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Chamber mainstay moving on



After 25 years as its president, Marty DeLaney will be leaving the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at the end of September.

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DeLaney leaving

After 25 years, executive says it's time for a change

By CHARLES WIFF
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After 25 years with Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, President Marty DeLaney will be vacating her office at the end of September, and there's a consensus she's leaving the organization larger and stronger than she found it.

When DeLaney joined the Chamber in 1985, it had about 100 members and \$7,000 in the bank, said board member Greg Turner of Burt Anthony Associates.

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Proposal addresses attachment release

Draft available for public input

By CHARLES WIFF
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A proposal that would establish a standard procedure for the prior release of information pertaining to Bethlehem Town Board meetings may be nearing completion.

Involved parties say they're largely satisfied with the most recent draft of the policy, which stipulates the attachments for a meeting — memos and other information distributed to board members dealing with agenda items — would be posted on the town's website two days before Town Board meetings.

Provisions are included to prevent the release of personal information, trade secrets, contract information or other confidential documents. The town clerk would make final decisions.

Councilman Mark Hennessey has been spearheading the effort to bring attachments to the public, and while this latest version has been scaled back from his original plan, he said he feels it's a solid proposal.

"This is the first step in creating a greater sense of communication and openness with town residents," he said.

The agenda attachment issue has been the subject of debate for several months now. It came to the foreground when Hennessey posted many of the attachments pertaining to an April meeting on his own website. At the time, Supervisor Sam Messina said he was displeased with the move, saying a procedure should be put in place for the release of documents. He also said he had concerns about protecting confidential information and not placing a burden on town staffers, who would have to review and release the documents.

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Mr. Hartunian goes to Washington

Delmar teen's mock government trip includes meeting with president

By CHARLES WIFF
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It takes some political acumen to go from state representative to campaign manager for the president to secretary of education, all in a matter of weeks. Unless, of course, you're John Hartunian, who did just that as part of the American Legion's Boys Nation program, a mock government exer-

cise in Washington, D.C., the Delmar teen recently returned from.

Hartunian's trip to Boys Nation started as it does for many of our national representatives: on the state level. He participated in Boys State this June at SUNY Morrisville, where nearly 1,000 participants from around the state met to form a mock state government the last week of July.

There, a panel of American Legion members conducted several rounds of interviews. In the end, Hartunian was one of two teens chosen to represent his state in Washington, D.C.

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John Hartunian, right, with Boys Nation President Charlie Brown at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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Fire damages home



A fire did heavy damage to a home at 112 Hasgate Drive in Delmar on Wednesday, Aug. 4, and police are asking that anyone with more information about it come forward. Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department said fire investigators haven't yet determined a cause. The call for the fire came in at about 11:20 a.m. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 439-9973.

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Police blotter

Glenmont man charged with DWI

State police on Thursday, July 29, arrested Matthew J. Dupuis, 26, of Glenmont, and charged him with DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree. The arrest occurred on Manor Drive. He was released to a third party.

• State police on Wednesday, July 28, arrested Karen C. Lattibeaudier, 41, of Gunderland, and charged her with grand larceny in the third degree, falsifying business records in the first degree and offering to file a false instrument in the first degree, all felonies.

• Bethlehem police on Saturday, July 24, arrested Daniel J. Urschel, 37, of 101 Cherry Avenue A101, Delmar, and charged him with aggravated DWI and traffic infractions.

Police stopped Urschel's 2009 Hyundai Accent near the intersection of Elsmere and Delaware avenues at around 3:26 a.m. Police said his vehicle's driver's side headlight was out and when he made a left turn onto Delaware Avenue, he straddled the westbound lanes of travel. He continued to the Stewart's station before stopping for police's emergency lights, according to arrest reports.

Police observed damage to Urschel's driver's side mirror, the left front corner of his vehicle and the vehicle's tire rim. Urschel "appeared heavily intoxicated with the heavy smell of alcoholic beverages [coming] from his breath," according to police.

Urschel said he thought he hit something at the Stewart's Shop on Frontage Road, and when asked to exit the vehicle was unsteady on his feet and had to use the vehicle for support, police said. He performed sobriety tests under the canopy of the Stewart's Shop due to rain, and failed several tests. He allegedly made multiple admissions to drinking too much and being unable to take the tests, and several tests were not administered due to his level of intoxication, police said.

After an investigation, police said they believed the damage to his car took place between Urschel's

place of work on Chapel Street in Albany and the Glenmont Stewart's Shop. The clerk at the store allegedly saw his vehicle pull into the parking lot with the damage already done.

A chemical test at the police station allegedly showed Urschel's BAC to be .26 percent. He was given a date in Bethlehem Town Court of Tuesday, Aug. 17.

• Bethlehem police on Friday, July 30, arrested Glenn A. Storm, 48, of 154 Flat Bush Road, West Cossackie, and charged him with DWI and traffic infractions.

Police pulled Storm's 1985 GMC pickup truck over at about 9:12 p.m. on River Road in Glenmont after police allegedly observed him speeding. When asked for his license and registration, Storm allegedly handed police his credit card before producing the documents. He said he was on his way home from his girlfriend's house in Albany, according to police.

Police said Storm had the odor of alcohol on his breath, had watery, bloodshot eyes and was slurring his speech. He failed several field sobriety tests and was taken into custody, according to police.

At the police station, he repeatedly refused to submit to a chemical test, police said. He was remanded to Albany County jail on \$750 cash bail or \$1,500 bail bond. A DMV refusal hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3.

• Bethlehem police on Saturday, July 31, arrested Felisa M. Johnson, 39, of 169 North Lake Avenue Apt. 4, Albany, and charged her with DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree and traffic infractions.

Police stopped Johnson's 2003 Escalade near the First Niagara Bank on Delaware Avenue in Delmar for failing to keep right at about 12:56 a.m. Police said Johnson "appeared highly intoxicated" and a DMV check of her license showed her operating privileges had been revoked for failing to answer a summons in the City of Albany. A check also

showed an active bench warrant from the City of Troy Police Department for failure to appear, police said.

Johnson allegedly failed sobriety tests and was taken into custody, and police said they found two bottles of brandy in her car. A follow up with the vehicle's owner showed she had taken the car without permission, according to arrest reports.

At the police station, Johnson refused to take a chemical test, but one hour later changed her mind. That test showed her BAC to be .15 percent, according to police.

Johnson was remanded to Albany County jail on \$2,500 cash bail or \$3,500 bail bond. She was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

• Gunderland Police arrested David Raysor, 45, of Albany on July 12. Raysor allegedly entered Zee-News on June 20 and June 26 between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. and stole New York State Lottery tickets. At the time, Raysor was employed by Unico Janitorial and was assigned to clean Crossgates Mall. Raysor was arraigned in Gunderland Town Court.

• Derik Wirhouski, 36, was arrested by Gunderland Police on June 11 and charged with resisting arrest, harassment and assault.

Police responded to a complaint about a fight at 4289 Western Turnpike, Gunderland. Upon arrival, police were notified that Wirhouski had assaulted both the male and female resident of the home. Wirhouski was found in his home next door, 4287 Western Turnpike, where police say he ran through the home threatening to inflict harm upon the cops. Wirhouski allegedly confronted an officer, and pushed him repeatedly. After multiple attempts to subdue Wirhouski and handcuff him, police were forced to utilize a dry stun taser, police said.

Wirhouski was brought to the station for processing and arraigned in Gunderland Town Court.

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Charges dismissed against homeowner

Delmar man arrested after tackling teen prankster

A Delmar man's legal troubles ended last night in Bethlehem Town Court, as the case against Daniel Van Plew was quickly dismissed by Judge Paul Dwyer.

Van Plew, 37, was arrested after he tackled a teen who had rang his Egmont Court home's doorbell in a game of "ding dong ditch." Robert Madeo, the father of the boy, pressed charges after his son was injured in the altercation.

"Obviously he's very relieved, and he's grateful the charges were dropped," said Peter Gerstenzang, Van Plew's attorney. "Everybody's glad that it's over, and he can get back to worrying about getting a trolling motor and fishing with his kid."

Van Plew chased and tackled the 14-year-old after 10 p.m. on July 17. The youth and his three friends who were also participating were not arrested on trespassing charges because of their age.

The arrest quickly became the talk of the town, and even garnered national media attention.

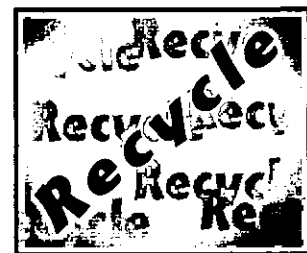
District Attorney David Soares elected not to pursue the charges after reviewing the case.

Gerstenzang said Van Plew appreciated not only a public outpouring of support, but also the treatment he received from police.

"They did arrest him, but they treated him with a great deal of courtesy," he said.

Kristie Hanson, Madeo's attorney, could not be reached.

— Charles Wiff



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"To me, the fair is something that's really exciting and something you can't see anywhere else all summer."

— Stuart Lyman, president of the Altamont Fair



Fairgoers can expect the usual mix of fair activities — from midway fun to fireworks at the 2010 Altamont Fair. New this year will be a flat-rate ticket price.

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Altamont prepares for fair

New flat-rate ticket grants unlimited access to attractions

By CHARLES WIFF
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Days and weeks of trucks rolling down Route 146 to the Altamont Fairgrounds can only mean one thing — the village's yearly celebration is nearly upon us.

The 117th Altamont Fair will run from Tuesday, Aug. 17, to Sunday, Aug. 22, and as always, there will be both new and old attractions to hold the attention of every age and taste.

Perhaps the most significant development for this year's fair is the new \$15 inclusive ticket, which grants fairgoers parking, admission to the fair and all shows and unlimited midway rides. Children 3 and younger get in free.

Wednesday will be seniors and grange members day, and Sunday will be military day, when members of these groups will receive free admission.

The all-inclusive ticket should make the fair even more accessible, said organizer Jane Lyman.

"We took a look at budgets and the economy, and decided that we really wanted to do something to make it a little more family friendly, cost-wise," she said. "It was a recognition of realities and a willingness to share the fair with everybody."

Lyman's husband, Stuart Lyman, is taking the reins as president of the fair for the first time this year, and he's also hoping the new



Returning to the Altamont Fair will be the exhibit, the *Miracle of Birth*, where a calf will be born each day of the fair.

price point opens up the fair to more people.

"To me, the fair is something that's really exciting and something you can't see anywhere else all summer," he said.

(Fun fact: the Lymans have celebrated their anniversary at the fair for the past 30 years.)

And just like previous years, admission will buy you access to more than one person can reasonably see in just one day. The fairgrounds will be home to hundreds of attractions, vendors, rides and refreshment options during the six-day event. The biggest ones promise to satisfy all tastes, with animals, vehicles and daredevil performances.

Sunday is reserved for the Stoney Daniels Demolition Derby, when local drivers will face off in two shows at 1 and 6:30 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

Once again, young area musicians will face off for the Battle of the Teen Bands, which will run from Wednesday through Friday. Finals will be held

on Saturday. Bands have to have a makeup of at least 50 percent teens to enter the contest, and last year, acts came from as far away as New York City to compete.

For those interested in a more natural spectacle, "Wild About Monkeys" will be showing off what Hollywood-trained baboons are capable of during showtimes running the length of the fair. Kevin and Martina Keith's baboons have appeared in films, on television and at fairs around the country.

Yet another national act is the Nerveless Nocks Stunt and Thrill Show, which will run three shows a day through the fair. The daredevil troupe impresses not only with aerial acrobatics, but motorcycle stunts like the iconic "globe of death" and even a motorcycle highwire act.

And following the Nocks' performance on Thursday night will be the return of a fireworks show to the fair, sponsored by Quick Response.

But not all of the fair's

offerings will be big, fast or loud. Craftsmen and artisans will show off their wares, cooks will offer jellies and baked goods and eateries will serve up food to suit all palates.

And in the middle of it all will be the fair's farmland component. As a not-for-profit educational group, the fair seeks to keep visitors connected to agriculture.

Perhaps the most dramatic example of that is "The Miracle of Birth." Each day at the fair, a baby calf will be birthed for an audience. It has been popular since its introduction two years ago.

"Where we live, this is not an everyday experience," Stuart Lyman said. "For this project to happen the week of the fair, we have to start planning 11 months ago, when the cows are bred."

Even with 100,000 annual visitors on average, the Altamont Fair is still staffed by local volunteers and is very much a hometown attraction, said Jane Lyman.

"It's a place to see your friends and old acquaintances," she said. "It's definitely a community vision and a community undertaking."

The Altamont Fair runs from Tuesday, Aug. 17, to Sunday, Aug. 22. The grounds open at 10 a.m., with exhibits starting at 11, and the fair closes at 10 p.m. The fairgrounds are located on Altamont-Voorheesville Road south of the village.

Visit altamontfair.com for a full schedule and more information. A \$1 discount per ticket is applied to advance online orders.

State ups testing standards

Proficiency rates suffer under new guidelines

By CHARLES WIFF
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School districts, parents and students across the state were dealt a surprise when it came to the results of a spring round of standardized testing from students grades three through eight due to new standards adopted by the state Education Department.

The changes shift the proficiency boundaries that define what test scores are adequate for a college-bound student, but don't have any direct impact on this round of testing or the scores.

The adjustments to the "cut scores" were made by the state Board of Regents, which oversees standardized testing in the state. Officials in the Education Department say the proficiency levels — "not meeting learning standards," "partially meeting learning standards," "meeting learning standards" and "meeting learning standards with distinction" — were no longer good indicators of how those students would fare after graduation.

For example, many students who placed in the third tier, "meeting learning standards," ended up needing extra help at the college level.

"It's time to end the annual debate about whether our tests have become easier and to put to rest questions about what it means to achieve proficiency in New York," said state Education Department Senior Deputy Commissioner John King in a statement.

In practical terms, the adjustment to "proficiency levels" has little impact on how well students are doing on the exams. In this latest round of testing, for example, students in the Bethlehem Central School District posted scores that largely lined up with those recorded the year before. In other words, it was a pretty average year.

But for BC, the most recent round of testing in grades three through eight saw the percentage of students meeting proficiency levels dropping across the board, from the upper 80s and lower 90s to as low as the mid-60s.

The changes will impact how administrators and other officials judge the performance of schools and students.

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Why 'control freak' and 'funny' go hand in hand

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Control freaks are either in for a life of utter insanity or one of perpetual disappointment. Either way, if you choose to live your life — as I do — wondering why in the hell everyone else doesn't do things the way you do, you should at least have a sense of humor about it.

Insanity and disappointment get awful tedious without one.

My car will not do what I want it to do. I want it to last indefinitely and it wants to insist that it cannot run as well as it did when it rolled off the assembly line 13 years ago. It seems to have taken on the role of the geriatric pet. It's familiar, somewhat reliable, but looks a little haggard and occasionally a puddle will appear beneath it for no other reason than it just hasn't moved in a while.

The thing that bothers me most of all is that the stereo has decided it's going to do whatever it pleases when I insert a CD into it. I press play and the thing begins to skip, stutter and stammer so much that most of the time I decide to drive in relative silence. (I do not like listening to music on the radio. Having someone else decide what I should listen to drives me batty.)

Commentary:

Pop Culture



A few weeks ago, I found out that if I advance the CD to around the 15-minute mark, the rest of the songs would play uninhibited. Now, when I make CDs on my computer, I make sure to put "Sympathy for the Devil" and "MacArthur Park" as the first two tracks. I have nothing against the Rolling Stones or Richard Harris, but it's just easier to skip ahead only those two rather lengthy songs.

I have to admit, though, that there is one CD in my car that has "Sympathy for the Devil" and "MacArthur Park" as the first and second songs, as well as the third and fourth.

My family does not know how to eat at a buffet. Oh sure, they've got the basics down — go up, get food, eat and repeat — but they don't do it well.

When we were down in Atlantic City (Look at the ladybug, Connor.), we went to an all-you-can-eat-all-day buffet. The way it worked was you paid your price and got a wristband that allowed you to come into the buffet and

eat as much as you wanted as often as you wanted, at any time of the day you wanted to eat.

It combined two of my favorite things: gluttony and control.

My wife is ill equipped to handle such power.

After my second heaping plate of miniature egg rolls, fried shrimp, chicken wings and skewered pork ribs, I push my chair out to go back up for a third.

"Slow down, big guy," says my wife. "You need to watch your weight."

"I have to get my money's worth," I say.

"You don't think you've gotten your money's worth yet?"

"Obviously I haven't," I say.

"The business model at a buffet — just like it is at any business — is to sell a product at more than what it cost to produce. A buffet is slightly different in that the product varies from customer to customer, so it has to ensure that a person cannot possibly eat as much as what they charged you for. Therefore, if I can still eat, then I have not gotten my money's worth. In fact, and what's most likely, is that I'll have to force myself to eat long after it's become remotely enjoyable in order to get my money's worth."

"You are a disgusting man, and I'm not sure why I married you."

I've written before about how I can't stand drivers who don't use their turn signals. There is only one thing a motorist can do to anger me further: Put on their directional in a right-or left-turn-only lane.

I think it's awfully pretentious for a person to make a show of where they're going when they know damn well they can't go any other way.

It's like the people you work with who announce with much fanfare that they are doing the most typical of their tasks.

"Hey, I filed those reports," they say, and wait for a high-five. And you're thinking, *Well, of course you did. You're supposed to. That's your job.*

Well, it makes it a lot easier to tell who's actually working and who isn't, anyway.

Of course, I had a friend in the Army that proved the opposite could also hold true — that if you announced absolutely nothing, you could just about get away with doing the same.

"I'm not doing a damn thing today, Bill," Raymond F. Robles declared to me one morning after muster. Robles was a short, Hispanic gentleman from Los Angeles. He was a soccer player, storyteller and music aficionado, and all of these things took precedence to his being a specialist (E-4) in the United States Army.

He began the practice of calling all of the enlisted men in our unit by their first names, a practice that irritated the officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, to no end.

It caught on like wildfire. "Ho do you plan on doing that, Ray?" I asked him.

"I'm going to walk quickly, Bill," he said.

And he did. For the rest of the day, Raymond F. Robles walked quickly through the motor pool, from his tank to the latrine, from the latrine to the guard shack, from the guard shack to the machine shop and then back to the front of his tank, where he didn't stay long at all.

Once, when it seemed certain one of the sergeants was going to collar him to pick up a part or clean a spill or something, Ray looked down at a clipboard he'd acquired along the way and sped right by him.

When we broke for chow, I told him he was going to wear himself out avoiding work so arduously.

"Bill, I get just as many smoke breaks as you do," he said.

In the afternoon, the whole act nearly came to a halt when our platoon leader, a 24-year-old lieutenant we called "Lt. 'Ski'" for the sake of brevity, stopped Ray in front of his tank.

Ray saluted. Ski returned it. Ray slowed to crawl, but didn't really stop.

"What are you doing, Robles?" asked 'Ski. "This is the third time in an hour I've seen you come and go."

"Can't really talk right now, sir," said Ray, affecting frustration at having his work interrupted. "Have to get to the machine shop right away. You understand."

"Indeed I do, specialist. Don't let me waste any more of your time."

Robles saluted again, turned on his heels and was off, presumably on another lap around the motor pool.

The lieutenant turned to me. "What's Robles up to, DeVoe?"

I couldn't lie to our platoon leader.

"He's very busy, sir."

I hope that you, unlike myself, are able to find pleasure in the somewhat random happenings of our world.

If you have any suggestions as to how I can peacefully and serenely navigate life's highways without shouting at the radio for not playing what I want it to, then feel free to drop me a line at devoew@spotlightnews.com.

And, as always, check out other "Pop Culture" articles at www.spotlightnews.com, and my other column, "Pop Shots," monthly in Capital District Parent Pages.

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Wednesday, August 11	98°/1944	46°/1941
Thursday, August 12	99°/1944	46°/1987
Friday, August 13	98°/1947	43°/1957
Saturday, August 14	97°/1988	44°/1941
Sunday, August 15	96°/1959	48°/1964
Monday, August 16	97°/1936	41°/1972
Tuesday, August 17	97°/1913	40°/1979

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This week in weather

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Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	5:57am	8:03pm
Thursday	5:58am	8:01pm
Friday	6:00am	8:00pm
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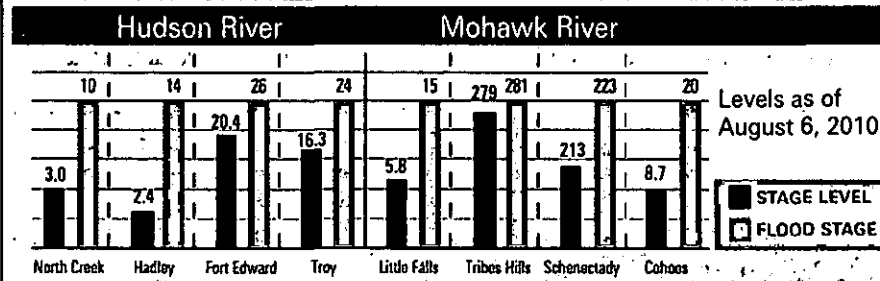
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August 16	August 24
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Saturn	Dusk	Abv Venus
Venus	Dusk	Bright W
Jupiter	Evening	Bright ESE

Rivers & Recreation

River Levels



Water temp

Lake George	75°
Bolton Landing	73°
Sacandaga Lake	73°
Saratoga Lake	76°
Jersey Shore	74°
Cape Cod	73°

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	6:21am, 6:05pm	12:35am, 1:11pm
Thursday	7:08am, 7:04pm	1:27am, 1:57pm
Friday	7:57am, 8:58pm	2:19am, 2:45pm
Saturday	8:47am, 9:48pm	3:13am, 3:34pm
Sunday	9:40am, 10:33pm	4:08am, 4:26pm
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Campers gathered in Tawasentha Park for last year's Tent-a-Thon event to benefit the Capital District Habitat for Humanity. The 17th annual event will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, to Aug. 19.

Submitted photo

Going outdoors to put others indoors

Tent-a-Thon 2010 to run Aug. 12 to 19 in Tawasentha Park

By CHARLES WIFF
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For most, sleeping outdoors is an enjoyable summer pastime. For those less fortunate, it's a possibility they hope will never come.

The Capital District Habitat for Humanity is hoping to combat one with the other this week, with its 17th annual Tent-a-Thon fundraiser.

Every year, campers gather in Tawasentha Park in Guilderland for seven nights of camping out. They share not only camaraderie and classic camping experiences like bonfires and s'mores, but a common goal to help eradicate homelessness.

"We give up the comfort of our bed so people can get into their own homes," said organizer Tim Condon.

What participants don't have to give up is their daily lives. The Tent-a-Thon starts each evening at 6 p.m., when a dinner donated by a local restaurant is served. The Outback, 99 Restaurant, Mr. Subb, Pizza Hut, Inferno Pizza, the Metro Diner and others have all made contributions in the past. A large dining tent donated by Energy Insurance of East Greenbush shields everyone from the elements.

In the morning, breakfast is



either provided on site or coupons to the McDonald's on Western Avenue are distributed, and campers can head out to their daily lives secure in the fact a volunteer from one of the participating area Methodist churches will be watching the tents during the day.

"During the day go we'll go home and just live our active lives," said Condon. "If it's during the week, we go to work."

Most people don't stay for the entire week — although there are some die-hards who stick it out every year.

The time between dinner and bedtime can be spent around a bonfire, telling stories and roasting s'mores. Something special is planned for every night, too. This year, on Sunday, an astronomer will be on hand to help campers read the night sky.

"We've been sitting around the campfire for many years wondering, what might that constellation be?" said Condon. "It really is a family event."

Participants fundraise beforehand, and there are also area

businesses that chip in by way of donations or by providing meals and other supplies for campers. The money the event raises varies from year-to-year, but over its 17-year history the Tent-a-Thon has brought in enough money to build four houses.

The Tent-a-Thon is a unique event for an organization that relies on donations or money and work to operate.

"The Tent-a-Thon has played a vital role in the history of Capital District Habitat for Humanity," said Executive Director Paul Richer. "For a week, we have a visual reminder that many of our neighbors in the Capital District do not have safe and affordable housing."

Like many public use parks, Tawasentha normally closes at dusk. The Tent-a-Thon is the exception to the rule, but it wasn't always that way.

"McKownville Methodist Church began this sleeping in the parking lot in the back of the church," Condon said. "They moved out to Tawasentha Park, and the park has been able to allow this fundraising event to go on since."

While the area's Methodist churches don't directly organize the event any longer, they are still very much involved and usually drive an impressive donation effort, said Condon.

For more information or to register, visit www.capitaldistricthabitat.org.

Delmar optometrist killed in Afghanistan

An optometrist who calls Delmar home was killed over the weekend in an apparent Taliban ambush in Afghanistan, according to reports from the Associated Press.

Tom Little, who has worked with the International Assistance Mission in Afghanistan for more than three decades, was among the 10 workers gunned down Thursday, Aug. 5. Eight were foreigners.

Little and his team were attacked while traveling through the Badakhshan Province on their way back to Kabul following a tour through the remote Nuristan Province. As part of the IAM's Noor Eye Care program, Little provided eye care to some of the poorest rural regions of Afghanistan.

"Noor" means light in Persian.

"He just left an incredible legacy of work for the Afghan people, said Doug Van Bronkhorst of InterServe, an organization that facilitates overseas travel and service for groups like IAM. Van Bronkhorst also worked with Little many times during his 33 years of work

in Afghanistan.

"Whatever eye care there is in that country ... it all goes back directly or indirectly to Tom Little. ... I really grieve for the Afghan people. They've just lost a huge friend," he continued.

A Taliban spokesperson told the Associated Press that the organization was responsible for the killings because the foreigners were spies for the U.S. and were preaching Christianity.

IAM is a Christian organization, but in a release, Executive Director Dirk Frans said the organization abides by Afghanistan's laws and does not use its offer of aid as an opportunity to proselytize and noted Little had been welcomed back into Afghan villages time and time again, which would not be the case had his mission been conversion.

Little had previously been expelled from the country in 2001 for allegedly trying to convert Afghans to Christianity, but he returned after an invasion toppled the Taliban government.

— Charles Wiff

Local seniors warned of scam

Susan E. Savage, chairwoman of the Schenectady County Legislature, warned seniors and their families of a Medicare rebate scam that is occurring as seniors begin to receive \$250 rebates for Medicare Part D prescription drug cost.

"These con artists will prey on anyone so we ask all of our residents to be alert," said Savage. "Con artists are contacting seniors and telling them that they need to disclose personal information to receive their rebate checks. This is not true. Always remember, never give out any personal information such as bank account or social security numbers to anyone who calls you on the phone."

Many seniors are receiving these one-time rebate checks as part of

the new federal health care reforms. The \$250 rebate checks are now being sent by the federal government to eligible seniors who have reached the "doughnut hole" Medicare coverage gap and are paying out-of-pocket for prescriptions.

Seniors are advised to be skeptical of communications from sources they are not expecting and to verify the authenticity of phone calls, standard mail, faxes or e-mails.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Cat scratch fever

Solutions are coming out of the woodwork for the area's feral cat problems: education, partnership with local veterinarians, so-called Trap Neuter and Release programs and ... killing them.

The last recommendation was made at a recent Colonie Town Board meeting by Dr. Holly Cheever of the Animal Hospital in Slingerlands, and member of the state's Humane Association.

She had reasons for suggesting the town use a combination of euthanization, TNR and adoption: Releasing the cats back into the wild would make them targets for "coyotes, foxes, juvenile delinquents, cars and vicious cold winters," she said.

Well, yes, it would. And so it goes.

And since we cannot ask Colonie's cat population if they would like to be peacefully killed by injection today or possibly mauled by a coyote somewhere down the line, why don't we err on the side of giving them a little extra time to enjoy their feral cat existences?

Cheever has some legitimate fears about the town adopting a TNR program for feral cats, though. There is the risk of having a cat's rabies shot wear off after a year without anyone to administer new one. She said this poses health risks to the cat, humans and outside wildlife.

Well, that's true, but the same could be said for squirrels, chipmunks, skunks and every other wild animal found in a suburban community like Colonie who hasn't even had the benefit of having a single rabies shot. The normal life expectancy of a feral feline is three to four years, according to Cheever. We're no bleeding hearts here at *The Spotlight*, but it just feels wrong not to give them that.

Why not implement a cat-licensing program, like some residents recommended to the Bethlehem Town Board last year?

Sure, it's difficult to implement and enforce, but there are tangible benefits. Some say licensing couldn't work, but it could. In fact, the Humane Society of the United States noted the benefits of cat licensing back in the 90s (The HSUS Fact Sheet: Cat Licensing, 1995, a distilled version can be found at www.wildspirit.org/license.htm).

A licensing program could help control population, help pet owners find lost felines and could be used as insurance that a pet owner will get and maintain all of a cat's vaccinations, including rabies shots. If cost is a concern, tweak the fees — they could be set higher for unsterilized cats, encouraging owners to get animals spayed or neutered.

It's better than having to deal with an out of control cat population again in another five or six years.

Editorial

New DWI penalties punish the innocent

By THOMAS J. CARR

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Upcoming changes to New York driving while intoxicated laws impose some of the harshest penalties in the nation for a DWI conviction. Among the changes are heavier fines, felony charges in situations that formerly called for a misdemeanor, and the installation of a breathalyzer-style device on every vehicle operated by the convicted person for a minimum of six months.

Amendments to the DWI laws in New York will go into effect on August 15 following two high-profile tragedies and the passing of the much-publicized "Leandra's Law." The Legislature's desire to enact stiffer penalties does not come as a surprise considering New York's relatively lax DWI standards compared to the rest of the country.

That's not to say the changes don't raise significant issues. Inherent problems lie in the nature of the changes, specifically the one requiring the installation of an ignition interlock device on vehicles operated by a convicted person.

Two of the changes, those involving increased fines and felonies for DWI's when children are in the vehicle, at the very least pass the logic test, regardless of whether they're fair or necessary.

Fines and surcharges will now increase to a minimum total of \$900 for a first-time misdemeanor DWI conviction, plus \$750 in Department of Motor Vehicle fees over the next three years, not to mention significant increases in automobile insurance premiums.

A convicted person will also feel the impact of harsher penalties beyond their wallet. Anyone convicted of a DWI while operating a vehicle with a passenger under the age of 16 faces a possible Class E felony, punishable by up to four years in prison. The penalties are much more severe should a person under 16 be injured

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or die in an accident caused by an impaired driver. A parent or guardian convicted of a DWI with an underage person in the vehicle will also be reported to social services.

There's no denying a DWI is a very serious charge. Driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs can have a disastrous impact on others. The ability to shatter lives is very real. It can and does happen. That being said, the laws that govern our society still have to make sense. They can be harsh, but they must also add up. Specifically, they must punish the right person. And that's where the new DWI laws come into question.

The most dramatic change will come in the form of a mandate that anyone convicted of a DWI must have an ignition interlock device installed on any vehicles they operate as a condition of their license reinstatement. The device is attached to the vehicle and the driver must blow into it to start the vehicle and also periodically while driving. This requirement lasts at least six months and has the potential to affect individuals other than the convicted driver. Anyone operating a vehicle that includes an IID would have to use the device to start and operate the vehicle, potentially causing an added strain for families and severe embarrassment for drivers not convicted of wrongdoing.

There are a number of issues at play here, ranging from small to very significant; most notably the requirement that every vehicle operated by the convicted driver must have an IID installed. Anyone driving those vehicles must also use the device to start

and operate the vehicle, and that could mean much more than a small inconvenience for innocent drivers. Consider the following hypothetical situation and imagine the possible ramifications of the IID requirement:

Bill Smith, a 42-year-old insurance broker, gets pulled over on the way home from the company Christmas party and is charged with a misdemeanor DWI, his first offense. He is eventually convicted on the charge and has the IID installed on his Ford Focus. Smith is married to Janet Smith, a 39-year-old computer consultant. The IID must also be installed on her minivan because Bill drives it. Janet carpools neighborhood kids to school twice per week and now has to blow into the IID in front of children, their parents and anyone else who happens to be outside the school during drop-off and pick-up. Janet also meets current and potential clients for lunch or meetings and now has to use the IID device in front of them, as well as her boss and co-workers.

It's easy to see why I have the biggest problem with this aspect of the DWI penalty changes. It puts a direct burden on a person who hasn't even been accused of a crime, let alone charged or convicted. Innocent people should not be punished, embarrassed or placed in situations that could affect their employment or standing in the community.

Now, those who pushed for the changes will say DWI accidents often hurt and even kill innocent people. They'll also say the impaired driver should have considered the possible outcomes before climbing behind the wheel.

Those are valid points. Innocent people do get hurt. And we should always consider our actions. But if hurting innocent people is the problem, how can it also be the solution?

Weekly poll

Bethlehem and Colonie have had problems with feral cat populations in some neighborhoods.

So, this week's question is:

Would you support a cat-licensing program to control feral cats?

Log on to www.spotlightnews.com to cast your vote.

Last week's poll results:

Question: "In what areas should municipalities combine services?"

- Some town and school services like transportation. While they're at it, combine the tax bills too.: 18%
- Senior services. Have a county-run department with satellites instead of individual town departments.: 6%
- Chambers of Commerce. Some counties have as many as five different chambers — there must be a way to consolidate them.: 18%
- Emergency services. Bethlehem is on the right track with their fire and ambulance services. Let's take a look at police departments, too.: 6%
- All of the above.: 50%

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Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I have had the privilege to serve on the Town of Bethlehem Justice Court for 32 years, having worked for ten judges from different political parties.

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over the years, have had the opportunity to speak to many Court Clerks about their Judges. Bethlehem has been fortunate to have a long line of qualified, well-respected, prudent and sensible judges. Honorable Ryan Donovan is no exception.

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He is worthy of everyone's support, and Judge Donovan has mine.

Barbara J. Hodom
retired court clerk
and Delmar resident

County can't afford to avoid spending cuts

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The majority party in the Albany County Legislature have finally realized that we are facing a major deficit, not only this year, but a most assuredly next year. They now parrot the mantra, \$30 million deficit or 50 percent tax increase in 2011. But I have to question whether they have really taken it to heart. A \$30 million deficit, without reserves to bail us out, will undoubtedly result in layoffs, cuts to programs and a general spending reduction, or worst case, a significant tax increase. Facing that kind of financial dilemma, wouldn't you think the Legislature would be doing everything they could to reduce or forestall such a calamity?

Recently two critical hire resolutions, came up for review by the Personnel and Audit and Finance Committees. Both departments had taken this opportunity to ask for replacements but also to ask for raises for other employees in like positions. While approving the hiring

of replacements, I took issue with the raises in committee and authored two amendments to the hiring resolutions, offered on the floor of the Legislature, to remove those salary increases. Both of my amendments were defeated, primarily along a party line vote.

The question is not whether these employees deserved the increases, the question is whether the county can afford to give those or like increases when we have a fiscal crisis. A business, facing a similar financial situation, would take all necessary measures to keep the doors open. Under these circumstances it is not the time for salary increases.

The county needs to cut spending when and where it can, at every opportunity, otherwise, it will be the taxpayer who will bear the burden.

Richard Mendick
Albany County Legislature
District 36
(Selkirk, South Bethlehem,
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Car show to benefit injured soldier

Town Line Auto in Greenville is hosting a car show for the benefit of Cpl. Luke McDermott, who was injured in Afghanistan.

The event will take place at Town Line, 6501 Route 32, Greenville, on Sunday, Aug. 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 22.

There will be prizes for best paint, best modified, best of show, and crowd favorite.

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The Bethlehem Town Board

On the agenda for the Wednesday, Aug. 11, meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board:

- The board will consider signing a task order proposal for consulting services related to Town Hall improvements and a long-term feasibility assessment to improve space utilization at Town Hall.

- A presentation by the comptroller on the town's midyear financial status.

The board meets at 6 p.m. in the meeting room at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

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Golf tourney raises money for YMCA youth programs

Event supports Reach Out for Youth scholarships for local families

By JESSICA PETT
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The 14th annual Capital District YMCA Golf Classic was in full swing Monday, Aug. 2. Golfers and supporters came out to Wolferts Roost Country Club in Albany to raise money for the YMCA's Reach Out for Youth scholarship program. Funds raised for the program help local families facing financial difficulties participate in YMCA programs and services.

Colleen Keating, director of annual giving and special events at the Capital District YMCA, said the event was a success.

"This is a great event because proceeds go to help thousands of kids in the Capital Region," Keating said.

This was Keating's first year working the event, and she said she was happy with the turnout, with a total of 204 golfers participating. The golf classic consisted of a morning and afternoon round. The afternoon was a golf scramble, and Keating said that feature made it more popular among participants. Prizes were awarded in different categories including low net, low gross and one overall team winner.

"This is the most popular golf event in this area, and we hope it continues to do well," Keating said.

Each year, the event grows, Keating said.

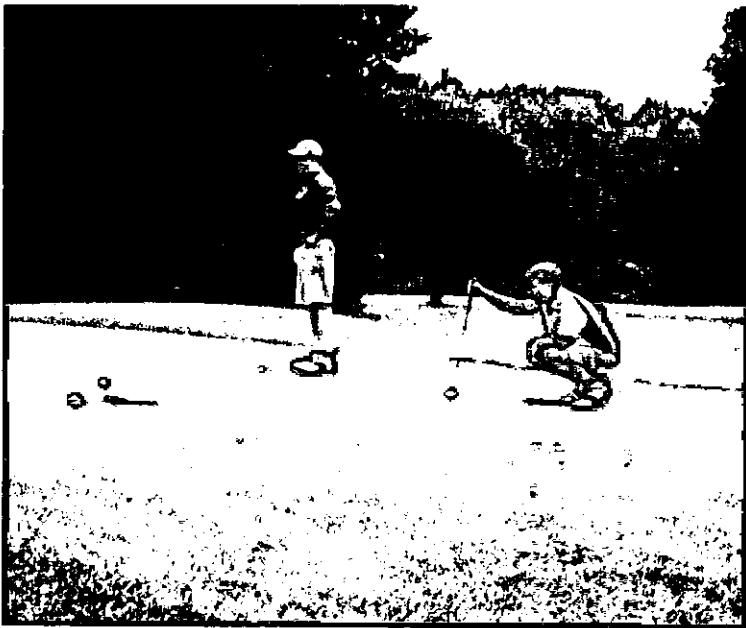
"We raised a lot of money; it was a successful year," Keating said.

The Reach Out for Youth scholarship fund relies heavily on fundraisers like the golf classic, and Keating said the hard work that goes into organizing the event is well worth it.

The next big event scheduled for the Reach Out for Youth fund is the President's Awards dinner, and a support campaign begins in October, with each YMCA branch having their own kick-off.

The Capital District YMCA's goal for the 2011 campaign is to raise close to \$1.5 million.

Reach Out for Youth



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Colleen Keating



TOP: Jeff Hurd takes a swing during the morning round of the 14th Annual Golf Classic.

LEFT: Golfers Mike Zimmerman (standing) and Tim Owens take a look at a shot made by a fellow golfer.

ABOVE: From left, Tim Owens, Mike O'Shea, Mike Zimmerman and Peter Bennis work their way through the morning portion of the golfing event.

Jessica Pett/Spotlight

scholarship fund allows children to learn how to swim, build friendships with other children at the YMCA, use the daycare and after-school programs or be able to visit Camp Chingachgook on Lake George.

In addition to its fundraising programs, the Capital District YMCA held its Strong Kids Day on Friday, Aug. 6, where campers throughout the Capital District went to Shenendehowa High School for a day of games, contests, food and fun.

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G'land woman to serve on panel

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Tice, who has been with Sunnyview for 23 years, specializes in driver rehabilitation. The two-day conference is sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and will be held in Washington, D.C., Aug. 19 and 20.

Tice is a registered and licensed occupational therapist, a certified driver instructor in New York State, and a certified driver rehabilitation specialist. She is a resident of Guiderland.

Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital is an affiliate of Northeast Health, a regional, comprehensive not-for-profit network of healthcare, supportive housing and community services comprised of The Eddy, Albany Memorial Hospital, Samaritan Hospital and Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital. For information, visit www.NortheastHealth.com.

Local students graduate

The following local residents received their bachelor's degrees during the State University of

New York at Geneseo's 144th Commencement on May 15: Elisabeth LeRoy from Delmar, received a bachelor of arts degree; Katherine Spina from Delmar, received a bachelor of arts degree; Thomas Richards from Delmar, received a bachelor of arts degree, graduating cum laude, and Ryne Kitzrow from Delmar received a bachelor of arts degree, graduating summa cum laude.

Fire company to hold open house

Elsmere Fire Company, 15 West Poplar Drive, will host an open house on Sunday, Sept. 12.

The open house will feature a live fire demonstration, a presentation of New York State Fire Safety House and fire safety information, and the opportunity for children to explore fire trucks and try on fire gear. Drawings will be held for fire extinguishers, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and more. The event will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

St. Thomas to hold fruit sale

St. Thomas Church will host a fresh fruit and produce sale on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 15, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All fruits and vegetables are provided by Our Family's Harvest. Proceeds will benefit teens attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in 2011. For information, call 439-4951, ext 117.

Popular measure has been tough sell in previous years

By CHARLES WIFF
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The debate over a property tax cap is raging once again, after the state Senate last week overwhelmingly approved a cap that would limit local tax levies to 4 percent growth annually. Gov. David Paterson, an advocate of a cap, has vowed to call the Legislature to Albany in October to put the proposal to the Assembly.

Property taxes have been a stubborn problem for New Yorkers, with tax bills in the state 79 percent above the national average.

Recent polls show that citizens are not ignorant to this fact – 76 percent of New Yorkers would support a cap, according to a Siena Research Institute poll. High taxes are often cited as a contributor to thousands leaving the state every year.

"A 4-percent cap is probably too high," said Brian Sampson, executive director of Unshackle Upstate, an advocacy group. He pointed to budgets coming from schools and local governments last year, which mostly had relatively low levy increases.

"When forced to make tough decisions, they can make them," he said.

While advocates of the cap can point to the tax burden shouldered by

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Bethlehem Superintendent Michael Tebbano

property owners, schools and municipalities contend a cap is merely the state passing the buck instead of fixing its own problems.

"It could be devastating and could lead to more massive cuts, especially if the state aid situation continues next year," said Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Michael Tebbano.

Tebbano said he understands the call for a tax cap, but a better solution would be for the state to relax its lengthy list of unpaid mandates imposed on districts.

"They require us to do more mandates in New York state for school districts than any other state," he said.

On this point, Sampson agreed.

"There has to be a mechanism that eliminates unfunded mandates coming from the state," he said. "It does you no good to cap things and then basically handcuff everybody."

Similarly, local governments have seen grant funding and state services drying up in past months, which,

when combined with rising costs, left many with fiscal problems of their own. It's tough to find a town, city or school that didn't have a difficult discussion about cuts this past budget year.

"I am not supportive of mandates coming from government to other areas of government," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina, who went on to say it's the responsibility of local governments to manage their finances, not that of the state.

"That is not best achieved by anyone imposing anything on anyone else," he said. "To my way of thinking, the state of New York needs to look at its house and get that in order."

Unions representing teachers and state workers can also be counted on to rail against a cap whenever it's the topic of discussion.

For opponents of the cap, there may be some solace in the fact the Legislature has been unable to pass such a measure despite its being a popular topic among voters.

Most recently, in 2008, both the Senate and Assembly passed relief measures, but neither materialized because the Senate passed a tax cap and the Assembly passed a "circuit breaker" law.

A circuit breaker works to limit the maximum amount of taxes one family could pay, based on income. New York already has a breaker in advanced STAR exemptions, but these are generally available only to the elderly.

A tax cap, on the other hand, directly limits the amount school districts can increase their budgets year-to-year, the idea being this would limit out-of-control tax hikes for taxpayers.

While today most everyone agrees something must be done, the reality is that, as in previous years, the end result may be considerably less than what was hoped for. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver has voiced his opposition to the Senate's tax cap and said it won't be brought to a vote in his chamber. He has said a restoration of school aid should be considered over a cap as a form of property tax relief.

In 1995, Silver introduced legislation that would hold tax levy increases to the annual rate of inflation. That "Real Property Tax Limitation Act" passed the Assembly but died in the Senate.

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Writers' workshop concludes

Wednesday, Aug. 11, will mark the end of the 17th Annual Young Writers Workshop. Friends and families of this summer's participants are invited to the reception in the library annex at 7 p.m. on Wednesday to celebrate the accomplishments of these young authors.

Each young writer developed, wrote, and illustrated an original story. Participants then learned to bind their story as a hard-cover book. These new books will be on display at the library. In addition, many books from past years are available for in-library reading enjoyment.

Reading has its rewards

Reading programs for all ages will run until Labor Day weekend, as long as the library is open. Children can bring their summer reading logs to the library for beads and exchange their beads for prizes, even if their Town recreation program has ended.

Kids aren't the only readers earning prizes this summer. Adults and young adults are invited

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to enter reading coupons in our Rewarding Readers' weekly prize drawings.

Glenda Ottaviano, Ann Nunziato, Sarah Boldi and Liana Nunziato were all winners in the Rewarding Readers program in the last two weeks. Once they completed three books, these lucky winners entered a coupon listing the titles in our drawing, and they won! Congratulations to all!

Story times take a break

After this week, Positively Preschool, Library Babies and Romp & Read will be taking a "vacation" for the rest of August. While there will be no story times, we still have lots of books and music for little ones to discover in our children's section. Keep reading, and we will see you in September!

It bears repeating

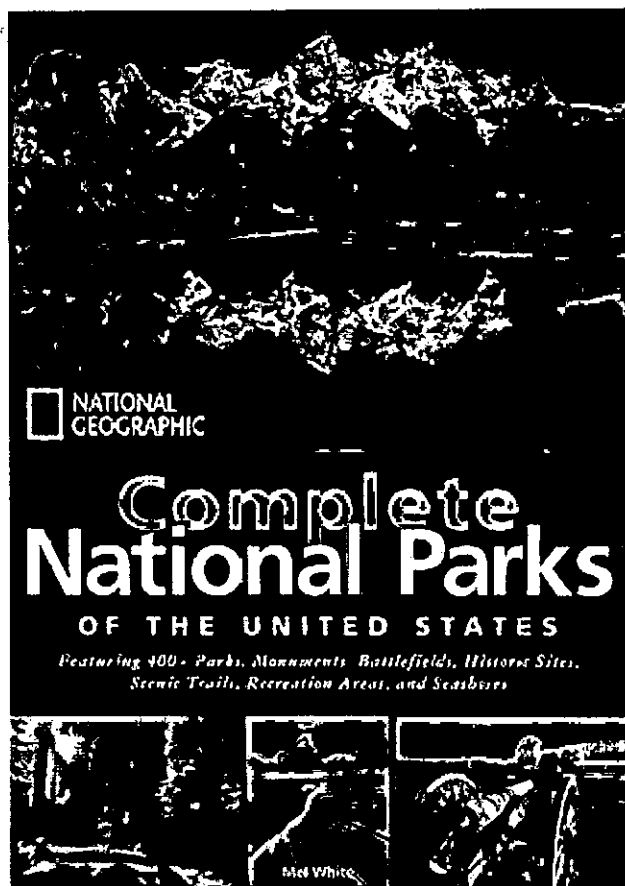
The front half of the library is open. That includes the Circulation Desk, New Books, audio

books, Large Print Books, picture books and Early Readers, movies and music CDs, as well as interlibrary loan, computers, copier, and fax services. We've moved some children's fiction up front, also.

We're packing the rest of the collection because we plan to move most of our services to a smaller temporary location in the village in a few weeks. Some adult fiction in addition to the new books will move to our temporary hub. The rest will be in accessible storage, which means you will have to request specific books, rather than browse the collection.

As soon as we move out of the main room, the village crew will begin work on a new floor. No final decision for temporary quarters has been made, but we expect to be in them for about two months.

• All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. For information, call 756-2053 or visit www.uhls.org/RCSCL/.



The Bethlehem Public Library recently received "Complete National Parks" in memory of Elizabeth B. Colyer from Mary Ryan. The library encourages gifts like this as a way to honor and remember loved ones. For information on memorial donations for books, media and other items, contact Nancy Pieri.

Buy a bench at the library in honor of a loved one

Fifteen park benches dot our library grounds, given by your neighbors to honor or remember friends and family members. Each bench bears a bronze plaque with the names of honoree and donor.

These benches are well used by the community, providing a place for conversation or contemplation year-round.

One bench is still available for purchase. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity for a meaningful, lasting donation to the library, please contact library director Nancy Pieri at 439-9314 ext. 3003.

Recent gifts

We offer our thanks for several recent gifts to the library.

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library has donated a tree in honor of former assistant director Jeanne Biggins. Jeanne served as staff liaison to the Friends for many years. The tree, a lovely threadleaf Japanese maple, is located on the berm in the new parking area, directly across from the patron shelter.

An outdoor chess table



and stools were donated in memory of Thomas Leonard, who was an avid chess player. This new furniture is located in a pleasant grassy area behind the bicycle rack. Chess and checkers pieces are available in the library for checkout.

Gifts like these are a visible way to honor friends and loved ones. Purchases made with gift monies reflect the honorees' areas of interest. For information on memorial donations for books, media and other items, please contact Nancy Pieri.

More donations

Here's a small sample of donations we've received recently:

• "Complete National Parks" in memory of Elizabeth B. Colyer from Mary Ryan

• "Making Toast" for the Bass recorded books collection from Gertrude Carnahan

• "Tess of the d'Urbervilles" (large print) in memory of Margaret Mirabelli from Janet

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• "Bromberg Brothers Blue Ribbon Cookbook" in memory of Patricia King from the Tri-Village Antique Study Club

Art and your child

Bethlehem school district art supervisor, Melanie Painter will present "Art and Your Child's Development" next Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. She will facilitate a hands-on workshop, doing art activities and talking about the trends that are revealed. Adults and children can take part; call 439-9314 sign up.

Part of our ongoing "It Takes a Village" series for adults who love and care for children, this program is supported by a grant from the Upper Hudson Library System. Ms. Painter has presented her students' annual art show at the library for several years.

Louise Grieco

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Time for readers to get rewards

It's time for you young readers, the real performers of Summer Reading Club, to get your due! Hand in your reading record or copy of your online record by Aug. 12, and then come back to Gunderland Public Library on Aug. 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., to pick up your reading certificates with the special prizes your reading has earned. And don't forget our special slide show on all the events of the summer with you as the star!

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Digital photography forum

Do you want to share your digital photography with like-minded enthusiasts? Would you be willing to help others learn more about getting the best results from their digital cameras? The Gunderland Public Library's Digital Photography Forum meets

the third Thursday of each month to do just that. The next meeting will be on Aug. 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This forum is open to all to share their work, bring their questions and help others learn to effectively use the features of all types of digital cameras. Bring your camera and work to share — on CD, flash drive or on your laptop.

No registration necessary.

Special meeting

The Gunderland Public Library's Board of Trustees will be holding a special executive session meeting at 6 p.m. on Aug. 23. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the board is on Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the library's Normanskill Room.

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Food pantry collecting school supplies for kids

The Bethlehem Food Pantry is collecting school supplies for children who live in our town and are eligible to use a local food pantry. Items needed include backpacks, notebooks, binders, pens, calculators, paper, highlighters, glue sticks, markers, etc. These items will help our children be ready for school in September. Donations can be made at the Town Hall Senior Office or at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

Join us for on Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. at the New Lebanon Theater Barn for "Altar Boyz," a musical show featuring the Christian boy band parody. The cost is \$22, checks payable to Town of Bethlehem. Your check is your reservation. No lunch or dinner will be served so have an early lunch before leaving home. Bethlehem Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at noon. Suggested van donation is \$10. Call 439-4955, ext 1176.

Are you turning 65 this year? Health Insurance and EPIC representatives will present the basics of Medicare and EPIC, New York State's prescription drug plan. You will learn what Medicare covers, additional insurance options, and eligibility for EPIC. It takes place at the Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 101, on Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 439-4955, ext 1176, to make a reservation.

Our second summer picnic for this year is sponsored by the Lion's Club. It will be on Thursday, Aug. 19, at noon at the Elm Avenue Park. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at 11 a.m. Home pickup is available on a limited basis, first come, first served. Call 430-4955,



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ext 1169 to make your reservation. The picnic is free, but reservations are a must and no takeouts will be offered.

Program highlights

Monday, Aug. 16

• Shopping center trip: Senior transportation will offer a trip to Colonie Center and Northway Mall. Call 439-5770 to make a reservation.

Tuesday, Aug. 17

• Seniors in Motion: A low level fun aerobic exercise class to music. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

• Farmers market at the United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue. Senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 2:00 pm. Call 439-5770 to make a reservation.

• Medicare and EPIC presentation. See above for details.

• Veteran's Services Assistance: A veteran's service officer from Albany County will be available by appointment between 1 and 3 p.m. to meet with veterans and their families to present information about disability and education benefits; burial allowances, headstones, and flags; pension and compensation benefits; aid and assistance; upgrading discharges; VA loans for homes or businesses; and copies

of discharge papers and medical records. Call 439-4955, ext 1176, to make an appointment.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor at Price Chopper in Slingerlands. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, Aug. 19

• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem at Hannaford at Price Chopper in Glenmont. For reservations, call 439-5770.

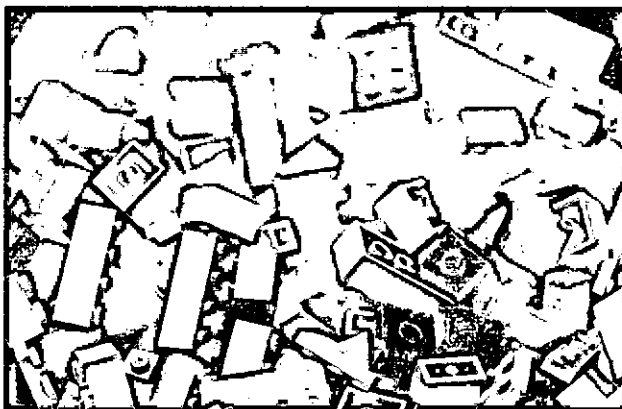
Friday, Aug. 20

• Seniors in Motion: A low level fun aerobic exercise class to music. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments at Price Chopper in Glenmont. For reservations, call 439-5770.

For information on the above or a list of additional activities, call the Bethlehem Senior Services Office at 439-4955, #1176

Wilma DeLucco,
Bethlehem Senior Projects,
Inc. Board Member



Enjoy a BBQ and concert

Giffy's Barbeque is fired up at the library at 4:30 this afternoon and serving delicious chicken or pulled pork until 6:30. Tickets are available. Eat at the library and stay for the Together at Twilight concert featuring Will Hartshorne, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Three special events for kids highlight next week at the library. The leftover loot from the library Kids Closet goes on the auction block at the Penny Auction on Monday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m. Kids in grades K to five, if you bring just 50 cents with you, you can turn that into tokens to use for bidding. All the money will be donated to "Pennies for Peace." Bring your extra pennies any time, to any program and watch the penny fund grow.

Lego challenge

Fun, fun, fun! It's a Lego Challenge on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. for grades three and up. The Lego bricks and blocks will be spread out all over the community room. Take as long as you like and build as many structures as you want.



We'll have them out for viewing in our display case after the program.

Splash Theater

Splash Theatre presents "Where the Wild Things Are" on Friday, Aug. 20, at 1:30 p.m. Come for the cool air and hot popcorn.

Small Town Festival

The Sept. 11 Small Town Festival is preparing for its second annual fine arts/photography show to be hung in the hall gallery for the month of September.

It is a fun and casual show with the winner of a \$50 gift certificate to be determined by popular vote. The entry fee is \$5, limit one piece, and forms maybe picked up at the library. The work should be dropped off at the library, framed and ready for hanging, by Sept. 1.

The show is not limited

The Voorheesville Public Library will host a Lego Challenge on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. for grades three and up. The Lego bricks and blocks will be spread out all over the community room.

to Voorheesville artists; all are welcome. The show coordinator is BAA member Diane Wozniak, 765-4951.

Festival booth applications are still being taken. Forms available at the library. Food vendors are also welcome.

Upcoming programs

Next week's programs are:

• Monday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m. - Penny Auction

• Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 10:30 a.m. - Club 1, 2, 3 - Cooking Week

• Thursday, Aug. 19, at 10:15 a.m. Babygarten

• Thursday, Aug. 19, at 2 p.m. - Lego Challenge

Barbara Vink

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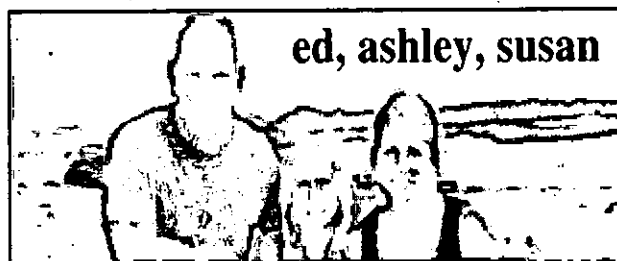


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Residents say feral cats more than a nuisance

Neighbors cite health issue as they plead for town to take action

By ANDREW BEAM
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Urinating on basement windows, leaving feces in backyards and attacking household pets are some of the offenses blamed on the ever-growing number of feral cats in Colonie, and residents said they are fed up with the lack of action from the town.

Julie Poulin, Jeanine McCarten and Barbra Ebel said they have been forced to take matters into their own hands to deal with a recent surge of feral cats wandering the streets of North Elmhurst and Rooney avenues by setting up traps and taking the animals to local animal to have them spayed and neutered.

"This has been taking up our time," Poulin said. "You wake up in the morning and you look out the window, 'Are there any cats out there?' You come home from work and you look out the window, 'Are there any cats out there?' You go out and you look in the bushes, 'Are there any cats in there?' It's been preoccupying all of us."

Feral cats, which are different from stray cats, are essentially wild cats since they never been domesticated as they were born from stray cats.

The women pleaded with the Colonie Town Board to do something with these feral cats at a Thursday, July 15, meeting, where they were



Residents of North Elmhurst and Rooney avenues said they have been forced to take matters into their own hands to deal with a recent surge of feral cats wandering the streets.

told the town would look into the situation.

Ebel described an instance during this past winter where she and her husband were in the basement when a feral cat came and sprayed on the basement window. The stench of urine was so bad, according to Ebel, it forced the couple out of the basement. They then had to take a pail of hot water to wash off the urine.

"And that smell isn't easy to get rid of," she said. "It's just sickening."

McCarten said her main concern is zoonotic diseases, which can be transferred from animals to humans. One of the diseases she discussed was Bartonella, also known as

cat scratch disease, which occurs when a human is bitten or scratched by a cat, causing the lymph nodes of the head, neck and upper limbs to swell up after an infection, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website. The infection may also cause symptoms such as a fever and a headache.

McCarten said she was advised to have one of the cats she took to the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society checked for Bartonella, which the cat tested positive for.

"When we went to the Town Board meeting in the middle of the month, that was one of the things that we wanted to impress on them," McCarten said.

"That it's not just they're a nuisance, but that it's really, truly a healthcare issue."

The women have set up traps in their backyards to catch the felines, and they said they have seen the animals that travel with the captured cat sit around and look on in confusion.

Executive Director of the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society Brad Shear said the best recommendation he can give to solving this problem is the Trap Neuter Return method. With TNR, a captured cat is taken to an animal shelter to be spayed or neutered and have the tip of its left ear clipped so it can be identified as already fixed.

"We will help by spaying or neutering them," Shear said. "We can't take the cats in because they do not socialize well."

Controlling the population of feral cats

is Shear's main objective, which he said has become a national problem. In just Colonie alone, nearly 22,000 cats live in homes, according to Shear. He said the number of cats living on the streets is similar.

Shear advises residents to not feed the cats because they are already well adapted outdoors and likely have a food source.

"I think people want to do the right thing by feeding them," he said.

One of Poulin's neighbor's, Paul Koren, feeds many of the cats that wander into his backyard. He even is keeping one of the kittens in his house.

"I love all animals," he said. "I guess I'm just a sucker for them."

Koren, who is a Korean War veteran and a baseball umpire, said he even feeds the skunks and raccoons, joking he saw two of the skunks "making love" in his backyard one evening. He has three cabinets stocked full of cat food to feed the cats, and also stores food in his fridge for other animals.

He is somewhat wary about taking the kittens to an animal shelter since he fears they will be euthanized. If shelter can be found for them, though, he has no problem taking them in.

"If you can find homes for them," he said. "That's fine with me."

Executive Director of Animalkind, Inc., a no-kill animal shelter in Hudson, Katrin Hecker doesn't see the feral cats as a problem. She said the main culprits are the irresponsible owners.

"Kittens from abandoned cats come from irresponsible owners," she said. "These cats are the result of actions made by our own community

members."

Animalkind works to find an area where the cats will have shelter and food after they have been spayed or neutered and have received their rabies vaccination shots. She says that these cats are "here for a reason," and that reason is to control the rodent population.

"If it wasn't for feral cats, we'd have a rodent problem," she said. "They create a buffer zone. If a rabid raccoon comes to a group of feral cats, the cats are vaccinated, so they won't get rabies. They can erase the nuisance behavior."

Hecker says Animalkind offers a low cost spaying and neutering program for \$70. The city of Hudson has also created a spay/neuter fund that allows the shelter to provide services for free.

"It's a wonderful concept because we're attacking the problem at both ends" she said of the fund, which tackles the problem of irresponsible owners abandoning their cats without getting them fixed, thus, helping in controlling the population of the cats.

Shear said the state has a program for a low cost spaying and neutering that will be funded by surcharges placed on dog licenses. He said under the current state budget, the program will be run by a non-profit organization that has yet to be determined.

He acknowledged the idea of getting a cat licensed, but said he doesn't think there would be enough money to fund such a program.

"I'm not sure how I feel about the idea because I don't know how many people will get their cat licensed," he said

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Breslin faces sole primary challenger

Luke Martland will face off with senator in September after Carney is forced off ballot

By ANDREW BEAM
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A defeated Tim Carney walked out of the Albany County Judicial Center on Friday, Aug. 6, after an intense review of the validity of signatures he submitted forced him off the primary ballot as a candidate for the 46th Senate District.

Candidates are required to have 1,000 signatures in order to be placed on the September primary ballot, but three of Carney's 1,001 remaining signatures were ruled invalid, leaving him with only 998 signatures.

"It's just a shame I have to be forced out on a technicality," Carney said to the judge. "I still think there are 1,000 good signatures."

The result, handed down by State Supreme Court Justice Roger D. McDonough, left only one candidate, Luke Martland, to face incumbent Sen.

Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, in September. Martland is a former prosecutor in the Office of Sex Offender Management in the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Carney took issue with the Democratic Party Board of Elections after a clerical error, which originally ruled 1,034 of his 1,205 signatures were valid. He said the board apologized for the error.

"A lot of the issues are with the record keeping of the Board of Elections," Carney said outside of the courtroom. "It's poor, it's antiquated and it needs a new system in regards to this. There are over 30 different ways with these technicalities you can be thrown out."

Signatures can be ruled invalid if they are illegible, a wrong address is written down, or if two signatures from one person do not look alike.

Carney called the Board of Elections "incompetent," saying parts of the process of ruling signatures invalid are opinion-based, such as deciding whether a signature is legible.

"In regards to someone's

signature and handwriting - and there's no expertise on that - it's subjective to all parties involved," he said. "And when they were invalidated, we could not participate in there. So it's up to the Board of Elections."

Fear is what Carney believes drove Martland to review his signatures and force him out based on technicalities.

"He was scared of me as an opponent," he said. "I felt that I had better name recognition and better ideas. He hopes there's enough voter discontent, that just despite nobody knows who he is, they would vote for him."

Carney, who calls himself a community activist and businessman, said he believes it is impossible for people other than lawyers, such as Martland, to successfully run for any office.

"It's just disheartening that we have to come to this point, that the lawyers are in control," he said. "The average citizen can no longer participate in the system."

After the decision, McDonough sympathized

with Carney as he called the election laws a "complicated and Byzantine process," but added that Carney should have had a lawyer on retainer.

In a statement, Martland expressed his gratitude to McDonough for ordering Democratic Party Board of Election Commissioner Matthew Clyne to provide evidence that Carney's signatures were valid.

"I am gratified that Judge McDonough ordered the Board of Elections to provide their evidence and that the Board finally agreed with us that a significant number of Carney's signatures were invalid," Martland said.

Martland spokesman Larry Sombke said after reviewing the signatures submitted by Carney they discovered he did not have enough valid signatures to be on the ballot. He declined to comment on statements made by Carney as well as statements made by McDonough. He added they will now focus on the issues and will run a "very active campaign."

Summer picnic



Bethlehem seniors turned out for the town's annual Senior BBQ, presented by the VFW, on Thursday, Aug. 5. Area businesses and services, including the town's Senior Services Department, served food to dozens of seniors under and around the Slingerlands Fire Department's pavilion.

Charles Wilt/Spotlight

Benefit to be held for officer in need

A day of music, drinks and barbecue by Otis and Oliver's Restaurant on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Hibernian Hall, 375 Ontario St., Albany, will benefit deputy sheriff Denis Kelly.

Kelly is a 41-year-old married father of two young children who

recently underwent the first of two surgeries due to complications with Crohn's disease. He recently moved back to Albany, transferring from Mount Vernon Police Department to seeve with the Albany County Sheriff's Office. He is temporarily off payroll

and without health insurance for him and his family.

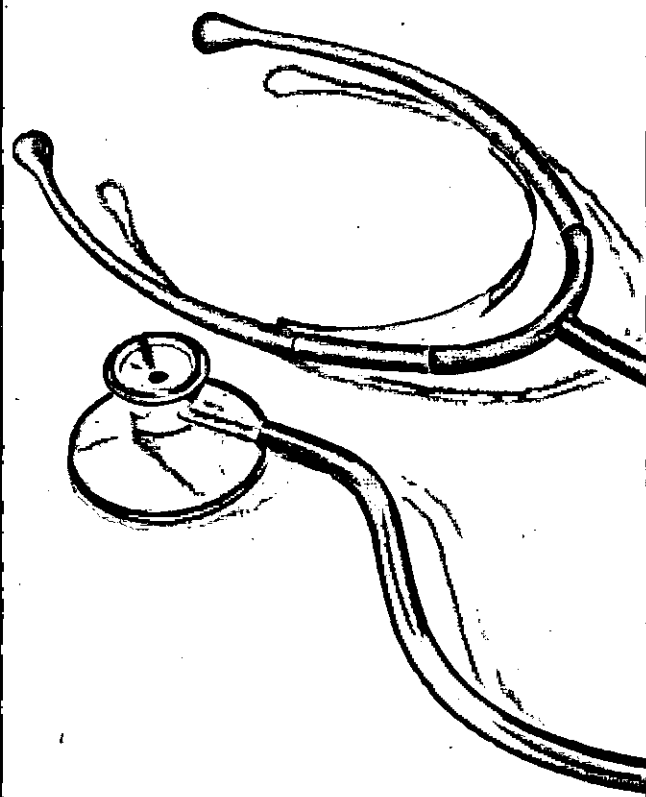
The benefit will kick off at 2 p.m. with The Andy Cooney Band followed by Celtic Cross, Kevin McKrell, The New York Showband, the Kitty Kelly Band, Bill Keenan, Jeff Strange, the All Paul Show

(McCartney tribute), bagpipes and Irish step dancers. Admission is \$20.

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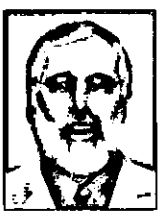




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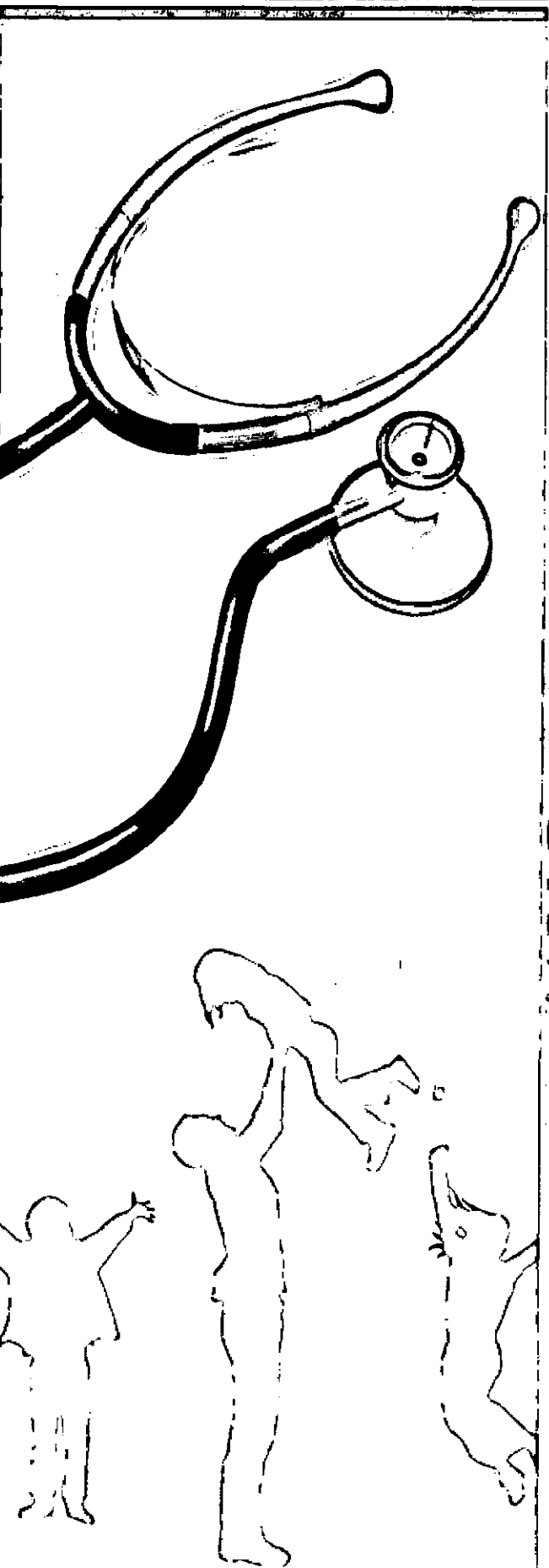
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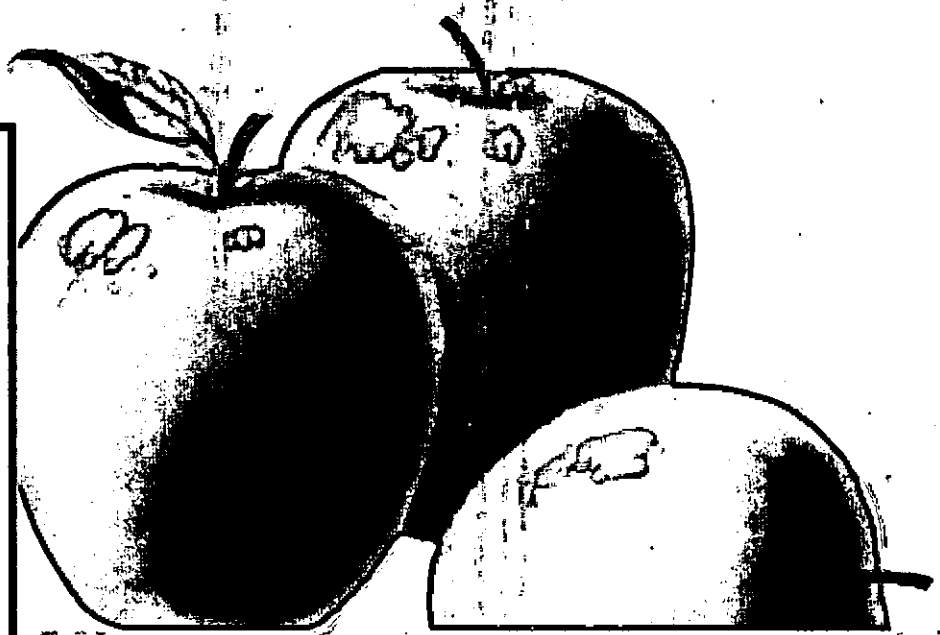
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Area men and women fly with the 109th

This is the first of a two-part series on members of the 109th Airlift Wing based in Scotia. This week The Spotlight focuses on the home lives of two of its members, George Alston of Delmar and Bradt Primary teacher Karolyn De Vito. Next week we will focus on how they perform their military duties in Greenland.

Stories and photos by John McIntyre

Delmar pilot stays grounded

Kangerlussuaq, Greenland - George Alston grew up in a military family where expectations ran high.

After graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1989, he began his military career as an instructor pilot with assignments in Arizona, Texas, Japan and Arkansas. At that point in his career he was doing very well.

"My father always had aspirations for me to have a higher command than he did. Since he was a full colonel, that would mean being a general," the 43-year-old Delmar resident said. Just as he was readying for his next assignment in 1998, he received a medical diagnosis for his first-born daughter.

"The defining moment in my life was having to face the realities of a child



George Alston, a pilot in the 109th Airlift Wing of the New York Air National Guard, flies an LC-130 Hercules to Greenland July 27.

with special needs. At that point, it became all about her. Every decision we made was about Ashley," Alston said. "I said to myself, 'I don't need to be a general, I need to be a good dad.'"

Alston made the decision to leave the full-time Air Force and began to search for a National Guard Unit in the U.S. that flew C-130s. There were lots of them.

"In any Air Force career, you are going to move every three years,"

he said. "Ashley needed stability in her care. The frequent moves made that stability highly unlikely."

While researching guard units, Alston and wife Jennifer gravitated toward the 109th. They liked the Capital District and the Bethlehem School District offered great programs for their growing family.

"We had no connections to this area at all or even New York for that matter,"

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Rotterdam teacher blends two lives

Kangerlussuaq, Greenland - Karolyn De Vito knew she wanted to be a teacher as early as the fourth grade growing up in Melrose.

What she didn't know was she would teach students at both ends of the earth.

De Vito, 34, teaches K-2 physical education at Bradt Primary School in Rotterdam as her full-time job, but she also serves as a master sergeant in the 109th Airlift Wing of the New York Air National Guard. The 109th flies missions around the world with its LC-130 Hercules aircraft, but its primary mission is to support research in the polar regions.

This means that De Vito is usually far away from home a few weeks



Master Sergeant Karolyn De Vito outside a primary school in Kangerlussuaq, Greenland, during a training mission with the 109th Airlift Wing of the New York Air National Guard in July.

each year, and sometimes when school is still in session.

"When we go to Greenland, it is usually during the summer so it doesn't affect school," she said, "but Antarctica is another story."

In November 2009, De Vito deployed to Antarctica for 42 days, but decided to take a few friends with her.

"She came in to tell the class she was going away and that she would like to take them with her as Flat

Stanleys." Second grade teacher Laurie Dennis said. "They all wanted to go."

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Soldier's hugs live on

Organization honors 'Uncle Shawn' by handing out blankets during Toys for Tots drive

By ALYSSA JUNG
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When you were hugged by Uncle Shawn, you knew you'd been hugged.

"Shawn was a big hugger. He would hug everyone. He was like a big teddy bear, and all of his friends' children called him Uncle Shawn and wanted to be hugged by him," said Dawn Martin.

Martin is Shawn's mother. Her son was killed in action in June 2007 at the age of 30. He had served in the military for seven years.

"When we lost Shawn, we had some wonderful Marines that helped us. They were very supportive, and after a year went by, we were at a dedication for my son and one of the Marines asked me if I'd like to go on the Toys for Tots train, which they were dedicating the northern end to my son that year," said Martin, who lives in Delmar.

That year, Martin was struck by how many needy children were in the area and wanted to give them something of her own. She remembered fleece blankets she'd made for her granddaughter and some neighborhood children. A warm blanket

seemed like the perfect gift.

"I purchased 25 blanket kits and made around 230 blankets to give out to children on the train. I had children offering to trade the one toy they were getting — which was perhaps the only one they'd get for Christmas—for a blanket," said Martin.

The casual blanket giveaway soon turned into much more: Uncle Shawn's Hugs. The nonprofit organization now hosts blanket-making parties and has wrapped children in nearly 500 blankets over two years. Martin said she usually holds the gatherings throughout the winter at the Elsmere Fire Station, which donates its space for cutting and tying parties, and at St. Thomas Church.

This year, though, she's getting a head start on the fleece frenzy with a basket raffle at Clifton Park Center to raise money for Uncle Shawn's Hugs and to buy the no-sew blanket kits. Organized by Operation Adopt a Soldier, the raffle will take place on Aug. 14, 15, 21 and 22 and tickets will be sold for \$10, which offers 20 chances to win.

Martin found the name of her organization to be a no-brainer.

"When I wrapped blankets around a child who was shivering and cold, it was like giving them a warm hug," said Martin.

Part of the reason why her efforts snowballed so quickly is because she was surprised by the large demand for basic necessities in the immediate area.

"It's hard to believe that we have children in our own area and backyard that don't have their own blankets. This one little girl about 5 or 6 months old, was wrapped in her mother's sweatshirt, didn't have a jacket; I couldn't wait to wrap that little girl in one of those warm blankets," said Martin.

Experiences like that are what spurs her to propel Uncle Shawn's Hugs further each year. She said the genuine "thank yous" she receives make everything worth it.

"I went to give this child a blanket last year, and the mother said, 'No, we came to say thank you for last year. Give it to another child,'" said Martin. "Those are the things that touch your heart."

Her son had some of her giving spirit, said Martin, who remembers him as having "a big heart" and "giving to everyone." She said he was full of energy and spread that out over various jobs, from construction to cooking, before settling on the military. From then on, said Martin, Shawn was a changed man.

"He was a very focused



Uncle Shawn's Hugs is a non-profit organization started by Dawn Martin, center, in honor of her son, who was killed in action in June 2007. She makes no-sew fleece blankets to give out to children who meet the Toys for Tots train around Christmas.

Submitted photo

person. He just knew what he wanted and went forward with it," said Martin.

That meant spending four years with an anti-terrorist company, then re-enlisting to work as an explosive ordinance destruction person, which is someone who clears the fields so the military can walk through them. Martin said she got some flak for supporting her son's headstrong and steadfast decisions, but as a mother, she couldn't imagine doing anything different.

"This was his destiny. This is what he wanted and I was very proud to support him. I missed him everyday, but I was also very fortunate to see him live his dream. What more could you want for your child?" said Martin.

One of Martin's last memories of Shawn shows what he was all about, she said.

"When he was home for the last time, it was to be in his best friend's wedding. He got off the plane and had a short haircut as many military people do. His niece, Kira, just

thought her Uncle Shawn was the greatest and followed him everywhere from the moment he got home," said Martin. "She took one look at him with that short hair and in his dress blues, and told him he was 'her bald-headed Prince Charming.' She was 5."

Martin said her goal for this year is to make at least one more blanket than last year. To find out how to help visit www.uncleshawnshugs.org. For more information about the basket raffle at Clifton Park Center, contact Terri Perry at 232-4526.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

Film Feasts on Area's Ambiance

The force behind 'Grazing Miss Albany' hopes movie will enhance Capital District's image

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Mike Camoin envisions making a movie that brings Albany the same kind of fame Mystic, Conn., enjoyed after the release of "Mystic Pizza" starring Julia Roberts.

"It's a two-hour commercial (for Mystic) that aired around the world for free," Camoin said. "That's pretty hard to do."

That's why Camoin is taking a patient approach to having his movie, "Grazing Miss Albany," produced. He doesn't want to rush things and be stuck with a less-than-stellar project, because he knows he might not get another chance. Before the recession hit, Camoin said, he had attracted the attention of a "major distributor" as well as a talent agency on the West Coast that recommended some "A-list actors."

"Then the market crashed, and I had to go back to the drawing board," Camoin said.

So Camoin keeps his eyes and ears open for potential investors and partners in the film while keeping busy with other projects at Videos For Change Productions, a company Camoin launched at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Incubator Center in 2002. The business moved to downtown Albany in 2006 and has made a documentary series on the Adirondacks called "Inside the Blue Line." Camoin is also excited about a



Test scenes for "Grazing Miss Albany" were shot in downtown Albany.

documentary called "An American Life: The Journey from Violence to Hope," which tells the story of Schenectady's David Kaczynski, who identified his brother, Ted, as the Unabomber.

But "Grazing Miss Albany" is clearly Camoin's passion.

Camoin wrote the script, which he calls "a family feud over faith and food."

It centers on two estranged brothers, Patrick and Francis. Patrick owns a family diner, while Francis is a priest suffering

a crisis of faith.

Francis shows up at the diner one day, but instead of mending fences with his brother, he delivers the news that their mother willed the diner to his church.

The movie is a family picture, Camoin said, and he's been told that there's something in it for everyone.

One of the people who had praise for the film was Larry Jackson, who happened to be a lead executive on "Mystic Pizza." Camoin met Jackson pretty much by chance when Camoin went out to western Massachusetts to check out the vibrant film scene out there. Jackson was giving a talk, and when Camoin realized he was involved with "Mystic Pizza," he made sure to grab a few minutes with him.

Jackson is now a consultant on "Grazing Miss Albany," and Camoin hopes that's not the only thing the film will have in common with "Mystic Pizza," a film he studied while developing his business plan at the RPI incubator.

He wants the movie to project an image of Albany that will make people want to come here, just as "Mystic Pizza" did for Mystic.

"Albany just oozes with such negative drama that's stranger than fiction," Camoin said. "That's a multi-million dollar problem for businesses that want to attract workers here."

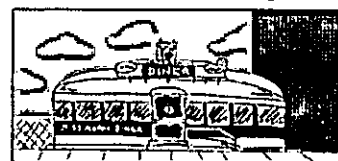
While other major movies have been filmed in the city recently, most notably "Salt" and "The Other Guys," those films didn't spotlight Albany, instead passing it off as another city, Camoin said. His plan is to showcase Albany and hopefully stem the brain drain that goes on.

"I know a lot of talented people who have left the area because there's not paid work for them," he said.

With any luck, the movie will provide some paid work in addition to enhancing Albany's image, he said.

"It's a whole snowball factor," Camoin said.

What he's looking for, Camoin said, is "one prominent businessman to step up and put people to work." Anyone interested in the movie, whether as a fan or an investor, can visit www.grazingmissalbany.com or the film's page on Facebook.



A promotional drawing for "Grazing Miss Albany."

Local Film Student Promotes Indie Endeavor

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Like Mike Camoin, Andy Cahill loves the idea of a movie that spotlights New York's capital city.

"That would be a big deal for this area," Cahill said, noting that while other motion pictures have been shot here, "nothing is making Albany look like Albany."

A Bethlehem High School graduate, Cahill is now a sophomore film student at SUNY Purchase. Home for the summer, he has worked with Camoin on a series of videos about "Grazing Miss Albany," which can be found on the Spotlight's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/spotlightnewspapers.

Cahill said he's a big believer in the importance of newspapers, but he felt that in today's world, video is an effective way to reach people.

"If you give people a five-minute video on YouTube, you're showing them, this is real. This is happening," Cahill said. "Seeing is believing for a lot of people."

What Cahill hopes people see in the videos is a project that's worthy of support. He wants people to be moved to help Camoin get his movie made, which in turn will help the region.

Cahill and Camoin have made three video segments about "Grazing Miss Albany," with each running five minutes. For Cahill, it's been the kind of experience he's

loved ever since he started playing with his parents' camcorder when he was in elementary school.

He remembers making up stories with his friends, filming them as they ran around with squirt guns.

"We thought we were so cool," he said, laughing. "It was awful."

His skills as a filmmaker have grown immeasurably since then, thanks in no small part to his finding a mentor in Martin Goeller, a director/producer who worked with Cahill's mother in a production at Capital Repertory Theater. It also helps that Cahill has a serious passion for filmmaking.

When he listens to music, a movie appears in his head. When he's hanging out with friends, he thinks about what camera angles would best capture their interaction.

"If I'm sitting on the couch watching ESPN, I think, how can I film this so it looks interesting?" he said.

Cahill, who hopes to transfer to the University at Southern California, encourages other aspiring filmmakers to "pick up a camera and start shooting."

"They'll learn something every time," he said.

And maybe one of them could take over his informal role of promoting "Grazing Miss Albany."

"It's very important," Cahill said.

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"Postage Paid: Dance Around the World," "In a Labyrinth: The Dance of Butoh," "Ballet Russes Centennial Exhibit," and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, through Fall 2010, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

"Woodies! The Charlie and Marie Montano Woodie Collection," through Oct. 17; "The Syracuse Mile," featuring two of the central New York's famous stock cars; plus ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"For You," through Aug. 22; "Opener 19: Los Carpinteros," through Aug. 31; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Juan Munoz," through Oct. 17; "Picasso Looks at Degas," through Sept. 12; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

"Everything That Rises Must Converge," through February 2011; plus "Material World: Sculpture to Environment," through Feb. 27, 2011; "Gravity is a Force to be Reckoned With," through Oct. 31; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Reflections on Water in American Painting," through Oct. 3; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Andrew Wyeth: An American Legend,"

through Sept. 5, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

Call for Artists

THE CHORALERS

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Looking for women interested in vocal and instrumental performance, meetings held the first Thursday of every month. Information, 374-5536.

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CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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Male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 399-1846.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group based in Niskayuna is looking for women to join group. Information, 346-5349.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB

WOMEN'S CHORUS

Invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

ARTISTS WANTED

Exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 1138 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 220-9027.

Spotlight on poetry

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To Comprehend a Gaze Outward

by Alan Casline

At dawn still in bed
stark empty branches
thicken the pale light
promise a memory of night past
see no hope of dawn
endless the drawing back
where comes the wind
to animate this tangled story?
Stirring myself
to caress the skin
of the woman lying next to me
always the light to come
how we comfort ourselves
with the lies we tell.

This poem has a dreamy quality to it, with fragments of insight. It's the kind of poem that suspends reality, offers an unsentimental kind of love, and a surprise at the end.

Alan Casline is the head honcho at Benevolent Bird Press, a Delmar publishing company that produces beautiful art, photography and poetry. Casline has a particular interest in the local watersheds and the writings of Will Christman.

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Your News in the Spotlight

Student interns with the state

Paul L. Sheehan of Guiderland took part in an internship this summer through SUNY Oswego's Experience-Based Education Program. Sheehan, a junior accounting major, interned at New York State Department of Public Service, Albany.

The Experience-Based Education Program at Oswego places students in internships and career awareness opportunities that allow them to earn college credits while garnering valuable "real life" experience. Last year, more than a thousand Oswego students took part in experiential learning while working at hundreds of businesses, nonprofit agencies and

government offices, not counting the hundreds of student teachers working in area schools.

Association seeks stories

The New Scotland Historical Association is going to publish a book of memories from those who had experiences in the Town of New Scotland in the years before 1970.

This book will include articles written by the people themselves, who want to share a particular event — school days, a family reunion, a church picnic, starting a business, a day to remember, returning from the war, etc. Articles can be long or short. A picture can be included, but is not necessary.

Send articles to:

New Scotland Historical Association, PO Box 541, Voorheesville, NY 12186—attention: Book Committee.

Five Rivers plans vine program

A naturalist's study of vining plants will be conducted at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, on Sunday, Aug. 15, at 2 p.m.

At this outdoor interpretive program, Center naturalists will lead participants in a search along center trails for common climbers such as wild grape, Virginia creeper and poison ivy. Savvy identification tips will be provided. Environmentally-friendly

ways to deal with poison ivy will also be discussed.

This program is open to the public free of charge. Call 475-0291 for information.

HAF to host kitchen tour

The Mansion Neighborhood will hold its second Cooks and Kitchen tour on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Guests will visit three homes to enjoy an appetizer, entrée, and dessert. The tour starts at the corner of Philip Street and Madison Avenue, where your guide will reveal the menu and provide the tour booklet with all the recipes. Reserve a space for \$45, with checks made payable to Mansion Neighborhood

Association, c/o Mary-ellen Piche, 66 Elm St. Albany, NY 12202.

Five Rivers slates egret search

An interpretive program on the natural and cultural history of the great egret will be conducted at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. In mid-August, post-breeding dispersal often graces wetlands in the Capital Region with the elegant great egret, the bird that inspired the conservation movement more than 100 years ago. At this outdoor foray, Center naturalists will lead participants around Center ponds and marshes in a search for egrets, herons and other

wetland residents of the season.

This program is open to the public free of charge. Call 475-0291 for information.

Randall earns volunteer honor

Grant Randall, of Glenmont, was named as Community Caregivers Volunteer of the Month for July 2010.

Community Caregivers provides transportation, respite care, and shopping assistance, as well as a multitude of various other services for those in need. Randall was recognized for his efforts, especially the number of times he has been available to provide transportation services to the members of the community.

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Milestones



Kate and Brian Taylor

Doody, Taylor marry

On June 26, 2010, The Pryun House in Latham N.Y. was the setting for the marriage of Kate Doody, daughter of Tom and Carole Doody of Glenmont, NY, and Brian Taylor, son of Bill and Maggie Taylor of Ogden Utah, and Linda and Mike Phillips of League City, Texas. The officiant for the ceremony was the Honorable Judge Joe Teresi.

The bridal party included the couple's siblings: maid of honor Kyle Doody, best man Scott Taylor, bridesman

Clarke Doody, groomswoman Kelly Taylor, and bridesmaid Kim Gallo, friend of the bride. The flower girl was Tessa Kimball, niece of the groom and the ring bearer was Jackson Gallo, son of Kim and Jason Gallo.

After a joyous wedding celebration held in Burmaster Barn, the couple honeymooned in Costa Rica. They are moving to Baltimore MD, where they both will be teaching at the Maryland Institute College of Art.



Daniella Marie Testa and Antonio Sgueglia

Testa, Sgueglia to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Testa of Niskayuna proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Daniella Marie Testa, to Antonio Sgueglia, son of Mr. Giuseppe Sgueglia of Schenectady and the late Maria Sgueglia.

The bride elect is a 1997 graduate of Niskayuna High School and a 2001 Cum Laude graduate of Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York. She is currently self-employed as an event planning

consultant.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Exeter High School and is employed by a general contracting firm in Saratoga Springs, New York.

An October 23, 2010, wedding is planned.

Stoffelses to mark 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stoffels Sr. of Rotterdam are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary (8/20/1960) at Mallozzi's Banquet and Ballrooms, 1930 Curry Road, on Aug. 21 with family and friends.

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IN BRIEF

College to hold info sessions

Empire State College, of the State University of New York, will hold public information sessions about its associate and bachelors degree programs at the Empire State Plaza location, Concourse Level, Suite 108, Albany on Wednesday, Aug. 11, and Thursday, Aug. 26, at noon.

To reserve a space for an upcoming information session please visit www.esc.edu and select the location nearest to you or call 473-4034. You may also register by calling 800 847-3000 and selecting option 1.

Empire State College offers adult learners the opportunity to earn associate, bachelors and masters degrees from the State University of New York. Students learn through independent studies, seminars,

residencies and online courses. They also may earn credit for prior college-level learning from work and life experience. The college serves more than 19,000 students worldwide with multiple locations in New York State and online. For more information, visit www.esc.edu.

Foal photograph to be auctioned

The limited edition, 20" X 20" signed and framed work "Foal Ears" by emerging local artist Mark Samu will be sold to the highest bidder. All proceeds will go to The Marley Fund.

This image was donated by the artist and the framing was donated by Upstate Equine Medical Center. The Marley Fund began as a memorial to a special horse and his owner, both of whom displayed courage, charm

and grace in the face of Marley's inoperable and terminal cancer. Their friends and benefactors made a donation to Upstate Equine Medical Center in Marley's name. The decision was made to use these funds only for patient care; the funds are now used to defray the cost of veterinary care in special needs cases.

"Foal Ears" is being offered as a silent auction. Bidding will start at \$100, and will increase in increments of \$10. You can place your bid by contacting Upstate Equine Medical Center via Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Schuylerville-NY/Upstate-Equine-Medical-Center/165852247743>, by phone 695-3744 or by e-mail UpstateEquine@aol.com. In the event that two bids are received for the same amount of money, the earlier bid will prevail.

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Lives

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student," she said. "It was personal for each one of them."

They made the three-day trip down to Antarctica and toured the mountains, skiways, planes and ice. They went every place De Vito did.

However, it did not always go as planned.

"I decided to take them with me on a mission to the South Pole," De Vito said. "I taped each student in the class to a plastic sheet, so I could take their picture at the Pole sign. What I didn't realize is the tape doesn't stick well in below zero temperatures. Many of them started blowing away across the snow."

With the help of the ground crew at the South Pole Station, they retrieved each student from the ice.

"I was so scared I was going to lose one of them," she added. "Could you imagine coming back and saying, 'Sorry I lost you at the South Pole.'"

When they returned to Bratt, the non-flat students interviewed De Vito.

"They were elated, and the experience made them feel so special," Dennis said. "It is not often that a child could say, 'their Flat Stanley went to Antarctica.'"

This will not be the last time De Vito will blend



ABOVE: Karolyn De Vito greets students on the first day of school at Bratt Primary School in 2008.

Photo courtesy of Mohonassen Central Schools



LEFT: The class of "Flat Stanleys" Karolyn De Vito brought with her to Antarctica in December 2009.

Photo courtesy of Karolyn De Vito

the life of a soldier and a teacher.

"I am working to set up a pen-pal program with the school in Greenland," she said. "I met with the

teacher this week, and we are working out the logistics."

The 109th is based in Kangerlussuaq while in Greenland. It is a

settlement of about 500 permanent residents on the site of a former U.S. airbase 75 miles from the western coast of Greenland. The mix of cultures helps De Vito's students experience life outside Schenectady County.

"She is always full of energy," Mohonassen Athletic Director Joe Scalise said of De Vito. "Kids see her passion and energy. It flows into her teaching."

De Vito joined the Air National Guard after graduating from Hudson Valley Community College with a degree in applied science. She took the aptitude test to get into the guard with a friend.

"I liked the idea of, as advertised, one weekend a month and two weeks a year," De Vito said.

After graduation, she left for basic training, completed tech school and

flew with the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron as a medical technician, then enrolled at SUNY Cortland to earn a bachelor's degree.

"I was a flyer," De Vito said. "We did flights two weekends a month. Because I did not live locally, I needed to do the weekend trips to other parts of the country to keep my training up."

Once she graduated from Cortland in December 2001, she found a temporary job as a physical education teacher at Mohonassen, but it took another year to find a full-time slot.

"I liked the people there. We had a young staff and we became friends quickly," De Vito said. "I love to teach, and the kids really hype me up."

The day before St. Patrick's Day in 2003 she received a call at her house in Stillwater. She

was being deployed to Iraq.

"It was a really hard day. We only had 48 hours to get ready," she said. "At that time I had only been married six months and just picked up a new puppy that day. It was hard, but I always knew it could happen."

She spent four months at Camp Wolfe in Kuwait preparing wounded soldiers for transport to Spain or Germany.

"The first day we were there, the chemical attack sirens kept going off," De Vito said. "It was scary because we did not know how to get the chemical suits on and when we did, it was about 100 degrees, which was not a good combination. We had so many sirens that day, I wasn't sure what was going on."

After that first day, things became more routine, De Vito said. She learned where the shelters were and how to deal with life in a war zone. She returned after four months.

In addition to teaching, she coaches two sports, varsity high school soccer and track and field.

"She knows how to motivate younger students and the same with high school students," Scalise said. "She adapts to the student she interacts with."

"I have high expectations for all of them, as I do for myself," De Vito said. "I want them to be successful."

If you want to sum up how De Vito approaches her job, Dennis says she takes time to care.

"As a teacher, she is enthusiastic, energetic and goes above and beyond to make the students feel special," she said. "We have over 700 kids in this school and she knows each of their names. That is a hard thing to do."

But not maybe not as hard as planning recreation and morale boosters for crews that deal with sub-zero temperatures in a very isolated place.

Next week *The Spotlight* will look at De Vito's duties as the first sergeant for the 109th on a recent deployment to Greenland.

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Testing

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Superintendent Michael Tebbano said the new standards are ultimately a good thing because they'll lead to a higher quality education. But the manner in which the state has

made the switch to the new cut scores after the fact can do a disservice to those who took the most recent round of tests, he continued, by causing confusion with students and parents.

"The problem that has occurred is they have been going about it in a manner of substituting a new lens

on the assessment data from the previous year," Tebbano said. "I just wish they did it a little differently."

Tebbano went on to say the district would most likely have to make adjustments to the course curriculum to make sure students are hitting the standards.

Got sports news?

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Pilot

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other than an aunt that lived in New York City," he said. "I would still be flying C-130s, but in a non-combat role. My schedule would be more predictable and that is imperative when you have children."

After joining the 109th airlift wing, Alston landed his first job with US Airways as a 737 pilot, but that was short-lived.

"9-11 changed all that. I was furloughed, which is the airlines' word for laid off," he said.

At this point Alston had another bad-into-good moment.

He was hired full time as the 109th's community relations manager.

"The position is about outreach to the community. We are the liaison between the command and the local, business and political communities."

Through this, he wanted to be more involved. He got into the General Electric Junior Officer Leadership Program, which offers jobs to young officers and

assigns them to different units of GE. The goal is to help the officer develop leadership skills in various work environments within the company.

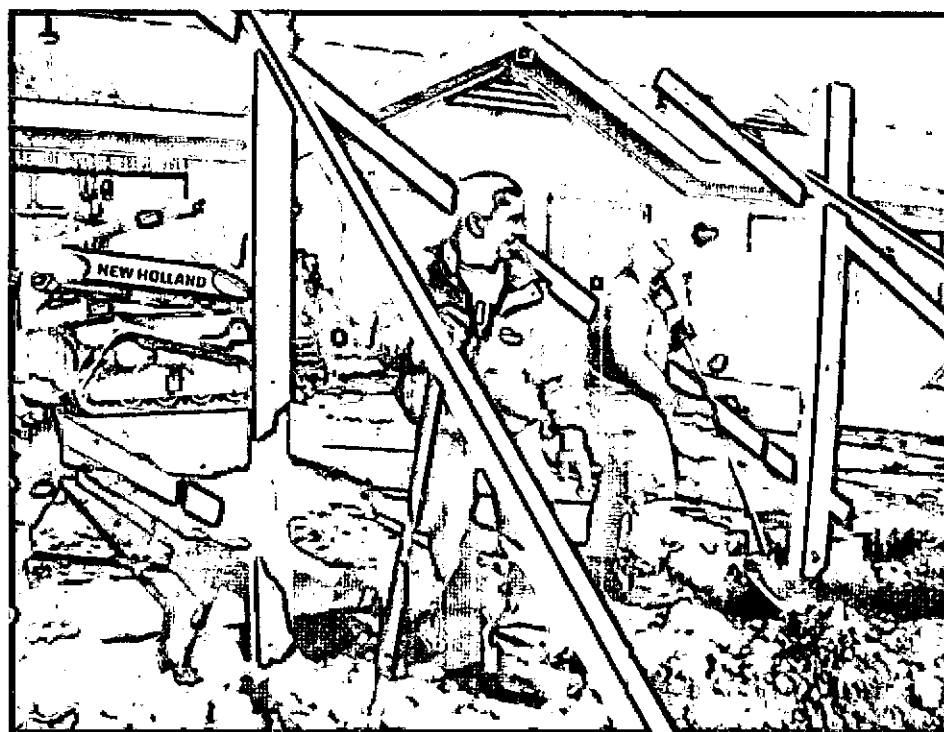
"This program was designed for young captains, and I was a major at that point," he said. "They called me Grampa."

Alston had three rotations at GE in communications, GE Foundation and human resources/union relations.

"We did some amazing things at GE, especially with relief efforts for the large earthquake and Hurricane Katrina. ... I also had an eye-opening experience in human relations, understanding the complexities of union and management negotiations."

Alston eventually learned about a program through the Chamber of Schenectady County called Leadership Schenectady. The program connected local business leaders to all facets community life in Schenectady. When he graduated from the program, he was ready to give back.

Chuck Steiner, the president of the Chamber,



George Alston volunteers his time helping out with the Leadership Tech Valley Class of 2010 project at Schenectady ARC's Princetown Ridge facility.

Photo courtesy of the Chamber of Schenectady County

tapped Alston to co-chair a new program that merged the Schenectady program with the Albany Colonie Regional Chamber's. For two years, he co-chaired Leadership Tech Valley, and then became chairman of the Schenectady Foundation, which is the fundraising arm for the Chamber programs.

"Leadership is so

important to society," Steiner said. "The answer to every problem that exists today is to raise a generation of leaders to solve them in the future."

With all this involvement and still being a full-time guardsman, balancing family life is hard.

"I try to include my family in everything I can. It allows me to be there with my kids," Alston

said.

In 2007 he deployed to Afghanistan with the 109th, which was hard on the family, but others stepped up while he was away.

"While I was away, my wife had a medical emergency with her mother, and other members of the community stepped in to help us take care of the kids," he said.

"The amazing thing is they got a hold of me in Afghanistan within one hour."

At the same time a terrible storm blew down a tree, which went through the roof of his house in Delmar.

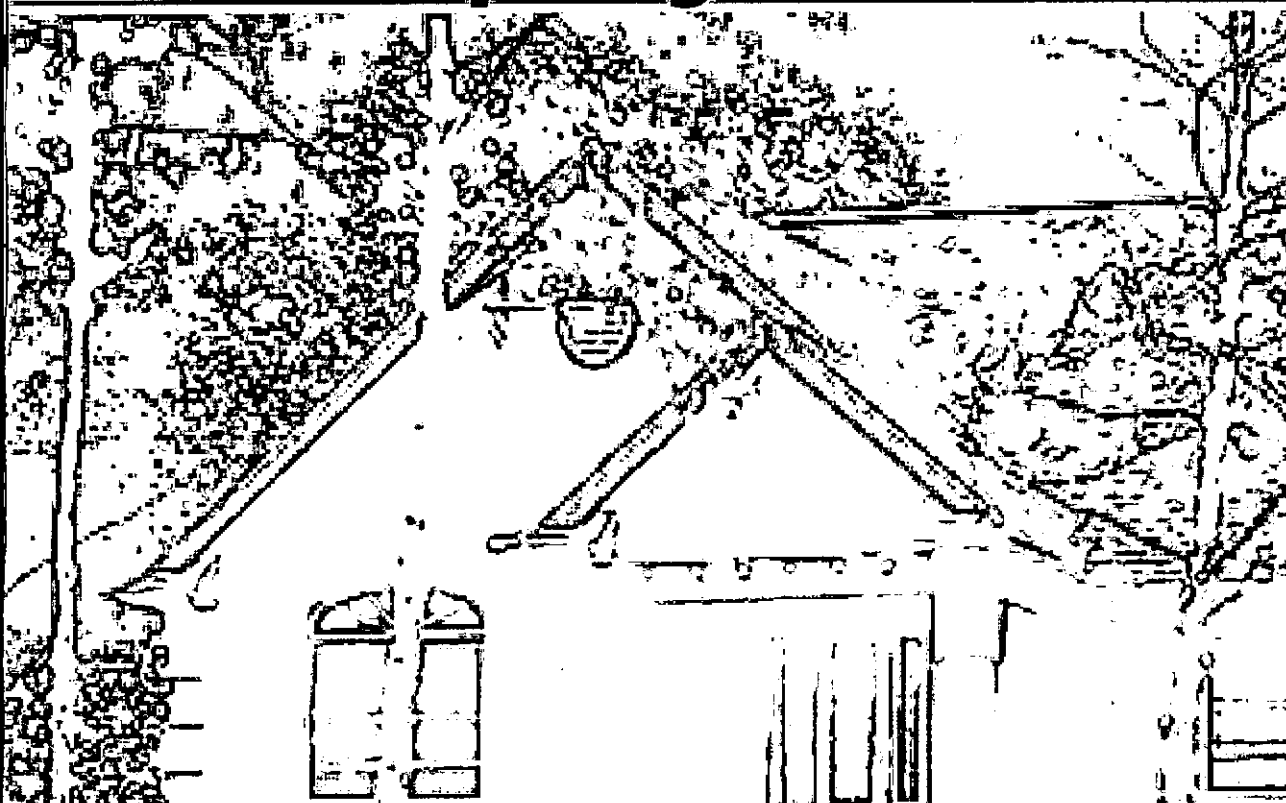
"My wife was still away, but within one day, the roof was covered. This unit takes care of its own."

During a recent deployment to Antarctica, Alston set up a video conference with Hamagrael Elementary School in Bethlehem to use the guard as a teaching tool for students.

"It was a way to connect them to what is going on down there," he said. "Sometimes we [at the 109th] lose sight as to how cool our mission really is. ... If I can make a difference, I want to be part of it. I have been the beneficiary of many opportunities and I hope that I can offer opportunities to others."

Next week, *The Spotlight* will look at Alston's duties as a LC-130 instructor pilot and chief of aircrew training for the 109th during a recent deployment to Greenland.

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Goes

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"I was honored when I was selected, then when I learned a little bit more about the Boys Nation program I began to get a bit intimidated," he said. "I thought, 'Wow, these other kids must be incredibly intelligent.'"

That turned out to be an accurate assumption, as Hartunian met bright and ambitious teens from 49 states during the weeklong session.

"This was the first time I had met kids from all over the country ... for all of us to fit together into a room and debate these ideas ... was really a great, great experience for me."

In short order, the 98 teens were tasked with forming their own mock government at Marymount University outside of Washington. Hartunian served as campaign manager for a Florida representative who was eventually elected president. Hartunian was appointed education secretary.

The delegates then each drafted their own piece of legislation. Hartunian's dealt with providing financial relief for the families of college students. As an incoming senior at BC High, it's a topic that has a personal connection for him.

"It's something I feel very strongly about, and education has been a focus for me," he said. "People in politics and government are always talking about reforming education. ... I thought, who better to reform it than people who are going through the process right now?"

Hartunian's bill involved levying a tax on college endowments that would go to refunding up to \$5,000 of tuition for parents of students within a certain income level. Although it received debate on the floor of the mock senate, it was not one of the pieces of legislation the group eventually passed, which were compiled and distributed to the White House and Congress.

In between debate sessions and other duties, the group saw the nation's capital. At Arlington National Cemetery, they laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They also visited the capital's war memorials. Acknowledging the importance of service was a theme of the trip — the American Legion is the country's largest association of veterans.

"I've gained a huge appreciation for not only the American Legion, but also for soldiers who are in our armed forces today," Hartunian said.

Perhaps the most memorable stop was the boys' trip to the White House,

where they were able to tour the grounds and even had a brief meeting with President Barack Obama.

"It was phenomenal. He spoke to us for a few moments. He was funny, he was intelligent, he was everything you'd expect your president to be," Hartunian said.

He even had a chance to ask a question of the president, which he chose to be about his bill for secondary education reform.

Past notable participants of the Boys Nation program include Bill Clinton, Tom Brokaw and Michael Jordan. One often talked about piece of Boys Nation memorabilia is a picture of Clinton with then-president John Kennedy, which is always sure to spark discussion about the future of participants.

For Hartunian, while the program piqued his interest in politics and government, he doesn't think public office is necessarily the path for him.

"The one thing that I learned at Boys Nation is that I'm not a very good politician. ... I had trouble going out and promoting myself," he said. "I don't think that's really in my future, but hopefully I'll be able to go into politics maybe behind the scenes and try and help people."

Hartunian also plays on a travel baseball team and is involved in the Bethlehem Youth Court program.



From left, Kathy Burbank, executive director, Guilderland Chamber of Commerce; Michael Breslin, Albany County executive; Marty DeLaney; Tom Nolte, executive director, Colonie Chamber of Commerce.

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Leaving

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"She's leaving us with over 600 members strong and a healthy balance sheet," he said. "She's been the heart and soul of the Chamber for 25 years."

"It cannot be overstated what Marty has brought to the Chamber over the last 25 years. The Chamber wouldn't be what it is today without her," said Steven Thomas, chairman of Chamber board and attorney with Lavelle & Finn. "The Chamber is grateful for everything she has done, and she will be missed."

DeLaney's first job with the Chamber was helping to organize the Town of Bethlehem's presence in the City of Albany's tricentennial celebration. She came on as everyone did in those days — as a volunteer. It wasn't long, though, before she became the Chamber's first paid executive.

"The Chamber was very small then," DeLaney said. "But over the years we grew exponentially."

Major changes helped bring along an eventual flood of membership, including the start of a health and dental insurance program for member businesses. But what the Chamber really did — and still does — is offer members a way to foster connections within

the community.

"That's what the quality of life is about in this community — the people," DeLaney said.

Today, you'll rarely reach DeLaney through the Chamber's offices on Delaware Avenue in Delmar. She spends a lot of her time on the road, traveling around the Town of Bethlehem and surrounding areas to visit Chamber members and partners — and she makes plenty of unscheduled stops along the way to chat. To her, a face-to-face conversation and a handshake trumps an e-mail or phone call any day.

"These are the little things that make up the biggest part of my job," she said. "Because we've made ourselves so approachable, that's why people approach us."

During her time at the helm, the Chamber has spearheaded many projects Bethlehem residents enjoy today. Funding for the iconic clock at the Four Corners was raised through the Chamber, as well as seed money for the hanging flower baskets the town maintains in Delmar's business corridor. She also oversaw Feestelijk, the townwide First Night-type celebration.

Throughout it all, DeLaney's positive attitude prevailed, said Turner.

"It's always, give me the one reason we can do

it, not the 10 reasons we can't do it," he said.

But the way DeLaney tells it, the best stories of success are those that involved only a handful of people, like when Chamber members were able to deliver a holiday cherry pie to an elderly resident on behalf of relatives who had moved from the area.

"If that's something that we see that needs to be done and we can do it, we do it," DeLaney said.

DeLaney's successor has yet to be chosen. The Chamber's executive committee will review candidates to present to the full membership. The outgoing president feels this could be a time for the Chamber to look inward and perhaps develop another strategic plan, which hasn't been updated in the past five years.

"This is a good opportunity for this organization to take a good long look at itself," DeLaney said.

DeLaney will be moving in October to Florida with her husband, former town supervisor Ken Riegler, who will be leaving his post as CEO of New York State Industries for the Disabled, Inc., but will also continue to serve as a consultant for that nonprofit.

Despite her move to warmer climes, she said she won't be retiring, and has already received several job offers.

Release

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But this proposal, which has been vetted with other board members, town staff and the town attorney, is the way to go about it, he said. It calls for a worksheet that would allow department heads to easily show the town clerk what type of documents they are submitting, streamlining the process of reviewing lengthy memos and reports.

"I think it is a good balance between getting information out into the public electronically, as well as not generating excessive, unnecessary work for our staff," Messina said. "This board is moving together on this, and that's good."

Hennessey has publicly distributed the most recent draft in hopes of garnering public opinion. It's not the way the legislative process often goes, but given the topic at hand, opening it up for scrutiny seems

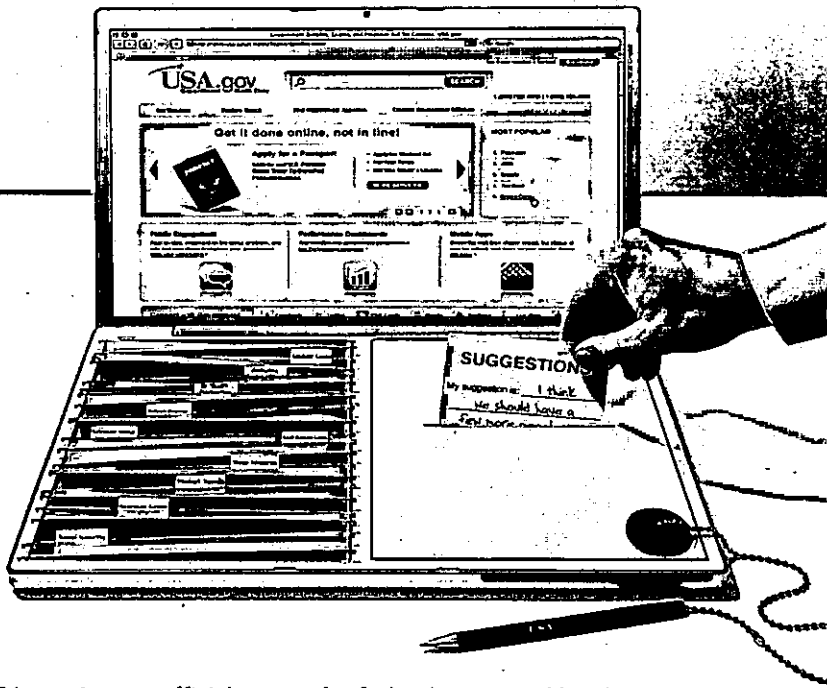
appropriate, he said.

"This is a new way of doing things," Hennessey said. "This is the Town Board, town supervisor, town residents, working together and creating a policy on how we do things. And I think there's something really beautiful and refreshing about that form of direct democracy."

Messina said to give the public time for comment, it's unlikely he would put the proposal on the agenda of the upcoming Aug. 11 board meeting.

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Five Rivers to hold program about oaks

An interpretive program on the oaks of Five Rivers will be conducted at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, August 14 at 10 a.m. At this outdoor foray, Center naturalists will discuss the ecological and economic importance of common oak species. Identification tips will be provided. Threats to New York's forest resources such as oak wilt and the Asian Longhorned Beetle will also be discussed.

This program is open to the public free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled. Please call 475-0291 for more information.

Area author and storyteller team up for event

Nancy Marie Payne, local storyteller, will read from "Fables by jambbal," a collection of stories by Delmar author Norman G. Cohen, at The Union at Glen Eddy, 1 Ascot Lane, Niskayuna, on Monday, Aug. 16, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The event is free and Cohen will be available to sign books for sale.

Five Rivers to hold teachers workshop

A teacher workshop on the award-winning curriculum enhancement program Project WILD Aquatic will be conducted on Saturday, August 14 at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road,

Delmar from 1 to 4 p.m.

At this hands-on workshop, Center staff will lead a participatory training in Project WILD Aquatic, an initiative which integrates aquatic biology themes into the core reading, writing and arithmetic disciplines. Participants will receive a free Project WILD Aquatic Curriculum and Activity Guide full of stimulating activities for students in grades K-12.

The workshop is open to teachers and youth leaders free of charge. In-service credit for this workshop may be arranged through the Greater Capital Region Teacher Center. Please call Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Saturday, August 7 to register for the workshop.

Student named to dean's list

Kristen T. Kenney, of Delmar, was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University for the spring 2010 semester.

Students named to dean's list

The following local residents were named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College for the spring 2010 semester: Vanessa Calaban, daughter of Michael and Joyce Calaban of Delmar, was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's School of Music and Jack Daley, son of Gary Zwiebach and Diana Trask Daley of Glenmont, was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

Local students graduate

The following local students graduated from Ithaca College

in the spring: Colleen Youngs, daughter of William and Margaret Youngs of Delmar, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the college's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance; Sarah Buckley, daughter of Nance Buckley of Delmar, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the college's School of Humanities and Sciences; Jack Daley, son of Gary Zwiebach and Diana Trask Daley of Glenmont, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the college's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance and Max Petraglia, son of David and Sally Petraglia of Delmar, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the college's School of Business.

Local student interns at The Spotlight

Jessica Pett of Trumpeter Place in Slingerlands took part in an internship this summer through SUNY Oswego's Experience-Based Education Program. Pett, a senior journalism major, is interning at The Spotlight News, Delmar.

The Experience-Based Education Program at Oswego places students in internships and career awareness opportunities that allow them to earn college credits while garnering valuable "real life" experience. Last year, more than a thousand Oswego students took part in experiential learning while working at hundreds of businesses, nonprofit agencies and government offices, not counting the hundreds of student teachers working in area schools.

Students graduate from Rochester

Local students graduated from the University of Rochester on May 16. They are the following: Krista Wentworth, daughter of Robert and Brandie Wentworth of Selkirk, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and religious studies; Rebecca Schubmehl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schubmehl of Delmar, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science; Lindsay Rood, daughter of Thomas and Debra Rood of Delmar, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, graduating Cum Laude and Nicholas Cassaro, son of Charles and Tammy Cassaro of Delmar, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

Five Rivers to hold walk

An interpretive study of

Slingerlands church welcomes new pastor



The Rev. Laurel Phillips has been appointed by Bishop Susan Hassinger to serve as pastor of the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, located at 1499 New Scotland Road. Rev. Phillips has recently served as a chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy Life Center in Guilderland and as a family and divorce mediator with Inspired Solutions Mediation Services, which she founded two-and-a-half years ago. Prior to that, she was a pastor for United Methodist Churches in Cobleskill, Galway, Schenectady, AuSable Forks and Clintonville. She has a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and a BA degree in English from Keene State College. "My theology is progressive, my philosophy is inclusive, and I am delighted to be part of a faith community like Community UMC that is committed to welcoming all people," said Phillips. Worship services at Slingerlands Community Church are Sunday at 10 a.m.

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"Miss Saigon" comes to Proctors main stage

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the Old Field Trail will be conducted on Thursday, August 19, 10:00 AM at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

On this outdoor tour, Center naturalists will discuss the steady transition of this former farmland into wild brushland teeming with bluebirds, rabbits, goldfinches and other fauna. The tour will cover approximately one-half mile over grass surfaces, with a few moderate ups and downs.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity. In the event of severe weather, this program may be cancelled. For more information, call the Center

at 475-0291.

Pie in the Sky to offer take-out at market

Pie in the Sky, a small café and catering business affiliated with RSS (Rehabilitation Support Services), will offer a take-out meal at the Voorheesville Farmer's Market on Friday, August 20, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Avenue, Voorheesville.

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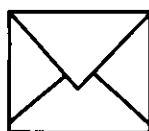
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Notice of Formation of NO.1808 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/21/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64087 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of The Advisors' Academy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/15/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/31/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc. (NRAI), 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. DE address of LLC: NRAI, 160 Greentree Drive, Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64088 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name of LLC: SBC State Street Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 10, 2010. LLC office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: SBC State Street Properties, LLC, 2485 Troy Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. 64089 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation MBDS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/24/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64091 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: MALTA TECHNOLOGY GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 15, 2010. 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 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 64092 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TRACHT GUT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/23/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64094 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of BS 2000-WF2 855 Publishers Parkway, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/25/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: CSI, 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 64128 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of ALVA KITCHENS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64130 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of H. LUZZARIO & CO LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64131 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of A&D ENTRANCES LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 11/7/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. NJ address of LLC: 2 Saint Volodymyr Ave., Carteret, NJ 07008. Arts. Of Org. filed with the NJ Secy. Of State, 33 W. State St., 5th Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64133 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation MONTRESOR NY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/2/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64135 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation WRITE PROJECTS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/1/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64136 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA ALTAMONT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 6, 2010. 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 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 64138 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Playing Hands LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/13/10. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1148 Avon Road, Schenectady, NY 12308. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64139 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of WHG Sub CS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/26/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 64140 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of WHG CS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/26/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 64141 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of CHRISTINE HOLOWACZ LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/2/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64142 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 3DRvolution, LLC. Arts. of

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Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/21/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 156 Fifth Ave., Penthouse #1, NY, NY 10010. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64143 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Zoom Medical Supply, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/18/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 73 Gullane Dr. Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64144 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Buried Above Ground, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/2/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 324 Dean St., Ste. 4B, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64145 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MELIDELI LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64150 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation LEGENKON BUSINESS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/7/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64151 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of DG AVIATION CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/7/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64153 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Schoharie Improvement Partners, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 13, 2010, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 45 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211,

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which shall be the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 64155 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PRIME PROPERTIES QUEENSBURY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 24, 2010. County within this state, in which the office of the limited liability company is located: Albany County. Street address of principal business location is: 10 Osgood Avenue, Green Island, New York, 12183. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PRIME PROPERTIES QUEENSBURY, LLC, 10 Osgood Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183. Registered agent, who is agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served: David W. Meyers, Esq., Meyers & Meyers, LLP, 1734 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Term: Perpetual. Purpose: residential real estate company, and any other lawful purpose. 64156 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Agenda, LLC. Fictitious name: Agenda Trade Show, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/9/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 1/9/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Seth Haber, 7449 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046, also the address to be maintained in CA. Address of the principal office: 110 E. 9th St., Ste. B1169, Los Angeles, CA 90079. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. Of State, 1500 11th St., 3rd Fl., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64157 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MEDIGRADE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/12/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64158 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of CAMDAS Associates, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on June 21, 2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 5 Larkspur Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64159 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Harry DiOrio LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/15/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64160 (D)

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Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company, (LLC): Name: JYG Ventures, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/16/2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O JYG Ventures, LLC, 15 McNutt Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 64188 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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WISDOM WEAR, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization of WISDOM WEAR, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the New York Department of State ("NYDS") on 7.21.10. Principal business location: Albany County. NYDS is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYDS shall mail a copy of any process to Julie L. MacKenzie, 7B West Street, Voorheesville, NY 12186. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. 64190 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF COLONIE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 950 OF THE LAWS OF 1972 AND THE TOWN LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN RELATION TO LONDONDERRY RIDGE SUBDIVISION PROPOSED COLONIE SEWER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT AREA - PROJECT 2003-007 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Chapter 950 of the Laws of 1972 and the Town Law of the State of New York, a public hearing will be held in connection with the Londonderry Ridge Subdivision, which would provide sanitary sewer services to the 68-lots within the subdivision located at 260 Vly Road in the Town of Colonie, the particulars of which are set forth in the engineer's report on file in the Town Clerk's Office for public inspection. The maximum amount proposed for said project is One Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and 00/100 (\$184,360.00) to be paid by the developer. Annual charges of sanitary sewer service for a typical single family residential home will be One Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and 33/100 (\$188.33) dollars, per home, for the year 2010; with the cost for a permit and connection to the system for each new home being approximately Two Hundred Forty Dollars and 00/100 (\$240.00). Said public hearing will be held in the Memorial Town Hall, Newtonville, New York on August 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place an opportunity will be given to all persons interested in being heard on the proposed project.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF COLONIE, NEW YORK
ELIZABETH A. DEL TORTO
TOWN CLERK
64191 (C) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an

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application by Constance Ruckwid, for an area variance under Article XIII, Section-100 Schedule of Area, Yard and Bulk Requirements. The applicant requests the ability to build a front porch roof exceeding area requirements at property located at 6 Alden Court, Elsmere, NY 12054, that would put the front yard setback 2.75' shy of the 25' required.

Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman
Board of Appeals
Individuals with disabilities who are in need of an accommodation in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 439-4955 Ext. 1183. Advanced notice is requested. 64193 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 7:15 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on an application by Swift Builders, for an area variance under Article VI, Section 128-54, Nonconforming Uses and Article XIII, Use and Area Schedules, 128-100 Schedule of Area, Yard and Bulk Requirements. The applicant requests the ability to build an addition exceeding area requirements at property located at 15 Kenwood Avenue, Glenmont, NY 12054, that would put the total lot occupancy over the 20% maximum allowable and the rear yard setback 9.56' shy of the 25' required.

Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman
Board of Appeals
Individuals with disabilities who are in need of an accommodation in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 439-4955 Ext. 1183. Advanced notice is requested. 64194 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of POWER RANGER 1 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64195 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Great West Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Brian Zimmet, 437 Madison Ave., 40th Fl., NY, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64196 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Global Indemnity Collectibles Insurance Services, LLC. Fictitious name: Global Collectibles Insurance Agency, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/19/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Maryland (MD) on 4/8/2010. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be

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maintained in MD: 11350 McCormick Rd., Ste. 700, Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Arts of Org. filed with MD Dept. of Assessments & Taxation, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64197 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Jerome Gardens LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 85 W. 188th St., Bronx, NY 10468. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64198 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) NORSAL REAL ESTATE PARTNERSHIP, a NY partnership was converted to NORSAL REAL ESTATE, LLC, a NY LLC, by filing Certificate of Conversion with NY Secretary of State on July 20, 2001. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC managed by one or more members. Office: in Albany County. SOS is agent for service of process and shall mail copy to c/o Albany Gastroenterology Consultants, P.C., 1375 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. 64199 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of WRBG REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/12/10. Off. Loc. Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 9 Starboard Way, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: to engage in any lawful activity. 64201 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is NORTH ROAD, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 12, 1998. 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 c/o Dean DeVito, 621 Columbia Street, Cohoes, New York 12047. 65062 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Richard Croak & Associates NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/21/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 315 Great Oaks Blvd., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful activity. 65065 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE The name of the limited liability company is Reedy Property Services, LLC (the "Company"). The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the NY Secretary of

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State (the "NYSS") on June 9, 2010. The office of the Company is to be located in Albany County. The NYSS is hereby designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within NY to which the NYSS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Joseph Daniel Reedy c/o Reedy Property Services, LLC, 14 Bohl Avenue, Albany, New York 12209. Purpose: any lawful activity. 65072 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ODeCredit, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/23/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 9/25/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 16901 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with CA Secy. Of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 65074 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BEVERAGE EVENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/23/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65077 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Island Catering, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/25/2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Edward Meyer, 5 Overlook Road, Lattinatown, NY 11560. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 65078 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of NG GLOBAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65080 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Shawn's Property Maintenance, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/21/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 4 Hancock Dr., Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful activities. 65081 (D) (August 11, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BETHLEHEM TECHNOLOGY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State,

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June 24, 2010. 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 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 65082 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 1112 STATE STREET, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 29, 2010. 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 10740 Nail Avenue, Suite 215, Overland Park, Kansas 66211. 65084 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name of LLC: Jeremy's Brewing Company, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 16, 2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to 123A Wellington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. 65385 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: HERBERT CONSULTING GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 15, 2010. 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 1016 DiBella Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303. 65386 (D) (August 11, 2010)

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Rivalry

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what happens when you spend a perfect afternoon on the Great Sacandaga Lake with some friends like I did last Saturday. Thanks for the invite and the hospitality, Doug. I'll be back for another round before the end of the summer, and I promise not to fall on another box of Wheat Thins (yes, that happened).

• I don't think Chad Brown is going to win the trainers title at Saratoga Race Course this year – not with the limited amount of horses the Mechanicville native has, and not with Todd Pletcher still fielding winners. But if he continues to do a good job with the horses he has, you can bet that it won't be long before Brown establishes himself as a top thoroughbred trainer.

• Tiger Woods should have taken 2010 off from golf to deal with his personal issues. His focus is clearly not on playing golf – not when he's 18-over par for

a tournament. He should just step away now, take the rest of the year off to deal with his pending divorce and then relax for a while before stepping back on a golf course. The PGA will survive without Tiger. It won't thrive, but it will survive until he gets back.

• Finally if any of you out there are wringing your hands in nervous anticipation over Brett Favre's return, a humble suggestion: STOP IT! Favre will be back under center for the Minnesota Vikings when the season starts. He's just trying to find a way to avoid the rigors of training camp by suggesting he might retire for the third time. If you didn't know that by now, then you must be working for ESPN.

That's it for this week, folks. If you have any comments, send them to jonasr@spotlightnews.com. If you send them to Fred@whyisOmarMinayastillGM.com, you might not get a response. That is, unless you're willing to buy his baseball team.

Silver Szelests



Glenmont siblings Niko, left, and Stephanie Szelest won silver medals in tae kwon do at the AAU Junior Olympics July 31 through Aug. 2 in Virginia Beach. Niko earned silver medals in point and Olympic-style sparring, as well as a bronze medal in forms, while Stephanie took home a silver medal in point sparring and a bronze medal in Olympic-style sparring. The Szelests trained at Columbia Tae Kwon Do and also received training from Master Robert Norrie Jr. and third-degree black belt Eirrin Norrie. Submitted photo

Medals

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place, men's 50m freestyle, 32.56

Thomas Downey (Selkirk) – 12th place, men's 100m breaststroke, 1:29.61; 16th place, men's 200m individual medley, 2:53.05

Track and field Masters division
Brian Dollard (Voorheesville) – bronze medal, men's discus (45-49), 27.91

meters; bronze medal, men's 10,000-meter run (45-49), 49:59.11.

Open division
Briana Del Bene (Altamont) – sixth place, women's discus, 31.22 meters

Weightlifting
Sierra Horan (Altamont) – silver medal, women's 63kg division, 72 pounds

If any names are missing from this list, please contact sports editor Rob Jonas at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

Ready

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is part of – the Womens Premier League. And both Kanuk and Braymer said the impact the 2-year-old league has had is noticeable in terms of the cohesiveness the national team possesses.

"Last time [2006], the team was very talented, but we never came together to play to our full potential," said Braymer. "I think this team is much farther ahead in terms of team cohesiveness, and thus – I hope – our chances are better. I would love to see us make it to the final."

"We feel the most unified as we've felt the last three years," said Kanuk. "We've improved with every competition."

That type of preparation

is vital to the United States' chances of advancing out of pool play at the Women's Rugby World Cup. The U.S. is in a pool with two rugby giants, Ireland and England, as well as Kazakhstan.

"We know that every team has earned the right to be there, and we know we have to play hard against every team," said Kanuk.

"Every game is going to be difficult," said Braymer. "Ireland is going to be quick and scrappy, and thus a difficult opponent. England is also a major force that we will have to overcome."

Just because the U.S. is in a difficult pool doesn't mean it doesn't have a chance, though.

"We play a very physical match," said Kanuk. "We expect to bring that to

every match we play, and we expect other teams to try to push us physically."

As a center/fly half, Kanuk will be in the thick of the fight trying to score points for the U.S. team. But she said that it doesn't matter who gets into the end zone for a "try" – rugby's equivalent of a touchdown in American football.

"In all of our team discussions, we don't set aside for certain people to score," said Kanuk. "Everyone should be able to score. Our goal is to be an attacking threat from several positions, not just one."

Braymer, who will be a scrumhalf, said her role on the team will be more noticeable on the sidelines than on the scoreboard.

"I have a lot of positive energy to bring to the

team, so my role will likely involve keeping people's spirits high, especially during challenging times both on and off the field," said Braymer.

The Women's Rugby World Cup continues through Sept. 5. After that, Braymer and Kanuk both said they plan to take some time off from playing.

"What I intend to do after the World Cup is to take some time and focus on the things that I put on the backburner – build my [personal training] career and maybe travel a bit," said Kanuk.

"I love the sport and will continue to be involved with rugby for the foreseeable future," said Braymer, "but I think, after World Cup, I will take a step back from highly competitive play and focus on coaching and [refereeing]."

Black Sox win regional

The Bethlehem Black Sox 16-and-under Babe Ruth team defeated Millville, N.J., 3-2 to win the Mid-Atlantic regional title Aug. 2.

The Black Sox – managed by Robbie Bellizzi, and coaches by Mike Bellizzi and Dave Amiri – defeated teams from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York for the title.

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Sports in the Spotlight

Area athletes earn medals

Barach cleans up in gymnastics competition



The following athletes competed in individual events at the Empire State Games July 21-25 in Buffalo.

Diving

Scholastic division

Manny Pollard (Delmar) – silver medal, men's 3-meter board, 477.85; silver medal, men's 1-meter board, 427.65

Fencing

Open division

Brian Cucinelli (Slingerlands) – bronze medal, men's team competition

Scholastic division

Aidan Diamond (Delmar) – silver medal, women's team competition

Rory Siy (Feura Bush) – silver medal, men's team competition

Gymnastics

Masters division

Brenda Goodknight (Altamont) – silver medal, women's 40+ age division all around, 29.375; gold medal, balance beam, 7.500; bronze medal, floor exercise, 7.000; bronze medal, uneven bars, 6.750; bronze medal, vault, 8.125

Open division

Eliza Barach (Delmar) – silver medal, all around, 37.350; gold medal, balance beam, 9.525; gold medal, floor exercise, 9.700; silver medal, uneven bars, 9.250; gold medal, vault, 9.525

Connie Kung (Slingerlands) – sixth place, all around, 35.875; bronze medal, uneven bars, 9.250; seventh place, balance beam, 8.625; ninth place, floor exercise, 8.700

Racewalk

Masters division

Michael Piplani (Delmar) – gold medal, 10k race (45-49 age division), 1:21:00; gold medal, 5k race, 38:54

Shooting

Scholastic division

Paul Rapoport (Delmar) – fourth place, free rifle prone position team, 2,129; eighth place, free rifle prone position single, 1,056

Swimming

Scholastic division

Sarah Nickford (Glenmont) – 15th place, women's 200m backstroke, 3:19.63

Taryn Lesser (Ravena) – 10th place, women's 200m freestyle, 2:30.83; 11th place, women's 100m freestyle, 1:09.15; 12th place, women's 100m butterfly, 1:19.86

Dawn Mirando (Ravena) – 12th place, women's 400m individual medley, 7:10.94

Courtney Goodrich (Glenmont) – 10th place, women's 200m breaststroke, 3:09.27; 11th place, women's 200m individual medley, 2:49.90; 12th place, women's 100m breaststroke, 1:28.10

Alex Taber (Delmar) – 12th place, men's 200m backstroke, 2:52.20; 14th place, men's 800m freestyle, 12:07.04

Geoff Fryer (Ravena) – 16th place, men's 100m breaststroke, 1:16.15

Michael Fryer (Ravena) – 12th place, men's 1,500m freestyle, 25:58.50

Jack Cook (Delmar) – 14th place, men's 100m backstroke, 1:32.22; 16th

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Delmar native Melissa Kanuk tries to elude a tackle during an international game with the United States women's rugby team last year. Kanuk and Clifton Park resident Claudia Braymer are in England to play in this year's World Cup.

Melissa Kanuk/submitted photo

Ready for the World Cup

Kanuk, Braymer join United States team for rugby glory

By ROB JONAS

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Two rugby players with Capital District roots are preparing to take on the world.

Delmar native Melissa Kanuk and Clifton Park resident Claudia

Braymer are playing with the United States team at the Women's Rugby World Cup, which starts Aug. 20 in England.

This is Braymer's second trip to the Women's World Cup – the premier international rugby tournament – and Kanuk's first trip. Kanuk has international experience, though, having played for the U.S. team at the 2008 Nations Cup in England.

"I have a much better idea of what to expect this time," said Braymer.

"I was very nervous my first game last time [in 2006], and as a veteran, I hope to bring a lot of calmness and confidence to the rest of the team [this time]."

"There has definitely been a lot of personal sacrifice to reach this point – not only money-wise, but I also had to move to Minnesota in order to keep playing [rugby] at a high level," said Kanuk.

Many of the players on this year's U.S. team play in the league Kanuk

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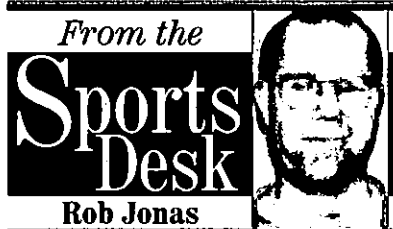
Some rivalry games may lose their punch in '10

Just saw this on Craigslist: For sale, one washed up National League East contender, need money to recoup losses from Bernie Madoff scam, \$150 million or best offer, contact Fred@whyisOmarMinayastillGM.com. OK, moving on...

We're midway through the voting period for this year's Spotlight Sports Survey. And if the ballots we've received thus far are any indication, we're going to have some interesting results. I won't give away too many details, but I can tell you that new Siena coach Mitch Buonaguro, the Tri-City ValleyCats and the sport of lacrosse are doing well.

If you want to put your two cents in (even though it's free), go to www.spotlightnews.com, click on "sports" in the upper left hand corner, find the survey and e-mail me your answers to jonasr@spotlightnews.com. That is my public service announcement for the week.

I like Section II football. There are some great rivalry games to look forward to every year – Saratoga



vs. Shenendehowa, Troy vs. LaSalle (that one comes back this year), Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake vs. Lansingburgh (kind of new, but still intense), Watervliet vs. Voorheesville and Shaker vs. Colonie among others.

The trouble with this year's schedule is that some of those rivalry games happen before school even starts. Shaker hosts Colonie on Sept. 3, which is the same night that LaSalle and Troy resume their cross-city rivalry and BH-BL travels to Lansingburgh. Kind of hard to build up the usual level of excitement when the kids aren't roaming the halls of the schools yet.

Not that the Section II football committee deliberately set out to diminish the intensity of those rivalries by scheduling those games in Week 1. With teams shuffling between classifications every year, it's a tough job just making certain teams play everybody in their respective divisions over seven weeks. Where those games fall during the course of those seven weeks doesn't matter as much as making certain those games take place.

Still, you have to wonder whether the atmosphere at this year's Colonie Cup game is going to be different or if casual fans will be as keen to see who wins the BH-BL-Lansingburgh match-up in Week 1 as they might have been if the game took place in Week 6.

Speaking of high school football (which we should do more frequently since teams start practicing next Monday), Section II inducted its first Capital Region Football Hall of Fame class last weekend. Among the 23 players and coaches in the inaugural class were Shen coach Brent Steuerwald, retired coaches Bud Kenyon and Blase Iuliano, and former players Charlie Leigh (Albany), Eric Torkelson (BH-BL) and Tim Sherwin (Watervliet). The list is longer than this, but I didn't have room to include every name.

It's certainly nice to see another area sport create a hall of fame (the Capital District Basketball Hall of Fame started last year). Now, all we need are halls of fame for some other area sports such as baseball, soccer and wrestling. Those three sports alone would have some incredible inaugural hall of fame classes.

I got my first glimpse of the Albany Devils mascot, Devil Dawg, on TV last weekend. He looks harmless enough, but he's just not Rowdy. Good thing Rowdy is still hanging around Joseph L. Bruno Stadium at Tri-City ValleyCat games. That reminds me, I have to get to a ValleyCat game before the end of the regular season.

Mid-column admission: It's been kind of hard to focus on writing this week's column. This is

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