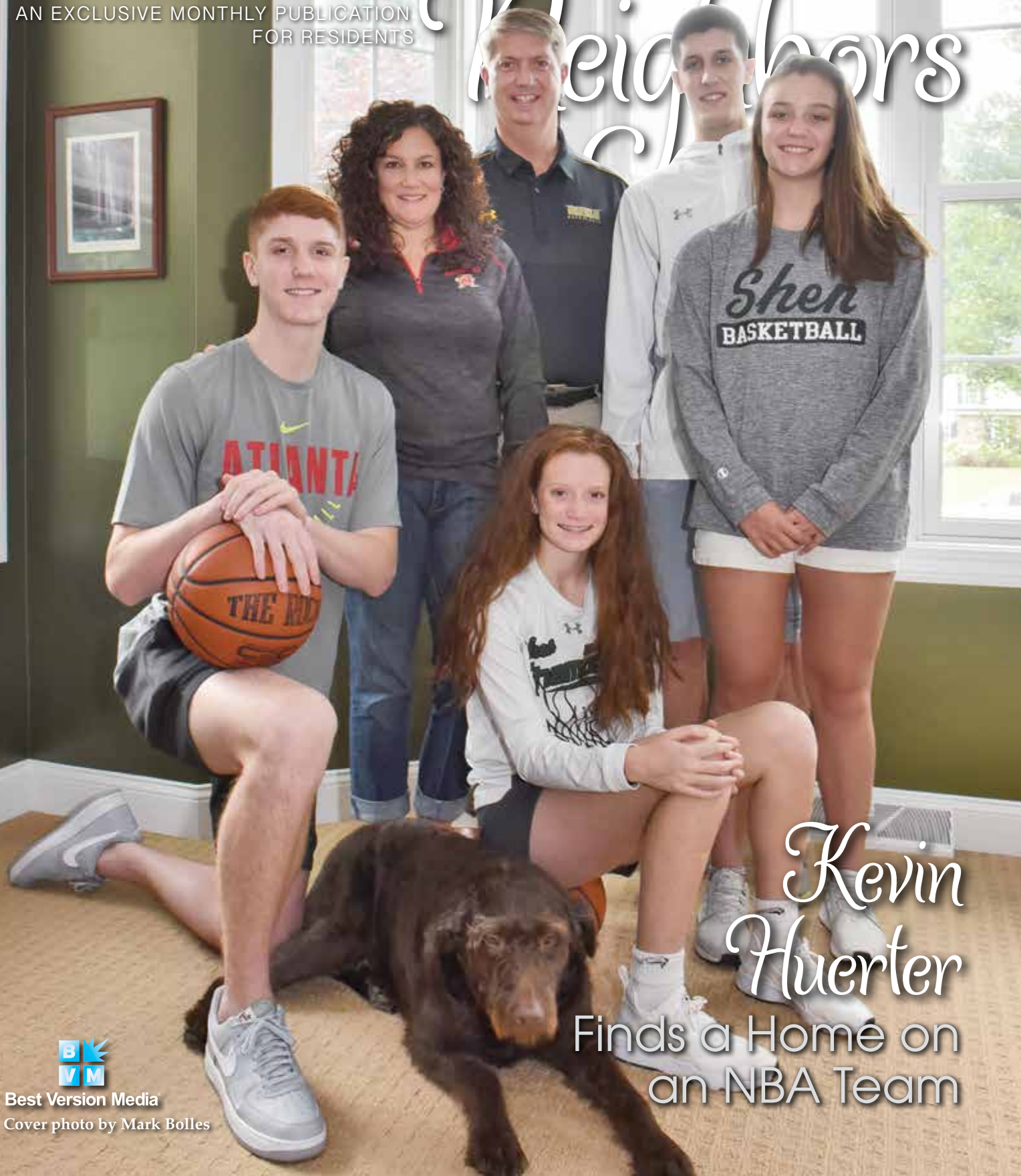


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*Kevin
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No one knows this better than the Huerter family. Through years of sports, with Dad coaching and the kids playing, they have grown together as a family while they have each succeeded as individuals. Their focus on always working hard to constantly improve themselves is a lesson that Eamon Delaney has learned through the sport of Luge as well – not only having fun competing and speeding downhill, but scoring as a scholar too.

Teamwork is critical in most everything we do, helping folks like Rayn Boncie take her dream of helping her foster sister to grow into an incredible charity called Things Of My Very Own, assisting over 5,000 individuals each year.

These are some of the things I LOVE about Clifton Park! Every month we find more folks giving back, from golfing for good to run/walks and even car shows for charity. We have taken this opportunity to include a list of many additional charities here who welcome your time, your efforts and your goods to help others. Please really look at this list when you're taking time to organize and clean out this fall.

October is also a time for fun! From corn mazes and hayrides to haunted houses and Halloween, it's a great time to put on a cozy sweater and get out in the community to enjoy the many events we have around town, all while taking in the beautiful sights and sounds of fall.

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We've all experienced it from time to time: bloating, gas and discomfort. Was it something you ate?

One of the most probable suspects is an imbalance within your gut's bacterial ecosystem, called the microbiota.

Bacteria play important roles, such as aiding in digestion, absorbing nutrients, helping the immune system function, producing B and K vitamins and consuming waste, which prevents pathogenic bacteria from overwhelming the system. Healthy bacteria also promote a healthy inflammatory response as well as help promote weight management, appetite control and healthy carbohydrate metabolism.

Yet a number of factors can upset the balance, including aging, environment, food choices, stress, medications and more.

1) Yogurt: What makes yogurt one of the most easily digested foods? The health-enhancing probiotics that create it during fermentation. They're called "live active cultures." But watch the sugar content! Sugar is great... for feeding bad bacteria. If you prefer your yogurt on the sweeter side, add fresh fruit.

2) Fermented Veggies: Sauerkraut, pickles and kimchi are made through the process of lacto-fermentation. As a result, they are sources of the all-important probiotics. However, many store-bought versions of pickles and sauerkraut are pickled in vinegar and do NOT contain live active cultures. So seek your fermented veggies in the refrigerated case, soaking in their own brine (water and salt mixture) rather than in vinegar.

3) Fibrous Foods: While they don't necessarily supply probiotics, fibrous foods do help support digestion and regularity, and most of us don't eat nearly enough. Certain fibrous foods also contain "prebiotics," which help probiotics grow and flourish within our guts by providing the food they love to eat. Good sources include garlic, leeks, onions, asparagus, bananas (particularly green bananas), oats and apples. Veggies, of course, as well as fruits like berries are great sources of fiber, as are beans and nuts.

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Things of My Very Own

By Samantha Garcia

Founder Rayn Boncie began Things of My Very Own (TOMVO) in 2008. Growing up, Rayn was in and out of the foster care system. One night, she noticed the clothes provided for her foster care sister were so painfully tight they were creating welts in her skin. In that moment, she made a silent promise to her sister to start TOMVO so people in her sister's situation would never have to experience something like that again. Now, with what started as a humble goal of reaching 800 people in a year, 10 years later has blossomed and now reaches over 5,000 children a year. "What started in the mind of a 14-year-old girl came to

fruition years later. It became bigger than she ever thought it would," says Faith Moore, the Family Services Worker.

TOMVO is small non-profit, with six dedicated employees. It's comfortably placed in the Stockade District of Schenectady, the oldest neighborhood in the country. As you walk up the street, you are greeted with a warm burgundy building. The moment you step in, it feels like you've walked into a living room, furnished with large plush couches that create a comfortable atmosphere. TOMVO's mission is to keep children out of the foster care system and with non-abusive family members to reduce the level of trauma in children. By offering immediate support and relief for the community members that seek their help

in urgent crisis situations, you can instantly feel that they stay true to their mission. "We want to make sure people feel stress free because they're coming out of extremely stressful situations," says Faith.

Often, it is the grandparents of toddlers that are brought into Faith's office, caught off guard during an urgent crisis, to avoid a Child Protective Services intervention. Once Faith clarifies their situation, within only 4 minutes, a week's worth of aid for the child has been packed

and handed to the families, *in the moment*, no strings attached. TOMVO is a resource for solace, reassurance and validation. The emotional trauma of a crisis can cut deeper than what physical items can remedy in the moment. Therefore, their main priority beyond the materials is to make the emotionally vulnerable caregivers feel valued and important by reassuring them of their worth and resilience and helping the children through restorative programs, such as team-building classes and exercises.

One of their biggest challenges is receiving the financial support essential to be able to keep the lights on and provide for their staff. Volunteers will often donate items that can be bought at a significantly lower wholesale price to help out. Despite this challenge, "Everyone is loving and generous. Everyone gives 100%," says Faith proudly. Things of My Very Own continues to open their doors with arms wide open, ready to face the day, and quite often, the night.

For more information about Things of My Very Own and how you can help, visit www.thingsogmyveryown.org. ■



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By Pete Bardunias, President/CEO, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County

Mark Becker (center) of **Cartridge World** (200 Clifton Corporate Parkway Ste 277, Clifton Park, 518-371-2207, www.cartridgeworldusa.com/store24), was joined by his wife Tamie and Cartridge World Master Franchisee Greg Carafello, plus Chamber of Southern Saratoga County (CSSC) President/CEO Pete Bardunias (far left), Adam Kramer representing Senator Jim Tedisco (2nd from right) and CSSC Vice President Liz Roggenbuck (far right) for the Grand Opening of their new downtown Clifton Park office right in DCG's new Town Plaza. Mr. Carafello, a survivor of the September 11, 2001 attacks on Manhattan's World Trade Center, is the first 9/11 business tenant to reopen an office in the new Freedom Tower.



Craig Hayner and his wife Carolyn (center), area elected officials and staff/volunteers of the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County, celebrated a milestone in July as the new **Hayner's Food & Ice Cream** (518-664-2412) opened at their former Ice Cream Hall of Fame location at 148 Route 236 in Halfmoon. The tasty sandwiches and other fare now compliments the 40 flavors of quality soft and hard ice creams, and there is always some great corn and other produce from Harvey Hayner's fields. The Grand Opening event was sponsored by Mohawk Honda and free ice cream was handed out to many participants and well wishers. Hayner's Food & Ice Cream is one of the great reasons to visit the Town of Halfmoon and explore the nearby town parks.

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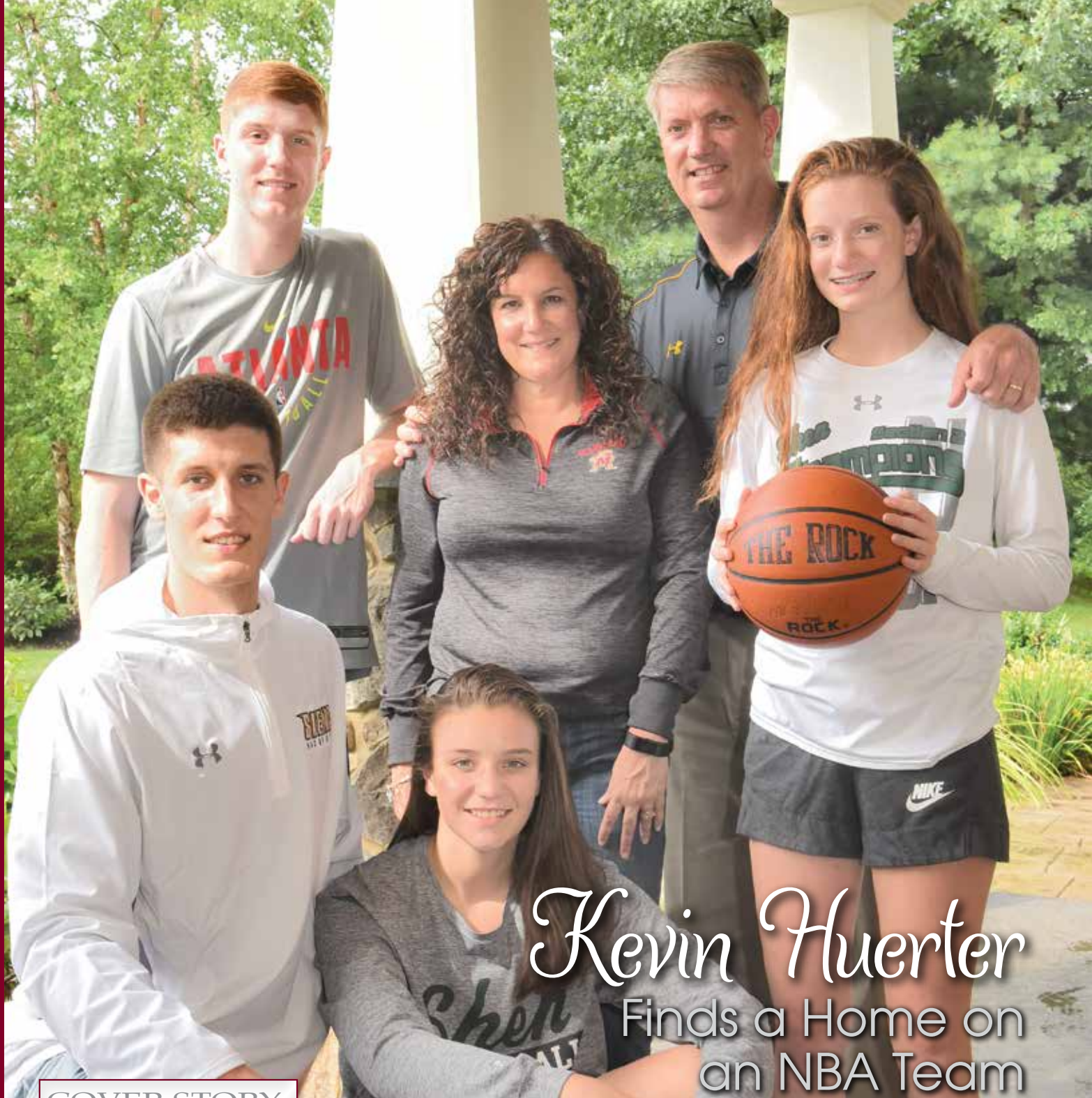
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Kevin Huerter

Finds a Home on an NBA Team

COVER STORY

By Jenna Caputo

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When Kevin Huerter first started playing basketball on his Fisher Price “Grow to Pro” hoop at around two years old, his family had no idea that “pro” was really going to happen. Now entering the NBA with the Atlanta Hawks after the exciting announcement this past June, Kevin and his athletic family are on an unexpected ride that has garnered an immense support from their hometown.

Tom and Erin Huerter, Kevin’s parents, were both born and raised here in the Capital District. Tom attended

Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake School district and Erin lived in Watervliet and attended Catholic Central High School in Troy. They both attended Siena College for their degrees, where they met. Eventually, they were married at the Siena Chapel on campus and decided to buy their first house in Clifton Park after falling in love with the area. Erin worked for Pioneer Bank for 26 years and for the last 19 years, Tom has owned Huersch Marketing Group based in Green Island, NY. Tom played basketball as well, attending Siena on a full athletic scholarship, but they didn’t realize that their whole family would end up involved in the sport.

CLIFTON PARK *Neighbors*

When they were little, Kevin and his brother, Tom, Jr., played for hours in their living room on the Fisher Price hoop or out on the hoop in the driveway. Kevin quickly joined other organizations, starting with the Clifton Park YMCA program on Saturday mornings. He played travel basketball for Clifton Park through the Capital District Youth basketball league, then played high school level as a seventh grader in Gowana Middle School. He was on the freshman team in 7th grade, joined junior varsity in 8th grade and then switched to varsity for the rest of high school. In addition to his school team, Kevin also played Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball through Albany City Rocks and for Hoop Nation, a program that Tom helped start with four other friends when their boys were in 2nd and 3rd grade. There weren't many opportunities for AAU in the area, and they wanted something that all of the kids could play in. Fielding 13 teams each season, the program was a great success and eventually merged with Albany City Rocks.

Competing in the Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw contest at 10 years old, Kevin won each competition throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania before ultimately losing just before the national competition. In his junior year, the team won the Class AA NYS Basketball championship. His brother was also on the team with him that year, which made it an extra special win for the Huerter household before Kevin went to Maryland to play college basketball with the Maryland Terrapins.

While basketball is his first love, Kevin also played baseball competitively since he was four years old, first for the Clifton Park Baseball League, then for Shen. While playing for the Clifton Park Knights, his team worked their way to compete in two World Series when Kevin was 12 and again at 14. In 2016, his senior year at Shen, his team won the Class AA NYS Baseball Championship.

While he has been on a whirlwind basketball ride, Kevin was forced to take a step back after injuring his right hand during a game for Maryland this past February. Initially,



he thought he had just jammed his pinky finger, but after examination, they realized it was a pulled ligament. Treatment was only to rest it while the ligaments healed. Because of this forced break, he ultimately attended the NBA Combine in May, but after shaking so many hands and getting repetitively squeezed at the exact location of the injury, his hand worsened and he went to a specialist in New York City to be evaluated. The ligament was actually completely separated from the bone and he started his summer with surgery to reattach it. The full recovery period was 12 weeks and Kevin is now eager to get out and play again. He is looking forward to starting the season with the Atlanta Hawks and is hoping to find a way to get on the court quickly.

The whole experience has been surreal but the support of the community has been much appreciated by Kevin and his family. "It's been a long road that came really quickly," says Kevin. "I didn't expect to be where I'm at this early in my life. But every court I've ever stepped on I always felt like I belonged and I expect to do that at this level too. The support has been overwhelming at times, especially when I'm home. I don't always realize the support when I've been away, but when I come home and do community events, you realize all the people that follow you and have your back."

Meanwhile, his family continues to play back at home. Tom, Jr. (21) is now a junior at Siena, majoring in Management on a full athletic scholarship with the Siena Men's Basketball team. Their sisters, Meaghan (15), a sophomore at Shen, plays varsity girls basketball, AAU





Basketball for Albany City Rocks and Junior Varsity girls lacrosse; and Jillian (14), a freshman at Shen, also hopes to play varsity girls basketball, AAU with Albany City Rocks and modified girls lacrosse.

Tom, Sr. continues to coach, most recently finishing coaching Meghan and Jillian in their spring/summer

AAU season. Having their kids play professionally was never something Tom and Erin talked about while the kids were growing up. They focused on working hard, always improving and just being able to compete on the current teams they were aspiring to make at the time or the team they were currently on. It wasn't until NBA agents started reaching out to them during Kevin's time with Maryland during his freshman and sophomore years that they realized he might have the potential to play professionally.

"The whole experience has been surreal and a whirlwind," says Erin. "To watch Kevin have the success he's experienced at such a young age has been unbelievable. We are very proud of how he handles himself. As the kids have grown up, we've tried to prepare them for the different scenarios they could find themselves in, whether it be interacting with friends, teachers, coaches, adults, etc. With Kevin interacting in the NBA world, these are uncharted waters for all of us and he's had to figure things out on his own pretty quickly. I think the family as a whole has enjoyed the past few months. It's incredible how many local people are very supportive of Kevin and say things to all of us. Flying to Atlanta to meet the Hawks' General Manager and Head Coach and tour the practice facilities was something we all did together. It was really neat to be able to do that as a family and be supportive of Kevin in this next phase of his life."

The Huerters are proud of all of their hardworking kids as they wait to see what happens this upcoming season in each of their respective teams and upcoming tryouts. In the meantime, they enjoy playing with their four year old labradoodle, Charlie. He has his own "voice" that keeps them laughing. "We've created a persona of him that is lazy and not so smart, but he observes everything," says Kevin. "He brings a lot of joy to our family. He is well loved!" ■

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EAMON DELANEY

Encouraged to Explore His Passions

By Samantha Coons

When Eamon Delaney finds a new passion, he gives it his all and he isn't afraid of trying new things. It is this attitude that has led him to find fun and challenging hobbies. Eamon is a seventh-grade student at Brown School. His favorite subject is science because of the mystery that lays within it. "We get to experiment with different ideas and sometimes even do hands-on activities," said Eamon.

Eamon would rather play sports than watch them and he found his passion in luge. This past May he was asked to join the Junior Development USA Luge Team (Junior D), which is the first step in the feeder program for the USA Olympic Luge Team. When Eamon was just eleven years old, he found out about a local event in Schenectady called the "Slider Search." This is where he first fell in love with the sport. He then attended screening camps in Lake Placid, which led him to be asked onto the Junior D team. Eamon is excited to continue his training, "I am really looking forward to sliding as fast as I can, without crashing, of course."

Luge isn't Eamon's only hobby, as

he also enjoys creating origami. He once came across an origami book in his sister's room and was fascinated by the art. He began to teach himself how to create his own masterpieces from that book, then took it upon himself to find YouTube videos so he could learn more. "My favorite origami is a Flasher Hat that expands to fit your head and collapses into something that can fit

into your pocket," said Eamon.

When asked who his role models are, Eamon said his parents because they do so much for him and his sister. Eamon is lucky to have a great support network in the Brown School and at home, where he is inspired to explore his passions. He is excited to begin the school year so he can see his friends, and hopes to make new ones, too. ■

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Donation Drop-Offs

By Brianna Cochran

Fall cleanup is a great time to clear out some of that old household clutter. Did you know that there are quite a few organizations in the area that take donations?

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Tuesday, Oct 2

EXPECTANT PARENT NIGHT

@ Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Springs
 This class will introduce expectant parents to the Women's Health Services Unit and includes an overview of available services, including other classes and a tour of the Maternity Unit. Dr. Jennifer Lefner, Chief of Newborn Medicine, Saratoga Hospital Midwives and the Myrtle Street Obstetrics & Gynecology Group, will be present. Registration required; call 518-580-2450 or register online at saratogahospital.org/classes.

Time: 7:30- 8:30pm

Cost: FREE

Wednesday, Oct 3

ALBANY JOB FAIR

@ Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Latham, Latham

More than 50 companies will be at the Albany Job Fair and you will have the opportunity to interview on the spot and maybe even find your dream job!

Time: 9am-4:30pm

Cost: FREE

Wednesday, Oct 3

SARATOGA CAREER BUILDING EXPO

@ Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs

Get lifelong skills and tips for interviewing with employers at this Career Building Expo. Make sure to dress professionally and bring an enthusiastic attitude!

Time: 10am-4pm

Cost: FREE

Thursday, Oct 4

NY GOAT YOGA IN THE WOODS

@ Into The Woods Farm, Middle Grove

A class for people at any level of yoga experience, taught by Christine Riccio. After class, there will be time for photos with the goats and a short walk in the woods with the herd.

Time: 6-7:30pm

Cost: \$30

Thursday, Oct 4

SARATOGA COUNTY BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS EXPO

@ Saratoga Springs City Center, Saratoga Springs

Join nearly 150 exhibitors and over 2500 attendees for the largest networking opportunity in the Capital Region. For more information and to register visit <https://chamber.saratoga.org/events/details/2018-saratoga-county-business-to-business-expo-36177>

Time: 3:30-7pm

Cost: \$5 for non-business members with a business card, FREE for spectators

Thursday, Oct 4 – Sunday, Oct 7

MARVEL UNIVERSE LIVE!

@ Times Union Center, Albany

Your favorite Marvel superheroes are taking the stage for a legendary battle

against the villainous Loki. Fans of all ages will be immersed in this action-packed spectacle.

Time: 10/4 - 7:00pm; 10/5 - 7:00pm;

10/6 - 11:00am, 3:00pm,

7:00pm; 10/7 - 12:00pm, 4:00pm

Cost: \$30 (prices may vary)

Friday, Oct 5 – Sunday, Oct 28

FIELD OF HORRORS

@ 100 Farrell Road, Brunswick

Get ready for Halloween with the Field of Horrors, which features a number of scary rides and attractions including Toxic Terror, Return of the Mummy's Curse, Trail of Terror Hayride, Death Trap and Insanity. (Not recommended for children under 10.)

Time: 6:30pm (Oct 5, 6, 7); 6pm (Oct 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 25-28)

Cost: \$27

Fridays (Oct 5, 12, 19 & 26) Saturdays (Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27) & Sunday Oct 7

NIGHTMARES AT LIBERTY RIDGE FARM

@ Liberty Ridge Farm, Schaghticoke

At Nightmares you will find six Haunted Attractions every Friday night in October, all full of the scariest monsters and creepiest creatures you

can dream up. Here you will find all of your classic Halloween activities and then some.

Time: 7pm

Friday Oct 5 & 12, Thursdays Oct 18 & 25

DOUBLE M HAUNTED HAYRIDE

@ 678 New York 67, Ballston Spa

Double M Haunted Hayrides has been creating fear for over 25 years in Upstate New York!

Time 7pm

Saturday, Oct 6

SARATOGA INTERNATIONAL FLAVORFEAST

@ Downtown Saratoga Springs

Get a taste of flavors from around the world at the International Flavorfeast. With foods from France, China, Japan, Italy, Mexico & more, you don't want to miss out on this!

Time: 11am-4pm

Cost: FREE admission, \$1 food samples

Sunday, Oct 7

16TH ANNUAL "THE WAY WE WERE" CAR SHOW

@ Front Street, Ballston Spa

The Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association (BSBPA) is pleased to present the 16th Annual "The Way We Were" Car Show,

Sunday, October 7, from 9 am- 4 pm.

Rain date for the event is Sunday, October 14.

Time: 9am-4pm

Mondays

(Oct 8, 15, 22, 29 & Nov 5)

DROP-IN PJ STORYTIME

@ Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, Clifton Park

This lively, drop-in story time is a nice opportunity for children whose parents work outside the home. Pajamas encouraged! For families with children ages 2-6; no registration required.

Time: 6:15pm

Cost: FREE

Friday, Oct 12 – Saturday, Oct 13

RORY ALBANESE & GUESTS AT THE COMEDY WORKS COMEDY CLUB

@ The Comedy Works Comedy Club, Saratoga Springs

See Daily Show alum and 9-time Emmy winner, Rory Albanese, perform stand-up comedy in Saratoga Springs.

Time: 7:30-9pm

Cost: \$20.00 in advance; \$25 day of show.

Dinner & Show package - \$44.95 in advance; \$49.95 day of show

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Saturday, Oct 13 – Sunday, Oct 14

30TH ANNUAL GOOLD ORCHARD APPLE FESTIVAL

@ Goold Orchards, Castleton
This festival celebrates the arts, crafts and agriculture of the Capital Region. Fresh food, pick-your-own apples and pumpkins, live entertainment, craft vendors, horse-drawn wagon rides, wine tasting, and more will be offered.

Time: 9 am- 5pm

Cost: \$10 (kids 12 and under get in FREE)

Saturday, Oct 13

RUNNING SCCCARED 5K FAMILY RUN/WALK

@ The Crossings of Colonie, Loudonville

In addition to the 1-mile run/ walk and 5K run/ walk, there will be refreshments and activities for children and families. The first 300 registered participants who are 13 and older will get a free t-shirt the day of the race. All kids 12 and under will receive a free drawstring trick-or-treat bag. Register by calling 518-453-6756 or emailing arossi@st-cath.org.

Time: 9:30am (1 mile kids run/walk), 10:30am (family 5K run/walk)

Cost: Adults 21+: \$25; Students 13-20: \$20; 12 and under: FREE; Race Day

Registration: \$30

Sunday, Oct 14

PEAKFEST 2018

@ Saratoga County Airport, Ballston Spa

Enjoy games, raffles, local vendors, food trucks, crafts, helicopter rides & more at the fourth annual PEAKFest. Local musician, Sydney Worthley, will perform.

Time: 12-4pm

Cost: FREE

Sunday, Oct 14

DARK TRANQUILITY AT UPSTATE CONCERT HALL

@ Upstate Concert Hall, Clifton Park
See the band Dark Tranquility along with other musical acts perform at the Upstate Concert Hall.

Time: 8pm | Cost: \$45

Thursday, Oct 18

CLASSIC ITALIAN COCKTAILS: MIXOLOGY SERIES WITH PIETRO LUCA BORDIGNON AT CHIANTI IL RISTORANTE

@ Chianti Il Ristorante,
Saratoga Springs

A hands-on experience where you can learn how to make two Italian cocktails from start to finish: Amaro Mule and Negroni Sbagliato.

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Cost: \$25 plus tax and tip

Saturday, Oct 20

CHILDREN'S STAR SIGHTING AT HENRY HUDSON PLANETARIUM

@ Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, Albany

An interactive program for young kids studying stars, planets, and comets in the night sky. Fun for the whole family!

Time: 11am- 12pm

Cost: \$3

Wednesday, Oct 24

GETTING ORGANIZED LATER IN LIFE

@ Halfmoon Senior Center, Halfmoon
Shenendehowa Neighbors Connecting, a newly formed Village, will present a program on "Getting Organized Later in Life" with program presenter, Jordana Turcotte, a professional organizer. She will discuss organizing tips to prepare for downsizing to move or to make your home more functional.

Time: 12:30pm

Cost: FREE

Sunday, Oct 28 – Wednesday, Oct 31

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD LIVE!

@ National Museum of Dance, Saratoga Springs
In honor of the film's 50th anniversary, iTheatre Saratoga presents a multi-media production of *Night of the Living Dead*!

Time: 8:30-10pm

Cost: \$25 (adults); \$15 (students)

Sunday, Oct 28

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR AT NYSM

@ New York State Museum, 4th Floor Terrace Albany

The Halloween Spooktacular features arts and crafts, games, science, storytelling & plenty of tricks and treats. Costumes encouraged!

Time: 12-4pm

Cost: FREE

Tuesday, Oct 30

MEMORY CARE FORUM

@ Saratoga Hospital,
Saratoga Springs

If you've noticed degradations in your memory or in that of a loved one, stop by this information forum. Experts in the field of memory health will go over strategies and resources to help improve safety, independence and general day-to-day functioning.

Time: 6:30-8pm

Cost: FREE

Wednesday, Oct 31

CROSSGATES MALL-O-WEEN

@ One Crossgates Mall Road, Albany
Enjoy games, dancing and candy stations throughout the Crossgates Mall. Make sure to dress up for the costume contest located on the lower level Lord & Taylor Court.

Time: 3-6pm

Cost: FREE

Saratoga Arts

Contributed by Emma Huneck, Saratoga Arts

At the Arts Center...

All are invited to visit Saratoga Arts at 320 Broadway in Saratoga Springs to view "Then & Now," a multi-disciplinary exhibition celebrating the past and present work of artists who have received Individual Artist Grants through Saratoga Arts' Community Arts Grant Program. These highly competitive grants are designed to support artists making new work and developing new approaches to its creation. Artist Grants provide awards of \$2,500 directly to artists for the creation of new work that reflects local community life or culture and engages a community in the creative process. In the past twenty years, Saratoga Arts has awarded a total of \$118,500 to 45 individual artists living in Fulton, Montgomery and Saratoga Counties, supporting creative projects in all arts disciplines. The



Points of Interest by Ben Schwab

exhibition will be on display through November 3. Visit Saratoga Arts weekdays from 9am-5pm and Saturdays from 11am-5pm.

At The Library...

Visit the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library through October 29 to view photography exhibitions by Dave Waite and Helenmarie Patashnick. Both exhibitions are on view on the second floor, at the top of the stairs. ■

HISTORY

Barney House

By John Scherer, Clifton Park Town Historian

Barney House, Barney Road, Clifton Knolls, c. 1940: This farmhouse stood near the present Barney Road Pool in Clifton Knolls. It was last owned by Vincent "Jimmy" Secada, a native of Spain, who raised veal calves and stored hay in half of his house. Secada developed the present Clifton Knolls ponds. He stocked them with fish, and rented one-day fishing permits to city folks

who came out to spend the day. When he sold his land to Robert Van Patten for his Clifton Knolls development, he insisted the ponds be preserved. Secada was responsible for naming the streets in Van Patten's development with Spanish names such as El Dorado, Par Del Rio and Casablanca. Clifton Knolls will be featured in an exhibit and special program entitled "Clifton Park



Develops," to be held during October at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library. A PowerPoint presentation will be given at the library on Friday, October 12 at 10:30 AM. ■

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