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On a day that would have been better suited for lounging at the pool, a bunch of brave baseball players donned flannel uniforms and brought the national pastime back to its roots on the Fourth of July.

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Delmar resident Sara Rosenblatt greets Natasha Dailey, 7, who came from Staten Island to spend two weeks with the Rosenblatts this summer through part of the Fresh Air Fund.

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A breath of Fresh Air

Area host family greets inner-city summer visitors

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Host families from the Capital District and beyond greeted a busload of visitors from New York City on Wednesday, June 30, as the long-running Fresh Air Fund shifted into gear for the summer.

About 20 inner-city children stepped off the bus at Christ Our Light Catholic Church in Loudonville, some greeting families they have vacationed with in the past, some meeting their

hosts for the first time. All will spend at least a week upstate to get a true summer vacation experience.

But the program doesn't just benefit the children who travel upstate, said local organizer Cindy Mangione, who has been a host in the past.

"It gives my children the opportunity to learn about another area," she said. "I think my children learned more than I did."

The program has been running since 1877 and seen 1.7 million participants. For many of the inner-city children, Fresh Air is their only opportunity to vacation away from the city.

Locally, the program will match over 80 children with host families this summer, over three,

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Citizen charity draws scrutiny

Town returns accepted donation, may send others back

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As the old saying goes, "never look a gift horse in the mouth." But what if you have no use for the gift?

That's a question members of the Bethlehem Town Board have been pondering recently, as a number of resident donations have been received for projects that were and still are on the drawing board.

It's provoked a discussion on the town's position on citizen charity. In short, there isn't one.

"This is a unique situation. I do not know of it happening in the past," said Supervisor Sam Messina.

The town receives donations on the order of \$10 to several hundred dollars on a relatively regular basis, but these are usually to fund things like memorial park benches or sheet music for the senior choir, not for policy items or programs.

Most recently, at a June 23 meeting, the Town Board discussed an anonymous donation of \$200 to be split between fixing the tennis court

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Patroon farm raises barn

Food bank's farm facility built with community donations

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Officials at the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York are hoping those in need will be getting more healthy vegetables after a barn is opened at the Patroon Land Farm.

Local dignitaries and bank representatives celebrated the construction of the barn Tuesday, June 29, at the Voorheesville farm, which is run by volunteer labor and donates its harvest to the bank.

The regional food bank's Linda Comstock hopes the farm will be even more productive

with the new facilities in place.

"It's going to be the hub of operation, just like a barn is on a farm," she said. "We did not have a place where we could wash and pack the produce [before]... We will be able to move things along a lot faster."

Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York Executive Director Mark Quandt echoed those sentiments.

"It will also provide a place where our staff can work and volunteers can do work in bad weather," he said. "When it's raining, sometimes we don't really have anything for our staff to do."

But perhaps the most impressive thing about the barn is the fact it was constructed entirely through donations. A committee started raising

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Pauline Williman speaks at the ribbon cutting. As president of the Patroon Land Foundation, Williman donated farmland for the use of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

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Bethlehem man facing DWI, speeding charges

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Michael J. Labate, 24, of 155 Western Ave. Apt 1, Albany, on Saturday, June 26, and charged him with DWI and speeding.

A police patrol allegedly observed Labate's Toyota Prius traveling 76 in a 55 on state Route 85 near the Blessing Road roundabout at about 4 a.m. Police initiated a stop just north of Blessing Road but Labate did not stop until halfway between the roundabout and the Maher Road roundabout, according to police.

Labate had watery, red, bloodshot eyes and the odor of alcohol on his breath, police said. He allegedly said, "I've been drinking and I probably should not be driving."

Labate said he was traveling from his parent's house, where he had four or five Magic Hat No. 9s, and he also said he had only had a V-8 juice at 3 p.m. and was on Cymbalta, an antidepressant, according to arrest reports.

Police said Labate also

admitted to speeding and exhibited slow, slurred speech during the interview. He was allegedly unable to locate his license, registration or insurance card when asked to produce them. Police say he failed several sobriety tests and was taken into custody.

At the station, a chemical test administered at about 5:31 a.m. showed Labate's BAC to be 0.17, according to police. He was released to his mother on tickets returnable to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, July 6.

Man charged with aggravated DWI

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Kristopher A. Manilenko, 21, of 8 Malden Lane, Delmar, on Saturday, June 26, at about 6:39 p.m., and charged him with aggravated DWI.

Police received an anonymous call regarding a black Ford Explorer leaving the Stewart's Shop on Route 9 in Glenmont

heading toward Route 32, before taking a right on Kenwood Avenue. The caller believed the operator to be intoxicated.

A police patrol in a parking lot on Kenwood Avenue saw Manilenko's vehicle drive past, and also observed it failing to keep right, according to arrest reports. A traffic stop was made, and police said Manilenko had watery, bloodshot eyes, and the odor of alcohol on his breath.

Other Bethlehem police officers and the Albany County Sheriff's Department arrived to assist in handling his four passengers.

Manilenko failed several sobriety tests and was taken into custody, police said. At the station, he refused a chemical test twice then submitted to one, which showed his BAC to 0.28 percent.

He was released to his mother on tickets returnable to Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, July 20.

Other arrests

• State police arrested Michèle R. Melius, 42, of Ravena, on Thursday, July 1, and charged her with grand larceny in the third degree, forgery in the second degree and falsifying business records in the first degree, all felonies.

The incident was first reported in January of this year. The arrest occurred at 2019 Indian Fields Road in the Town of New Scotland. She was released to a third party.

Spots available for bike tour

There are still spots available for the 6th annual Great Hudson Valley Pedal, a six-day, 200-mile recreational bicycle tour from Albany to New York City. The tour is scheduled for Aug. 10 to 15.

Included in the \$525 fee for the Great Hudson Valley Pedal are camping accommodations every evening with showers and toilet facilities, five breakfasts and four dinners; two refreshment stops daily stocked with fruit, snacks and beverages; entertainment and historical presentations each evening; guided tours of historic sites, museums, and other attractions; T-shirt and water bottle.

For information on the Great Hudson Valley Pedal, e-mail hudsonstour@ptny.org or call 434-1583.

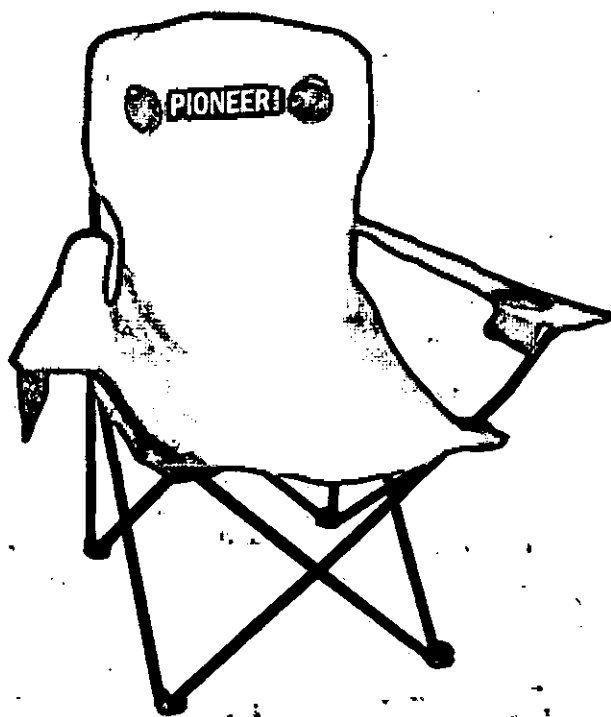
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From plot to plate

More local restaurants are embracing locally grown produce

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Farm-to-table cooking is a trend that is taking root in the Capital District, with a number of local establishments adding their names to the New York Farms Web site, which lists eateries that cook with local foods.

Restaurants that support farm-to-table cooking buy ingredients and foods from local farms, personal gardens and farmers markets, and then use them in dishes and baked goods. Cooking seasonally is also a part of the movement. Upstate New York allows this movement to thrive with its many farms.

At Perfect Blend in Delmar, owners Brendan McCann and Daniel Casey said they are happy to support the community and are eager to give back by using local ingredients.

"We feel like it's good to keep money within the community, and buying locally allows us to do that," McCann said.

McCann and Casey started buying locally when they bought Perfect Blend in October 2008.

"When the fruit and other foods we need are in season and we can buy locally, we do," McCann said.

Perfect Blend, which sells a number of pastries and desserts that are made with fresh fruit, buy apples and fruit from Indian Ladder Farms in Altamont, and milk and cream from Meadow Brook Farms. McCann and Casey's latest business venture, Make Me a Cake Next Door, also uses local ingredients when possible.

In addition to buying from local farms, McCann and Casey said they like to

attend farmers markets, by either setting up their own stand or buying from local vendors.

Peter Ten Eyck II at Indian Ladder Farms said he is pleased to be able to supply produce to local eateries.

"There are quite a few businesses that will come during season for foods," Ten Eyck said.

Apples, berries and apple cider are among the farm's top-selling items, and fall is when buying is the most popular.

"Buying locally allows for fresher food, no transportation problems, which cuts back on gas, and buyers can have a relationship with the growers," Ten Eyck said.

"When the fruit and other foods we need are in season and we can buy locally, we do."

— Brendan McCann, owner, Perfect Blend in Delmar

Indian Ladder sells to some restaurants in the city of Albany and has seen an increase in the number of restaurants buying locally in the past few years.

Chef Brian Bowden at The Ginger Man in Albany said more people have

switched to buying locally. Restaurant manager Julia Byron said The Ginger Man is well known for its cheese boards so the restaurant buys most of its cheese locally from farms such as Old Chatham Shepherding Company and Coach Farm.

Bowden said he likes to shop at local farmers markets when he can.

"Having fresh, local food is a great selling point, and people like to see us supporting our community," Bowden said.

In addition to buying cheese locally, the restaurant also buys vegetables from Schoharie Valley Farms, Indian Ladder Farms,



The Ginger Man's Chef Brian Bowden uses a number of local ingredients in his menus.



ABOVE: Brendan McCann and Daniel Casey, owners of The Perfect Blend and Make Me a Cake Next Door, shop locally for ingredients.



RIGHT: At Indian Ladder Farms, restaurants and local residents can come to pick fruits and vegetables when they're in season.

Photos by Jessica Pett/Spotlight

and Blue Moon Acres. Bowden said many of the items on the menu are cooked with local food, particularly the specials menu. Byron and Bowden said buying local has positively affected business, and they plan to continue the practice.

Gideon Putnam Resort is one of the many Saratoga Springs restaurants that buy locally.

Brian P. Sterner, the executive chef at Gideon Putnam, said local sustainability is important and essential to what the restaurant does every day.

"When, where and however we can reduce our carbon footprint, we do," said Sterner, who arrived at the restaurant in January 2008. "We are forging partnerships with many local farmers and are excited to feature the fresh seasonal produce grown by multiple farms."

Farms the Gideon Putnam buys from include Thomas Poultry Farm, Farm at Miller's Crossing, Gade Farm and Saratoga Apple. Just over a year ago, the restaurant began growing its own herb garden, and the chef said people enjoy seeing them cultivate the garden and



LEFT: Local ingredients from Schoharie Valley Farms, Indian Ladder Farms, and Blue Moon Acres are featured in dishes at The Ginger Man in Albany.

then using the herbs in their meals.

The chefs and managers at The Gideon Putnam have taken a hands-on approach to learning how the local farms practice sustainable farming. The certified organic farmers they visited have mastered

crop rotation so they can naturally enrich the soil.

For more information on buying locally, farm to restaurant cooking, foods that are in season and restaurants in this area and all over New York who buy locally visit www.nyfarms.info.

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Siena Research Institute to speak on cell tower poll

Don Levy, director of the Siena Research Institute, will give a presentation Wednesday, July 7, at Bethlehem Town Hall, to discuss the results of a Spotlight/Siena poll on cell

phone towers in the town.

The results of that poll were reported in the June 23 edition of The Spotlight and are available for review on www.spotlightnews.com.

The poll found that while

a plurality of Bethlehem residents support the construction of a tower, they do not favor one of two tower applications before the town over the other. The survey also gathered information on attitudes toward cell reception in town and cell phone towers in general.

The poll was bankrolled by Independent Tower

Holdings LLC, which has received permission from the Bethlehem Central School District to pursue a tower on district property outside the operations and maintenance building on Elm Avenue.

An application for a tower from ESCO Towers on a farmer's land off of Van Dyke Road has been before the town for some

time though.

Due to the proximity of the towers, if one is approved and built, the other would not be needed and likely be denied.

The presentation will be at 7 p.m. Town Hall is located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. The public is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

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Greenish gardener conquers the water spigot

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Mushrooms do not poop. Most people probably already know this. I did, too, but was briefly confused when a neighbor told me that she used mushroom compost in her garden.

I must confess that I am a green gardener. In my case "green" does not mean that I have a talent for growing things nor does it imply that I am partial to eco-friendly products. I am "green" in the wet-behind-the-ears sense of the word. I am a new gardener.

My sister has gardened for years, but I've always been afraid of the bugs and slugs and worms in the ground. I've never been interested in gardening, although I do enjoy the various flowers that bloom in my yard courtesy of the previous owner's green thumb.

And yet, back in early March, I decided that I wanted to grow some vegetables. I can't even pinpoint the source of my motivation. I think it was a combination of factors, including increased publicity over "locally grown" produce, my increased interest in eating salad and all those characters in novels who express satisfaction



over their gardens.

It was May before I brought home the stack of how-to books from the library. Most of the books focused on flowers, plants and shrubs. The contents reinforced something my spouse and I had learned over the years. I told him: "Apparently, a lot of work is required to keep perennials thriving year after year."

We knew about watering (aka "rain"), but were not sure how to properly engage in pruning, deadheading, splitting and thinning. Even weeding has always been rather mysterious since we can't tell the "real" plants from the weeds, many of which also have pretty flowers. And so, other than trimming the shrubs and trees, we have been rather passive about the many plants outside our home.

But this spring we turned over a new leaf. Actually, we turned over and dug up old grass and some over-crowded non-blooming perennials in order to make space for a vegetable garden.

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I had no idea the chemistry involved. I'm not talking about an attraction between gardeners (although there is a certain allure to wide-brim hats and watering cans). I'm referring to the complexity of growing crops.

"Wow, Jeff, farming is a science!" I said as I read through the "Gardening for Dummies" book.

And then I became overwhelmed and discouraged. I should have been reading the books last fall. Then I would have known that I needed to analyze and prepare the soil. I would know whether our soil has the characteristics of sand, clay or loam. I would have taken samples and determined the acidity levels.

My sister happened to come for a visit the day I first opened the gardening books. I had lots of questions: Do you till, turn, fertilize, compost and mulch? Do you hand water or use a sprinkler? Do you add lime to

the soil?

My father was also visiting. He listened to our conversation for a while and then chimed in "Just stick the stuff in the ground."

Perhaps I was making it unnecessarily complicated. After all, it was just an experiment; my family was not going to starve if the garden failed. But still, I wanted to give my garden at least a fighting chance.

We took a walk through the neighborhood, examined other gardens and got advice from their owners. In the end, we decided to go with a square-foot garden concept. Jeff built me a box that is two feet wide, 12 feet long and six inches deep. I took my daughter to a garden center, approached a staff member and confessed that I was brand new to gardening. I then explained that I needed four cubic feet each of peat moss, vermiculite and compost. This "recipe" for soil was touted in my reading material as a successful growing environment.

We stepped out of the store's cool interior and into the adjacent greenhouse area. It was hot and overwhelming. "Excuse me," I said to a couple picking out tomato plants, "I'm growing vegetables for the first time. What kinds of tomatoes are good for a beginner?" They suggested beefsteak.

I didn't expect how much I'd enjoy having the garden. It's fun seeing the plants get bigger. When the beginnings of yellow flowers appeared on the tomato plants, I was unsure if these were A) nutrient-stealing growths that should be removed or B) the places from

which the tomatoes sprout. I thought it was the latter (it is), but I wasn't expecting to see any such evidence for several more weeks.

Weeds are not a problem, since I have that faux soil and a layer of landscape fabric, which is essentially fancy plastic that allows water to pass through, but not light, thus discouraging weed growth. The airborne weeds are easily removed.

And I love watering the garden, because my husband bought me a fancy wand attachment for the hose. I'm not thrilled about having to slide between and reach behind the shrubberies that guard the water spigot. I just don't know what lurks in that greenery (which is sometimes wet with dew or rain) and I'm concerned about brushing against a spider's web. Still, the thirsty plants need me, so I am conquering my spigot-phobia.

My next challenge is to conquer my fear of the compost bin. Until this year the compost bin was "that thing in the back corner of the yard" that came with the house. Now I love saving the cucumber peels, cornhusks and furry grapes that we used to throw away. It's a form of recycling! Still, I don't want to personally put items in the bin, at least not when I'm alone. I'm not afraid of the bin itself, but rather what may be creeping around inside. A colleague told me she's got a snake living in her compost heap. Plus, I'm guessing that worms are the norm.

But back to the mushroom compost, which I figured was something that strict vegetarians use in their gardens. It turns out that mushroom compost is manure from mushroom-fed horses. The compost in my garden is made from cow manure. The bag did not indicate that the cows ate and I didn't think to ask. But if I'm lucky, this fall my family will be eating homegrown tomatoes, peppers and zucchini.



WEEKLY WEATHER



Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

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Record high/low/year

AVERAGE HIGH 82° AVERAGE LOW 60°

Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, July 7	97°/1988	44°/1979
Thursday, July 8	100°/1936	43°/1969
Friday, July 9	103°/1936	41°/1963
Saturday, July 10	100°/1936	47°/1963
Sunday, July 11	98°/1936	48°/1986
Monday, July 12	96°/1935	44°/1978
Tuesday, July 13	96°/1894	45°/1939

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION
16.25 inches as of July 2nd
2.80 inches below average

This week in weather

July 10, 1989 Severe thunderstorms spawned seventeen tornadoes in the Northeast. A powerful (F-4) tornado touched down near Ames in Montgomery County, injuring twenty persons along its 43 mile track.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	5:25am	8:35pm
Thursday	5:25am	8:35pm
Friday	5:26am	8:34pm
Saturday	5:27am	8:34pm
Sunday	5:27am	8:33pm
Monday	5:28am	8:33pm
Tuesday	5:29am	8:32pm

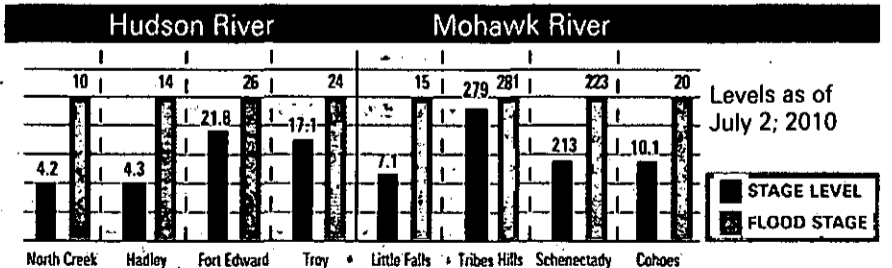
Moon Phases

July 11	New	July 18	First
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Planets	When	Where
Saturn	Evening	SW
Jupiter	Dawn	High SSE
Mars	Dusk	WSW
Venus	Dusk	Bright W

Rivers & Recreation

River Levels



Water temp.

Lake George	72°
Bolton Landing	73°
Sacandaga Lake	72°
Saratoga Lake	75°
Jersey Shore	70°
Cape Cod	71°

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	1:44am, 2:02pm	8:44am, 8:45pm
Thursday	2:38am, 2:59pm	9:37am, 9:36pm
Friday	3:29am, 3:53pm	10:28am, 10:26pm
Saturday	4:19am, 4:44pm	11:17am, 11:15pm
Sunday	5:07am, 5:34pm	12:04pm
Monday	5:54am, 6:24pm	12:04am, 12:51pm
Tuesday	6:40am, 7:13pm	12:54am, 1:37pm

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Woman helps to bring 'daylight' to Ghana

Glenmont native recognized for her charitable work in Africa

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If a picture is worth a thousand words, then at Kekeli, Inc., in the African nation of Ghana, its value can also be measured in hope and opportunity.

That's where Glenmont native Carrie Brown has been doing charitable work for much of the past eight years and founding Kekeli, a school where she teaches children photography. She was recently awarded the Capital Area Council of Churches James and Pearl Campbell Peace and Justice Award for her work.

The award is named after a Methodist couple who were active in social justice issues, including protests and educational activities. They also chaired the council's Department of International Affairs, which later became the Peace and Justice Committee.

Today, the council recognizes one or more persons annually who embodies their spirit as a "friend of peace and justice." Brown was nominated for the award by her pastor, the Rev. Harlan Ratmeyer of The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Ratmeyer said after reading about the award, suggesting Brown was an easy decision.

"Clearly, Carrie is drawn there, and when she talks to other people about what she is doing, I just watch the energy pour out of her," he said. "She started out with photography, she continues with that, but I think she's much more interested in the people and their needs."



Glenmont native Carrie Brown was recently recognized by the Capital Area Council of Churches for establishing a photography school in Ghana, where she instructs orphans and children with disabilities. She is seen here with students of the Anglican School in Ho, Ghana. LEFT: Brown with her pastor, the Rev. Harlan Ratmeyer, accepting the Capital Area Council of Churches James and Pearl Campbell Peace and Justice Award in June.

Submitted photos

"daylight" in Ewe, one of several local languages. It speaks not only to the light needed for photography, but for the opportunity it can bring to many of the children the organization benefits.

Helping the students learn to take pictures develops motor skills and helps Brown develop learning games for use in the classroom. Something as simple as attaching

a name to a picture of a local plant can make a big difference.

"Many of them don't know how to read or write, so we're trying to get the students familiar with recognizing words and names," Brown said.

Those who are gifted photographers might even go on to make a living of it. The school is investigating a micro-loan program where students can purchase equipment by paying back the cost over time.

Many of the children who attend the school are orphans, cured lepers or have special needs. In Ghana, organizations like Kekeli will be the only help these children can get.

"Anyone with a disability—there's such a stigma attached to those things, they're often ignored," Brown said, adding that breaking that stigma is part of the school's mission.

"It really has people in the community looking at what they can do differently," she said.

While Kekeli has its own offices, Brown also travels to area schools to teach photography to children there.

Now, she's working with these students on projects for the 2012 Cultural Olympics in London, where their work on local storytelling will hopefully be featured.

The funds and equipment that make Kekeli possible come from donations in the States. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.kekeliinc.com.

Checks may be sent to Kekeli, Inc., c/o The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 38 Church Road, Selkirk 12158.

Brown's first trip to the Republic of Ghana was in 2002 as a volunteer with a nonprofit group, when she also did work for her master of fine arts degree by doing photography there. She knew immediately she was destined to return.

"I was interested in Africa in general, and

being a photographer and documenting the traditions, the people," she said.

A few years after her initial trip, she returned with donations in hand for a longer stay and planted the roots of Kekeli. Her most recent trip there lasted three years, and she just left town for another

two-year expedition.

"It's hard to be away for so long, but the work is really rewarding, and it's hard to come back from Ghana as well," Brown said.

She stays with her parents, Edward and Mary Jane Brown, while in town.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Become a 'locavore'

Apparently the Capital District is so populated with locavores that many area eateries have or are changing their buying habits to accommodate them.

But before you start dialing the Health Department, let's explain that locavores are not some pest — the word "locavore" is a term supposedly coined in 2005 by Jessica Prentice of the San Francisco Bay area to describe a person who attempts to eat only foods grown locally. Regardless of its origins, "locavore" is used widely enough among local-food advocates that it was chosen as the New Oxford American Dictionary Word of the Year in 2007.

Now, some of our more cynical readers may be wishing that we were describing some sort of vermin. We understand that sometimes these "feel-good" movements can be a turn off to people who just want to shop where they shop and eat where and what they want to eat. A lot of us here at *The Spotlight* feel the same way. But before we write off the locavore, let's take a look at what it does and the variety of reasons it does it:

By eating locally, a lot of locavores hope to create a greater connection between themselves and their food sources and distance themselves from processed foods. While locavores can follow the 100-mile-diet (in which people eat only foods grown within 100 miles of their residence), it's really not necessary to carry a GPS in order to buy as much food as you can from farmers, growers and sellers.

But the basic concept behind becoming a locavore is a simple one that anyone could get behind: local foods are produced as close to home as possible. Buying local supports the local economy. Who benefits from that? You do. If not in health, if not in a sense that you've done a little for the environment, then at least you've benefited because you know you've kept your hard-earned money relatively in your own backyard.

To that end, we also ask that you support restaurants that make eating out as a locavore possible (See story on Page 3 and at www.spotlightnews.com).

Restaurants that support locavores buy ingredients and foods from local farms, personal gardens and farmers markets, and then use them in dishes and baked goods.

We're not saying you have to walk out of a joint if the asparagus comes from more than 100 miles away, but we are saying that if you're given the choice, support the people who help support you.

Editorial**Race to help injured vet build 'smart home'**

By DAN SABBATINO.
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The writer is a reporter for the Colonie/Loudonville Spotlight.

I've never met Brendan Marrocco. What I know of him I have heard through friends, media reports and Web sites. He's a local legend in New York City at this point and I know that I want to help Brendan Marrocco because he is, in my opinion, a hero.

Brendan was sent to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii after joining the Army in the 25th Infantry Division, assigned to the 3rd Brigade, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Regiment.

Based nearly 130 miles out of Baghdad, Brendan's job, like many soldiers serving overseas, was to fight terrorists. During the morning of Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, his vehicle, specifically his door, was hit with an Explosive Fired Projectile, according to military vernacular. There were two other injuries and a fatality, and as a result of the attack both Brendan's arms and legs were amputated.

If not for the efforts of his unit and the platoon medic he would have bled to death on the spot. Instead, in addition to the amputations, he merely suffered, a severed left artery, a broken nose and left eye socket and broken facial bones. He lost eight teeth, took shrapnel to the eye and face and had numerous burns and injuries to his left eardrum.

One of my best friends, Mike Battiato has known Brendan since they were in Cub Scouts together. Mike had gone to visit Brendan while he was recovering several times, and I recall him updating me about his progress. Mike has told me Brendan's attitude is positive and his recovery is coming along well.

Although I and my other friends didn't know Brendan personally, we were always rooting for him — and we still are.

Due to serendipitous circumstances, another friend of mine, Vincent Cisternino happened to be playing a round of golf with one of the organizers involved in a massive fundraising effort for injured veterans like Brendan.

Looking for something positive to do with his free time, Vin wanted to help.

After much planning, Vin, Mike and a team of ambitious friends have signed on to run a 12-mile, 19 obstacle race/swim in the mud to help raise money to build Brendan a "smart house" that will make it easier for the amputee to function in his home.

The Tough Mudder event will take place Nov. 20 in Englishtown, N.J. Due to a prior engagement I won't be there. But, I am here, now, writing this piece to try to do my part to help Brendan, and I am asking everyone reading this to root for, pray for, and donate to the cause my friends have taken up.

Each team member has their own donation site on active.com. For now, team Just Tough Enough has one site to donate to: <http://www.active.com/donate/BRENDANMARROCCO/JustToughEnough>.

There are eight members and they are looking for four more.

The team consists of Cisternino, Battiato, his brother Joe, Daniel Nilsen, Gary Greco, Nicholas Giacomo, Keith Marsh and Bryan McLaughlin.

For information on the Tough Mudder race, visit <http://toughmudder.com/events/tri-state/>.

The fundraising goal

is \$1,000 per person with a \$10,000 team goal.

According to Vin, "The reason we are running such a tough race — rather than a simple 5K — is because the effort required to complete the race will be truly significant — yet nothing in comparison to what Brendan sacrificed for our country. We are also hoping it will justify more significant contributions."

The contributions are part of the Stephen Siller Children's Foundation, which is ultimately responsible for building the "smart home" for Brendan.

The Siller foundation also organizes a run in honor of Stephen Siller (another hero) who was an off-duty firefighter who ran through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to get to the Twin Towers on 9/11.

His story can be found at <http://www.tunneltotowersrun.org/>.

Brendan is recovering and undergoing physical and occupational therapy at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. His brother Michael (another hero) is moving in with Brendan and assisting with his recovery. He stays with him 24/7.

In addition to asking you all to help raise money, I will ask one other thing. Put aside feelings about global politics, the war, the Administration, or whatever else crops up during discussions about the veterans and their injuries. Nobody likes war. Brendan deserves more than policy debates. He needs serious medical help and a new home he can function in.

Also, keep my friends in mind come November. It's cold in November, and running around in the mud for 12 miles is hard — but, as Vin said earlier, not as hard as taking shrapnel to the face, or losing all your limbs in an explosion.

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Weekly poll

This week's question is:

Are you more likely to eat at restaurants that use local produce?

Log on to www.spotlightnews.com to cast your vote and see results.

Last week's poll results:

Question: "What's the future of development in the Capital District?"

- Commercial development may be at a lull right now, but it'll pick up.: 25%
- I see tenements. Lots and lots of tenements.: 25%
- More walkable, hamlet-style projects that have commercial and residential aspects.: 50%

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Sonny and Perley perform

The Albany County Historical Association presents Sonny & Perley in Concert, "Two Marvelous for Words: A Tribute to Johnny Mercer" at the Ten Broeck Mansion, located at 9 Ten Broeck Place, in Albany, on Sunday, July 18, at 3 p.m.

From the mid-1930s through the mid-1950s, many of the songs Mercer wrote and performed were among the most popular hits of the time.

Cost is \$10. For more information call 436-9826.

DanceFlurry has contradance

The DanceFlurry Organization will be hosting a contradance on Sunday, July 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. and beginners lessons will be held at 5:45. The caller will be Will Mentor and music will be provided by The Stillhouse Rounders. It will be held at the Buhrmaster Barn at the Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Colonie (Newtonville). Admission is \$9 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For information, visit www.danceflurry.org.

Students enjoy fruits of their labors

On May 23, students, teachers and parents at Eagle Elementary School planted a kitchen garden. We watched our garden grow and on June 21, students were served salad made from vegetables they harvested that morning as part of their lunch in the Eagle Cafetorium.

This unique achievement would not have been possible without a grant awarded by the Bethlehem Garden Club and "Eat Well, Play Hard" funding through Cornell Cooperative Extension. Additional thanks is due to Verstandig's Florist, Curtis Lumber, Tom Santimaw and Karen Conway for donating materials and plants to help get us started; and to Price Chopper for donating refreshments for our building-day.

Eagle fifth grade teacher Barb Riegel also deserves special thanks for her passion, dedication and



The garden at Eagle Elementary was a labor of love for everyone involved.

enthusiasm in creating a true "kid garden"; to Bob Verstandig for his guidance and patience in cultivating both the garden and the young horticulturists who tend it; to Michelle Donnelly for her vision, determination and patient leadership qualities. Our

custodians; Mike Bruno and Bob Samsel, have brought unwavering support to this project. Finally, many thanks go to the Eagle teachers, staff and parents who endured sweltering heat to help build what the students have named the "Vegetation Sensation."

We look forward to many years of watching our students plan, plant, tend and eat the fruits (and veggies) of their labor.

Dianna Reagan
Principal, Eagle
Elementary School
Delmar

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VPL to welcome Red-haired Strangers

Settle back on the lawn and enjoy the sounds of American roots music presented by the Red-haired Strangers on July 14.

This popular group is making a return engagement at Together at Twilight, the VPL summer concerts presented by the Friends of the Voorheesville Library. New show time this year is 6:30 p.m. in the hope that the mosquitoes won't start biting before the music ends. Lawn chairs are available for those who are unable to bring their own. Call to reserve a chair. Everything is free and handicapped accessible and will go on rain or shine.

The "Battle of the Books" begins for middle-school kids (grades 6, 7,



8). Dive into three "water" books for a summer battle of knowledge and facts. You will read three books over the summer: "Flush" by Carl Hiaasen, "Music of Dolphins" by Karen Hesse, and "Sea of Trolls" by Nancy Farmer. Mrs. Laiosa and Ms. Menetti from the middle school library will facilitate the discussion, the writing of questions to stump the other team, and preparing for the final 'battle.' The meetings will be on Fridays July 9, July 23 and Aug. 6 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The final battle will be Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. when you can bring friends and family to cheer on your team.

A special book event with a discussion and movie presentation will happen on Tuesday, July 27, at 7 p.m. for grades 4 and up and interested parents. You will hear part of the story of "The Invention of Hugo Cabret" by Brian Selznick, see a film of the author and watch the Georges Melies films that inspired Selznick to write this 2008 Caldecott winning book. The book is only in hardcover and may be purchased for \$5.00. (You do not have to buy a copy of the book to participate in this program.)

Reading club
Online registration continues for summer reading club for all young people. Next week's

programs are:
Monday, July 12, at 2 p.m. - Kidlets (K-2) The Dazzle Dogs - live and in person!

Wednesday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. Club 1, 2, 3 - A Reptile Show

Thursday, July 15, at 2 p.m. Team 4, 5, 6 - Percy Jackson Day

Friday, July 16: Teen Time (grade 6 and up) Tie Dye Fun at 1:30 p.m. and Wii Play 3 to 5 p.m.

Barbara Vink
• All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2791 or visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Library to host the Lustre Kings

The Lustre Kings return to our stage tonight at 7 for the first concert in our Evenings on the Green season.

Under the leadership of Mark Gamsjager, this rockabilly group performs over 150 dates annually all over the country, and appears regularly at events like the Viva Las Vegas Festival, the Heritage Folk Festival in Bangor, Maine, and the Rockin' 50s Fest in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The concert is free. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. The performance will move to the Community Room if it rains.



Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to noon; 2 to 4 p.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.

We've got something for everyone this summer, preschool through high school. Find out all the details in the July/August issue of the library newsletter "Footnotes."

Next Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m., Annie and the Natural Wonder Band perform songs and dances on our Green about the ocean and the cool creatures that live there. Annie and Safari Bob Grilli have been performing for 25 years in venues across the U.S., as well as Europe and the Caribbean. The performance will move inside if it rains. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

Louise Grieco
• The Bethlehem Public Library is at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

RCS library to begin summer Saturday hours July 10

We will begin our summer Saturday hours on July 10.

The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in July and August. Weekday hours

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

remain the same; Monday through Thursday 10 to

8:30 and Friday 10 to 5.

Holiday hours
The library will be closed on Saturday, July 3, and Monday, July 5,

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Join us for the NYC Ballet's performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at SPAC on Saturday, July 10, at 2:00 pm. This feature ballet is in two acts, choreographed by George Balanchine. The ballet will be followed by dinner at the Dakota Restaurant in Latham. The cost for the ballet is \$24, payable when you register, and dinner will be on your own. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at noon. Home pick-up is available on a prearranged basis. Suggested van donation is \$10.00.

The Bethlehem Senior Services Department and the Eddy Alzheimer's Services are offering the Savvy Caregiver Program, a free six-week course designed for those caring for a family member with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. The course will provide many of the skills necessary to cope with the various states of the illness and emphasize the many rewards associated with caregiving. The course will be held on Thursdays, July 15 to Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to register.



Town of Bethlehem

There are two regular farmer's markets in the Town of Bethlehem during the summer. The First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. is open on Tuesday afternoons. We will offer transportation to the Methodist Church beginning on Aug. 10th. Call 439-5770 to make a van reservation. The Delmar Farmer's Market will operate at the Bethlehem Central Middle School on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 30.

Program highlights

Monday, July 12

• Shopping trip to Colonial Center and Northway Mall. Call 439-5770 to make a van reservation.

• Food Stamp and Medicaid Assistance offered by the Albany County Dept. of Social Services and the Legal Aid Society from 10:00 am - noon. Call 439-4955, ext 1176 to make an appointment.

Tuesday, July 13

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

• Stop in at McDonald's of Delmar today between 4-8:00 pm and help others. 15% of all proceeds during this time will be donated to the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

Wednesday, July 14

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

Thursday, July 15

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

• Senior Legal Services Program This free program, available between 10:30 pm and noon, provides legal

service for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 430-4955, ext 1176 for an appointment.

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

Friday, July 16

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

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

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

Wilma DeLuco,
Bethlehem Senior
Projects, Inc. Board

Learn about CarFit program

On Tuesday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m. a.m., Donna Stressel will explain the CarFit Program and its benefits to senior drivers. No registration is necessary, but those who wish to stay for lunch may call the Senior Office at 356-1980, ext. 1094, to order a hot or cold meal before 10:30 a.m. on the day before each presentation.

Movie of the month

Thursday, July 29, 10:30 a.m. in the Courtroom: "The Blind Side"

This is the true story of a homeless African-American teen who was taken in by a wealthy white Memphis couple.

Monday, July 19

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. Aerobics 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Defensive Driving @ Library 10:30 a.m. Strong Bones + 10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness 1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Tuesday, July 20

9 a.m. Strong Bones + 11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Fish Fry or Cold Plate

Town of Guelderland SENIOR CALENDAR

11:30 a.m. "Car Fit Program"
12 p.m. Special Raffle
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Billiards/Games

Wednesday, July 21

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. Line Dancing 10:30 a.m. Strong Bones + 10:30 a.m. Bridge 11:45 Sr. Fitness 1 p.m. Needlecraft 1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, July 22

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. Strong Bones 1 p.m. Pinochle/Mahjongg

Friday, July 23

Scheduled Shopping 9:30 a.m.-1 a.m. Defensive Driving @ Library 10 a.m. Painting 12 p.m. Volunteer Luncheon 1 p.m. Quilting

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Air 'horse' one

Saratoga-bound equines arrive at Albany International Airport

BY MALLORY BULMAN
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Like any celebrity, racehorses traveling from Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday, June 30, arrived in a first-class aircraft and were welcomed by a flock of cameras and media attention. The plane, which landed at Albany International Airport's Million Air Terminal, carried 20 racehorses and 13 handlers and trainers bound for Saratoga to begin the summer racing season.

The horses flew comfortably in their own stalls aboard an equine carrier plane which transports horses all over the country, said Doug Meyers, director of public affairs at the Albany County Airport Authority. The pilots adjust their flight techniques to ensure a smoother takeoff for the four-legged passengers, Meyers said. After landing, the horses are transferred from the plane to trailers en route to Saratoga Race Track.

"Once you get them on there [the plane] they don't know they're in the air. ... They just stand there and eat hay," said trainer Scott Blasi of the horses' journey.

Among the jet-setting

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equines was Saratoga Race Track favorite Rachel Alexandra. Greeted like a movie star, the 2009 Horse of the Year recipient was mobbed by cameras as she departed the plane.

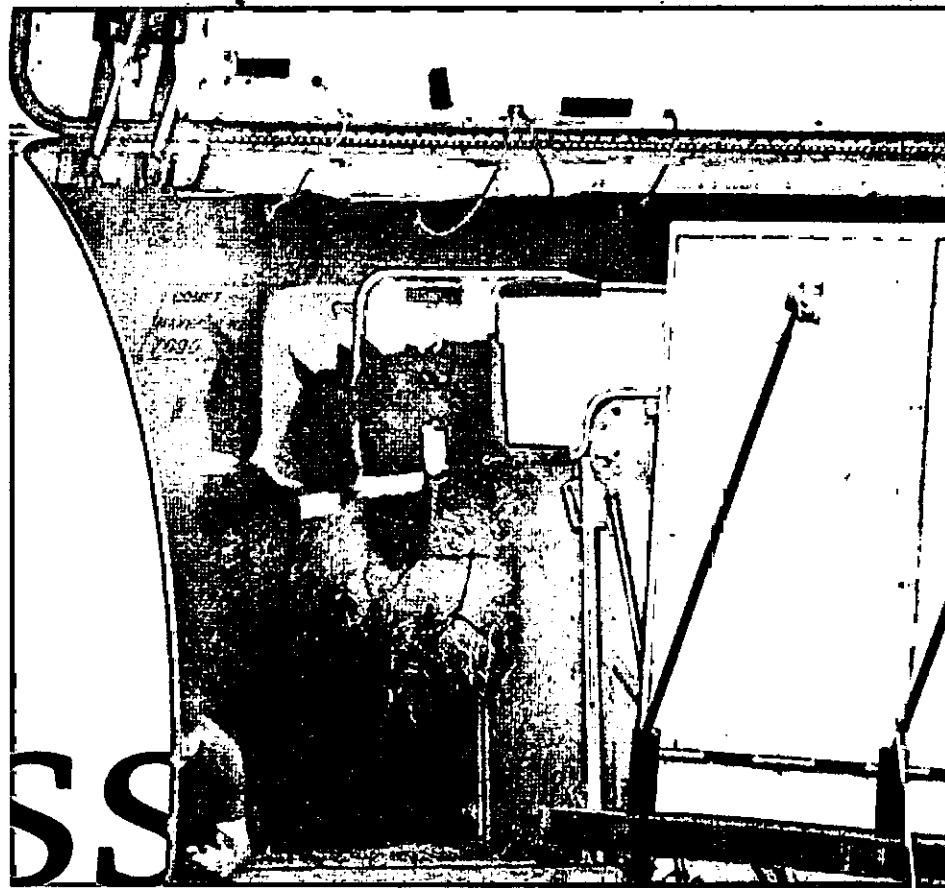
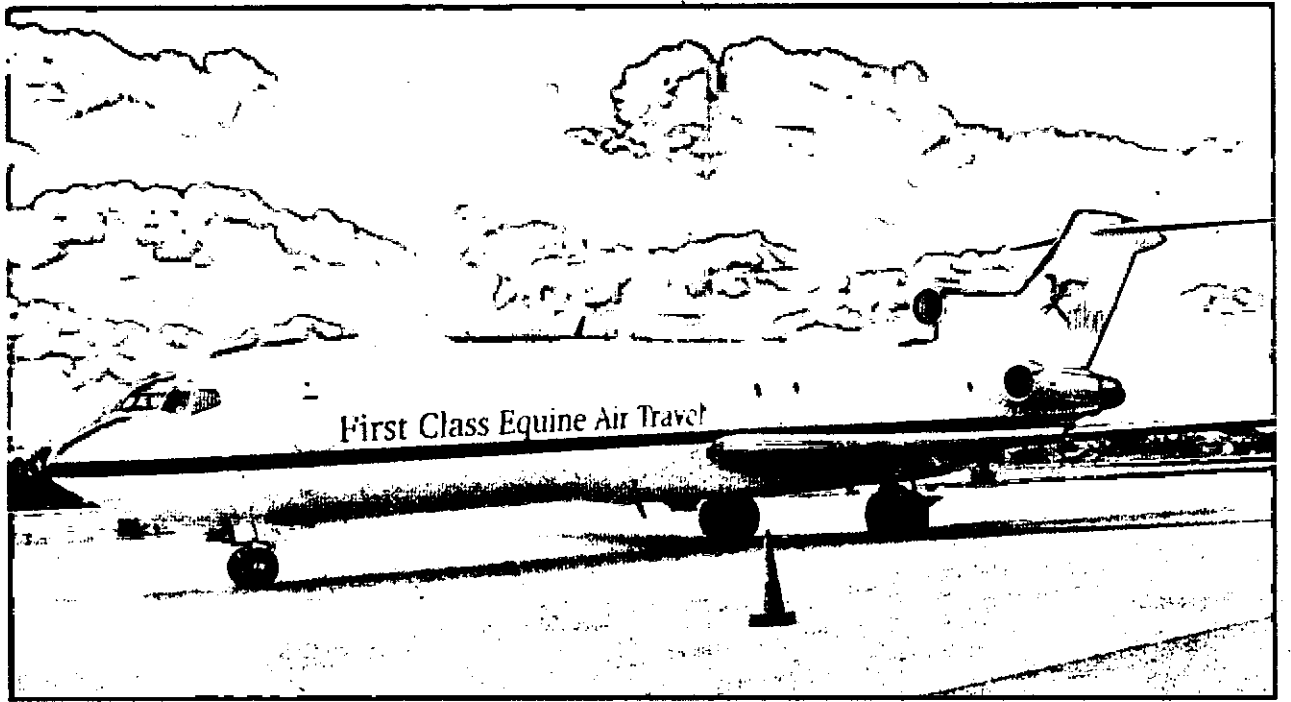
Blasi, however, welcomed the media attention, and said he is excited to be in the area.

"Saratoga is a great environment to work in," he said.

Preakness superstar Rachel Alexandra has been performing well, said Blasi. He expects the 4-year-old filly to be successful at Saratoga this season. Most recently, Rachel Alexandra took home her first win of 2010 in the Grade 2 Fleur de Lis at Churchill Downs nearly three weeks ago. Owner Jess Jackson has not announced Rachel's next race, but she is expected to train at the Saratoga Race Track on Monday, July 5.

Rachel Alexandra will be in Saratoga until October.

The Saratoga racing season begins Friday, July 23. For information, call (718) 641-4700 or (516) 488-6000.



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BC Class of '56 dedicates vet memorial

As Independence Day neared, members of the Bethlehem Central Class of 1956 and local officials gathered at BC High School to dedicate a class gift to the school: a memorial recognizing students who have served in the armed forces.

The monument stands just outside the entrance of the school, adjacent to the flag pole. There, members of the class gathered on Friday, July 2, to celebrate the donation and recognize the sacrifices made by the nation's soldiers past and present.

The idea for the memorial came during the class's 50th reunion. Though it has taken a few years to come to fruition, it will now remain as a reminder to all who pass by it, said veteran and Vice President of the Class of 1956 Bill Guerrera.

"What we are bringing to you today is our wish for eternity for the high school," he said. "This memorial...will serve as a beacon of inspiration to all who see it."

Also speaking at the ceremony were President of the Class of 1956 Ruth McRobbie, Bethlehem Central School District Visual Art Supervisor Melanie Painter, Bethlehem Town Supervisor Sam Messina and Albany County Executive Michael Breslin.

Painter helped class



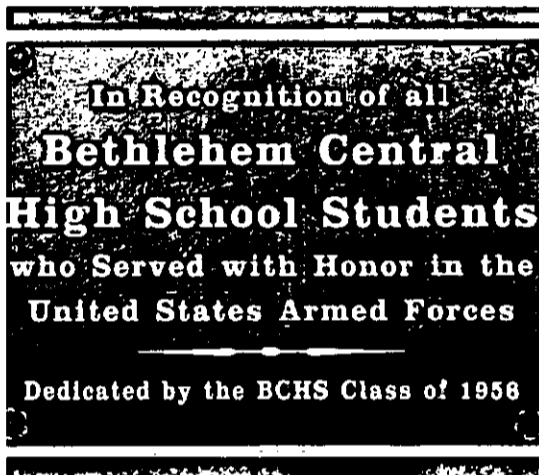
Attendees of the ceremony sing the "Star Spangled Banner."

members design and implement the memorial. The class has a great number of veterans, she said.

"It's something they felt

was really important ... the stone reminds us of the sacrifices BC students have made for their country," she said.

- Charles Wiff



TOP: Members of the Class of 1956 attend the dedication of the veterans memorial (ABOVE) Friday, July 2.

Photos by Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Police remind residents of tip line

The Bethlehem Police Department is reminding town residents of a confidential town drinking tip line, as the summer for many high schoolers and graduates gets under way.

This is the most common time of year for underage drinking parties, said Bethlehem police Lt. Thomas Heffernan.

"Mainly that's due to the weather and kids being out of school," he said. "This time of year, I'd say its not uncommon for it to be a weekly occurrence."

The warm weather also means teens may congregate in wooded areas for drinking parties.

Heffernan emphasized that it's not the department's primary goal to make arrests or ticket youths, but to keep risky situations from developing.

"We're looking to prevent something bad from happening," he said. "We feel it's very important to get that message out, because there's a number of different things that can be prevented."

That can be anywhere from injuries sustained due to intoxication to instances of drunken driving or sexual assault.

A report to the tip line can be made anonymously. Oftentimes, tips will be handled by school resource officers, said Heffernan. In the past, tips have resulted in preventing parties from occurring.

The number for the tip line is 439-1503.

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Cancer groups combine forces

American Cancer Society, Gilda's Club join for a common cause

By DAN SABBATINO
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For the first time in either organization's history, the American Cancer Society and Gilda's Club will combine forces to help community members deal with the hardships of cancer.

At a Thursday, June 24, announcement, both organizations touted the importance of the merger and benefits ranging from improved services, increased efficiency and convenience and financial benefits.

"We're so excited that what we're doing is keeping this great thing alive," said Robert Blackman, chairman of the board for Gilda's Club Capital Region New York.

Gilda's Club is located at One Penny Lane off of Wade Road in Latham and offers "social and emotional support" for cancer patients and their families.

Blackman said he is glad the research, data and information-driven American Cancer Society can help increase the scope of available services for patients.

"Our goal is one plus one equals three," he said.

An enhanced medical research room with more information will be available at Gilda's Club following the merger, he said.

Stuart Jones, an attorney and substantial donator to Gilda's Club said he is thrilled with the merger.

"Cancer is my cause. It should be everyone's cause because it's an epidemic," he said.

He said no one should have to feel isolated



ABOVE: From left, Robert Blackman chairman of the board for Gilda's Club Capital Region New York, Diana Martin, ACS regional vice president, and Dr. William Cromie help announce a merger between the American Cancer Society and Gilda's Club.

LEFT: Donor and philanthropist Stuart Jones speaks.
Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight



after being diagnosed with cancer, and both organizations work hard to make people feel comfortable during the journey through cancer.

"This is a double win-win," he said. "We've got work to do, but we've got the people who can make it happen."

He said that with the recent growth of those using services at Gilda's Club, around 300 percent in recent years, and the increased number of baby boomers being diagnosed with cancer it is vital to provide support for them and their families.

In the last 12 months, 191 cancer patients and their families took advantage of Gilda's

Club services, including "Noogieland," a kid-friendly environment where children learn to cope with cancer.

The free services are provided to 271 members, who are provided with education, workshops and social gatherings.

Dr. William Cromie, a cancer survivor and former president and chief operating officer of the Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, credited the "courage, vision and tenacity" of the groups' leaders and applauded the cutting edge research the American Cancer Society helps fund.

According to information from the ACS, close to \$4.4 million is brought into Capital District cancer research through seven active grants, and the ACS is the largest private funding group for cancer research in the United States.

Diana Martin, ACS regional vice president, said if not for the willingness of the two organizations to work together and the "trust on the table on both sides, the merger may never have come to fruition. She said the two organizations have always complemented each other, and now the ability to increase efficiency and the "economy of scale" will help serve 3,300 patients locally.

The ACS Loudonville location will remain active through the merger, although One Penny Lane will be the focal point of activity.

"We hope this will serve as a model for collaboration in the non-profit community," said Martin.

The merger is expected to take a few months with final approval from the New York State Attorney General having the final say in the fall.



Mary Lou Zimmermann shows a variety of produce at Black Horse Farms.

Submitted photo

Farm partners with food bank

Black Horse Farms owner Lloyd Zimmermann has donated fresh produce to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York for several years. As he started planning for this season, he reached out to the Food Bank to discuss how he could do more to help meet the 25 percent increase in need the Food Bank is experiencing.

He decided to add a step to his daily sorting and packaging operations to ensure that good produce that does not meet the aesthetic grade necessary for sale is donated to the Food Bank at its freshest state.

Black Horse Farms plants more than 30 crops on over 800 acres, including summer and winter squash, peppers, cucumbers and watermelons. The produce donated to the Food Bank

will have some cosmetic flaws that make it less marketable, but it is still wholesome to eat.

"We receive a great deal of support from farms, but this is truly an innovative, comprehensive approach," said Joanne Dwyer, director of food sourcing and business development representative for the Food Bank. "We are grateful to the Zimmermann family for setting a new standard for donations from the farming community and are hopeful their efforts will inspire others."

"Our family and staff work hard to grow and harvest our produce and don't want to see any of it go to waste," Zimmermann said.

Black Horse Farms is an 800-acre farm in Coxsackie.

Latham-based soldiers come home

The 206th returns after a 10-month deployment in Iraq

BY MALLORY BULMAN
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Proud and joyful spouses, parents, children and siblings saw their loved ones return safely from a 10-month deployment in Iraq.

On Friday, June 18, more than 70 local

members of the New York National Guard 206th Military Police Company returned to company headquarters in Latham. During their deployment, the company trained Iraqi police officers, and provided security during the turbulent March 7 elections for Iraqi parliament.

The company deployed to Basra, Iraq, in August 2009 after they completed 30-60 days of training. The company consists of 160 soldiers, some of whom live in other areas of the state. While on leave, they are police officers, state troopers, or hold civilian jobs.

Eric Durr, Director of Public Affairs for the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs, said the soldiers had a successful deployment, and they returned home safely. The soldiers, now on leave, had to complete a five-day out-processing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey, where they underwent physical examinations and general questioning to help them readjust to civilian life.

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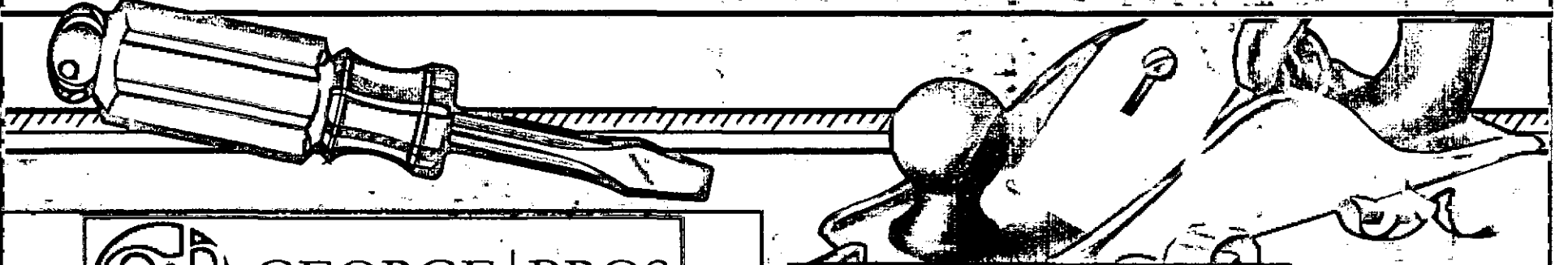
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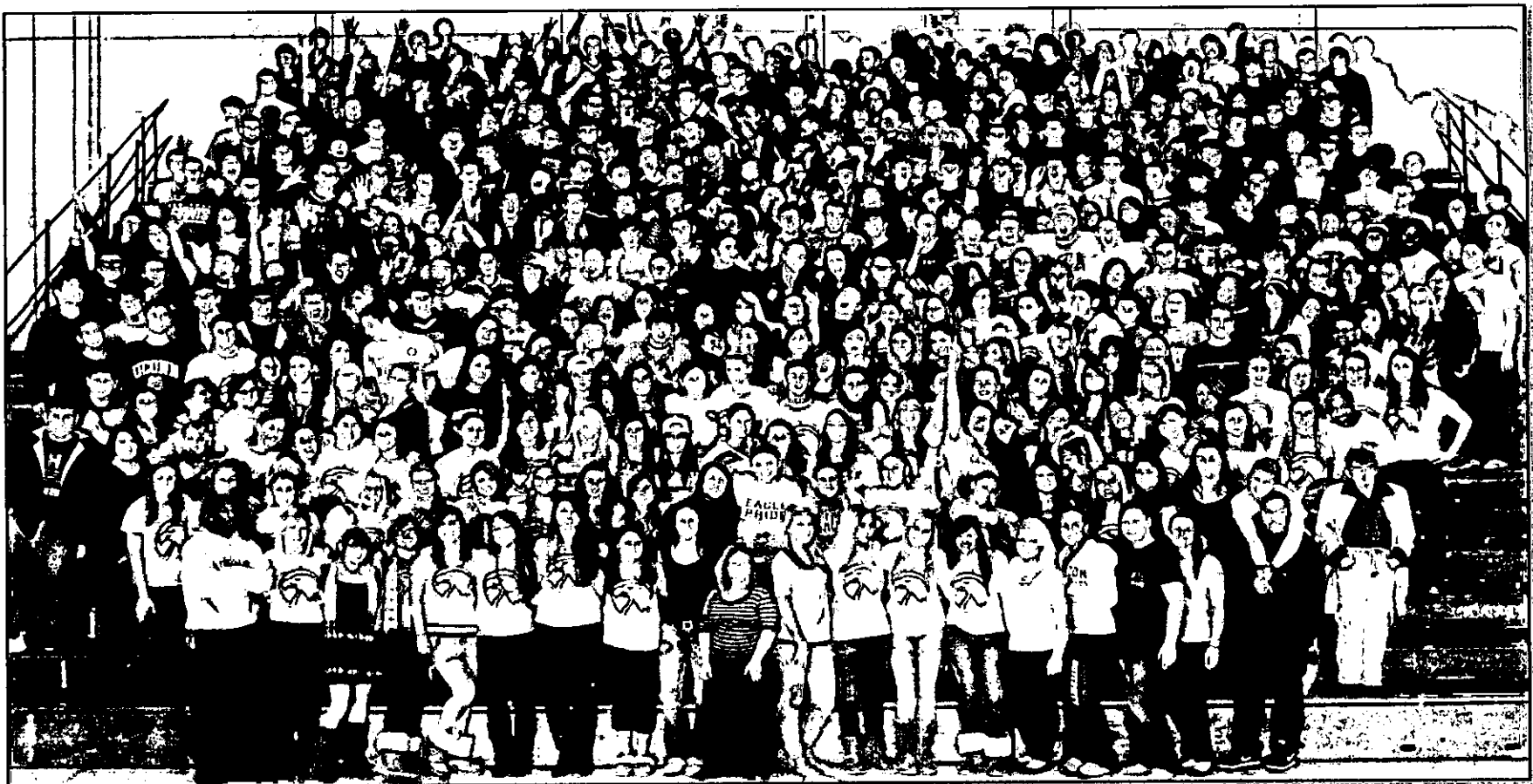
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The New York State Sheriff's Association Institute recently held a week-long basic school for deputy sheriffs and civilian staff who work in sheriff's civil divisions.

Deputies and other staff from sheriff's offices around the state attended the program. All sheriffs have civil law enforcement functions. They must keep exact records on such items as judgment interest, fees collected for the county, and disbursements to judgment creditors, and these items were reviewed at the school.



Pictured are Jean Freedman (second from left) and William Lofink, Jr. (second from right), Albany County Sheriff's Office, accepting their certificate of achievement from Sgt. Kevin Owens and Chris O'Brien.



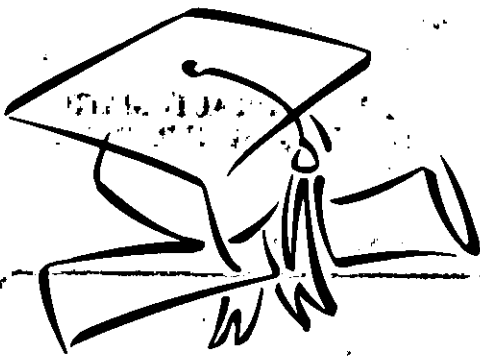
Pictured from left are Chris O'Brien, Tom Mills, Jean M. Freedman and William J. Lofink Jr., displaying their certificate of achievement together with Sheriff L. Michael Tabolt.

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The Westview Senior Center, the Westview Tenants Association, and chef James Anastasio invite all seniors to enjoy a day of food, music and fun at Tawasentha Park, Route 146 in Guilderland, Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anastasio, newly elected president of Westview's Tenants' Association and a professional chef, has

catered many picnics for the Westview Senior Center and Tenants Association. This year, he decided to open the picnic to the entire senior community, including family members and guests.

Picnic-goers will enjoy a menu of grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausage, summer salads, corn on the cob, watermelon, strawberries, soda and ice tea.

Durham Bus Services will be providing transportation from the Westview Senior Center, 680 Central Ave., Albany, at 10:30 a.m.

The cost of the picnic is \$10 including transportation, and \$8 without transportation. Mail checks to Westview Senior Center, 680 Central Avenue, Albany, 12206, payable to the Westview Senior Center.



• Rabbi Joshua Boettiger

JCC plans last lecture

The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center concludes its 2010 Jules and Paula Stein Live & Learn Lecture—Meal Series on Thursday, July 22 at 5 p.m. in the Albany JCC's auditorium, 340 Whitehall Road. Rabbi Joshua Boettiger will present "Moonlight in Vermont: If Judaism is in the Woods, Does it Make a Sound?" A kosher dinner will follow the presentation.

Prepaid registration is required to this program, which is open to the community. Contact the Albany JCC's senior adult office to reserve at 438-6651 x112 or e-mail ClaireS@sajcc.org.

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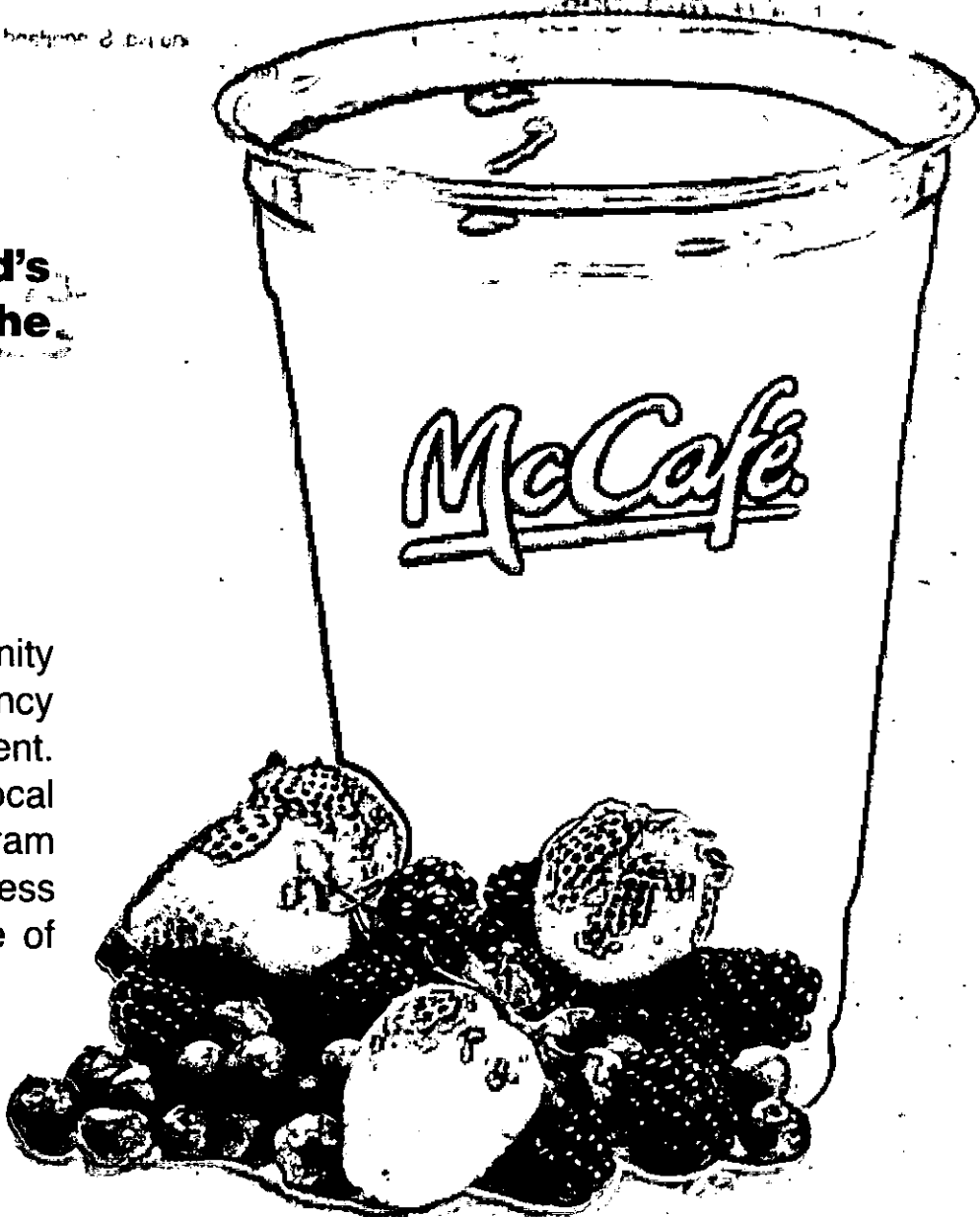
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On Tuesday July 13, 2010 McDonald's Delmar will hold a fundraiser for the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

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Scalere, Ruthman marry

Dana Scalere and Morgan Ruthman were married in the company of family and friends Sunday, May 30 at the Martha Clara Vineyards in Riverhead, Long Island. Their dear friend and Morgan's schoolmate at the Albany Academy and Georgetown University, Dr. William Faust, officiated. The Bride was attended by her Maid of Honor Tanya Santiago and Bridesmaids Elizabeth Glista, Gavin Weiss and Corinne McBride. The Groom was escorted by his brother and best man Alexander Ruthman, the bride's brothers Michael and Jordan Scalere, and Brian Degener.



Dana and Morgan Ruthman

The couple attended Georgetown University and knew each other but did not start dating until some years later after they encountered each other rounding a street corner in Washington, D.C. After Georgetown, Dana went on to Hofstra Law School, where she earned a Juris Doctor. Dana is now employed as an attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel for the Internal

Revenue Service. After Georgetown, Morgan went on to George Washington University for a Masters Degree in International Studies and to Albany Law School where he earned a Juris Doctor. Morgan

is now employed in the private practice with a Jericho, Long Island law firm.

The couple will reside in Riverside, Long Island after their honeymoon in France.

BIRTH

Lynn Kovach and Jonathan Stolper proudly announce the arrival of their son, Daniel Eli Stolper, born on June 18, 2010. He is the brother of three year old

Alexa Grace. Maternal grandparents are Rainy and Stu Kovach of Delmar. Paternal grandparents are Judy and Mort Schaeffer and the late Arthur Stolper.

Barn

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money in January and gathered about \$35,000 through efforts like candy sales, seed sales and a red dress walk, and local companies, unions and individuals donated a combined \$50,000 in materials, labor and other services.

"They are the ones that are raising the barn," said Comstock. "If it weren't for the community we wouldn't be doing the barn."

The Patroon Land Farm is a unique endeavor for the food bank. The farm was endowed as farmland by Pauline Williman in the '90s, and in 2006 the bank partnered with the farm to grow produce for the needy there.

Since then, the Patroon Farm has shipped 225,000 pounds of food to the food bank's member agencies. It's run entirely by volunteer labor, as well.

"The obvious benefit of the farm is that it provides fresh produce," Quandt said. "It's the kind of food that a lot of the people we serve never get."

"The farm has brought us new supporters, has introduced us to new people, and when they get to know about the farm they get to know about the food bank," he continued.

The eventual goal is to



Local officials—including Sen. Neil Breslin, Assemblyman Jack McEnery, Albany County Executive Mike Breslin and state Commissioner of Ag & Markets Patrick Hooker—and members of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York and the Patroon Land Foundation, joined by children of the Jewish Community Center, cut the ribbon on a new barn at the Patroon Farm.

Submitted photos

get to the point the farm will not have to rely on the food bank for support. To that end, it runs a community supported agriculture program, where for an up-front price investors can buy a share of the farm's produce and receive a bag of freshly harvested food all season long.

"That's helping the food bank to have that farm be self sustaining on its own financially," Comstock said.

But the ultimate purpose of the farm is to provide fresh produce to the hungry. Oftentimes, pantries don't stock or don't receive produce due to its high cost and limited shelf life. Sending the produce straight from the farm to the food banks helps those in need enjoy

the benefits of fresh food.

That's an important contribution in a time when food pantries and soup kitchens are seeing an increase in demand of 20 to 30 percent in the past year alone.

"The need is still great," Quandt said. "There's been an increase in the need and the demand for help."

Last year, the bank's distribution went up 15 percent to 22.4 million pounds, and this year is on pace to be even bigger, he continued.

The barn should also help the farm provide agriculture educational opportunities, such as hosting field trips from area schools, and house equipment during the winter.

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two-week periods. Many of the host families will invite the same child back, said Mangione, and once a good relationship is established then they can host a visitor for up to a month.

While there are die-hard host families, many are diving in for the first time every year, like Sara Rosenblatt of Delmar, who met 7-year-old Natasha Dailey on Wednesday.

She said her children — Ben, 6, and Ella, 8 — are looking forward to the two weeks they'll have with Natasha, who lives in Staten Island.

"I grew up with a woman who was an absolutely wonderful role model when it comes to being charitable: my mother,"



Rosenblatt said. "I try to instill that in my children, as well."

The Rosenblatts plan to hit local attractions like museums, the library and the Elm Avenue Park pool, in addition to outdoor expeditions. This weekend, they headed to Lake George to take in Fourth of July festivities and fireworks.

The family will be taking pictures during Natasha's

visit and sending them back to her mother.

Kristin Crouch, of Stephentown, expects her family will be showing Seattle a taste of the great outdoors during her two-week visit. She greeted the 12-year-old along with her daughters, Savannah and Olivia.

"She says she's never been camping, so we're camping this weekend," she said.

Crouch learned about the program through her daughters, who had friends who were hosting visitors.

"I've wanted to do it for a couple of years," she said.

The Fresh Air Fund is still looking for host families for the Aug. 23 to Sept. 1 time period. For more information or to sign up, visit www.freshair.org.



LEFT: Kristin Crouch of Stephentown and her daughters stand with for Seattle, 12. ABOVE: A Fresh Air Fund child gets a hug after getting off the bus.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Draws

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lights at the Elm Avenue Park and financing an Internet broadcast system for town meetings. At the time, neither issue had been decided by the board (fixing the lights was approved later in that meeting).

Including this donation, \$300 has been given to "supporting Internet access for Town Board meetings." Those checks have been accepted, but also recorded as liabilities so the town has the option to refund the money.

Messina said in a later interview the town would be sending back the donation towards the light repairs and would likely do the same to the broadcast donations should a program be pursued.

"If we find a solution, and I think we will to the access issue.... I would certainly act to send those checks back, too," Messina said.

The light fix will be funded by forgoing the purchase of a lawn mower for the parks and rec department.

Councilman Mark Hennessey cast the sole dissenting vote in accepting the June 23 donation, arguing the town should avoid taking money when it's not clear if it would be spent.

"The money that was being donated was for a purpose that we haven't even voted on yet," he said in a later interview. "Until such time as we determine how much it's going to cost to provide the service we agree on, I don't know if we should be in the business of taking donations for it."

He also said anonymous donations should not be considered, as they could originate from somewhere outside of town or be used simply to influence policy

— especially if the donor knows the check will be returned.

He pointed out people who speak at board meetings are required to state their names.

"Whenever somebody presents something before the board, it should be required they identify who they are and where they live," Hennessey said. "I don't think there should be two standards."

Councilman Kyle Kotary said he doesn't want to discourage any donations, but will be looking to the town attorney on the legality of taking anonymous donations for developing projects.

"Accepting anonymous funds for the food bank, or sheet music or the DARE program...are completely different from accepting

donations for a policy or controversial issue," he said. "You just have to be careful where the money's coming from."

He cited concerns about involved parties attempting to influence the process or even having the donations be perceived as bribes.

Messina argued it would be improper to turn donations away or to set a blanket policy on citizen gifts because every contribution is unique. He also said the public shouldn't be discouraged from making donations, even if they will likely be refunded.

"The citizens have decided to send the town checks for these things that they believe in," he said. "They have a right to make that case by sending in a check."

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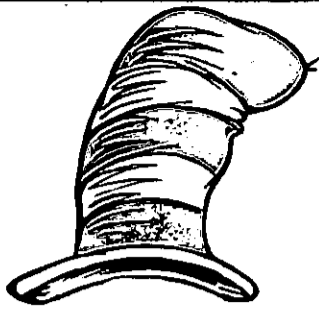
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Entertainment in the Spotlight



SEUSS'S SONGS

Musical lets the audience 'escape into the world of Dr. Seuss'

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After playing small parts in two area productions of "Seussical," Marc DiNicola decided to audition for the role of the Cat in the Hat in the Family Players of Northeastern New York's show.

"I just decided it was time to step up," said DiNicola, a recent graduate of Mohonasen High School.

That decision paid off, as DiNicola landed the part and has been having a great time rehearsing for the musical, which runs from July 7 to 11 at Tawasentha Park in Guelderland. A cast of nearly 70 brings to life well-known Dr. Seuss characters such as Horton the Elephant, the citizens of Whoville and the Grinch. While the play has some serious moments, for the most part it's a light-

hearted tale aimed at all ages.

"It's bright and very colorful," said DiNicola, who called the "music and energy" his favorite parts of the show.

The production boasts a cast of everyone from "6- to 7-year-olds to 50-year-olds," said Dave Dixon, who plays the mayor of Whoville.

Being in his mid-40s himself, Dixon was attracted to "Seussical" in part because it reminded him of growing up reading Dr. Seuss classics.

"It takes me back to my childhood," he said. "It's a chance to leave all your worries behind and escape into the world of Dr. Seuss."

In this particular world, Jojo, the son of Dixon's character, is a bit of an outcast because he "thinks too much," Dixon said. In Whoville, thinking is not an activity that's encouraged.

"We feel like we're not good parents, maybe," Dixon said.

Hoping to instill some discipline in their son, the mayor and his wife send him to military school. Jojo doesn't fit in there, either.

"He has no friends," said Connor Olney, 12, who plays Jojo. "He's alone. He's just by himself."

An Acadia Middle School student, Olney has been acting since he was in fourth grade. He draws on that experience when he's conveying Jojo's emotions.

"The only hard part is when everyone else in a scene is happy and I have to be sad," he said.

Like DiNicola, Olney has been in "Seussical" before, playing a Who, a circus performer and a fish in the Schenectady Light Opera Company's production. Being a main character is fun, he said, because he gets to sing his own songs.

Beyond that, he likes the chance to just have a good time on stage.

"Other shows can be serious or sad," he said. "This is mostly fun and energetic."

Suzanne Talarico Rucinski, who plays Jojo's mother, Mrs. Mayor, couldn't say enough about what her young co-star brings to the stage.

"He's so incredibly mature," she said. Her



Marc DiNicola, right, plays the Cat in the Hat, who lends a helping hand to Jojo (Connor Olney) in "Seussical."



Casey Kalica plays Gertrude and Jeffrey P. Hocking is Horton in "Seussical."



Mrs. Mayor (Sue Rucinski), Mr. Mayor (Dave Dixon) hope to instill some discipline in their son, Jojo (Connor Olney) in "Seussical."



The cast of the Family Players of Northeastern New York's "Seussical" has about 70 members.

husband worked with Olney on the SLOC show and told her "You will love working with Connor," she said, and she's certainly found that to be true.

She had high praise for the entire cast, saying it's a treat to work on such a large production.

"It's interesting to meet a lot of other people," she said. "They're so talented in their own right."

Having seen "Seussical" at SLOC and area high schools, when Talarico Rucinski heard Northeast Family Players was going to do the show, she thought it would be fun to take part. An actor since the mid-1970s, this show marked a departure from the serious fare she usually does.

"I'm usually the naughty maid or the psycho with the gun," she said with a laugh.

The fun aspect isn't all that drew her to the show. Talarico Rucinski really likes the message it delivers: "A person is a person, no matter how small."

"It's very character driven," director Thomas Bambury said, noting that when Jojo struggles with his identity, the Cat in the Hat, Horton and others "try to guide him to find his own path."

Dixon can relate somewhat to Jojo's struggle. One of the reasons he took up acting some 25 years ago was "just to escape some of your daily life," he said.

Talarico Rucinski also likes the chance acting allows her to "be other things and do other things" than she normally would in her daily life.

Bambury said he tries to allow the actors a chance to infuse the characters with their own personality, and that Seussical is the "perfect launching pad" for that kind of creativity.

That's not to say the actors have free reign. DiNicola said that because many of the people in the show have been involved in "Seussical" elsewhere, they came to this production with some preconceived ideas about characters. For instance, they might envision characters delivering lines in a certain way - but that didn't necessarily mesh with Bambury's vision.

"We had to break the habits," DiNicola said. "We kind of came to a happy medium."



Sour Kangaroo, Gertrude, Mayzie Sour Kangaroo, played by Elizabeth-Sherwood Mack; Gertrude, played by Casey Kalica and Mayzie, played by Margie Zarcone, appear in a scene from "Seussical."

Bambury has worked hard to put his own stamp on the show, pointing to the distinct color scheme and personalities found in Whoville.

"It's almost out of this world," he said.

He worked closely with musical director Olga Martinez and believes the final product is one that will leave audience members more than satisfied.

"It's laugh out loud hysterical at times, but there's a little bit of a darker side," Bambury said. "It's just a beautiful way to spend a summer night."

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Local students awarded honors

Local students have been awarded honors for academic achievement for the Spring 2010 semester at the University of New Hampshire.

Jonathan Fogel, of Altamont, earned High Honors; Carl Fusco-Gessick, of Altamont, earned Honors; Jade Condem, of Guilderland, earned Honors; David Looney, of Delmar, earned High Honors; Timothy Reilly, of Delmar, earned Honors; Gregory Welter, of Delmar, earned High Honors. Katlyn Georgia, of Slingerlands, earned honors.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance.

Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.7 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.5 to 3.69 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.2 through 3.49 are awarded honors.

G'land native graduates

Carolyn Marie Powers, of Guilderland, graduated from Stonehill College with a Bachelor of Arts degree during their May commencement.

Arts Center to host musical

"Seussical!" will be presented by Family Players of NENY, at the Guilderland Performing Arts Center in Tawasentha Park, located on 188 Rt. 146, in Altamont.

The play will begin at 7:30 p.m. during July 7-11, and the cost is \$10, or \$8 for groups of 10 or more.

For information, contact 331-4158 or juliepaperclip@yahoo.com.

Local students awarded

The Capital Communications Cares Foundation named 15 winners of the annual Weidner Ed Davis Scholarships and three winners of the Harold Horning Scholarship.

The Foundation, established in 2003, is the charitable arm of the Credit Union. Winners of the 2010 Weidner Ed Davis Scholarships each earned a \$2,500 award to help pay for college.

The winners are: Amanda Carney, of Latham, David Stopera, of Niskayuna, Joseph Paradiso, of Schenectady, Sarah Melé, of Loudonville, Caitlin Dolan, of Troy, Lauren Livolsi, of Troy, Patrick Murphy, of Liberty, Chris Maher, of Delanson, Taylor Carey, of Colonie, Tracey Koch, of Glenmont, Laura Kowalczyk, of Troy, Adam Rozniewski, of East Greenbush, Sarah Thomas, of Clifton Park, Cicily Vachaparambil, of Albany, and Elecia Druba, of Troy.

Students named to dean's list

The following area residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Spring 2010 semester.

Anne Fast, of Delmar, class of 2013; Robert Lyons, of Delmar, class of 2011; Britta Venter, of Delmar, class of 2010 and Catherine Vincent,

Are you ready to rumble?



Avid motorist Chuck Price will host a Moped and Scooter Rally to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on Saturday, July 10. Called the "A Town Rumble," the rally will take place at the Farmers Market in Menands. Price describes the event as an effort to "swarm the state capital and other points of interest while raising money for a great cause." To register, visit www.atownrumble.com. The registration fee is \$20, which includes a rally T-shirt, refreshments, a guided tour through the Capital District; and a free moped/scooter pickup in the event of a mechanical failure. For more information Chuck Price can be reached at (248) 636-2637

Submitted photo

of Slingerlands, class of 2010.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

Spots available for bike tour

There are still spots available for the 6th annual Great Hudson Valley Pedal, a six-day, 200-mile recreational bicycle tour from Albany to New York City. The tour is scheduled for August 10 through 15.

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For further information on the Great Hudson Valley Pedal, e-mail hudsonstour@ptny.org or call 434-1583.

Sonny & Perley to perform

The Albany County Historical Association presents Sonny & Perley in Concert, "Two Marvelous for Words: A Tribute to Johnny Mercer" at the Ten Broeck Mansion, located at 9 Ten Broeck Place, in Albany, on Sunday, July 18, at 3 p.m.

From the mid-1930s through the mid-1950s, many of the songs Mercer wrote and performed were among the most popular hits of the time.

Highlight favorites will include "Skylark", "Accentuate The Positive", "Blues In The Night" and "Moon River".

Cost is \$10. For more information call 436-9826.

To Life! to host health night

To Life! will host an evening of Health & Wellness Activities for the entire family.

This free evening is

open to the public and is taking place from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, July 29, at To Life! located at 410 Kenwood Avenue, in Delmar.

The evening will include stress relief techniques, physical fitness routines, valuable nutrition information, and games for kids. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Leanna Glavin at (518) 439-5975, Ext. 22 or lglavin@tolife.org to register by Thursday, July 22, 2010.

NYS museum to show film

"Restrepo," the nationally acclaimed, powerful new award-winning documentary, will be shown free-of-charge at the New York State Museum in conjunction with the Museum's "Citizen Soldier" exhibition on Tuesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m.

A question and answer session with director Hetherington and O'Byrne, a soldier featured in the documentary, will follow the film presentation Tuesday evening.

Local students awarded honors

Local students have

been awarded honors for academic achievement for the Spring 2010 semester at the University of New Hampshire.

Alex Brix, of Albany, earned High Honors and Ciara Kazakis, of Albany, was named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance.

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Cornell Co-Op to meet

Cornell Cooperative Albany County will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, July 14.

The business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Extension Center, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville.

Local man wins lottery

The New York Lottery announced Dennis Rapp of Albany won \$25,000 on the Lottery's Platinum Payout instant game.

Rapp's winning ticket was purchased at the Edleez Tobacco at Stuyvesant Plaza in Albany.

Pruyn House to host dance

The DanceFlurry Organization will be hosting a contradance on Sunday, July 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner at 5 p.m., and beginner lessons will be held at 5:45 p.m. Music will be provided by The Stillhouse Rounders. It will be held at the Buhrmaster Barn at the Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Colonie. Admission is \$9 for members, and \$10 for non-members.

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Notice of Formation of TRACHT GUT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/23/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64094 (D) (July 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice of Qualification of UTLS Default Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/14/10. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/29/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: Corporation Trust Center, 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. 64922 (D) (July 7, 2010)

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SENIORITY PROPERTIES, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 4/26/10. Office location: P.O. Box 11204, Loudonville, NY 12211. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: P.O. Box 11204, Loudonville, NY 12211. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. 64927 (D) (July 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Balgin LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/12/10. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 10038 Albany, New York 12206. 64928 (D) (July 7, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE

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1. The name of the limited liability company is 759 Madison Avenue Associates, LLC (the "LLC").
2. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on May 6, 2010.
3. The county in which the principal place of business of the LLC shall be located is Albany.
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5. The company does not have a specific date of dissolution. The character of the business of the LLC is as follows: To engage in any

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Notice of Qualification of United Soccer Leagues, LLC. Fictitious Name: USL of NY, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/16/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 10/01/09. 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 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in GA: 227 Sandy Springs Pl., D103-184, Atlanta, GA 30328. Principal office address: 14497 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Ste. 201, Tampa, FL 33618. Arts of Org. filed with GA Secy. Of State, 315 West Tower, 2 MLK, Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30334-1530. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64935 (D) (July 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DARDANIA E TROPOJES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/18/10. Office

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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. 64937 (D) (July 7, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH THE TOWN CLERK Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany for the year 2010 has been completed and verified by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy was filed in the office of the Town Clerk, on the 1st day of July 2010, where the same will remain open to the public for inspection until the 1st day of October 2010. Dated this 1st day of July 2010. Patricia C. McVee IAO Assessor Town of Bethlehem 65059 (D) (July 7, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is NORTH ROAD, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on December 12, 1998. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Dean DeVito, 621 Columbia Street, Cohoes, New York 12047. 65062 (D) (July 7, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Richard Croak & Associates NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/21/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 315 Great Oaks Blvd., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful activity. 65065 (D) (July 7, 2010)

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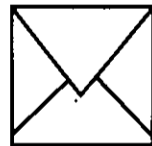
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Branchini earns UAlbany award

Guilderland High School graduate Nikki Branchini was named Female Athlete of the Year by the University at Albany.

Branchini became the first UAlbany women's lacrosse player to be named an Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association All-American. Branchini was chosen to the IWLC's All-North Region first team after ranking second among all NCAA Division I players in draw controls (4.93 per game) and sixth in ground balls (3.27 per game).

Branchini was also named the America East

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Besides her on-field performance, Branchini was also honored for her schoolwork as one of 188 UAlbany student-athletes named to the America East Winter-Spring Academic Honor Roll. Guilderland's Kayla Best and Bethlehem's Tricia Primomo also earned academic honor roll status.

Branchini concluded her junior season with 10 goals and three assists.

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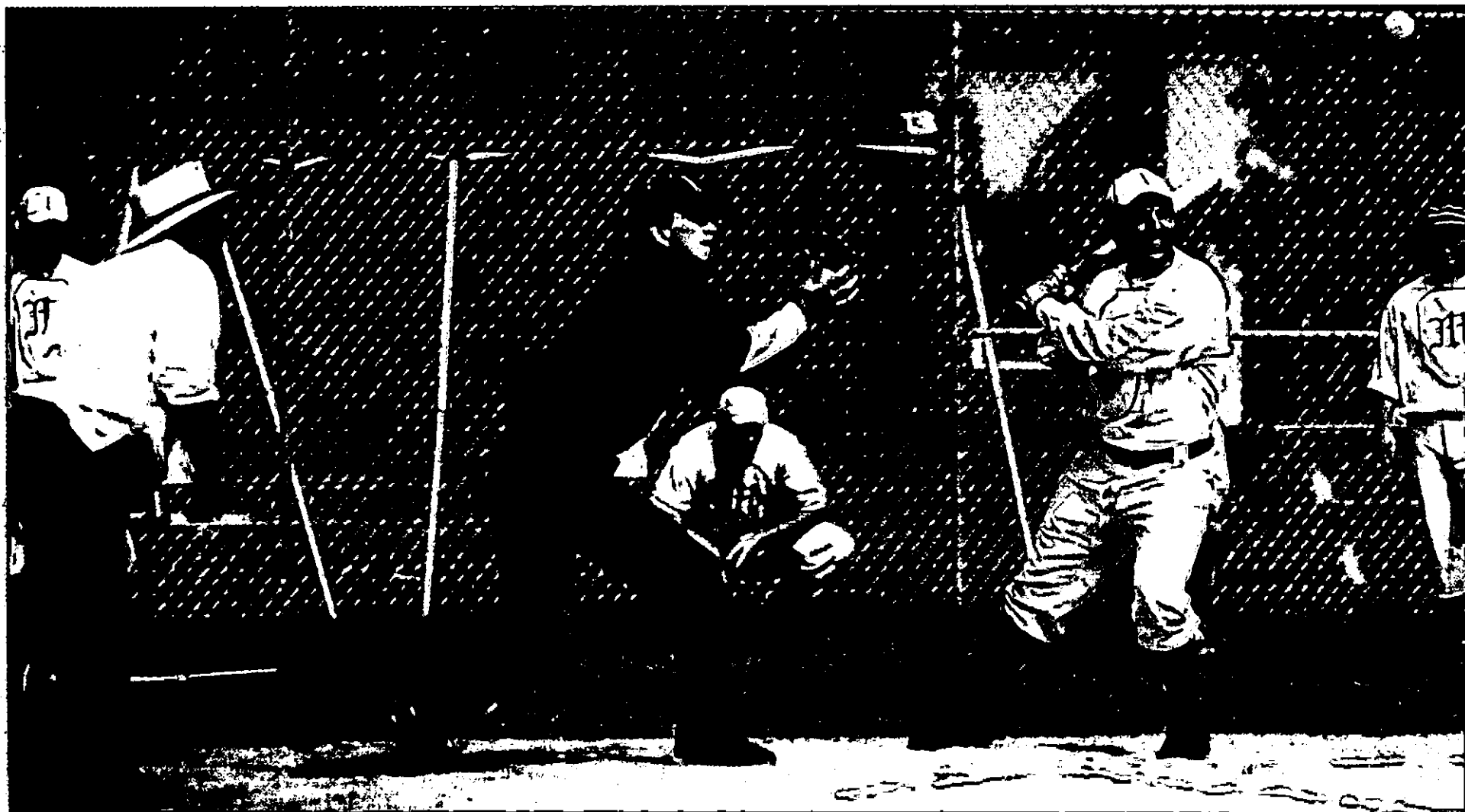


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Going back in time

Mutuals bring 19th-century game to Bethlehem

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The boys from Bethlehem put up a valiant fight on a sweltering day, but in the end the more experienced New York Mutuals pulled away to gain a 16-6 win over the local nine.

Well, that's how the story would have looked back in 1864.

In truth, the game was played Sunday at Elm Avenue Park, but the rules under which it was played were from the Civil War era — back when pitchers threw underhand, you could record an out by catching the ball on one bounce and the umpire could consult with three people he deemed “trustworthy” to determine a controversial call.

“It adds a whole new dimension to the game,” said state assemblyman Tim Gordon. “Some of the rules help you make up for your mistakes.”

The Mutuals — a traveling baseball team based out of Long Island

— specialize in playing by 19th-century rules. They were founded in 1999 to educate the public about the roots of the game, and they've traveled through the Northeast, the Midwest and parts of Canada playing games against local teams.

“We're just trying to spread the word about turn-of-the-century baseball,” said Mutuals captain Al “Rocky” Belbol.

This year marked the second time that the Mutuals played Bethlehem on the Fourth of July. Last year's inaugural game went badly for the home team, as the Mutuals scored early and often for a 28-3 victory.

Bethlehem fared better in this year's game. The Braves trailed 7-2 heading into the top of the sixth inning before the Mutuals put the game out of reach with four runs in the frame.

“I think they got 20 runs in the first inning last year, and we didn't want that to happen again,” said Bethlehem captain and event organizer Steve Peterson.

That was fine with Belbol. “We like it to be a competitive game,” he said.

Several Bethlehem players were back for their second try at playing under 1864 rules including Gordon, Bethlehem town supervisor Sam Messina, town councilman Mark Hennessey and LaSalle baseball coach Jesse Braverman.

“This is a nice thing,” said Messina, who pitched a couple of innings and had a base hit. “It's kind of fun. Tradition is important, I think.”

There were still several times when the 19th-century rules tripped up the 21st-century players. The most problematic was the rule concerning not over-running first base, as both teams suffered gaffes that led to outs.

Mutuals player Brian “Samurai” Sullivan said that's normal. “It took me about a month to get used to the rules,” said Sullivan, who is in his eighth year with the team.

Ultimately, the old-time rules brought baseball back to an era where it was played for fun, and not money.

“It's just about the purity of the game,” said Belbol. “Men can be boys for a day.”



Top: New York Mutuals player Al “Rocky” Belbol watches a pitch sail over his head during Sunday's game against the Bethlehem Braves. Above: Braves pitcher Sam Messina delivers to the plate. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Local runners complete Freihofer's

More than 150 runners from Altamont, Guilderland, Glenmont, Slingerlands and Voorheesville participated in last month's Freihofer's Run for Women in Albany. They are:

Altamont

Mary Buck (45) 20:08, Lea Cure (15) 21:32, Shannon Mackesey (13) 23:09, Staci Covkin-Jurczynski (44) 24:22, Elizabeth Sliwinski (24) 25:27, Mindy Mackesey (46) 25:56, Susan Sikule (51) 26:13, Alison Wilkes

(18) 26:27, Kristin Knauf (38) 26:32 and Jolene Kowalski (38) 26:39.

Also, Katelyn Masullo (13) 26:49, Laurie Micare (42) 27:47, Linda Cure (49) 28:40, Jeannie McDonnell (44) 29:26, Gail Hein (58) 29:35, Alexandra VanDeusen (43) 30:38, Tess Dube (16) 30:48, Cheryl Dube (51) 31:07, Patty Nezaj (39) 31:23 and Janeen Javoroski (35) 31:24.

Also, Susan Klim (54) 31:29, Maeve Brennan (15) 31:57, Debra Robinson (50)

34:18, Megan Wilkes (14) 34:52, Angela Gleasman (35) 42:22, Nilsa Mercedes (37) 48:04, Laura Frey (26) 51:30 and Jeanne Frey (56) 51:31.

Glenmont

Dani Lagace (28) 24:59, Jessica Venezia (20) 25:52, Leslie Cheu (48) 25:54, Angela Sears (33) 26:04, Jennifer Webb (36) 28:26, Julie Heslin Pokat (46) 29:28, Jen Pickerling (31) 29:58, Lauren Quirk (21) 30:04, Caitlyn Edmundson (21) 30:15 and Kristin Acosta (36) 31:01.

Also, Alexis Grant (29) 31:21, Kimberly Letky (26) 31:58, Amy Quinlivan (34) 32:55, Roseanne McCaffrey (49) 32:57, Kathleen Megahey (35) 33:55, Yasemin Ipek (22) 34:57, Sharon Sestak (60) 35:28, Jennifer Labreche (29) 35:41, Heidi Gray (39) 37:03 and Susan Barrella (41) 37:28.

Also, Lois Smith (68) 37:42, Dorothy Foster (51) 38:13, Ann Burdick (49) 38:54, Nicole Naef (37) 39:10, Margaret Goldin Denio (56) 39:31, Cybelle

Nicholsen-Pachter (37) 40:18, Annika Pachter (7) 40:19, Karen Rosenberg (42) 40:32, Janis France (46) 44:08 and Connie Adsitt (33) 44:11.

Guilderland

Gretchen Oliver (36) 20:25, Maribeth Bernarde (25) 20:40, Stepganie Wille (35) 22:30, Beth Ray (29) 23:18, Adine Viscusi (42) 25:59, Sonya Kilcourse (26) 29:48, Karen Gerety (54) 29:55, Jennifer Gaunt (34) 31:19, Kristen McDonald (27) 31:56 and Audrey Gunther (15) 32:07.

Also, Adrienne Salvagni (28) 32:54, Marna Meltzer (41) 35:01, Melissa Mooney (42) 38:29, Paula Local Page 31



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