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Town pols make announcements

Clarkson will seek another term, while Kotary will step down after eight years

By MARCY VELTE
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While Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson is starting his re-election campaign, Councilman Kyle Kotary has announced he will not be running for his seat in November.

After eight years on the Town

Board, Kotary said he will be stepping down at the end of his term. The councilman said he wanted to announce his intentions "well ahead of the political process," so those with interest in running would have time to consider their options and prepare.

"I decided not to run months ago, maybe over a year ago," he said. "It was a personal and family decision made for personal and family reasons."

Kotary said it was an honor and privilege to serve on the board and he has enjoyed his time working

with four supervisors, eight different Town Board colleagues and hundreds of town employees.

"We have phenomenal staff in Town Hall who work hard every day to make our community one of the best places to live in the Empire State and I'm thankful to have had the chance to pitch in and lend them a hand," he said.

Clarkson is hoping to secure a second term in the supervisor's office. On Monday, March 11, Clarkson announced his first 2013

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"I don't think this was any surprise. Everyone knew I was going to run, this is just the first step."



John Clarkson

Comic timing

V'ville workshops take a graphic approach to storytelling

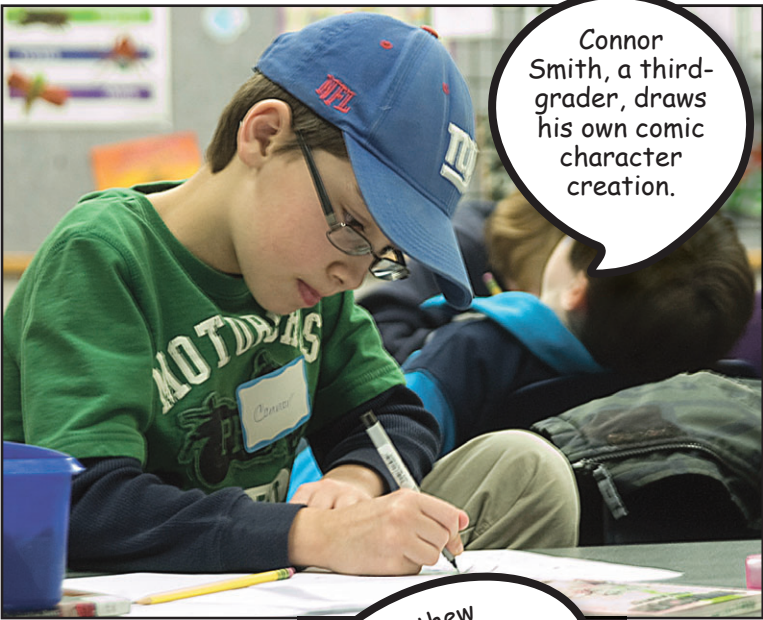
When it comes to young readers, one might think doodling to be the arch nemesis for teachers. But one local library is taking a more graphic approach to getting kids interested in books.

Elementary students were creating their own characters instead of reading about them Friday, March 15, at Voorheesville Public Library Friday. Matthew Laiosa gave the children a crash course in drawing and developing characters and before long, young imaginations were bringing zany characters to life. A few kids even developed their own comic strips and shared their tales.

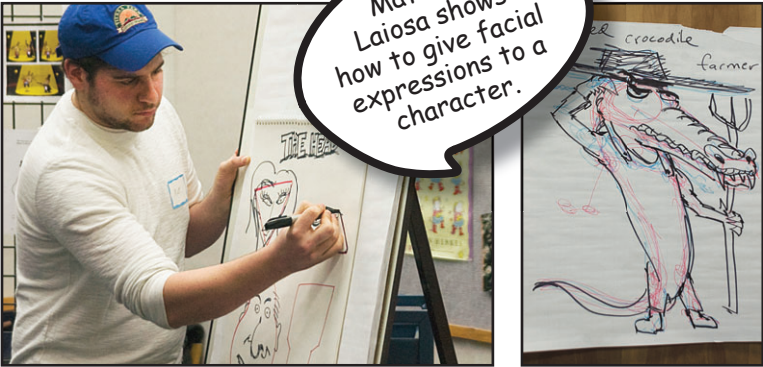
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Matthew Laiosa, a 26-year-old Slingerlands native, presented the first workshop in the library's Comics Connect programs, which features three programs about character development and creation for graphic novels and comics. The program is a collaborative project of the Mohawk Valley Library System and the Upper Hudson Library System, with the library and school district receiving funds through the state Library's Family Literacy Library services grant program.

Comics might not be a parent's first choice when thinking of reading material for beginning readers, but Joyce Laiosa, head of the library's Youth and Family Services and Matthew Laiosa's mother, said it could spur interest



Connor Smith, a third-grader, draws his own comic character creation.



Matthew Laiosa shows how to give facial expressions to a character.

Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

in reading.

"What we are really about is trying to get parents that don't believe comic books are reading, that this is really reading," Joyce Laiosa said. "The visual use of pictures and words together helps with reading comprehension. Kids get more excited about reading, because they are getting to choose what

they like."

She said many early reader books have jokes that can fall flat with kids, but comics tend to be funnier to them.

"There isn't a lot that gets them excited for the jokes," she said. "The comics are more in line with where the children are."

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Single polling place for vote

Board sets referendum for dropping highway superintendent job

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Town Board has officially set a date, time and place for the public to vote on the abolishment of the superintendent of highways position.

On Wednesday, March 13, board members passed a resolution setting up the procedures for the referendum. The vote will take place on Tuesday, April 30, at Town Hall from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Of about 10 members of the public who spoke at the meeting on the matter, none were in favor of the resolution as written. Many were angry that only one polling place located in Delmar would be used, saying those in the outer parts of town may be disenfranchised.

"The right to vote is one of the most cherished aspects of our Constitution," said resident and Republican County Legislator Richard Mendick. "The removal

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Tech company named for Vista



Breonics Inc., an Albany company specializing in organ regeneration research, is looking to move to Bethlehem's Vista Technology Campus.

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First interested tenant will seek tax breaks, bring 44 jobs

By MARCY VELTE
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Bethlehem's Vista Technology Campus may soon have its first technology tenant.

The town's Industrial Development Agency is in discussions with Breonics Inc., an Albany company specializing in organ regeneration research, that is interested in leasing space within a new building proposed for a now undeveloped portion of the campus. Breonics is considering the move

because the lease at their current location in the state's Harriman Research Center is ending.

"I think that's really good news for the town because this is what Vista Tech Campus was designed to do: house tech companies while providing jobs and tax revenue to the area," said IDA Chairman Frank Venezia.

Breonics would occupy part of a 27,000-square-foot building on a plot behind the Shoprite grocery store. The company would occupy about 6,000 square feet of the building and is expected to bring 44 new jobs to the area,

mostly lab technicians. Representatives have also told the town the company may expand within the next couple of years.

Breonics Chairman Ernie Green said the company's current home is owned by the state's Office of General Services. Because of statewide consolidation efforts, all of the tenants within the Harriman Research Center have until August to relocate, he said. Officials expect construction at Vista to begin soon after the project is approved because of the timeline.

"We're looking for a place we can retrofit going forward, so we

thought an entirely new building would be better," Green said. "We have to reconstruct a new work area and clean room and this way we'll have something more suited to our needs."

The biomedical research and development company now has 10

employees but plans to expand with the move. They are waiting on several grants and some possible financing and will soon go forward with a new clinical trial involving the regeneration of kidney tissue for transplant patients.

Bethlehem Director of

Economic Development and Planning Mike Morelli said for now the building is planned as a one-story structure, but there is the possibility it could be changed to a two-story building to help reduce the site's carbon footprint.

Developer Joe Nicolla of Columbia Development Companies is seeking an enhanced property tax abatement for Breonics, as well as sales tax and mortgage tax relief. The enhanced abatement would mean the town would see no property taxes from the tenants for two years, then property tax rates would increase by 10 percent over the next 10 years.

"I think the tax rate is appropriate for their type of business," said Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson. "Success tends to begat success. This means new revenues both for the town and school district. If Vista pops, people will say it was a wise move to take the chance."

Clarkson did say he would like tax abatement agreements to be more transparent for residents.

Venezia said he continues to believe the IDA made the right choice in giving tax abatements to the campus's first few retail tenants, such as Shoprite, Berkshire Bank and SEFCU. He said the attraction of a tech company is proof that was the right decision.

"We knew no one would come to an empty park and now, two years later, it's finally happening," said Venezia.

Another tech company is also in talks with the town to occupy an additional portion of the building, according to Morelli. He declined to name the company because negotiations are ongoing.

The IDA set a public hearing on the project at Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, March 19, at 5 p.m. A short presentation by the town and the developer will take place beforehand.

Venezia said any decisions on whether the project will go forward or not will take place at the IDA's regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, March 22, at 8 a.m.

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BC voters split on bonds

Facilities upgrades pass, turf field fails

By MARCY VELTE
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Bethlehem taxpayers decided in favor of funding district-wide facilities upgrades at a Tuesday, March 12, bond vote, but opted against borrowing for an artificial turf athletic field.

With a total of 4,774 people taking part in the vote, the \$20.2 million facilities proposition passed 2,676 to 2,098. The second proposition, which would have funded the installation of a \$3.8 million turf athletic field, failed 3,103 to 1,671.

"We're very proud so many people came out to voice their opinion, because that's what we've been asking for throughout this process," said Bethlehem Central Superintendent Tom Douglas.

District officials began talking about bonding last August as a way to pay for facilities improvements, as the district was already a year behind its five-year maintenance plan due to lack of funds and staff cutbacks. Upgrades were suggested to fix the infrastructure of buildings, upgrade water and lighting fixtures,

replace aging equipment and upgrade outdated technology systems.

Soon afterwards, a group of parents who have children involved in BC sports approached the school board to see if improvements to the district's athletics facilities, especially the football field, could be included in the bond. The board later opted to keep some improvements in the main bond but to separate the field into its own proposition as to not endanger the main bond.

Proposition two would have allowed for the installation of a new, synthetic field, a regulation-size track, improvements to spectator seating and press box and a new score board. The project would have allowed the field to be used for multiple sporting events in the fall and spring seasons.

"It's disappointing that proposition two didn't pass," said resident Scott Bonanno, a member of the group of booster parents pushing for the athletics upgrades. "I think it is really unfortunate for the kids and the community, because it would have been something the community could have used for decades to come.

But at the end of the day, the field is still going to be re-worked and the drainage is still going to be dealt with."

If both proposals had been passed by the public, annual taxes would have risen by \$20.17 for a home valued at \$100,000. As it is, annual taxes will increase by \$17.03 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

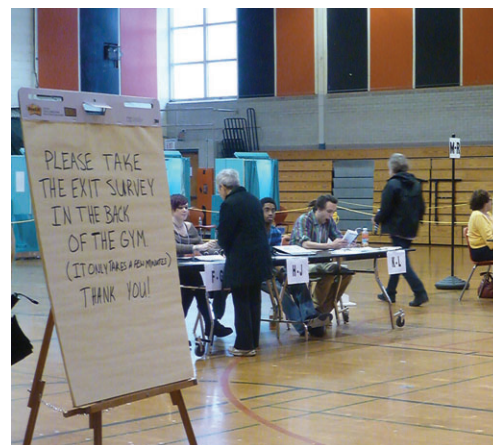
The booster group felt the price might have been just high enough to sway people away from paying for the field. Their initial surveys showed the public would be willing to pay an increase of \$25 in taxes for a home valued at \$250,000, but the district's proposal was nearly double that amount. They also knew the votes would be harder to get once the vote was split.

"When you have two working parents like most of the families in the Town of Bethlehem, every dollar matters and it's hard to justify something that in some people's minds can be deemed an extravagance," said Bonanno.

Douglas said the bond would help take some of the burden off the district during the budget process.

"Our fiduciary

responsibility is to the community and its taxpayers to do what is best for them," he said. "The items here have such a cost structure that the majority of them could not be placed within the budget and if we did, we would have to cut from a large portion of other needed areas to fund these types of options. The hard part for people to understand is if we put it in the budget, we are also asking the district to pay that extra 70 percent



The BC bond vote was on Tuesday, March 12.

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Spotlight

of the cost picked up by the state in aid."

Although some minor upgrades can start soon, major construction projects aren't expected to begin until 2014 after

the projects go to bid. The next board meeting on the 2013-14 budget will take place on Wednesday, March 20, and focus on special education and transportation.

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FBI arrests suspected bank robbers

The FBI has arrested two men who allegedly robbed several banks, including two branches in Guilderland.

Authorities said Zachariah Edwards and Nicholas Ferrone acted together in robbing the Berkshire Bank, located at 2080 Western Avenue in Guilderland, on Jan. 23, and the Trustco Bank, located at 2050 Western Avenue in Guilderland, on Feb. 13.

Edwards, 21, of Frankfort, turned himself in on Friday, March 8, in Utica, and was transported to Syracuse and formally charged with robbing an M&T Bank in Syracuse on Monday, March 4. He allegedly made off with \$3,400 in that robbery.

On Monday, March 11, Ferrone, 21, of Utica, surrendered himself to authorities in Syracuse and was formally charged in federal court with robbery. Ferrone allegedly robbed \$4,409 from a Chase Bank

in Dewitt on Jan. 28.

The duo robbed four other New York banks and one Massachusetts bank, according to authorities.

Both men were ordered held without bail. Detention hearings for both were scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, in Syracuse.

The investigation involved several agencies, including the FBI, New York State Police, Massachusetts' Chicopee Police Department, the Guilderland Police Department, the Schenectady Police Department, the Dewitt Police Department, the Oneida Police Department and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office.

Assemblyman ticketed for pot

State Police arrested a state assemblyman and charged him with unlawful possession of marijuana

after a traffic stop on the Thruway in Coeymans on Tuesday, March 12.

Stephen M. Katz, 59, of Mohegan Lake, was charged with the violation after he was stopped for speeding at about 10 a.m., police said. He was released on an appearance ticket and was scheduled to appear in Coeymans Town Court on March 28.

Katz, a Republican, represents the 94th Assembly District, which includes parts of Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties. The area is about halfway between Poughkeepsie and New York City. Katz was elected in 2010 and has a private veterinary practice.

Other arrests

Bethlehem police arrested Zachary D. Lanahan, 19, of 42 Sage Road, Waterford, and charged him with criminal mischief in the third degree, a felony.

A state Office of Mental Health vehicle allegedly had damage done to its Upstream Oxygen Sensor after being brought to Jiffy Lube in Delmar on Feb. 4. The vehicle check engine

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Wiley egg thieves can't spoil Easter

By CAROLINE BARRETT

Last year, we had a most unconventional Easter holiday. It started out like any other, with egg dyeing and invitations sent for brunch. Paul ordered a ham. We dickered over a menu that would include an egg dish, a vegetable and deviled eggs – our favorite.

A week before Easter, Elliot and I set out our big coffee mugs, with a different dye in each. We had hard-boiled 36 eggs and they sat, pure white and waiting to be dressed up in pretty pastel coats. Zoe is always game for a crafty project, so she colored a few. Patiently, she coated one side in bright pink and then the other in blue. I begged Lucy to join us and she did, carefully dropping a few eggs into different colors before wandering off, thumbs busy with texts.

The finished eggs would sit in a white dish in the center of our Easter table. They turned out perfectly, pretty colors of bright blue and green and pink. Even Elliot's eggs, brown and even one that was close to black, were sweet, in their own way.

The night before Easter was a warm and beautiful evening. Zoe and I baked the Easter cake – pure white with coconut frosting. The deviled eggs sat in their covered container, ready for brunch.

We sat down together for a simple dinner and even opened the back door a bit. The evening was warm and a fresh spring breeze blew in. Halfway through dinner, Elliot said, "Hey, we should have a bonfire tonight." We stopped talking and looked at him. He waited for a response, eyebrows up and big smile on his face. Elliot does love a fire. Our backyard bonfires are traditionally in late spring and summer, but, hey, why not an Easter Eve bonfire?

It was unanimously decided that our first bonfire of the year would be on that very night. We called neighbors, pulled out chairs from their winter storage places and hauled wood to the pit. Paul started a big, warm blaze and we sat around it, knowing that we had a good, long season of bonfires before us.

"Too bad we don't have marshmallows," Elliot said. He was right. What's a bonfire, even a pre-Easter bonfire, without marshmallows? So we sat, staring at the fire, wishing for marshmallows.

Then I had a brilliant idea. We DID have marshmallows. Marshmallows in the form of bright yellow, sugar coated chicks. I jumped up and ran to my bedroom, where I had Easter basket things hidden in the back of my closet. Kids and adults alike were skeptical of roasting Peeps over a bonfire, but I

Our Daily Plate

Caroline Barrett



assured them it would be fine. In the end, we had a ball. We loved watching the little Peep faces bubble and melt. Carefully, we pulled them off sticks and ate them up. The crispy outside was the best part. I triumphantly ate my melted peep, saying more than once, "I have the best ideas, right?"

Like it usually happens with nights spent in front of a bonfire, very soon it was late. We carried Elliot up the stairs and the girls dragged up behind. We cleaned up and got ready to crawl into bed ourselves. But, then, I had another brilliant idea. This one, better than the first. I would go out and hide the eggs right then, under stars. That way, we could all sleep in. By "all," I meant – "me." I am the one who wakes early and does the Easter bunny business.

It was a great idea. Another great idea, I reminded my husband. Except, he wasn't so sure. He pulled the covers up and reached for his book.

"I'd wait till morning," he said and yawned, looking for his page.

What does he know, I thought.

I tiptoed around the backyard with Agnes in tow. She sniffed out good spots and I carefully tucked an egg in here and there. We set in chocolate and peanut butter eggs, a chocolate bunny or two, and called it a night. I was pretty pleased

with myself.

Elliot was up with the sun. I told him to go back to bed, we wouldn't be looking for eggs for another 3 hours for goodness sakes! He went back for another hour or so, then came down again. This time I was up, making coffee. He stood with his nose against the back door. This time he just had to wait for his sisters. He paced, waited and paced some more. I let him have a bit of our coffee cake and then he paced again. Finally, Lucy and Zoe showed up, grumpy, hair messy and not in the mood to hunt for Easter eggs. Still, I smiled and handed each a basket. Paul went to look for his camera, and we stepped outside. Elliot took off, looking near the swings and fence on that side.

I leaned over the railing with my coffee, happy to see the sun. I opened my eyes to find Elliot with an empty basket, just standing in the center of our yard. Zoe and Lucy were heading up the stairs and as they passed me, Lucy said, "Nice, Mom."

No. It couldn't be. I ran down to look in all the spots Agnes and I had visited the night before. Every egg, every chocolate bunny. Each tiny peanut butter cup. They were all gone.

"The squirrels stole our eggs, mom," Elliot told me. I thought he would cry and really, who could blame him if he did? The squirrels in our yard are wily, crafty things and I imagined them watching me and Agnes, rubbing their shifty little

paws together as they planned the theft. They were thorough in their work. There was not one tiny speck of Easter left in our yard. Not even a wrapper. And the Peeps, well, we ate those up the night before.

Instead of crying, Elliot had a good laugh over it. We all did. We looked up in the trees, hoping for a glance of our Easter treats. But there was nothing. Somewhere, there was a family of squirrels having a hearty Easter feast.

Our own Easter feast turned out just fine. We ate the ham, and the cake, and a spinach dish I make now and then with puff pastry, spinach and feta cheese. Of course, the topic was the stolen Easter eggs. We had many laughs over the Great Easter Egg Swipe.

We just couldn't get over it. Every egg? Did they have to take every last one? Paul smiled and nodded as we talked about it. He knew. But he didn't mention it.

As Easter approaches, I just know those crafty rodents are out there, waiting for our eggs. When I see a squirrel in our yard, I wonder if they are planning this year's Easter heist. Not

Spinach and Feta Tart

This is a fabulous accompaniment to ham on Easter morning, or for any brunch. You could successfully use frozen spinach, I just think the fresh variety tastes better.

- Olive oil
- 1-1/2 pounds fresh baby spinach
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- sea salt and black pepper
- pinch of crushed red pepper
- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over a medium flame. Add the spinach and stir, cooking quickly, until just wilted. Drain on a towel and pour into large glass bowl. Add a bit more oil to the pan and cook the onion until just soft. Add to the spinach. Stir in the eggs and feta. Season with salt and pepper and add the red pepper. Unfold the pastry sheet onto a greased baking sheet. Lightly score the pastry, leaving a 1" border all the way around the edge. Spread the spinach mixture in the center and spread evenly to the score marks. Brush the edge with the beaten egg and bake for 20 minutes or until pastry is puffed and golden. Cool, cut into squares and serve.

this year, I call out to them. This year on Easter eve, I'm tucking into bed with Paul, and keeping our eggs safe till morning.

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From the Editor's Desk

Scheduling dilemma a true lose-lose

Many years of discussion about elected offices in the Town of Bethlehem will come to a head in a few week's time, as residents head to the polls to decide whether or not the office of the superintendent of highways will continue to exist beyond 2013.

It is right and proper (and lawful) that the public get a say in this matter – and with all the past talk about how voters might stomach such a proposal, we're quite curious to see what the public actually thinks. All the same, there have been public objections to the particulars of the vote that have considerable merit.

Our front-page story on the matter has all the details. Bethlehem residents will be able to go to the polls Tuesday, April 30. Marcy Velte reports some residents had a bad reaction to the manner in which the vote will be carried out – at a single polling place, with paper ballots.

The reason for this, town officials said, is procedural. To open up all 21 polling places would be a complicated and costly affair, and to simplify things would have the result of disallowing absentee ballots, which have become something of a democratic cornerstone.

Editorial

But there is an even cheaper option available: hold the referendum in conjunction with the November election.

The sole argument against waiting until November is that voters will be faced with having to make two juxtaposed choices: who will be the next superintendent and whether or not to abolish the office altogether. This is unorthodox, to be certain, but we suspect the average Bethlehem voter to be sly enough to reason it out.

The only losers under this scenario would be the small number of people who would needlessly run for highway superintendent should voters approve dissolving the office. We can live with that.

Driving a few miles out of the way to get to Delmar is not so much the issue, though folks in far-flung areas of town who must make a 20-minute drive each way might disagree. No, the problem is voter fatigue.

It seems many residents of Bethlehem are

being asked to go to the polls every month. We also have news of the recent Bethlehem Central bond vote in this week's edition, which is going to be followed closely by the May budget vote. Sandwiched in between will be this referendum on the highway superintendent's job. Along with a primary and the general election, dutiful voters might end up hitting the polls five times this year (assuming the school budget passes on the first go).

There's a reason November ballots are often padded with extra propositions and referendums – the people are going to be there already. We here at the local newspaper would love nothing more than to see a public referendum every other Tuesday because it would make for lots of fantastic coverage, but as taxpayers and voters we'd rather see the fairest, most cost effective option win out. It would also eliminate a lot of the issues facing this isolated ballot.

On the whole, scheduling this vote presents a lose-lose situation to Bethlehem officials. Now that it has been set, though, we encourage residents to show out and vote as if it were November come April 30.

The word on the street

Would you rather see teachers laid off or pay school taxes above the tax cap?



Richard Maurer, Troy

"I'd rather keep the teachers. ... That is the one thing we have going for us is education and if you cut that it hurts others things."



Lyn Malinowski, Bethlehem

"I'd like to see reductions at the administrative level instead. I think they've become overblown."

What do you think?

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Your opinion

Fire departments have done much with study

Editor's note: This letter has been modified to fit the space. See spotlightnews.com for the unabridged version.

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read the editorial in last week's edition about EMS consolidation ("Kudos (and attention) in order for EMS"). I would like to address the remarks about the fire departments and the claim that "There's effectively been zero movement on the suggestion."

I can understand why you have this perception since there hasn't been any "publically" tangible progress or publicity generated from the town fire service. This likely stems from the nature of volunteer fire fighters who focus on getting the job done and moving on to the next task at hand without regard to self-adulation.

As a commissioner for the Elsmere Fire District, I can report that significant progress has been made in the fire district's collaborating and working towards recommendations identified in the referenced study.

The study you referenced was completed at the end of 2011. During 2012 there were many hours and impressive efforts put forth by the volunteers of all the districts in the town to work towards the recommendations outlined in the study. There were several collaborative meetings with representatives from each of the fire districts during 2012 discussing different opportunities for collaboration and identifying obstacles that need to be addressed. Subcommittees were formed to address specific tasks relating to the study.

The subcommittee and town fire officers put together common standards that will be

used by all the fire districts. The chiefs of Selkirk and Elsmere agreed to capitalize on the available manpower of the two districts by signing a mutual aid agreement. In addition, every week, each of the town's five fire departments conducts a training drill for their members. Any member of any department is welcome to participate in any of the training events (cross train).

As each district considers a major purchase, renovation or change, recommendations from the study are considered and information shared with the other districts at the collaborative meetings, each district operating within the constraints of the law. Combining procured services is also beginning. Elsmere and Slingerlands combined a contract which resulted in a savings of approximately \$2,500.

One suggestion the study recommended was that in 10 years, the fire departments in town merge into a single unit. There has been dynamic grown in town over the past 10 years (Wal-Mart, Lowes, Vista Park, traffic circles, new housing developments, etc.)

and fire districts have to include that trend in their planning, something not included in the study.

All these activities have been taking place in addition to the normal operations of providing fire services. The people providing these services are all volunteers, and the time and effort provided by volunteers are spent on planning and preparation in addition to the services they provide. The actual services are only a part of their overall contributions.

Overall, when quantifying collaboration and cooperation efforts among the fire districts, you see success. To some, they may not appear to be colossal savings, but they show responsible leadership and community stewardship.

We are much farther along the path than what might be public knowledge, but as volunteers, our focus is simple: to serve the community and to do it in a way that will maximize the benefits for all.

Rick Zigrosser
Commissioner, Elsmere Fire District

Slow down and save a life in Elsmere

Editor, The Spotlight:

The letter of March 6, 2013 on "find a safer way to cross" seems to absolve the responsibility of motorists to stop at crosswalks and especially at school crossings. What kind of motorists would put the safety of children at risk just to save a minute of driving time? The State DOT will determine if the crossing should be moved or enhanced but in the meanwhile, drivers, please stop for school children and

others in marked crosswalks. I have three grandchildren attending the Elsmere school. Don't hit them.

PS. It is against the State Law and drivers should be hit with the largest fine possible for putting school children and crossing guards at risk just to save a minute. What are you thinking!

Henry Peyrebrune
Delmar

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Altamont eyes \$2M budget

Village holds first budget workshop, reviews department requests

By JOHN PURCELL
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Altamont's Tentative 2013-14 budget increases spending by \$120,000 to a total of nearly \$2.1 million, but trustees have yet to weigh on potential cuts.

The Village Board of Trustees held its first budget workshop Tuesday, March 12, focusing on public works, police and fire departments and the Altamont Free Library budget requests. Trustees didn't offer any proposed reductions, but simply reviewed what's requested within the general fund appropriations totaling \$1.1 million. The reaming water and sewer funds totaled about \$1 million. No salary increases were included in the budget.

The police department budget remained relatively flat, increasing just \$523, to a total of \$170,000. Chief Todd Pucci said the department is proposing to reduce its reserves to \$7,500.

The issuance of traffic tickets has increased, Pucci said, yielding more revenue for the village. In 2010, police issued 181 traffic tickets, which increased to 369 tickets in 2011 and 661 in 2012. There were also 47 arrests made last year.

Pucci said the increase is due to grant funding being based on the department's "productivity," with grant funding from the state and county increasing to help fund additional enforcement.

"We are doing more for less," Pucci said. "Our budget is going down and the revenue is going up."

Mayor James Gaughan said there is a wider array of offenses than simple traffic violations included in the 661 tickets.

"One gets the impression that we spend a lot of time just giving out traffic tickets, but this says there is a whole lot of other violations ... that the public generally doesn't know."

Pucci said there were 18 drug-related arrests, 17 Vehicle and Traffic Law misdemeanor charges, one Penal Law misdemeanor and violation charge, that were included in the tickets issued.

"When you do a lot of vehicle and traffic like that you're well seen throughout the village and it acts as a deterrent to other crimes," Pucci said. "Everybody knows when you come to the village you slow down to 30 (mph)."

The Fire Department's budget decreased by \$10,000 in the tentative budget to nearly \$113,000. Equipment and a miscellaneous budget line were each reduced by \$5,000. Gaughan emphasized the department must attract more volunteer firefighters.

"I know the people that have the power are constantly creating training requirements that have really been a disincentive for volunteers to be able to put in the time," Gaughan said.

He said the department needs to look at "shifting the paradigm" from paid to

volunteer members.

The Altamont Free Library's 2013 budget requests \$41,200 from the village, which is a 3 percent increase, towards its nearly \$100,000 spending plan. The village capital contribution would remain at \$5,000.

"With the town's stalwart support and long range vision, the library has finally moved into its location in the restored train station," said Sally Dague, president of the library board of trustees, in a letter to the village board. "We realize times are tight and hope that after several years of flat funding you consider our request for an increase favorably."

Dague said circulation and registrations have increased by "double digits" during the library's first three months at its new home. August circulation totaled 2,690, with juvenile fiction and adult fiction as the two most popular categories.

Grant funding has increasingly become a focus of the library, with \$30,000 allocated in its budget.

The Public Works budget remained relatively flat, with fire hydrants increasing by \$500 and culture and recreation spending increasing by around \$2,000. The department is currently one employee short, so a new hire is possible.

The village's second budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. at Village Hall. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for the Tuesday, April 2, meeting.

Such a thing as free lunch in Reubenville

Welcome to ... Reubenville?

That's what motorists entering the Town of Coeymans have been asking themselves during the month of March.

The Town Board in late February elected to rename the town for a month as part of the Arby's "Reubenville Challenge," which promised 5,000 coupons for free Reuben sandwiches to the municipality that first altered its name for the month and changed its city limit sign.

The company announced today Coeymans - or rather, Reubenville - earned the prize.

The idea was brought forward by Councilman Thomas A. Boehm at a Feb. 25 Town Board meeting, minutes show. The resolution passed unanimously.

Boehm also supplied a temporary sign that



Town of Coeymans wins national contest by altering its name for a month.

Photo Submitted

was attached to the town limit sign.

An Arby's spokesperson said the company has mailed to Town Hall 5,000 gift cards loaded with \$6 each (the

approximate value of a Reuben sandwich at the nearest franchise at Crossgate Mall) and it will be up to town officials to distribute them.

- Charles Wiff

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Library’s listening parties get national exposure

Bethlehem Public Library’s librarian Michael Farley took part recently in a roundtable discussion about library music clubs. He talked about the library’s series of Listening Parties, now in its fourth year. Published in the March 1, issue of Library Journal, a national magazine for library professionals, the article can be found at reviews.libraryjournal.com/2013/03/media/music/music-for-the-masses-music-clubs-part-1-march-2013.

Our listening parties continue March 21, at 7 p.m. Featured is the music of Wayne Shorter, Grammy-winning saxophone player and leader of Weather Report who wrote for Miles Davis’ second great quintet. Join the library’s ongoing conversation about jazz legends and their times.

Michael Farley, himself a practicing musician, facilitates the discussion. Michael chooses musicians that would be familiar to most music lovers, but he encourages people to come, listen and discuss whether they are familiar with the music

or not.

March is Women’s History Month, and this Sunday March 24, at 2 p.m., “2 Broads With Alotta Sound” celebrates at the library with a focus on women vocalists of the past fifty years. From Carmen Miranda to Carole King, Billie Holliday to Petula Clarke, these spirited singers lent their powerful voices to pop culture and left their mark on musical history.

Vocalist Quency René and keyboardist Diane Geddes have collaborated for over ten years, presenting music from many eras and styles ranging from jazz and blues to country, pop and beyond. They have been our guests before and we welcome them once again.

Free job coaching

Bethlehem Public Library offers free job coach services for adults, college students and high school students preparing to enter the job market. Get expert one-on-one help with various job-hunting skills: resumé, cover letters, written



and online applications, interview protocol and LinkedIn accounts. Hour-long appointments are available Tuesday evenings at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10 and 11 a.m., beginning April 2. Call 439-9314, ext. 3009 to set up an appointment.

Holiday closing

A reminder that the library will be closed Sunday, March 31, for the Easter holiday. Regular hours resume Monday, April 1, at 9 a.m.

Cookie baking

Thursday, April 4, 10 a.m. to noon. Bake sugar cookies for a kids’ program later in the afternoon. Of course, you’ll have to test them first—quality control and all that. Grades 6-12.

If we give you a cookie...

Thursday, April 4, 2:30 p.m. A mouse and a cookie come together in our

story, but you get to eat the cookies you decorate in this combo program. Ages 3 and up. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

Give a hoot about owls

Friday, April 5, 1 p.m. Wildlife rehabilitator Wes Laraway will share his knowledge and bring some of his feathered charges to the program. All ages welcome. Cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Paws to read

Friday, April 5, and Friday, April 19, 4, 4:20 and 4:40 p.m. Bring your favorite stories and read them aloud to a gentle dog. Call 439-9314 to sign up. Grades 1-5.

Daybooks

Monday, April 8, 1:30 p.m. “Wicked” by Gregory Maguire. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

-Louise Grieco

Annual student art show at library

GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
www.guilpl.org



Longer days, the early morning chirping of birds and St. Patrick’s Day are all harbingers of Spring, but few things are anticipated at the library as much this season as the Annual Student Art Show displaying works by the young artists of Guilderland Central School District, starting this year on Friday, March 22.

The Library’s Helderberg Room and Lobby Display cases will be filled with brilliant color, amazing light, and youthful imagination. The exhibit features the work of the elementary school children. The primary exhibit will be followed next month by artwork done by older students.

The Elementary Student Art Show runs through April 16, and is open whenever the Library is open, with the exception of when there are programs in the Helderberg Room.

You can check the Library’s daily calendar

at www.guilpl.org to see if the room is occupied. This is a must-see exhibit and sure to brighten your day.

It’s Good, and Good For You!

If you or those around you have trouble creating delicious meals that are also healthy, then you should come to the Guilderland Public Library on Friday, March 22, at 6 pm, when Roni Shapiro, owner of Healthy Gourmet To-Go in Saugerties – a vegan, organic, gluten-free weekly meal delivery and catering company – will share her great ideas for planning ahead to make nutritious meals your whole family will enjoy.

Register for this program by calling 456-2400, Ext. 2. Snow date is March 27, at 6 p.m.

The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. Visit the Library’s website at www.guilpl.org.

Alzheimer’s support group

Caregiver’s Support Group for those caring for a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or another dementia, will meet on Wednesday, March 27, at Town Hall from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call 439-5770 for transportation.



Learn about EPIC
Those turning 65

this year can learn the basics of Medicare and EPIC, New York State’s senior prescription drug program, on Thursday, March 28. Learn what Medicare covers, who

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Learn about the healthcare changes

How will the Affordable Care Act affect you? On Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m., you can ask your lawmaker.

Congressman Paul Tonko will explain the many changes in health insurance that are now underway, including the new Health Insurance Marketplace that is set to open this fall. Learn about choices, protections, potential impact, navigating the new system and how to get assistance when you need it.

Painting Made Easy

Would you like to try your hand at painting but don't know where to begin? Come to the library Saturday, March 23, and learn from an experienced teacher, Doreen Montemayor. No supplies are necessary. The class is meant for beginners and is limited to ten. Call Julie Stump at the library at 765-2791.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Interested in supporting the library's programs, events and services? Come to the library on Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m. and meet the Friends. President Darcy Morrison will review last year's accomplishments and discuss the projects for 2013. Officers including Vice President and Membership Coordinator will be elected. All are welcome.

Comics Connect: Sylvie Kantorovitz

On Wednesday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m., Ms. Kantorovitz, the author and illustrator of more than 20 children's books, will read "Go to Bed Monster." Through drawing games, she'll teach about faces, expressions and characters in motion. This event is for kids of all ages and skill levels. No registration is necessary.

Comics Connect: George O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor's first graphic novel was "Journey into Mohawk Country," which used as its text the journal of a 17th Century Dutch Trader. His many picture books include the best-selling Kapow. He illustrated the "Captain Awesome" series. In "Olympians" he retells classic Greek myths through comics. On Thursday, April 4, at 1:30 p.m., he will show how he draws his characters and discuss his creative process. This event is for kids of all ages. Registration is required.

Special Toddler Town

On Thursday, March 28, Lisa Russo will present a musical program that



engages children with instruments, movement and songs.

Pancakes, Pancakes!

A special storytime for preschool to grade two children and their families, this program begins at 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, and features a heap of pancake-themed books, activities and golden brown pancakes smothered in maple syrup and butter.

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies

On March 21, watch "Laura." On March 28, watch the Irving Berlin musical "Top Hat" with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Both movies start at 1:30 p.m.

Kid's Movie Matinee

"Wreck-It Ralph" will be screened On Friday, April 5, at 1 p.m. A video game villain goes on a quest to be a hero. Popcorn too!

Buck-A-Bag Book Sale

On Sunday, April 7, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Friends of the Library will sell donated books. Bring a bag, fill it up and purchase its contents for just \$1.

Get crafty with art on a cart

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Spring into a crafty week at the library with the new sensation, "Art on a Cart". Come to the library anytime during vacation week and check out the artistic activities on the art cart. Find themed crafts for pre-school and school aged kids. Easy to follow directions and plenty of materials are provided, so plan a creative day for your school break.

First Saturday, Craft Saturday...or Monday!

Kids ages eight and up get the cool, industrial look with jewelry from a toolbox! You'll see the hardware store in a whole different light after this month's First Saturday/ Monday program, where you will create a unisex bracelet of rope and wire. Materials and instructions are provided, bring your creativity! The program meets Saturday, April 6, at 11 a.m. and noon and Monday, April 8, at 5:30 pm. Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org.

Computer classes

Free classes are offered weekly with a new topic each week. Day and evening classes are

Fashion show and luncheon

Save the date for the annual fashion show and luncheon to be held on Tuesday, May 14, at noon. The event will be held at The Cider House Restaurant at Orchard Creek Golf Course. Fashions will be provided by FiFi's Frocks and Frills. If you are interested in being a model, contact Cindy.

Tuesday lunch program

Every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., seniors over 50 gather to have lunch together in our Town Hall Board Room. Participants may order the featured hot meal or opt for a cold tuna salad plate or cold fruit plate. Orders must be placed with our office by 10:30 a.m. the day before the luncheon and the suggested donation is only \$3. Some decide to bring their own lunch, which is also fine.

Following the lunch, many seniors play bingo, other board games, shoot a game of pool, or simply converse with friends.

Please think about joining our Tuesday family—We would love to have you! Transportation available.

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Monday, March 25

Scheduled Shopping
10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Tuesday, March 26

9 a.m. OsteoBusters
11:30 a.m. Luncheon
Noon Food Pantry Raffle
12:30 p.m. Bingo, Games and Billiards

Wednesday, March 27

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Cardio Circuit
10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. OsetoBusters

Thursday, March 28

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 a.m. Movie: "The Green Mile"
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, March 29

Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10 a.m. Bridge
Town Hall Closes at 12:30 p.m.

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needs additional insurance, what is covered under Medicare Part D, and what EPIC provides. The free program runs from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 439-4955, Ext. 1176 to register.

Lunch and candy

Enjoy lunch at Smokey Bones Restaurant and shop for holiday candy at Krause's on Tuesday, March 26, cost on your own. Barbeque and non-barbeque choices will be offered. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 9:30 a.m. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$7. Call 439-4955, Ext. 1176.

Tax counseling

A.A.R.P. tax counseling service is available on Wednesdays at Town Hall through April 10. Call 439-4955, Ext. 1176, to make an appointment. Bring last

year's tax returns, 2012 W-2 and 1099 forms, and receipts for contributions, interest, medical bills and property and school taxes.

Senior's club to meet

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Transportation available

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy and clinic appointments, grocery stores and a variety of social and recreational programs.



Food pantry in need

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Community meeting

The second in a series of community meetings providing an opportunity for citizens to speak directly with town-wide officials and discuss town issues and specific community concerns will be held on Thursday, March 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Glenmont School, 328 Route 9W.

Come to share your views with Supervisor Clarkson, Town Board members and other town officials.

EGG-Stravaganza

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation present EGG-Stravaganza with live clown entertainment followed by an egg hunt on park grounds at Elm Avenue Park large pavilion on Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m.

Recommended for ages 2-10. Children will be broken up into three age groups for the hunt. Bring your own basket or bag. Rain date is Saturday, March 30.

Holy week church schedule

The holy week schedule at the New Baltimore Reformed Church, located at the corner of Church Street and Route 144 in the hamlet, is as follows: Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday Service at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday soup and bread Agape meal at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, Friday, March 29, Good Friday service at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. outside on the church lawn overlooking the river with a continental breakfast to follow in

Fellowship Hall. Easter family celebration service at 10 a.m. All are invited and are welcomed.

For additional information, call the church at 756-8764.

Make baskets at nature center

On Sunday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center will offer a class in making white pine baskets. Instructor Jennifer Lee will teach participants how to make the baskets. Participants should bring a utility knife and old scissors and wear clothes that could get dirty.

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Jessica Keegan speaks at an event on March 6 at SCCC's Albany site where CDPHP pledged \$20,000 to the college's foundation supporting the Health Profession Opportunity Grants program. The program provides educational and employment assistance for low-income students being trained for careers in health care. Keegan is one of more than 560 students who have graduated from the program.

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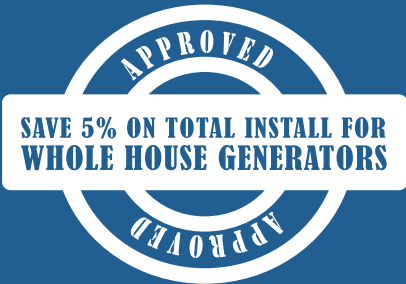
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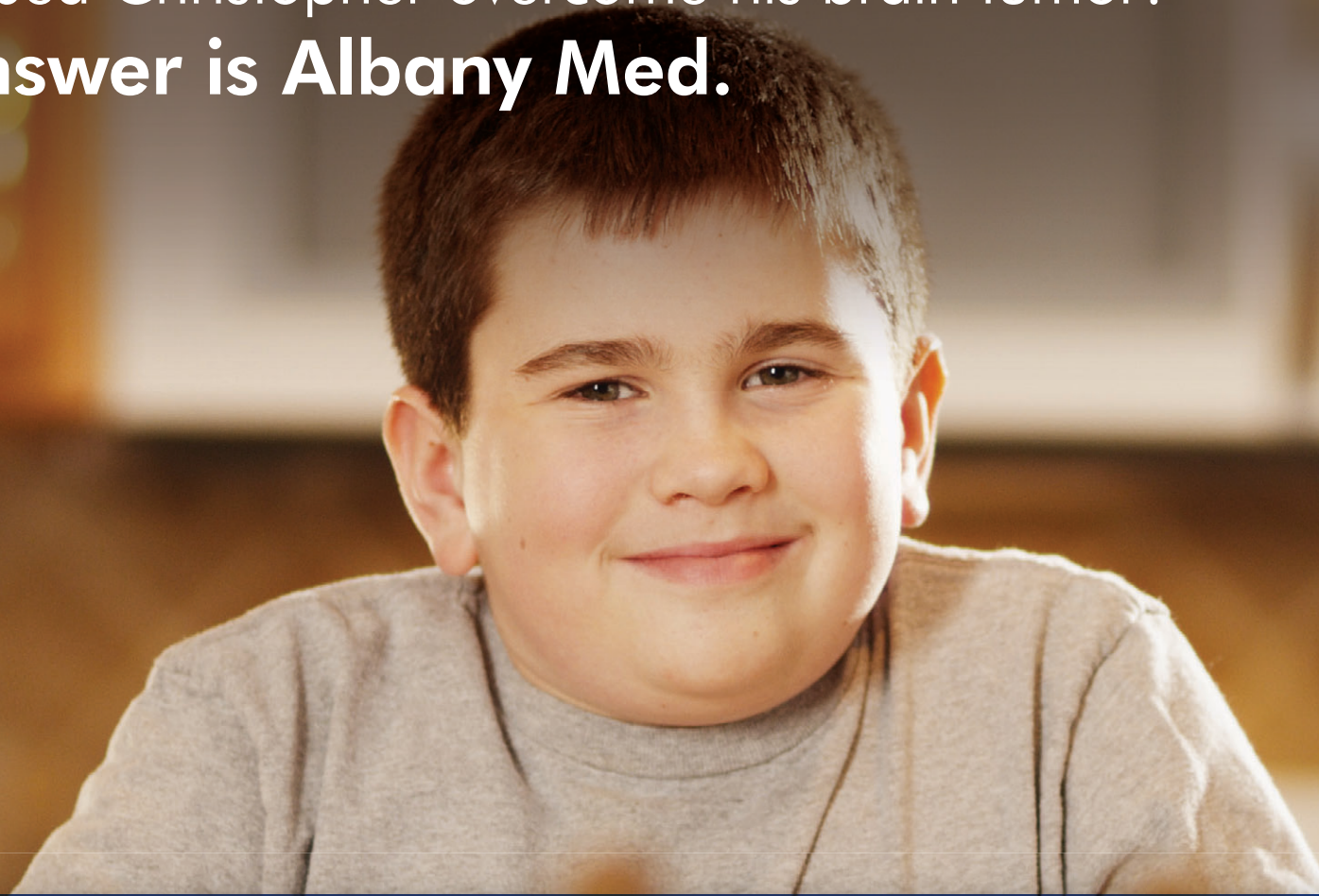
light continued to come on after being serviced at the station.

Lanahan allegedly tampered with the oil and transmission values of the vehicle, causing transmission fluid to shoot into cars having an oil change, police said. Jiffy Lube flushed the vehicle, but the oxygen sensor still was damaged, police said. The sensor cost \$336.26 to replace at a different service station.

Lanahan turned himself into police on Tuesday, March 5, after the incident was reported. He was arraigned and released to his father. He was scheduled to reappear in court on April 2.

- Bethlehem police arrested Brian Shaughnessy, 28, of 157 Columbia Grove, Cohoes, and charged him with felony DWI, refusal to take a pre-screen test and failure to keep right on Hasgate Drive in Delmar at 7:40 p.m. on Friday, March 1. He was arraigned and released on \$3,000 bail.
- Bethlehem police arrested Kristen Mirabile, 42, of 3 New Scotland Road, Feura Bush, and charged her with DWI, failure to keep right and failure to signal at 1:12 a.m. on Saturday, March 2.

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New year, big changes for EMS

Paramedics of Delmar-Bethlehem EMS adjusting to consolidated force

By MARCY VELTE
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Sitting in class at Albany Law School, Andrew Wu was in the front row listening to a lecture when suddenly, his professor blacked out. The incident frightened the Delmar resident, whose teacher was believed to have suffered either a seizure or stroke.

“I don’t like being in the position of not knowing what to do, so I thought I would take an EMT class because it’s useful,” he said.

Wu, 26, is now training with Delmar-Bethlehem EMS to become an intermediate EMT. He no longer wants to be a lawyer, and after graduating has his sights set on becoming a firefighter-paramedic.

“(Becoming a lawyer) is a good backup plan, but I feel like I’m young and I don’t want to sit behind a desk while I’m young,” Wu said.

Wu is a good example of the diversity in the Delmar-Bethlehem EMS’s ranks, said Chief Operation Officer Steve Kroll. The volunteer service includes paramedics, firefighters, nurses, medical students and everyday citizens wanting to lend a hand to their community.

After the January consolidation of the town’s two ambulance operations,



Delmar-Bethlehem EMT Chris Palmieri shows off the agency’s Lucas 2 chest compression system used for those in extreme cardiac arrest.

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the new agency has about 80 members.

Delmar EMS and Bethlehem EMS were combined into Delmar-Bethlehem EMS after a September report from the town’s District Board of Ambulance Commissioners concluded money could be saved if the two agencies joined forces. The District Board of Ambulance Commissioners was created under former Supervisor Sam Messina in July of 2011 to look into the rising costs of emergency medical services.

The group’s report found a “great variation” existed between services provided in the southern and northern parts of the town. The hope is the consolidation will reduce response times and cut costs.

“Everything is going well,” said Kroll. “Right now, we’re focused on providing

the highest level of patient care possible.”

At first, the consolidation was a tough sell to members. Kroll said there is longstanding tradition in emergency services agencies and the report’s consolidation timeline of just three months seemed like a daunting task. However, progress was made more quickly than expected and members eventually began to feel more connected to their counterparts across town.

Timothy Leach, the former president of Bethlehem EMS, said the process has been very friendly, mostly because many members of the two

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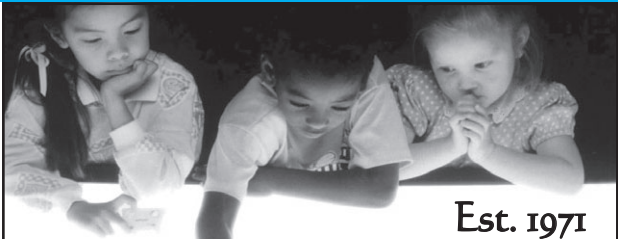
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New Scotland advances plan for proactive rezoning

Town considers zoning changes to fit landscape

By JOHN PURCELL
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New Scotland has more than 515 acres zoned for industrial use, but industry isn't exactly booming in the rural town. The industrial classification stems from land's proximity to the railroad tracks, but a significant portion isn't suited for large industrial uses, according to town officials. That's why the town is proposing several zoning changes to better reflect reality.

Deputy Supervisor

"It would just create a very big problem for the whole area environmentally if we were to continue with the potential of industrial there."

-Deputy Supervisor Douglas LaGrange

Douglas LaGrange gave a presentation at a Wednesday, March 13, Town Board meeting about the town's proposed reclassification of 205 acres in the Industrial Zoning District, located south of New Scotland Road and along the eastern and western sides of New Scotland Road South.

"Quite frankly, when we started to get into

what opportunities there were in this town for development, this whole area is delicate in an environmental sense," LaGrange said. "It would just create a very big problem for the whole area environmentally if we were to continue with the potential of industrial there."

LaGrange said the way the neighborhood has developed, the important

waterways flowing into Five Rivers and the developmental analysis led to the targeted rezoning. The area also lacks the needed infrastructure for industrial uses because the town's sewer does not service the area and only limited portions are connected to the town's water supply.

Under the proposal, 163 acres of the land would be rezoned to Residential Conservation (R-2). Forty-three acres would be rezoned to Residential Agricultural (RA). The town would also reclassify a pocket of 24 acres of Commercial zoned land below New Scotland Road to Residential-Hamlet (RH).

Supervisor Thomas Dolin said he believes the "right choices" were made for the proposed rezoning.

"For five years I've been nervous some heavy-duty industrial thing would come in there ... and we would never have any potential for residential there and it is beautiful land," Dolin said. "In my mind it shouldn't be wasted on industrial ... there are plenty other areas in town that could absorb industrial."

He also said there is still opportunity of commercial development within the town and the rezoning wouldn't limit potential grow.

"There is plenty of commercial area in the town," Dolin said. "We are not going to run out of commercial area."

Comments about the proposed changes were received through several public hearings.

The proposal is being forwarded along to the town and county planning boards, which will provide recommendations. There are 13 tax map parcels proposed to be rezoned from Industrial to R-2, six from Industrial to RA and 17 from commercial to R-H.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

The suds are just the start

More than just beer on tap at second Night at the Brewseum

By DANIA BIANCHI
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These days, beer is a big deal. There is no shortage of beer fests celebrating hops. From Glens Falls to Albany, towns and cities all over are giving beer connoisseurs the chance to taste craft beers from area brewers. Two groups from Saratoga Springs have put their own spin on the typical beer fest and are finding it to be pretty successful.

The event is called The Night at the Brewseum. Organized by the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs and the Saratoga Springs Lion's Club, the night is not just an evening of beer tasting – but also wine sampling, good food and military history.

The idea came about after a brainstorming session between the folks at the museum and the Lion's Club.

"We were thinking about potential fundraisers. The Galway Lions Club has always had an Oktoberfest that has been positively received in their community, so we thought we would give it a shot," said John McDonald of the Lion's Club.

By putting their own spin on the event, Night at the Brewseum, now in its second year, has people returning for more than just a taste of local craft beer.

Jim Gaffney of Glens Falls said he tends to be a regular at area beer fests, and said it's the little things that set the Brewseum



The second Night at the Brewseum will take place at the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs on Friday, March 22.

apart from the rest that make the event a must-do this year for him and his wife.

"It's almost like beer is secondary these days. Whatever beer fest you go to, you can find those craft beers in almost any store, certainly a beer wholesaler – so it's not so much the beer anymore that brings people in. You need to give them something else,"

Gaffney said.

The fact that the Brewseum offers wine, Gaffney said, opens it up to a wider range of people.

"It sounds like a simple thing, but I know a lot of people where one of them likes beer and the other doesn't, so they wouldn't normally go to a beer fest. The fact that the Brewseum offers wine, suddenly you have something for both

sides of the equation," he said.

Maestros of Saratoga Springs is catering the event for the second year – another reason Gaffney finds the event to be a winner.

"Most beer fests you go to, you get some free pretzels and have to pay for a hot dog," he said. "At this you get great food included in the cost of the ticket. It just has a different feel to it – more people are dressed up. When my wife and I usually go to a beer fest we wear jeans, T-shirts and baseball caps. Last year, we got a little dressed up and will do the same this year. It's a nice night out."

Local vendors including Druthers Brewery, Saratoga Eagle, Olde Saratoga Brewing Company, Frederick Wildman and Adirondack Winery will be offering

samples of their unique drinks. Members of the breweries will also be available to talk about the beers and wines.

"It's a wide range – not just local beers," said McDonald. "There are over 30 different brands of beer and hard ciders."

The entire military museum will be open for the evening showcasing military history dating from the American Revolution to the modern wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We have the World War I and World War II exhibit, the 19th Century National Guard exhibit, the Revolutionary War exhibit, two temporary exhibits – a battlefield and tank exhibit – and for the kids of the '50s and '60s, we have a pretty large GI Joe display," said Lance Ingmire of the New York State Military Museum.

Ingmire said having the event at the museum not only makes for interesting ambiance, but also creates interest in the museum to those who may not have known about it before.

"Last year, of the 400 people, I would hazard to guess that a good 300 of them had never been inside the museum and almost all of them were local," he said.

McDonald said last year's event was a huge success.

"We had 400 people, the place was jammed and everyone had a great time," he said.

The event last year raised \$8,000. This year, with more sponsors involved, McDonald is hoping for \$15,000. The money raised goes to the New York State Military Museum and the Saratoga Springs Lion's Club to support its mission of sight, hearing, youth and diabetes-related issues within the community.

The Night at the Brewseum will take place on Friday, March 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the New York State Military Museum at 61 Lake Avenue in Saratoga Springs.

Tickets are available at the Friends of the NYS Military Museum website at friendsofthenysmilitarymuseum.com, the museum gift shop, through the Saratoga Springs Lion's Club and at the door the night of the event. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Non-drinking tickets are available for \$10 at the door. The event is for people 21 and over only.

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THESE SHINING LIVES

Regional premiere of play about three working women in a radium watch factory, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Feb. 22 through March 23, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, \$23. Information, 877-7529.

DEAR LIAR

Play by Jerome Kilty chronicles the personal life of iconic playwright George Bernard Shaw and his turbulent romance with actress Mrs. Patrick Campbell. Starring Benita Zahn and Jim Kambrich. March 24, 2 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, general admission \$20. Information, 583-0022.

NUTS

By Tom Topor, a courtroom drama set in New York's Bellevue Hospital. A free staged reading directed by Jennifer S. Depew. Sunday, April 7, 2:30 p.m. Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 S. Church St., Schenectady. Free. No advance reservations. 382-2081.

FREQUENCY NORTH

The 2012-13 "Frequency North" visiting writers reading series wraps up with poets Meg Kearney and M. Bartley Seigel. April 11, 7:30 p.m., tandish Rooms, Saint Rose Events and Athletics Center (second floor), 420 Western Ave., Albany. Free. strose.edu.

THE TIMEKEEPERS

Theater Voices will present a staged reading of The Timekeepers by Dan Clancy, directed by Stewart J. Zuljy on Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 23, at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. at the Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Admission is free.

Music

SMOOTH BLEND

50s and 60s band. Mary Ann, Nancy, Deb, Norm, Mike, Amy, With Shawn

Marosek. March 22, 7 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

BLUES WEEKEND

The 8th Annual Blues Weekend comes to Caffè Lena. March 22 and 23. On March 22: Danielle Miraglia and Erin Harpe. Members \$14, general admission \$16, children under 13 \$8 March 23: Michael Jerome Browne, Street Corner Holler and George Wilson. Members \$18, general admission \$20, children under 13 \$10. 8 p.m. both nights. Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Information, 583-0022.

VICTORIA BOUFFARD

Acoustic Guitar / Singer / Songwriter. March 23, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

BROTHER SUN

Old Songs, Inc. presents Brother Sun – Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway and Pat Victor. April 19, 8 p.m. \$20. 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville. Information and tickets: 765-2815, oldsongs.org.

ALAN GOLDBERG

Acoustic Guitar / Singer / Songwriter, March 23, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

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Known as singer and songwriter with the contemporary bluegrass band Nickel Creek. March 23, 7:30 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$20. Information, 473-1845.

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ROOTS MUSIC FESTIVAL 4

Hosted by the Red Haired Strangers and featuring Brown Bird with guests James Edmond's Heavenly Echoes, Lost Radio Rounders and Friends Presenting: Songs of the Carter Family, Olivia Quillico and Low 'n Lonesome. March 23, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$15. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

Comedy

AZIZ ANSARI

Co-star of Emmy nominated NBC series, "Parks and Recreation." May 14, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$27 & \$32. palacealbany.com.

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

A weekly show of improvised comedy, March 22, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204. Also, weekly improv skit show, March 23, 8 p.m., Comedy Works, 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$33.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

COMEDY WORKS

Michael Che w/ Chris Rich, March 22 and 23, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

Dance

PILOBOLUS - "CLASSICS"

Pilobolus, the modern movement company founded in 1971, April 21, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, members \$26, general public \$28. Information, 473-1845.

OLD SONGS COMMUNITY DANCE

Dinner and participatory dance featuring music by Fennig's All-Stars. Caller, Paul Rosenberg. April 6, 6:30 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$7. Information, 765-2815.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"An Irrepressible Conflict: The Empire State in the Civil War," through Sept. 22; "Gordon Parks: 100 Moments," through May 19; "Eugene Ludins: An American Fantastist," through May 12; "Seneca Ray Stoddard: Capturing the Adirondacks," through Feb. 24; "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"The Making of the Hudson River School: More than the Eye Beholds," through Aug. 18; "The Legacy of Currier & Ives: Shaping the American Spirit," through June 15; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Colletion of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

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"Oh Canada," through April 1; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; plus more; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Pastoral and Parkland: American Landscape Paintings," through March 31; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

THE LITTLE FOXES

Theater Voices will hold auditions for a staged reading of "The Little Foxes", by Lillian Hellman. Needed: 3 women ages 20s to 60s; 6 men ages 20s to 60s. March 24, 6-9 p.m., and March 27, 6-9 p.m. The Schacht Fine Arts Center, Art Wing A, Russell Sage College Campus, 5 Division Street, Troy.

AJKUN BALLET THEATRE

Seeking dancers from pre-Kindergarten to young teens for its summer residency production of "La Bayadere" at The Egg in Albany, rehearsals begin July 29, 2013 for the Aug. 10 performance date, dancers will have the option to join the full company for its performances the following week in New York City. Information, www.ajkunbt.org or email Ajkun@aol.com.

THE CHORALIERS

Musical group looking for singers of all abilities, performs concerts at Christmas and in the spring, pieces are familiar and fun to sing, no auditions are necessary, practices are 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Saint Clares' Chapel, McClellan Street, Schenectady.

ETUDE CLUB

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

CAPITALAND CHORUS

Openings for all voice parts for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of Orlanso and Western avenues, Albany. Information, 785-3567.

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COLONIE TOWN BAND

Several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

Openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Information, 439-2360.

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Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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.

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20 Loosens
21 TV's *The Mod* ____
22 Quattro, cinque, ____
23 Most spare
27 Mild cheddar
32 Entertained
35 Young swine
36 Mine, in Paris
37 . . . ____ *To Tell a Lie*
38 Borgnine role, Sgt. ____ Judson
40 Fuel source
41 Heavyweight Willard
42 Flightless bird
43 *The Divine Comedy* poet
44 Halloween symbol
48 Completely
49 Word with board or check

- 52 Understand
56 In a perfect world
58 Old
59 Trunk item
62 Area
63 October stones
64 Racing's Luyendyk
65 Como ____ usted?
66 To this point
67 Cincinnati team

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2 Stretch, as the neck
3 Chuck Yeager goal?
4 Northeast Nevada city
5 Visibly upset
6 Draws a bead on
7 German city on the Danube
8 Alphabet run
9 Musical appreciation
10 NBA's O'Neal
11 It borders Brazil
12 Callas speciality
13 *Sweeney* ____
18 Tel Aviv suburb
21 Residence for 35

Across

- 24 Poseidon's Roman counterpart
25 Goddess of discord
26 ____ lily
27 Capital of Belarus
28 Hard, black varnish
29 So be it
30 Chesterfield, e.g.
31 High flyer
32 Pilgrimage to Mecca
33 On the briny
34 ____ jockey

- 38 Experienced
39 Latin I word
43 TV's *Hunter*
45 ____ *of Africa*
46 Baseball's toughest hit
47 First born
49 Trumpet
50 Heston role
51 *Lead, Kindly Light* composer
52 Stare
53 Selves
54 Dress style
55 Notion
57 Open
59 Scarf
60 Downs' opposite
61 *Seven Days in* ____

Vote

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of the right for any reason should not be taken lightly.”

Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph is planning to retire on April 1, and because of the change Supervisor John Clarkson proposed abolishing the elected position and placing the duties of the office with the commissioner of public works. A civil servant would then be hired to help manage the highway department under the public works umbrella.

Clarkson said the decision was made to have only one polling place after he, Town Clerk Nanci Moquin and Town Attorney James Potter began researching state laws surrounding such referendums.

He said in order for the town to offer absentee ballots for the vote, each polling place must establish their own Board of Registration and Board of Inspectors. This is so those who are not already registered to vote with the Albany County Board of Elections may vote in this special election.

Clarkson said for multiple polling places to be used, mailers would need to be sent out notifying each resident of where they would be voting in the special election, since the location might not be the same as where one would typically vote. Those needing to register would need to do so at that polling location during designated times and those times would have to be

published in two newspapers.

The other option would be to have the vote similarly to a school district vote in which any resident in the town over the age of 18 would be able to vote without registering, but then because of the differences in state laws, the town would be unable to offer absentee ballots.

“We felt that was something important that needed to be offered to the public,” said Clarkson.

He said one location was chosen not so much due to extra cost, but in order to cut down on confusion. To save money, the town will not be using the electronic voting systems from the county, but instead will be printing out own paper ballots to be counted by hand. Absentee ballot information will be available at the Town Clerk’s Office and on the town website.

Some residents characterized using one location as a political move to ensure Democrats would be more likely to come out and vote for the plan. Others asked why the vote could not wait until November or why the town needed to change the way the position was filled at all.

Clarkson, Councilman Bill Reinhardt and Councilman Kyle Kotary all voted in favor of the referendum as written. Councilman Jeffery Kuhn was not present. Councilwoman Joann Dawson voted against the measure, saying she now felt the previous resolution setting the day of the vote could be changed back to allow the vote to happen

in November, or to allow the election of the highway position for one term and put the abolishment proposal on the ballot in 2013, when no one is running.

“John (Clarkson), I can’t sit here as a member of the board and not trust our voters to select a good person,” she said. “I feel a little uncomfortable with that. They elected you, they elected me twice.”

One speaker suggested allowing more time for the vote to take place and to use an interim highway superintendent (Public Works Commissioner Erik Deyoe will presumably be appointed upon Sagendorph’s retirement) until the vote takes place.

Clarkson said all the issues were discussed at a previous public hearing and the board had opted to go forward with the plan. Board members then felt having the public vote on superintendent candidates while also deciding whether or not the position should be abolished might be perplexing.

“We not only passed the local law last meeting, but we passed a resolution stating the day and time of the vote. You voted for it,” Clarkson said to Dawson. “I feel at this point, we as the board have a moral obligation to go forward.”

Board backs off SAFE Act, public stands up

During the public comment section, the

supervisor set aside 40 minutes for a large number of people attending the meeting to share their opinions on the board’s previous proposal to vote on a resolution in favor of the state SAFE Act.

He added that no matter what was to be said, the board was no longer voting on a resolution for or against the new gun law. All members of the board concluded the law was not under their jurisdiction and the larger discussion would impede the board’s ability to discuss important town matters.

Of the 12 people who spoke, all were against a resolution in favor of the law.

Denis Northrup, a previous president of the Bethlehem Sportsman’s Club, took the time to explain to the board some of the nuances of the law that that angered gun owners. Others compared the situation to drunk driving laws in the state.

“We don’t legislate or prohibit the sale of alcohol to law abiding citizens. When we enact legislation against the illegal use of alcohol by drunk drivers, we direct that legislation against the drunk drivers for the good of the community,” said Glenmont resident Tim Sellati. “We don’t monitor how much people purchase on a daily basis, weekly basis or monthly basis.”

Clarkson promised the topic would not be brought up again during his administration.

Pols

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campaign fundraiser through his Facebook page. The event is set to be held Wednesday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Normanside Country Club. He has also launched a campaign website at clarkson2013.org.

“I don’t think this was any surprise,” he said. “Everyone knew I was going to run, this is just the first step.”

Clarkson said unlike in the 2011 election, he is hoping to get the backing of the town’s Democratic Committee. He said although he is starting his fundraising early, he still wants to maintain a grassroots approach to his campaigning and will be doing a lot of his electioneering by going door-to-door.

Councilman Bill Reinhardt, who won last year’s special election against former Supervisor Jack Cunningham in the primary and Republican Jeremy Martelle in the general election, said he also intends to run again for his seat.

“I’m going to wait for the Democratic Committee process to play out, but everyone has been every encouraging and I really enjoy doing what I do,” he said.

Democratic Committee chairperson and Town Board Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn said the vetting process has yet to begin, but will be getting underway at the beginning of April.

He said he plans for this year’s process to be much different from those in the past, as he would like things to be more open and transparent for the community. Any Bethlehem Democrat who would like to run for an open position is encouraged to apply with the committee and go through the interview process, he said.

“We’re looking for people who show dedication to town’s wellbeing and those who want to continue to make Bethlehem a model for efficient, transparent and effective municipal government,” Kuhn said. “I think we have accomplished a lot over the last year or so, but there’s still a lot left to do.”

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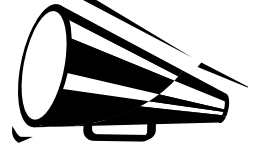


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agencies have been friends with one another for years.

“It’s very easy to do when you know the people you’re working with and frankly this was inevitable,” he said. “The health care industry is itself, hospitals and everything, all consolidating. We were the first in the area to do it, but now we’re looking to be the model they all look to.”

The agency is now working towards uniformity in its practices and equipment.

All ambulances and medical bags have been changed to be uniform, and supply checks are done each time a new crew takes over a shift. Many of these practices have always been in place, but the entire agency is now using the same system and checklist forms.

“The last thing a patient wants to see when we get to the scene is us looking for stuff,” said former

Delmar EMS Captain Chris Smith. “That would be uncomfortable.”

Kroll said because members will now be covering the whole town depending on their schedules or proximity to a call, many will now need to get acclimated with the types of medical emergencies they will be facing. He said Bethlehem EMS would typically get more calls for farm accidents or car accidents on the Thruway. Delmar EMS sees more emergency response calls for elderly residents or sports event injuries.

The entire agency receives about 3,000 calls a year, with two-thirds resulting in a hospital visit. A third are stand-by calls for support for other towns, false calls or hospital refusals. Smith said sometimes callers don’t need to go to the hospital at all but need assistance after a fall. Other times, new parents get scared if a child is running a fever or has a minor injury, so they call for help.

About a third of all calls happen at night, when the volunteer staff

is on call. Kroll said there is no difference in the level of service between paid and volunteer staff, and most times residents don’t notice or ask. About 90 percent of all patients are taken to either Albany Medical Center or St. Peter’s Hospital because of the close proximity to those institutions, but patients can request to be taken to the hospital of their choice in non-emergency situations.

Because a third of the agency’s budget is supplied through town taxes, Bethlehem residents are not charged out-pocket costs for ambulance services – most insurances will take care of the rest. The force also offers CPR and EMT classes.

“We pride ourselves on that,” said Kroll. “We really think of ourselves as a health care organization.”

Smith said the most important thing for residents to keep in mind is if you call 911 during an emergency, someone will be there, no matter the time of day.

This week in history in

The Spotlight

Highlights from a half-century ago

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- Ann Treadway submitted a report on a trip of the Garden Group of the Delmar Progress Club to New York City. About 40 women (and “three stalwart males”) travelled to the 46th International Flower Show at the New York Coliseum. The group held its own flower show in May at the Delmar Library. The theme: “In the Spring of a Young Man’s Fancy.”
- William Fuller reported on an evening of basketball entertainment presented by Bethlehem Recreation. The Harlem Diplomats (akin to the Harlem Globetrotters) entertained with their “supply of basketball tricks and antics.”
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Emit Solutions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/15/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Reiss+Preuss LLP, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 2900, NY, NY 10019. Purpose: any lawful activity. 85832 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NS SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/30/13. 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. 85833 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of E. ANDERSON CONSULTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/30/13. 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. 85834 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 141 CAMPBELL ROAD ASSOC., LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/19/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1259 Gordon Road, Schenectady, New York 12306. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 85835 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Reign Energy Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/26/2012 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 125 Wolf Rd, Suite 306, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: all lawful activities. 85836 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: No Limits Fitness, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/1/13. Office location: Albany Coun-

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ty. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 301 Elm Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 85838 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LOIS A SHAPIRO PHD PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/07/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to theP LLC: 77 Marsdale Street, Albany, NY, 12208. Purpose: Psychology. 85909 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MIGHTY RECRUITING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/1/13. 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. 85912 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 90-75 179TH ST, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/24/13. 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. 85914 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Vio Air LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/23/13. 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 62 Jetway Dr., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85916 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Elite Motors of Voorheesville, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/29/13. 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 19 Drywall Ln., Unit 1, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: any lawful activities. 85917 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF METRO CITY RENTALS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/8/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 610 W.150 St., NY, NY 10031. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85926 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BGGJ LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for ser-

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vice of process. SSNY shall mail process to 17 E.84 St. #3A, NY, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85927 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EVOKE SCENT MEMORY, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 229 Chrystie St. #1211, NY, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85928 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PETER REAGAN LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 30 EAST Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale, NY 10530. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85929 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SUNTECT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/9/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 176 Seeley St. #3F, Bklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85930 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF VERSA H.I.M. SOLUTIONS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/11/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 839 Throggs Neck Expy., Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85931 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF AMORONDE, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 515 W.52 St. #20H, NY, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85932 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF XNO LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 55 W.11 St. #3A, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85933 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SCHERMERHORN PARKING LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 54 Diamond St., Bklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85934 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF AQUIDNECK FILMS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 5 Clubhouse Rd. Ext., Tuxedo Pk., NY 10987. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85935 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CHRISTOPHER MILES LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 507 Grand St. #3, Bklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85936 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JIM ANNESS PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 116 Pinehurst Ave. #R-21, NY, NY 10033. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86094 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of One Bethlehem Court LLC, a domestic limited liability company, the purpose of which is to engage in any lawful activity. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State ("NYSS") on September 14, 2012. Offices are located in Albany County. NYSS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process to One Bethlehem Court LLC, c/o Elisabeth Ruthman, 14 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The latest date of dissolution shall be December 31, 2062. 86097 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NINAMARIE LUCCHINI, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/5/13. 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. 86098 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of IMLJ TRADING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/5/13. 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. 86099 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LUCKY STAR CBB LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/6/13. 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

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Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86100 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of BAP 149-34 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/7/13. 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. 86101 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BAP 149-36 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/6/13. 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. 86102 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HARDWARE 101 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/7/13. 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. 86106 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of E2 Energy Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 86107 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BRUNETTI MEDIA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/13. 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. 86115 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 327 DEER PARK ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/13. 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. 86116 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 255 SMITH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/13. 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. 86118 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 70 DOUGLASS STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/13. 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. 86119 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Patricia Hunter PSY.D. PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/12/2013. 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. 86122 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NYC SEM LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/13. 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. 86123 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of PROJECT FELICIA, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/14/13. 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. 86121 (D) (March 20, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Barking at Trees LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 150 Bay Street, Apt 713, Jersey City, NJ 07302. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86124 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF GENERAL MATERIALS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED LLC. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/12/2013. The LLC was formed in Hanoi, Vietnam on 10/31/2003. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail process to: 1392 Delaware Tpke., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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86125 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JABAR W. HANDY-MAN, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/13/2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 86126 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GMH Mortgage Services LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/3/08. 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: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86188 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT 42ND STREET VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/19/13. 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. 86189 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

HR JASMINE BROADWAY, LLC The name of the Limited Liability Company is HR JASMINE BROADWAY, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on January 28, 2013 with the Secretary of State. The Office of the LLC is in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company is to be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 1670 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12203 The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York. 86190 (D) (March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

PROVIDENCE AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC The name of the Limited Liability Company is PROVIDENCE AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on February 1, 2013 with the Secretary of State. The Office of the LLC is in Schenectady County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company is to be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 1675 Providence Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12309

Comics

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The Comic Character Quick Draw workshop was more popular with boys than girls, with 15 boys and three girls in attendance. Joyce Laiosa wasn’t surprised with the gender difference, because the grant is aimed at getting boys interested in reading. They are typically the gender least interested in reading.

“Between Lego building and technology, boys come to the library ... and the comics do hook them,” she said. “There is a lot of

comics for girls nowadays.”

Comics can also lead to kids enhancing their own creative expression.

“So many young people that read comics love to draw comics,” Joyce Laiosa said. “They don’t have an idea of how to get started, how to make their characters do things.”

Matthew Laiosa said he was always interested drawing and illustration, which led him to study it in college. Since graduating with a bachelor’s degree, he has been working on building his portfolio and has applied for grad school. He also wants to instill his love for

the medium on a new generation.

“I wanted to focus on a step-by-step approach on how I create characters and once they have those basic tools then you can write any story because you can just keep on inventing characters,” he said.

He started off by showing the kids how to draw six main facial expressions and then gave a few examples on how to combine two expressions to make others, such as how disgust and sadness can combine to show pain.

Then, kids went through the process of developing a character, which involved picking an emotion,

animal and occupation — leading to a confused, crocodile farmer for the example. This led him to show the various levels of illustration, starting with the “skeleton” to finished character.

The children then picked a conflict and basic storyline, with Matthew showing the process of creating panels to tell the story.

Two more workshops will be held at the library in the beginning of April, during students’ spring break from school.

Author and illustrator Sylvie Kantorovitz will read from “Go to Bed, Monster!” Wednesday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m., and have

drawing games teaching about faces, expressions and characters in motion. No registration is necessary.

Then on Thursday, April 4, at 1:30 p.m., George O’Connor will share how he draws his characters and discuss his creative process. In his “Olympians” series he retells Greek myths through comics. Registration is required.

For information on upcoming programs and how to register visit the library’s website voorheesvillelibrary.org or call 765-2791. The library supplies any needed drawing materials for programs.

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The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York.
86191 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

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NOTICE OF ORGANAZATION
NOTICE OF ORGANAZATION OF 28 THATCAHER LLC
On February 13th, 2013, 28 Thatcher LLC (the “LLC”) filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is c/o 942 Broadway, City and County of Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The Post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC is c/o 942 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. The LLC is organized for the purpose of a live music venue.
86199 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company, Name: Berry Pi Services LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/05/13. 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 process to the LLC, PO Box 816, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
86200 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CORNER BEDFORD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/13. 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.
86201 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2941 AVE S LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/13. 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.
86202 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of GIG PARTNERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/13. Office loca-

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tion: 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.
86203 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ROOKMIN DEVELOPERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/21/13. 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.
86204 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SPENCER REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/21/13. 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.
86205 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 250 Bowery PHB Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/19/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. 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. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
86207 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Agent Jade LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/2013 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.
86208 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Organization of grant group, LLC
On February 15, 2013, grant group, LLC (the “LLC”) filed Articles of Organization with the NYS Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 20 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, Albany County, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process

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against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC is 20 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York. The LLC is organized for the purpose of any lawful business.
86209 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

271 Gin Lane, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/7/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes.
86210 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

DZ Realty Second Avenue, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/31/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes.
86029 (D)
(March 20, 2013)

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(March 20, 2013)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing

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on at 6:00 p.m. March 27, 2013 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider leasing or licensing an operator for the Colonial Acres. All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Nanci Moquin
TOWN CLERK
Date: 3/14/13
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(March 20, 2013)

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TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
RESOLUTION # 2013-10
WHEREAS, t h e Town Board adopted Local Law No. 1 on February 27, 2013, providing for abolishment of the elective office of the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Bethlehem with the duties and office carried out by the Commissioner of Public Works; and
WHEREAS, t h i s Local Law requires a mandatory referendum to be effective; and
WHEREAS, t h e Town Board, through this Resolution, wishes to establish the procedures for the special election to be conducted for the referendum on Local Law No. 1 of 2013.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. A special election will be held on April 30, 2013, for the purposes of a referendum on Local Law No. 1 of 2013.
2. Polls shall be open from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M.
3. The polling place shall be the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.
4. The referendum question shall be: “Shall Local Law No. 1 of 2013 of the Town of Bethlehem, which provides that the elective office of Town Superintendent of Highways be abolished, with the duties and office carried out by the Commissioner of Public Works, be approved?”
5. Personal registration shall be required to vote in this special election.
6. The Town Board, at a future date, will name a Board of Registration and establish the dates on which the Board of Registration shall meet, at the Town Hall, to accept registration applications from those not already registered to vote with the Albany County Board of Elections.
7. The Town Board, at a future date, will also name the Board of Inspectors and the Election Inspectors for this special election.
8. Voters who wish to receive absentee ballots by mail must deliver an application for absentee ballot to the Town Clerk by no later than April 23, 2013, and may submit an application by no later than April 29, 2013 if they or their agent will be picking up the absentee ballot at the Town Clerk’s Office. On a motion by Councilman Reinhardt, seconded by Councilman Kotary, and a vote of 3 for, 1 against, 0 abstention and 1 absent, this RESOLUTION was adopted on March 13, 2013.
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(March 20, 2013)

Finance in the Spotlight

Seven tips for the first-time homebuyer in today's market

By JOEL BISAILLON, JR.,
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The real estate industry has been much maligned in recent years. That's not breaking news. In fact, even real estate tycoon Mortimer Zuckerman has lamented the current state of the housing market, stating that "the most critical factor subduing the demand for housing is that home ownership is no longer seen as the great, long-term buildup in equity value it once was."

There is obviously truth in Zuckerman's assessment. The early 2000s represented a huge housing bubble, and that bubble collapsed. However, the idea that home ownership no longer provides equity value is shortsighted. In fact, there is no reason to think that as the market corrects—and it will—

that property ownership will not once again become a valued investment. And for first-time homebuyers, there may be no better opportunity to buy than now.

Maximizing value is a matter of timing

For all the talk of upside-down mortgages, rising taxes and declining values, it's surprising that so few people are talking about the number one rule of investing: buy low, sell high.

It's true that predicting the bottom of a market is a shaky proposition at best. But whether or not the current trend of housing prices finally increasing in value continues or if the industry experiences another dip—both impossible to forecast—this much is true: inventory exceeds demand and interest rates remain near historic lows. It is, quite simply, a buyer's market.

So what does this mean for the first-time homebuyer? It

means you can buy a great house at a great price for less money. It also means that if you plan on staying in your house for the foreseeable future, you will build valuable equity.

Seven tips for the first-time homebuyer

Don't be unduly influenced by media reports that banks are not making loans. Banks are in the business of lending, and they want to help you.

Here are some things you can do to help ensure that you can take advantage of the optimal market conditions to find and finance your fabulous first house:

Take a good look at your budget. Are you in good financial shape? If you do not currently have a budget, create one. At minimum you should review two to three months of income and expenses to see what type of mortgage payment your budget can accommodate.

Consider your long-term plans. To make buying a home worth your while, Kiplinger.com advises staying in a home five to seven years. Always remember that your home is your shelter. The housing bubble of the last decade was unprecedented, and it is likely that we are returning to a more realistic market where house values only increase marginally year-over-year.

Take a good look at your income. Remember, home ownership requires more than just a monthly mortgage payment. Will your income support home maintenance, upkeep and the occasional emergency? Don't forget to account for taxes.

Review your FICO score. This is what lenders will look at first to determine your rate. If your number is not as high as you would like, see what you can do to strengthen your credit before applying. You can view your credit report for free at annualcreditreport.com.

Know your down payment capacity and don't overlook closing costs? Ideally, you should have a down payment of 20 percent. This will save you from paying primary mortgage insurance, or PMI, and may help you get a better interest rate. But remember, low down payment options are available to creditworthy buyers. Closing costs are the fees you will need to pay to your lender, title company, local taxing authority and insurance companies to finalize the transaction.

Research your market. On a national level, experts are forecasting that the housing market will stabilize. However, markets are shaped by local

influences. Talk with realtors and lenders about trends and forecasts for your area. It will help you understand the market you are buying in, and it will help you predict what the value of your home will do in the foreseeable future.

Assemble a great team. Buying a house can be a complicated and emotional process. A team consisting of experienced professionals—real estate agent, mortgage broker, insurance agent and attorney—can help you avoid many first-time homebuyer mistakes.

Remember, purchasing a house is more than a long-term investment. While it certainly can generate a great yield if you buy smart and maintain or improve its value over time, it is first and foremost "home"—the place where you will build a lifetime of memories. And for those who have saved and are ready to make the move to buy their first house, there may never be a better time than now to make owning your own home a reality.

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What to expect from the mortgage process

When it comes to getting a loan, doing your homework pays off. You will want to make sure you know what to expect from the process, particularly if you are a first-time homebuyer. The following list will help prepare you.

Preapproval. A preapproval is an application for credit and a lender's written commitment (subject to verification) of how much they'll let you borrow. Getting pre-approved will show home sellers you are a serious buyer.

Loan application. This is how the bank determines if it will make a loan to you. You will need to provide pay stubs for the past 30 days, W-2 forms and tax returns from the past two years, as well as statements from bank and investment accounts. The lender will also examine your credit history while reviewing your loan application.

Lock in rate. To ensure you receive the rate you were quoted, you may elect to lock in your rate by paying an up-front authorization fee.

Points. You can pay points, a dollar amount based on a percentage of the loan amount, to the lender to reduce the interest rate on the loan. It adds costs up front but can help save you money over time.

Appraisal. The appraisal is conducted by an independent professional and determines the value of the home.

Down payment. Lenders prefer that a borrower have 20 percent of the purchase price for the down payment. If you make a down payment of less than 20 percent you may be required to purchase private mortgage insurance (PMI). PMI protects the lender if you default on the loan and is part of your monthly mortgage loan payment.

Loan review process. After the appraisal, the loan file is submitted to the lender for your loan to be reviewed.

Escrow and title preparation. A title company will hold the money and documents until all conditions of the mortgage approval are met. Title work will be prepared, including a title exam to ensure the title to the property is clear. Other documents such as the mortgage note and deed will be prepared.

Closing costs. The costs associated with processing and closing a loan, such as application fees, points, title, insurance and credit processing.

Signing. The documents will be sent to a title company for you and the seller to sign. Any remaining down payment and closing costs will be due at this time.

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Stitching together

Costume designer to teach group sewing classes to kids

By MARCY VELTE
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To costume designer Amelia Dombrowski, cultivating the imagination is an important building block in a child's life.

With two young kids of her own, she understands their need to create unique materials that aren't mass produced, and she strives to help innovate their perception of reality.

"My son is going through the typical phases and right now, he is in the superhero phase," she said

of her 3-year-old, Declan. "He loves Spider Man, but doesn't really understand who he is or that he's a part of a million-dollar marketing campaign. He just wants superhero things and I think a lot of kids can come up with ideas for what they're into in a much more unique way than what a toy company could create."

In April, Dombrowski will start offering beginner sewing, crafts and fashion classes for elementary school students at least 8 years of age, and for preschoolers with an adult present. The classes will take place at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar as a spring break

activity from April 1 to 5.

Dombrowski said her family moved to the area in October, and the classes are a way for her to continue to use her skill set outside of the typical theater setting.

"I've been doing theater since I was a little kid," she said. "My mom would help with costumes and dad would help build the school's sets. I come from a handy background."

Dombrowski received her undergraduate degree in film studies from Northwestern University and went on to obtain her master's degree in design from New York University's Tisch School

of the Arts. She later worked on Broadway on such productions as "South Pacific" and Xanadu," and has taught sewing and costume design courses at the Professional Performing Arts High School in New York City.

The sewing class will introduce pre-schoolers to the concepts of working with a needle and thread, the idea of sewing and how to make small items out of cloth. The grownups will help facilitate the projects and children will create items like finger puppets, planet mobiles, stuffed animals and a drawstring bag.

The elementary-level crafts class will see students making a different project each session. The crafts are designed so kids can make the object and then add embellishments later depending on their different skill sets. The projects include backpack keychains, a superhero class in which kids make their own capes and a class making stuffed people out of felt, along with matching clothes.

In a world filled with television, the Internet and video games, the crafts are meant to engage students in a hands-on activity at a time when



Declan O'Hegarty, 3, with his plush creation "Space Bunny."

Submitted photo

learning practicable skills, like sewing, is on the decline. The classes can also help kids to form their own sense of style or personality if they are drawing inspiration from their own heads, instead of items that are mass produced.

"It can also be very meditative," she said. "Sewing is a very repetitive action. It forces you to sit and focus, and once you get the stitch down, it is very calming."

Eventually, Dombrowski hopes to offer themed classes for children's parties.

"It's a nice environment to be in with your friends," she said. "They can make their own tea sets or stuffed animals, and these are things that friends can

share together."

Dombrowski is also planning to offer special sessions before Halloween and Christmas for parents on how to make their own Halloween costumes for their children and how to make homemade Christmas stockings.

"I just want people to know they don't have to spend a lot of money in a store and buy something everyone else has," she said. "They can make their own unique gifts, or create imaginative items for themselves."

Classes start at \$20, and longer eight-week sessions will be available starting April 10. To register, call 718-496-8344. For more information, visit www.ameliadombrowskidesign.blogspot.com.



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Martin Luther King High School 58-33 in the final.

Lake George claiming the Class C boys title was a bit of a surprise, but only because the Warriors went through top-ranked Pine Plains to do it. Plus, Lake George has relied heavily on sophomore forward Joel Wincowski (26.2 points per game) for offense all season. If Pine Plains could stop Wincowski, it would have a good chance of winning. Instead, Wincowski went off for 33 points in a 55-45 Lake George win.

It was great to see the Troy girls team finish what it started by knocking off Maine-Endwell 46-30 for the Class A crown. The Flying Horses didn't get the credit a No. 1 seed in Sectionals normally gets, mainly because people looked at undefeated Holy Names and thought it should have been higher than a No. 2 seed. Troy proved the Section II committee right and the

critics wrong by beating Holy Names 54-47 in the finals, and then the Flying Horses kept winning until they had a state title to match.

For a capper to Saturday's regional sports action, let's salute Union with a slap of the hockey stick for sweeping Dartmouth in the ECAC quarterfinals. After going 0-1-1 against the Big Green during the regular season, the Dutchmen eliminated Dartmouth with Saturday's 5-2 victory in Schenectady. With 19 wins, Union will likely need to win the league title to qualify for its third straight NCAA tournament, but the Dutchmen seem to be turning a corner at the right time again.

Saturday will be hard to top. Maybe if the UAlbany men upset Duke in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament Friday in Philadelphia, we might have a contender for best Capital District sports day of 2013. But, Saturday is still going to be one of the best sports days we'll see this year.

Change

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to see what she can help bring for us in game play."

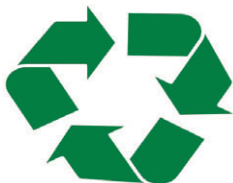
"I've been working with these girls for years, and we have really great chemistry. I think that will really help us with this upcoming season," said Seymour.

Bethlehem is aiming to move up the Suburban Council standings after finishing in the middle of the 11-team pack each of the past two seasons.

"There is a lot of new talent as well as good

returning players. I think if we work hard enough, good things will come," said Rehffuss.

The Eagles host their first league game on Thursday, March 28, at 4:15 p.m. when they face the Columbia Blue Devils.



Recycle this paper

Lady Dutch enter uncharted land

League landscape shifts underneath Guilderland with coaching changes

By ROB JONAS
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The Guilderland girls lacrosse team is going to encounter a reshaped Suburban Council landscape in 2013.

Several programs have new head coaches, which creates an air of mystery in coach Gary Chatnik's mind.

"The coaches who are coming in now have all been successful as players and coaches at other programs," said Chatnik. "So, it's going to be interesting. When you see (how the other teams will do), we'll see it."

Adding to the intrigue for last year's Section II Division I runners-up is that the Lady Dutch are going through their own transition. Ten players from last year's team graduated, including the dynamic scoring duo of Kelly Camardo and Shelby Iapoce.

"We're young, but we have a good

core group," said Chatnik. "Several of our players were members of the girls soccer team that went to states (in November), so they're used to winning at that level."

Junior Morgan Hardt leads a young group of offensive players for Guilderland. Sophomores Cara Quimby and Rebecca Golderman join juniors Michaela Jones, Katie Becker and Jody Madsen on the attacking half of the field, along with seniors Ali Cardinal and Jaclyn Rogers.

"I think they'll respond well, but it will be with a maturity they will have to acquire as the season goes on," said Chatnik. "I think as a unit they're playing well together so far, but we'll see what happens at our first scrimmage this weekend."

Guilderland's defense should be strong once again with all-league defenders Kara Carman, Jenna Walsh and Chrissy Bolognino returning to the lineup. Junior Kaitlyn Hess becomes the Lady Dutch's starting goaltender following the graduation of Jess Madsen last year.

"Kaitlyn is going to have a very nice year, and we're confident with

her back there," said Chatnik.

Guilderland gets its first look at the revamped Suburban Council March 28 when it opens the league season with a game at Colonie. The Lady Raiders are one of several teams with new head coaches. Niskayuna, Saratoga and defending Sectional champion Shaker are among the other schools with first-year coaches.

"There are a lot of new people coming in, and I think they're going to do quite well," said Chatnik.

As for his own team, Chatnik said he's hoping Guilderland can remain on top of the Suburban Council heap and claim the Sectional championship for the first time in three years.

"Hopefully this year, we'll get there after falling short the last two years," said Chatnik. "It won't be easy. You have to give your best every time you go out there."

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Trying to get back to the top

After losing in the Section II Division I final each of the past two years, the Guilderland girls lacrosse team is looking to come out on top this season. To do that, the Lady Dutch must navigate their way through a changing Suburban Council landscape.

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Weekly poll

Which girls lacrosse team has the best chance to win the Suburban Council?

- Bethlehem
- Colonie
- Guilderland
- Shaker

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Last week's poll results:

What spring sport do you look forward to?

- Lacrosse 52%
- Track and field 24%
- Baseball 16%
- Softball 8%
- Tennis 0%

He came from lane 8

Zemering claims state title from farthest lane of the pool

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Winning a state swimming title is impressive, but even more impressive when won from lane eight.

Gunnar Zemering became the second Bethlehem boys swimmer to win a state title when the junior out-touched Alexander's Robert Brown at the wall to win the 50-yard freestyle title at the New York State High School Swimming and Diving Championships March 2 at Webster Schroeder High School outside of Rochester.

"I never thought I would be a state champion," said Zemering. "I thought I'd be high up there, but never on top. My whole swimming career, I have been trying to make states. Winning is a huge unexpected bonus."

Zemering barely made it into the finals with the eighth-fastest qualifying time, which placed him in lane eight.

"Being in lane eight was detrimental, and it really lowered my confidence when I was waiting to race," said Zemering.

Zemering's confidence was raised when he saw where he was in relation to the rest of the field halfway through the race.

"I got a glimpse of the other lanes, but I didn't see anyone. I thought I was completely behind, when I actually was ahead of everyone," said Zemering. "So I pushed harder, and that push helped land me on top of the podium."

Zemering fended off a late surge by Brown to win the 50 freestyle with a time of 20.10 seconds, two-hundredths of a



Gunnar Zemering became the second Bethlehem swimmer in school history to win a state title when he claimed the 50-yard freestyle championship two weeks ago in Rochester.

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second ahead of Brown.

"If I had trimmed my nails the day before I probably would have lost," said Zemering, who entered the meet as the Section II champion in the 50 freestyle.

Zemering joins current Bethlehem Central High School physics teacher Ken Neff on the short list of Eagles to win a state title. Neff claimed the 100-yard backstroke championship in 1979.

"Being a state champion feels a lot different," said Zemering. "I feel like I have finally accomplished what I have really

been pushing for, so now I just need to be consistent but also work on personal improvements in not only the 50 freestyle, but also the 100 freestyle."

Zemering is also believed to be only the second swimmer in school history to post an All-American qualifying time. His time of 20.10 seconds is less than one second off the qualifying time for the Olympic trials.

Zemering continues his swimming with the Delmar Dolphins between high school seasons.

Another change at BC

Rehfuss becomes third girls lac coach in as many years

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The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team is starting this season with a big change as new head coach.

Abby Rehfuss is stepping in for Theresa Ladouceur, who coached the Eagles last year. This is the third year in a row Bethlehem welcomes a new head coach.

"We are really working hard on fundamentals and discipline for now," said Rehfuss, who played high school lacrosse at Shaker. "I'm excited to see what the season has to offer."

The Eagles lost five star seniors last year — Megan Duffy, Tori McGrath, Moriah Greenstein, Laura DiFrancesco and Maeve Conway. The returning seniors include Abby Seymour, Giana Calabrese, Peri Lindh and Katherine Darity.

Younger players include freshman Kim Granito, as well as sophomore Kaylee Rickert and juniors Sydney Shaw and Emily Conway.

"Kim is definitely one of our best new players," said Rehfuss. "I'm really excited

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Super Saturday for regional teams

Could Saturday have gone any better for area high school and college teams?

University at Albany swept the America East men's and women's basketball titles. Watervliet, Lake George and Argyle carried Section II to three state boys basketball championships, while Troy claimed the Class A girls basketball title. Union completed a two-game sweep of Dartmouth in the ECAC hockey tournament quarterfinals, while Rensselaer earned its only win in a three-game playoff series against Brown.

The most improbable result was the UAlbany men's basketball team marching north to Burlington and knocking off Vermont 53-49 for its first America East tournament championship since 2007. The fourth-seeded Great Danes lost twice to Vermont during the regular season, including a 70-45 setback Jan. 5 in Burlington. Then, they withstood an opening 10-0 run by the Catamounts to take a 28-20 halftime lead. Vermont surged ahead in the final three minutes of the second half, only to watch as Jacob Iati hit a pair of three-pointers to give UAlbany the lead for good.

The America East tournament final

From the

Sports Desk

Rob Jonas



was a microcosm of the season. Going in, no one gave UAlbany much of a chance to win because the Danes were considered to be an inferior team. Only Iati (12.2) and Mike Black (15.0) averaged double digits in points scored per game. Their young front court included a sophomore (Sam Rowley) and a junior (John Puk) with limited playing experience. And yet, this group banded together and gutted out a victory because they believed they could win.

By contrast, not many people doubted the UAlbany women could beat Hartford for the league title, and the Lady Danes didn't disappoint as they pulled out a 61-52 victory over the Hawks. The only surprise was senior guard Ebone Henry scored only five points in the final after averaging 13.9 points per

game. Fortunately the rest of the Lady Danes picked up the slack, led by center Megan Craig's 16 points and 12 points each from Lindsey Lowrie and Shereesha Richards.

This will be UAlbany's second consecutive trip to the NCAA women's basketball tournament, which is quite an accomplishment considering that the Lady Danes were near the bottom of the America East standings three years ago. All of the credit should go to head coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson, who instilled a work ethic and a belief in her players that they can go toe-to-toe with the best teams and win.

Speaking of accomplishments, I can't recall a 24-hour period in which four Section II basketball teams won state titles. Certainly Watervliet was due after losing in overtime to Bishop Ludden in last year's Class B final, and coincidentally it took overtime for the Cannoneers to knock off Babylon 72-60 this year. And I had a good feeling Argyle would claim the boys Class D title behind scoring machine Joey Lufkin (32.2 points per game), which the Scots did with style by defeating

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