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A sum of \$75,000 will go towards upgrades to Bethlehem's Henry Hudson Park. A favorite attraction during the warmer months, the park provides a boat launch, softball fields and plenty of picnic spots along the Hudson River's west bank.

Photo by Michael Hallisey/
Spotlight



TOP STORY

Upgrades ahead

Revitalization coming to under-utilized Hudson River Park

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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BETHLEHEM — With a recent grant from the state and matched funding from the town, the Henry Hudson Park will soon see some much-needed updates.

Along with the park, every piece of land that the Hudson River touches in Bethlehem will be examined, with goals to encourage economic activity, revitalize existing structures and increase public use.

"We have a wonderful privilege here in Bethlehem, that we are one of 11 counties that lie on the Hudson River. We want to make sure all of our plans maximize the benefits that we get from being a Hudson River community," said Supervisor John Clarkson.

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Christmas at the Capital Rep, and the actors who launch their careers from there.

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Guilderland girls basketball took a loss to Colonie last Friday.

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Red-hot cycle

Elsmere Fire Department responded to a residential fire call on the corner of Hoyt and Center lanes in Elsmere, Thursday, Dec. 17. According to Elsmere Fire District Chief James Reagan, the fire started in the dryer. A quick response allowed firefighters to contain the fire without allowing it to spread. Residents were present, including three children, said Reagan. No one was hurt. No structural damage was reported. Fire officials look over the dryer in the above picture.

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COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS



Photo by Bethlehem Police

Alert neighbor leads to arrest

Bethlehem Police Commander credits neighborhood watch
for preventing alleged burglary of Selkirk home

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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SELKIRK — The quick actions of a neighbor, coupled with an expedient police response, proved pivotal in effecting an immediate arrest in this case.

Brian X. Kaubisch, 22, of Selkirk, was charged with felony second-degree burglary, and two misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree criminal mischief after Bethlehem Police responded to a call on Thatcher Street shortly after midnight on Saturday, Dec. 19.

An alert neighbor contacted police after observing suspicious activity and seeing a subject enter the residence; the neighbor knew that the homeowner was not home at the time and immediately contacted police. Members of the Bethlehem Police Department quickly arrived and observed forced entry to the rear of the house, as well as a male subject still inside the residence. The subject was immediately arrested by Bethlehem Police.

“At this point it appears he was rummaging through the rooms in the house when our officers arrived,” stated Bethlehem Police Commander Adam Hornick, in an e-mail to *Spotlight News*. “So anything else would be pure speculation of what he was going to steal. Our officers were on the scene within two minutes of the call and basically this prevented him from even having time to steal anything.”

At 22, Kaubisch is at the New York state legal age permitted to purchase alcohol. When asked what kind of alcohol he was allegedly stealing, Hornick said they were, “typical bottles, nothing outlandishly expensive.”

The investigation determined Kaubisch allegedly entered the home through the rear window after causing damage to the window. Police said he was attempting to steal bottles of alcohol, and other items from the residence when officers arrived. After being arrested and placed in the back of a Bethlehem Police car, the suspect allegedly caused damage to the interior lighting and roof of the police car.

“Great job by the community to look out for their neighbors and a quick police department response made this the successes we like,” stated Hornick. “The community being our eyes and ears is a great thing.”

According to the real estate website Trulia.com, the Thatcher Street neighborhood is rated as a “safe” crime risk block, with no recent crimes reported in the past year.

Kaubisch was arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court by the Honorable Judge Andrew Kirby, and remanded to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bail. A return court date was set for yesterday, Dec. 22.

CORRECTION

In last week's edition, Bethlehem Town Board applicant Jim Foster was erroneously reported to be married with children in an article headlined “Foster eyes vacant seat.” He is neither married, nor does he have children.

■ COMMUNITY

Xmas in miniature

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SELKIRK — When Ken Mortensen retired 20 years ago, he needed a hobby.

His wife, Jeanette, demanded it.

"I was alphabetizing the contents of the kitchen pantry," said Ken. "It didn't go over well. My wife said, 'Find a hobby, or get a job.'"

So, he found a hobby.

On display throughout Ken and Jeanette's 1500 square-foot ranch are more than 170 different miniature Christmas village scenes. That doesn't count the towns' people who walk the streets, or those that stand in front of the pubs, or the two guards in front of Buckingham Palace. "I have 50 more [scenes] in the basement, but we'd have to build another house to fit them all in," said Ken.

Each year, Ken takes over the house: The living room, the dining room, the office, the spare room and, yes, the kitchen, too.

Jeanette looked upon her husband with a smile as he was busy pointing out facts, she undoubtedly knew herself, to a first-time visitor. Under the front bay window was a table, with several rows of miniature buildings, most depicting scenes pulled out of stories from Charles Dickens or paintings from Norman Rockwell. They accompany miniatures atop the shelves that flank the chimney, and those that

stand atop the reinforced mantle. A collection of romantic visuals of a White Christmas, in a town of Ken's making, frozen in time — except for the couples spinning away in the dance hall. Underneath it all, a couple of power strips with cords meandering back to Ken's village.

How many power strips do you use?, Ken is asked.

"We don't talk about that," he said, eliciting a chuckle from his wife. "Just as we don't talk about the electric bills, either."

Who pays the bills?

Ken pointed. "I do," said Jeanette, with another chuckle.

If someone found it necessary to place blame for this extravagance, Jeanette would have to be considered at least an accomplice; she gifted her husband with the first scene in 1986, with a model of Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim's home from Dickens's "A Christmas Carol." When asked if she had thought her husband's hobby would go as far as it has, she said, "no."

Ken plans out his display about a week after Halloween, for which he also has another, albeit, smaller display. From there he continuously tweaks here and there throughout the holiday. "It's a labor of love," he said, which sometimes calls for him to work four hours a day, followed by a break to watch the ballgame or read a book. It's a love the two share with the children

around town, and those with their church.

The children are treated to a scavenger hunt, of sorts. A group of mice are scattered throughout the display. The Mortensens supply the children with flashlights to scan the area to find each one. Ken continuously keeps note of where each of them are, as he often changes their locations as they are found.

"To me, see, I just don't have that ability," said Jeanette, speaking of her husband. "It's something you're born with."



Ken and Jeanette Mortensen bring townspeople together with their extensive Christmas village collection.

Photos by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

BPL offers a lifeline to phones

Station allows patrons to lock up phone as it charges

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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DELMAR — An innovative new charging station at the library is providing visitors a safe means to charge their devices.

The charging station contains 10 metal lockers. "Each operates like a safe in a hotel room, with a four digit code only that person knows," said Geoff Kirkpatrick, director of the Bethlehem Public Library.

As of Monday, Dec. 14, the station was up and running at the hallway entrance to the library on the Delaware Avenue side.

Once a combination is set, visitors can charge their phones, smartphones and other devices while they are safely locked in one of ten individual lockers, two of which are large enough to hold tablets.

Three cords come in each locker — MicoUSB, iPhone 3/4/4s and iPhone 5/5c/5s compatible — providing the three most-used charging cords on the market today.

At a cost of \$5,000, the station answers requests the library has been receiving for a long time.

"We've had lots of requests all the time for charging cords for different phones. You know how you feel when your phone suddenly dies right when you need it: You get a little desperate,"

said Kirkpatrick.

Not only that, but in times of real crisis where entire neighborhoods of town have lost their electricity, the library has become a refuge, providing residents a place to charge their communication devices and connect back with the world.

"There have been a couple times — three times in recent memory — where power outages have brought large groups of people to the library," said Kirkpatrick. "People need to be able to recover."

In situations like these, the library sets up rows of power strips for public use. Charging mobile devices in the station is now an added service.

The charging kiosk is one of the first to be

offered at an area library and does not require a library card or a fee to use.

With many area libraries reaching out to BPL for details on how they too can install similar lockers in their library, and a post announcing the kiosk receiving many likes, it has proved to be instantly popular, said Kirkpatrick.

Should the kiosk receive the greater public interest the library is expecting, "We may at some point add more. The same company that sells the kiosk sells tables with little shelf underneath that provides device chargers," Kirkpatrick said.

"At the library, we're always about how can we provide important resources back to the community."

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■ COMMUNITY

Development eyes more homes



Development is looking to add more homes, like the one above, but the town wants to address the need for additional roads before that happens.

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Additional 52 homes proposed in Brookhill development

By TRICIA CREMO
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N. BETHLEHEM —
A 52-home development,

decades in the making, is closer to getting town approval.

At the Brookhill development off Blessing Road in North Bethlehem, which already has 27 homes, developers are proposing 52 more houses on land bordered by Krumkill Stables.

At the Tuesday, Dec. 15 Planning Board meeting with public hearing, applicants David and Dennis Quadrini presented their plans.

As Brookhill homes are only accessible from Broadhaven Road, off of Blessing Road, the boards are examining new

entrances, which aims to reduce traffic.

Possible new roadways include an additional fourth entrance at the roundabout on Krumkill Road or more likely, an additional street off of Blessing Road.

For decision on roadway allocation, plans were flagged to Town Board for discussion.

Children living in the Brookhill development attend Guilderland School District schools, attending Westmere Elementary School, Farnsworth Middle School and Guilderland High School, despite the development's location in the Town of Bethlehem.

Existing homes are valued at over \$500,000 and were built in the early 1990s.

In 2012 developers the Quadrinis were approved for 54 lots on 62 acres. The development itself approved in 2000.

"A number of things including a town moratorium, failing economy and a traffic study held up the developers. Basically what I'm trying to say that this has been around for a long time. This not a new project at all," said Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky.

The project already has come far, with preliminary plat approval achieved after negative declarations were declared for environmental, geological, historical and traffic impact and review from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation extinguished fears that the development would disturb habitats of the Karner Blue butterfly, an endangered species.

Preliminary plat approvals expired, necessitating a second public hearing, where traffic concerns were brought up.

Since at least the 1990s the town has been

examining traffic in North Bethlehem, as part of plans to reduce traffic town-wide.

One possible solution lies in creating a road to connect Blessing Road to Schoolhouse Road, bypassing Krumkill Road entirely.

"It's really time to re-evaluate this intersection and consider whether it's time to improve it," said Planning Board Chairman John Smolinsky.

Smolinsky has recently been re-appointed to his position as Planning Board Chairman after Town Board sent notice in November for applicants for the position, as his five year term on the board expires in 2015. He has served as chairman for two years, with nine years total of Planning Board experience.

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G'land Center: One of nation's worst

By TRICIA CREMO
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GUILDERLAND — A host of problems in recent years has landed the Guilderland Center Nursing Home on a list of the nation's worst.

With 52 citations from the Department of Health, and after staffers protested in June for instances of mistreatment, the culmination of these problems has garnered the attention of elder-care advocates.

The average nursing home in New York is cited for 24 deficiencies. Guilderland Center Nursing Home, located on Route 146, was cited for more than twice that.

"This is very troubling," said Richard Mollot, executive director of the Long Term Care Community Coalition, a New York-based watchdog group.

Most troubling, said Mollot, was a Boston

Globe analysis, released last week, which found 40 percent of patients were prescribed antipsychotic medication even though the residents didn't have a related mental health diagnosis.

All calls to the Guilderland Center Nursing Home's director were unreturned.

According to the state Department of Health, the 127-bed nursing home was 96 percent full as of March.

The nursing home has been plagued by numerous problems in recent years, which have now fallen upon the Guilderland Center Nursing Home's latest owners, Grand Healthcare System, who took over as recently as November.

Fines for violating Department of Health codes have cost the nursing home \$10,000 in years past, in addition to costs incurred for the mandated repairs and updates.

Inspectors visiting

the facility in 2012 and 2014 witnessed instances where a woman fell out of bed three times without employees taking time to prevent it and broken call bells, which led to a resident soiling himself while waiting for someone to lift him to the toilet.

An issue of sexual abuse was reported in 2010 after a certified nursing assistant working at the home, Leonard Clark, was found to have grabbed the breast of a 95 year-old resident, leaving a bruise. Though Clark initially denied the claim, he later admitted to the crime and was censured by the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General in January.

"Clearly you have staffing problems here," continued Mollot.

In June, Guilderland Center nurses picketed outside the facility in protest for instances where state- and contract-required health and disability benefits were not provided.

While the administrator at the time, Stephen Sporn, claimed the allegations from the 90 employees were false, nurses, nursing assistance and other workers said visits to their doctors ended in their being told their health care was not enough to cover costs of the visit, despite the fact that health care costs were taken out of their checks every month.

"I couldn't afford the out-of-pocket expense and I walked away without receiving the care I needed," said Erin Lupumpala, an LPN at Guilderland Center. "I'm not alone in this — it has happened to my co-workers."

Since November the nursing home has been managed by a new group, Grand Healthcare System, which took over for Guilderland Realty holdings Corp. in 2008, after the prior owner, Guilderland LTC Management filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

■ COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Who wants a raise?

A county budget is approved despite reservations over 11th-hour additional expenditures

By **ALI HIBBS**

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ALBANY COUNTY

— On Monday, Dec. 7, Albany County lawmakers approved an approximately \$610 million budget for the coming year. Although that budget contains no tax levy increase for the second consecutive year, legislators from both parties were unhappy with certain changes that they said leaders of the majority party surreptitiously made to the executive budget after it was released by County Executive Dan McCoy in early September. Several legislators said they felt that initial budget proposal was superior to the one that was finally approved this month.

While numerous amendments that were made attempting to strip pay raises and additional jobs from the budget were ultimately voted down by a majority of lawmakers, a number of Democrats sided with their Republican colleagues against changes that one lawmaker characterized as “disgusting” and “pathetic.” Deputy Minority Leader Richard Mendick from Selkirk and outgoing Democrat Tim Nichols from Latham were the most vociferous opponents of modifications made to the original budget giving raises to top county officials and the legislators themselves and adding a number of other expenditures they found questionable.

The division within the democratic caucus was clear as proponents of systemic reform butted heads with a leadership and apparent majority that seemed clearly to prefer the status quo. A recent bid to unseat Majority Leader Frank Comisso (District 11) failed just three days later, on Thursday, Dec. 10, when 17 members of the

2016 democratic caucus voted to keep Comisso at the helm—and at least ten reformist members chose to boycott the vote altogether. Comisso’s opponent, Joe O’Brien (District 25), had said that he was running to replace the longtime Majority Leader in order to bring more transparency to the political process in Albany County.

The current process, according to Nichols, is why he felt the need to vote against the proposed budget. “I was very, very disappointed,” he said to his colleagues after repeatedly explaining that he didn’t understand the need for the additional 11th-hour expenditures, “I don’t want to use inflammatory language, but I feel we could have done a far better job.”

One item, the addition of a \$50,000 per year position in Albany County Comptroller Mike Conner’s office that was widely perceived to be intended for outgoing county Chairman Shawn Morse (Morse has publicly denied that he wants the part-time position), was withdrawn before the amendment could be voted on. The legislature, however, then voted in favor of an amendment put forth by Comisso to move \$95,000 (from project manager and carpentry positions) into a contingency fund, which can then be tapped by the comptroller in the next fiscal year to fund the requested position. Connors himself has publicly said that he intends to do just that.

Nichols proposed, instead, moving a little more than half of those funds to the legislative Ethics Commission—a commission that he said has received only \$250 in each of the four years since its inception. “Some of you guys probably have more than that in your wallet,” he said, as he urged his fellow lawmakers to vote down the amendment. “That’s how much the County Executive thinks of ethics.” Comisso countered Nichols by saying that Connors has

been requesting funding for that position, which would apparently oversee a program revamping the way that county social services are delivered, for the past three years. Comisso’s amendment ultimately passed 15-13, with the support of Republican Patrice Lockart (District 26) and all but five Democrats: Charles Dawson (District 35), Noelle Kinsch (District 6), David Mayo (District 20), Alison McLean Lane (District 14) and Nichols. (Republican Deborah Busch from District 39 was absent.)

The same five Democrats, with the addition of O’Brien, Doug Bullock (District 7), and Chris Higgins (District 5), and all nine Republicans present voted in favor of another amendment to deny \$230,000 to retain independent attorneys for the offices of Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple and County Executive Dan McCoy.

“All of these positions came to us without a great deal of documentation, after the budget that we originally received,” said Mendick. Claiming that the decision would take the legislature back in time, he pointed out that it was only a few years ago when the decision was made to consolidate counsel for county offices into the office of County Attorney David Soares—in an apparently successful effort to better allocate services and save “a significant amount” of money. “There doesn’t seem, at least in my mind, to be any rationale for the sheriff’s department not to be able to coordinate that activity, when they need legal advice, with the County Attorney,” said Mendick.

Democrat Bryan Clenehan from Guilderland, who used to work in the county DA’s office, spoke in favor of independent counsel for Apple to avoid potential conflicts of interest that could arise between the sheriff’s office and the County Executive, but saw no reason McCoy couldn’t continue to rely on the DA’s office for legal

advice. Democrat Gary Domalewicz from District 10 also spoke in favor of a new counsel position in the sheriff’s office. Outgoing Democrat Mary Lou Connolly (District 32) supported both positions, invoking terrorism threats and saying that, “In our society, somebody is always suing somebody else.”

Nichols, McLean Lane and five other Democrats, as well as all the Republicans in the room, also opposed the addition of pay raises for themselves and top county officials.

“I don’t know what happened between the end of August and right around Thanksgiving,” said Nichols, “but all of the sudden there’s this desperate need of our three county-wide elected officials to have double-digit pay raises. And it was done in a way that I found very offensive, because all of our discussion through the Audit and Finance Committee meetings were

not about this. This stuff came up last minute . . . When I agreed that the social security COLA [cost of living adjustment] for 2016 would be zero; when I agreed that our great men and women in uniform are going to receive a 1.3 percent pay raise in 2016; and when I agreed that our county workforce is getting a 2 percent pay raise, “is it any wonder that our constituents and the public are outraged when they hear about these double-digit pay raises for the top guys in public office in their county government?”

“I can’t, in good faith, support these pay raises,” he continued. “I could have supported two percent across the board.” Initially, the raises that appeared in the budget for for McCoy, Apple and Connors represented a 12 percent increase. After several lawmakers balked, a compromise was reached where each position will receive a compounding

three percent increase each year over four years. Legislators themselves will each be receiving an additional two percent and left the door open to give themselves raises aligned with other non-union county employees over the next few years.

“We are more than adequately paid for what we do,” said Mendick. “We don’t do this job because of our pay, we do this job because we are public servants and, because we are public servants, we need to keep those costs reasonable and there doesn’t seem to be any justification at this point to increase those dollars.” He countered arguments that Albany officials make less than their counterparts in other counties by pointing out that other counties, particularly those downstate, may have a considerably higher cost of living.

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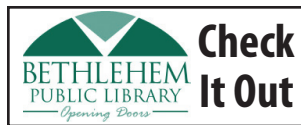
Spend your break at the library

School-age kids spend all of December looking forward to winter break, but once it's finally here, they tend to start looking for things to do. At the library, we've got that covered with some super fun activities that will keep them entertained into the new year.

On Sunday, Dec. 27, we're hosting magician Jim Snack. He's well known in the Capital Region for his seamless sleight-of-hand and entertaining shows. At 2 p.m., he'll bring his own brand of magic, illusion and motivation for all ages to the library.

On Monday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m., get ready for some goofiness with the Vacation Cinema showing of "The Minions" (PG, 104 minutes). The following day, Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 10 a.m., kids in grades K-5 are invited to create a marble run using paper towel tubes and tape.

Need a little break after all that excitement? The library will hold a Relaxation Station for grades 2-5 on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 3 p.m. It's



a mini spa experience with meditation, tai chi, manicures and more.

Finally, kids and their families can welcome the new year with us at a more family-friendly hour. When our New Year's at Noon kicks off at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, you'd better be ready for some crafts, dancing and, of course, a countdown!

Teens have got it made

Teenagers are a creative bunch, and we are hosting our first-ever Maker Expo on Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. to celebrate that creativity. We're looking for teens who make crafts, comics, or anything else they'd like to share with others to host a table at the expo.

Interested? Contact Tori at 439-9314, ext. 3034. Or just drop by with your friends and create something cool with one of

the library's maker tools.

Get a charge out of the library

Have you ever left the house and realized your mobile device is running on empty and there aren't any charging cables handy? Or maybe the power went out and you're not sure if it will be back up in time to keep your phone from dying. The library has a solution.

We've recently installed a charging kiosk that provides free, secure charging for most mobile devices. The unit, located in the lobby, has 10 lockers, with eight sized for phones and two large enough for tablets. Each locker has three universally compatible charging cables—MicroUSB, iPhone 3/4/4S, and iPhone 5/5C/5S cords. Users simply need to key in a four-digit code to secure the locker and use the same code to retrieve their devices.

The charging kiosk is one of the first to be offered at an area library and does not require a library card to use.

Holiday hours

The library will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday. We'll close at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, and remain closed until 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 2. We're always open online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

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Upcoming events

Saturday, Dec. 26

Time Out for Tales

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

— Kristen Roberts



Bethlehem library's charging kiosk allows users to securely charge their mobile devices – for free! It is available to the public and located in the library lobby.

Kristen Roberts

■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Presbyterian church Christmas Eve service

BETHLEHEM — The Presbyterian Church in New Scotland, 2010 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands, is holding an Old-Fashioned Christmas Eve service Thursday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. There will be candle lighting, carols and a communion.

Regular Sunday services will be held Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. No Sunday School will take place following the services.

Lifeguard training course registration

BETHLEHEM — The Town of Bethlehem Parks

and Recreation Department is offering an American Red Cross lifeguard training course on Mondays from Jan. 4 through Feb. 29 at 5 p.m., at the Bethlehem Central Middle School pool.

The course is open to people ages 15 and older. Prospective lifeguards must be able to swim 300 yards using the front crawl and breaststroke, tread water two minutes using only their legs, complete a timed swim within 1:40, surface dive to a depth of 7-10 feet to retrieve a 10-pound object and exit the water without using a ladder or steps.

The cost is \$335 for town residents and \$345 for non residents. Bring a bathing suit, towel and a change of clothes. Certificates will be mailed after

the course is completed.

For more information or to register, call 439-4055, ext. 2131.

Tawasentha Park pavilion rentals

GUILDERLAND — The Town of Guiderland Parks and Recreation Department will begin booking Tawasentha Park pavilion rentals Monday, Jan. 4, for the 2016 season.

Town residents may rent the large and small pavilions from May 1 through Oct. 31. Large and small pavilion rentals are done on a first-come, first-served basis. Walk-in reservations with full payment will take priority over phone reservations. Phone reservations will only be accepted with full payment at the time the reservation is made.

A Request for Use of Facilities form must be submitted with a check or money order made payable to the Town of Guiderland and mailed to Linda Cure, Parks and Recreation, 181 Route 146, Altamont 12009, or residents can stop in at the office located across from Tawasentha Park.

A carry-in, carry-out trash policy is in effect for pavilion usage. Residents may pre-pay an additional \$40 when submitting the Request for Use of Facilities form to the town for garbage pick up.

Community dances to start 2016

ALBANY COUNTY — Homespun Occasions is holding community dances Saturday, Jan. 2, at Old Songs Community Arts

Center, 37 South Main St. in Voorheesville; and Sunday, Jan. 10, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Bethlehem.

Both events feature contra, square and folk dancing for every age and ability. All dances will be taught.

The Jan. 2 dance at Old Songs features music by Fennig's All-Stars, with caller Gail Griffith. The Jan. 10 dance at Delmar Reformed Church features caller Paul Rosenberg and music by Tame Rutabaga.

Adult admission is \$8 for Old Songs and \$5 for Delmar Reformed Church. Children 12 and under get in free.

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Helping you get in shape



In last week's column, I wrote about the tremendous benefit from having a personal trainer at the Bethlehem YMCA. They included: providing you with motivation and encouragement; holding you accountable; helping you develop a routine to meet your fitness goals; showing you how to use equipment properly to prevent injury or help rehab; maximizing your workout time; and helping you achieve real results.

So, who are the people at the Bethlehem Y that can provide you with that encouragement,

motivation and accountability? Here are the names and some background information about our personal trainers, as well as a quote from each of them that speaks to their workout philosophy.

- Ethan Crevatas is the Y's lead personal trainer. His specialty is TRX suspension training and group exercise. He is interested in running, weight lifting and teaching

Tabata, which is high-intensity interval training. Ethan's quote: "Get up and get after it!"

- Gerard Cunningham is the Y's Wellness Director and is a certified USA Hockey Coach and personal trainer, who also competes in 5-kilometer races with his daughters. Gerry's quote: "You can either feel sore tomorrow or feel sorry tomorrow; make the decision today!"

- Rhakeem Wiggins participated in football and track at UAlbany, and was the strength and conditioning coach at Morehead State University. He is certified in Viپر Loaded Movement

Training, a special area that combines task-oriented movement patterned with resistance training to improve balance, agility and dynamic strength. Rhakeem is the Y's Assistant Wellness Director. His quote: "Building the best version of yourself mentally, physically and spiritually through hard work, dedication and perseverance!"

- Cassy Leadenham's specialty is instructing women on weight training, as well as conducting group exercise classes. She likes to help people achieve their goals in a fun and challenging environment.

Cassy's quote: "When everything seems like an uphill struggle, just think of the view from the top."

- Akeem Mauzon is a professional, Gold Glove boxer, as well as a certified personal trainer. Along with boxing, his interests include reading and spending time with his family. Akeem's quote: "Despite any situation, there's always room for improvement when perfecting your imperfections."

- Jade Naylor is a certified personal trainer whose many interests include fitness, nutrition, learning and teaching Spanish, traveling,

photography and cooking. Jade's quote: "Champions are not the ones who always win races — champions are the ones who get out there and try!"

Six personal trainers with different interests, different specialties, different approaches and different personalities, but all with the same goal — to help you get in better shape, to live healthier and to get results from your workout that you will be proud of. Please stop by the Bethlehem YMCA to meet our trainers, sign up for personal training sessions or even purchase training sessions for a loved one.

— Mark Hansen

Pet toy making for all ages

Want to put your crafty skills to good use? Stop in at GPL on Monday, Dec. 28, at 4 p.m., and make toys for animals in local shelters. The little animals get a toy, and student participants earn one community service hour. All ages welcome.

Sue Green and Jean Simmons will be here to discuss the wildlife rehabilitation efforts of Guiderhaven, Inc. They will even show pictures of the animals they help rescue.

We will also be accepting donations for Guiderhaven, Inc. Please consider bringing: pet toys, cat food, dog food, new or used towels, receiving blankets, fleece blankets

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and fleece material (which will be used to make pouches and to comfort baby animals!).

Holiday Winter Lego Club

What's the coolest thing you can build with a pile o' Lego blocks? Give it a shot at GPL's Holiday Winter Lego Club for all ages on Monday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. It's a chance to get out of the house, and have a bit of fun with friends and friends you've not met yet.

You can bring your own blocks, if you want, and they'll be kept separate

from the library's supplies. And if you've built something at home you're really proud of, well, bring it in and show it off.

Happy anniversary to Alice

Celebrate Alice in Wonderland's 150th anniversary (wow) on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 1 p.m., with a double-header event. We'll start with a screening of the Disney classic film (popcorn included), and then do a fun craft or two. Register for this Wonderland program by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

Altered Books for Little Ones

"Altered Books for Little Ones" at GPL on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m., is really something different: Using worn and loved board books, children ages 3-6 will make the books into works of art.

This will be a fun activity for a grown-up and child to do together. We provide all of the supplies. Please call 456-2400, ext. 4 to sign up.

Winter items for tweens

Tweens in grades 4-6 are invited to spend the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 30, at GPL fashioning your own fun

winter accessories. You'll make a snowflake bracelet and necklace. It all begins at 2 p.m. Call 456-2400, ext. 4 to register.

Twinn New Year Dance Party

Tweens are invited to a celebrate New Year's with a "Twinn Just Dance" party on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 3:30 p.m.

Using the popular Wii games on the Helderberg Room's big screen, you'll

dance in the New Year. You'll also enjoy some sparkly soda and fortune cookies while you rest your dancing feet. We've got the hula hoops, party lights, and all we need is you. For grades 3-6.

Holiday Hours

GPL will close at 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31, and be closed New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1. Happy New Year!

— Mark Curiale

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COMMUNITY

Laughter yoga

A new Health and Wellness series will begin on Friday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m., at Town Hall. The first program will be "Laughter Yoga," presented by Larry Steffer, BSW, CL YL. You will learn to laugh your way to less stress and more joy. You can join us for lunch before the program at the Windowbox Café, cost on your own. No reservations are needed to attend the program alone. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a lunch reservation.

Enjoy the afternoon program "Ulysses S. Grant — His Life, His Work, His Death" at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 1 p.m. Tom Smith will present highlights of Grant's life in commemoration of 150 years since the end of the Civil War. Join us for lunch before the program at the Delmar Bistro, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your lunch reservation.

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Senior Action

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closed at noon on Dec. 24 and all day on Dec. 25. There will be no senior transportation from Dec. 24 through Jan. 1.

Federal funding (HEAP) is available for income eligible people who need assistance with home heating costs. Outreach Workers are available to assist with counseling on HEAP, as well as health insurance, housing issues, food stamps, and health and income related programs. Make an appointment by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org.

The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and accepts donations of non-perishable food, as well as paper and household products.

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.

Donations can be made to Bethlehem Senior Projects online at bethlehemsenioproject.org, or via check payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054.

— Wilma DeLucco

Get creative

Lego Junior Maker event

Students in grades K through 2 are invited to come in on Monday, Dec. 28, at 10:30 a.m., to make, tinker, build and explore at the library. Parents and caregivers will join in this creative journey meant to foster creativity and encourage storytelling. Online registration is requested.

Tween Lego Club

Lego-maniacs in grades 3 through 7 are invited to join us on Monday, Dec.

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28, at 2 p.m. Bring a model from home, or use our Lego collection to enjoy free-building time. Take a turn on the Wii or use the iPad to make your own stop-motion movie. Online registration is requested.

Winter Family Storytime

Children aged pre-school to second grade are invited to join Miss Amy for a morning of snow

much fun on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 10:15 a.m. Warm up with some good books and a snow-themed craft, followed by hot chocolate and a yummy snack. Online registration is requested.

Creativity Lab

Hand-sew a fun, felt friend or maybe a cute cupcake. Students in grades four and up are asked to register for this creative and fun program on Tuesday Dec. 29, at 3 p.m. Supplies will be provided, just bring your creativity.

— Lynn Kohler

Vacation schedule

Monday, Dec. 28, 2 p.m.: Chaos Tower and Marble Run — For imaginative kids with a passion to build, Chaos Tower has infinite construction possibilities. Create loop-d-loops, sharp turns and swirling vortexes, all while

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kids experience a hands-on lesson in physics and kinetics.

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 10:30 a.m.: Winter Animals Puppet Show — Come for a seasonal story and to watch

a puppet show about what animals do in winter.

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 11:30 a.m.: Noon Year's Eve Storytime — Ring in the New Year with your little one. There will be crafts, stories and treats. Count down to noon, and celebrate with us!

— Carol Melewska



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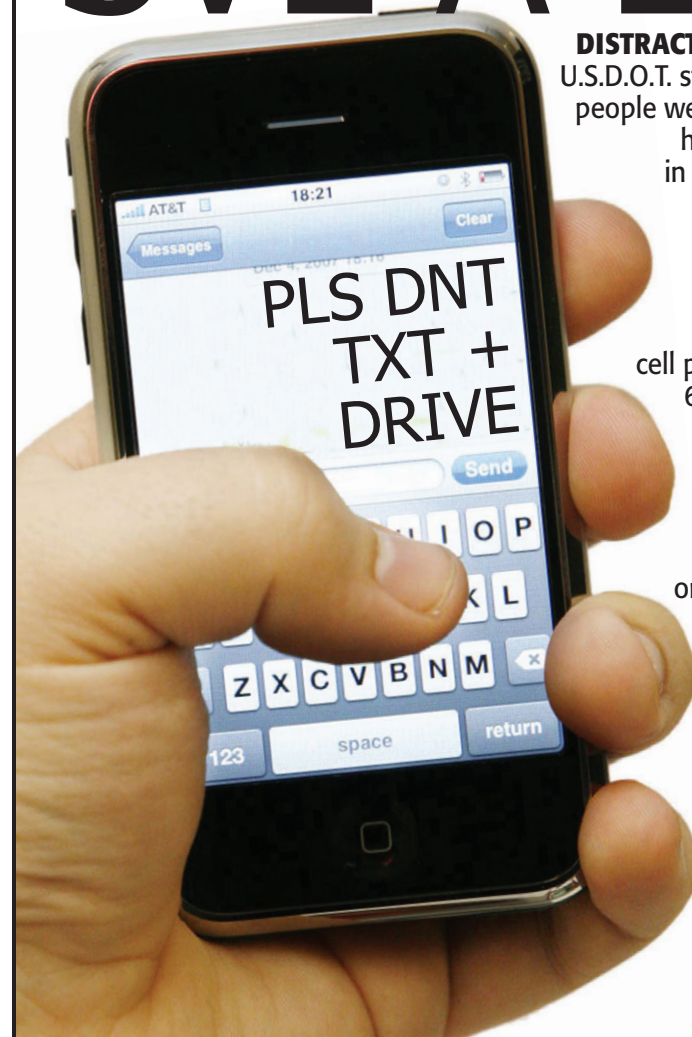
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White Christmas

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ENTERTAINMENT



Building a rep

Christmas at the Capital Rep, and the actors who launch their careers from there

By **ALI HIBBS**
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ALBANY — Local theatre is a springboard to professional acting for Capital District youth

This week is your last chance to catch the Tony-nominated musical version of the classic 1983 movie, "A Christmas Story," at Capital Repertory Theatre on North Pearl Street in Albany. The production, scaled for the intimate black box theater, is bursting with holiday cheer ... and a whole bunch of talented local kids.

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"The Rep" is celebrating its 35th anniversary this season.

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Searching for direction

At night, the body may sleep but the mind won't rest. Especially for those who are creative in spirit. The night can provide some with the best environment to work under. And, in this case, we have one of our frequent contributors capturing the image of another contributor (Dannymaggs) in quiet contemplation.

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■ MOVIE REVIEW

'Awakens' earns stamp of approval

The Force is strong with the latest in the Star Wars mythos

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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"The Force Awakens" is not your father's "Star Wars," but the experience J.J. Abrams provides audiences is something all together familiar, yet fresh for a new generation of fans.

First, the familiar. Seeing Han Solo (Harrison Ford), Chewbacca (Peter Mayhew), and Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) back on the screen and interacting with one another tugs strongly on a nostalgic chord many fans longed for, but never got from the recent prequels. They are older, perhaps with more responsibilities than they had when we first met them when we were all kids. But, for the sake of the story, they're not ready for retirement, yet.

The new: Rey (Daisy Ridley), Finn (John Boyega) and Poe (Oscar Issac) comprise a new wave of protagonists with characteristics that smash

away old stereotypes and tired storylines that once called for the hero to save the princess from evil. Out of respect to the many fans out there who have yet to see the movie, details of the plot will not be revealed here. However, off of what has already been shared in teasers, we see Rey and Finn playing major roles within the plot line. Finn is involved more than Mace Windu and Lando Calrissian, sadly, the only two characters played by African-Americans in the previous installments. When introduced to Rey, gamers may draw comparisons to the iconic Laura Croft from Tomb Raider. She is a powerful protagonist for any gender to look up to — Smart, crafty and able to hold her own in a fight.

Abrams is a talented artist. Writer and producer of television's "Lost," with his name also tied to other successful entities like "Mission: Impossible," "Armageddon," and, yes, "Star Trek." Millions followed "Lost," more for the head games from the complex plot twists each week, than the action. His ability to take the reins to Disney's \$4.05 billion stallion

was never questioned. It was, however, left for speculation whether or not he was going to go too far.

Abrams does a fantastic job of controlling the energy fueled from an extensive library of characters and technology George Lucas started four decades ago. Since then, there have been countless of contributors to the story, from books to comics, television shows to fan-made vignettes.

Everyone has an opinion as to who, what, where and how things should unfold in the upcoming films, and there will be more. Oh, so many more. But, in Awakens, Abrams paints with a subtle brush, allowing movie-goers to ease themselves back into the characters they've missed for 30 years, and to introduce themselves to the new kids who will take the torch from here.

Personally, I've been an

apologist of the prequels for years. To be frank, Episodes I, II and III were just as bad as the "original three" when it came to whining protagonists and misplaced comic-relief, whether that be from Jar Jar or Ewoks. As time passes, fans are learning to appreciate the prequels and accepting their place in the bigger picture. Where Awakens falls into it all, is up for you to decide.

Those reading this

review are of two camps: One that has seen the film and looking for another's opinion; the other camp involves those who can't wait to watch the film. You already know what you're going to do. You made that decision when Disney bought the rights in 2012. I will say, as I shared with a friend who was waiting to see it, you won't be disappointed.

■ TECHNOLOGY

Spotlight on mobile apps



NAME: Wanelo
DEVELOPER: Wanelo, Inc.
RATED: Age 12+
PRICE: Free

The app name stands for want, need, love. On the app, there are so many different clothing items or room décor items that you can buy out there. This app brings them all together, from a lot of your favorite stores. If you like something, you can save it onto your account and then if you want to buy the item you can buy it right from the app. You can make different lists and save similar items together. I have never bought from the app myself but I like looking on it and using it to get ideas for things that I would want to buy at the clothing stores when I go there. You can follow your favorite stores or people and you can also post your own pictures or post product on your page.

NAME: FotoRus
DEVELOPER: Fotoable, Inc.
RATED: Age 4+
PRICE: Free

People are always looking for cool new ways to edit their photos. This app gives you many different options to edit your photos from pip cameras to just regular editing. With the pip camera you can make it look like your picture is in bubbles or picture frames or almost anything else. With the pro editor you can choose from a number of different filters, text options, light pens, borders, etc. The different filters range from making your photo look like a sketch to just a regular photo filter. You can also make the photos look mosaic or you can blur out parts of the photo. You can create different collages with different styles and backgrounds. Some of the styles for the collages are really cool and almost make it look like the picture could be in a magazine. It's my favorite way to edit my photos or make collages.

NAME: Pic Collage
DEVELOPER: Cardinal Blue
RATED: Age 12+
PRICE: Free

This app is another app that you can make collages with your pictures. In this app, you can carefully cut out a certain person or object and put them in a different background. There's different styles for collages that you can do and there's different backgrounds you can choose from or you can use one of your own photos as the background. You can use one photo in a star or heart or you can use multiple photos to create a collage using the styles on the app or make a free form collage where you choose which pictures go where. There's also different stickers, text options, and pre-made templates you can choose from.

— Allison Kurdziolek

■ DID YOU KNOW?

Less than 40 theaters agreed to show the original "Star Wars" in 1977 after 20th Century Fox panicked and moved the release date to before Memorial Day, for fear the movie would bomb in a summer line-up.

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If you're planning a trip to Disney World during your child's winter break, you're not alone. According to Disney, the number of visitors jump from 15,000 per day after Thanksgiving to 75,000 on the weeks of Christmas and New Years.

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TRAVEL

Going to Disney?

Disney World is busy this time of year, but here is first-hand experience to help you through, if you're planning a trip

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Walt Disney World is a great place to go. There's plenty of characters and rides for everyone. My family has been there four times so far. Twice for the Mickey's Not-So-Scary Halloween party, the second overlapping the 40th Anniversary of Disney; once for Christmas/New Year's; and once for the summer.

Disney World can get really busy. Try to get a Fast Pass to the popular rides. One thing I've learned is that you may think going to Disney is going to be a relaxing vacation but in reality, it's not. You're going to have to plan almost every minute of each day, especially if you are going with my family. I suggest not wasting an hour standing in line for a ride. If you want to stand in line for a character, check to see if they have a fast pass if it's a character you really want to meet. Check the schedule to see when and where they are going to be

as well.

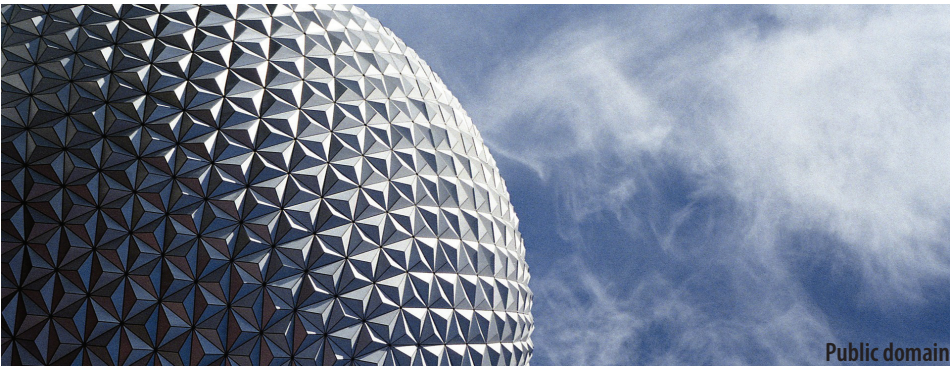
My family always tries to find a meal plan to get on when we go. These give us a set number of credits for quick service meals, sit down meals, and snacks. Each quick service and some stores have a menu to show what can also be considered a snack. The quick service usually allows you get a drink, main course, and a desert. For me, it was definitely enough food. In some places, the snacks are big enough that you could use them as a meal. Snack credits range from drinks and deserts to cinnamon rolls and chocolate croissants in some places. The character meals are amazing. The characters come right up to your table and interact with you while you are eating. It's also a good time to get a picture and autograph from that character because there is no line that you have to wait in.

Over the summer vacation, we took a Disney cruise. We only chose to do three nights because it was the first time we had ever

been on a cruise. It wasn't that bad; sometimes you could feel the waves, but that could've been because we were on the boat during hurricane Danny and tropical storm Erika. The all you can eat self serve ice cream was probably the favorite thing in my family. The cruise was all you can eat as well so even if you had a sit down meal, you could keep asking for more of what you were eating or you could ask for something else. It was a good time to get out of my comfort zone and try new foods.

The Christmas parades are amazing. Magic Kingdom was packed on New Year's Eve. We were all stuck on Main Street in a huge crowd. My family was closer to the entrance of the park then to the castle. But it was still amazing. If you go for New Year's, you have to get to the park early in the day because they reach capacity very quickly and early.

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FASHION

What to wear?

Plan ahead to welcome in 2016

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So, we are in the throes of the Holiday season. The next big thing we are looking forward to is the New Year and, of course, all those parties you will be attending.

Whether they be out at a venue, for a wedding or a get together at someone's house, you always want to look put together, chic and comfortable. What you will be wearing will be taking you from evening to the wee hours of the morning; so remember comfort is key. So how do we accomplish this? I've got a few ideas.

For the get together at someone's home, I imagine you'll be taking in some TV, popping on some Netflix and enjoying some yummy fare. If that's the case, might I recommend some yoga pants, a tunic and a scarf of some sort? Yes. I have recommended you to wear yoga pants. In fact, my casual Friday look is often a yoga pant in black, a black tunic and some other accessory. Why? It is comfortable, but it elevated style. With going same color top to bottom, you have free reign to accessorize without competition. So what I think would be exceptional for a quiet night in, is to take your all black pant and top and add a puffer vest in gold

or silver. If you can find sequins or metallic fabric, all the better. If that's not your style, you prefer to be a little less salient, find a blanket scarf to wrap around your shoulders or make a dramatic drape around your neck. Keep your shoes to moccasins or ballet slippers and you'll be cozy for your midnight kiss.

Now, if you are going out on the town, elevate your game. For this, instant elevation is a pair of platform pumps that are high enough to make you stand out in the crowd but comfortable enough to take you to one AM. Whether you pair these shoes with jeans, midi skirt or little black dress, you instantly have elevated style. No matter what you're wearing, heels just take it up a notch. If you're not a heel gal, don't try it for the first time on first night, you want to enjoy yourself. I have recently found a pair of platform snakeskin pumps and will wear them with just about everything. Yes. Even those yoga pants! A great first night out with friends or your beau look? Wear boot cut dark denims, a black sweater and find a faux fur wrap or bolero jacket. Add those pumps and voila.

If you're attending a New Year's wedding, I think the best look is something in silver or gold. If you don't like metallic, go with gray or

beige. Always remember you need to ensure you're not competing with the bride, so stay away from white or whatever color she will be donning if you're in the loop. I am a go big or go home person, so if you can find accessories or attire with sequins go that route. It is the one night of the year you can really go all out and sparkle. Even though we are in the Northeast, the temperatures have been warm enough that wearing a knee length dress will keep you warm enough from evening to early morning hours. I think the perfect New Year's wedding outfit is a sequined silver dress, black patent leather pumps and a red clutch. Keep it chic by going with a color block theme (no patterns) and go with bold colors.

Please remember as you read this and prepare for this fun evening to be responsible and make sure you keep you and yours safe. Please don't drink and drive. Please call cabs. Please stay in hotels or someone's home if you've overindulged. And as always, wear a lip stain so your lip color doesn't come off on your glass. Cheers!

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CULINARY ARTS



Food & Vino

Smoked Salmon and Green Onion Scramble

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The year is coming to an end, and I know I'm feeling the crunch from it all. I'm sure things will be very busy for you, but it's important to stop and enjoy a few moments as we come to the holidays. Try to remember what this season is really all about.

This will be my last recipe for the next couple of weeks, but will be back to pick up where I left off after New Year's. This week, I leave you with a Holiday Brunch recipe that serves four to six people, and it is a little over the top delicious.

Here's to hoping 2016 will be a healthy, happy, peaceful, and prosperous one for you and your family!

Ingredients:

2 oz. fresh goat cheese
8 Tbs. (1 stick) unsalted butter room temperature
3/4 tsp. ground black pepper
4-6 slices of grain bread toasted
8 large eggs
8 ounces smoked salmon flaked
2 large green onions sliced

Instructions:

Stir together goat cheese, 4 Tbs. butter and season with 1/4 trp. salt and 1/8 tsp. pepper. Spread over warm toast. Whisk eggs until smooth, and season with remaining salt and pepper. Melt remaining butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add eggs until they form soft curds. Cook until desired doneness, stirring often. Remove from the heat. Stir in salmon, and green onions. Spoon over toast.

Pairing:

Mimosas with Great Western Champagne - Great Western Winery - Hammondsport, NY - Finger Lakes Region. Straw colored Champagne, with a crisp flavor, and a hint of fruit.

Mimosa Recipe - Pour two ounces of Orange Juice into a Champagne flute (about 1/3 of the glass) and fill almost to the top with the Champagne. Top with a splash of orange liqueur and garnish with a curl of orange peel.

Ann Linda Ciotoli owns a catering business called Good Enough to Eat. She is also a frequent contributor to SpotlightNews Living where she is one of our culinary arts columnists. For questions and information, email Ciotoli at sodeliciousalc@yahoo.com

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Sat: **Rick Reis** | 6:30 p.m.

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Phila St., Saratoga Springs. 225-0882
Sat: **Racquette River Rounders** | 8 p.m. | \$16
Sun: **Seth Glier** | 7 p.m. | \$18
Tue: **Gibson Brothers Trio** | Sold Out

Carney's Tavern
17 Main Street, Ballston Lake. 518 280-7959
Sat: **Matty Finn** | 7 p.m.

City Beer Hall
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2337
Every Sat: **90s Dance Party** | 11 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's
366 Delaware Ave. 512-5100
Sat: **Alan Durand Foster** | 7 p.m.

Fuze Box
12 Central Ave., Albany. 703-8937
Sat: **Cretin Hop** | 9 p.m.
Sun: **Desafinado, Factory Radio, The Sonic Ascent, Kristen Riley, Mike Opus** | 4 p.m.

Grappa '72
818 Central Ave., Albany. 482-7200
Wed & Thur: **Hamilton Street Jazz Company** | 6:30 p.m.

Lark Tavern
453 Madison Ave., Albany. 463-9779
Every Mon: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.
Every Sat: **DVDJ Reel** | 10 p.m.

The Low Beat
335 Central Ave., 432-6572
Wed: **Hamell on Trial** | 6 p.m. | \$10 |
The Deadbeats | 10 p.m. | \$5
Thur: **Pony in the Pancake, Rechorduroys, Haley Moley, Los Espejos, Electric Turtle** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Bing Bamboo Room Bur-**

ARTSCALENDAR▶



No longer a secret

Schenectady native Dan Frigolette headlines the Comedy's Best Kept Secret Tour show Sunday, Dec. 27, at the Comedy Works in Saratoga Springs. See Page 7 for more details.

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Iesque's "Holidaze Hangover" with special guest Joye Ryde.

McGeary's
4 Clinton Square, Albany. 463-1455
Wed: **Open Mic with Mother Judge** | 7:30 p.m.

Moon & River Café
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady. 377-5100
Wed: **Doug Chilton** | 7 p.m.

Sat: **John Serrao & Michael Kailas** | 7 p.m.
Every Sun: **rkStar Open Mic** | 7 :30 p.m.

Mouzon House
1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 226-0014
Wed: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk** | 6:30 p.m.
Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.

Oh Bar
304 Lark St., Albany. 463-9004
Every Thur: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

One Caroline Street
1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 587-2026
Wed: **The Masters of Nostalgia** | 8:30 p.m.
Thur: **Chris Carey and Mike**

O'Donnell | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Chuck D'Aloia** | 6 p.m. | **Eric Margan Band** | 9 p.m.
Mon: **Tim Wechgelaer** | 7:30 p.m.

Platinum Pub
795 3rd Ave., Watervliet. 270-9907
Every Tue: **Open Mic**
Provence
Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave.,

Albany. 689-7777
Sat: **Jim Burton Duo** | 7 p.m.
Prime at Saratoga National
458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. 583-4653
Every Sun: **Joe Sorrentino** | 10 a.m.

Putnam Den
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs. 584-8066
Sat: **Half Step** | 9:30 p.m. | \$5

Roux
10-01 Vista Blvd., Slingerlands. 487-4358
Wed: **Jeanne O'Connor & Azzaam Hameed** | 6 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. 235-5858
Thur: **Sax-a-Claus** | 4:30 p.m.

Scrimshaw Tavern
Desmond Hotel, 660 Albany Shaker Rd., Colonie. 869-8100
Every Fri & Sat: **Ruth Hellcamp**

Speakeasy 518
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332
Wed: **Tyler Giroux** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Phil Allen Trio** | 9 p.m.
Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.
Tue: **Justin Henricks** | 8 p.m.

Tierra Coffee Roasters
1038 Madison Ave., Albany. 621-7299
Every Mon: **Open Mic**

Upstate Concert Hall
1208 New York 146, Clifton Park. 371-0012; upstateconcerthall.com
Sun: **Killswitch Engage, Unearth, Act of Defiance, '68** | 7 p.m. | \$28
Tue: **Badfish, Good Fiction, Blue Streak Blvd** | \$20

Waterworks Pub
76 Central Ave., Albany. 465-9079
Thur: **DJ Shawn Gillie** | 11 p.m.
Fri: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.
Sat: **DJ David Barna** | 10 p.m.
Mon: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

Yono's
25 Chapel St., Albany. 436-7747
Sat: **Frank Mastan Jazz Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

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CONCERTS

Songs by Franz Schubert
Tenor Doug Schmolze and pianist Larry Wallach perform works by the classical artist, Dec. 27, 3:30 p.m., Ventfort Hall Mansion and Gilded Age Museum, 104 Walker St., Lenox, Mass. Tickets: \$22 in advance, \$27 day of event; includes an afternoon tea. Information: (413) 637-3206 or email info@gildedage.org.

moe.
Upstate New York jam band stages a two-night stand to ring in the new year and continue its 25th anniversary celebration. Dec. 31, 8 p.m., \$45, and Jan. 1, 7:30 p.m., \$35. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Information: 465-3334 or palacealbany.com.

New Year's Eve Country Countdown
Skeeter Creek headlines this New Year's Eve show. Dec. 31, 9 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$35, day of show \$40. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Jon Cleary & the Absolute Monster Gentlemen
New Orleans R&B singer-songwriter headlines a New Year's Eve bash. Dec. 31, 9 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkiHUDSON.com.

Bach at New Year's 2016
The Berkshire Bach Ensemble, under the direction of harpsichordist Kenneth Cooper, presents an afternoon of Vivaldi, Corelli, Beethoven and Bach. Jan. 1, 4 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$28-\$78. Information: 273-0038 or troymusicHall.org.

THEATRE

A Christmas Story: The Musical
A holiday tradition . . . with a twist. The leg lamp, the Chinese food, the Red Ryder B gun—it's all there in this TONY-nominated musical, but so are songs like "Counting Down to Christmas," "Ralphie to the Rescue" and "Before the Old Man Comes Home." Regular performances through Dec. 27, Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany. \$20 - \$50. Info: 445-7469 or capitalrep.org.

Snow White
The Brothers Grimm wove a compelling tale that is filled with mirrors that talk, mystery, magic, intrigue, and dwarfs aplenty. Adapted and directed by Ric Chesser. Dec. 29 & 30, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. \$15. Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Info: 435-5503 or www.steamer10theatre.org.

Irving Berlin's White Christmas
Start with a timeless tale of joy and goodwill, fill it with classic Irving Berlin songs, top it off with glorious dancing and lots of snow, and you've got the perfect gift for everyone on your list! Dec. 22 - 27: Tue. & Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Thur. at 11 a.m.; Sat. at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; Sun. at 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Info: 346-6204 or proctors.org.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Touring show of classic Broadway musical. Jan. 4 and 5, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$65. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

COMEDY

Comedy's Best Kept Secret Tour
Featuring Schenectady native Dan Frigolette (Artie Lange Show), Brett Druck (Laughs on Fox) and Wacky Chad (America's Got Talent). Dec. 26, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Comedy Works, 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets: \$15. Information: thecomedyworks.com/Saratoga.

Pretty Much the Best Comedy Show
Myq Kaplan headlines an evening of comedy. Dec. 26, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$15. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

The First Night of Funny
Featuring four comedians with unique and hilarious perspectives on the world. Dec. 31, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$25-\$40. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

First Night of Funny — Uncensored
Featuring Jaye McBride, Ray Harrington, Patty Rosborough and Probing Digit. Dec. 31, 9 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$30 until Dec. 24, \$35 Dec. 25-30, \$40 day of show. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Pretty Much the Best Comedy Show
Ben Kronberg headlines. Jan. 2, 8 p.m., Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Information: www.proctors.org.

FILM

Aladdin
Disney's classic animated movie, part of the Kinderhook Bank Movie Series. Dec. 28, 3 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Info: 465-3334 or palacealbany.com.

DANCE

Albany DanceSport Club
All are welcome to a special ballroom dance event Sunday, Dec. 27, from 6:15 to 10 p.m., at the Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. Dancing is preceded by a 45-minute group dance lesson. There is a mid-event showcase featuring the Albany DanceSport Club Formation Team. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Information: 456-3995.

First Friday Swing Dance
Ring in the new year by dancing to the music of the Sonny & Perley Quartet. Jan. 1, 7 p.m., Albany Elks Club, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Tickets: general

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Singing Schubert
Tenor Doug Schmolze teams up with pianist Larry Wallach to perform Franz Schubert's music Sunday, Dec. 27, at Ventfort Hall in Lenox, Mass. Submitted photo

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

Old Songs Community Dance
Featuring music by Fennig's All-Stars. Caller is Gail Griffith. All dances will be taught and include circles, contras and squares. Jan. 2, Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Admission: \$8. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

FAMILY/YOUTH

Kids Comedy Magic & Stunts
Wacky Chad, Dan Frigolette and Matt Richards perform a blend of comedy and magic for two shows. Dec. 26, noon and 4 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$13. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Andy Morse the Music Man
Children's performer kicks off Holiday Vacation Daze, Dec. 27, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Information: www.steamer10theatre.org.

Magic of Melvin the Magnificent
Veteran magician will entertain the kids during Holiday Vacation Daze, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Information: www.steamer10theatre.org.

Rapunzel
Puppeteer Carl Sprague brings the classic fairy tale to life for two shows, Dec. 28 and 30, 3:30 p.m., Ventfort Hall Mansion and Gilded Age Museum, 104 Walker St., Lenox, Mass. Tickets: adults \$15, children \$7, children 3 and under free. Punch and cookies follow the show. Information: (413) 637-3206 or

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email info@gildedage.org.

Draw It! Sculpt It! Snap It!
A three-day program where students will sketch, sculpt and photograph items inspired by "The Capital Region in 50 Objects" exhibition. Dec. 28-30, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Cost: \$45 AIHA members, \$60 non-members. Information: www.albanyinstitute.org.

EVENTS

First Night Saratoga
Featuring music, dance, food, children's activities and midnight fireworks. This year's event includes performances by NRBQ, Harold Ford's Johnny Cash tribute, Jim Gaudet & His Railroad Boys, Sirsy, MaryLeigh Roohan, Yankee Holler and JV & the Cutters. Dec. 31, 6 p.m. to midnight, downtown Saratoga Springs. Information: www.saratoga-arts.org/firstnight.

EDUCATION

Gallery Talks
Enjoy a docent-led tour of the museum's exhibitions. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. (Schedule subject to change, please call to confirm.) Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or membership@albanyinstitute.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Holiday Gift Shop
By the nonprofit Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region. Sundays through Dec. 27, noon - 6 p.m.; Mondays through Dec. 28, 4 - 8 p.m. Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence Historic Site, 194 Livingston Ave.,

Cookie Burner Stroll
Participants will hike 2.6 miles over rolling terrain through the Karner Barrens East region of the Albany Pine Bush, taking breaks along the way for rest and water (if needed). If there is snow, participants will snowshoe approximately 1 mile. Snowshoes will be provided. Dec. 26, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road, Colonie. Fee: \$3 per person, \$5 per family. Registration is required. Information: 456-0655 or www.albanypinebush.org.

Wildlife in Winter: Subnivean Zone
Go below the snow to explore this special habitat and learn about the animals that depend on it. Appropriate for families with children 10 and under. Dec. 27, 12:30 p.m., Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road, Colonie. Fee: \$3 per person, \$5 per family, children under 5 free. Registration is required. Information: 456-0655 or www.albanypinebush.org.

Wildlife in Winter: Where do All the Insects Go?
Join center staff for a presentation on what insects do to survive the winter months and a 0.9-mile hike. Dec. 28, 1 p.m., Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road, Colonie. Fee: \$3 per person, \$5 per family, children under 5 free. Registration is required. Information: 456-0655 or www.albanypinebush.org.

Wildlife in Winter: Critter Scene Investigation
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Wildlife in Winter: Deep Freeze

Learn about the way amphibians live through the winter. Dec. 30, 11 a.m., Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road, Colonie. Fee: \$3 per person, \$5 per family. Registration is required. Information: 456-0655 or www.albanypinebush.org.

EXHIBITS

Albany Center Gallery

Members Show, through Jan. 17. 39 Columbia St., Albany. Info: 462-4775. Albany Institute of History and Art "The Capital Region in 50 Objects," through April 2016; plus "A Gather of Glass: Selections from the Museum's Collection," "Ancient Egypt" and more. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

Albany Public Library

"Through the Looking Glass," featuring whimsical and imaginative works by Zach Austin, JoAnne Carson, Emily Dorr and Ingrid Ludt, through March 26. Pine Hills Branch, 517 Western Ave., Albany. Info: 482-7911.

Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Monica Bill Hughes: Artist in Residence," "Here + Away: Still Lifes + Landscapes," "Traces: Mary Pat Wager and Rachel Baxter" and "Centered: Our Journeys." 265 River St., Troy. Info: artscenteronline.org.



Swing into 2016

The Sonny & Perley Quartet will provide the music for the First Friday Swing Dance New Year's Day, Jan. 1, at the Albany Elks Club, 25 South Allen St. See Page 7 for more details.

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Carrie Haddad Gallery

"Radical Inventions," featuring works by David Konigsberg, Ralph Stout, Shawn Snow, Stephen King, Sue Bryan and Juan Garcia-Nunez, through Dec. 27; "Photography," featuring a variety of innovative photo techniques, opening Dec. 30; 622 Warren St., Hudson. Information: 828-1915 or carriedad-dadgallery.com.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

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

MIK Gallery

"Up-cycled," by Dan Predmore. Through Dec. 31. The Tailored Tea, 1010 Troy Schenectady Rd., Latham. Info: 608-5137.

miSci

"Toys and Trains Holiday Show," an elaborate 19- by 27-foot layout

constructed by the Upstate Train Associates displays running O Gauge model trains — the trains most people know and love as the Lionel trains — and a display including an amusement park with Santa riding a roller coaster and a pair of children ice skating on a pond, a farm scene with horses and cows, and much more, through Jan. 18; plus "Earth Exposed: Discover Our Planet's

Hidden Secrets." Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Info: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

National Museum of Dance

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

New York State Museum

"Empire State Plaza at 50," a look back at the history of downtown Albany's most recognizable feature, through Jan. 17; "The Coast and the Sea: Marine and Maritime Art in America," through Feb. 21; plus "Binghamton University Paleobotany Collection," "The Passenger Pigeon: From Billions to Zero" and "Habitat Sculpture." Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Info: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Saratoga Arts Center

Annual Members Show, through Dec. 31; "The Art of First Night," through Jan. 30. 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Info: 584-4132.

Saratoga Springs History Museum

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

Tang Teaching Museum

"No Place to Hide," a collection of works about the impact of surveillance. Through Feb. 21. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

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Waterford Historical Museum

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

CALL FOR ARTISTS

5th Annual MOVE Music Festival

Seeking bands, singer-songwriters and artists to perform in local indie rock music festival known for its Interactive Round Table discussions where Musicians get to sit face to face with Music Industry VIP's and learn hands on how to improve their careers. The festival will take place in April 2016; Regional artists wanting to submit to the festival can do so by emailing links to their website or FB page to MoveMusicFestivalSubmissions@gmail.com. More information can be found at www.movemusicfest.com or by calling 779-3511.

Dance Omi International Dance Collective

Accepting applications for its 12th Annual Dance Residency. Each summer, Dance Omi invites ten international dancer / choreographers to upstate New York for three weeks of artistic and cultural exchange. This year's residency will take place July 19 through Aug. 8, 2016 at the Omi International Arts Center in Ghent. Information, guidelines and the online application can be found at: <http://www.artomi.org/dance>. Application deadline for the Summer 2016 Residency is Jan. 4. Notification will



Radical works

"Gradience" (left) and "Vortices" are two of the works that are part of the "Radical Inventions" exhibit running through Dec. 27 at the Carrie Haddad Gallery in Hudson. Submitted photo

take place by March 2, 2016.

Music Omi Musical Residency Program

Omi International Arts Center is now accepting applications for its 2016 collaborative musicians residency program, taking place from Aug. 11 - 28, when 12-15 selected musicians-composers and performers from around the world will come together for two

and a half weeks in a unique collaborative music making residency program at Omi International Arts Center in Ghent. The application portal can be accessed at www.omiartscenter.org/music. Applications will be accepted through Feb. 1. The application is free, as is attending the program.

Dancers Needed for Giselle

Ajkun Ballet Theatre is looking for

enthusiastic young dancers, (pre-K to young teens) for its summer production of Giselle, staged and performed in the month of August 2016 at The Egg (Albany, NY). Dance Students, aged 14 and above, of Intermediate-Advanced thru Professional level may audition by DVD or in person to join the Company's New York State summer performance tour. Information about the Company may be found at www.ajkunbt.org,

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From page B1 ... Building a rep

Celebrating its 35th season this year, “theRep” is the only professional theatre company in the region and is a vehicle for budding local talent. “We not only employ Equity actors,” said Michael Eck, Capital Repertory’s publicist, pointing out that theRep is a member of the League of Resident Theatres. “Through the Equity Membership Candidate Program (which permits actors and stage managers in training to credit theatrical work in certain theatres towards eventual membership), theREP has helped many young artists join the ranks of professional actors. But, through workforce development, we also help many others become professionals.” Their core mission, he continued, is “to create meaningful theatre with an authentic connection to the community we serve.”

“I don’t know what I would do with my life if I hadn’t found theater,”

said 16-year-old Ariana Papaleo, the eldest of three local sisters who were cast in the holiday production. “I just don’t know!” Ariana and her 12-year-old sister Alexis have appeared onstage at theRep before, but never together. And, for 9-year-old Ava Papaleo, this was her debut performance at the venue—in the role of bully Scut Farkas’ friend, Grover Dill. “Me neither! I don’t know what I would do without singing,” she agreed emphatically. All three sisters are also talented tap dancers, something that Alexis said she especially enjoys.

The Papaleo sisters were introduced to theRep by Lisa Franklin, a vocal coach based in New York City and the Capital District. She worked with Ariana when she was cast as Nancy at the Park Playhouse production of *Oliver!* in 7th grade and suggested that the eldest Papaleo take singing lessons. Alexis also began taking lessons

from her, and now Ava does too. “We were both taking lessons with her [in 2013],” said Ariana. “And when she heard about *Gypsy*, I think that was one of the first ones here, since we had been taking lessons with her, that needed kids—so she sent in some of her best students. Alexis and I both went, which is how we really found out about Cap Rep.”

Ariana didn’t get into that production, but Alexis was cast in the role of Baby June. “But the next year they were doing *The Secret Garden*,” said Ariana. “And we both auditioned again and, this time, I got in and Alexis didn’t. And then this year, we came back again and all three of us did it.” The sisters laugh.

For such young ages, all three Papaleos have impressive theatrical experience under their belts. All have done work with C-R Productions and at the Academy of the Holy Names, where they attend school. Ariana and Alexis have also worked with the Park Playhouse at Washington Park over

the last three summers. “This is big theatre,” said Ava of theRep. “You get EMC points,” said Alexis, when asked about the difference between theRep and community theatre. “Yeah, that’s a big one,” agreed Ariana. “The rehearsals are also more intense and structured,” said Alexis. “You really have to commit to this show, maybe you could do something else but it would be hard. In community theatre, they’re more lenient about things.” “Definitely,” said Ariana. “I think at one point during my sophomore year, I was doing four different community theatre shows that all overlapped and, somehow, made that work. It was craziness!” She laughs. “But it was a lot of fun. I loaded up my resume that year.” More seriously, she said, “But here, you have to put all your focus in this. Community theatre rehearsals can be intense, but here you really have to be here every single

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At 16, actor Ariana Papleo already understands the commitment required to follow her dream of acting.

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day, except for one day off on Monday.”

“But,” interjected Alexis, “I really like being here.”

“If it was up to me,” said Ariana with a smile, “I

would be here every day. Even Monday.”

“Right now I’m starting to look at colleges with musical theatre programs,” Ariana continued. “After the show is over, my plan is to get all the audition

songs and monologues ready for college auditions. I’m definitely going to do this.”

At least one member of the cast has already made it to Broadway from his beginnings at theRep. “George Franklin appeared in our 2010 production of the dramatic play, ‘A Christmas Story,’” said Eck. “He played the role of Grover Dill. With the help of our longtime casting director Stephanie Klapper, George moved on to the ensemble of the Broadway premiere of *A Christmas Story: The Musical* and earned his Equity card.” Franklin, who is the son of Lisa and around the same age as Ariana, returned to theRep for this performance—this time in the role of Scut Farkus. (Lisa Franklin also made her debut on theRep stage for this performance.)

A large majority of adults in this cast are professionals from downstate, but all the kids are from the Capital District. The combination of seasoned veterans and enthusiastic youth, according to Ariana, lends to a lot of opportunities to learn between rehearsing

scenes. “They’ve really helped me a lot. I ask everyone now about college experiences, because that’s the next big thing for me, and everyone has really been helpful.”

“This is our first production of ‘A Christmas Story, The Musical,’” said Eck. “We did present Philip Grecian’s dramatic adaptation in 2010 and and frequently include a holiday piece as part of our programming. Many of us feel the musical is even more fun than the play version, especially with big numbers like ‘A Major Award’ and ‘You’ll Shoot Your Eye Out.’ Having so many wonderful young actors in the cast is not a regular occurrence for theRep.”

“But,” he added, “it’s not without precedent. Like ‘A Christmas Story,’ our 2014 production of ‘Gypsy: A Musical Fable’ was very well received and was an excellent showcase for local talent.”

“This is one of the most amazing casts that I’ve worked with,” said Ariana. “I’ve worked with some amazing casts, but this one is really special.”

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Tyson, who graduated

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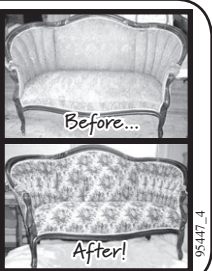
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Dream Theatre at Palace in April

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The upcoming tour is in support of the band's soon-to-be released album "The Astonishing" and promises a historic set in immersive and interactive

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"The Astonishing" follows Dream Theatre's 2013 self-titled album, which earned the band its second Grammy

nomination, topped Billboard's "Hard Rock Albums" and entered No. 7 on the Billboard 200. The chart position marked the band's third consecutive Top 10 debut on domestic charts.

"Dream Theatre" earned Top 5 chart debuts in Japan, Germany, Italy, Canada, Argentina, Switzerland, Holland, and Finland, as well as top 10 debuts in Denmark, Austria, and Norway, with career high debuts in the United Kingdom and Australia. Rolling Stone touted the legendary collection as "...the birth of a new era in the band's career."

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He is a comedian. Named Myq Kaplan. Pronounced, "Mike."

He is a 2010 "Last Comic Standing" finalist and has appeared on "The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien," "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Comedy Central Presents" and all the other places he's been.

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headlines "Pretty Much The Best Comedy Show" at Underground at Proctors.

You can listen to Myq's podcast, "Hang Out With Me," on the Keith and The Girl network. His debut CD, "Vegan Mind Meld," was one of iTunes' Top Ten best-selling comedy albums in 2010, followed by "Meat Robot" in 2013 and his one-hour Netflix special "Small Dork and Handsome" in 2014.

The Comedians magazine calls him "a comedy machine, in the best possible way, the way that some machines vend soda

or prevent other machines from killing future revolutionaries—that's how Myq Kaplan does comedy: relentlessly, methodically, unblinkingly."

Pretty Much the Best Comedy Show includes a featured act, host and guest comedian, making up nearly two hours of comic entertainment.

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



DANIEL COOPER

Guilderland/Mohonasen/
Scotia goaltender Daniel
Cooper is the MarGas Spot-
light Player of the Week for
the period ending Sunday,
Dec. 20. Cooper stopped 82
shots during the Storm's two
Capital District High School
Hockey League games last
weekend, including 39 saves
in a 4-0 loss to LaSalle.

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■ INSIDE



Bouncing back

After losing its first game
of the season, the
Bethlehem girls basketball
team defeated Columbia.

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■ GUILDERLAND



▲ Guilderland's
Meghan
Bruni tries to pass
the ball while
defended by two
Colonie players
during a Suburban
Council game
Friday, Dec. 18, in
Colonie.

Guilderland
coach Maceo
Dubose Jr. gives
instructions to his
players during the
third quarter.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight



Raiders run away

Colonie outscores Guilderland 33-11
in middle two quarters to take control

By **ROB JONAS**

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GUILDERLAND — The Guilderland girls
basketball team couldn't keep up with Colonie in
a 51-30 Suburban Council loss Friday, Dec. 18.

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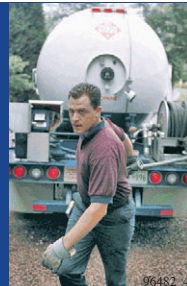
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Raiders run away

The Lady Dutch trailed only by two points at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Raiders outscored Guilderland 33-11 over the next two periods to pull away for good.

Aliyah Wright netted 21 points, while Erin Fouracre contributed 11 points for Colonie. Skye Lindsay paced Guilderland with 11 points.

The Lady Dutch began the week with a 58-57 overtime loss against Shaker Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Blue Bison rallied from a 31-18 halftime deficit by outscoring the Lady Dutch 24-11 in the third quarter.

CeCe Mayo had 14 points, and Shyla Sanford added 13 points for Shaker. Olivia Bauman scored 17 points for Guilderland, and Lindsay added 15 points.

Boys basketball

Guilderland built a 12-point halftime lead and held on for a 64-58 victory over Colonie in a Suburban Council boys basketball game Friday, Dec. 18.

Andrew Sischo poured

in 28 points, and Justin Monin chipped in with 10 points for the Dutchmen. Jordan Miller's 17 points paced the Garnet Raiders.

Guilderland downed Shaker 78-59 in another league game Tuesday, Dec. 15. Sischo had 19 points, and George Marinopoulos added 14 points for the Dutchmen, who outscored the Blue Bison 39-26 in the second half.

Shaker's Brian Hayes led all scorers with 27 points.

Wrestling

Guilderland had two individual champions and four more wrestlers place in the top four of their weight classes at the Tom Chickanis Memorial Tournament Saturday, Dec. 19, in Hudson Falls.

David Wolanski took first place in the 126-pound division, and Tyler Grupe won the 145-pound title for the Dutchmen. Jason Falvo was third at 195 pounds, while Kevin Ochs (132 pounds), Taylor Mooney (170) and Sean Hourihan (182) finished fourth.

Guilderland placed seventh in the team standings with 103 points.

Hockey

Guilderland/Mohonasen/Scotia lost its weekend Capital District High School Hockey League games.

LaSalle defeated the Storm 4-0 Friday, Dec. 18, behind Logan DiScanio's two-goal, one-assist performance. Goaltenders Zach Hurst and Zac Rentz combined for a 10-save shutout for the Cadets.

G/M/S goaltender Daniel Cooper made 39 saves.

The Storm suffered a 12-1 loss to Bethlehem Saturday, Dec. 19. Cooper made 43 saves, and Anthony Sericolo scored the lone goal for G/M/S.

Boys swimming

The Guilderland-Voorheesville boys swim team suffered a 105-70 loss to Shaker Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Ian McElrath and George Enright each won a pair of individual events for the Blue Bison. Michael Ardito had the lone victory for Guilderville in the 100-yard breaststroke.

■ BETHLEHEM

Eagles bounce back

Wander spearheads Bethlehem's victory against Columbia

By ROB JONAS
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BETHLEHEM — Bethlehem bounced back from its first loss of the season to defeat Columbia 77-67 Friday, Dec. 18, in a Suburban Council girls basketball game.

Emily Wander netted 21 points for the Lady Eagles (5-1), who built a 41-29 halftime lead. Jenna Giaccone contributed 13 points, and Taylor Travis added 11 points.

Selena Lott poured in 34 points for Columbia.

A slow start cost Bethlehem in a 67-34 loss to Shenendehowa (6-0) Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Plainsmen jumped out to a 17-3 lead in the first quarter, and they never looked back.

Sydney Brown had 18 points, and Carly Boland added 13 points for Shen. Wander paced Bethlehem with 10 points.

Boys basketball

The Bethlehem boys basketball team remained winless this season following a 56-55 loss to Columbia Friday, Dec. 18.

Ryan Murray and Michael Ortale each scored 20 points for the Eagles (0-6), who rallied from a 30-20 halftime deficit. Justin Luther had 14 points to pace Columbia.

Bethlehem began the week with a 90-46 loss to defending Section 2 Class AA champion Shenendehowa Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Plainsmen (6-0) led 28-7 after the first quarter and 52-18 at halftime on their way to the convincing win.

Jake Dzikas netted 23 points, and Kevin Huerter chipped in with 22 points for Shen. Ortale paced Bethlehem with 19 points.

Hockey

Bethlehem eased past Guilderland/Mohonasen/

Scotia 12-1 in a Capital District High School Hockey League game Saturday, Dec. 19.

Brian Harder led a balanced Eagle attack with two goals and three assists. Michael Lemieux and Hayes Meredith each contributed two goals and an assist, and Kellen Hagen added a tally and two assists.

Goaltender Alex Goldberg made six saves to pick up his first varsity win.

Bethlehem began the week with a 4-1 victory at LaSalle Wednesday, Dec. 16. Lemieux and Thomas Liebold each tallied twice, and goaltender Alex Breiner stopped 15 shots.

Indoor track

Bethlehem's Tedi DeMaria won the girls pole vault title at the Bishop Loughlin Games Saturday, Dec. 19, on Staten Island.

DeMaria — the defending state champion — cleared the bar at 11 feet, 6 inches, to take the title.

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Who wants a raise?

Other amendments proposed by Nichols included a proposition to defund two deputy commissioner positions in the Department of Social Services and, instead, direct the money to three case worker positions in the same department. Describing the commissioner positions as "two patronage jobs that came out of nowhere," he said that the number of jobs included in the budget that fall outside of the civil services is "alarming." He also endeavored to divert funding from the county nursing home, OGS Commissioner and the County Executive's Chief Information Officer to county taxpayers in the form of a tax cut "in the spirit of the holidays." (Amounting to \$438,745, it would have been a modest tax cut for the approximately 307,000 county residents.)

Domalewicz pointed out that county residents will be receiving a state tax rebate, an incentive

offered to municipalities who manage to produce budgets that remain under a specified tax cap, and said that the budget was the result of a lot of hard work and compromise, even with the contested additions. "You can't argue with no property tax increase," he said, after also defending McCoy's pay raise.

Higgins also commended his colleagues for their willingness to compromise on certain issues and lauded the zero percent tax increase, but said that he preferred the original budget. "We struggled with the issues of the raises, because they weren't in the original proposal, the new counsel for the executive's office wasn't in the original proposal and some of these other jobs were not in the original proposal." That being said, he continued, while it's not the budget he preferred, he would vote for it because it didn't increase the tax burden on county residents. Clenehan agreed that it could have

been better, but said he supported the resolution to adopt the budget as it was "on balance."

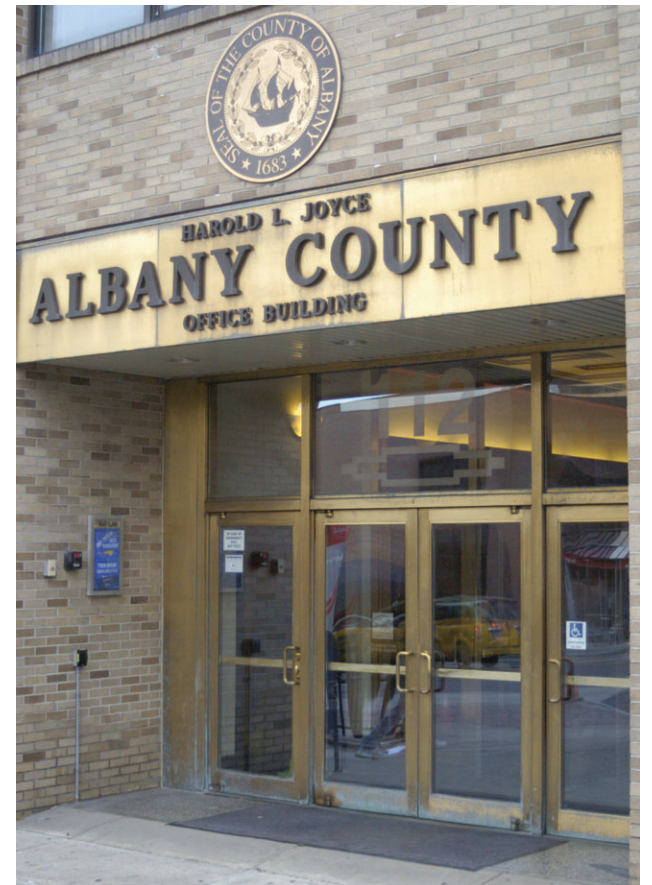
"This has been a very hard process for many of us, I think," said McLean Lane (District 14). "I was very supportive of the original budget proposed by the County Executive and I commend the job he did on it. . . Unfortunately, my integrity it too important to me to vote for this budget and I'm sorry for that. It probably will be a very sad and lonely vote." She added, "All the things that have happened over the past three weeks, I don't think have been conducive to professionalism in this body."

Kinsch stood up a few moments later to echo McLean Lane's sentiments. "I couldn't agree with you more," she said. "You will not be alone in your vote."

"This is not easy for me," Nichols said finally. "I still believe very deeply in the good work that Albany County does every day." But, he said, "I cannot, in good conscience, support a budget that . . . has just been ruined by a really bad process."

The budget ultimately passed by a voice vote a method that has since been questioned for its validity because not every legislators' vote is individually documented. In cases where the vote is unanimous, this method apparently poses no problem, but, in cases where there is dissent, a roll call vote in which each vote goes on record would allow constituents to see how their representatives voted. As reported by the *Albany Times Union*, the executive director of the state Committee on Open government believes that is in violation of New York's Freedom of Information (FOIA) law requiring a record of the individual votes in decisions made by municipal agencies.

It sounded like fewer than 15 lawmakers voted against approving the amended budget on Dec. 7, but there is no way for constituents to find out how their individual representatives ultimately voted. Some have indicated that they would prefer their dissent be on record but, as no one requested a role call on the final resolution, the budget was



The Albany County Legislature passed its budget, but not without controversy. Even the way in which the vote was cast drew the ire of representatives on the floor.

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passed by a swift voice vote after all amendments had been considered--many of which were voted on through lengthier roll call

votes. Some legislators have said they will consider making roll calls a requirement for all future budget resolutions.

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NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) MALM REALY, a NY

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: MICHAEL JAMES RUANE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of 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. Purpose: For holding real estate. Ad#101117

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Montie Acquisitions, LLC, a foreign LLC, filed with the SSNY on 12/7/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o BlumbergExcelsior, 16 Court St., Brooklyn, NY 11241. General purpose. Ad#104656

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is NAQI REALTY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 1, 2015. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 90 Hackett Blvd, Albany, New York 12209. Ad#103411

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Notice of formation of OHD-CONGDON HALL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with

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Upgrades ahead

With a \$37,500 grant from Governor Andrew Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) awards and a matching donation from the town, \$75,000 total is devoted to the project. The grant applied in June, and grant recipients were announced Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Bicycle paths, additional pavilions, updates to the shoreline and improved parking at the Henry Hudson Park are all possible fund sources, as well as new zoning to encourage economic growth, especially in the area near the Port of Albany.

"We'll take a look at current zoning and have conversation with the community about development along Route 144," said Town Planning Director Rob Leslie.

Existing facilities at the Henry Hudson Park include a playground, volleyball court, horseshoes, gazebo, pavilion, grills and picnic area, which may also see revitalization.

While an advisory group will decide, using public input, where to

allocate the funds, the project most assuredly receiving fund attention is the deteriorating shoreline embankment near the park, which according to Leslie, was built several decades ago.

A study conducted between 2006 and 2009 examined methods of shoreline stabilization, but "it has been some time since the town looked for ways revitalize, and use that space," said Leslie.

Climate change and changing water levels as the source of deterioration of the existing embankment, which he estimates was built several decades ago.

At that time, estimates for repairs to the embankment were in the \$2 million range – which would be far more than the received grant – but, since that time, repair costs have reduced, said Leslie. Newer embankment models even use natural vegetation as part of the walls, giving them a natural look.

"A new master plan for the area is needed so that in the next 10, 20 years it can be something strive for on annual basis,"

continued the town planning director.

Once a new master plan is created, this will also make it easier for the town to receive more funding for projects.

The first step in doing so is to hire technical assistance for that effort, said Clarkson, and "We have a wonderful citizen group already made," to do so.

Some members of the advisory group from the last study will be part of the new study, providing their history, alongside newer members.

Meetings are open, and will take place starting in mid-2016, through early 2017.

"Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend meetings and participate," continued the supervisor.

Requests were sent out this week for interested consultants to respond by Jan. 19. The advisory group then review applications, with interviews to be held Feb 8 – 12.

The recent grant comes on top of a \$50,000 state grant awarded from the state in June for a new boat launch at the Henry Hudson Park.

"That was one of the first concerns residents came up with," said

Clarkson at the June announcement, which also included funds for updates to the Elm Avenue Park playground and fitness trail.

The area includes several residential, office and industrially zoned areas.

"I'd like to see whole corridor flourish: The Henry Hudson Park, the industrial sector near the Port of Albany, Moh-He-Con-Nuck Park, residential areas and several other open spaces that we want to preserve," said Clarkson.

Invested local businesses in the area, including PSENG power plant, Innovative Solutions and Glenmont Job Corp. will be represented in the advisory group alongside community members and town officials.

Final recommendations on fund use will be recommended to the Town Board on March 9. Consultant applications can be found at the town's website, at www.townofbethlehem.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=393.

"The Hudson River is used by people all over – not just town residents," said John Clarkson. "We have something that a very small minority of areas have."

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Streetlamps to go green

ALBANY COUNTY — A new law aims to make energy efficient street lamps a reality state-wide.

Recently signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo and sponsored by Assembly Member Pat Fahy, the Streetlight Replacement and Savings Act "empowers municipalities to acquire ownership of its streetlights and upgrade them with energy efficient and cost-saving LED lighting technology."

Despite the fact that millions – according to a New York State Energy Research and Development report – could be saved if all streetlights statewide were switched to energy efficient bulbs, municipalities often encounter problems in executing this step, due to contracts made with energy providers.

This new legislation will help give municipalities more leverage in these agreements. Legislation was also sponsored Sen. Joseph Griffo (R-Rome).

Outdoor lighting typically represents one of the largest categories of energy use and costs for municipalities, but utility ownership of streetlight equipment often prevents municipalities from making cost effective investments in efficient lighting technologies, like LEDs, that would cut back on energy waste and unnecessary spending, helping to ease the burden on local taxpayers.

Only 31 percent of the state's municipalities own their own streetlights, dropping to 26 percent when New York City is excluded, according to NYSERDA. In Clarkstown in the mid-Hudson Valley, the town is expected to save \$500,000 of their \$1.4 million annual energy bill. The City of Yonkers is estimated to save \$1.85 million a year due to transitioning to energy-efficient streetlights, according to Lumen Light Solutions. Locally, the City of Albany could save approximately \$646,000 in energy savings, should the City exercise the option to purchase its streetlights.

— Tricia Cremo

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

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12110, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#104310

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Riverside Industrial Center, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/18/2014. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Joseph W. Zappone, Esq., Zappone & Fiore Law Firm, 6 Century Hill Dr., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#103774

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RUMBLE, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/15. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#103398

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SALLY CAT JEWELS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/15. Office: Albany

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SANTANIELLO PROPERTIES, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Santaniello Properties, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on 12/7/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process c/o the LLC, 31 Bradhaven Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#104659

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

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Name: SO MANY ROADS BOUTIQUE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, October 29, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 7 Chestnut Hill North, Loudonville, NY 12211. Ad#102375

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Stephen L. Molinek, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 3, 2015. Office location: The Mailing Address of the limited liability company's office is 2 Nomanskill Boulevard, P.O. Box 69, Delmar, New York 12054, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at P.O. Box 69, Delmar, New York 12054. For any lawful purpose. Ad#103973

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SUAA CP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 9, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 255 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, New York 12205 Ad#104300

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Sydney Hale Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with

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sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 12/17/15. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 30 Iris St, Apt. 1, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#104903

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Taste of Troy Food Tours, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/13/15. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 24 Oak Road, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#103783

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pose: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#102333

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: WHITNEY ROAD ASSOCIATES LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 10, 2015. Office location: C/O Platform Realty, 14 Corporate Woods Blvd, City of Albany, County of Albany, New York. 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, C/O Platform Realty, 14 Corporate Woods Blvd, Albany, New York 12211. For any lawful purpose. Ad#102125

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Wolfe House Movers, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/15. Originally filed with Pennsylvania Secretary of State on 01/01/2006. Office: Albany County. SSNY des-

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ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Birch Lane, Bernville, PA 19506. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#101887

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Zappone Group Management, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/4/2014. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Joseph W. Zappone, 12 Upper Loudon Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#103779

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Peace be with you

It seems that all people want to do nowadays is to separate themselves from the rest of the community — either by embracing pride in their family's heritage; or perhaps something more personal, such as sexual orientation; then, there's the political party affiliation; or the old-school favorite of religious faith. This December, in the midst of a Presidential election season, we're being bombarded by all fronts, and there doesn't seem to be any connection to the community that ties us all together.

Take for a moment that all of the personal interests mentioned above is exactly that, personal. Genealogy, sexuality, politics and religion may be important topics that help define you as a person. But, that's you. How the next person defines him or herself will differ, he may use the same topics, just fall under different answers. Or, you may have someone so radical in thought, she may not label herself at all.

One, simple gesture to help aid in the cause to bring joy to our neighbors is by saying, "Happy Holidays" this time of year. But, even that has struck the ire of people, as of late. Starbucks, of all places, turned into a battlefield, simply by issuing out a red and white cup, with faint images of snowflakes. It's similar to what the coffee chain has done in previous years; not singling out a particular religious faith, just changing the script on their usual brand to commemorate what many consider a festive time a year. By many, that includes Judaism (Hanukkah), Pagans (Yule), Mwlid al-Nabi (Islam), Zoroastrian (Zarathosht Diso) and Christians (Christmas). But, a group considered the red cup a "War on Christmas." Social media fueled the fire, and before you knew it, the issue made it to the lips of presidential hopefuls.

And, instead of the issue being received by a mild-mannered, compassionate audience, it was addressed by quite the opposite. Of course, when it

comes to politics, there doesn't seem to be any room for a middle ground anymore. Despite that fact, that's exactly where Starbucks was trying to reside here, and did so comfortably before.

For the love of all that is holy, people need to take a breath and see the compassion others are trying to share today. We live in a diverse world where we all express ourselves in different ways. But, in most cases, in our society, a smile is a universal sign of welcoming. (There is an exception to every rule, but chances are, if someone is smiling at you in town, it's a friendly gesture. Embrace it.) If that smile is followed by "Happy Holidays," don't take it as an insult. Likewise, if your "Happy Holidays" is met with a "Merry Christmas," smile back and enjoy the moment!

Salaam Alaykum.

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Salaam Alaykum.

■ GET TO KNOW ...



**Oliver,
Therapy dog**

Residence: Delmar

What kind of music do you listen to, and do you have any favorite musicians?

Actually, after I go to Albany Medical Center on Tuesday mornings to do my therapy dog work, I go with my mom to her orchestra rehearsal. She plays with the Albany Area Senior Orchestra, and I like to sit in front of the trumpets and trombones. At home, my favorite song is "Who Let the Dogs Out" by the Baha Men. Other groups I like are Three Dog Night and Snoopy Doggy Dog.

What TV shows do you watch?

I do like to watch the Puppy Bowl, the Westminster Dog Show, and anything with Scooby Doo or Snoopy.

What types of books do you like to read?

I spend a lot of time listening to

kids read to me. At Eagle, Elsmere, and Hamagrael elementary, the Bethlehem Children's School and at the Bethlehem library, I get to hear so many great books, it's hard to narrow it down to my favorites. I do love the "Biscuit" books about a dog who says woof all the time, "Henry and Mudge" (some kids think I look like Mudge), and of course books about Clifford the big red dog. Anything by Dr. Seuss is great, although I know them all by heart by now. I do like some adult books about dogs, too, like "The Art of Racing in the Rain" (although it made me cry), and anything by David Rosenfelt.

What was the last movie you saw?

I used to say my favorite movies were the "Beethoven" movies and all of the "Air Bud" movies. I also liked "Turner and Hooch." I had to watch "Frozen" about 30

times so I could understand what all those first graders were talking about all the time. But my favorite movie of all time is "Best in Show." I just watched it again last week. It's hilarious!

What are some of your favorite hobbies?

I have to say my favorite hobby is meeting people during my therapy dog visits. In addition to all of the schools I mentioned, I love going to Albany Medical Center, to many BOCES and Questar classes, the Center for Disability Services, St. Catherine's Center and many others. Recently, we've been going to all of the colleges to help those poor stressed students relax before exams. I also like going to Bethlehem High School before exams! I'm a very busy dog. But I have to admit, my most favorite hobby of all is being petted and having belly rubs.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Town Board appoint with caution to interests

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

One of the first official acts taken by the new Town Board will be to appoint an interim town board members to fill the vacancy left by Bill Reinhardt and it is important, especially for an administration that prides itself on transparency, that this process be open and honest and the names of all applicants be made public. The appointment should serve the best interest and will of the people of Bethlehem and not simply be another example of "politics as usual."

Moreover, to avoid creating the appearance of impropriety, the members of our Town Board have an ethical and possible legal obligation to recuse themselves from voting on the appointment of any interim town board members candidate who has made a recent financial contribution to

the campaign of a current board member. This is important since it could reasonably be inferred that the campaign contribution was made in the hope that the board member would in turn use their position on the board to vote in favor of appointing that contributor should they apply for the interim town board position.

The New York State Ethics Commission has issued an Advisory Opinion (No. 98-12) that provides important guidance on this point and states that, "if a State employee has appropriately solicited a political contribution... from a person or entity and subsequently the person or entity has a matter before him... he must recuse himself from the matter" to avoid creating the appearance of impropriety. In making its funding, the Ethics Commission cited New York State's Code of

Ethics, contained in Public Officers Law Section 74, which prohibits state officers of employees from engaging in activities having a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict with respect to the performance of his or her public duties. One can certainly see how voting to appoint someone who contributed to one's campaign to a paid position on the Town Board could present a conflict of interest.

I trust that the town supervisor and new town board members will be mindful of these legal and ethical concerns when voting to appoint the interim town board member and I, along with the residents of Bethlehem, should expect each board member to recuse him or herself from voting on any candidate from whom they received campaign contributions.

Marie Campone,
Delmar



Darn good donation

Darn Good Yarn donated hundreds of balls of yarn, recycled silk knitting bags and knitting needles to residents and volunteers of The Terrace at Beverwyck's knitting group Dec. 10. The donation will help the knitting group continue its work of creating baby blankets, hats, scarves and lap blankets, which are donated to local organizations.

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