.

"I'm just glad they'll be remembered," said McBride.

From page 2 ...

125th holiday wintermarket

Children under 10 are free. In past years, profits from the tours have been donated to the town's local museum.

In addition to the house tours, the village will host a festival of trees, wreath auction, a living nativity and pet costume contests, one for cats and one for dogs, which include pet photos with Santa. Contests start at noon and are held at Agway at 106 Prospect Terrace.

As a small town, events such as this have always been a way for the community of Altamont to come together. As such, most of the businesses in town and many community groups are involved

Outdoor activities include crafts for kids in multiple locations, storytelling with Santa at 11 a.m. at Hungerford Market at 106 Maple Ave., a treasure hunt, and games, crafts and music at several locations. Additionally, two author readings will be held at

Altamont Free Library's 179 Main St. location.

All events are in walking distance from one another, but the local Boy Scout troop will set up fire pits in Orsini Park for those who choose to venture out into the cold. The park will also house a petting zoo and hayrides, a new addition for \$3 a go.

Visitors are encouraged to start their trip at the Masonic Hall at 138 Maple Ave. There they can purchase tickets to the house tours, vote for their favorite tree decorations in the Festival of Trees, bid on wreaths in a silent auction and see children's gingerbread houses on display.

A short distance away at the Altamont Reformed Church at 129 Lincoln Ave., a living nativity begins at 4:15 p.m.

For the culminating event, Santa arrives at the library on a decorated train, donated for special use each year by SMS Rail Lines, with gifts and photo opportunities for the kids. Arrival time is

set for 5 p.m. sharp, at which time the holiday tree will be lit as well.

The Victorianaged train station was renovated and moved to its 179 Main St. location to become a library.

"It's one of the most important pieces of history and why the village was established in 1860," said Rue, amidst a long stream of historical facts concerning the town and the train station that she easily rattles off. Commercial use of the station ended in 1960, though some freight trains still pass through occasionally. "So many of us know these facts, they just roll off tongue," said Rue modestly.

Though Rue is not a native, she came to embrace the town's strong historical ties when she moved to Altamont five years ago after the death of her husband. The welcome she has received from the town has been "just fantastic," so giving back with the Victorian Holidays festival, "It's like me giving a Christmas party for the community only it's not just me, it's the whole Altamont Community Traditions board," she said.

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