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Voters to have say on spending plan in May

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honored

Richard Sayward was recently awarded the 2009 Management Innovation Award by the Capital Branch of the American Public Works Association.

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All in good
fun

Roger the Jester prides himself on making his audiences laugh at him, not the other way around. He brings his act to Steamer 10 Theater on Tuesday, April 6.

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Dutchmen have
high hopes

A year after coming within a whisker of winning a state title, the Guilderland girls lacrosse team is preparing to make another run at it.

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Town Board to hit the road

Informal sessions to be held with communities around Bethlehem

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The Bethlehem Town Board: coming soon to location near you?

Board members approved

a plan to hold informal forums around town Wednesday, March 24, when the five-member body voted unanimously in favor of the idea of taking the board on the road.

Details, such as dates and locations, have not been finalized, but Supervisor Sam Messina said the intention is to get the Town Board out to locations in all hamlets to talk about area-specific issues.

"The notion is to have informal sessions so we can get around town," he said. "These do not replace Town Board meetings."

The board will still convene twice a month at Town Hall in Delmar, the official meeting place for all regular meetings.

"For a whole array of reasons, official meetings have to be held in Town Hall," said Councilman Kyle Kotary.

While board members will not

be intending to hold votes at these sessions, they will adhere to New York's open meetings law — or "Sunshine Law" — that states any time a quorum of a government agency is convened to discuss public business, it must be advertised and made open to the public. That way, all Town Board members will be able to attend.

"We will consider these to be meetings subject to the open

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A group effort



William Young, the attorney for the Westmere Fire District, directs a voter into the voting booth. Young said that with the exception of a fire commissioner election six years ago, the 377 voters made the referendum the highest turnout he has seen in his 30 years representing the district. See story on page 13.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

Law would limit terms

Some say proposal
would make
appointments more
politically motivated

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Just over a month after the New Scotland Planning Board issued a 71-page critique of the size-cap law, the Town Board discussed a law that establishes a code of conduct for members of the town's Planning Board.

It was eventually tabled until the Wednesday, April 14, meeting over confusion about the wording.

Local Law D. of 2010, which some Planning Board members are calling politically motivated, establishes a code of conduct that includes scaling back the terms of appointments to four years, as opposed to the current seven. It would also limit each member to three consecutive terms. The law allows for termed-out members to return after two years.

The proposal also included the addition of a rule that removes absentee members from the board if they miss two consecutive meetings and the chairman if he or she misses three consecutive meetings.

Supervisor Thomas Dolin suggested tabling the measure after

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Spotlight nabs five awards

Newspaper places first and second for news series

The Spotlight took home five New York Press Association Better Newspaper awards at this year's Better Newspaper contest and conference.

The awards, celebrating newspaper excellence in stories, photos and advertising that was

published in 2009, were given out March 26 and 27 at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs.

Reporter Charles Wiff placed first in the News or Feature Series category for his stories about the special election held for New York's 20th Congressional District. Wiff, who covered Saratoga County for The Spotlight before moving to the Town of Bethlehem beat, wrote a series of 20 stories over the course of three months

on the contentious election.

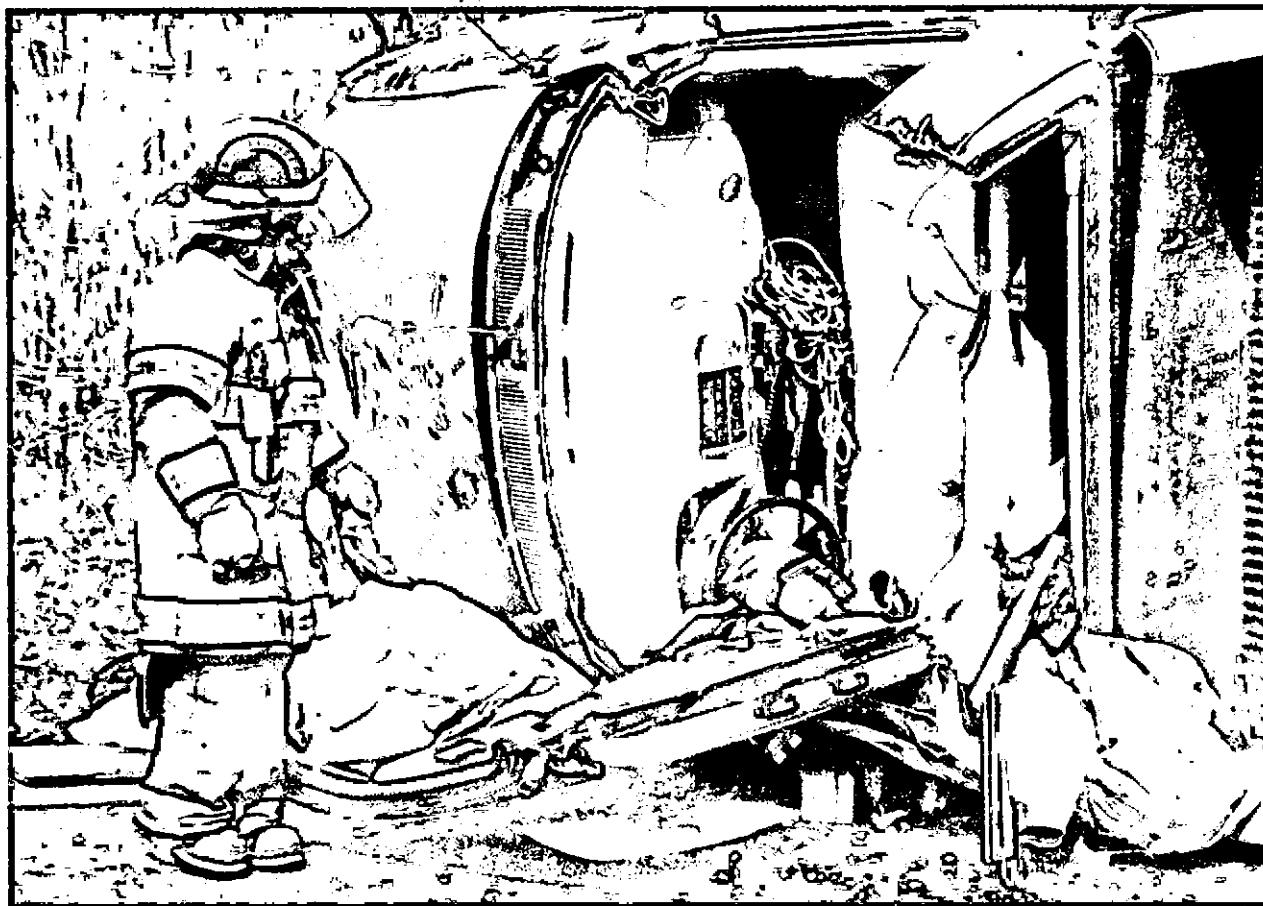
Wiff said his work is indicative of the importance of weekly newspapers.

"One of the challenging things about writing for a weekly newspaper is making the news relevant to the reader well after a story has broken. So we have to consistently provide quality, in-depth coverage on an issue that our readers aren't going to get

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Police Blotter

New Scotland rollover



The Onesquethaw Fire Department was dispatched to a crash Saturday on Clarksville South Road in the Town of New Scotland. The driver went off the right shoulder, taking out a mail box, then crossed back over to the other side of the road, rolling over and hitting a power pole approximately 10-12 feet off the ground trapping the operator. The Slingerlands Fire Department was requested to the scene to extricate the driver, who was transported to St. Peter's Hospital with non life-threatening injuries. State Police are investigating the cause, and charges are pending.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Colonie lawsuit involves former Bethlehem super

Colonie man says Cunningham not qualified for public works post

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Colonie officials are calling a Republican-backed lawsuit that calls into question the appointment of two town officials a waste of tax dollars.

Colonie resident Theodore Ricket, backed by the GOP, has brought a suit against the town requesting Jack Cunningham be removed as head of public works and Michael Burick's appointment as personnel officer be reviewed. In his lawsuit, Ricket contends Cunningham does not meet minimum qualifications for his job and Burick should have only been appointed to fill the remainder of his predecessor's term.

Town Attorney Mike Magguilli called the filing an "obstructionist lawsuit," and said it is a distraction drummed up by Republicans to divert attention from the real issues facing the town, such as the deficit left over from the previous administration.

Ricket filed a petition with the New York State Supreme Court on Wednesday, March 17, requesting the appointments of Cunningham and Burick be revoked as pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

"Cunningham does not meet the minimum qualifications, due to his lack of a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a professional engineering license as recognized by New York State," Ricket stated in the lawsuit.

He said state law legally prohibits Cunningham from providing engineering reviews, which are outlined in the commissioner of public works job description. Ricket said Cunningham should also be removed from the post on the grounds he does not live in Colonie.

"The arrogance of Supervisor [Paula] Mahan and the Town Board to appoint an unqualified individual to oversee the town's landfill, public drinking water and the safety of the general public on town roads appalls me," Ricket said. "I am extremely concerned for the safety of my family and neighbors and urge residents to demand the

"The town is wrong here and should be responsible for legal fees."

John Graziano Jr., chairman of the Albany County GOP

appointment of qualified individuals to our civil service positions." William Keniry, who is representing Ricket and serves as the GOP lawyer, said he will argue that the job description for commissioner of public works calls for a degree, and although the provision is listed after a clause related to "salary administration," it is "disrespectful to the people of the town" to hire someone who lacks the proper qualifications.

Ricket, a registered Independent, has had ties to Colonie since 1965 and has a degree from Fordham University. He served as a Naval intelligence officer and worked in state government, according to information from the GOP.

His lawsuit also contends that Cunningham was illegally appointed and, as such, was an "unconstitutional gift of public funds that should be recovered and returned to taxpayers." The portion of Ricket's lawsuit dealing with Burick, says the he should have only been appointed to fill the remainder of Michael Foley's six-year term. Foley retired last year. John Graziano Jr., chairman of the Albany County GOP, said it his party's obligation to check the administration's power, and that is why Republicans are supporting Ricket's lawsuit.

Graziano said he is unsure who will foot the bill for the attorney's fees, but he said ultimately the town should take responsibility for anything wasted during the process.

"The town is wrong here and should be responsible for legal fees," he said.

He said Ricket's characterization of the town "hit the nail on the head" and the administration is arrogant to assume they can "do what they want to do without anybody challenging them."

Magguilli criticized the lawsuit for not "applying

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Pine Bush accepts 191 acres

Move will likely curtail ATV activity on those lands

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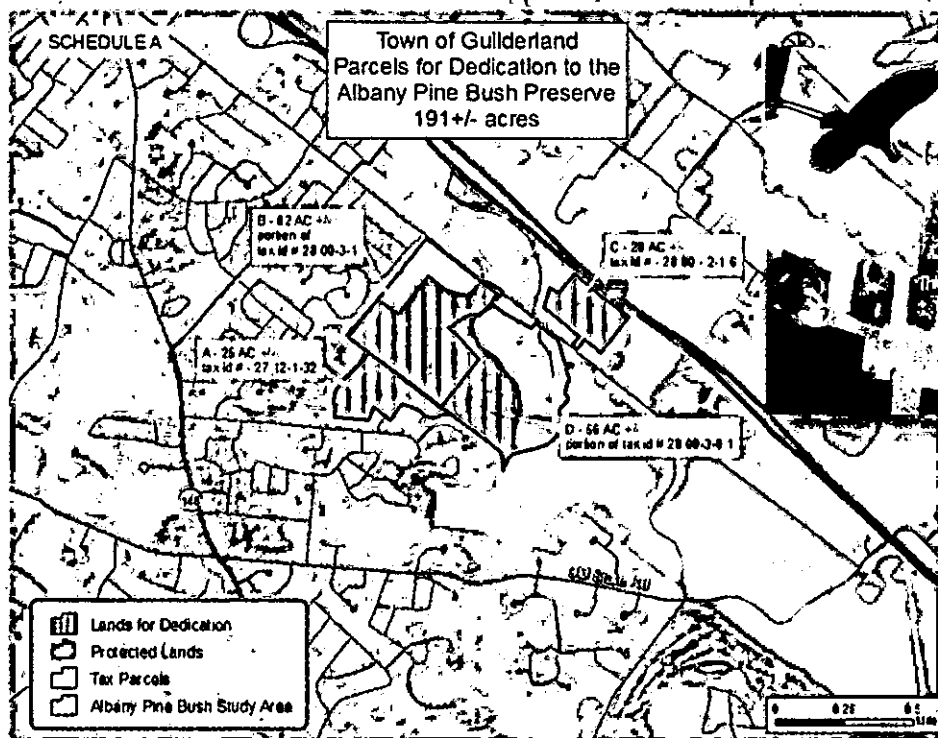
The Pine Bush Preserve Commission formally accepted the dedication of 191 acres of land from the Town of Guilderland at its quarterly board meeting on Thursday, March 18. Although the town will maintain ownership of the lands, located between Interstate 90 and Old State Road, they will be managed by the commission.

The preserve was formed by the New York State Legislature in 1988.

According to information from the commission, "the Albany Pine Bush represents one of the best remaining examples of an inland pine barrens ecosystem in the world."

The dedicated lands represent 6 percent of the preserve's 3,209 acres.

Christopher Hawver, executive director of the Pine Bush Preserve Commission, said the residents of Guilderland will gain a number of benefits from the transfer. He said the commission, along with rangers from the Department of Environmental Conservation will be able to curtail the ATV activity



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that occurs on the land.

According to Runion, the ATV activity has been a concern of neighbors in the area for years.

"The town's building department received a number of complaints in the area of the Lone Pine subdivision of ATVs," said Runion.

He said at one point a course for the ATVs was constructed in the area and had to be dismantled by the town.

"We don't have the resources to monitor [ATV activity] as close as the Pine Bush Preserve Commission," said Runion.

Hawver also said

the commission will evaluate the lands from a recreational standpoint to determine if recreational trails can be expanded or changed in any way.

"The lands are located adjacent to residences," he said. "People would be able to walk to the preserve and recreate."

According to Hawver,

with the dedication of the land from Guilderland, the vast majority of public lands that are part of the Pine Bush are managed by the commission. He said that there are lands in Albany, Colonie, and Guilderland that he would like to see protected, however, that land is mostly privately owned.

BCSD adopts \$88.3 million budget

Tax levy would increase 3 percent; voters to decide in May

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education has adopted an \$88.3 million budget for the 2010-11 school year that, if passed by voters, would see a 3 percent increase in the school tax levy.

That's more than the 2 percent increase put forward last year, but the district still had to make nearly \$1.9 million in budget cuts to get to that point. Like last year, costs have gone up and early versions of the state budget are calling for a \$2.5 million cut in state aid to the district.

The budget was adopted unanimously at a Wednesday, March 24, meeting. The actual tax levy won't be set until town assessment equalization rates are calculated over the summer.

Among the reductions

are 11 teachers, a special education teacher, 10 various staff and administrative positions, two custodians, the elimination of field trip funding and a bevy of line items like clubs and technology upgrade budgets.

Athletics cuts scaled back

Many of the more controversial cuts discussed in previous meetings were avoided, including the closure of the middle school pool and the removal of the indoor track team. Instead, the district adopted a new facility use fee schedule that is expected to generate an additional \$60,000 in revenues and cut two track coaches from the track team, in addition to a modified football coach, for a total savings of \$10,000.

Finding athletic cuts is difficult, said Superintendent Michael Tebbano, because the entire program totals about \$300,000.

"We have probably one of the leanest athletic budgets in the suburban council," he said.

Members of the public praised the district for retaining the track team. The week prior, a long line of parents and athletes protested the

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BC Superintendent Michael Tebbano

proposed cut, arguing that, with more than 200 participants, indoor track is one of the few sports most any student can participate in.

"We thank you for reconsidering the issue of the very existence of the team," said parent George Carpinello, who the week prior had spoken passionately about the program. "I view athletics as a very important part of an academic program."

Tebbano warned if the district has to make further cuts next year — which is expected — painful athletic cuts won't be avoided. The district is expected to launch into an examination of the department in coming weeks.

"We need to find a way to fund this a little bit more equitably so our kids do have a chance in the future," Tebbano said.

Board member Charmaine Wijeyesinghe said while she supported the cuts made, she'd like to see changes made to the athletics department.

"Every aspect of this district has given up money and I was looking for more from athletics," she said. "We cannot always offer something for everyone, year-round, and sometimes you have to make choices."

The board also voted to include funding for two days of elementary intramural sports per week instead of cutting all four days.

Lunch prices to increase

In additional votes, the school board voted to tentatively raise the price of school meals dramatically. If approved in July, lunches would go up by \$1 to \$3 for elementary students and \$3.25 for middle and high school students; adult lunch would jump \$1.50 to \$4.50; and breakfast would increase \$1 to \$2. The price of snacks and a la carte items would also increase.

Even so, the program is not expected to break even, but the subsidy paid from the general fund to balance it would be halved to \$50,000.

Raising prices to break even would mean a lunch price of around \$5, said Tebbano.

"I think we would

probably price the program right out of existence," he said.

Board President Jim Dering said even the new prices should not present a burden for most, and pointed out eating a school lunch is an option, not a requirement.

"For people to be able to get something at below cost is a pretty good deal," he said.

Board member Matt Downey dissented on the vote.

Voters to decide high school walking distance

The board withdrew a motion to put to voter referendum a proposal to increase the walking distance from the Middle School from 0.5 miles to 1 mile at a savings of \$10,600. An identical proposal for the High School walking distance will go to voters.

The vote to put forward the High School referendum was split 4-3, with Dering, Diana Giaccone Stever and Lynne Lenhardt dissenting.

The decision to hold off on increasing the Middle School Distance was a 6-1 vote, however, with Downey dissenting, and there was general agreement that the roads around the Middle School are less conducive to safe travel.

Tebbano said adding "safe zones" within the mile radius where students would be bused

would require the approval of the Department of Transportation.

"Our attorneys have told us this would be extremely difficult," he said.

Contingency could 'decimate' school district

Voters will go to the polls May 18 to vote on the budget and referendums. If voters reject the budget, a contingency budget may be put into place. In most years this allows for a continuation of the previous year's program with a small increase to allow for inflation, but the state formula used to determine that budget has been affected by the economic environment, meaning the district would have to find another \$2 million in cuts if a contingency budget is necessary.

Tebbano outlined \$1.5 million in further reductions that would eliminate the athletics program, cut eight additional teachers and make further cuts across the board.

"If this is where we're headed this could be bad," Tebbano said. "It will decimate this district."

A proposal to amend the state contingency budget formula has passed the Senate, but not the Assembly.

Additionally, two Board of Education seats are up for election. Petitions to appear on the ballot require 73 signatures and are due at the district offices by April 19.

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Not everyone goes nuts over matzah

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Squirrels have been hanging out in my attic. I don't know how they are getting in, and I wish they would stay out. They bring in nuts, chew on storage boxes, and leave droppings.

Mind you, I don't generally go up in the attic because I might hit my head on a beam or brush against a spider web or see boxes of clutter that I can't bring myself to purge. Except for getting beamed, these are the same reasons I prefer to stay out of the basement.

I didn't have to enter the attic to know that critters were up there. In the quiet of the night I could hear the scampering sounds. For a few months I was in denial. I let myself believe that the tiny, clawed paws were traveling around outside the house on the snow-covered roof. It was just my bionic ear that was making the sounds seem much closer. Yeah, that's right.

Finally my husband put a trap in the attic and caught a squirrel.

"It was a friendly kind," I told my dad.

"The squirrel was friendly?" he asked.

"No, the squirrel was ticked off. I'm talking about the trap. The trap is friendly. It doesn't harm the animal," I explained.

Commentary:

From Robin's Nest



A squirrel was captured just 45 minutes after Jeff first installed the trap. I was hoping that this squirrel had acted alone in using our attic as a secret getaway. But no, he or she had spread the word and/or had not been discreet in entering the hideaway.

Weeks later I came out of the shower and saw that the attic steps were pulled down.

"Daddy took another squirrel out of the attic," my daughter explained.

The attic steps pull down right in front of my bedroom door.

"How am I supposed to get into my room to get dressed?" I said. "I'm not going anywhere near that opening. What if another squirrel comes down?"

"The squirrel was so cute, mom," replied Rachel.

"The squirrel you saw was in a cage," I said.

"Mom, if there is another squirrel up there it won't come out. It'll be afraid of us."

"The squirrel may not come down on purpose, but if it pokes its head out and I scream, the animal may get startled and fall

out and then we'll have a squirrel loose inside the house pooping all over the place."

Soon my husband returned from releasing the squirrel in a nearby field. "Did you drive around for a while so the squirrel wouldn't be able to trace the route back to our house?" I asked.

"The cage was on the floor. The squirrel couldn't see what roads we were on. He took off as soon as I released the cage door. He didn't even eat the cracker in the trap."

Why didn't the squirrel eat the cracker? Did the squirrel see the cracker as the "bread of affliction" and decide to declare a hunger strike at the hands of his enslaver? Is it possible to draw a connection between this squirrel's anti-cracker stance and the feeling some humans have about matzah, the "unleavened bread" eaten during the Jewish holiday of Passover?

Passover, which began Monday night, celebrates the Jews' escape from slavery in Egypt more than 3,000 years ago. In the rush of the exodus, there wasn't time to allow dough to rise and make leavened bread. In remembrance, we eat matzah on Passover.

"Matzah is icky," proclaimed my daughter as I discussed my Passover shopping list one evening. "It tastes like cardboard. It could BE cardboard."

"Matzah is not supposed to

be a culinary delight," I said. But then, she knows this.

"Egg matzah is OK," she said, "and matzah that is covered in chocolate."

I pushed her to think more about the holiday. "Why do we celebrate Passover?" I asked. She said, "Why do WE, as in our family, celebrate? Or do you mean why do the Jews celebrate?" "Either one."

"Because God told us to," she said.

"Yes, but why?" I pressed.

Then my husband jumps in and says that technically she's right and that God commanded us to teach the story to each generation.

I said, "Yeah, yeah, I know. But why is it important? What are Jews celebrating? I know you know this stuff."

She said, "We were slaves and now we aren't."

"Ah, now we're talking."

"Yeah, so we sit around and talk for like four hours about Moses did this, and Pharaoh did that, and there were plagues and all this other stuff," she said.

For the record, a seder in our home has never lasted anywhere near four hours.

She continued, "We were slaves and now we aren't. Why don't we just say that? It would be a lot quicker."

"Do you think it was easy being a slave? Do you think it was easy wandering through the desert for

40 years on the way to freedom? We are supposed to be taking time to reflect on these things," I said.

She said, "Matzah ball soup is yummy."

A few days later I was talking to my father about Passover. I told him about my conversation with Rachel, how she said matzah is icky. He said, "Back in biblical times, do you think they had different kinds depending on who cooked it? You know, nowadays we have Manischewitz, Streits, etc."

I explained, "There's a standard recipe. And the whole process, including the prep and baking, must be done within 18 minutes so the dough doesn't have time to rise."

"No kidding."

Then we had a discussion about how matzah makes many people constipated.

"So is it meant to torture us for a week?" said my dad.

I said, "You know it's meant to remind us of how we left Egypt in haste. And the requirement is to eat matzah at the seder. You don't have to eat it for a week."

Which brings me back to the second squirrel we helped free from our attic, the one who left the cracker. Rachel says, "He probably thought it was matzah."

I say, "Enough with the matzah-bashing." I happen to think the stuff is tolerable, especially topped with whipped butter and a dash of salt.

Back 2 Basics

facebook.com/b2bcomic 03/31/10 By Matt Zalen

UN-OH, LOOKS LIKE SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE ANGRY AT EACH OTHER AFTER DOING WAR GAME EXERCISES TOGETHER!

OH, IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

IT ISN'T?

NO, I MEAN, WHEN WE PLAY 'RISK' OR 'AXIS AND ALLIES' WE ALWAYS GET INTO FIGHTS, BUT THEN WE JUST GET OVER IT.

MATZAH, THESE GUYS ARE DOING REAL MILITARY DRILLS, NOT PLAYING BOARD GAMES. I'M PRETTY SURE THEIR ARGUMENTS ARE A BIT DIFFERENT.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

TIME WARNER CABLE

Albany Almanac

Record high/low/year		
AVERAGE HIGH 52°	AVERAGE LOW 32°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, March 31	89°/1998	12°/1923
Thursday, April 1	77°/1986	9°/1923
Friday, April 2	69°/1967	17°/1964
Saturday, April 3	79°/1981	16°/1954
Sunday, April 4	79°/1950	14°/1954
Monday, April 5	82°/1928	15°/1982
Tuesday, April 6	82°/1921	14°/1943

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION
7.59 inches as of Friday, March 26th
.01 inches below average

This week in weather
April 5th 1982 - An unprecedented April blizzard began in the northeastern U.S. One to two feet of snow fell across Massachusetts and Connecticut, and up to 26 inches was reported in Maine. New York City received a foot of snow. Albany recorded 17.3 inches of snow.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:39am	7:20pm
Thursday	6:38am	7:21pm
Friday	6:36am	7:22pm
Saturday	6:34am	7:23pm
Sunday	6:32am	7:25pm
Monday	6:31am	7:26pm
Tuesday	6:29am	7:27pm

Moon Phases
April 6 Last
April 14 New

Planets	When	Where
Saturn	Dusk	Rising ESE
Mars	Evening	Vy High S
Venus	Dusk	Vy Low W
Mercury	Dusk	Vy Low W

Rivers & Recreation

River Levels

Hudson River					Mohawk River				
10	14	23.8	26	24	15	281	223	20	
6.2	8.9	18.6	18.6	8.5	271	214	14.7		

Levels as of March 26, 2010

North Creek • Hadley • Fort Edward • Troy • Little Falls • Tribes Hill • Schoenectady • Cohoes

STAGE LEVEL
FLOOD STAGE

Factoid

Although April is a spring month, the average April snowfall in Albany is about 3 inches. In April 2003, Albany received 5.6", bringing the seasonal total to a whopping 105.4 inches.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	6:38am, 6:57pm	12:44am, 1:15pm
Thursday	7:24am, 7:43pm	1:31am, 2:05pm
Friday	8:11am, 8:30pm	2:18am, 2:55pm
Saturday	8:58am, 9:18pm	3:06am, 3:45pm
Sunday	9:47am, 10:09pm	3:56am, 4:37pm
Monday	10:38am, 11:03pm	4:48am, 5:30pm
Tuesday	11:32am, -----	5:43am, 6:23pm

G'land residents plead for equity in budget cuts

Middle school German, special education services on the chopping block

By RYAN MUNKS
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At its Tuesday, March 23, meeting, the Guilderland Board of Education held an informal hearing on the 2010-11 school budget, with the public urging the district to be equitable in making cuts to balance the budget.

The public comments began with two parents urging the district to not raise kindergarten class sizes.

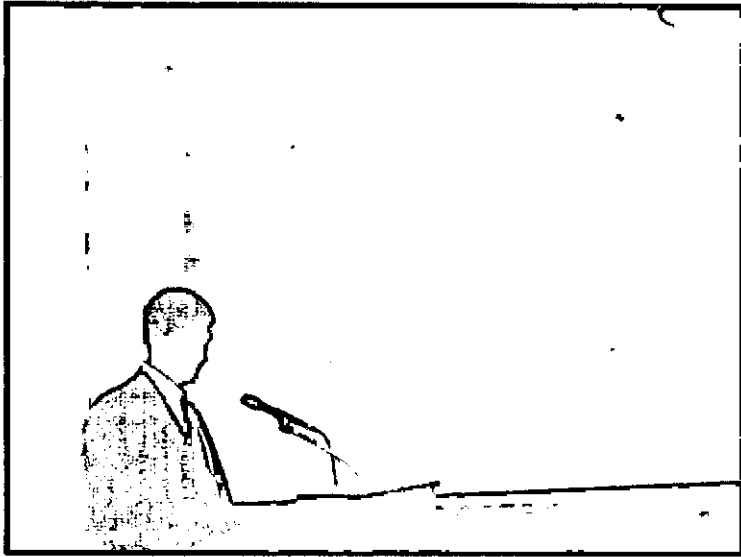
"The chances that 24 5-year-olds are going to be in a room for six hours - it's not going to be effective," said Joanne Ryan.

Ryan's husband, Tim Ryan, said a number of other items cut from the budget can be replaced over time, but "what you can't take back is a kid's first year in the school district."

Christy McCain, the mother of a special needs student currently sent out of district for services, at a cost of \$60,000 per year, said the district should consider providing more in-house services for special needs students.

"Providing programs within would be much more cost-effective," she said.

Kevin Mawson, the father of a student with Down's syndrome at Farnsworth Middle School, said the cuts of 36.3 special



Assistant Superintendent Neil Sanders gives a brief overview of the proposed budget for the 2010-11 school year at a Tuesday, March 23 meeting.
Ryan Munks/Spotlight

education teaching assistants and the special education administrator at the middle school, are not equitable.

"I beg of you to make sure cuts that are made are fair and equitable to all students," he said.

A number of people advocating for the continuation of the middle school's German-language program noted statistics about use of the German in the world today, and said the language offering makes the district unique.

"It saddens me to think the great opportunity open to me won't be open to younger students," said Sarah Jones, a sixth-grader at Farnsworth.

After the public comment period, Neil Sanders, assistant superintendent for business for the district, gave a brief synopsis of the budget as it currently stands.

He talked about balancing the \$7 million budget deficit through a 3.61 percent increase in the tax levy, the use of rainy day funds, program cuts and cutting 10.7 elementary teaching positions, 4.65 middle school teaching positions and 7 high school teaching positions.

The budget also calls for the elimination of 36.3 special education teaching positions and a number of administration and support positions.

"We have to balance students' needs and taxpayers," said

Sanders.

After his brief presentation, each member of the School Board commented on information they would like from the school district, and what they would like to see put back, or taken out of the budget.

School Board President Richard Weisz gave the most long-winded list of concerns to the district's administration.

"Do we, as a board, have any say in the health-care options we can offer the staff?" he said.

He also suggested raising the costs of parking passes to \$100, and using the extra money to fund co-curricular activities.

Weisz inquired about the costs of keeping the foreign language program intact and restoring some of the special education teaching positions. He also asked the district to consider the feasibility of bringing special education students who are currently attending private school back into the district.

Cathy Barber, vice-president of the school board, said she was also concerned about staffing levels in special education. She also voiced her concerns about the district completely cutting the Foreign Language Elementary School program, or FLES.

"I'm concerned about completely eliminating FLES. ... Once these things are gone, they don't tend to come back very easily," she said.

Barber also wanted more

information about interest in the district's German program.

"I've been hearing over the years about a low enrollment in German, and that has been an issue," she said.

A number of board members brought up concerns over the elimination of the teacher leader positions, which help to guide curriculum. Board Member Judy Slack said the addition of an administrator position will not be sufficient to make up for the loss of the teacher leader positions.

Board Members Emilio Genzano and Barbara Fraterrigo said they were concerned about costs associated with the district's implementation of full-day kindergarten, and Fraterrigo put forth the idea to return to the half day format.

"Half-day kindergarten, I think, is something we really need to look at," said Fraterrigo. "We lived without it for so many years, and our kids were still successful."

Cuneo said she wanted the district to present the board with different options, in a tiered system.

"I'm curious to know if there are any more options we can be presented with," she said.

The board will have a special meeting on Wednesday, March 31, and will vote on the budget at the Tuesday, April 13, meeting. The budget will then be presented to voters for approval on Tuesday, May 18.

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

If it meets, it's already political

New Scotland is considering a law that would change the terms and establish a code of conduct for members of the town's Planning Board.

Editorial

The law would discourage absenteeism in board members, which is a good thing, and would create shorter Planning Board terms with more turnover, which, if you manage to retain a body of institutional memory on the board, isn't such a bad thing either.

Local Law D of 2010, would change terms of appointments to four years, as opposed to the current seven. It would also limit each member to three consecutive terms. The law allows for termed-out members to return after two years.

Opponents of the law, including Planning Board member and former chairman Robert Stapf, say it would make appointments "politically motivated."

They're right, but not to the end they think they are.

First of all, the phrase "politically motivated" is a strange one. It carries with it a negative connotation that its cousin, "civic minded," does not, although a person or act could conceivably be described by either phrase, depending on the observer's political leanings.

Secondly, it never ceases to amaze us at *The Spotlight* that someone would be surprised that something that happens in the realm of local politics would be "politically motivated."

It's like going to a basketball game and being upset at the visiting team — not because they're beating your team, but because they are trying to.

Everything in politics is politically motivated. Psychologist and science journalist Daniel Goleman once said that even "calling a meeting is a political act in itself."

So it goes without saying that Planning Board appointments, just like any appointment, are politically motivated. In local elections, the ones that most closely represent what the constituency wants, to the victor goes the spoils, and one of the spoils of winning a town council position is to try to appoint someone you feel is the best candidate to a certain position. More often than not — and no one should be surprised by this — that individual will have the same political leanings as the person nominating them.

So to say that this law and the appointments it will allow are politically motivated is to ignore the fact that all laws and appointments are politically motivated.

Proper pruning will keep azaleas and rhododendrons in good shape

By SUE PEZZOLLA

The author is a community educator with the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Albany County.

In general, azaleas and rhododendron rarely need pruning. Perhaps that is why so many people question whether or not they can be pruned. It is a common question to the horticultural hotline here at Extension offices, proving that pruning is a mystery to most homeowners.

Basically pruning falls into two categories: maintenance and rejuvenation. For rhodies the best time to prune is early in the season immediately after flowering because buds for the next year's bloom will be set during the summer or early fall.

Deadheading is an important part of maintenance and should be done when the petals fade by grasping the spent flower head and wiggling gently until it snaps off. This process ensures that the plant will not spend energy making seeds but rather on setting new buds. Deadheading a large-leaved rhododendron is an easy task, but azaleas require more care as the forming buds can be damaged.

Dead branches are always removed first and then the shape of the plant can best be considered. For the broad-leaved types, prune for shape above growth joints — the visible joint where the plant started to grow. This is where the dormant growth buds are located.

Azaleas and small-leaved rhododendrons can be pruned anywhere along the



Pruning falls into two categories: maintenance and rejuvenation. For rhodies the best time to prune is early in the season immediately after flowering because buds for the next year's bloom will be set during the summer or early fall.

stem because dormant buds are everywhere. Pruning for shape is a consideration for new plantings, especially as an early start on the right path may

make pruning chores fewer in future years.

Pruning for rejuvenation is done when a shrub is very large and unproductive. Often a new homeowner will "inherit" an overgrown landscape and then proper pruning is the first order. Late winter or early spring is the best time to severely cut back a very large rhododendron. It can be cut back to stumps with no leaves and may take a year to re-grow some foliage and two to three years to produce flowers. However, the safest way for homeowners in the Capital District (zones 4 and 5) to approach severe pruning would be to do it incrementally over two to three years, one third of the shrub per year. Take the branches back to a whorl of leaves and supplement

with a slow-release fertilizer such as cottonseed meal and dried manures.

One word of caution would be to identify the type if the rhody is very large and lanky. The Rosebay or Rhododendron maximum is a native understory rhododendron, and its habit is to be loose and open, so before cutting, be sure that the plant is truly overgrown. One clue would be its use: The Rosebay is not a foundation plant but rather is used at the perimeter of a landscape, especially in a wooded setting under trees.

If severe pruning is needed, patience is required as the ugly duckling becomes a swan.

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Last week's poll results:

Question: "What's the cure for Spring Fever in the Capital District?"

- Go to the park. If there are any left.: 34%
- Go house hunting in nearby Connecticut and Massachusetts.: 13%
- Sit back and watch the State Legislature implode. As exciting as fireworks and billions of dollars more expensive.: 27%
- More cowbell.: 24%

This week's question:

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

I can't support this school budget... Neither can we

Editor, The Spotlight:

As someone who has been to almost every budget meeting for the past two years, I really wanted a budget that I could support.

I went from being a "No, no matter what" to someone who is concerned about the overall educational experience of the Bethlehem Central School District's kids.

However, without a significant contribution by the teachers union, this is not a budget I can support. It looks as if the union is hosing the board and the administration again this year. Any concessions that come after the budget is finalized is another year of giving

it to the taxpayers.

This is a year with no significant cost of living increase, and teachers getting 2-percent-plus on top of step increases is just not warranted.

New York State United Teachers is only interested in political power, not the kids or even its own teachers. I venture to say that with a significant reduction by the union that no teachers' jobs would have been lost, so now let it be on their head.

If even more jobs are lost because of a contingency budget, so be it.

It also struck me that if special

education would have to take a \$200,000-plus hit in a contingency budget, then all of the ballooning costs to it could not be from unfunded mandates.

Lastly, it is easy to say that full-day kindergarten was an error in retrospect, it was actually a bad decision from the beginning.

As I said before, lesson number one in not for profits is never start a program without a clear funding source.

This was always going to end up in the taxpayers lap. Taxpayer funded daycare.

Philip W. Carter
Slingerlands

Editor, The Spotlight:

We have been residents of the Town of Bethlehem since 1972 and have always strongly supported our school system and school budget.

My two daughters received an outstanding public school education while attending Bethlehem schools. We oppose the over 3-percent increase in our school taxes for the 2010-11 year. We feel at this time it is imperative to put a freeze or cap on public school salaries and New York State payroll salaries. At the expense of losing some teaching positions, why not renegotiate with the teachers union and freeze salaries for one year?

This possibility would certainly speak well for our present economic state.

We hope other Bethlehem residents will support our same feelings.

Mr. And Mrs. William Jones
Delmar

Messina represents the people Dash an example of Delmar's rich history

Editor, The Spotlight:

For many years my neighbors and I have sought town and state department of transportation attention to our problems on River Road in Glenmont.

Under four administrations, headed by both Republicans and Democrats, no one at the

Town level even bothered to truly investigate our complaints.

However, Sam Messina took the time to actually come down to River Road and see for himself that our complaints had substance. He has subsequently begun action to correct the road problems and further remediation is

promised in the spring.

For the first time in 23 years living in Town of Bethlehem, I feel as if residents of this area are getting representation for our tax dollars.

Thank you, Supervisor Messina.

Barbara Burt
Glenmont

IN BRIEF

Delmar Fresh Air Fund looking for host families

The Delmar Fresh Air Fund, a service available for low-income children from New York City, is looking for host families to give the children an opportunity to experience suburban and rural life for two weeks.

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Women's club to host luncheon

The New York Capital District Christian Women's Club will host its "April

Showers Bring Umbrellas" Luncheon on April 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Evans Public House in on Rt. 20 in Gunderland.

The event will include lunch, a guest speaker and musical performance. To register, call Nancy at 869-0642 or Joyce at 235-4297. Cost is \$13.50, and cash only will be accepted.

Historical Society to host card party

The Bethlehem Historical Association invites you to attend their

annual Card and Board Game party on Thursday, April 8, from 7 to 9 p.m.

In addition to having a good time socializing with friends and neighbors, there will be refreshments and door prizes.

For additional fun, you might consider wearing a spring bonnet. In fact, your homemade creation might win you a prize! So plan to join us at the Cedar Hill School House on the corner of Clapper and River Road.

The cost is \$10 per person. Call Marion Zrelac, 767 9072.

Editor, The Spotlight:

The definition of community is a social group of any size, whose members reside in a specific locality, share government, and often have a common cultural and historical heritage.

In our own community of Delmar, our historical heritage will be on display with the 22nd running of the Delmar Dash on Sunday, April 11, starting at 9 a.m.

My firm, Bryant Asset Protection, is proud to be an ongoing sponsor of this event. We take great pride in supporting our

community as it comes together for a great athletic event in which all of our neighbors are involved - from children to retirees. I'm always thrilled and excited to see friends take advantage of the beautiful spring weather, watch parents and children doing athletic things together, and best of all - run in the neighborhood that I call home.

This year's running will be at a later date than usual due to the Easter holiday. The course is very flat and allows for great times over the five-

mile course.

I am even fortunate to run by my house each year and wave to my dog as she sits on the lawn watching the runners go by. Many of my own friends and clients wave and cheer on the runners as they go by their homes in Old Delmar.

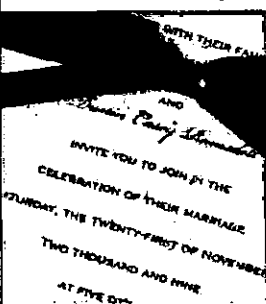
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Mark T. Bryant
Delmar

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School's Out earns kudos

Bethlehem program one of first to receive accreditation

By CHARLES WIFF
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A Bethlehem nonprofit company providing before- and after-school supervision for Bethlehem Central elementary students is one of the first such programs in the state to be recognized as performing above and beyond state standards by the After School Works! New York program.

A state membership association and official state affiliate of the National After School Association, After School Works! this year selected 15 programs across the state for a pilot accreditation program. School's Out, Inc.'s Hamagrael Elementary operations being once of them.

"There was about 50 standards we had to meet that go above and beyond

the state requirement," said Executive Director Jayne Maloney. "It covers all aspects of the program."

School's Out, Inc. serves about 500 children daily at each of Bethlehem Central's six elementary schools, along with overflow instruction at a Delaware Avenue location. It's useful for parents whose schedules don't mesh well with the school day, as the program goes from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. daily.

The after-school accreditation program will be expanded to examine other programs in the fall, and Maloney hopes that School's Out's other Bethlehem sites will receive recognition, as well, as the programming is largely identical across all six programs.

"We just haven't been formally recognized. We still are running quality programs right across the

board," she said.

Kids participating in School's Out can choose from activities ranging from playing in the gym, arts and crafts, board games, computer activities and educational programs.

"It's a free choice program, so the kids kind of pick and choose what activities they want to be involved in, Maloney said.

For those workers at Hamagrael, the accreditation is an affirmation of the work the company has been performing for 25 years.

"We're all very proud, all the staff are pretty proud," said Danielle Cooper, site manager for the Hamagrael operations. She echoed Maloney's hope that the group's other locations will be recognized in the near future.

Besides meeting the needs of parents' schedules, the program



The before- and after-school program at Hamagrael Elementary was recently awarded accreditation by the state After School Works! New York program for performing beyond the state-mandated requirements. From left to right, sitting: Kevin Stempsey, Amye Barends, Galen Murphy; standing: Sarah Hendry, Sarah Sottile, Danielle Cooper, Katie Wicks, Courtney Selford, and Elizabeth Coggins.

works well for many college students who staff it. They can take care of the kids in the mornings and afternoons then head to class during the day.

"A lot of my staff

are going to work to be teachers or social workers," said Cooper.

School's Out rents district facilities for \$44,000 annually, by far the largest user of

school facilities. Annual usage fees are expected to increase to \$53,000 under a new facility usage fees schedule recently approved by the school board.

Bethlehem aims to push 20/20 plan ahead

Committees to be formed to implement three planks of plan platform

By CHARLES WIFF
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Months after a long-term study was submitted, the Town of Bethlehem will be taking action to move recommendations made in the 20/20 Advisory Committee's report forward.

The Town Board voted unanimously Wednesday, March 24, to move forward an implementation plan that would see the formation of three committees tasked

with studying the original report's three core areas for improvement: economic development, cooperation between the taxing districts in town and town government operations.

Supervisor Sam Messina put forward the resolution, and said a letter from his office will be going out soon to the 26 former 20/20 Committee members inviting them to participate in the process.

Councilman Mark Hennessey said the original plan benefited from having a large number of voices involved, but also suggested the town look further than the original

group to engage in these follow up studies.

"I think it's really important to bring new voices into this discussion," he said.

Messina has drafted an implementation schedule that will be fine-tuned and released in coming days, and said he thinks Town Board members should have involvement in the upcoming process.

The Town Board suggested a representative from each taxing district in town be on the taxing jurisdiction committee. This would include the school district and fire districts.

Councilman Kyle

Kotary said it's important to note many of the committee's original recommendations have been implemented, including advancing open space preservation, consolidating water service and creating a capital plan.

He also expressed support for forming the committees and moving the rest of the 20/20 recommendations forward.

"These three proposals, rather than kick off the 20/20 plan...complete our work," he said. "We've already made progress and we've been making progress."

The 20/20 Advisory

Committee submitted its final report to the town in June 2009. The group started meeting in late 2008 with the goal of examining where the town would be in the year 2020 and how to best meet the town's goals by this deadline.

Messina said he has no intention of letting the plan languish in committee.

"I've spent my life working for bureaucracy, and I'm not doing this to be bureaucratic," he said.

Kotary echoed that sentiment and cautioned the town cannot let its drive be lost.

"This, by no means, shirks our responsibility...from being able to analyze and make decisions."

IN BRIEF

Library to host presentations

This spring, the Albany Public Library will host the following book discussions and speakers on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Main Library on Washington Avenue:

• April 6: U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko will discuss alternative energy.

• April 13: "Pops: A Life of Louis Armstrong" by Terry Teachout will be discussed with Greg Haymes, musician and writer.

• April 20: Albany City Court Judge Helena Heath-Roland will speak about women who have inspired her.

• April 27: "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs" by David Lehman will be discussed with attorney Richard C. King.

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Bethlehem employee recognized for work

Sayward credited for \$300K in savings at water division

By CHARLES WIFF
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Twenty-seven years ago, Richard Sayward was working as a laborer for the Town of Bethlehem, mowing the grass and sweeping the halls at the town's water treatment plant. Today, he's in charge of the town's water treatment operations and, on March 19, he was recognized for his work.

Sayward was awarded the 2009 Management Innovation Award by the Capital Branch of the American Public Works Association, in large part due to his work to find about \$300,000 in savings by improving the town's water treatment operations.

"That's one of the first times I've been recognized for the work we do at the water plant," said Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator Sayward, who accepted the award at the group's annual awards luncheon.

He was nominated by Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Erik Deyoe, who serves as secretary for the local Public Works Association branch.

"His whole crew does a great job, and I was just thankful we were able to

get them recognition," Deyoe said.

Sayward was largely responsible for changing the way the town draws water into its New Salem Water Treatment Plant.

"At every one of our facilities we have a cost associated with how much it costs to produce water," Sayward said. "I went back through past operating data and looked at all the information we had...and it had appeared to me there was water in that aquifer that we could use that we never had used in the past."

Not unlike an oil tycoon, Sayward's research found the town's well field had excess capacity. The upgrades his study led to an increase in the town's water supply permit from 400,000 to 1 million gallons of water per day.

"What that allows us to do is shift more away from some of more expensive sources of production," Deyoe said.

The town can continue realizing the improvements every year.

Sayward was also recognized at a Town Board meeting on Wednesday, March 24.

"Richard Sayward is the type of employee and leader that every supervisor wants to be part of his team," Supervisor Sam Messina later said.

In 2008, the New

Salem Water Treatment Plant was in the news due to mercury leaks from water meters there. The town was eventually fined by the Department of Environmental Conservation and had to replace the outdated meters.

Sayward said the new equipment has not only eliminated the possibility of another mercury mishap, but makes day-to-day operations much smoother.

"We got a clean bill of health from DEC, everything's been cleaned up," he said. "We should never have to go there ever again... We have made some significant improvements."

The next big development for the water department will be the construction of a new facility to replace the aging New Scotland Water Treatment Plant. Planning started in 2005, and officials hope that the

project can shift into gear this year.

"We're still looking at some different alternatives and we're working with consultants to pin down a solution that will work for our community in the long run," Deyoe said.

But having a new facility on the horizon makes working with aging equipment all the more frustrating, especially when it breaks, as the town discovered in September of last year when damage was

found in the New Scotland Plant's backwash lines and clarifiers. Repairs were priced at over \$100,000.

"That's the most difficult part to do, is spend that good money on something that should have been replaced a while ago," Sayward said.

Sayward is an avid outdoorsman who also plays golf. He's enjoyed 28 years of marriage and recently attended his son's wedding.

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Bethlehem Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator Richard Sayward, left, with American Public Works Association Capital Branch President John Reardon, accepting the group's 2009 Management Innovation Award. Sayward is credited with department upgrades that have resulted in savings of \$300,000.

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Guilderland BOE cautious about special ed study

Board members say \$45,000 could be better spent elsewhere

By RYAN MUNKS
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In the wake of a budget hearing Tuesday, March 23, the Guilderland Board of Education put off a vote to hire a consulting firm to study the district's special education program and provide recommendations on cost savings.

Superintendent John McGuire said time was of the essence in authorizing the \$45,000 study, but the school board said it wanted more information about the study, and, considering the cuts sustained by the program in this year's budget, next year's offering would be essentially a different program.

"It's going to be two different

programs. It seems that way, at least," said board member Julie Cuneo.

Board Member Barbara Fraterrigo said the \$45,000 would be better spent to patch the gaps in the budget.

"It's smarter to look at what you're going to be doing next year," she said.

Board Member Colleen O'Connell said she felt she was not provided with enough information about the study from the Special Education Study Committee, which vetted consultants before deciding on the Future Education Group.

"I think, as a committee, you can tell us what you did, what the options are, and what this entails," she said.

Not all board members agreed that the study should be put off.

"I think we are shooting

the committee in the foot," said board member Denise Eisele. "The board directed the committee to do the work, and this is the recommendation of the committee."

McGuire urged the board to pass the measure.

"I would suggest to you that this needs to be done now," he said.

He said the study was needed to find savings in the district's \$8 million to \$9 million per year special education program.

"[The Future Education Group] reported to us they were able to find cost savings in the vast majority of districts in which they have worked," he said.

Board President Richard Weisz decided to table the measure until the Tuesday, April 13, meeting after realizing there wouldn't be enough

votes to authorize the study. Weisz ended the discussion by reminding the board of the cost of the district's special education program.

"We can't afford a program that goes up 7 percent a year," he said.

Board hears bus measure

The school board also tabled the measure that would send the school bus bond referendum to voters along with the district's budget. The board members said they wanted to consider the school bus bond along with the district's budget.

The 2010-11 bus proposal includes six, 66-passenger school buses, two wheelchair accessible buses, three 30-passenger buses, two minivans, and a pick-up truck for the maintenance department. The proposal comes at a cost of \$1 million.

Christine Sagendorf, transportation supervisor for the district, said the proposal includes the smaller buses and minivans because they are more efficient in transporting students to private school, a responsibility of the district's.

"We use those vehicles all year round. They go through more wear and tear," she said. She said the smaller buses cost around \$50,000, as opposed to the larger buses' \$100,000 price tag.

Under the proposal, the district will be operating at a loss of two buses. Sagendorf said the district will make up for the loss by extending certain buses beyond their 10-year lifespan.

"We feel that given the state of the economy, and the times, we would try to extend buses beyond that 10-year period," she said.

Bethlehem to consolidate water users

The Town of Bethlehem will be adding 543 parcels to its Water District No. 1, effectively placing all the town's water customers under the same umbrella.

The Town Board unanimously approved the district expansion Wednesday, March 24. Applications will not be submitted

to the Department of Environmental Conservation, which will likely take several months to review the action.

Department of Public Works Commissioner Josh Cansler explained how the town has been unable to extend the district to a handful of parcels around town, such as during times

of drought when a state restriction was imposed on additions.

"To be honest, the town kind of fell behind on extending the district to all the water users we have over the last 15, 20 years," Cansler said.

Despite a DEC moratorium on district additions, the town

extended water service to many parcels, making them customers existing outside of the water district. Such customers do not pay a water department tax, but pay double the base rate for water used.

This generally works out to a higher water bill. Cansler said the owner of a \$300,000 house using 65,000 gallons of water a year would have an annual bill of \$537 outside the district, about \$84 more than the same user inside the district.

The change will work in favor for 90 to 95 percent of the parcels being added, he continued.

That will take a small bite out of the water

department's revenues, which has already been compensated for, Cansler said.

The Town Board praised the expansion on the grounds water customers will be receiving the same treatment. Councilman Mark Hennessey said he's glad the town can provide services to taxpayers, "not by raising taxes, but by tightening our belts."

The expansion will also bring the 23-parcel South Albany Water District into Water District No. 1. Customers in New Scotland will be unaffected by the change, as the Town of Bethlehem does not have the power to impose taxes on those users.

-Charles Wiff

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Local students enjoy success at spelling bee

Finalists earn a spot at next year's contest

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Sophie Calderon may not have won the entire Greater Capital Region Spelling Bee on Monday, March 15, but she still thinks she's a winner, especially considering she landed on the stage at Proctor's Theater almost by accident.

"This is my first time ever doing a spelling bee. I wasn't that great of a speller, but I thought I might as well do my best, and I won my school spelling bee and then was one of three kids from the district that went to the regional one," said Calderon, a fifth-grader who represented Scotia-Glenville.

Calderon said she started studying a lot more once she learned she was heading to the regional bee. Over the course of about five weeks, she carried around a spelling notebook where she wrote down words to practice, challenging just about anybody around to quiz her.

"People would quiz me at school, my friends, my mom helped me at home, and if there was nobody around, I'd go on a Web site and quiz myself," said Calderon, who wrote down any words she misspelled five times each.

Even though she was nervous, Calderon said she was proud to know her school and district were counting on her. To keep her composure, she didn't rush, thought about each

word before speaking and even wrote some out on her arm with her finger.

"I was a little nervous but mostly excited because I knew I was representing Scotia-Glenville. I know my friends were proud because four of them came to the bee and were there to cheer me on," said Calderon. "It felt a little overwhelming once it got closer, but I had a good time overall."

Calderon said she made it to the fourth round before misspelling "pneumatic," a word she said she will never forget how to spell. She wants to do it again next year when she knows she could get even further.

"I didn't study as much as I could have, so if I did more during my free time I think I could do better next year," she said. "But I can't change anything anymore, so now I know what to work on for next time."

There were about 10 rounds before the final round, which further whittled the competition down to five finalists. Noah Pappas, a Bethlehem seventh-grader, came in fourth place after spending five hours on stage and competing against more than 100 students from 11 counties.

"It felt good to be a finalist, but it wasn't that hard because I've been good at [spelling] for a while. It was fun," said Pappas, who did bees at the school level but never the regional. When in doubt or stumped by a word, he asked for the language of origin or definition.

Pappas printed out a

bunch of word lists and studied off them, being quizzed by his mother while juggling volleyball and other activities like bowling and skating. His mom, Darcy Pappas, said she was more nervous than her son and thought his words were particularly difficult.

"It was really nerve-racking because the words he got were incredibly hard; some I didn't even know what they meant and couldn't conjure up how to spell in my mind," said Pappas. "Some of the words kids got were fairly simple, but others, like 'guillotine' or 'narcissistic,' are bigger and I kind of just closed by eyes and hoped [he'd get it right]."

Pappas said her son has been spelling words around the house since he was about 4 or 5 and has a good visual memory and decoding skills, plus she thinks Noah handled the pressure well.

"It must have been hard to have cameras on you and be up there in front of three judges, a presenter, an audience and still adhere to all these specific rules; it was pretty rigid, but this was very prestigious. As the presenter said there were over 100,000 possible candidates, so to make it that far is great," said Pappas.

Noah said he plans to give it another shot next year, something he will definitely get to do along with the other finalists, who are all automatically qualified to participate in the Greater Capital Region Spelling Bee next year. To prepare, he said he plans



More than 100 students from 11 counties competed in the Greater Capital Region Spelling Bee at Proctors Theater on Monday, March 15. Five finalists were selected after a bee that lasted five hours and featured 369 words.

Submitted photo

to put even more time into studying, focusing on etymology and language origins.

Other finalists were Andrew Becker of Ichabod Crane Central School District, Rebecca Natale of St. Mary's Institute and Ahna Pearson of Guelderland Central School District. Ashley LaMere, an eighth grader from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, took first place. She finished third last year.

LaMere won trip with a chaperone to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., a laptop computer, a \$200 and \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, a gift

card and a couple other prizes.

Students participated from Albany, Columbia, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Ulster, Warren and Washington counties

and spelled a total of 369 words. The event aired on Time Warner Cable's Local On Demand channel on Saturday, March 20, and the final round winners will be recognized at a special event at Barnes & Noble in Albany on Friday, April 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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Albany County considers sales tax changes

G'land supervisor says shift would punish town's for county woes

By RYAN MUNKS
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In a memo to town supervisors, the Democratic leaders of the Albany County Legislature warned municipalities that the county is considering decreasing the sales tax distribution to the towns and is looking at the possibility of no longer shouldering the burden of unpaid property taxes.

The memo, sent by a number of legislative leaders, including Chairman Daniel McCoy, D-Albany; Majority Leader Frank Commisso, D-Albany; Deputy Majority Leader Sean Ward, D-Green Island; and Deputy Majority Leader Shawn Morse, D-Cohoes, read, "As part of the analysis for next year's budget, we may be forced into revisiting

"It's not the first time we looked at the distribution of sales tax, and it probably won't be the last time."

Majority Leader
Frank Commisso, D-Albany

our fiscal relationship with the municipalities."

It went on: "One aspect of this analysis may include the distribution of the county's 1 percent sales tax. In addition, the county's assumed responsibility of unpaid taxes will be evaluated."

Ken Runion, supervisor of the Town of Guilderland, said changing the relationship between the entities would be unfair.

"They are punishing

municipalities for the fiscal woes of the county," said Runion.

He said Guilderland receives about \$10 million to \$12 million in its general fund from sales taxes distributed by the county.

The county currently keeps 60 percent of the sales tax, while distributing 40 percent of it to the towns, based on population.

"A 1 percent change in the sales tax formula impacts our tax rate by 12 percent," said Runion.

According to Runion, if the current distribution is changed to 61 percent for the county, and 39 percent to the town, it would cost the town \$100,000.

He also said that a refusal by the county to assume the responsibility for unpaid property taxes may be a violation of state law.

"That's a state mandate. I don't know how they are going

to get around that," he said.

Commisso said the memo was sent simply to let town supervisors know that the sales tax distribution was something being considered by the county and no decision has been made yet.

"We're just three months into our budget," said Commisso. He said that town supervisors have appeared before the County Legislature in the past and requested to be informed when an item affecting town budgets was being considered.

"It's not the first time we looked at the distribution of sales tax, and it probably won't be the last time," Commisso said. "The fiscal forecast ahead is not too bright. ... We have to look at every place in our budget where there may be something left to keep our property taxes where they are, or at a very small increase."

Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina noted that as of now, no proposal has been put forth by the county.

"Right now I'm just watching closely what happens," Messina said.

Colonie Supervisor Paula Mahan said she too will keep a close eye on the situation.

"After following up on the letter, I remain hopeful that the current sales tax distribution will remain unchanged. I will continue to monitor the situation," she said.

Runion acknowledged that no formal proposal has been made by the county, but he said he wants to voice his concerns to the county as soon as possible to show the Legislature the effect that any changes in the town and county's fiscal relationship would have.

Charles Wiff and Dan Sabbatino contributed to this article.

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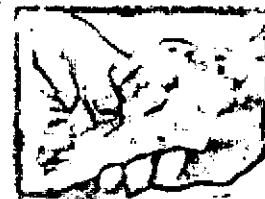
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Westmere voters approve bond to build firehouse

Turnout is one of the highest in recent memory

By RYAN MUNKS
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Voters approved the \$5.27 million bond that would allow the Westmere Fire District to construct a new firehouse in the place of its current facility on Western Avenue. The bond passed 254 to 123.

Fire Commissioner John Keimer said the district is happy with the results of the referendum.

"A 2-to-1 margin, in my opinion, in any election is a very positive outcome," said Keimer.

He said the results show that the issue was not a contentious one

among the community.

The district announced its plans to build the new firehouse in January. At the time, Chief Charles Cahill said, "The current structure is outdated and no longer meets safety and regulatory requirements."

Keimer specifically mentioned the need to repair the heating and air-conditioning, plumbing, and electrical systems, and to repair the building's roofing structure by 2013.

He also said the bay doors to the building would not accommodate future fire trucks, and the piecemeal additions over the decades would make renovations more expensive than replacing the structure.

While the bond approved by voters was for \$5.27 million, the project's cost could reach up to \$6.6 million, according to information from the district. Fire Commissioner Tom Remmert said at a February public information meeting on the project that the \$6.6 million represents the maximum amount the district could spend on the project.

The project includes the deconstruction of the current firehouse, construction of a building to temporarily store two of the district's fire trucks, and the construction of the new firehouse.

"It wouldn't surprise me at all if we came in under budget on

these numbers," said Remmert, at the February meeting.

Phyllis McClarty said she voted yes on the referendum because of her family history with the district.

"My father has been a 50-year member of the fire district. I grew up in the firehouse, and they do a damn good job," she said.

She said she also voted in favor of the bond because of the large percentage of the town served by the fire district.

According to Remmert, one-third of the town's taxable property is within the district.

David Spawn, who served in the district for 39 years, and his wife,

Susan, also voted for the bond because of a family history with the department.

According to Spawn, his grandparents were founding members.

Bill Swartz, a 29-year veteran of the department, also voted for the bond.

"We're getting too big for the firehouse," he said. "It's not up to code; it has to be brought up to standards."

Keimer said that while the firehouse has more than 60 active members who widely supported the referendum, the voter turnout shows the measure is supported by the community as well.

"I think we have about 4,000 registered voters. This [turnout] is almost 10 percent of the

community," he said.

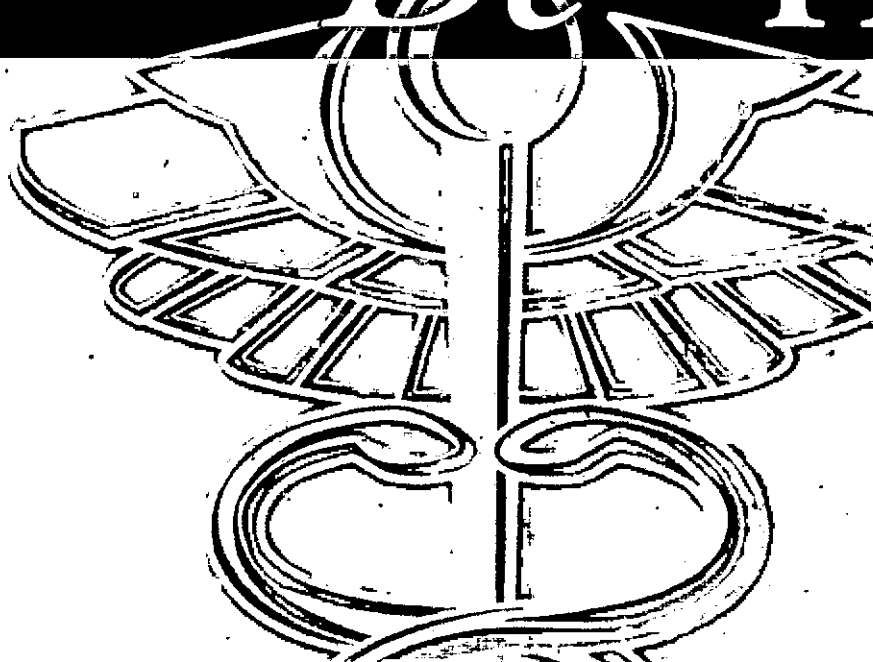
The district's attorney, William Young, said that with the exception of a fire commissioner election six years ago, this voter turnout was the highest he has seen in his 30 years representing the district.

Keimer said the next step the district will take is to solicit bids from contractors for the project. Initially, the district planned to demolish the current firehouse in spring.

"Spring has just sprung, so to say," said Keimer. He said now that the bond has passed, the district will have to take a look at the time tables.

"Pretty soon bulldozers and equipment will be out there," he said.

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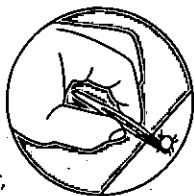
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P.O.V.'s award-winning documentary "The Chances of the World Changing" opens the environmental film series at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m.

Filmmakers Eric Daniel Metzgar and Nell Carden Grey followed Richard Ogust, who dedicated 15 years to rescuing and harboring endangered turtles bound for Southeast Asian food markets. When the filmmakers catch up with the 50-year-old writer, he is sharing his Manhattan loft with 1,200 turtles, including five species extinct in the wild. But his growing "ark" and preservation efforts are threatening to exhaust him, both mentally and financially.

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This event is a collaboration with P.O.V., the award-winning nonfiction film series from PBS. Find out more at www.pbs.org/pov.

The April 8 screening is preceded at 6 p.m. by "Live Turtles," a half-hour program for families about local efforts to rescue and rehabilitate



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More films

The film series continues on Saturday, April 10, at 1 p.m. with "Eating

Alaska," a documentary by Ellen Frankenstein about balancing processed and locally grown foods. At 2 p.m., Mariah Dahl of Honest Weight Food Coop talks about eating locally and sustainably. A screening of "Food, Inc." follows at 3 p.m. Nominated for a 2010 Academy Award, this documentary by Robert Kenner focuses on the industry that underlies the nation's food supply.

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• **People's Choice:** Braden Skripak-Gordon and Christopher Poole for "Around the Corner"

• **Best of the Fest:** Jenson Merriam for "Sweeny Todd"

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Pajama-rama

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Louise Grieco

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Willis and Greenberg are co-authors of the book "Heart of the Matter: The Role of Attitude in Teaching." Their approach offers adults who deal with young people ideas about how to teach empathy, improve students' emotional well-being, and cultivate openness and an

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Closed for Easter

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Barbara Vink

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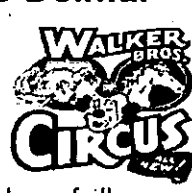
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There will be a Tuesday morning story time for children under age 5 at the library. The theme is friendship, and it's a good day for new families to try out our programs. Story time is at 10:30 in our annex.

The School-Age Construction Zone for younger school kids will reopen on Thursday morning, April 8, from 10:30 to noon. These programs are in the library annex.

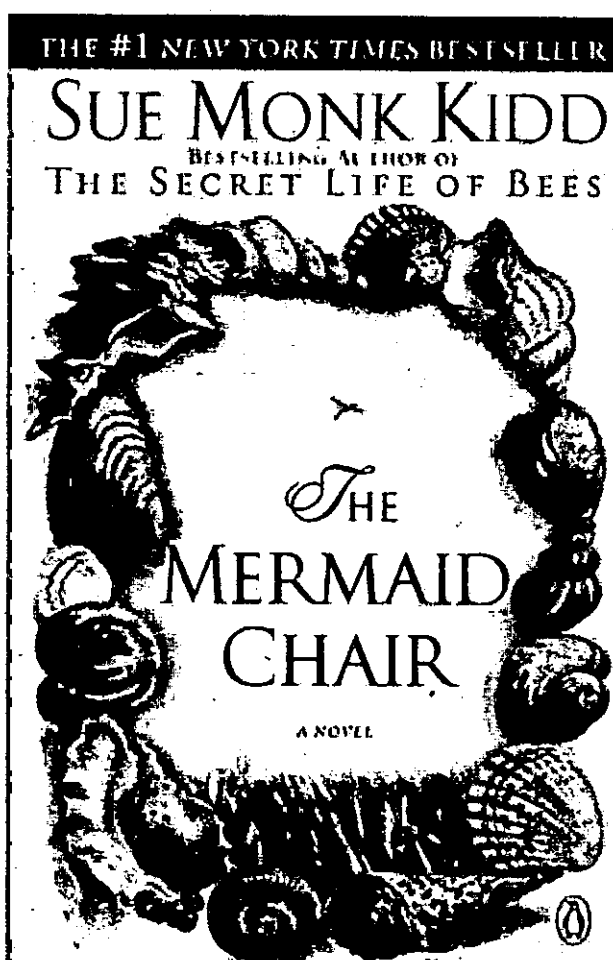
For upper-elementary and middle school students, we'll hold a Drawing Extravaganza (that may involve some paint) on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Linda Miller returns - at last! - with the first of two Poetry Workshops for older teens on Thursday, April 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. Linda is a poet herself, with public reading experience.

RSVPs always help us with our planning. Call 756-2053.

Manage your digital photos

Wouldn't it be great to finally get all of those photos organized? Our beginning computer classes continue on Mondays, April 5 and 12, with instruction on how to organize and edit



The afternoon book group will discuss Sue Monk Kidd's "The Mermaid Chair" on Tuesday, April 6, at 12:30 p.m.

photographs.

Participants will learn to download, save and edit their digital photos. They will also create a short slide show of their favorite photographs. In addition, acquiring photos from the internet and inserting photos into Word documents will be explored. Bring your digital camera and its downloading cable!

Most new digital cameras easily record videos as well as photographs. Now

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Quartet to play in concert series

Anyone who's lived in the Albany area knows of Skip Parsons, and that goes for anyone who follows jazz. The Guilderland Public Library was lucky to be able to book Skip Parsons' Clarinet Marmalade Quartet for a free Second Sunday Concert on April 11 at 2 p.m.

Parsons and his band will play a selection of jazz from New Orleans and Chicago. The program will include music of Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Bix Beiderbecke and several other early jazz pioneers. The band is slated to feature Tim Coakley, drums; Rich Skrika, piano; Woody Strobeck, trombone; and Parsons on clarinet and soprano saxophone.

This quartet consists of four members of Skip Parsons' (seven piece) Riverboat Jazz Band, which is now celebrating 53 years of their musical service to the Northeast area. Parsons' bands have been featured at many performing arts centers, concert halls, jazz festivals, cruise lines, night clubs/restaurants and more. The RJB is in their 39th year at the Fountain Restaurant in Albany where it performs on the second weekend

of every month. It was the official jazz band for ABC at the Lake Placid Olympic Games in 1980 and offers recordings at all its events.

As Parsons is fond of saying, "Jazz is America's only original contribution to the arts."

We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

GPL closed Easter Sunday

The Guilderland Public Library will be closed all day Easter Sunday, April 4. The library will reopen at normal hours at 10 am, Monday, April 5.

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All library programs are free, unless otherwise noted. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. For more information on these programs, or any matter pertaining to the library, contact the library's Public Information Office at 456-2400, ext. 12, or email pio@guilpl.org. To see all the programs that are coming up, visit www.guilpl.org. Become a fan of the library on Facebook, and follow the library on twitter: @GuilderlandLib.

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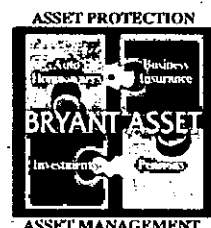
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Submitted photos



IN BRIEF

Register now for kayak trip

Registration for the Great Hudson River Paddle, an eight-day, 100-mile kayaking and camping trip from Albany to Peekskill July 29 to Aug. 5, is now open.

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Group to hold divorce seminar

Women in Insurance and Financial Service will feature guest speaker Dan Burns, attorney and mediator, discussing "How To Avoid a Court Battle When Getting Divorced" on Tuesday, April 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., at the Italian American Community Center.

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April 1st

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at the Repository
10:45 PM Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2nd

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM Celebration of the Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

April 3rd

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
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Awards

(From Page 1)

anywhere else. I thought I was able to do that well with the special-election coverage."

The judges thought so, too. They noted Wiff's "fluid writing that examines many aspects of this intense race" and said Wiff "demonstrates thorough, reliable understanding of [the] race and its importance to the community."

Reporter Dan Sabbatino placed second in the same category for a series of stories on the Town of New Scotland's wrestling with the issue of big-box development in its commercial zone.

The judges said the story was a "well researched and well reported story of a community's opposition to large-scale development."

Sabbatino said covering the issue was a valuable experience.

"I'm glad to have had the opportunity to have covered such a controversial issue, and one that is prevalent in so many other towns across the nation," Sabbatino said.

The awards were the first for Wiff and Sabbatino, who both joined The Spotlight in the summer of 2008.

Spotlight Sports Editor Rob Jonas took home second place in the Sports Feature category for a story on the emerging sport of

cyclocross.

"It's an honor to be recognized by my peers," said Jonas, who has garnered more than a dozen NYPA awards in the decade he has been with The Spotlight. "The cyclocross story was a fun one to work on, and I'm glad the judges thought it was just as fun to read."

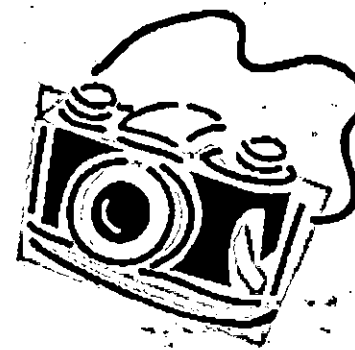
Spotlight Editor Bill DeVoe earned a third place award for "Pop Culture," a column that appears monthly in The Spotlight and on www.spotlightnews.com. This is the third NYPA award DeVoe has earned for the column and his seventh overall.

The Spotlight also took home a paper-wide award for Best Use of Multimedia for its public payroll finder,

a comprehensive database of public employees, their titles and salaries. The public payroll finder is on the paper's Web site, www.spotlightnews.com.

"The Spotlight has taken on an important effort to make public information available online," said the judges.

"I'm very proud of the work our staff is doing," said Spotlight owner and publisher John McIntyre. "At a time when newspapers are getting knocked around a bit, it's invigorating to be reminded of the important work we do in the community. We've delivered insightful, thorough, award-winning journalism for decades now, and we plan on doing so for decades to come."



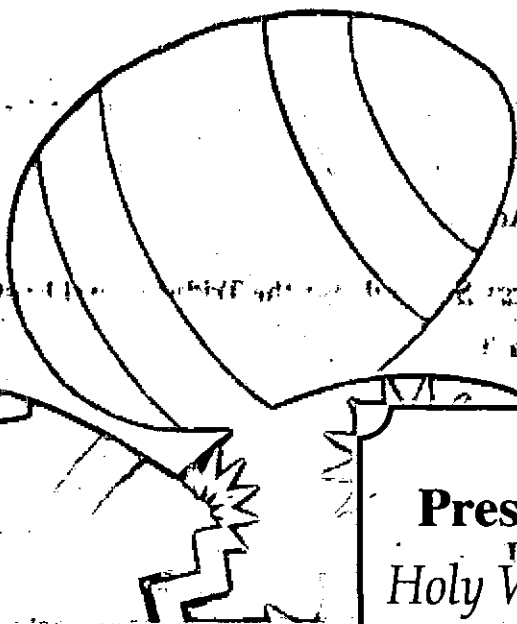
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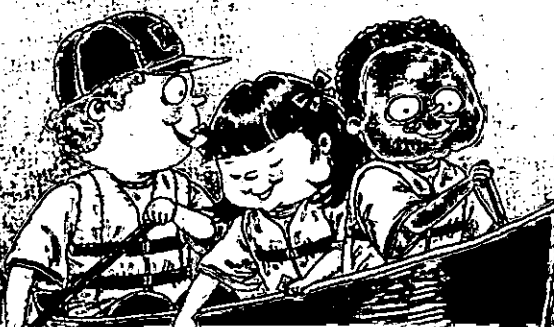
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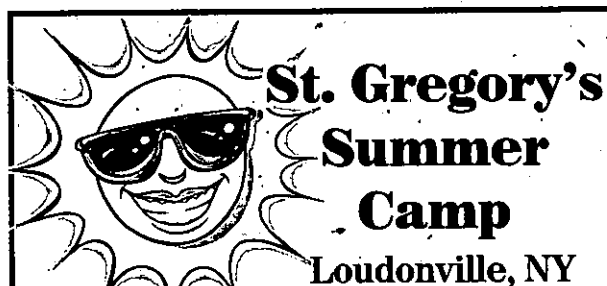
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One village, one party

Your Village Party has been in power since 1979

By DAN SABBATINO
sabbatinod@spotlightnews.com

For more than 30 years, Village of Colonie residents have chosen to let one political party take the reins, and as of last Tuesday's elections, the streak is good for at least four more years.

The Your Village Party, which first took power in 1979, has only seen a handful of challengers, and its members said that dedication to the people in the village and providing services are the reason why.

Mayor Frank Leak, who has been with the party since its inception, said the Your Village Party does not like to be involved with partisan politics, and wants to keep the discussion about the residents, not about power struggles.

Their official insignia of

the party is a heart.

"The village has tried to be independent," Leak said. "We're here to serve the people."

On Tuesday, March 16, Tom Tobin and Betty Film were elected to positions on the board of trustees. Both were incumbents and both ran unopposed. No one has challenged any trustee, or Leak, since 2002.

Even though Tobin and Film ran unopposed, they still went door to door and handed out literature to keep residents informed.

"There's a lot of new people in the village," Tobin said.

"You certainly don't want to take anyone for granted."

They garnered 316 and 284 votes respectively, and will be sworn in on Monday, April 5.

Michael Aidala and Jack Murphey are the other Your Village trustees. Chris Dennis is Planning Board chairman

and David Marinucci is the village attorney.

Film, the first woman to serve as a village trustee said one part of the party's tenet is to concentrate on the "needs of the village."

Tobin said taxes are another reason the Your Village Party has experienced success. The \$38 per \$1,000 of assessed value a resident pays is lower than the than \$44 per \$1,000 from 1979, when the party took power.

Tobin said they key is smart spending.

"We don't pay for stuff if we don't have the money."

Film said despite the tough economy, and increases in expenses, there are still no plans to raise taxes.

Leak touted a number of accomplishments in recent years such as the construction of a new amphitheatre, the Cook Park pavilion, and the Family Recreation Center.



From left, Your Village Party members Tom Tobin, Mayor Frank Leak and Betty Film. The party has been in power since 1979, and Film and Tobin recently won four-year terms in unopposed elections.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

"It's more used than we ever thought," Leak said,

Tobin said last year more than 16,000 people took advantage of its services.

Despite the apparent popularity of the party,

the trustees did say they still get a number of complaints from residents that require attention. Notably, the expansion of the Rapp Road Landfill, traffic due to the growth of the area and the price

of water, purchased from the Latham Water District, often come up.

"Always answer the phone," Leak said about the issues of the residents. "It's important they know you're trying."

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



This is a self-portrait by Roger "The Jester" Reed.

All in good fun

Roger the Jester brings his bag of tricks to Steamer No. 10 during vacation week

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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A year after he graduated from Syracuse University, Roger Reed realized he really didn't want to be a photojournalist.

He thought about what he'd rather do with his life, and one idea kept coming back to him.

"I thought, I want to make people laugh," Reed said.

He's been doing that for more than 30 years now as Roger the Jester. Reed will bring his alter ego to Albany on Tuesday, April 6, as part of the April Vacation Daze program at Steamer No. 10 Theatre. He will perform at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Reed admits he wasn't sure he could make a career out of making people laugh. But he decided to take a chance, enrolling in mime school in Maine. He made a conscious decision not to go to clown school.

"I'm not very enamored with the American clown," he said.

Clowns, Reed said, are kind of the "bottom of the ladder" in terms of American comedy. They've been

pigeonholed as people who wear lots of makeup and big, floppy shoes. They're loud and brash, and they make fun of their audience.

"I didn't want to do any of that," he said.

In high school, he and a friend would pick a prop and silently improvise with it. He had experience using physical movement for comedic value. That's one of the reasons mime school seemed like a good idea.

When he graduated, he landed a job as a singing waiter at a ski resort. Several fellow mime school graduates were also there, and they formed a traveling mime company. Reed did that for a while, but when the group broke up, he decided to reinvent himself.

He knew he needed a name, and he certainly didn't want to go by Roger the Clown, even though, "bottom line, I'm a clown," he said with a laugh. He figured if he called himself a mime, people would expect him to be silent and dress in black. He didn't have enough tricks in his repertoire to call himself a magician, and his juggling and singing skills weren't sharp enough to call himself a juggler or a musician.

So, Reed got out the thesaurus. "Jester sort of jumped out at me," he said, recalling the definition as "one who entertains, one who amazes with tricks."

Seeing as how it had been, oh, a couple hundred years since anyone had called himself a jester, Reed felt free to write his own job description. He incorporated a little music, a little magic, some juggling and just a general good time into his act. His guiding philosophy was that the audience would laugh at him, not the other way around.

"I don't tell jokes. I'm not a stand-up comedian," he said. "The bottom line is, people think I'm funny."

That's true whether he's performing for kids or adults, he said. In fact, parents often tell him that while their kids enjoyed the show, they were the ones who got the biggest kick out of it.

Based in the Berkshires now – except for the winter months, which he spends in his wife's native Antigua – Reed is nearing 60 but still has a busy slate of shows. He said he has



Roger the Jester performs recently in Haiti.

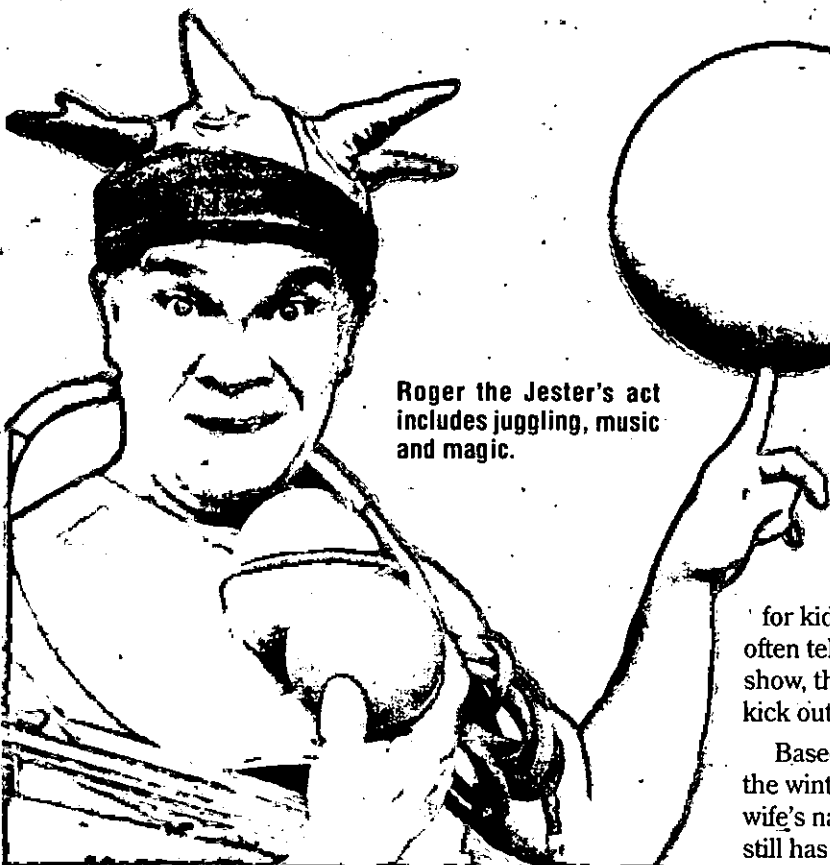
performed at schools, festivals, theaters, corporate gigs, nursing homes, weddings and even funerals. He recently spent nine days performing in Haiti, an experience that touched him deeply because he was able to bring smiles to the faces of people who hadn't had much to be happy about since a devastating earthquake hit in January.

Looking back, he admits to being surprised that he was able to make the transition from photojournalist to jester. He credits his success to the fact he's not just joking around when he's performing.

"I'm serious about being funny," he said.

For information, visit Reed's Web site at www.ijest.com. Tickets for his show at Steamer No. 10 are \$10 and \$12 and can be purchased by calling the theater at 438-5503.

Other Vacation Daze programs at Steamer 10 include the Tanglewood Marionettes on Monday, April 5; Silly Billy Magic on Wednesday, April 7; "Rumpelstiltskin" on Thursday, April 8; and The Gizmo Guys on Friday, April 9.



Roger the Jester's act includes juggling, music and magic.

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HARVEY

Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, April 9 through May 8, performances Thursdays through Sundays, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

OUTSIDE

Presented by Classic Theater Guild, First Unitarian Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, April 2-11, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, adults \$15, students/seniors \$12. Information, 424-6579.

Music

MATTHEW SHIPP TRIO

Jazz band helps kick off month-long exhibit featuring pictures and videos of other jazz performances, April 1, 7 p.m., Arts Center of the Capital Region, River Street, Troy, donation requested. Information, 273-0552.

EMERALD DAWN

Celtic/acoustic rock duo, April 2, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

GARY BERNADINI

Covers and originals, April 2, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

BOB SCHNEIDER

Working-class singer-songwriter, with opening act The Steve Palmer Band, April 2, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

GBALLOI (THE PROPHET BAND)

Traveling ensemble from Ghana specializing in West African music and dance, with special guests Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius and Heard, April 2, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$14, door tickets \$16. Information, 583-0022.

SANDY SHOOR

Wide-ranging artist who plays traditional, ragtime, blues, Celtic and folk music, April 3, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

MATT GIRTLE

Singer-songwriter, April 3, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza,

1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

SIOBHAN QUINN AND MICHAEL BOWERS

Husband-and-wife contemporary folk/rock duo, with opening act Ben Murray, April 3, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door tickets \$17. Information, 583-0022.

THE HOLD STEADY

Indie rock band, April 7, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, advance tickets \$22, day of show \$24. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

YEFIM BRONFMAN

Pianist performing works by Beethoven, Schumann, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky as part of Chamber Concert Series, April 7, 8 p.m., Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, general admission \$25, area students \$10. Information, 388-6080.

Comedy

RENO

ACE-nominated comedienne who has appeared at Lincoln Center, April 3, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Birds of New York and the Paintings of Louis Agassiz," through Sept. 6; "Seeing Ourselves: Masterpieces of American Photography from George Eastman House Collection," through May 9; "Stoneware of New York," through summer 2010; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"The Eternal Light of Egypt," through June 13; "Hudson River Panorama," through December; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Material Witness," through June 20; plus installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 242-2243.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"The Thread that Binds: Jennifer Hunold & Sierra Furtwangler," through April 17; 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

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Grand opening featuring wild life photographs by artists from Tanzania and the Seychelles, 165 South Pearl St., second floor, Albany. Information, 339-7085 or 788-8282.

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"Where Are You, Galway, N.Y.?" through April 30, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-4000.

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Featuring works by Wendy Ide Williams and Sergio Sericolo, through April 28, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"On Broadway: The Evolution of Dance on the Broadway Stage," plus "Kenn Duncan," "Ballet Russes Centennial Exhibit" and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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"All Aboard! The Power of Locomotives," through April 11, Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

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"Lives of the Hudson," through April 25; "Fred Tomaselli," through June 6; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Material Witnesses: Photographs of Things," through April 11; "Giovanni Boldini in Impressionist Paris," through April 25; "Constable and After: Sir Edwin Manton and the British Landscape," through June 23; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

Seeking singers in all voice parts for its May concert, "Love Songs of Yesteryear,"

rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Columbia High School, 962 Luther Road, East Greenbush. Information, 370-5434.

THE CHORALIERS

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

ETUDE CLUB

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

SARATOGA ARTS

Seeking local artists and fine crafters to display their works at its downtown gallery shop. Information, Adrianna Flax 584-4132 or aflax@saratoga-arts.org.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

Ongoing rehearsals for its winter concert, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park, no auditions required to join. Information, 371-6681.

CAPITLAND CHORUS

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

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Auditioning professional dancers by appointment at Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 75 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 306-4173.

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Seeking new artists that work in pastels, meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at the Dave Francis Gallery, the Shirt Factory, Glen's Falls. Programs, artist demonstrations and exhibitions are planned throughout the year. Information, 793-9309 or 793-9350.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals

Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

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New, informal, coed a cappella group in Delmar, for adults and teens 16 and older. Information, 439-0130.

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Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

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Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass

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ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

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

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

ARTISTS WANTED

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

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Aligned
- 6 Cobras
- 10 Genus of humans
- 14 Unit of prevention
- 15 Whip mark
- 16 "Omnia vincit ____" love conquers all
- 17 ____ box: TV set
- 18 Maintain
- 19 Epsilon follower
- 20 Evocation in "Genesis"
- 23 "Our Miss Brooks" star
- 24 Swabby's yes
- 25 Fly-to-be
- 28 Water walls
- 30 TV's DeGeneres
- 31 "If I ____ you ..."
- 32 Aedile's garb
- 36 Romance
- 37 Elgar and Murrow
- 40 Veggie-tray item
- 41 Phys. or Psych.
- 43 Pitches in
- 44 Some USN officers
- 46 1040 time
- 48 Noble Brit

49 Early Jamaican

- 52 Belgian site of WWI fighting
- 54 Kate Smith favorite
- 59 Dismantle
- 60 Film ____; bleak movie
- 61 Wyeth's Helga paintings, mostly
- 62 First residence
- 63 Anglo-Saxon serf
- 64 Alex's mom, in "Family Ties"
- 65 Hurting
- 66 Prescribed amount
- 67 River's end

DOWN

- 1 Drudgery
- 2 Ill-mannered
- 3 Work group
- 4 Environmental vandalism
- 5 Uncrown
- 6 Cognizant
- 7 Envy, lust, etc.
- 8 Commoner
- 9 Smeary
- 10 Least clear
- 11 Symbol for ohms
- 12 Infested with

tineids

- 13 Harangue
- 21 Summer time, in D.C.
- 22 Lutefisk tenderizer
- 25 Kitty sounds
- 26 Filipe; Jesus, or Matty
- 27 Amorphous mass
- 29 Some disc. clothes
- 31 V-J Day ended it
- 33 Bookie's forte
- 34 Belted
- 35 Lhasa ____ dog breed
- 38 Turned gloomy
- 39 Blocked from view
- 42 Apply verbal pressure
- 45 Err, judicially
- 47 Cohort
- 48 Forelimb
- 49 Feverish states
- 50 Musical form
- 51 Viper
- 53 Gay ____
- 55 Passable
- 56 Pastoral poem
- 57 "____ la vie": such is life
- 58 Under sail

GOOD THINGS AND BAD

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Extra Helpings for anyone who asks

St. Ambrose Church offers unique food program

By DAN SABBATINO
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Everyone can use a little extra now and then.

Kristine Maxwell, of Latham, who runs the Extra Helpings program at St. Ambrose Church, which allows members of the community to buy reduced-cost food, said the program's volunteers reap the benefits of community service.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to serve the community," she said.

She said the service allows people to pay for meals at reduced prices.

"We don't ask—there are no income requirements," she said. "From what we understand from our customers, the food is quite good."

She said they are not equipped to take any other form of payment other than cash.

With payment in advance, the process is simple.

"They just come and pick up their food,"

Maxwell said.

There are two opportunities to order for next month, once on the delivery day for the current month and once again in two weeks from that day. Tuesday, March 23, was a delivery day at St. Ambrose.

Maxwell has been involved with Extra Helpings since October, and said she had been looking for a way to serve the community for a while before that.

"I was looking for a group to join, and at the time I was looking, I noticed an advertisement in the St. Ambrose bulletin that the servant leader was stepping down," she said. "I wanted to do something with food."

Silvio Pais, 82, who spent nine years with the program and once served as the servant leader, said it was started by Ellen Zimmermann, 91, who now lives at Avila Retirement.

He said he and his wife, Elizabeth, enjoyed organizing the pick-ups, deliveries and supplies. When Elizabeth died in 2008, Pais gave up the position of servant



Joe Egan helps cart off food for the Extra Helpings program.

RIGHT: Elaine Girvin and Rich Zmijewski help unload supplies on Tuesday, March 23, for the Extra Helpings program run through St. Ambrose Church in Latham. The program gives residents an opportunity to buy food below retail once a month.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

leader.

"My wife really poured her heart and soul into the program," he said.

He said the meal prices are about 25-30 percent below retail value.

According to the menu, for \$32, a variety of 13.5 pounds of meat, including sausage and steak, can be ordered. For \$12.50, one can get a 5-pound block of white American cheese.



Pais also likes to entertain the other volunteers with jokes and anecdotes, often getting a rise out of his fellow parishioners.

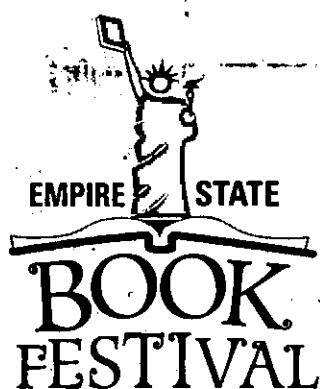
On March 23, while the volunteers were unloading the supplies, Pais, along with Joe and Lucille Egan, who have been with the program for more than a year, Rich Zmijewski and Elaine Girvin discussed why they participate.

Joe Egan said he has done work at Our Lady of Hope and wanted to continue to serve.

Girvin also said she wanted to give back, and made note that anyone who wants to participate is welcome, regardless of if they attend St. Ambrose.

Pais said the government often stockpiles food, and when it rotates in a new supply, it makes large donations to organizations like the Regional Food Bank and allows for programs like Extra Helpings to exist.

St. Ambrose also has a separately run food pantry.



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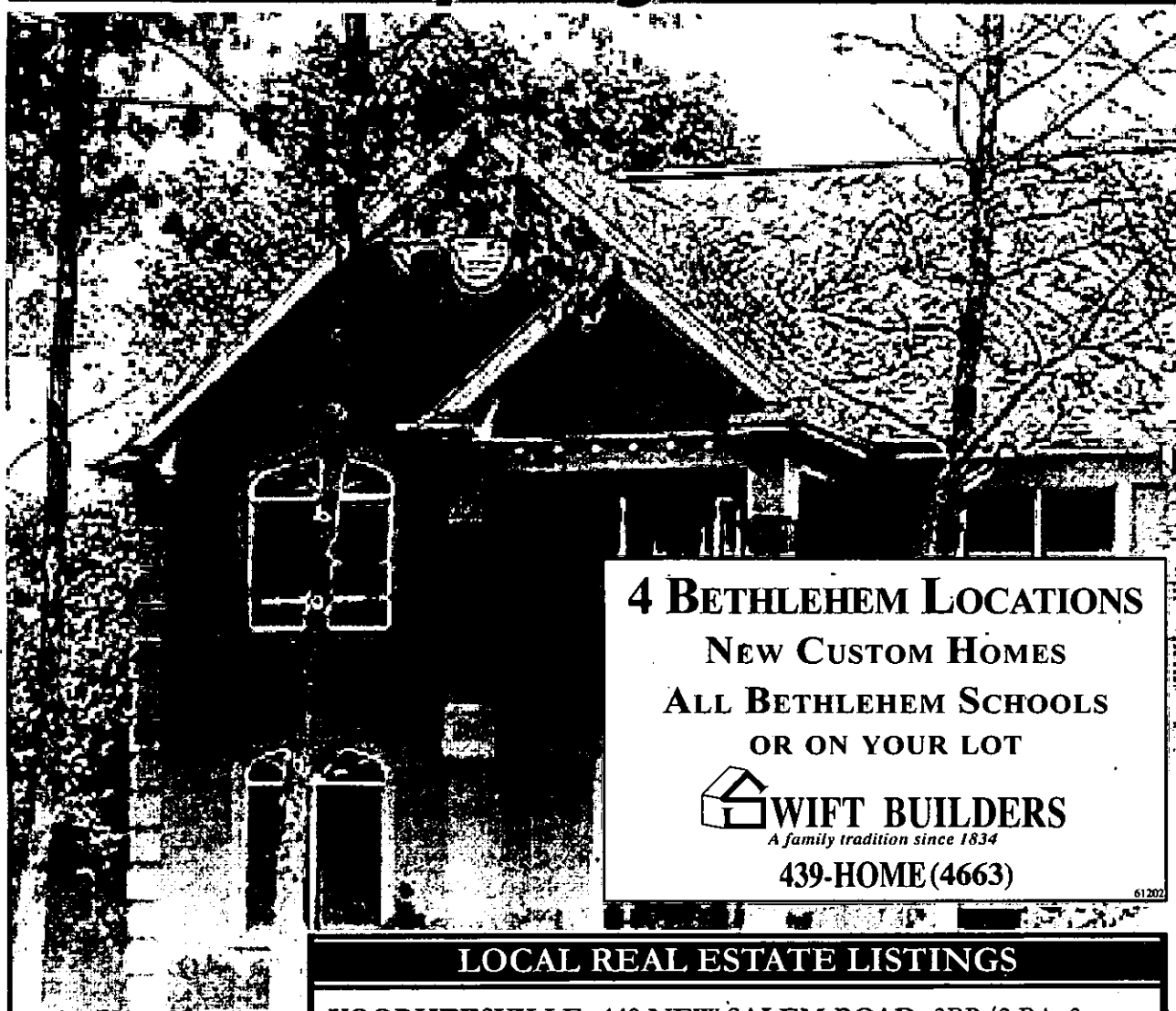
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Mammography screening

A mobile mammography screening, co-sponsored by the Town of Guilderland and Bellevue Hospital, will take place on Thursday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town Hall. Please call Mary Ann at 356-1980, ext. 1095, to schedule an appointment.

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is available upon request.

Fashion show and luncheon

Please plan to join us at the Fashion Show and Luncheon at The Crossgates Restaurant, Washington Ave. Extension in Albany, on Tuesday, May 4, at noon.

Tickets are available in the Senior Office: March 30-April 27

Cost: \$17 per person

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Monday, April 5

Scheduled Shopping
No Aerobics
10:30 Strong Bones +
No Sr. Fitness
1:30 Strong Bones +

Tuesday, April 6

9:00 Strong Bones +
11:30 Luncheon: Vegetable Lasagna or Cold Plate
12:30 Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, April 7

Scheduled Shopping

No Line Dancing
10:30 Strong Bones +
10:30 Bridge
No Sr. Fitness
1:00 Needlecraft
1:30 Strong Bones +

Thursday, April 8

Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Strong Bones
10:30-12:30 RSVP Informational Meeting
1:00 Pinochle/Mahjongg

Friday, April 9

Scheduled Shopping
10:00 Painting
1:00 Quilting

Lots of exciting social programs are available through the Senior Services Department. Events during April include dinner at the SCCC Culinary Arts Program on April 13, "Gypsy" at the Cohoes Music Hall on April 17, "The Orphan Train" at NYSTI on April 20 and "Harvey" at the Curtain Call Theater on April 25. Call Elizabeth at 439-4955, ext. 1176, for reservations (or to be placed on a waiting list) and to arrange transportation. Home pickup is available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation is \$5.



past. The group meets from 10:30 a.m. until noon in Room 107 of the Town Hall. Transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Thursday, April 8

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

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable social afternoon of games, entertainment and dessert at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, at noon. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

• Senior Legal Services staffed by the Legal Aid Society between 10:30 am and noon. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make an appointment.

Friday, April 9:

• Senior Grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770.

• Seniors in Motion will not meet the week of April 5 to 9 because of spring recess.

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

Wilma DeLuco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

Program highlights

Monday, April 5

• Shopping center trip to Colonie Center and Northway Mall.

Tuesday, April 6

• A.A.R.P. Income Tax Assistance Program, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Delmar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are needed and you should bring various tax documents, including your 2008 return, your W-2 and 1099 forms, and receipts for contributions, medical bills, and property/school taxes. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Wednesday, April 7

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

• Senior Discussion Group, facilitated by Jane Sanders, targets current news events, human interest stories and reminisces about the

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concerns were brought up about inconsistencies between rules for members and the chairman, confusion about how the rules would apply to alternates and about whether the law would apply to all meetings, or just the regularly scheduled ones.

The discussion also provoked a debate over the intent of the law.

"This is something I suggested a number of months ago and been playing around with ever since," said LaGrange. "I find that too many people miss too often. It's important to be there for all of the discussion."

He said members of the Planning Board often rely too heavily on alternates to fill in for them.

Mackay agreed with LaGrange about the issues with attendance.

"The [attendance] history is rather appalling for a paid position in this town," he said. "Looking at the [meeting] minutes over time since 1994, attendance is an issue."

Mackay said the term limits would also encourage turnover and the participation of other town residents.

Robert Stapf, a member and former chairman of the Planning Board, said he agreed with term limits but felt the proposal was an effort to influence the political make-up of the Planning Board.

"I definitely think it's politically motivated for the size-cap," he said. "They have a vendetta

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Councilman Daniel Mackay

against me."

Planning Board member Cynthia Elliot said the current practice of appointing Planning Board members to seven-year terms removes a member's appointment from the politics of the town.

She said that limiting a member's term to four years makes the Planning Board "tied to the politics and whim of the town."

LaGrange said the intent of the proposed law is to encourage greater turnover among Planning Board members, with the ability to have members come back after a hiatus.

Councilman Rich Reilly said he had concerns with the discrepancies between the rules for the chairman and the rules for members, as well as a lack of clarity on how the rules apply for alternates. Councilwoman Deborah Baron said she felt the term limits should be two terms of seven years, not three terms of four years.

LaGrange said he would rewrite the law to keep the rules for the chairman on par with the members, and include the same standard for alternates. He said he would change the wording from "two consecutive meetings" to "two consecutive regularly scheduled meetings" when speaking

about removing members from the committee, and the law would allow a member being removed three weeks to appeal the decision.

After consulting with Town Attorney Michael Mackey, Dolin decided that time would be needed to change the wording of the law, and he tabled the measure until the Wednesday, April 14, meeting of the Town Board.

Board mulls home business rules

The Town Board forwarded on to the Planning Board a law that would revamp the rules for a home occupation, allowing the use of an accessory structure in a home occupation.

Local Law C of 2010, introduced by LaGrange, provides new rules and regulations for home occupations, allowing accessory structures. In addition to allowing an accessory structure, the proposed law would also allow up to four employees who are not part of the family, and it would also allow off-street parking on the side or in the rear of the structure for up to six vehicles.

A home occupation would still require a special use permit.

Introducing the law,

LaGrange said the purpose of the law was to promote what is becoming commonplace in the town.

Councilman Reilly said that his concern with the law is that increasing the number of employees allowed makes the home occupation look much more like a professional services outlet.

He used the example of a home occupation law firm.

"Three lawyers and a spouse as a paralegal strikes me as no longer being a home occupation," he said.

Stapf said the law was poorly written and needed further clarification.

"There is no reference to the size of the accessory structure," said Stapf.

He said that there are zoning issues in the law that need to be resolved, such as whether the lot can be subdivided if the owner should sell the land, or if he or she no longer uses the accessory structure for the home occupation.

"There's a lot of unknowns here. I think the town should look at before they move forward with the law," he said.

Public comment about the law focused on concerns about the number of employees allowed, and Dolin reminded the public that nothing was set in stone in the law.

"There could be further development on this based on the Planning Board and public opinion," he said.

The board voted unanimously to send the measure to be considered by the Planning Board at its April 13 meeting.

Road

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meetings law," Messina said. "Therefore, we'll put out a notice, we'll do an agenda. There ought not to be any decisions but if there are, we'll document them."

Robert Freeman, executive director of the state Committee on Open Government, said as long as notice of the meeting is given and the public is invited to attend, the sessions would be legal.

"If indeed a majority is present and they are functioning as a board, the open meetings law would apply," Freeman said. "I assume if these are public forums, they would be advertised anyways."

Councilman Mark Hennessey expressed reservations about how the open meetings law would apply to the meetings, but indicated he was in support of having them.

"I'm actually looking forward to talking less and hearing more from the people of the community," he said.

He also emphasized that the meetings should focus on the area the meeting is being held, and not turn into a "road show" where townwide initiatives are played up.

Kotary said the meetings could also be an opportunity to show off some of the town's historic structures like the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse in Selkirk.

"I think these are great ideas, we've had these in the past," he said.

The town in the past has inhabited various spaces outside of Town Hall for forums, generally aimed at addressing a specific issue. Kotary specifically mentioned a meeting held under former Supervisor Theresa Egan regarding the Selkirk Bypass project.

Further details on the meetings around town will be forthcoming, but there was consensus that they should be held at 7 p.m.—not 6, when the board normally meets—to allow for greater community access.

Selkirk resident Cindy Radliff, who has long been petitioning the town to extend sewer service to residential areas in her part of town, asked the board during public comment that the first meeting be held in Selkirk and include that issue.

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Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club to hold Delmar Dash

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club will hold the Delmar Dash 5 mile road race on April 11. The race will begin at 9 a.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue, and will finish at the middle school. There will also be a one mile race a half mile race, and a quarter mile race for kids 12 and under. Applications are \$15 for club members and \$18 for nonmembers, and are due April 2. Online registration must be completed by April 7. After April 2, entry is \$20. Registration on the day of the race is only available for the kids' races. To find application forms and register online, visit www.hmrrc.com.

Old Songs to hold Contra Dance event

Old Songs, INC. will hold a Contra Dance event on April 3 in Voorheesville.

There will be a beginners session at 7:30 p.m. and a dance at 8 p.m., with a potluck at 6:30 p.m.

There will be live music by Rosie's Ready Mix. No partner is needed, and clean, soft-soled shoes are required. Admission is \$10. The event will be held at 37 South Main Street in Voorheesville.

For more information, call 765-2815.

CYF to hold foster care program

The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families will hold a foster care orientation program on April 12.

The program will run from 5 to 6 p.m., and is open to all adults 21 years or older living in Albany County.

The orientation will be held in the Albany County Office Building at 112 State Street in Albany. The next orientation will be on May 10 at the same time and location.

To reserve a space, call Lisa Bristol at 447-4925 or Heather Girard at 447-7536.

CapCom to hold fundraiser

The Capital Communications Federal Credit Union will raise funds for the Capital Communications Cares Foundation by selling tickets for a prize drawing on May 13.

There will be one \$10,000 Grand Prize, one \$5,000 prize, and five \$1,000 prizes.

Tickets can be purchased online at capcomfcu.org, from National Sales/Marketing Manager Cyndi Robinson at 458-2195 extension 3625, or from any Credit Union Associate.

The drawing will take place at 12 p.m. on May 13 at the Credit Union main office in Albany.

Walker Bros. Circus to visit Delmar

The Walker Bros Circus will visit Delmar on April 10 and 11 as part of its 2010 North American Tour.

The performances will include juggling, comedy, circus acts, and aerial cloud swing. On April 10 there will be performances at 3 and 5:30 p.m., and on April 11 there will be performances at 2 and 4:30 p.m.

The performances will be at the Bethlehem Area YMCA at 900 Delaware Avenue.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.walkerbroscircus.com.

Q.U.I.L.T. to hold meeting

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. of Delmar will hold a meeting on April 9 at the Delmar Reformed Church.

The meeting will feature a trunk show and lecture by Andi Perejda, "Machine Quilting: Styles and Textures." Doors will open at 9:15 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m.

Visitors are asked to give a \$5 donation. The Delmar reformed church is located at 386 Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

For more information, call 439-1194.

CRAAB! to present program

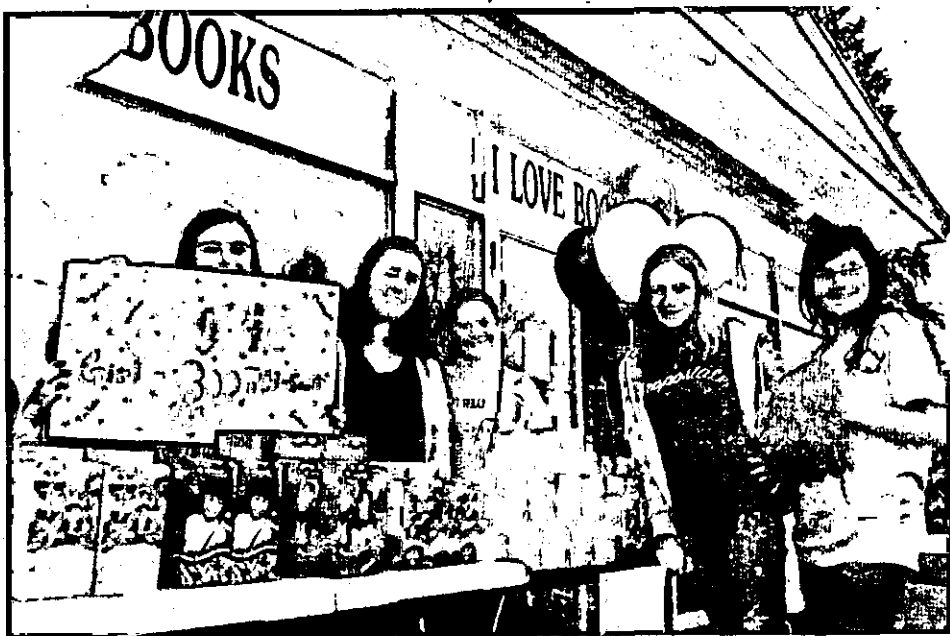
Capital Region Action Against Breast Cancer! (CRAAB!) will present the fourth educational program in its Awareness and Education series, "Guardians of the Genome: Epigenetics & the Ghost in your Genes" on April 14.

The presentation, held at Gilda's Club in Latham, will include a showing of parts of the NOVA program "Ghost in your Genes" and a discussion about DNA and how lifestyles and environment affect health through epigenetics.

The presentation will begin at 6 p.m., and refreshments will be served. Early registration is recommended for the program.

To register, call CRAAB! At 435-1055.

Cookies for sale



ABOVE: Gabrielle Turi, MacKenzie Fox, Katie O'Neil, Kiri Rowe and Mimi Bianchine of Girl Scout Troop 1410 sell cookies outside of I Love Books in Delmar on Saturday, March 20.

RIGHT: Emily Norsek, Claire Rhatigan and Meghan Noether of Girl Scout Troop 1781 stand at the Four Corners in Delmar selling Girl Scout Cookies on Saturday, March 20.

Sean Ahern/Spotlight



CYF to hold foster parent awareness walk

The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families will hold a foster parent awareness walk on May 27 to raise awareness about foster care and celebrate foster parent month.

The walk will be held at The Crossings in Colonie, and will begin at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Heather Girard at 447-7536.

Delmar Fresh Air Fund looking for host families

The Delmar Fresh Air Fund, a service available for low-income

children from New York City, is looking for host families to give the children an opportunity to experience suburban and rural life for two weeks.

For information, call Hedy Lowenheim at 439-8658 or the Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003 or visit the Web site at www.freshair.org.

Slingerlands FD Easter egg hunt

The Slingerlands Fire Department will host an After-Easter Egg Hunt at the park next to the fire house in Slingerlands on Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m.

In case of inclement weather, the hunt will

be conducted inside the fire house.

Women's club to host luncheon

The New York Capital District Christian Women's Club will host its "April Showers Bring Umbrellas" Luncheon on April 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Evans Public House in on Rt. 20 in Gunderland.

The event will include lunch, a guest speaker and musical performance.

To register, call Nancy at 869-0642 or Joyce at 235-4297. Cost is \$13.50, and cash only will be accepted.

Suit

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the right sections of law," and said he is confident the town will prevail. "I don't think it was

very well thought out," Magguilli said.

He said provisions regarding the highway superintendent do not apply to Cunningham, since that position was eliminated by the prior administration.

Cunningham's title is commissioner for the Department of Public Works, and the provisions of the town code governing the post do not prohibit him from living out of town.

He said nothing in

state or town law requires Cunningham to have an engineering degree, citing the provision that deals with salary negotiation as the only mention of a degree.

"They totally disregard the plain meaning," he

said.

Magguilli said Burick serves as "personnel officer," and provisions in the law call for a 6-year term. If Burick was appointed a commissioner, based on civil service law, he would be required to

fulfill only the remaining 4 years of Foley's term, Magguilli said.

The town has 20 days to answer the lawsuit, and then arguments will be heard in court, Magguilli said.

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Jessica Rarick and Stephen Hallock

Rarick, Hallock to wed

Jessica M. Rarick, daughter of Jeffrey and Martha Rarick of Feura Bush and Mary and Carl Armer of Ballston Spa, and Stephen J. Hallock, son of Gary and Nancy Hallock of Delmar, are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from SUNY Albany. She teaches math at Schenectady High School. The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem High School, Villanova University, and received his graduate degree from SUNY Albany. He is a clinical counselor at Berkshire Farms in Canaan, NY. The couple plans a July wedding.



Emily Rarich and Brendan Dunn

Rarich, Dunn to wed

Ms. Beth Callahan of Slingerlands, NY proudly announces the engagement of her daughter, Emily Allison Rarich, to Brendan Robert Dunn, son of Robert and Kathleen Dunn of Deer Park, NY. Ms. Rarich is also the daughter of David Rarich of Ridgewood, New Jersey.

The future bride is a graduate of Emma Willard School ('01) and Fordham University where she received a BS in

accounting. She works in NYC as a Certified Public Accountant for Brookfield Properties. Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington, NY and Loyola University of Maryland where he received a BBA in Accounting. He is a Certified Public Accountant and senior manager at KPMG in NYC.

The happy couple is planning a June 12, 2010 wedding.

Hubel, March to marry

Erin and Paul Hubel of Glenville, NY are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Gary March, son of Claudia and Arnold March of Kinderhook, NY.

The future bride is a graduate of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, SUNY at Buffalo State, with a BS degree in Art Education, and is attending The College of St Rose for her Masters degree in Art Education. She is employed as an instructor for The Academy Program at the Career Center at Steinmetz in Schenectady and also works for the Center for Disability Services as a residential counselor.

The future groom graduated from Ichabod Crane High School and SUNY Oneonta where he earned his BS degree in Business and Communications. He is employed as a outreach specialist for Fidelis Care in Poughkeepsie.

An August 2010 wedding is planned.



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Milestones

David McClumpha

SELKIRK - David McClumpha, 69, of Selkirk died suddenly on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at St. Peter's Hospital.

David was born in Fitchburg, MA on August 14, 1940, the son of the late Francis and Irma (Bovellan) McClumpha and was

predeceased by his sister Diane Wellstood. David grew up in Delmar, NY, and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1957. He attended Cornell University and graduated with a Bachelors degree in History in 1961 and received his Masters degree in Business Administration in 1963 from Boston University.

David had a distinguished career of over 30 years of public service, beginning in 1965 with the NY State Education Department and continuing with the NY State Division of the Budget where he had primary budgetary responsibility for state aid to public schools.

David served his

country as a member of the 205th General Support Group of the NY Army National Guard. David also had a myriad of interests and hobbies - especially sports car racing. He was a member and past regional executive of the Mohawk Hudson Region Sports Car Club of America. David became a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1977 where he served as a trustee until his death.

David is survived by his wife, Marie (Schmigel) McClumpha; a son, Ian S. McClumpha of Selkirk; and a daughter, Nancy A. (McClumpha) Idland and her husband, Michael E. Idland of East Aurora, NY.

Calling hours were held at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar. A funeral service was held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 262 State St., Albany. Private burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Hoosick Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Westminster Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 262 State St., Albany, NY 12210.

Elizabeth (Betty) Baggerly Colyer

Elizabeth (Betty) Baggerly Colyer, 95, of Delmar, NY died Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Elizabeth was born in Savannah, NY on December 5, 1914 and was the daughter of the late

Arthur C. and Elizabeth S. Baggerly. She graduated from Oneida High School, received a teaching certificate from Cortland Normal School (now SUNY Cortland) and her bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY Albany. She was passionate about English literature, writing and American history. She began her teaching career in Schoharie, NY where she met her late husband Paul E. Colyer. They were married in 1940 and moved to Albany soon thereafter. Betty was a teacher at the Albany Academy for Girls, where she taught the seventh grade for many years, retiring in 1982. She was an avid patron of the Bethlehem Public Library and worked with Helen Adler to establish

the H.I.L.L. (Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning) program. A true life-long learner, she touched the lives of all who met her and will be remembered for her energy, creativity, quick wit, and green thumb.

Survivors include her daughter Martha B. Colyer and son-in-law Lawrence M. Keyes of Colchester, VT; daughter Nancy C. Buckley of Delmar, NY; four grandchildren: Peter Buckley, Jr. of Albany, NY; Elizabeth Buckley of Boston, MA; David Buckley

of San Diego, CA and Sarah Buckley of Delmar, NY, and several nieces. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul; her brother Hezekiah Owen Baggerly; her sister Helen B. Sprague and her son-in-law Peter J. Buckley.

A private interment will take place at the Old Stone Fort Cemetery, Schoharie, NY at a later date.

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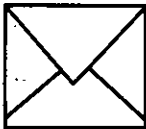
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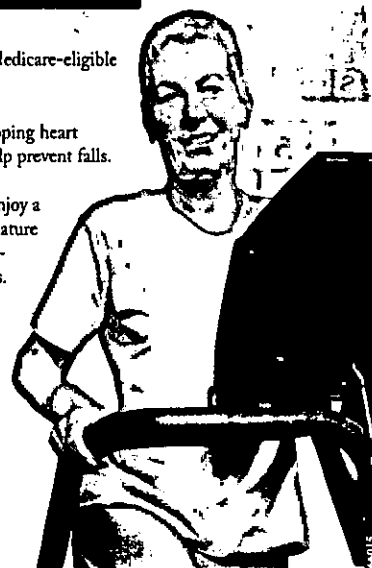
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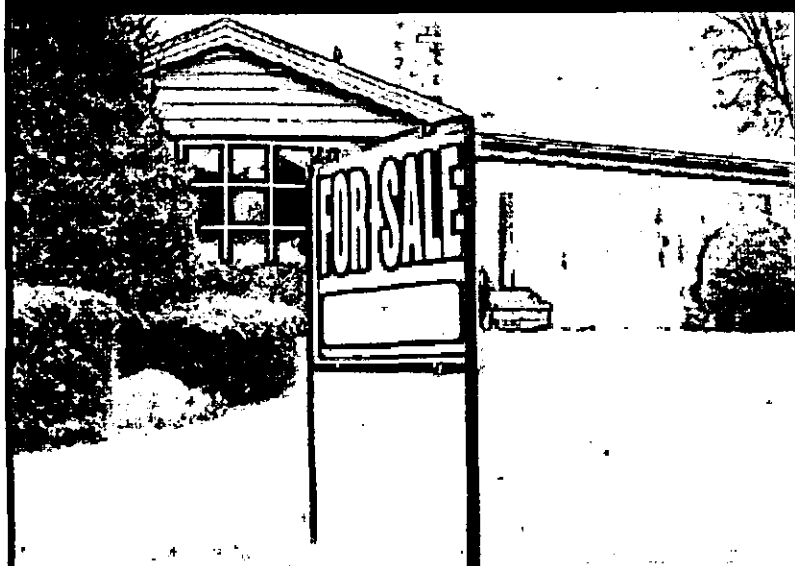
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: CORRIGAN FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC. DATE OF FILING: 02/12/2010. OFFICE LOCATION: Albany County AGENT FOR SERVICE: Corrigan Family Properties, LLC 413 Wellington Road Delmar, New York 12054. PURPOSE: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which United Liability Companies may be organized under the New York LLC. 60384 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Errands-R-Us, LLC. Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 2/10/10. Office Location Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 470 Feura Bush Road, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 60385 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Hampton Programming LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Harvard Business Services, Inc., 99 Washington Ave Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60433 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PGS of Connecticut, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/8/10. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 7/14/2008. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Suite 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the Registered Agent. Address to be maintained in CT: c/o Herbert F. Harrington, Jr., 21 Queens Grant Dr., Fairfield, CT 06430. Arts of Org. filed with CT Secy. Of State, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60434 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE
Bullock Hospitality, LLC
Notice of Formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization (DOM LLC) filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 21, 2010. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: Bullock Hospitality, LLC, 145 Bullock Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful act. 60437 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Bullock Boys, LLC.
Notice of Formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization (DOM LLC) filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 3, 2010. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: Bullock Boys, LLC, 145 Bullock Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: Any lawful act. 60438 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Litigation Resolution Services, LLC Notice of Formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization (DOM LLC) filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 21, 2009. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: Litigation Resolution Services, LLC, P.O. Box 13716, Albany, NY 12212. Purpose: Any lawful act. 60439 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CRANE & PARENTE, PLLC On March 11, 2010, Crane & Parente, PLLC (the "PLLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the PLLC is 48 Howard Street, Albany County, Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon it is 48 Howard Street, Albany, New York 12207. The PLLC is organized for the purpose of practicing law and any other lawful business. 60440 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Professional Limited Liability Co. Name: Dr. Lorelei's Healthy Beginnings -Breastfeeding Medicine, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/1/10. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of PLLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PLLC at PO Box #541 Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 60445 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Home Buyer Best Realty, LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 24, 2010. By Amendment dated March 8, 2010, the name of the LLC was changed to Home Buyers Best Realty, LLC. The LLC maintains its office in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC at: c/o Young Sommer, LLC, 5 Palisades Drive, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 60447 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Spinney Realty, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State on March 3, 2010. Purpose: any lawful activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, NY 12054

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60448 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LAFFEY REAL ESTATE OF JACKSON HEIGHTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/11/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 60450 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Rehman Advisory LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60451 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Dancing Queen SPV, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/2/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 375 Greenwich St., NY, NY 10013, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60452 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of VM 52-06 Realty, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60453 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of VM 52-02 Realty, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60454 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Law Office Of Stone & Associates, PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/23/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate

Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Profession of Law. 60455 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Fantastic Ginseng LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/04/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60456 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nstrand Building 1 LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60457 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nstrand Building 2 LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60458 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Basil Constant LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/08/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60459 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Blue - Seven Acquisitions, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/15/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60460 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of formation of MEGA VISION OPTOMETRY &

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF BARRE STRENGTH, LLC
On March 5, 2010, Barre Strength, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 48 Howard Street, Albany County, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC is c/o Crane & Parente, 48 Howard Street, Albany, New York 12207. The LLC is organized for the purpose of the operation of a barre workout facility and any other lawful business. 60512 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Brenford Environmental Systems, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/1/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 7/14/09. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. TX address of LP: 8411 Industrial Dr., Pearland, TX 77584, also the address of the principal office. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60514 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Autumn Post LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/8/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Brandon Rosser, c/o 54 Thompson St., 4th Fl., NY, NY 10012, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: 32 W. Lockerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60515 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA 16 NS II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 8, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 60517 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of formation of LJCIF HOLDINGS LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 03/08/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 36-36 33rd St, Ste 306, Long Island, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 60523 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of formation of MEGA VISION OPTOMETRY &

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OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING PLLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 02/16/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 187 Avenue U, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 60525 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 32-12 MEDIA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 60526 (March 31, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Clinical Technology Advisors, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/2/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 15019, Albany, NY 12212. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 60527 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Belorgey LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/3/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 133 W. 71st St., #3A, NY, NY 10023. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60528 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Mystic Visions With Foresight, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/25/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60530 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Tebano & Associates, PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 18 Cavalier Way, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Profession of Law. 60531 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Metro Code Architecture PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/09/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY

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12260. Purpose: Profession of Architecture. 60532 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Times Development Limited USA, LLC. Fictitious Name: MCS Technology Solutions. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 03/09/10. LLC Formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 04/04/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. NJ address of LLC: 55 Carter Dr., Edison, NJ 08817. Arts. Of Org. filed with NJ Dept. Of Treasury, State Treasurer, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 60533 (March 31, 2010)

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KGP ASSOCIATES LLC. Articles of Org. filed N.Y. Sec. of State (SSNY) 17th day of February, 2010. Office in Albany Co. at 7015 Kevin Lane, Schenectady, New York 12303. SSNY design. agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 7015 Kevin Lane, Schenectady, New York 12303. Reg. Agt. upon whom process may be served: Spiegel & Utrera, P.A., P.O. 1 Maiden Lane, NYC 10038 1 800 576-1100 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 60535 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT, PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM
At a meeting of the Selkirk Fire District Board of Commissioners held on March 15, 2010, a resolution was adopted permitting the purchase of fire hose, hand tools, a thermal imaging camera, ventilation equipment and firefighting foam. The expenditure shall be from an existing capital reserve account established for equipment. The total expenditure shall not exceed Thirty-Five Thousand (\$35,000.00) Dollars. The resolution shall not take effect until 30 days after the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 15, 2010. This resolution is subject to a permissive referendum. Douglas Ophardt, Secretary 60536 (March 31, 2010)

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LOUIS SWEET LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. State (SSNY) 3/4/10. Office in Albany Co, SSNY design. agent off LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to POB 222, Westerlo, NY 12193. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: VanLeuvan Rd, Westerlo, NY 12193. 60537 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Hoffman Car Wash, for variances under Article VI, Section 128-59, Off Signs, D. Signs in the H, CH, and RH Districts, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem. The applicant requests the ability to construct signage at property located at 55

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Delaware Ave, Delmar N.Y. 12054.

Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman
Board of Appeals

NOTE: The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled.

Disabled individuals, who need assistance in order to participate in the public hearing, should contact the Town Clerks Office at (518) 439-4955 ext. 1183. 60601 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PAS-SAIC HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 60604 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of YATES GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 60605 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BURBANK GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 60606 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of SAMSON VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 60607 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of AYDIN MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 60608 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NEWGENT MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State

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St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 60609 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of LCG Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001, also the registered agent. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60610 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Professional Cost Control LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/17/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 60611 (March 31, 2010)

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VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Voorheesville Middle School/Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2010-2011. AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for 4-year terms terminating June 30, 2014, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the terms of David M. Gibson and Kevin T. Kroencke.
2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 18, 2010, the following propositions will be submitted:

PROPOSITION: PURCHASE OF BUSES:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$255,400, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

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ceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Schoolhouses Hours Voorheesville Elementary School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clayton A. Bouton High School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education
Voorheesville
Central School District
P.O. Box 498
Voorheesville, New York 12186
Dated: March 31, 2010

Dorothea Pfeleiderer
District Clerk

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Voorheesville Public Library for the presentation of the Public Library budget for the year 2010-2011.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5-year term terminating June 30, 2015, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Rita Stein.
2. To vote on the annual Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Schoolhouses Hours Voorheesville Elementary School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clayton A. Bouton High School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Library Board must be filed with the Clerk of the Library Board not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the Library Board, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidates and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last

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incumbent. AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education
Voorheesville
Central School District
P.O. Box 498
Voorheesville, NY 12186
Dated: March 31, 2010
Dorothea Pfeleiderer
Clerk

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(March 31, 2010)

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RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 24th day of March 2010, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund the rehabilitation and replacement of equipment at the Dinmore Road Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the cost of said work will not exceed \$310,000; and WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the Sewer Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the equipment rehabilitation and replacement at the Dinmore Road Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$310,000 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the Sewer Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$310,000 in said reserve fund; and

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.

The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Kotary, was seconded by Councilman Hennessey and duly adopted by the following vote: AYES: Supervisor Messina, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Hennessey, Councilman Jordan, Councilman Kotary

NAYES: none

ABSENT: none

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2010-2011 Budget for the Bethlehem Central School District shall be held at the Educational Services Center located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar, Albany County, New York, on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Prevaling Time. The budget will be available for review commencing on April 26, 2010 at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School and the High School of the District.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the election of candidates to the Bethlehem Central School Board of Education and the budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, at which

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time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine on the following items: PROPOSITION #1

To adopt the annual budget of the Bethlehem Central School District for the fiscal year 2010-2011 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

PROPOSITION #2

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2010 and expiring on June 30, 2013 to succeed Lisa Allendorph and Diane Giacone-Stever, whose terms expire on June 30, 2010.

PROPOSITION #3

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library be authorized to expend for the operation of such library for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, the sum of \$3,782,023 and that the Board of Education of Bethlehem Central School District of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, County of Albany, New York, be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor.

PROPOSITION #4

To elect two (2) trustees to the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library, for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2010 and expiring on June 30, 2015.

PROPOSITION #5

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, is hereby authorized to (1) acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$1,408,000 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, (2) expend such sums for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,408,000, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement at a principal amount not to exceed \$1,408,000 to acquire such vehicles.

PROPOSITION #6

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, is hereby authorized to provide transportation to and from the High School to all students who reside one (1) mile or more from said schools rather than the current half-mile, commencing with the 2010-11 school year.

1. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

The election and budget vote shall be by voting machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2010-2011 school year, exclusive of public monies, and Basic STAR exemption impact report may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School, the High School of the District, the School District Website and the Bethlehem Public Library between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and also at said District Election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library shall be filed with the District Clerk at the District Clerk's office at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than April 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least seventy-three (73) qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the candidate. A copy of such petitions may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk in the Bethlehem Central School District during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2010.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16, 2010, and on the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address as per School District Policy 2120.2.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referendum or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Bethlehem Central School on or before April 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least One Hundred Eighty-Three (183) of the qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain or place before the voters any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all

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Date: Delmar, New York

March 24, 2010

Judith E. Kehoe
District Clerk

Bethlehem Central School District

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(March 31, 2010)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 7:15 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Jason and Lisa Baum, for variances under Article V, Section 128-30, Core Residential District, C. (1) Location, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem. The applicant requests the ability to construct Detached Garage at property located at 6 Center Lane, Delmar N.Y. 12054.

Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman

Board of Appeals

NOTE: The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals, who need assistance in order to participate in the public hearing, should contact the Town Clerks Office at (518) 439-4955 ext. 1183.

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(March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC. Clinton Square Securities, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 4, 2010. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, c/o Vincent L. Valenza, McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. The street address of the principal business location is 5 Clinton Square, 2nd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-22241 (March 31, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: FIGJAM, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 235A Elm Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22243 (March 31, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ENOLAM REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22246 (March 31, 2010)

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(March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MILK TRUCK, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22247 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Vera Bradley Retail Stores, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/14/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Indiana (IN) on 7/28/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2208 Production Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with IN Secy. Of State, 302 West Washington St., Rm. E018, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22248 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: One Guiderland Ave., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 3, 2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to Lorenzo Scavio, 115 Spyglass Ct., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: to engage in any activity for which LLCs may be organized under the LLC Law. LD-22250 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HAAN PROJECTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22254 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Retail Data, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/12/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Virginia (VA)

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on 12/10/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. VA address of LLC: 2235 Staples Mill Rd., Richmond, VA 23230. Arts. of Org. filed with VA Secy. of State, 1300 East Main St., 1st Fl., Richmond, VA 23219. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22260 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NATUREL AMSTERDAM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 40 Rector St., Ste. 1502, NY, NY 10006. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22261 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Orchard Brands Insurance Agency LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 220 Hickory St., Warren, PA, 16365. Address to be maintained in DE: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22262 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: NEIGHBORHOOD PET SITTING, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 22, 2010. Office location, ALBANY COUNTY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to 69 Orchard Street, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. LD-22268 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of formation of UPTOWN COMMUNICATIONS NY LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 01/07/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 36-36 33 St., Ste. 306, Long Island, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22272 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of formation of 312 BRIGHTON BEACH AVE, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 02/03/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 312 Brighton Beach Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22273 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of FIS SERVICE, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 02/03/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 634 Van Dam St., North Woodmere, NY 11581. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22274 (March 31, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NATIONAL E PAYMENT OF NYS LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 02/09/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 36-36 33rd Street, Suite 306, Long Island, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22275 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of NOTED ENTERTAINMENT, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 11/17/09. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 220 Everett Ave., Hewlett Harbor, NY 11557. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22276 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of BARTER IDEA LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 11/17/09. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 41 State St., Ste M104, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22277 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of formation of AFFINITY CHILD CARE LLC

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a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 11/12/09. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 779 East 49th St., Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22278 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 69 NPS OPERATING, LLC UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206. The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: 69 NPS OPERATING, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed on July 16, 2009 with the Secretary of State (SS). The office of the LLC is in Albany County, NY. The LLC shall dissolve on December 31, 2059. The SS of NY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is the LLC, 109 Ontario Street, Albany, New York 12206. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without NY state. LD-22281 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 69 NPS REALTY, LLC UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206. The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: 69 NPS REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed on July 16, 2009 with the Secretary of State (SS). The office of the LLC is in Albany County, NY. The LLC shall dissolve on December 31, 2059. The SS of NY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is the LLC, 109 Ontario Street, Albany, New York 12206. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without NY state. LD-22281 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation ADAN REAL ESTATE, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/17/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 545-547 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose: Latest date to dissolve 12/31/2095.

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LD-22283 (March 31, 2010).

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Ironbridge Insurance Agency, LLC LLC was filed with the SSNY on 2-17-2010. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Marvin J. Kline, Manager Member 1405 Panther Road Wyncote, PA 02864 Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose LD-22284 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Addison & Grace Holdings LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22285 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bronx Podiatry Associates, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Albert Tucker and Associates, LLC, 295 Madison Ave., Ste. 1010, NY, NY 10017. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22286 (March 31, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of GCST Realty LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22287 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 1116 Avenue H Realty LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/10. Office location: Al-

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bany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22288 (March 31, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 7901 Myrtle Ave LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/04/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22289 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BLUE DOLPHIN GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/1/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22291 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LAFFEY REAL ESTATE NYC, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22292 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DON GILMORE CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/25/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22293 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CROSSMARK Home Improvement Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/22/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 2/20/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22294 (March 31, 2010)

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Name of For. LLC: GREY LADY PROPERTY, LLC. App. for Auth. filed NY Dept. of State: 2/18/2010. Jurisd. and date of org.: DE 2/10/2010. Cty. off. loc.: Albany Cty. Sec. of State designated as agent of foreign LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Sec. of State shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 293 Country Club Way, Kingston, MA 02364. Addr. of foreign LLC in DE is: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Auth. officer in DE where Cert. of Form. filed: DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22295 (March 31, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 1056 TROY SCHENECTADY ROAD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, February 24, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1222 Troy Schenectady Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309. LD-22296 (March 31, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SVR Ventures, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 23, 2010. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC: 108 Woods Lane, Melhards, NY 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22297 (March 31, 2010)



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I got to witness a monumental meltdown. The top-ranked Red Rams took 21 shots in the fourth quarter and missed all of them as Nichols pulled away for a 65-43 victory (see www.cnylink.com for the details).

It wasn't that Jamesville-DeWitt took bad shots in the fourth quarter. It was that its shots had a nasty habit of rimming out when it looked like they should go in. It was just surreal.

J-D coach Bob McKenney put it best when he said, "I've had these guys for a long time. You couldn't have told me in a hundred years that they'd get shut out."

• Here's my early take on the upcoming boys lacrosse season: Niskayuna will win another Sectional title because it's in Class B again. There just isn't a serious challenger in that class for the Silver Warriors.

As for Class A, it's up for grabs between Guilderland, Shenendehowa, Shaker and a veteran-laden Bethlehem squad. CBA could also challenge, but it largely depends on how well the Brothers play for new coach Tom Vivian. They played well last year under Tom Schwan, who is now coaching at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, so the possibility exists that they can repeat that success.

One thing to note: the Suburban Council realigned its divisions to the same north-south geographical format that it has for its other sports. So, area boys lacrosse fans will only get to see one game between heavyweights Niskayuna and Guilderland this season instead of the two games that they were accustomed to when they were in the Blue Division.

Same thing goes for the Guilderland-Shen rivalry.

Fortunately, Colonie lacrosse fans will get to see two meetings between Colonie and Shaker, now that they're both in the South Division. Unfortunately for Ballston Spa and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake fans, they'll get to see Niskayuna, Saratoga and Shen twice since they're all in the North Division. It could get pretty ugly for the Scotties and Spartans, both of whom feature fairly young rosters.

• Rumor has it that Plattsburgh State wants to move its hockey program up from Division III to Division I. Apparently, the Cardinals are tired of going to the DIII Final Four virtually every year, and they feel that they can be successful at the DI level. After all, if RIT can reach the Frozen Four after five years at the DI level, surely it wouldn't take Plattsburgh State very long to achieve the same result.

• The New York Mets seem determined to enter the regular season with a pitching staff featuring Mike Pelfrey and Oliver Perez as starters. That sound you just heard was every Mets' fan slapping their heads in frustration. Oh, and Johan Santana is coming off of elbow surgery. Ugh.

• Finally, this item from alloveralbany.com: Albany Dodgeball and Hometown Dodgeball of Clifton Park are attempting to set a new Guinness World Record for the longest match April 5 at the Washington Avenue Armory. The goal is to play for 31 hours, 11 minutes and 13 seconds. Sounds like a good time.

That's it for this week, folks. Did you catch the April Fool's Day item? If you think you know what it is, tell me by e-mailing your answer to jonasr@spotlightnews.com. I'll let you all know next week what the answer is.



Guilderland coach Gary Chatnik demonstrates a move during last Friday's practice.

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Dutch

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state-mandated scheduling cuts, the Lady Dutch only have one game against a non-Sectional opponent — a contest against Section

V's Canandaigua Academy. Their other non-league game is their opener against Niskayuna.

"We're fine with it," said Chatnik. "We couldn't have picked up anyone stronger than Niskayuna and Canandaigua Academy."

No matter who they play, the Lady Dutch know they will be targets after last year's accomplishments.

"They had a fine year, they were ranked fifth in the nation — they couldn't do much more, than they did," said Chatnik.

V'ville releases spring schedule

Voorheesville High School recently released its spring varsity schedule (home games in bold).

Baseball

April 6 – Schoharie, 1 p.m.
April 10 – at Maple Hill Tournament, 10 a.m.
April 14 – at Lansingburgh, 4 p.m.
April 15 – Watervliet, 4 p.m.
April 19 – at Schalmont, 4 p.m.
April 21 – at Cohoes*, 1:30 p.m.
April 23 – Mechanicville, 4 p.m.

April 26 – Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

April 28 – at Cobleskill-Richmondville, 4:30 p.m.

April 30 – at Albany Academy, 4 p.m.

May 1 – at Berne-Knox-Westerlo, 4 p.m.

May 5 – Lansingburgh, 4 p.m.

May 7 – at Watervliet, 4 p.m.

May 10 – Schalmont, 4 p.m.

May 12 – Cohoes, 4 p.m.

May 14 – at Mechanicville, 4 p.m.

May 17 – at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

May 19 – Cobleskill-Richmondville, 4:30 p.m.

May 20 – Albany Academy, 4 p.m.

* – game played in Cooperstown

Softball

April 12 – Galway, 4:30 p.m.

April 14 – at Watervliet, 4 p.m.

April 16 – Mechanicville, 4 p.m.

April 19 – at Holy Names, 4 p.m.

April 21 – at Cohoes, 4 p.m.

April 23 – Hoosic Valley, 4 p.m.

April 26 – Cobleskill-Richmondville, 4:30 p.m.

April 28 – Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

April 30 – Lansingburgh, 4 p.m.

May 3 – at Lake George, 4 p.m.

May 5 – at Albany Academy, 4 p.m.

May 7 – Holy Names, 4 p.m.

May 10 – Cohoes, 4 p.m.

May 12 – Schalmont, 4 p.m.

May 13 – Maple Hill, 4 p.m.

May 17 – at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

May 19 – at Lansingburgh, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis

April 1 – at Cohoes, 4 p.m.

April 15 – Cobleskill, 4 p.m.

April 19 – Waterford, 4 p.m.

April 21 – at Schalmont, 4 p.m.

April 23 – Schoharie, 4 p.m.

April 26 – at Watervliet, 4 p.m.

April 28 – Albany Academy, 4 p.m.

April 29 – Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.



Lenahan leads BC bowlers

Bethlehem bowler Sean Lenahan had one of the best two-game stretches in Section II history this past season.

The senior rolled consecutive 800+ series in late January, including an 847 series in a Jan. 21 Suburban Council match against Ballston Spa. That series, which included a

perfect game of 300, is believed to be the best in Section II history.

Lenahan preceded his 847 series with an 828 series in a Suburban Council match against Guilderland.

The back-to-back 800+ series were part of a strong season for Lenahan. He was named the Suburban

Council co-most valuable bowler, and he came within six pins of qualifying for the state tournament.

The Bethlehem boys bowling team completed the 2009-10 season with an 11-5 league record, a fifth-place finish at the league tournament and a sixth-place finish at the Section II Class A tournament.

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

BC pursues a title

10 seniors lead Lady Eagles into 2010

By ROB JONAS
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The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team is as prepared for the 2010 season as it will ever be.

The Lady Eagles return the majority of their starting lineup from last year's Section II Division I finalist squad, and they've prepped for the Suburban Council season by scrimmaging some of the top programs in New York and Connecticut.

"We've definitely had enough experience in terms of our preseason scrimmages to get ourselves ready," said Bethlehem coach Dawn Austin. "We just want the season to start."

The Lady Eagles lost a couple of key players, but not to graduation. Midfielder Kaitlyn Martin is still recovering from a torn knee ligament she suffered during the soccer season, and goaltender Kristina Maksuti did not return to the lacrosse team because she is focusing on soccer, said Austin.

Still, Bethlehem has plenty of veterans ready to lead the Lady Eagles back to the top of the Section II heap, starting with forwards Shirah Fudin and Cameron Caesar, as well as midfielder Michelle Primomo.

"Michelle has taken on more of the goal scoring

with Kaitlyn out," said Austin of Primomo. "She handles the ball so well that she can go through double and triple teams and still shoot the ball."

Goaltender Meg Ladouceur, who split time with Maksuti last year, steps into the starter's role this season, and Austin said the senior is ready for the challenge.

"She's been in lots of pressure situations before, so I think she's ready," said Austin.

Pressure was something familiar to Bethlehem in 2009. The Lady Eagles were involved in several one-goal games, many of which they won.

"We definitely experienced pressure last year, especially when we were trying to keep a one-goal lead with five minutes left to go," said Austin.

Ultimately, what Bethlehem would like to experience this season is to win its first Sectional title in four years. The last three championships have gone to Guilderland.

"Whether we play Guilderland or some other team in the finals, we want to be back in the finals," said Austin.

Bethlehem gets an early crack at the defending Division I champs when it meets Guilderland next Tuesday in their Suburban Council opener.

"Guilderland was deep on their bench last year, and they have a lot of talent," said Austin. "We'll get to see where we square up with them right away."



Guilderland goaltender Amanda Santandrea, left, steels herself for a shot during last Friday's team practice at Union College. Santandrea will anchor a veteran defensive unit for the Lady Dutch.

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Dutch: defense is key

Defending champs have holes to fill on offense

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A year after coming within a whisker of winning a state title, the Guilderland girls lacrosse team is preparing to make another run at it.

"There's high expectations this year," said coach Gary Chatnik. "We lost a lot [to graduation], but we return a lot."

The Lady Dutch won't have the likes of Amanda Best, Bridget Daley and Danielle Tetreault to help them score goals this year. What they will have is a group of veterans that contributed to the offense last year

led by Erin Mossop, Kelly Camardo and Kristen Cagino.

"They're going to grow through the year," said Chatnik. "They have the talent to be a great offensive team. They just have to develop the confidence in their abilities."

As the offense gels, Guilderland's defense will be counted on to help win games early in the season. That shouldn't be a problem, though, as the Lady Dutch will have several veterans in the backfield led by senior goaltender Amanda Santandrea.

"The defense and the goaltending will be very strong," said Chatnik. "Santandrea is the best goaltender in the league, in my opinion."

Guilderland's defense will be tested early on. The Lady Dutch open their season against a Niskayuna squad that Chatnik said will be one of the best in Section II, and

then they face Bethlehem in their first Suburban Council game next Tuesday. It's the first meeting between the two neighboring schools since Guilderland defeated Bethlehem in last year's Sectional final.

Chatnik said the tests won't end there for his team.

"It's going to be a very open [Suburban] Council this year," he said. "I think Colonie and Shenendehowa will be improved. They both have great coaching and a lot of talent coming back. Shaker is going to be very good. Saratoga is always strong and Bethlehem returns just about everybody."

The one thing Guilderland will not be able to do as often as it has in the past is test itself against teams from outside Section II. Due to

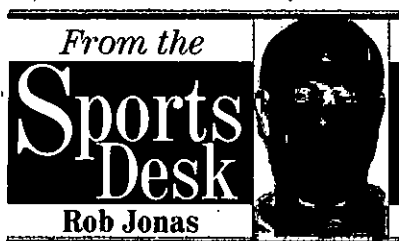
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McCaffery leaving is not an April Fool's joke

How I wish Fran McCaffery heading to Iowa was an April Fool's Day gag, but fear not. Somewhere in this column, there will be an April Fool's Day joke. You'll just have to guess which one it is. OK, moving on...

• McCaffery's decision to leave Siena for the more golden pastures of Iowa (it is part of the "corn belt," after all) makes sense. The Hawkeyes might have been bad this year (10-22), but they still have Big 10-level talent for McCaffery to work with. And with the Saints heading for a downturn (trust me, it will happen), McCaffery probably knew this was the right time for him to take a job with a major conference team.

Besides, Siena fans have been braced for this moment for the last three seasons. As soon as the Saints made the NCAA Tournament for the first time under McCaffery in 2008, people started speculating how long it would take him to bolt for a bigger job — though, not necessarily a better job. As it turned out, he stayed much longer than anyone around here rightfully expected.



This, of course, leads to the big question: Who will Siena hire to replace McCaffery? Should they go after a coach who's been successful at another mid-major school like they did when they plucked McCaffery from North Carolina-Greensboro? Should they hire a hot assistant coach like they did when they acquired Paul Hewitt in the 1990s? Should they stay in-house and promote McCaffery's right-hand man, Mitch Buonoguro? Frankly, that's for Siena to determine.

As for McCaffery, what he did at Siena for the past five years (112-51 record, three consecutive MAAC Tournament championships and a 2-3 NCAA Tournament record) is incredible. It will also be a very difficult act to follow.

• Now that McCaffery has left for Iowa, can we start a Nate Leaman watch? After the job Leaman's done turning Union's hockey program into a winner, I think his name would come up in other DI programs' coaching searches.

Think about it. Leaman had to convince top-notch junior hockey players to come to a school in the unglamorous ECAC and play in an arena that looks like a Shaker barn for a team that had been near the bottom of the league every year before he got there. The crazy part is, whatever he did worked because he landed guys like Mario Valery-Trabucco, Jason Walters, Corey Milan

and Keith Kincaid — all of whom played major roles in the Dutchmen's 21-12-6 season.

If Leaman can do that at Union, imagine what he could do for a program in Hockey East or the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. On second thought, maybe we shouldn't imagine that. Not if we want Leaman to stay around long enough to get Union to the NCAA Tournament.

• Here's a shocking fact: Christ the King won only its second ever boys Federation basketball title last weekend in Glens Falls. I was certain the Royals had won more than that. Of course, it could also be that I'm confusing the boys team with the girls team, which has now won 15 Federation titles. Yeah, that must be it.

Of course, for the Christ the King boys team to win the Federation title, it had to defeat Christian Brothers Academy in Saturday's Class AA semifinal. Certainly, not the ending the Brothers were looking for, but they had a great season that included their first state title. Hopefully, they'll remember that and not the 63-60 Federation loss when they look back upon their season.

• I also had the opportunity to cover Jamesville-DeWitt's Federation Class A final against Nichols School of Buffalo for our Syracuse chain of weeklies, so

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