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Town to call off mercury probe



Workers from a hazardous waste removal company load up the last of the material contaminated by mercury at the New Salem Water Plant. Bethlehem was fined \$15,000 by the DEC last June for contaminant spills and reporting violations at its water filtering plant. The town is now in full compliance.
Jarrett Carroll/Spotlight

Bethlehem removes last of mercury discovered at water plant; gives *Spotlight* inside look

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The town's investigation into the latest mercury spill discovered at its New Salem water plant has ended no closer than where it began — at the bottom of a backwash pit that hasn't been inspected in seven years.

Supervisor Jack Cunningham said the town has all but ended its investigation, which involved town police and a consultation with the FBI, into exactly how 2 to 4 tablespoons of mercury ended up on the bottom of a backwash wastewater manhole outside the water plant.

"We won't officially conclude our investigation until the final test results come in, but there's no way of knowing how long the mercury has been down there," Cunningham said Friday, June 19. "We have documentation that that manhole cover was last

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Opinions clash over drug law

County to purchase Canadian medicine; FDA says practice is illegal

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A recently passed Albany County law permitting county employees to purchase medicine from a Canadian distributor, CanaRx, is illegal, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

The bill's sponsor, Shawn Morse, D-Cohoes, and County Executive Mike Breslin argue the program could save substantial amounts of money. Morse also contends that the drugs purchased through CanaRx are not any less safe than those produced in the U.S.

Cohoes Mayor John McDonald, a pharmacist, said he applauds Morse

for trying to save the county money, but is concerned with the legality of "importation" of medicine from Canada.

"I commend Shawn for trying to find ways to save money for tax payers. I'm not trying to knock what they're doing," McDonald said. "But, it's illegal. It gets to be a patient safety matter."

The Food and Drug Administration issued a statement to *The Spotlight* regarding the matter, specifically addressing CanaRx.

"CanaRx is an online drug seller that FDA has had concerns with in the past because they were facilitating the sale of unapproved and illegal drugs that potentially pose health risks. And, FDA has no reason to believe that the situation has changed," the statement reads.

"Under current law, importing

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Clarksville debate paints social divide

Parents debate BCBOE on multi-age classes, redistricting and social development

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A small group of parents brought their concerns over enrollment and multi-age classes at the Clarksville Elementary School to the Bethlehem Board of Education on Wednesday, June 17.

Parents told the board they didn't think their children's best interests were being taken into account and the small rural school was being treated unequally in the district. After an intense two-hour debate over the

issue, Superintendent Michael Tebano said he would form a committee to reach a solution to the enrollment problem that is creating many multi-age classrooms.

A number of comments made to the board depicted Clarksville as an unpopular elementary school among town residents.

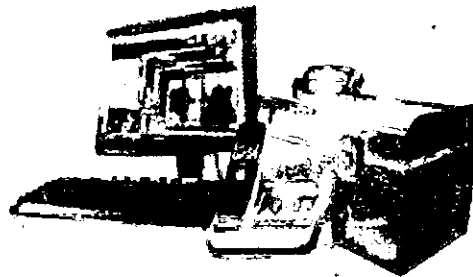
One parent said a couple he knew looked at a house in the neighborhood but didn't buy it because "they didn't want their kids to go to Clarksville," a sentiment echoed by another parent in the crowd.

Martin Gordinier, a parent who has been vocal about the Clarksville situation in recent weeks, claimed at the meeting that realtors lied to parents in the Fisher Boulevard development about what school district

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Police Blotter

Woman charged with DWI after head on car crash



Bethlehem police were called to the scene of head-on car collision on New Scotland Road on June 15. Michelle Nellis was charged with DWI in the incident after paramedic and rescue crews extracted her from the vehicle and transported her to Albany Medical Center. She was read her Miranda rights inside of the ER.

Thomas Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Police have charged a Voorheesville woman with DWI after she slammed her car head-on into a tree in broad daylight near the Slingerlands Fire Department.

Michelle V. Nellis, 34, of 90 North Main St., Apartment B, Voorheesville, was arrested Monday, June 15, on charges of DWI and failure to use a designated lane.

Bethlehem police said officers were called to scene of a personal injury auto-accident on New Scotland Road around 8 p.m., and, upon arrival, found Nellis in the driver's seat of a crashed car.

Officers got her driver's license from paramedics on the scene and saw keys in the ignition and "both front airbags deployed," according to the arrest report.

Nellis told police "she had no idea how she ended up in a car accident," and, the report states, further investigation revealed that while driving west on New Scotland Road, she "swerved off to the right side of the shoulder and into a tree head on, causing her vehicle to spin counterclockwise into the roadway."

When asked if she was injured, Nellis indicated she had neck pains and officers on the scene said they could smell alcohol on her breath and that she was showing signs of intoxication, including impaired speech.

According to the police report, Nellis said, "I was drinking beer at home. I know I'm drunk; I shouldn't have been driving. My daughter ... asked me to stay home, and I should have listened to her."

Police said she was extracted from the car by the Slingerland Rescue Squad and transported to Albany Medical Center by the Delmar Ambulance Squad and was read her Miranda rights in the emergency room.

Nellis consented to a chemical test at the hospital, which was sent to the state's toxicology lab for results, the report states. Further charges may be forthcoming in the investigation according to police.

Other arrests

• Guilderland police arrested Howard L. Jones, 26, of 25 Elks St. in Albany on the felony charge of sexual abuse and endangering the welfare of child on Thursday, June 11 according to police reports.

The report states that Jones was at J.C. Penney's at Crossgates Mall when he allegedly touched the breasts of a 9-year-old girl in the girl's clothing department. The report states Jones allegedly committed the offense on May 31. He was arraigned on Thursday, June 11.

• Guilderland Police arrested Jeffrey Lawren Coleman, 47, of 2945 Route 10, in Summit, on charges of DWI on Thursday, June 11, according to police reports.

Coleman was arrested near 5209 Western Ave. and was arraigned later that day.

• Guilderland police arrested Sean P. Connors, 39, of the Governor's Inn on charges of DWI on Friday, May 29 according to police reports.

Connors was arrested near 2505 Western Ave., and was arraigned on Thursday, June 18 the report states.

• Guilderland Police arrested Robin L. Smith, 51, of 10 Queens Dr. in Schenectady, on charges of operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, on Friday, May 15, according to police reports.

The report states Smith was under the influence of alcohol and "numerous prescription medications."

He was arraigned on Thursday, June 18, the reports states.

Correction

In the story *21 Votes cast on \$400K truck bond* published in the Wednesday, June 17 issue of *The Spotlight*, it was reported that the Guilderland Town Board passed a resolution on April 20 to bond the truck.

The Guilderland Center Fire Department Board of Commissioners passed the motion, not the Town Board.

The Spotlight regrets the error.

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Incumbent drops out of New Scotland race

Peg Neri cites lack of party support and political climate as reasons

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Incumbent Peg Neri has removed her name from the hat in the upcoming New Scotland Town Board election due to lack of support, and a local engineering consultant has thrown his in.

Neri said she lacks the support of the Democratic Party in town, and has decided it would be best to not seek re-election.

"I've heard I didn't have the

support of Tom Dolin and the party leadership," she said.

She said that while there are numerous issues that face the town, including stormwater, wind energy, ethics law and questions about a mercury spill in a Bethlehem-owned water plant located in town, she feels it is best to step aside at this time. Neri said it was a difficult and contentious year, with many issues facing the town. One of those issues is the proposed big-box development in town that has sparked endless debate and proposals for retail building size caps.

Neri said the political climate

has taken a toll on her and her family.

"I must say I'm relieved with my decision and at peace with it," Neri added.

Political newcomer Stuart Morrison, an Independence Party member, said he will be seeking signatures to get onto the ballot. The party leadership has not made a decision on which candidate it will be endorsing yet, but Chairman Paul Caputo said the party is expecting to make one next week. Caputo is also a member of the Guilderland Planning Board, as well as the Independence Party's state vice-chairman.

Caputo said the party is considering endorsing Morrison, and a major factor in its decision will be the "big-box" issue.

"We oppose big-box," he said. "It's a regional issue."

Morrison is the president of Morrison Engineering, a consulting firm specializing in fire investigation and insurance failure analysis, but he said he does not have a background in the building or planning aspects of the trade.

"I'm angry with the inability of the Town Board to get anything done," he said.

Morrison said moving forward with the town's comprehensive

plan is a priority.

"It's been sitting on the plate for 14 or 15 years waiting to be turned into zoning laws, and that hasn't been done yet," he said.

He said previous proposal studies are missing key elements, such as design guidelines and how developments will fit into the rural community.

Morrison said he supports a 50,000-square-foot size cap on retail developments, although he has not pledged allegiance to any of the advocacy groups in town.

"They're more to one side or the other, where I think there should be more of a compromise situation," he said.

Mazel tov



Andrew Gelles, 13, celebrated his bar mitzvah Saturday, June 20, at the Delmar Chabad on Elsmere Road. Shown here is Gelles, who is autistic, rehearsing for the event. Rabbi Shimon Andrusier, co-director of the Capital Region Friendship Circle, of which Gelles is a member, practiced with special recordings to teach him how to sing the blessings. Rabbi Nachman Simon also participated in the festivities.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

McKownville to see stormwater fix

Almost \$600,000 to help cover project to alleviate flooding

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McKownville residents can rest easier knowing \$600,000 in grant funding is coming to help alleviate flooding issues that have plagued the neighborhood for decades.

The announcement came during a Tuesday, June 16, Town Board meeting where a 5-0 motion was approved to open the bidding process for a construction company to begin work and help resolve some of the issues.

"We would like to have everything done by the end of this building season," said Town Supervisor Ken Runion. "We just don't want to see our businesses suffer."

The \$600,000 is coming from a number of sources, including Stuyvesant Plaza shopping center, which often sees a drop in shoppers during bad flooding, Runion said.

The New York State Parks and Recreation Department is putting up \$100,000 and will change the designation of the McKownville Reservoir to a "park," making it eligible for the funding. The reservoir is not used as a water source.

The New York State Department of Transportation is throwing \$200,000 into the pot, while Assemblyman Jack McEneny, D-Albany, has secured \$150,000 for the project. An additional \$50,000 in capital improvement funding came through McEneny's office as well, and the \$100,000 from Stuyvesant Plaza rounds out the \$600,000 needed to resolve the flooding issues.

Runion said he is hopeful the town will be able to secure good deals on contractors, since many companies are anxious for work. The board is planning to make decisions on the bids by the Tuesday, July 7, meeting, with advice from the Delaware Engineering, the town's designated firm. Runion said a contract is likely to be signed three days after that to allow time to prepare the paperwork.

He said two priorities will be replacing a 24-inch pipe that constricts water flow, and allowing the reservoir to hold more water. The hope is to put five to 10 years between floods, Runion added.

"We've got all of the approvals we need, so we're all set," Runion said.

Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association, said he is glad to see progress on the stormwater issue that has plagued McKownville for so long.

"I think it's wonderful," he said. "The people of McKownville think it's wonderful. It's been a long time coming."

He also said he wanted to thank McEneny and Runion for working to secure the funding.

Town Councilman Warren Redlich voiced concerns that he was not provided with literature pertaining to the contracts prior to the meeting, and expressed a desire to have more information about the plans. He did, however, vote to approve the motion to open up bidding.

"I understand the reasons for rushing," Redlich said. "It's a good project, and it's good for the town."

Town Councilman Mark Grimm also raised questions about alleviating basement flooding in McKownville.

"There's two flooding problems in that area. Stuyvesant Plaza is low-lying," he said of the first issue.

The money to help alleviate that problem, Grimm said, is a step in the right direction, but the basement flooding issue also needs to be addressed, and another \$5.75 million project could help keep basements dry. He said it is important to be aggressive in seeking funds for the home-flooding issue, if any money is to be secured.

Runion said he hopes to have a plan in place by budget season to begin work on what he described as a 5-to-7-year project.

Reeb said he remains hopeful that basement flooding can eventually be addressed, but he acknowledged that the funding may not be available right now.

"Nothing is shaking loose at this time," he said.

Mixed rental plans in Delmar

Walden Fields developers present Kendall Square to town planning board

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The developers of Walden Fields are eyeing the empty field across the way and have purchased the land from the same owners of their first project in order to build a new one.

The proposed development is called Kendall Square and will feature a number of two-story buildings and commercial space along the intersection of Feura

Bush Road and Elsmere Avenue.

Plans for the project call for four commercial buildings of 5,000 square feet; three residential buildings of six to eight units each; seven three-unit residential buildings; and eight residential buildings with eight units each.

The town's planning board listened to the plans presented by Francis Bossolini, a partner of the engineering firm Ingalls & Associates, LLP, at its Tuesday, June 2, meeting. Bossolini described the empty lot and said it would be a mixed use, multi-family development.

"It's more or less a hay field with some wetlands interspersed," he told the board. "There will be one-third of an acre of wetlands impacted by this."

There are still several studies needed before the proposal could get approval from the board, according to Director of Economic Development and Planning Michael Morelli.

Planning board member Daniel Coffey asked about traffic in the area, to which Bossolini said

the project would not be "a high traffic generator" and that the commercial space would mainly cater to the neighborhood.

"Frankly this is designed to serve the neighborhood so pedestrian and bike connections will be included," he said.

Planning Board Chairman George Leveille said he was concerned about safely crossing the roadways at that particular intersection and that it could potentially "be an issue."

Bossolini said the new plan allows for any future DOT improvements to the intersection of Feura Bush Road and Elsmere Avenue and that all the rental units will have one owner.

The units would be a mixture of one and two bedrooms with most of the parking in the rear of the buildings away from the street view, according to the plans, and would be in the "mid to upper rent range." Morelli said at the meeting that units would fit in the town's comprehensive plan of trying to maintain a mix of residential housing.

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Fathers are as weird as the day is long

Father's Day is a largely useless holiday. Along with Mother's Day and Valentine's Day, it is a holiday that exists solely to market greeting cards and holiday-specific gifts under the guise that there should be a single day that should embody the sentiment we should express to the important people in our lives on every day of the year.

In fact, I'm a big proponent of the Anti-Holiday-Day. Instead of having a single day during the year where we show our husbands/wives/fathers/mothers/kids/receptionists how much they're appreciated, why don't we do that all year except for one day—a day when we can disregard everyone around us. Think of how liberating the selfish indulgence would be.

Judging by the conduct of the Capital District's commuters, customer service representatives and cashiers, I don't think I'm the first person to come up with the idea of a day where we think only about ourselves. The problem, I think, is that everyone seems to observe it on a different day.

But, for now, we have a Father's Day, and mine was as peculiar as my father is. After my kids showered me with gifts and praise as I had instructed

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them to do for weeks prior, my father and I spent the day together.

Now, my father is entering a phase in his post-retirement life where he is either experiencing or wants people to believe he's experiencing bouts of moderate dementia. Personally, I think he likes to do the Columbo act — playing dumb mostly to amuse himself.

This was evident when we stopped at the grocery store after breakfast.

As we make our way to the meat department, my father spies someone he knows, or thinks he does. A woman looks up and waves politely to him.

"Oh, hello, Betty," my father says.

"My name is Mary Anne," replies the woman.

After some uncomfortable catching up, my father tries to give himself an out of the conversation:

"Well, I should get back to

shopping, it's my turn to cook tonight."

"Is that so?" asks Betty, er, Mary Anne.

"Yes," my father replies. "My wife and I urinate."

Mary Anne screws up her face. "Most of us do."

"You and your husband take turns cooking?"

"Oh, you mean alternate."

"Well, we fight a lot, too," my father says and walks away.

Later that day, as we are sitting on the porch, he either realizes or cops to the mistake he made.

"I blame it all on higher education," says my father, who grew up on a farm in Crescent.

"Do you regret not going to college?" I ask.

"No, I regret staying in high school for as long as I did. If it weren't for higher learning, I wouldn't be familiar enough with those big words to get them confused."

A little while later, the conversation turns to politics. As far as I know, my father has no political party affiliation. He has never told me if he does, and I have asked numerous times throughout my life. He votes in every local and national election and has not once divulged for whom he cast his vote.

I know only two things about my father's political leanings. The first: He hates all politicians, but hates some more than others. The second: He tolerates people who occupy our elected officials' time with the trivial, petty and marginal even less than he tolerates politicians.

As we sat on the porch, some bees began buzzing around us.

"Don't swat those, PETA will come after you just like they're going after President Obama for swatting that fly," I say. "Can you believe that? They actually said the president should have caught the fly and released it outside."

"That's what we used to do on the farm," my father says, to my surprise. "Catch them and then bring them outside to fly away."

"Really?"

"Yeah, but they never could get off those sticky strips of paper."

Among the hundreds of letters, e-mails and phone calls I receive every month telling me how great I am, there will usually be a letter asking why I don't write about my in-laws. It's a valid question, and I think I can answer it poignantly enough by saying it's because they're crazy. Mad dog, foaming-at-the-mouth insane.

They scare me.

I will write solely about my father-in-law in this column, partly because it's close to Father's Day, but mostly because my mother-in-law once broke James Caan's legs with a sledgehammer. Stephen King wrote a book about it.

My father-in-law, Steve, likes to talk. A lot. Steve will strike up a conversation with you and sustain it until fatigue overwhelms him and he falls over in place. Hours later, he will awaken and resume talking at exactly the point he left off. It's pretty amazing, really. He will do this anywhere, anytime, regardless of occasion. If you're

looking for someone to talk about the mating habits of a red-bellied lemur in the middle of your own wedding ceremony he can do that. Want someone to stand outside the door and discuss national news while you're in the bathroom? He's your man.

My father-in-law is the living embodiment of James Joyce's "Ulysses." He is long-winded, somewhat rambling, and it doesn't matter if you've caught him in the beginning, middle or end, he will turn the page and continue as if you've been there all along.

After five years of knowing him, I still have a hard time excusing my father-in-law so that I can get a word in edgewise. Whether this is because my own father instilled in me a respect for my elders and the wisdom they can possess, or it is because my father-in-law is 6-foot, 1-inch of muscle sculpted from repairing tractors and other farm equipment for many years, I do not know. I do know this: My father-in-law once cracked a walnut just by looking at it.

So, far be it from me to tell him to stop talking.

Despite his penchant for one-sided conversations, or because of it, I love the guy. I love him because among the many topics on which he can filibuster are his children. I married one of them, you see, and I don't mind hearing about her all that much.

So, maybe there is a case for Father's Day, after all. Of all the useless things that exist in this world, Father's Day is probably one of the least offensive things on the list, down there with rubber-band balls and humor columns.

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Friday, June 26	99°/1952	39°/1979
Saturday, June 27	97°/1941	45°/1970
Sunday, June 28	99°/1901	43°/1970
Monday, June 29	96°/1944	44°/1981
Tuesday, June 30	98°/1964	47°/1938

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This week in weather

June 26, 1888 Residents of New York suffered through a record heat wave. Daily average temperatures were above 80 degrees for fourteen straight days. The heat wave was a sharp contrast to the severe blizzard in March of that year, which buried the city under nearly two feet of snow.

Sun & Moon

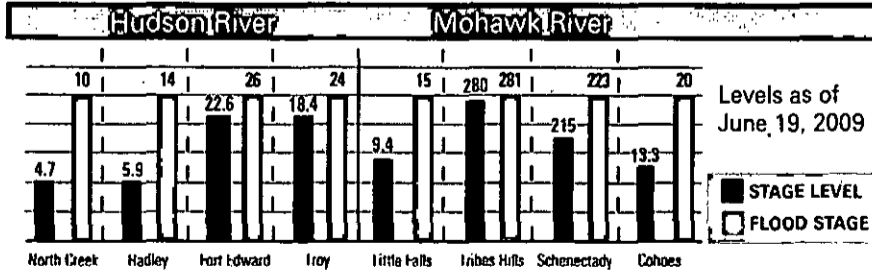
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Monday	5:20am	8:37pm
Tuesday	5:21am	8:37pm

Moon Phases
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Mars	Dawn	Dim, East
Venus	Dawn	Bright, ENE
Saturn	Evening	West

Rivers & Recreation

River Levels



Water temp.

Lake George	66°
Bolton Landing	64°
Sacandaga Lake	66°
Saratoga Lake	67°
Jersey Shore	65°
Cape Cod	62°

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	6:41am, 7:15pm	12:50am, 1:38pm
Thursday	7:31am, 8:07pm	1:42am, 2:28pm
Friday	8:21am, 9:01pm	2:36am, 3:17pm
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Bethlehem Republican Committee picks full slate

GOP votes to support two Town Board candidates to run in November

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The Bethlehem Republican Committee put together the final pieces of its slate for Town Board when it tapped committee member John Flanagan of Selkirk and former state director of the Empire Zones Program Fernando (Fred) DiMaggio of Slingerlands to run for the two open seats on the board.

The committee announced last week that it was supporting Independence Party Councilman Sam Messina to run against incumbent Democrat Jack Cunningham for supervisor after Messina's own party backed Cunningham in the race.

Republican Chairwoman Melody Burns confirmed to *The Spotlight* on Friday, June 18, that Flanagan and DiMaggio had the support of the town's committee and would join Messina on a ticket to face off against Cunningham, as well as incumbent Councilman and Democrat Kyle Kotary and Bethlehem Independence Party Chairman Mark Jordan for Town Board.

"The Bethlehem Republican Committee is honored to put forth this very talented team of candidates," Burns said. "We will be starting our petition drive this week and will be introducing our team to the residents of Bethlehem."

It has taken the Republican Committee some time to put together a full slate, with the party making endorsements along the way, first for highway superintendent, then for supervisor and town clerk and now for Town Board. Burns said she was devoted to finding "qualified, talented and committed" candidates and not "just names to fill a slate."

Burns said Flanagan and DiMaggio are dedicated

community members.

"John is a teacher in East Greenbush and his wife, Beth, has been teaching at the Glenmont school for over 15 years, and they have a young daughter," Burns said. "Fred, a small business owner of Homeland Security Partners, LLC, and his wife, Sheila, are looking forward to meeting fellow residents as they prepare to cover the town this summer."

This constitutes the last of the major political announcements in the fall races for town elections with the exception of possible candidates running on a newly created party line.

With political nominations designated and petition signature gathering under way, the 2009 political season has officially begun. The other open seats in the Town of Bethlehem include highway superintendent and town clerk.

Incumbent Republican Gregg Sagendorf is running for re-election for highway superintendent and has garnered the most lines with nominations from the Republican and Democratic parties, as well as the Conservative and Independence parties. He is running unopposed.

Jordan has the second-most lines with one major endorsement from the Democrats and three minor party endorsements from the Conservative Party, his own Independence Party and the Working Families Party.

This is his first race for public office for Jordan, but he is no stranger to politics, having recently been named the town's Independence chairman after Assemblyman Tim Gordon, I-Bethlehem, stepped down from the post. Jordan is Gordon's chief of staff. Gordon is the state's only Independence Party Assembly member.

The other open seat is town clerk.

Long-time Republican Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk has

decided to retire this year, leaving her seat up for grabs. Republicans have nominated Melanie Calzone of Glenmont to run against Democratic candidate Nanci Moquin, who is the administrative assistant to the town's planning and zoning boards.

Cunningham has the endorsements of the Democratic and Independence parties in his first official re-election bid for supervisor. He was appointed by the Town Board in 2007 to replace outgoing Democratic supervisor Theresa Egan, who took a state post, and won his first full term later that year.

Messina voted with Kotary on the Town Board to unanimously appoint Cunningham after Egan left.

However, Messina is now challenging Cunningham to a primary for his Independence

Party line. Both say they are confident they'll win the line for supervisor come September. If Cunningham wins, he'll have two lines to Messina's three; if Messina wins, he'll have four lines to Cunningham's one.

Messina's Town Board seat expires this year, so if he fails to take the seat from Cunningham, he will be off the board. It is a situation, he said, he is "fully aware of and comfortable with."

Cunningham, who formerly ran for Town Board in Bethlehem and was once the Delmar representative in the Albany County Legislature, has made the claim to winning the most Independence Party primaries in Albany County and said this year he's looking for continued support.

As it stands now, these candidates have received the following endorsements for 2009:

- Supervisor:
- Jack Cunningham (incumbent) — Democrat, Independence
 - Sam Messina — Republican, Conservative, Working Families Town Board (two open seats):
 - Fred DiMaggio — Republican
 - John Flanagan — Republican
 - Mark Jordan — Democrat, Independence, Conservative, Working Families
 - Kyle Kotary (incumbent) — Democrat, Independence
- Town Clerk:
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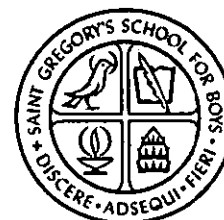


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Cheaper isn't always better

They're cheaper and probably of the same quality as the stuff you can get here in the States. It's too bad they're illegal.

We're talking, of course, about Canadian drugs, the low-cost alternative that Albany and Schenectady counties — among others in the state — are looking to in order to shave hundreds of thousands from their budgets.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, the importation or re-importation of drugs into this country from a foreign source is against the law.

Editorial

Prescription drugs purchased from Canada fall outside of the FDA's regulatory system for prescription drugs purchased in the United States. Now, Canada has its own regulatory system to protect the safety of prescription drugs manufactured and distributed by Canadian companies, and we're sure that regulatory system is a competent one. But no matter how capable, that system differs in certain respects from the system the FDA has put in place in the States.

The FDA admits that enforcement of the law is lax at best, and has adopted a "buyer beware" approach to the whole practice of U.S. citizens and municipalities buying prescription medication from Canadian companies. In a release sent to *The Spotlight*, they also admit they have seen "Internet-purchased drugs that have too much, too little, no, or the wrong active ingredient."

To the FDA's credit, they are working with the current presidential administration on a plan to develop policies to allow Americans to buy drugs approved in other countries. But for the time being, either enforce the existing law and halt the sale of foreign-made or distributed pharmaceuticals in the U.S., or abolish the law and accept the consequences of having the unregulated sale of those drugs in our counties.

No one is saying that Canadian pharmaceuticals are in any way inferior to their U.S.-made counterparts (except in price). For all we know, they have the same ingredients, are of the same quality and have the same effect as the U.S. drugs.

But we don't know. And before we go buying these things wholesale in order to save a few dollars, shouldn't we?

Tell us what you think. Does it bother you that Canadian drugs aren't regulated in the same fashion as drugs made in the U.S.? Are you willing to forgive little legal indiscretions in order to save some taxpayer dollars?

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Gardener keeps Albany in bloom

Many moons ago, when Judy Stacey was a young mother with toddlers in tow watching the Tulip Festival events in Albany, she wondered, where the tulips were? Little did she dream that many years later she would be the one to bring the tulips back to this Dutch heritage celebration.

Judy and her crew of four full-time staffer plant more than 200,000 bulbs each fall to ensure a glorious several weeks of tulip heaven the following spring. There is no doubt each April and May that Albany's roots are Dutch! Washington Park is the tulip showcase area and the scene of the Tulip Fest culminating in the crowning of the new Tulip Queen.

It is Judy and her staff that work arduously to provide the glorious blooms that everyone now expects to see and delights in seeing after a long Northeast winter. By sequencing the bloom times within beds, Judy can count on a good color show despite Mother Nature. It took a lot of experimenting with varieties to fine tune the display and ensure peak performance. Weather is the big variable each spring, and the cool moist days of this past spring were the perfect segue to tulip time.

Judy is a self-taught gardener who credits Peter Rumora as a mentor. Peter has for decades been a volunteer gardener in Albany, and for the last many years he has tended to the conifer and wildflower gardens in Academy Park, opposite City Hall.

Judy began work with the City of Albany as a Department of General Services laborer, the first woman to be hired. Enjoying hard work and being outside were crucial to survival on the team, and this was an easy fit for Judy. She quickly became "one of the guys" and then the first female foreman for DGS. Washington Park was the only area of the city to have its own foreman/gardener and grounds crew until the late '90s when the position of city

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gardener was first announced. Judy read the job announcement and applied for the position. The city officials offered her the position.

Since this was a new position, she was given one mandate: Make the city look beautiful. And so she has. Each year the number of gardens has grown and is now at almost 500. There are median gardens, large containers, expansive formal beds in the park, and pocket plantings everywhere to the delight of city residents. Judy's crew swells to seven or eight in the summer as she takes on workers from the city's summer employment program. Together they plant nearly 250,000 annuals! While they work as a team mostly, there are areas where Judy can allow for creativity, and staff members plan and plant their own garden beds. She encourages this pride in ownership of the gardens and enjoys the results.

Judy is all about her staff. She nurtures them as she does her plants. She sees the relationship that exists when people work hard and take pride in the results; everything grows better in that positive atmosphere. Most satisfying to Judy is to watch young people who start as summer helpers and transition to the seasonal team as they go on to college. She enjoys the continuity and the relationships, but she is a big part of why that happens. As a boss, Judy has a great sense of the balance between control and guidance. She teaches people how to work, how to garden and how to enjoy both.

This summer, Judy's staff ranges in age from 19 to 67 with a few speaking only Spanish. Since Judy does not speak Spanish, she communicates in what she calls "Spanglish," and it seems to work all the way around. The value in

working in the city gardens is to learn life lessons as well as learn about the history of the City of Albany and its diversity.

An organic gardener to her roots, Judy and her crew hand-pick beetles and resort to a soap and water spray when the aphids are overwhelming. She values "green space and the natural world" as essential to our psychological health. Many of us would agree with Judy when she says that "hacking at weeds is wonderful therapy." She has a flair for garden design that encompasses the elaborate and the simple. Two long thin beds that flank an entrance path in Washington Park are outlined with yellow melampodium surrounding a band of tall purple ageratum. It's very "outside the box" design, much like the designer — unassuming, a bit understated and very effective.

There are no obstacles to Judy, only challenges. She views her work as the city gardener as an opportunity to encourage not only beautification around the city but also softening the inner city neighborhoods. Flowering annuals are shared with neighborhood associations who then distribute them. By encouraging residents to plant in the tree wells or curbside spaces, Judy is nurturing the soul of the city — its people.

Recently Judy was honored by the Fort Orange Garden Club and the Garden Club of America as she was given a civic award for her beautification efforts, to "make the City of Albany bloom." This 50-something lady is fast becoming an urban legend among the residents of Albany. Her athletic appearance, workboots and straw hat are easily recognized by most but what you remember after talking with her is that wonderful deep laugh and those sparkling blue eyes that just hint of mischief. She is a treasure.

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Conservation can be low tech

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Earth Day, the Town of Bethlehem adopted a "Climate Smart Community" resolution, a commitment to decrease energy use and waste. This was a pledge to combat climate change and save tax payer money, by conserving energy.

Bethlehem can be considered a role model for other communities looking to implement changes that will help save the environment. We can be proud of this resolution and the fact that our town has taken a proactive stand on what is arguably the most important environmental issue of our life time.

Here is a simple measure that many of us can take, as individuals, to augment this resolution, save money, and combat climate change: use a clothesline to dry our clothes.

All that is needed is about 50 feet of clothesline and a bag of clothespins. Summer is the perfect time to harness some solar energy to lower our electric bills. In 2004, environmentalist Bill McKibben wrote the article, "Warming the world to dry our socks." According to McKibben, if we all used clotheslines, we could save 30 million tons of coal a year or shut down 15 nuclear power plants.

Detractors from clothesline drying argue that clotheslines are "ugly". How ugly are nuclear power plants? Worse yet, how ugly is nuclear waste? How ugly is mountain top strip mining of coal? Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, I guess. McKibben described using a clothesline as an "elegant solution to the problem of drying clothes". I agree. Anyone who has ever used

a clothesline knows that nothing smells fresher or cleaner, than line dried sheets.

Some home owner associations and developments in Bethlehem have covenants that prohibit clotheslines. We need to organize to change these covenants. The annual summer picnic, common for most homeowner associations, would be the perfect time to discuss this with neighbors and work to change these bans.

Instead of waiting for high tech solutions to save our climate, a clothesline is something we can all do right now. If we work together, our town can do even more to save the climate that will be critical to our children's future.

Trudy Quair
Delmar

New library lot will damage community

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Aaron Baldwin, the president of the board of trustees and Nancy Pieri, director of the Bethlehem Public Library, are trying to rush through a plan to build new parking lots. Their plan is exactly the wrong plan for our community.

If they had followed the model of community input and participatory planning-developed during our town-wide master plan process- then there is no chance the wisdom of the community would have produced such a

misguided plan. There is nothing new-urbanist, green, or smart about the current plan.

The Baldwin/Pieri plan doubles the chances that pedestrians and bicyclists will be injured by auto traffic by adding a new driveway. The plan also relies on the paradigm of drive through fast food restaurants in the construction of a labyrinth of one-way feeder traffic lanes. But mostly, the plan relies on the widely discredited model of institutional development by buying and destroying solid neighborhood housing in order

to destroy green space using blacktop for increased parking spaces while ignoring community concerns.

Join me and ask them to stop their plan before they do permanent damage to our community.

Joseph Sullivan
Delmar

Developer updates stormwater proposal

Public hearing for Amedore Homes set for mid-August

By DAN SABBATINO
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The Guilderland Town Board passed a resolution to grant a second public hearing for Amedore Homes to rezone property on Old State Road, at its Tuesday, June 16, meeting.

Amedore Homes is seeking a town house zoning designation in order to construct a 42-home cluster development over 22 acres. The hearing is set for Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The proposal was brought to the board nearly a year ago, but developers were asked to make revisions to the stormwater drainage system.

Dan Hershberg, an engineering consultant brought on to the project to help make the drainage modifications, said he is confident that the plan will be satisfactory when presented at the public hearing.

He said a full stormwater pollution and prevention plan has been put into place, and it includes a wet pond and two sedimentation ponds to make drainage more efficient.

He said where flooding might have been a one-year event, this plan reduces the likelihood of a flood to 100-year event.

"It's the Cadillac of stormwater designs," Hershberg said. "The problem has been well addressed."

John Bossalini, project executive at Amedore Homes, also said he is confident the town will be happy with the new stormwater plan.

The Town Board and public will have a chance to review the proposal and make comments at the hearing.

Bossalini said a lot of work went into developing a drainage plan that will be satisfactory for all the parties involved.

"There was a lot of good communication and coordination," he said. "It was a good working relationship."

Town officials, the highway department and the town's designated engineer all participated in discussions, Bossalini said. He said if the property is rezoned, then the planning stages will begin, however it is not planning to rush the project since the housing market has been slow. He did say, though, that he would like to be prepared to move if things pick up.

"It's really not the time to be aggressive," he said.

Runion said a second notification and public hearing will be made in order to refresh neighbors' memories about the development, since the original plan was presented so long ago.

Board members Warren Redlich and Patricia Slavick also had some preliminary questions about traffic impact and spot zoning, which will be discussed further at the public hearing.

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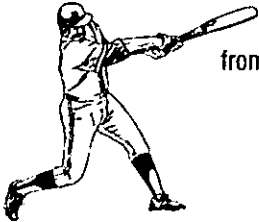
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The resolution was passed at a Monday, June 8, meeting of the Albany County Legislature. Breslin signed the bill into law on Friday, June 12, said Mary Duryea, a representative from his office.

"He felt comfortable from a legal standpoint signing the resolution," Duryea said. She said he sought advice from the county's legal counsel before doing so.

She added Breslin also supports the resolution, since it will save retirees and town employee's money in the tough economic climate.

"Hopefully, in the next month it will be up and running and we'll save some money," Morse said. "These are tough economic times. Everybody is trying to figure out

ways to save money," he said.

The law allows county employees to buy prescription brand-name drugs through the Canadian drug company CanaRx for what Morse said is 30 to 60 percent less than it was previously paying. He said county employees will have the option to opt into the program but would not be obligated to. He said employees who participate will have no co-pay, and it would affect county employees and retirees who are insured through the county.

As an example, Morse said Albany County spent close to \$844,000 on the Nexium, one of the most popular acid reflux disease drugs on the market, and purchasing the medicine through CanaRx could cut that price in half.

In total, Morse estimates savings between \$800,000 and \$3 million depending on how many employees sign up for the program.

Morse said the biggest opposition to the bill has been pharmaceutical lobbyists who claim that Canadian drugs are held to a lower standard than U.S. drugs, but Morse said these claims have no factual backing.

Morse said he has put close to three years of research into the bill, and has not encountered any cases of Canadian medicine being unsafe.

He noted that the packaging and color might be different, but the drugs are essentially the same. "The bottom line is the ingredients are the ingredients," he said.

Morse said he regrets that the bill does not call for purchasing local medicine, but noted that the U.S. is the only industrialized country that does not negotiate the price of medicine for its residents.

Morse sponsored another bill in March that would allow a free discount drug card for all county residents, and it is to be enacted soon. The two bills are technically separate, but are designed to go hand-in-hand, Morse said.

"I think the two of them compliment each other," he said.

Morse said he is hopeful that ProAct will be selected as the company providing the free drug card. They already provide a similar program in Schenectady.

He noted the hard work of Lucy McKnight, past president of the New York State Association of Counties.

"Through her hard work, bringing ProAct to the forefront, I'm excited to try to get them to do our prescription drug credit," he said.

McDonald, however, raised some opposition to the latest county drug law, citing consumer safety as a concern.

He said that other counties have begun purchasing drugs from Canada, even though it is against the law.

"[The federal government], doesn't enforce it, and that's a sin," McDonald said. "Why [Albany County] would want to incur this risk and liability is a mystery."

He said while the specific drugs might be FDA approved, such as Nexium and Lipitor, a cholesterol medication, there is no guarantee that the factories producing them are.

McDonald said that while many of the most expensive drugs can be purchased cheaper out of the U.S., using HMO's preferred drugs and generics can save just as much, if not more.

Debate

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they were in.

"When we found out later on it was Clarksville everyone was up in arms, and the irony is we all love Clarksville," he said. Gordinier said he graduated from Voorheesville, which he described as good, but small, and that cliques followed students throughout their careers.

Gordinier said the board would have to make "the hard decisions," which he said may include evaluating if Clarksville was still economically viable for the district.

Board of Education President James Lytle, who is stepping down from the board in July, said if what was being said was true, that he was bothered with the notion of a "genuine public perception that there's actually something wrong with the quality of education at Clarksville."

Parents have been saying they are dissatisfied with the low enrollment at Clarksville and the prospect of having multi-age classrooms indefinitely. Some have pointed to the new Eagle Elementary School as part of the reason and others have said they have brought these issues up in the past and nothing was done.

He said the Clarksville children shouldn't perpetually be in a multi-age class their whole career or "looped" through a school.

"Can my child continually loop through an elementary school and find that satisfactory? I cannot find anybody who agrees with that," he said. "If the board would say for example, 'We'll cap it at a year and no kid will be looped through multiple times,' now we're starting to talk about faith, now we're starting to talk about trust."

Gordinier said there was now a "trust issue" with the district administrators. "There's a systemic issue here of trust," he said.

Tebbano held a meeting for concerned Clarksville parents

earlier in June, during which parents questioned his enrollment projections.

"What I said at the June 5 meeting is that I don't have confidence that these projections are going to be accurate in the future," he said at the June 17 meeting. "Some of you wanted to pin me and guarantee there will be no multi-age in the future." He said he "couldn't in good conscience" give that guarantee but he was willing to create a small committee with parents to try to solve the enrollment problem at Clarksville.

"I'm willing to work with you if you're willing to work with me," Tebbano said. "If you're willing to be a part of this we can dig right in in the next couple of weeks and persist in trying to come up with some kind of plan for the bigger issue."

When discussion came back to the actual quality of multi-age classrooms, some board members disagreed with Gordinier's assessment.

"I'm against paying a full amount of taxes and not having a full education," he told the board. "Please let my children go to another school then, let me have that option or give me a voucher to go to another school, if I'm the problem please take me out of the scenario."

Board member Matt Downing said he has had no problems with a multi-age education.

"I would just like to say both of my children went through multi-age," he said. "Both of them turned out fine ... it's really the teacher that makes the difference."

Prior to the June 17 meeting, Teachers Bonnie O'Shea, Beth Kourt, Heather Bush and Laurel Jones told *The Spotlight* they put just as much effort in their multi-age classes as the their straight grade ones.

"Instruction is no different," Jones said. "Multi-age class is your class, it's your group."

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FEMA promises additional \$9 million in storm aid

Albany, Saratoga and Schenectady counties eligible for the lion's share

By DAN SABBATINO
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An additional \$9 million has been promised to local municipalities to help cover costs associated with a December ice storm that devastated the area and left thousands without power.

Jacqueline Chandler, a representative at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the funds have been "obligated" to the state but have not yet been distributed; and said the total funding approved has reached \$11 million. Nearly \$2 million had already been promised in April.

Chandler said she is expecting another announcement sometime next week on additional funds. The latest approval was made on Wednesday, June 10.

Dennis Michalski, assistant director for community affairs at the State Emergency Management Office, said the total cost associated with the storm could not be determined yet.

"We won't know the total cost until we get to the end," he said. "We are waiting for a close out of the projects themselves."

Paul Lent, director of emergency services for Saratoga County, said that although each municipality within the county will receive the funding separately, the county itself must offset a number of expenses incurred

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from the storm's cleanup.

"We had county roads that were affected like town roads were," he said. "It's great we got the money back."

He said the sewer district and Department of Public Works also incurred expenses. It received close to \$779,000. Organizations within the county were approved for nearly \$2.6 million after the latest round of funding. The town of Clifton Park has been approved for more than \$1.2 million, the most within Saratoga County.

Mike Rayball, the town safety officer for Colonie, a municipality that has so far been approved for nearly \$143,000, said equipment, overtime costs and sand and salt were among some of the more expensive items the town faced. Rayball said though, that the town is expecting additional funds, and that this is a "small amount of what we applied for."

Rayball also said he was relieved when the event was upgraded from an emergency to a major disaster, opening the federal government's purse and allowing more money to flow to the areas that need it.

"That was ridiculous," Rayball

said of the initial emergency declaration.

President Barack Obama signed the major disaster declaration on March 4, at the request of Gov. David Paterson.

The disaster declaration removes a \$5 million cap on aid, Michalski said, which would not have been sufficient for the storm.

"The storm knew no boundaries," he said. "[An emergency declaration] was what we needed. [Paterson] made a very strong case."

The change in status also made additional funding available for nonprofit organizations, for work done on roads and bridges that were not covered under an emergency declaration.

Rayball said Colonie was hit especially hard, perhaps as bad as any other town in the area, due to its high elevation, and is continuing to incur costs.

"An ice storm is a very fickle thing," Rayball said.

Albany County municipalities and organizations are expecting close to \$1.4 million after the latest round of funding. The City of Albany was approved

for nearly \$269,000, the most so far in the county. The town of Guilderland has been approved for \$131,000 and the Town of Bethlehem more than \$101,000 thus far.

Joe Landry, supervisor for the town of Niskayuna, said his town was the hardest hit in Schenectady.

"We spent quite a bit of money," Landry said.

He said the immediate costs of power loss, police services and generators for the water and sewer districts and clearing the roadways were the biggest costs.

Picking up debris was also a major cost for the town he said, and it had hired contractors to help do so.

Landry said by the end of June, or the beginning of July, the town should have an idea of the total funding spent on the storm, and can apply for the funding through SEMO and FEMA.

Schenectady County has been

approved for \$1.6 million so far. The town of Niskayuna has been approved for \$743,000, and is the leading aid-receiver thus far in Schenectady County.

Six other counties in the area are eligible for funding, in addition to the three biggest receivers to date; Saratoga County; Albany County; and Schenectady County.

Columbia County, Delaware County, Greene County, Rensselaer County, Schoharie County and Washington County are also receiving funds.

The federal government is footing the bill for 75 percent of damages incurred, "for debris removal, emergency services and permanent work to repair damaged infrastructure," according to information from FEMA.

New York state and the applicants are sharing the remaining 25 percent of the costs, and are splitting them evenly at 12.5 percent each, according to officials.

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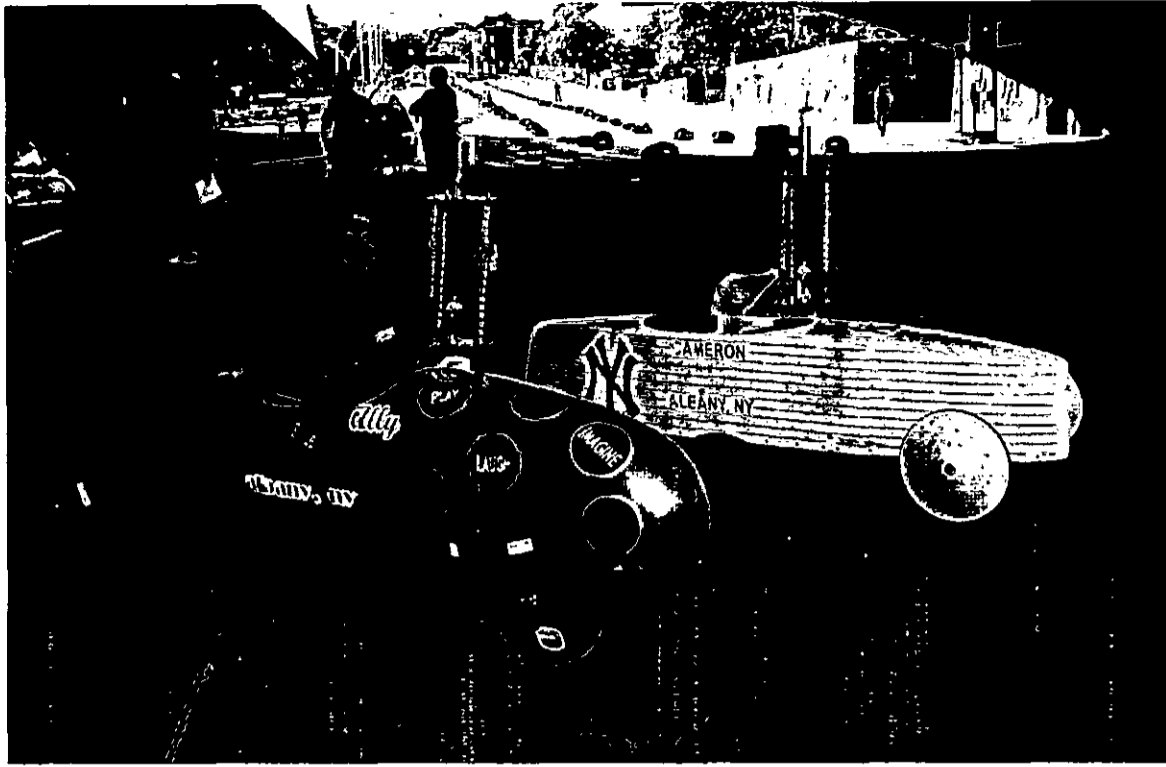
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Ally and Cameron Burdick of Guilderland won their respective divisions in the Capital District Soap Box Derby on Saturday, June 13. Ally was last year's winner stock winner, and this year's super stock winner and her brother, a first time competitor, won the stock division. Michael Morawski also of Guilderland won the master division and all three will represent the Capital District at the National Tournament in Akron Ohio on Saturday, July 25.

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Slingerlands woman named to advisory group

Hiscock & Barclay, LLP partner Linda J. Clark, of Slingerlands, has been appointed to the Advisory Group of the New York State-Federal Judicial Council, which advises the courts

on issues of joint interest to the state and federal judiciary. The 37-member group consists of attorneys and judges from across the state.

Clark, a past president of the

Capital District Women's Bar Association and current chair of the New York State Conference of Bar Leaders, concentrates her practice in the areas of commercial litigation, toxic tort and defense and health care litigation. Her defense practice is focused upon the representation of specialty insurers and self-insured concerns in cases ranging from the defense of claims of catastrophic injury brought pursuant to New York's strict liability labor laws, to the defense of thousands of mass-tort asbestos claims pending in the eastern and central regions of the state.

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Chamber courts customers with summer specials

Restaurant Week and Shop-n-Hop encourage traffic at local businesses

By DAN SABBATINO
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Just saying hello to area businesses this summer could get you a free flat-screen television.

The deal is part of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce's summer events designed to encourage consumer-business interaction.

The first event is Shop-n-Hop, and the second is Guilderland's second Restaurant Week.

Executive Director Kathy Burbank said that last year's Restaurant Week was a success, and the Chamber is hoping for similar results this year. "We have restaurants participating from Altamont to Stuyvesant Plaza, Washington Avenue Extension and even Silver Hills restaurant at Pinehaven Country Club - every corner of the Guilderland area. Last year's restaurants were very happy with the results, and we also heard from diners that participated that they discovered new places and had some fantastic meals," said Burbank.

Restaurant Week will be from Monday, July 20, to Saturday, July 25.

Last year, Restaurant Week had eight participants. This year almost twice as many restaurants will be participating with three-course meals available for \$18.03 to recognize the year Guilderland was founded. A list can be found at www.tasteofguilderland.com, and includes newcomer to Restaurant

Week, and to town, The Standard, located at Crossgates Mall.

Mezze Notte will have a special price of \$20.09, in recognition of this year, for select meals, but will run the deal through the entire summer, not just for one week, Burbank said.

Shop-n-Hop takes place from Wednesday, July 1, to Tuesday, Sept. 1. Consumers will have the opportunity during the summer to get game cards stamped by participating Guilderland businesses. They do not have to make a purchase to get a stamp. The cards, with a list of participating businesses, will be available at the Chamber offices at Star Plaza beginning July 1. After collecting 25 stamps, the cards can be turned in for a drawing for a flat-screen television and a \$200 gift card to Crossgates Mall.

Burbank said close to 30 stores and Crossgates Mall are signed up so far.

"Once people have driven to your business, parked in your lot, walked in and met you, you're 99 percent there. How many people do you suppose would be interested in your business if they just stopped by, saw your office or space, or met you?" said Brian Clark, a UPS store owner who pitched the idea to the Chamber.

"Both of these community events are created to benefit consumers and businesses," Burbank added. "These businesses want to get people out there. Everybody's motivated to get people in the door."

Call 456-6611 for information about either event.

Attorneys to talk about veterans' benefits

Attorneys William Pfeiffer and Richard Rolands of the law firm Girvin & Firlazzo will present information regarding veterans benefits on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Delmar Place Assisted Living, 467 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

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At long last, town gets first peek at rail trail

Albany County asks for input on a proposed path from Albany to Voorheesville

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More than 150 people showed up at Bethlehem Town Hall on Wednesday, June 17, to see plans for the new Albany County Rail Trail. Here, Albany County Department of Public Works Michael Franchini speaks.

Jarrett Carroll/Spotlight

After years of discussion and planning and then more discussion and even more planning, Albany County has finally unveiled its plan to convert an abandoned 9-mile stretch of rail line into a bicycle and pedestrian pathway.

County officials displayed plans for a paved 10-foot wide pathway on Wednesday, June 17, to a completely packed house at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium and then asked the crowd for input. Residents had no reservations in doing exactly that as lots of praise and some concern was directed toward the long-anticipated project now simply known as the "Albany County Rail Trail."

Those in favor of having a pedestrian pathway from downtown Albany to Voorheesville pointed to the recreational, alternative travel, health and even economic benefits of having the rail trail.

Others, particularly those who live along its projected route, who are against the proposal, cited privacy and security issues, as well as the potentially negative effect it could have on the value of their homes. The impact on property value was a point debated back and forth by several residents.

One woman stood up and said, "I don't have a fence, and I have a

young child, a dog and the back of my kitchen is right there."

Another said he was excited about the trail, saying, "I've read that property values increase near one of these trails."

The naysayers appeared to be in the minority during the presentation as there were several long and sustained rounds of applause for residents who thanked the county for making it all possible and said they wanted a connection to the rail trail in their own backyards.

Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Public Works Michael Franchini made the main presentation after an introduction to the project by Albany County Executive Michael Breslin and Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham.

"The process itself of the negotiations did take a long time," Franchini said about purchasing the former rail line from the old

Delaware & Hudson (D&H) Railroad. "Technically we still don't own the property."

Franchini said in a "best-case scenario," work on the trail could begin next spring.

The county has entered a contract with the railroad company

to buy the approximately 117 acres of land and eight bridges for \$700,000, half of which is being paid for by the state Parks Acquisition Grant and the other half by Scenic Hudson, Inc.

This translates to approximately \$77,778 per mile, or about \$6,000 per acre.

"According to the purchase agreement, we have 300 days for due diligence ... that puts us into September," said Franchini. "We had to do a structural screening of all the bridges, and that's been done."

Although the bridges have found to be structurally sound for pedestrian bridges, the county is still looking at future options, particularly the New Scotland Road bridge, which Franchini said was "too low" and been hit by trucks in the past.

The county is stressing the fact that taxpayer money will not be used to fund the purchase.

"It is a difficult economic time as most of you probably know," Breslin told a crowd of more than

200. "This is a rail that sat there for years and years ... so why can't we use it?"

Although the purchase of the property is covered, the county still has to come up with another \$3 million of the roughly \$6 million to complete the trail. There is also a clause to the rail purchase commonly known as "rail banking," which allows a rail trail to be converted back into railroad if it can be proven to be viable by the railroad company.

County officials say this is very rare and has only happened a handful of times in the country in accordance with the 1983 act. The county would be paid "fair market value" if it were to be repossessed.

Because the property was formerly a railroad, its grade is less than a 5 percent slope along most of it. As it stands right now, the county is proposing a "dusk till dawn" policy for its hours of use, with no night use allowed.

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Appollo Heating opens in Delmar

Schenectady-based company decides to expand

By JACKIE SHER
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Those familiar with the stretch of Delaware Avenue in Delmar known as the Four Corners will soon notice a change on the building that houses D.A. Bennett. The familiar white letters on the building will soon read "Appollo Heating." The Schenectady-based business, which is family run and specializes in heating, air conditioning and plumbing, expects to open the Delmar branch Wednesday, July 1.

For one man, Dean Bliven, who has worked for D.A. Bennett for the past 19 years, it will be a welcome return to working for a family-run business. Bliven will be the manager of the Delmar Appollo Heating branch, a role he is looking forward to.

"[D.A. Bennett] was owned by me and was a family business until 1999," said Tom Drake, who is the current CEO of Appollo Heating and the former owner of D. A. Bennett, which was a family-run business from its inception in 1915 until it was sold in 1999 to Lennox International, a Fortune 500 Company based out of Richardson, Texas. After Drake sold the business, he said that D. A. Bennett lost its family-run feel, adopting a more corporate atmosphere. For Bliven, the corporate mentality

inhibited him from treating customers the way he was used to. When Drake returned to running a business (he had been doing private consulting around the area between owning D.A. Bennett and getting hired by Appollo Heating in September 2008), he called Bliven and offered him a job.

"[Here was] a guy who had the passion to do what the business always did, and I said, 'Here's the opportunity,'" said Drake, of hiring Bliven as the branch's manager. "He's an icon in the Town of Bethlehem in terms of doing plumbing and heating."

Bliven said that when he worked for Drake he always worked as hard as he could.

"It's a nice relationship. It's almost like a father-son type of thing, or an older-brother, mentor-type of thing," said Bliven of his working relationship with Drake.

He said that Drake has offered him many opportunities over the years to advance his career, and, for the most part, he has embraced every one of them. According to Bliven, the toughest part of the business is that it's a customer-service business.

"The longer you're in it, the more hardened you become because it's like a constant barrage - if things aren't done right or if you don't show up on time or if you take too long

- you're dealing with different personalities all the time and that's the hardest thing for me to overcome," said Bliven.

"[If the first job doesn't go as planned you] have to recover and ring somebody else's doorbell later on in the afternoon and put a smile on your face," said Bliven.

He said that in his new position, he has been given "carte blanche," to do what he thinks is best - something he was unable to do in his last position.

"I came from a family where my grandfather was a plumber and electrician in Cobleskill. Everyone throughout Schoharie County knew him and knew that he was top-notch," said Bliven. "That's a legacy I'd like to try to live up to, and every day that I'm out there I try to be better than I was the day before. I keep a positive attitude. I think it shows."

Bliven, who started working with Appollo officially two weeks ago, said that this is a fresh endeavor for him, and he is very excited to be involved in this new opportunity.

"I feel like I have a really good opportunity to get back to my roots - back to serving the customer and being able to give discounts and being able to give the kind of service that they deserve," said Bliven.

For information, visit www.appolloheating.com.

Trail

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allowed on the Albany County Rail Trail with the exception of motorized wheelchairs, and the entire path will be handicap accessible, according to Franchini. There are no plantings or fencing proposed for private properties along the route, but there will be some kind of safety fencing near the Normanskill and other steep drop offs for obvious reasons.

There was also discussion of brochures and maps being available for the rail trail.

The first resident to speak after the presentation asked about businesses and small communities in the area tying into the rail trail, which Franchini said is something being considered, but another resident brought up safety concerns.

A handful of residents said they wanted police patrols and fencing included in the project, while others said they wanted open access with a few even calling for night access to the trail. Some said they already call town police about ATV riders and other trespassers on the trail, but that little is done about the problem.

Franchini said transforming the abandoned railroad into a rail trail would only improve the area.

"There's access now, and there's people back there now. ... With that said, we feel we can improve the situation," Franchini said. "Right now it's the worst situation. I've said to people it's

like the Wild West right now."

Dan Rain, a co-chair of an organization called Friends of the Rail Trail, or FORT, addressed the security concerns after the presentation.

"I urge people who are unconvinced to look at the recent comprehensive study conducted by the Capital District Transportation Committee of the Mohawk Hudson Bike Hike Trail," he said. "Hundredres of resident property owners were surveyed, and despite some similar concerns about 60 percent of landowners now report satisfaction with the trail, with only 9 percent reporting dissatisfaction."

Franchini said the Albany County Rail Trail is being proposed to be very similar to The Mohawk Hudson trail. FORT is a committee of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy and an advocacy group for the Albany County Rail Trail.

"I wanted to thank the many people who turned to show their support for the rail trail," Rain concluded. "And to the adjacent property owners that expressed concerns, I hope they will trust the experience of their counterparts from the region and country that rail trails make good neighbors."

Franchini thanked the Albany County Legislature for making the rail trail a possibility, particularly those locally who pushed for railroad purchase including: Chairman Charles Houghtaling D-Feura Bush; Herb Reilly, D-Voorheesville; Charles Dawson, D-Glenmont; Thomas Cotrofeld, D-Delmar; and Richard Mendick, R-Selkirk.

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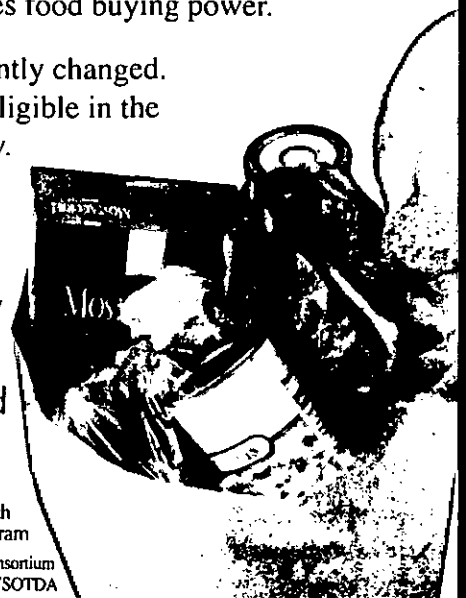
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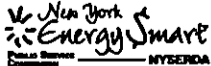
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Officials talk to trustees about Bethlehem 2020

Library trustees welcomed Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham and Bethlehem 2020 communications chairman John Piechnik to their June meeting last week. Piechnik and Cunningham outlined the committee's task and findings in a short presentation and answered questions from board members.

The Bethlehem 2020 Committee is a nonpartisan body whose function is advisory, not authoritative. Its 27 members represent a cross-section of the community. For the past 18 months, the committee examined



the direction of Bethlehem's growth, demographics, fiscal challenges, governance and general sustainability through the next decade. Its goals were to cultivate community leadership, identify issues and opportunities for the town, build consensus, focus efforts and guide decision making.

The library's role going forward into the next decade will be to provide services essential

to the town in uncertain times. The economic downturn has resulted in an uptick in library use nationwide. Libraries provide free public computers and other resources for job-searchers, free books and media, free cultural and educational programs for all ages and free meeting space for community organizations. Our library is no exception.

As our role as a community gathering place continues to grow, accommodating our patrons' changing needs is paramount.

The Bethlehem 2020 Committee's final report will be posted this month on the town Web site,

www.townofbethlehem.org.

Bethlehem 400

While you're on the town Web site, check out the Quadricentennial page at www.townofbethlehem.org/pages/about/quad400.asp. A comprehensive calendar of events for the next few months includes quite a few library programs for all ages that commemorate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of "the river that flows both ways."

Holiday closing

A reminder that the

library will close Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, for the Independence Day holiday. We're open all the time online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. Visit our Web site to sign up for our Summer Reading Program or the latest Friends bus trip, request or renew books and DVDs, use our databases for research and find out what's new

Louise Grieco

• All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 439-9314.

Learn to create a healthcare organizer at the library

Times Union columnist and health writer Lynda Shrager will be at the Guilderland Public Library on Monday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m. to present a program on how to create your own healthcare organizer. Shrager is the only member of the National Association of Professional Organizers who specializes in the area of organizing health information. Properly compiling your



medical history and insurance information, organizing your medications and maximizing a doctor's visit are key steps in becoming an empowered medical consumer.

Please register for the program by calling Adult

Services at 456-2400, ext. 7.

GPL Tweets!

Here's a really cool way to find out what's going on at the library: We'll Tweet you! We're introducing Twitter, an opt-in message system that enables you to stay on top of upcoming special events at the library through text messages you receive on your cell phone.

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We're using Twitter to remind patrons of concerts and special events. One of the great things about these messages is that you'll get them ONLY when something important is happening. These are event-driven reminders, not a regularly scheduled message. Did you know? You can also get e-mail reminders about GPL events through our Evanced system. Next time you visit our Web site and find a calendar event that you want to attend, take advantage of the "Remind Me" feature at the top of the event's listing. You'll get an e-message shortly before the occasion.

The French Language in the Northeast

Ever wondered why French sounds different in Montreal than it does in Paris? On Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m.,

Cynthia Fox will address "The French Language as it Persists in the Northeast Today." Fox, professor of French at the University at Albany, will explain the differences in the French language as it is spoken in France and as it continues to be spoken in the Northeast, showing its roots in 17th century speech. This event is part of the Quadricentennial of the Champlain explorations of New York.

Shred it and forget it

On Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, volunteers from the Guilderland Library Foundation will be on hand in the library lobby with "Shreddy" to help you shred all those old personal papers that so desperately need to be sliced, diced and tossed.

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If you do have a large amount, consider making a special appointment for shortly before or immediately after the session. You can make an appointment by calling 456-2400, ext. 12.

Mark Curiale

• All library events are free unless otherwise posted. The Guilderland Public Library is at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Call 456-2400, ext. 12, for information, or visit the library's Web site at www.guilpl.org.

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Farmers market offers a variety of vendors, goods

If you aren't busy on Saturday mornings, head to the Bethlehem Central Middle School at 322 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, to enjoy what is happening in the parking lot between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The new Delmar Farmers Market is fun, with a terrific variety of vendors. You may find something delicious for breakfast, brunch or even lunch, and the prices are reasonable. You might be tempted by pretty handmade jewelry, handbags, shawls and other accessories. Many farm products are available, and several vendors have interesting and unique crafts for sale.

Newsletters

Bethlehem Senior Services' newsletters for July and August are now available at



Town of Bethlehem

the Senior Services office or on the town's Web site at www.townofbethlehem.org. Sign-ups for the programs for those months begin on Wednesday, July 1. If you wish to participate in any of the social activities, be sure to call the Senior Services office at 439-4955, ext. 1176 as soon as possible to reserve a spot.

Program highlights Monday, June 29

- Seniors age 62+ can play at Colonial Acres Golf Course

for \$11 (greens fee for 9 or 18 holes). Special senior rates on Mondays only. For information, call 439-2089.

• Karen Dooley of the American Diabetes Association will discuss "Effective Management for Healthy Living" at Delmar Place, 467 Delaware Ave., 10:30 a.m. To participate, contact the Welcome Desk by calling 434-4663.

Tuesday, June 30

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

Wednesday, July 1

- Senior Discussion Group,

Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 107, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Led by Jane Sanders, LMSW, Senior Services Outreach staff member. Discussion targets life-cycle events, human interest stories and reminiscences of the past. Transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, July 2

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable social afternoon of games and entertainment, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware

Ave., Delmar, 11:30 a.m. All seniors welcome. For information, call 439-4955, ext. 1176. • Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Friday, July 3

• Seniors in Motion (see Tuesday's activities for details) • Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770.

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

Doris Davis,
Bethlehem Senior Projects Inc.
board member

Program focuses on living healthy

Healthy Choices New York, a statewide health promotion initiative funded by the state Department of Health and Office for Aging, is hosting a presentation on Thursday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m. in Guilderland Town Hall about a new workshop series called Living Healthy* that is coming soon to Guilderland Senior Services.

Living Healthy* is a fun, interactive workshop series that empowers adults aged 60 years and over and caregivers of any age to take charge of chronic conditions, such as arthritis, heart disease, osteoporosis, or diabetes by discovering ways to better manage ongoing health needs. No registration is needed for this information session.

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Fish Fry or Cold Plate
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/ Billiards

Wednesday, July 1

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +

10:30 a.m. Bridge
11:45 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
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Thursday, July 2

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
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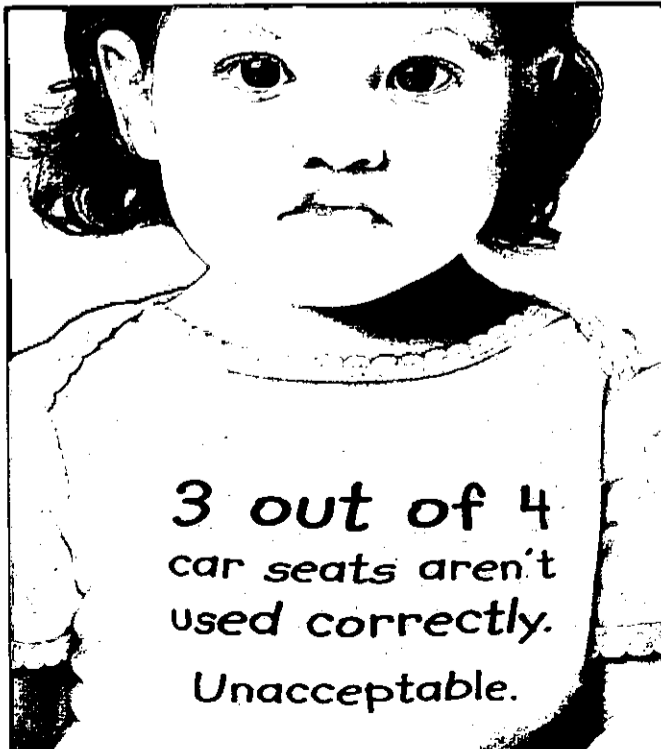


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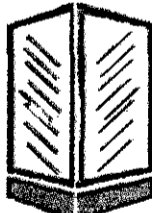
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Probe

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opened seven years ago."

Commissioner of Public Works Josh Cansler indicated that the timing was suspicious when the mercury was discovered on Thursday, May 28. Bethlehem was in the process of removing the last of its dated mercury flow meter switches from the water plant under a 2008 Department of Environmental Conservation consent order.

"The flow meters were all intact when they were removed," Cansler said after the discovery was made. "We've had no [mercury] leaks in over a year."

The mercury was seen as soon as the manhole cover was removed, according to Cansler.

Cunningham said the manhole cover was removed at the end of May because a new overhang is being constructed behind the water plant and workers were looking for underground pipes as they dug footings.

Still, with no more mercury flow meters at the plant and at least two reported mercury spills in as many years, the town's original suspicions of potential tampering are seemingly unfounded, or at the very least, cannot be proven.

"We have looked into it and, at this moment, we cannot conclude on a source of the mercury," said Cunningham. "We can't find any indication where it came from."

The supervisor said there was no evidence to move forward with a federal investigation or to contact Homeland Security, but said, "Our detective did talk to the FBI."

Cansler stated no town workers were the subject of an investigation, saying at the time, "It's not that we think someone did it, but there's no source for it."

Chief Water Plant Manager Richard Sayward said there are on average between six and eight workers at the plant during any given day, and one or two at night.

"It's an around-the-clock operation," he said.

Rick Georgeson, a Region 4 DEC spokesman, said on Monday, June 1, his agency was notified "within the time required," but it is unknown how long the mercury has been there.

"We had our responders over there at the water plant ... and there was 2 to 4 tablespoons of mercury found on the site, which has been removed," Georgeson said. "I understand it [mercury] could have been there for quite some time."

The mercury and other contaminated materials were cleaned up but were not removed from the site until recently. *The Spotlight* took a tour of the water plant facilities and the Vly Creek Reservoir on Wednesday, June 17, and witnessed the materials being taken away in 55-gallon drums from the water plant by Precision Industrial Maintenance, Inc. The company was the same one hired to clean up previous spills at the water plant.

Cunningham said the company was not only removing the materials from the latest mercury discovery, but also from previous cleanups that were contained but not removed from the property until that day. He said the May mercury discovery and cleanup cost "more than \$10,000."

The town's drinking water has been cleared by the Albany County Department of Health.

The original decision to remove the old mercury flow meters as a result of a consent order issued last June by the DEC that was the result of three separate investigations into

incidents at the site involving the release of mercury and petroleum, as well as reporting violations.

In February 2008, DEC spokeswoman Maureen Wren announced the investigations and said Bethlehem's water supply was tested by the state and the town and found to be clear of contaminants.

A year ago this month, the DEC fined the town \$15,000 for "mercury and petroleum reporting and handling violations" that occurred over the two previous years. Cunningham said at the time the town only consented to the fine because it couldn't prove that less than a pound of mercury had been discharged in a single spill at its water plant, which is the state's threshold for reporting such a spill.

By paying the \$15,000 and remaining compliant, which the town has done by removing all of the mercury switches by this June, Bethlehem did not have to pay an additional \$60,000 civil penalty to the DEC, according to the state's signed consent order.

In 2008, Albany County Sheriff's deputy Gary Fish said he was fired by the town after he spoke out about the mercury spill at the town's water plant, but town officials said he was fired because of repeated scheduling conflicts and would not com-

ment further because the incident is a "personnel matter."

Fish, who patrolled the Vly Creek Reservoir for 12 years, alleges there were inaccuracies in terms of the amount of mercury spilled at the plant in the report given to the public by Cansler in February 2008. He stated workers were constantly put at risk by "having to track through mercury for two years."

Furthermore, Fish also said mercury-tainted sludge was routinely "hosed down" past the plant's clear well and into a "sludge pit." The clear well contains treated water that is pumped directly into the town's water system; the sludge pit is where the most recent mercury was found this May.

Cunningham maintained there was no wrongdoing on the town's part in Fish's termination, but acknowledged the recent troubles at the water plant are part of the consideration in the town is looking in building a more modern facility at the site.

"Over the years there were incidents that were not cleaned up properly," he said. "The plant has reached its useful life and with the new EPA standards set for 2012, it may be more cost effective to build a new facility."

Drugs

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A report for the U.S. Congress prepared by Jody Feder, legislative attorney for the American Law Division also addressed the topic.

The 2005 report states that due to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act that it is often difficult for drugs made in foreign countries to comply with each FDA rule governing prescription medication.

"Even if the FFDCA did contain an explicit prohibition against drug importation, the FDA maintains that consumer imports of prescription drugs from foreign countries almost certainly violate other provisions of the act. For example, such drugs are likely to be unapproved, mislabeled, or improperly dispensed," the report states.

G. Anthony Howard, president and chief operating officer of CanaRx, said the FDA had "skirmishes" with the FDA for eight years, but pointed out that the company is operating within the boundaries of the law. Howard said the manufacturers of the medicines, and the medicines themselves are FDA

approved, and CanaRx spends a great deal of effort making sure the drugs only come from the safest Tier One countries, such as Australia, Ireland and Great Britain.

Despite questions about FDA approval, Howard said the drugs are shipped, packaged and delivered with the top-notch safety precautions in place.

"If that seal is tampered with, then throw the drugs out. We'll replace them," Howard said.

He said CanaRx ships millions of medicines each year, and has never had a negative incident.

"We're very proud of our safety record," he said.

He also refuted claims that the company is acting illegally.

"We don't operate in the U.S.," Howard said. "So how can we break a U.S. law?"

Howard also said other municipalities have entered into similar agreements, and have not had any incidents.

The details of the contract are all that remain before the county can begin purchasing drugs through CanaRx, he added.

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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Here are events planned throughout the Capital District all year to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of Albany, and this weekend, Old Songs takes a turn saluting the explorer.

From Friday to Sunday, June 26 to 28, Old Songs is holding its annual festival at the Altamont Fairgrounds. One of the special guests is Nanne and Ankie and the Hudson Crew, a musical group from the Netherlands.

"They do a spectacular performance about Henry Hudson and the Halfmoon," said Old Songs Executive Director Andy Spence, referring to Hudson's ship.

Nanne Kalma, Ankie van der Meer and the four other performers came to Voorheesville to perform at Old Songs about 10 years ago. Spence has kept in touch with them over the years, and thought the quadricentennial would be a great occasion to bring them back.

"They do a lot of maritime music — a lot of singing about ships and merchants," she said.

For the Old Songs festival, the group will tell Hudson's story from a Dutch perspective,

Spence said. When the English explorer set sail in 1609, he had been hired by the Dutch East India Company to find an easterly passage to Asia. But when ice and cold made travel difficult, Hudson turned west.

"That's why he ended up coming to America," Spence said.

Hudson and his crew landed on the coast of Maine, continuing as far south as the Chesapeake and Delaware bays. Realizing he hadn't found a passage to Asia, he headed back north, exploring the river that now bears his name.

"It's quite a story, really," Spence said.

The Hudson Crew tells the story in both Dutch and English.

It will perform Friday at 3 p.m., complementing a lecture by Peter Rose called "The Influence of the Dutch on the American Kitchen." That night, it will put on a concert set at 7.

On Saturday, the group will give a full performance of "Henry Hudson and the Half Moon" at 4 p.m. There will be additional shows on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Of course, the festival will also feature a number of other performers, playing folk, Celtic, roots and world music. The main stage will host concerts Friday night at 7, Saturday night at 7 and Sunday at 3, with notable performers including



Old Songs Festival pays homage to Explorer Henry Hudson

Peggy Seeger, a folk musician who is Pete Seeger's half-sister; Grammy-winning family performer Bill Harley, Bua, a traditional Irish band, and Galitcha, a group that performs music of India.

Less-accomplished musicians will have their own chance to perform. There will be Gospel singing workshops led by songstress Lea Gilmore, the Festival Jug Band (for kids of all ages, led by Bruce Hutton and the Hokum Hawaiians), The Great Groove Band (a fiddle and string youth ensemble), participatory dancing and the Tree of Life concert featuring youth musicians.

The final component of the weekend is workshops. Participants can learn fiddle techniques from Lissa Schneckenberger or take lessons on the boomerang, which records and plays back short musical loops, allowing users to add new harmony parts each time. Other classes focus on the mountain dulcimer and guitar.

Classes and concerts are held rain or shine, since the fairgrounds have ample indoor space. Spence noted that there was rain last year, but participants still had a great time inside.

Now in its 29th year, the festival has a strong group of



Attendees march in a parade at the 2008 Old Songs festival. Bill Spence/ Submitted photo

core followers, Spence said, but "it's always good to see new members."

She encouraged people to check it out and noted that anyone who does head to the fairgrounds should bring a chair or something else to sit on since seating is not provided.

The 29th annual Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance will be held Friday to Sunday, June 26 to 28, at the Altamont Fairgrounds in Altamont. Tickets are \$15 per class for Friday classes. They are \$50 or \$30 for Saturday's events and \$40 for Sunday's workshops and concerts. All-festival tickets are also available for \$100 for adults and \$50 for youths 13 to 18.

For information and tickets, visit www.oldsongs.org/festival.



Hammered dulcimer players jam at the 2008 Old Songs festival. Bill Spence/ Submitted photo

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Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday, June 24

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BETHLEHEM TOAST MASTERS CLUB
The Bethlehem Toast Masters Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the Adams Station Apartments Club House, 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar. Meetings held to learn public speaking, leadership and communication on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. For more info., go to <http://bethlehem.freetoasthost.com> or www.toastmasters.org.

DELMAR ROTARY
Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m., Information, 767-2015

EVENINGS ON THE GREEN (JULY)
Bethlehem Public Library's Free Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9341.

BINGO
American Legion Blanchard Post No. 1040, 16 Poplar Drive, Delmar. 7:30 p.m. Food available.

PLAYGROUP MEETING
First United Methodist Church playgroups will meet from 10:30 to noon in the nursery. Playgroup provides opportunity for child caretakers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, 439-9976, ext. 228.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
Daytime Caregivers Support Group. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Every fourth Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-4955.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)
Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@dirchurch.org. Second and fourth Wednesday during the school year. www.mops.org

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
Evening prayer service 7:00 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m.; 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

BC SCHOOL BOARD
district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871. SECOND AND FOURTH

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NEW SCOTLAND TOWN COUNCIL
New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

PRAYER MEETING
Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

PIONEER CLUBS
For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 to 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

TOWN BOARD
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

AA MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. 765-2895.

Thursday, June 25

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
Meets Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Town Hall Auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave. Activities include cards, games, bingo and conversation. A bi-monthly newsletter is available in the senior services office. Information, 439-4573.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)
children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir,

7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

PRAYER MEETING
Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

Friday, June 26

AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.

CHABAD CENTER
Friday services, discussion and Kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND PRAYER MEETING
Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

STORY TIMES
Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

Saturday, June 27

DELMAR SATURDAY FARMERS MARKET
The Delmar Saturday Farmers Market will be open June 6 until October 31 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. rain or shine. The market is located at the Bethlehem Middle School, 322 Kenwood Ave. For more info, go to www.delmarmarket.org.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Information, call 439-4328.
Glenmont Story Hour at Tea and Tattered Pages Used Books, 329 Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 447-9910.

PRAYER MEETING
Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church,

Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

Sunday, June 28

WORSHIP INFORMATION
Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rocketteller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION
All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 475-9086. ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.

Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.DAY -

Monday, June 29

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL
Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners intersection, Delmar, 5 to 6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

PLAYGROUP
First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. Meets 10:30 a.m. to noon in the nursery. The playgroup provides opportunities for child care takers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, 439-9976 ext. 228

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA
rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 to 10 p.m.

PRAYER MEETING
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Tuesday, June 30

BETHLEHEM

FARMERS MARKET (SUMMER ONLY)
Market and Chicken Barbeque, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

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Wednesday, July 1

BETHLEHEM

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BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN
Normanside Country Club, Satsbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 7:00 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-9628. First Wednesday of each month.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
Evening prayer service 7:00 p.m.; Bible study 7:30 p.m.; 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB (NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST)
Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857. First and third Wednesday of each month.

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4955. First and third Wednesdays of each month.

BC SCHOOL BOARD
district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

PRAYER MEETING
Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

PIONEER CLUBS
For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

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Milestones *in the* Spotlight

Gordon, McCurdy exchange vows

Christina Marie Gordon, daughter of Geraldo Balls-Suarez Sr. of Mechanicville and Linda S. Gordon of Delmar, and Christopher John McCurdy, son of Robert and Virginia McCurdy of Garden City, S.C., were married April 25.

The bride was walked down the aisle by her brother, Michael Taylor. The ceremony was at the Waterfront Park in Charleston, S.C., and a reception followed at the Harbour Club in Charleston.

Nichole Schlund, friend of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miriam Rich, sister of the bride; Amber Vandenbosch, friend of the bride; and Sierra Gordon, sister of the bride. Flower girls were Madison and Skyler Rich, nieces of the bride.

Robert McCurdy, father of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Steve Shiflett, friend of the groom; Shane Barber, friend of the groom; and Bobby McCurdy, brother of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Coastal Carolina University and Webster University, where she received an MBA. She is employed by Cornerstone Financial Advisors in Atlanta.

The groom is a graduate of Socastee High School in Myrtle Beach, Coastal Carolina University and Webster University, where he received an MBA. He works for Anheuser-Busch in Atlanta.

After a honeymoon trip to Dublin, Ireland, the couple resides in Atlanta.



Christina and Christopher McCurdy



Mario Tedesco and Kori Adler

Adler, Tedesco to wed

Stanley and Meredith Adler of North Greenbush are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kori Adler, to Mario Tedesco, son of Mario and Maria Tedesco of North Greenbush. The wedding will take place on May 29, 2010.

Kori is a graduate of Columbia High School. She then received a B.A. in Elementary Education from

SUNY New Paltz, and a M.A. in Literacy from Russell Sage. She is the head teacher at Park Preschool in Manhattan, N.Y.

Mario graduated from Columbia High School and SUNY Albany. He is a project supervisor at Cross Management Corp. in Manhattan.

Both Kori and Mario reside in Queens.

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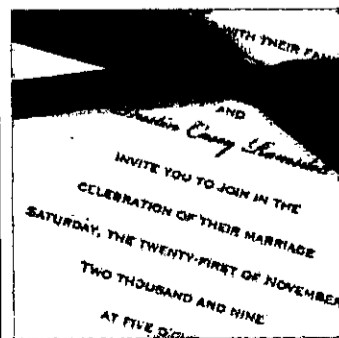
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Laudon, Horwitz wed

Gene Laudon of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and Christine Laudon of Newport, R.I. announce that their daughter Corina Laudon wed Brian Horwitz, son of Raymond and Janice Horwitz of Winhall, VT. (formerly of Slingerlands, NY) on May 2, 2009.

The wedding and reception took place at Whispering Pines in West Greenwich, RI. The Wedding was officiated by Amy Freedman. The Maid of Honor was Jenny Brennan, and the Bridesmaids were Julie McPhee (sister of Groom), Erin Carson, Gina Navarra, and Erin Degnan. The Best Man was Damian Kokonnen and the Groomsmen were Eric McPhee (Brother-In-Law of Groom), Doug Montminy, Matt Whitcomb, and Silas Laudon (brother of Bride). The Ring Bearer was Brandon McPhee (nephew of Groom). The Flower Girl was Meghan McPhee (niece of Groom).

The Bride, Corina Laudon Horwitz, attended Moses Brown High School. She went on to Connecticut College, where she received a B.A. in Architectural Studies, and New England School of Art + Design at Suffolk University, where she received a Master of Arts in Interior Design. She is employed as an Interior Designer by HDR Architecture in Boston, Mass.

The Groom, Brian Horwitz, attended Bethlehem Central High School. He then went to the University of Vermont, where he received a B.A. in Sociology, and Brandeis University, where he earned a Master of Science in Information Technology Management. His employer is Partners Health Care in Wellesley, Mass., where he is a Senior Data Analyst.

Corina and Brian honeymooned in California. They now reside in Milford, Mass.



Corina and Brian Horwitz



Eric Sell and Lynn Berry

Berry, Sell to marry

Jan Berry of Saratoga and Peter Berry of Erie, Pa. (previously Delmar), are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn, to Eric Sell, son of Susan Wilkinson of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Richard Sell of Hilton Head, S.C.

Lynn is a graduate of NYU and is the executive chef at LeGamin Restaurant in Brooklyn. Lynn and Eric live in Brooklyn. A September 2010 wedding is planned.

Lynn is a graduate of Bethlehem

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Artists, crafters invited to make trading cards

Whether you're an artist or a crafter, tickle your creative muse in your favorite medium on Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at the RCS library.

We will be creating miniature artworks called Artist Trading Cards, just 2 by 3 inches. The workshop will be led by local artist and high school art teacher Paula Vatalaro. ATCs are very popular in many creative circles; painters, scrapbookers, quilters and all sorts of crafters will find this art form a fun and unique way to express artistic individuality. We have three new books on the subject, loaded with projects and examples.

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

descriptions were mailed in the annual Library Newsletters and are also available at the library and on our Web site, www.uhls.org/rcscl. Registration is ongoing. Space is limited for some programs, so contact the library at 756-2053 to register and for information about specific programs.

Holiday hours

The library will be closed on Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, for Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, July 6, at 10 a.m.

What's new

Picture books

- "Farmer Joe and the Music Show" by Tony Mitton

- "The Little Island" by Margaret Wise Brown and Leonard Weisgard

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

Book your summer activities

Summer programs are set to begin the week of July 6; make plans now so you don't miss a moment of the fun. Our popular Young Writer's Workshop is joined this year by a new Teen Writers program, led by Linda Miller. The Summer Reading Program offers rewards to young readers, while teens and adults may enter our Rewarding Readers Program. Chess Club returns, offering friendly, competitive play for school age players, and story times resume for our littlest patrons. Schedules and program



Darcy Morrison presides over a table filled with baked goods at the Library Friends Book and Bake Sale at the Voorheesville Library on Saturday, June 20.

Submitted photo

VPL planning festival for September

The Voorheesville Public Library and Library Friends are planning a festival on Saturday, Sept. 12, for neighbors in the Town of New Scotland to get to know one another better - and have fun doing it! Some of the events planned are a pet parade and kids' activities, a business trade show, an art exhibit and live music, as well as good food and booth space for local vendors and organizations.

We are looking for local musicians to keep live music in the air all day and evening. If you would like to volunteer yourself or your band to fill a one or two-hour time slot, please contact Barbara Vink at the library at 765-2791.

There will be an events list and plenty of publicity naming



our sponsors and participants. Coordinate your activities through the committee by contacting Laura Smith at 765-7286.

If anyone is interested in a food-related activity such as a bake sale or popcorn booth, contact our food organizer Rebecca Pahl at 765-4024. Any of us can be reached by email at voorfestival@yahoo.com.

Summer reading program

Kids should now be registering for the 2009 Summer Reading program from home or at the library with the online form available at our Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

www.voorheesvillelibrary.org. The program is open to young people, preschool through teens.

Ice cream social

Get the summer off to a "cool" start with ice cream sundaes from our good neighbors at Stewart's. They will provide the goodies and we'll provide booktalks, reading suggestions and fingerprint art at our ice cream social on Tuesday, June 30. Drop in between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Barbara Vink

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC). Name: TECHVALLEY ENGINEERING, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with NYS Secretary of State May 18, 2009...

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If there are any names missing, contact sports editor Rob Jonas at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

Mohawks double up Dutch

The Amsterdam Mohawks avenged last Thursday's 2-1 loss to Albany by beating the Dutchmen 4-2 in Saturday's New York Collegiate Baseball League game at Shuttlesworth Park.

The Mohawks (6-5) scored all of their runs in the bottom of the second inning. The big hit was a two-run single by Mel Rojas Jr. that made the score 3-0.

Jarred Jimenez got Albany

(4-7) back in the game with a two-run homer in the top of the sixth inning, but that was the only mistake Amsterdam pitchers made that night. Four Mohawks hurlers combined on a two-hitter.

Albany's bats struggled in last Thursday's 2-1 victory over Amsterdam at Bleecker Stadium, but four Dutchmen pitchers held the Mohawks to one run.

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Mary Buck (45) 20:10, Lea Cure (14) 21:37, Tara Joyce (20) 22:26, Staci Covkin-Jurczynski (43) 24:29, Shannon Mackesey (12) 24:44, Carmella Genovesi (13) 25:10, Alison Wilkes (17) 25:28, Jolene Kowalski (15) 25:38, Elizabeth Whitney (30) 25:45 and Emily Cure (18) 25:57.

Also, Denise Terzian (45) 26:18, Kelly Ulion (27) 26:50, Mindy MacKesy (45) 27:09, Kristin Knauf (37) 27:35, Melanie Shatynski (31) 27:43, Samantha Gonyeau (31) 28:04, Molly Kelly (58) 29:19, Gail Hein (56) 28:30, Kathryn Sargent (27) 28:37 and Linda Cure (48) 28:55.

Also, Alex Vattimo (17) 29:01, Emily Ten Eyck (18) 29:01, Laurie Micare (41) 29:08, Patrica Nezaj (38) 29:08, Cheryl Dube (50) 29:50, Janelle Fletcher (41) 29:54, Susan Klim (53) 30:19, Rana Paulsen (31) 31:30, Lor McCutcheon (41) 31:57 and Erika MacFarlane (35) 32:04.

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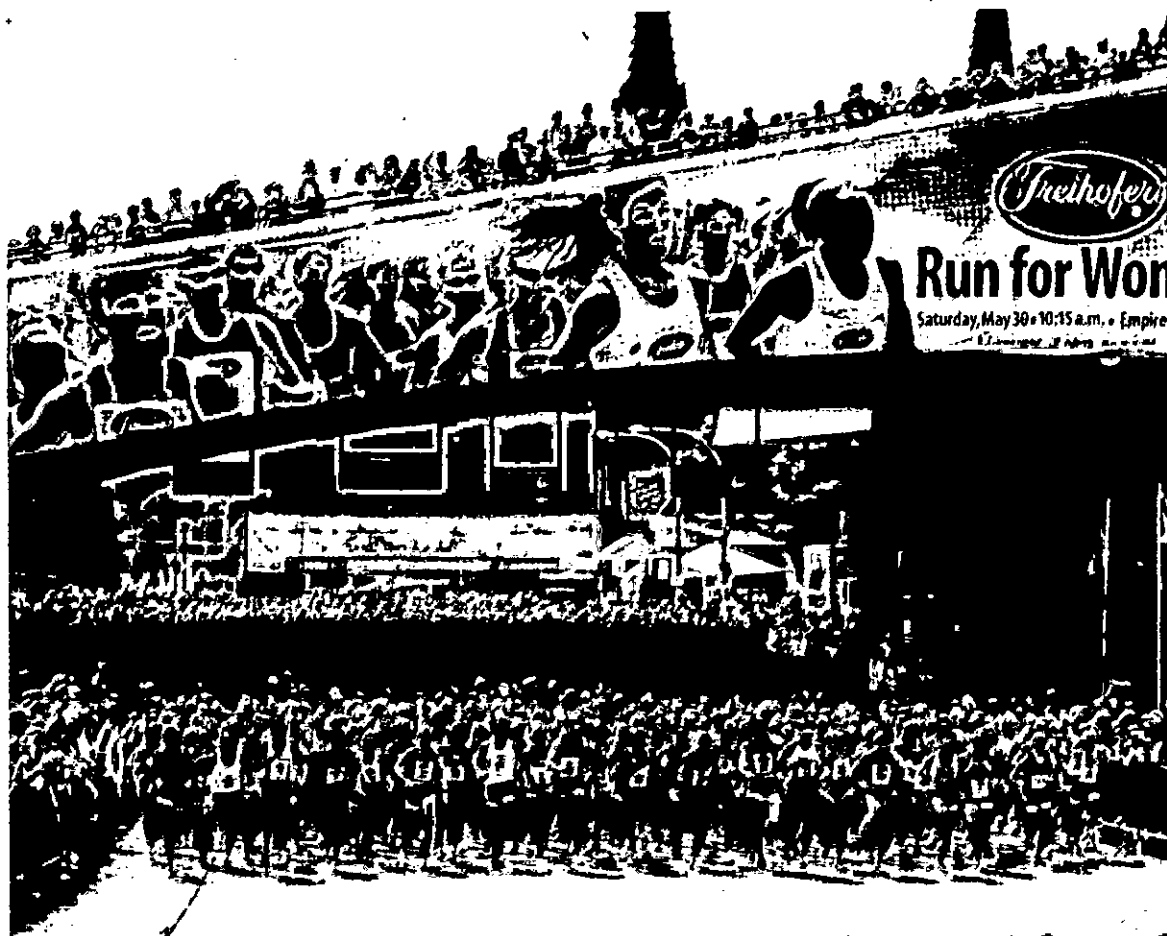
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An international field of runners takes off from the starting line at the Freihofer's Run for Women May 30 in Albany. More than 250 runners from the town of Bethlehem participated. Submitted photo

29:53, Kimberly Healy (40) 30:05, Erika Butler 30:20, Jodi Bell 30:30 and Erin McCann (14) 31:01.

Also, Sheena Loughlin (24) 31:08, Emily Crisorio (19) 31:10, Amy Forando (20) 31:10, Eileen Browne (35) 31:26, Elise Giordano (13) 31:29, Caroline Wagner (13) 31:43, Denise Warren (54) 31:46, Julie Long (32) 31:47, Nora Salo (10) 31:48 and Catherine Harvey (10) 31:50.

Also, Kathy Glannon (53) 31:52, Kristin Pung (34) 31:58, Debbie Salo (44) 32:03, Jennifer Levine (48) 32:06, Samantha Felitto (20) 32:17, Judi Doody (59) 32:24, Lori Fitzsimmons (44) 32:40, Nicole Cunningham (38) 32:42, Chris Eckardt (56) 32:48 and Teri Stutsrim (39) 32:57.

Also, Gwendolyn Walsh (11) 32:59, Tine Winther (46) 32:59, Rozara Sanders (11) 32:59, Ellie Bell (11) 32:59, Elaine Bell (39) 33:19, Whitney Phelps (37) 33:22, Soojee Eckardt-Rigberg (14) 33:24, Kathryn Adams (38) 33:38, Erica Roccario (22) 33:57 and Michelle Sanders (50) 34:09.

Also, Toni Naccarato (43) 34:42, Anne Blanchard (34) 34:45, Gayle Moriarity (52) 34:55, Karen Moorby (38) 34:56, Jeannine Rother (40) 34:57, Barbara Collura (45) 35:04, Darlene Cardillo (56) 35:06, Sonja Hendrick (38) 35:09, Colleen Plummer (23) 35:16 and Peg Buffaline (41) 35:19.

Also, Mackenna Buffaline (11) 35:19, Donna Liquori (42) 35:30, Daryn Bedinotti (38) 36:33, Bridget Rooney (17) 36:49, MaryElizabeth Metcalf (36) 36:54, Elaine Wells (50) 36:55, Shannon Rooney (14) 37:05, Heather Rooney (47) 37:05, Carol Butt (65) 37:11 and Jean Leonard (37) 37:51.

Also, Gloria Sciaolino (57) 37:58, Theresa Somaio-Harvey (37) 38:17, Nola Royce (63) 38:23, Delaney Shepardson (44) 39:07, Colleen Shepardson (44) 40:32, Debbie Zucker (50) 40:37,

Eliza Merges (9) 40:53, Deirdre McShane (41) 41:05, Laura Empie (40) 41:23 and Hannah Merges (9) 41:34.

Also, Susan Kindlon (50) 41:41, Helen Fiore (47) 41:41, Renee Merges (51) 42:43, CeCi LeForestier (9) 43:30, Kathleen LeForestier (41) 43:33, Rachel Bellizzi (24) 44:58, Barbara Hammond (59) 47:14 and Julie Corron (47) 52:03.

Feura Bush

Randi Imbriaco (34) 24:40, Nicole Dootz (16) 26:16, Tamara Arnason (41) 26:22, Jill Parsons (26) 29:43, Stephanie Dootz (13) 31:05, Gabrielle Turi (11) 31:42, Barbara Turi (50) 31:48, Carly Tarullo (15) 32:22, Joanne Kingston (43) 32:30 and Joan Winne (43) 38:15.

Glenmont

Susan Wong (61) 23:17, Connie Smith (41) 25:15, Mary Jo Bernardo (44) 25:44, Meredith Pascale (24) 26:04, Jessica Venezia (19) 26:14, Lynne Cerniglia (45) 26:40, Catherine McCutcheon (45) 26:58, Lauren Quirk (20) 27:06, Marcelle Martens (20) 27:10 and Lianne Wladis (33) 27:34.

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Also, Maggie Moehringer (59) 33:21, Kristin Acosta (35) 33:29, Roseanne McCaffrey (48) 33:40, Jennifer Byrnes (38) 33:46, Heidi Gray (38) 33:49, Tonia Susko (35) 33:56, Kristin Agneta (24) 34:17, Danielle Lagace (27) 34:17, Maria Milliken (8) 34:18 and Monica Manning (21) 34:24.

Also, Amanda Harrington (44) 34:34, Karen Rosenberg (41) 35:50, Paula Labarge (42) 36:12, Katie Benoit (15) 36:17, Elisabeth

Smith (55) 37:04, Sari Stout (46) 38:41, Natasha Charron (13) 40:41, Annika Pachter (6) 40:43, Lois Smith (67) 40:55 and Dianna Parisi-Weidman (40) 41:48.

Also, Patricia Gallagher (60) 42:32, Sarah Gettman (17) 42:49, Joy Griffith (59) 43:28 and Julia Decker (32) 43:47.

Guilderland

Crystal Cammarano (28) 19:48, Gretchen Oliver (35) 20:09, Brooke Brady (29) 21:47, Stephanie Wille (34) 25:10, Casey Gerety (17) 26:19, Sheri LePore (43) 26:52, Leslie Robinson (35) 28:16, Liz Bennison (27) 28:25, Nicolette Moran (47) 28:31 and Jill Harris Esq. (33) 30:13.

Also, Suyun Geng (40) 30:39, Jessica Ernye (25) 31:45, Ruth Grisham (38) 32:07, Jennifer Gaunt (33) 32:42, Adrienne Salvagni (27) 33:27, Kerry Gerety (10) 34:04, Karen Gerety (53) 34:06, Michele Newman-Gehrum (40) 34:15, Elizabeth Pattison (22) 34:51 and Jan Putorti (29) 34:55.

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Ravena

Lauren Pauly-Kiercker (33) 23:01, Gwen Buckley (45) 24:45, Lori Collins (39) 27:51, Wendy Williams (52) 28:11, Pam Fuqua (41) 30:46, Valarie Manning (42) 35:55, Barbara Coryell (42) 39:40, Ann Coryell (11) 39:40 and Keri Greene (34) 41:55.

Selkirk

Kristen Kuhn (30) 22:30, Diane Tenenbaum (43) 23:30, Wendy Colonna (32) 25:43, Eileen Gower (43) 25:53, Missy Stewart (38) 26:05, Libbie Craft (33) 26:19, Michelle McCabe (37) 26:43,

League names all-stars

The following athletes were named to the Suburban Council girls track and field all-star team for 2009:

100- and 200-meter dash: Madalayne Smith (Saratoga), Ernestine Skipper (Guilderland), Michelle Quimby (Shenendehowa), Kristina Lenge (Colonie), Jennifer Stodgell (Ballston Spa), Arianna Sokaris (Bethlehem) and Courtney Richardson (Mohonasen)

400 and 800: Anna Boughtwood (Columbia), Allysa Knaack (Bethlehem), Margaret MacDonald (Saratoga), Danika Simonson (Shenendehowa), Brianne Bellon (Saratoga), Nayamka Roberts-Smith (Colonie), Gabby Rodriguez (Colonie) and Demi Feder (Ballston Spa)

1,500 and 3,000: Samantha Roecker (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), Keelin Hollowood (Saratoga), Meaghan Gregory (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake), Lizzie Predmore (Shenendehowa), Sydney King (Saratoga), Molly Pezzulo (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and Alex Burtnick (Shenendehowa)

100 and 400 hurdles: Madalayne Smith (Saratoga), Nicole Schafer (Columbia), Emilia Sainato (Colonie), Amanda Borroughs (Saratoga), Jessica Ciraulo (Mohonasen), Kendra Adams (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and Molly Nephew (Shaker)

2,000 steeplechase: Molly Hasset (Bethlehem), Amanda Borroughs (Saratoga), Kayla DuBois (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) and Katie Treichel (Saratoga)

Pentathlon: Morgan Wheeler (Averill Park), Kelsey Hanson (Shenendehowa) and Alyssa Marion (Bethlehem)

400 relay: Ballston Spa (Alex Kambourelis, Carrie Mansir, Julie Lowenstein and Jennifer Stodgell)

1,600 relay: Colonie (Emily Finnegan, Kristina Lenge, Nayamka Roberts-Smith and Corrine Serrano)

3,200 relay: Saratoga (Brianne Bellon, Amanda Borroughs, Cassandra Goutos and Alison Treichel)

Shot put/discus: Tehresa Coles (Colonie), Samantha Koss (Shenendehowa), Amelia Gonzales (Ballston Spa), Haley Franco (Saratoga), Briana Delbene (Guilderland) and Emily Vogel (Averill Park)

Long jump/triple jump: Madalayne Smith (Saratoga), Amie Jefferson (Colonie), Michelle Quimby (Shenendehowa), Emily Rebehn (Averill Park), Natalie Cullings (Columbia) and Joanna Clark (Niskayuna)

High jump/pole vault: Lydia Rebehn (Averill Park), Michelle Quimby (Shenendehowa), Karly Giles (Guilderland), Maddeson Weekes (Shenendehowa), Jessica Sector (Averill Park) and Kelly Preston (Shenendehowa).