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STARS (Seniors Teaching and Reaching Out to Students) volunteers and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District staff members enjoyed an end-of-year ice cream social event at Glenmont's Jericho Drive-In on June 22.

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A bluegrass
bond

For the men who make up Washington County Line, bluegrass is more than a hobby. It's an important part of all their lives. The band performs in Niskayuna on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

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Girls soccer
strikes gold

The Adirondack Region scholastic women's soccer team picked up the gold medal by avenging its only loss at last week's Empire State Games in Buffalo. One day after losing to Western 2-1 in pool play, Adirondack responded with a 1-0 victory over the same region Sunday.

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Attorney disappointed in DA's decision

**Soares drops criminal charges in
ding-dong-ditch incident; civil suit
not yet discussed with parents**

By CHARLES WIFF
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A Delmar homeowner who was arrested after allegedly tackling a teen playing "ding dong ditch" will have the charges against him dropped.

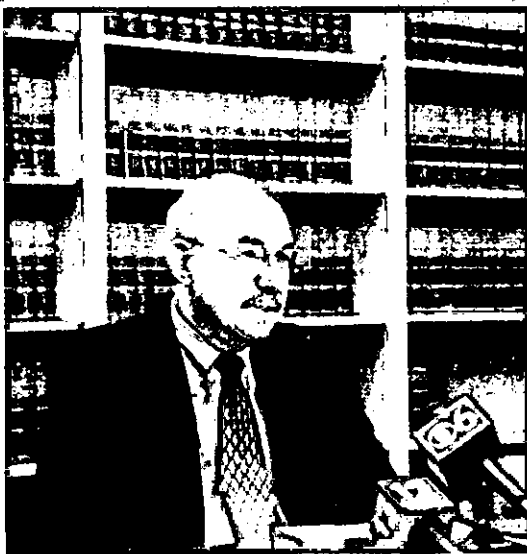
DA David Soares has decided not to pursue the case, attorneys for both parties said. "We're grateful to the district attorney for conducting the investigation and coming to

that conclusion," Peter Gerstenzang, attorney for homeowner Daniel Van Plew, said. "Dan is very relieved. ... We see the end is in sight and he can get his life back."

A lawyer representing Robert Madeo, whose son was visiting a friend's house for a sleepover when he and three other teens pulled the prank, said the very fact Soares himself handled the minor charge is an indicator public opinion held sway over the facts at hand.

"Obviously, I and the family are very disappointed," attorney Kristie Hanson said.

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Peter Gerstenzang, attorney for Daniel Van Plew, discusses the charges against his client during a press conference at his offices.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Tear gas tests halted

**Early July incident spurs
DOCS to move training
from G'land to Willard**

By CHARLES WIFF
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Large-scale tear gas training at the New York Army National Guard rifle range in Guilderland has been halted.

The state Department of Correctional Services has elected to move such training operations involving tear gas to a location in Willard, spokeswoman Linda Foglia said.

"Due to the community concerns surrounding the July 5 incident, the Department of Correctional Services immediately searched for other location options to conduct the training involving the chemical agent instructor school," she said.

Concern was raised over the training earlier this month when the chemical smoke wafted from the training facility to the adjacent Albany Country Club, where, at the time, young day campers were outside.

The children and several golfers were moved inside and the fire department was summoned, but no one sustained serious injuries.

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Heldeberg Market's Sarah Gordon with fresh vegetables dropped off by local farmers at her sorting barn in Knox. She'll separate items from nine local farms into orders for delivery to customers in Albany County. The online market hopes to make life easier for customers and farmers alike by handling distribution of locally produced goods.

Ryan Kemp/Heldeberg Market

Buying local moves online

**Web market
for area farmers called
a win-win situation**

By CHARLES WIFF
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While it's certainly no news a growing number of people are striving to buy local, Sarah Gordon's new business is hoping to take the movement a step further by allowing Capital District residents to do their farmers market shopping without even leaving the house.

That's the idea behind the Heldeberg Market, which launched in the spring. The service groups together products from nine area farms in an online store, allowing locals to enjoy local food delivered to their doorstep.

"Buying local is the right thing to do...but for some people there's a barrier to it because it's not always easy to do," Gordon said. "This makes it really a lot more convenient to people who might not have the time to invest in buying local."

Gordon got the idea for Heldeberg Market early this year after

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Police blotter

Duo allegedly scams woman out of \$5,000 in parking lot

Bethlehem police are investigating an apparent scam that allegedly took place in Glenmont on Wednesday, July 14.

Police say a Bethlehem resident was approached by two subjects while she was loading items into her car in the Price Chopper parking lot on Glenmont Road. The two women asked if she had lost a black wallet with money in it, which had money wrapped in a bank wrapper, according to police.

The two women spoke to her for an hour in reference to drug money and a lawyer named Paul Kesler, police said. They allegedly told her they were supposed to meet Kesler at SEFCU and work out a deal with the found money because it was drug related. They then told the complainant if she gave them \$5,000 in cash, they could compare the serial numbers on the drug money with the bank, police said. They allegedly told her she'd receive her money back, with additional money.

The woman went to Pioneer Bank and withdrew \$5,000, then

parked in front of Chili's Restaurant and waited for the two subjects. One of them walked up and she handed over the money. After 15 minutes of waiting, she started to get worried and went to SEFCU, police said, where the manager contacted police.

One of the women was described as white, blonde, in her 50s, 5'8" and 170 pounds with glasses. The other woman was described as black, in her 40s, 5'6" and 120 pounds.

Other arrests

• The Albany County Sheriff's Department's Drug Interdiction Unit arrested Junhua Jin, 41, of Flushing on prostitution charges at the Best Western on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland.

Police say Jin, a Chinese citizen, was working with other illegal female Chinese immigrants and using the Internet for advertisement. They would advertise in numerous locations using numerous telephone numbers between Flushing and the Capital District, where they would meet with clients and perform "unlicensed massages and sexual acts for money," according to police.

The case is related to the arrest of another illegal Chinese national on the same charges in Schodack in May, police said.

Jin was charged with unauthorized practice, a felony, and prostitution, a misdemeanor.

• State police arrested Trevor J. Forster, 20, of Schenectady, and charged him with DWI and unlawful possession of marijuana on Saturday, July 17. The arrest occurred on Van Wie Terrace in the Town of Guilderland at about 2 a.m. Forster was released to a third party.

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Max D. Bassinson, 19, of 36 Rowland Ave., Delmar, and charged him with violation of the "zero tolerance law" that prohibits those under 21 from driving with any amount of alcohol in their system.

Police stopped Bassinson's 2005 Toyota Prius on Elsmere Avenue in Delmar early on Saturday, July 17, for making an improper U-turn, according to police. He had the odor of alcohol on his breath and bloodshot eyes, and made admissions to having been drinking earlier at a friend's house, police said.

Bassinson allegedly failed field sobriety tests and a plastic bag containing marijuana came out of his shoe while he was performing the "walk and turn" test, police said. He was also charged with unlawful possession of marijuana.

Bassinson was released to his father with a court date of Tuesday, Aug. 3. His passenger, who was under 21 and had also been drinking, was given a ride home.

Ready, set, shop!



Guilderland's Tammy McGill, fourth from left, won a \$500 shopping spree at the Old Navy grand re-opening at Crossgates Mall on Saturday. Pittsfield's Marie Bilotta, third from left, won a \$200 shopping spree. Guilderland Town Board member Mark Grimm, second from left, and store manager Rosa Cain, third from right, along with other store employees, congratulated the winners.

Submitted photo

Cops investigate hotel robbery

Officers believe there might be a connection to July 9 incident

By ANDREW BEAM
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Two people tied up and beat the clerk at the Clarion Hotel, formerly the Century House Inn, on Route 9 in Latham early on July 23.

According to police reports, with his back to the assailants, the clerk had a pillow put over his head as the suspects began beating him in the face around 1:30 a.m. The suspects took the clerk's wallet and broke his cell phone in order to prevent him from

calling the authorities, according to Lt. Robert Winn of the Colonie Police Department. The suspects left the victim's wallet and cell phone in the lobby but got away with \$200 from the register.

Winn said the clerk described the suspects as two black men between 5'10 and 5'11, both with a medium build. He was not able to describe them further. He was also not able to report how the suspects escaped or in what direction they went.

While there are no leads currently on this case, Winn said he believes police will be able to link this robbery with a similar one that occurred on July

9 at the Courtyard Marriot on Wolf Road. The clerk at the Marriot did not sustain any injuries.

Winn said the suspects from the Courtyard Marriot incident were described as two black men between 5'4 and 5'6, with one thin and one stocky.

"We believe we'll be able to tie the two together," Winn said, "but the fact that the violence level has risen is troubling."

The clerk from the Clarion was treated at Albany Memorial Hospital for injuries to his face including pain, swelling and minor cuts. He was released later in the morning on July 23.



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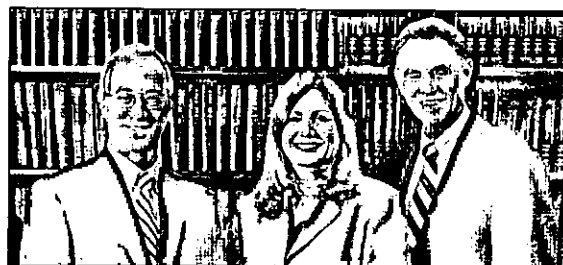
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Town consultant: Sprint has not shown need

Cell tower talk continues in Bethlehem's review

By CHARLES WIFF
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A consultant working for the Town of Bethlehem recently told the Zoning Board information included in an application by Independent Tower Holdings LLC does not show their cell phone tower on school district land would offer a service improvement for Sprint customers.

Sprint/Nextel is the carrier that has expressed interest in the site, which is located outside the Bethlehem Central School District's Operations and Maintenance building off of Elm Avenue. But engineer Ronald Graiff said this location would not boost that carrier's signal in its trouble areas along Delaware Avenue.

"They're providing coverage in the areas they already have coverage," he said. "Being that it doesn't fill their gaps, I have to question [the site]."

Independent's Daniel Schweigard said the data provided by the carrier would be resubmitted with Graiff's notes on format addressed.

"To put it conservatively, it could use some tweaking," he said.

He also said the data do not present a precise picture of the situation.

"If the margin of error were extended the other way, some of those gaps in coverage would be bigger," he said.

The Zoning Board is considering an area variance for Independent's 90-foot tower — it stands just 112 feet from

the O&M building, instead of the required 300. Schweigard said factors like wetlands and deed restrictions boxed his company into the spot.

"The reason this location was chosen is there's a lot of restrictions on the school district's property right now," he said.

But the majority of the discussion from the board and public dealt with matters of coverage, visibility and the existence of a rival company's proposal to build a tower just six-tenths of a mile from Independent's. The sites are also at roughly the same elevation.

ESCO tower has Verizon and AT&T lined up to locate on their tower, which would be on private land off of Van Dyke Road. It's been before the town far longer than the Independent application.

Only one will be built due to the town's policy of collocating antennas on viable structures. That means whichever tower is built will likely draw all three companies, but Schweigard admitted it's unlikely Verizon or AT&T would be pleased with having to locate equipment under 90 feet, where it would be less effective.

ESCO's tower application seeks permission to build up to 150 feet, though they are planning to construct a 120-foot tower. Independent's tower is capable of extending up to 120 feet, but they're only apply for a 90-foot structure. Both companies would have to come back to the town to expand from the original height.

Chairman Daniel Coffey grilled Schweigard over the

particulars of the application, including why his company had put in for a tower after ESCO.

"At the end of the day ... can you give any explanation why your site is preferable to ESCO's site?" he asked.

Schweigard said his company responded to the school district's request for tower proposals, not the fact ESCO was seeking to build one.

"I think our site has less visibility and is going to provide some much needed revenue to the school district," he said.

"I personally support both of them [the towers]," he continued. "I agree there's a need for service in the area."



ESCO performed a balloon float test Friday, July 23, gauge the height of a 120-foot cell tower. Independent will float balloons at 90 and 120 feet at their proposed location on BCHS property on Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Balloon tests scheduled

While both Independent and ESCO, the two companies vying to build a cell phone tower in Delmar, have conducted their own balloon float tests, on Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, there will be simultaneous balloon floats from the two sites.

ESCO floated these balloons on Friday, July 23, over private land off of Van Dyke Road. The balloon pictured is at 120 feet. ESCO will also fly a balloon at 150 feet at the next test, which would be the maximum height the tower could be extended to under their current application. Their site plan, however, is calling for a 120-foot tower.

Independent will float balloons at 90 and 120 feet, for their tower's sought height and the expandable height.

The floats will occur from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, though the tests may be called off early if winds are too high to ensure an accurate tests. In the event of inclement weather, the first test would be held Aug. 1 and the second Aug. 2.

Check spotlightnews.com for updates on test cancellations.

— Charles Wiff

GOP blasts Working Families petition process

Challengers try to draw connections to party's Downstate troubles

By CHARLES WIFF
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Four Republican candidates vying to wrest control of state government seats this November are tacitly accusing their opponents of questionable practices when collecting Working Families Party signatures, and calling for them to reject positions on that ballot line.

Robert Domenici,

running against Sen. Neil Breslin; Jennifer Whalen, running against Assemblyman Bob Reilly; Deborah Busch, running against Assemblyman John McEneny; and Steve McLaughlin, running against Assemblyman Tim Gordon, issued the joint attack on their opponents.

Their arguments don't actually allege criminal or procedural wrongdoing on the part of the campaign, but rather draw connections between members of the third party and its ongoing troubles.

The candidates' attack revolves around Jesse Soursourian, a Brooklyn resident who carried WFP petitions for all four Democratic candidates, and also served as petition agent, signing the cover sheets of the petitions. He also has connections to Data & Field Services, a private company that garnered the scrutiny

"They're sending political operatives up from New York City to run around the Capital District gathering signatures."

— Steve McLaughlin, GOP challenger to Assemblyman Tim Gordon

of the New York City Campaign Finance Board for allegedly acting as a de facto arm of the WFP.

Karen Scharff, co-chair of the Capital District chapter of the WFP, confirmed Soursourian is employed by Data & Field Services and had come to the area from New York City to canvass for WFP-endorsed candidates.

"Sometimes we have the help of one of the staff people coming out of the WFP to help with the signature collection," she said. "It's a very normal thing I think for any political party."

It's also legal. To

collect signatures, one need only be a New York state voter enrolled in the party in question. But the GOP hopefuls said the implications go beyond campaign law.

"It's not a problem that he was a Working Families Party member, that's not an issue," said Carl Zeilman, spokesman for Domenici. "I think the red flag that was raised was that he was from Kings County," and his ties to DFS.

"They're sending political operatives up from New York City to run around the Capital District gathering signatures,"

McLaughlin said.

None of the Democratic candidates indicated they would step away from the WFP. Breslin dismissed the attack.

"It is far more notable that Albany County Democrats filed an 864-page petition with thousands of signatures gathered by hundreds of volunteers," he said. "Recycled old news won't stand up to that kind of support."

There are no reported financial ties between the four Democratic candidates in question to the DFS or Soursourian, though all have made contributions to the WFP. Contributing to political parties is common practice among candidates for office (and of course all four GOP hopefuls made similar donations to Republican and Conservative committees).

The WFP's Capital District image is very

much impacted by a voter fraud investigation in Troy involving absentee ballot signatures that were allegedly fraudulently obtained. The Republican quartet seemed content to draw upon the negative press surrounding the party, including the fact governor-hopeful Andrew Cuomo has yet to accept a WFP endorsement.

"It's an error in judgment on anybody's part who accepts that endorsement," McLaughlin said of the WFP. "There's an old saying, you lie down with dogs, you get fleas."

Scharff, however, noted the WFP has relationships with dozens of other organizations, and that DFS hasn't been in the news recently.

"I think the Republicans just have nothing to talk about so they're trying to make an issue where there isn't one," Scharff said.

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Timely garden tips for great tomatoes

By SUE PEZZOLLA

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The summer of 2009 was a tough one for vegetable gardeners throughout the Northeast. Late blight, a fungal disease, took hold early, and many gardeners lost their entire tomato crop.

It touched commercial farmers and backyard gardeners, and it was horrible. Gardeners are still shaken by the thoughts of last season and so they worry at the slightest change of leaf color. So far we have not seen any signs of this disease and the weather has been hot and dry making the conditions less than ideal for late blight.

But as in past years, we are seeing many of the common tomato disease problems that persist in the Capital District.

Late July and early August is the time when tomato problems surface at our Extension office. We see a lot of spots on leaves, mostly the lower sets. Septoria leaf spot is most often the culprit and while chlorothalonil and mancozeb are two chemicals that target fungal diseases, spraying when the damage

is visible often is too late. Removing the lower leaves will help to slow the disease down, allowing fruits to ripen. However, avoiding disease altogether is the goal.

Also, some years have prolonged wet weather, which drives the disease factor way up; but there are several things that a gardener can do to insure a good harvest:

- Start the season with healthy transplants that are disease-resistant varieties that are recommended for state growing conditions
- Rotate crops every two years.
- Plant in a sunny location — at least six hours a day of full sun.
- Space plants to allow for good air circulation.
- Stake plants early in the season.
- Avoid overhead watering.
- Use mulch to conserve moisture.
- Control weeds and insects.
- Rogue out and destroy any severely diseased plants — do not compost them.

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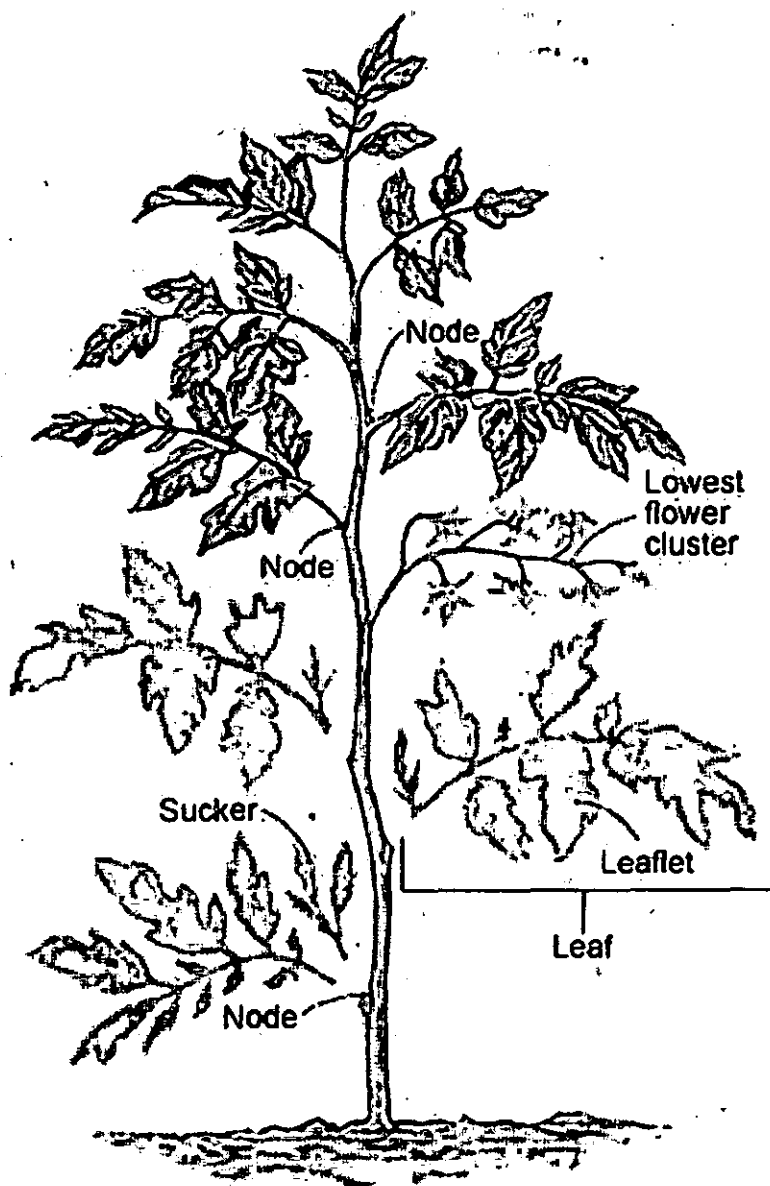
Check plants weekly so that problems can be nipped in the bud.

If you are seeing the leaves of your tomato plants begin to yellow and have small brown areas overtake the leaf surface, then remove the entire branch of leaves.

This may mean removing the lower two or three branches of leaves. Be sure that indeterminate types (these tomatoes keep growing and setting fruit as long as temperatures are warm) are well staked to get plants off the ground.

Harvest fruits as soon as they are fully ripe to allow energy to go into ripening the rest of the fruit. Fresh tomatoes from the garden are one of the delights of summer. Convenience, flavor, and nutrition all outside your door — it's a beautiful thing!

Source: Frank Ferrandino, "Pruning Tomatoes," Kitchen Gardener, The Vegetable and Herb Gardening Journal, June/July 2000



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| Day | High/Year | Low/Year |
| Wednesday, July 28 | 99°/1929 | 44°/1971 |
| Thursday, July 29 | 97°/1894 | 47°/1987 |
| Friday, July 30 | 100°/1933 | 44°/1968 |
| Saturday, July 31 | 98°/1917 | 49°/1978 |
| Sunday, August 1 | 101°/1933 | 46°/1964 |
| Monday, August 2 | 97°/1975 | 45°/1976 |
| Tuesday, August 3 | 97°/1975 | 44°/1976 |

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Sun & Moon

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset |
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| Wednesday | 5:43am | 8:20pm |
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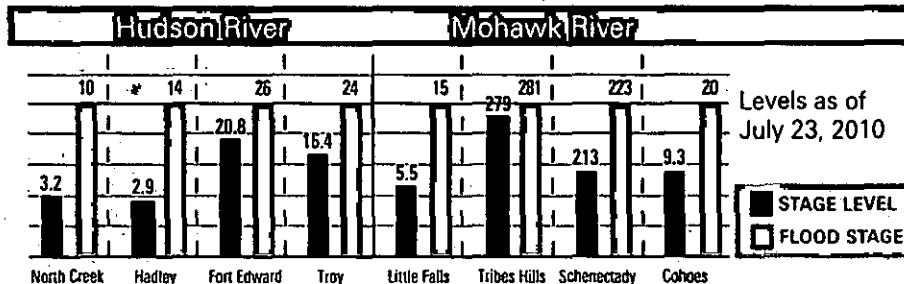
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| Planets | When | Where |
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| Mars | Dusk | Low WSW |
| Saturn | Dusk | Near Mars |
| Venus | Dusk | Bright W |
| Mercury | Dusk | V Low W |
| Jupiter | Dawn | High SSE |

Rivers & Recreation

River Levels



Water temp

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Lake George | 77° |
| Bolton Landing | 76° |
| Sacandaga Lake | 76° |
| Saratoga Lake | 78° |
| Jersey Shore | 76° |
| Cape Cod | 74° |

Tides at Albany

| Day | High | Low |
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| Wednesday | 7:08am, 7:34pm | 1:26am, 1:55pm |
| Thursday | 7:44am, 8:13pm | 2:10am, 2:36pm |
| Friday | 8:20am, 8:52pm | 2:56am, 3:17pm |
| Saturday | 8:58am, 9:35pm | 3:43am, 3:59pm |
| Sunday | 9:39am, 10:21pm | 4:33am, 4:44pm |
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Public weighs in on intersection project

Concerns include impact on Fuller Road traffic

By CHARLES WIFF
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The busy intersection of Washington Avenue Extension and Fuller Road impacts tens of thousands of drivers every day, but it was clear Thursday, July 22, that those who live nearby are the most passionate about its shortcomings.

A sizable crowd turned out for a public meeting on a proposal to reconstruct that congested confluence. At the moment, there are three designs on the table (four if you count the option of doing nothing to the intersection).

The first would be to build a new signalized intersection, the second would include a two-lane roundabout and the third would also involve the construction of a roundabout, but include a bridge over the circle for Washington Avenue Extension through traffic.

That would be the most costly option, at about \$22 million total (alternatives one and two would weigh in at about \$6 to \$6.5 million). The county would put in \$3 million, federal funds would cover \$2 million and state funding would cover the remainder (\$17 million in the last case).

The county favors the elevated roadway plan, which would also allow for traffic to continue to use the intersection during construction.

Jeff Pangburn of project engineer Creighton Manning



ABOVE: Members of the public examined different alternatives for reconstructing the Fuller Road and Washington Avenue Extension intersection before a public meeting on Thursday, July 22.

LEFT: Albany County Director of Operations Michael Franchini and Jeff Pangburn of Creighton Manning Engineering gave a presentation, then took questions.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

said a roundabout at this location would not only ease traffic congestion, but allow pedestrians and bicycles to safely use the crossing. There are also 90 percent fewer fatalities in roundabouts than in traditional signalized intersections, he said.

"It's a great tool that we have to try to make for a safer intersection," Pangburn said. "It really simplifies the points of contact."

In June, a state trooper was injured at the intersection when

his vehicle was struck by another car. He was escorting an oversized load at the time.

The bridge over the roundabout would remove about 20,000 vehicles from the roundabout, too.

Some residents at the meeting said they were supportive of alternative three for that reason alone, and complained that accessing Fuller road from their driveways or side roads during rush hour is high impossible. Construction on Fuller Road hasn't helped

said the intersection reconstruction should alleviate some of these problems, as traffic won't back up as much. Still, he admitted Fuller Road is much busier than it used to be.

"I'm not sure how you move people out of their driveways where there's as many cars as there are," he said.

Others wondered if the speed limit on Fuller Road could be reduced from 40 mph, especially if people are going to be using it as a pedestrian thoroughfare. Franchini said while Fuller is a county road, in the Town of Guilderland speed limits are dictated by the Town Board.

Despite the concerns raised by some neighbors, many at the meeting praised the county for having an open process and for targeting the problematic intersection for redesign.

The meeting took a brief detour to other McKownville issues when Steve Janak, the College of Nanoscience and Engineering's communications director, addressed assertions made that the college is contributing to flooding issues in the area.

He said the college has suffered the same problems since its founding and is working to mitigate them.

"The bottom line...is CNSE is not responsible for the flooding issues in McKownville," he said.

Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Neighborhood Association, stood and, in an impassioned rebuttal, rejected Janak's arguments.

"Nanotech is dumping their water in McKownville, and it doesn't belong there," he said.

He also argued the college will benefit from the reconstruction because it would free up usable land north of Washington Avenue Extension.

"We know exactly why option three is being considered, so nanotech can have that roadway," he said.

John Holder, assistant vice president of facilities and infrastructure at CNSE, said while the reconstruction supported by the county would leave the college with the most usable space, it hadn't lobbied for one proposal over another.

"It's not driven by the growth of the nano complex," he said of the project. "It's not essential for us to grow in that direction."

The intersection project is tentatively scheduled for a fall 2011 start, and to be finished by the end of 2013.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Let's find out how many wrongs *do* make a right

Editorial

Criminal charges have been dropped against Daniel Van Plew, a Delmar man you may or may not have heard of who pursued four teens who, according to police reports, were trespassing on his property, ringing the doorbell and banging on his door.

Van Plew, 37, told police someone had pressed his doorbell at about 10:18 p.m. Saturday night, July 17, at his home at 59 Egmont Court in Delmar. He didn't see anyone out of the front door, but when he opened his garage side door he saw someone running from the rear of his house, according to police reports. Van Plew chased the subject and tackled him in the front yard, near the street, according to the police report, and then he brought the subject back to his house.

And then he called the police.

The dropped criminal charges will be seen as vindication to his throngs of supporters — regular citizens and media professionals alike who feel Van Plew should be celebrated for his actions that night.

They are woefully misguided.

Mr. Van Plew said he chased after his unknown assailants to protect his family. That's as honorable and legitimate of an endeavor as ever there was.

Too bad that in this case it doesn't wash.

A man protecting his family does not fail to call the police at the first sign of what he believes may be a burglary or home invasion.

A man protecting his family does not disarm an alarm system while what he believes to be four dangerous individuals are right outside his home.

A man protecting his family does not open the door to his home so he can confront those dangerous individuals.

And a man protecting his family does not leave his family behind, chase the dangerous individuals and bring one of them back to where his family is and only then call the police.

No. In our estimation, these things have nothing to do with protection and everything to do with retribution. When he tackled that kid, he didn't do it to protect his family, he did it to teach the kid a lesson.

And that's why this story's gotten as big and ridiculous as it has, and why Van Plew has supporters from Delmar, N.Y., to Del Mar, Calif. — because he acted out a middle-aged man's power fantasy and showed those young punks what for! (See sidebar.)

Never mind what he did was stupid at best, he got to act out in a way that every one of us has felt like doing every time we're forced to suffer the indignity of being cut off in traffic, subjected to someone's loud, rude behavior or, God forbid, made to fear for our safety as some hoodlums trespass and ring our doorbells late at night.

Sure, calling the cops at the first sign of danger makes sense, but chasing the perps down *feels so right!* And as the old adage goes, ladies and gentlemen, if it feels so good, how can it possibly be wrong?

But it is, unfortunately, and while most of the Capital District would love to parse this into a right and wrong situation, we at *The Spotlight* find very little that is right about this whole thing.

We don't condone the actions of those dumb kids on that night, whether they thought they were playing a prank or not. But you can't ascribe a sense of personal accountability to a 14-year-old kid that you're not willing to ascribe to a 37-year-old man.

Over the past week, countless commentators in the Capital District lamented how these "four rotten kids" have changed the Van Plew's lives forever because now the family has to deal with the media circus this has developed into.

Horse hockey.

If a 14-year-old should understand being tackled is a possible consequence for the poor decision to trespass, then a 37-year-old should understand a media circus is a possible consequence for tackling a trespasser instead of calling the police.

Like it or not, those four kids aren't the only parties that should be ashamed of themselves at this point.

Best of the blogs, indeed

The following are samples of comments about this story as they have appeared on area media's websites:

"I live down the street in the same development...if anyone steps onto my property you can bet I will introduce them to my good friends...Smith & Wesson!"

—timesunion.com, July 22

"Idiotic. You protect your family and if it is me, I do it with extreme prejudice. I am in the right and you are wrong and your threat must be nullified. Period."

—spotlightnews.com, July 23

"The home owner should have put a bullet through the kid. The parents of the kid should be thrown in jail for not controlling their low life soon to be on the Most Wanted list kid."

—timesunion.com, July 21

"I would have kicked the crap out of him. Kuddos to the homeowner...Delmar punks running home to mommy!!"

—timesunion.com, July 21

"In a sane world the homeowner beats the crap out of the kid and when the cop comes, he beats the crap out of the kid."

—huffingtonpost.com, July 23

"You trespass on me and I am protecting my family? You are lucky if your teeth are all you lose. A lawyer taking the scumbag kids and their scumbag parents' side should be ashamed."

—spotlightnews.com, July 23

Stay classy, Capital District!

Speaking of shame, let's talk about the media coverage this has garnered.

What has been produced in the past week by area news outlets has had less to do with journalism than it's had to do with bad theater.

"Van Plew got home from work the other day and his son gave him a picture he had drawn: the boy and his dad catching bad guys," an area daily wrote over the weekend.

That's not a pertinent fact in an objective news story, that's the last scene in the

made-for-TV movie loosely based on these events.

Roll credits and show us to the bathroom.

Listen, while *The Spotlight* would love nothing more than to give you "Tackle Watch: Day Seven," we choose to expend our resources by sending reporters to local town and planning board meetings, writing local features and generally keeping people informed about things that will have a long-term effect on their lives in the Capital District.

Shame on us, really.

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This week's question is:

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to vote yes or no and completely ignore a third option.

Last week's poll results:

Question: "Will social networking sites ever replace face-to-face interaction?"

• No. People will always need true interpersonal relationships.: 58%

• Maybe in some business relationships or passing social relationships.: 11%

• Yes. One day we will work, socialize, meet and marry all from the comfort of our parents' basement.: 29%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Save the date for cell tower balloon tests

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Towns Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board are currently reviewing 2 different applications for the placement of a cell tower in Delmar. And as part of their application, they are being required to conduct concurrent balloon tests this week so that residents can see the visual impact of the two proposed cell tower sites (see story, page 3).

The balloon tests will occur on two different days giving busy families more of an opportunity to see where these cell towers will be located and from where they would

be seen.

The first balloon test will be on Friday July 30, from 6 a.m. till 2 p.m., in the event of inclement weather this test will be rescheduled for Monday Aug. 2, same hours.

The second balloon test will be on Saturday July 31, from 6 a.m. till 2 p.m., in the event of inclement weather this test will be rescheduled for Sunday Aug. 1, same hours.

One location, ESCO Towers, is at Sunnyside Farms on Van Dyke Road across from the High School football field and next to Eagle Elementary. Balloons will be floated at 120 and 150

feet of height. The other location, Independent Towers Holdings, is at the Bethlehem High School Operations and Maintenance building located at 65 Elm Ave. Balloons will be floated at 90 and 120 feet of height.

For more information, rescheduling (due to inclement weather) or cancellations please visit the town's website, at www.townofbethlehem.org or call the Town's Department of Economic Development and Planning at 439.4955 ext 1157.

David R. DeCancio
member
Zoning Board
of Appeals

Yellow brick road may have started in Mechanicville

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I have done some research on the July 21, 2010 article in the Spotlight concerning the history of the yellow-brick paved road and bridge in the Normansville settlement. I agree with the interpretation that L. Frank Baum, the author of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz", had no knowledge of the yellow brick road in Bethlehem and Albany. However, in his lifetime Baum encountered many roads paved with bricks and it's possible that a few of these roads may have been paved with yellow brick.

The yellow paving bricks at Albany-Bethlehem most

likely were manufactured at brickyards in Mechanicville. If one wants to preserve history a marker at the bridge could honor the large contingent of Italian immigrants who labored to make the bricks. Better yet the marker could honor all of the workers who toiled to make billions of bricks along the shores of the Hudson River.

A quote from an on line magazine concerning The Golden Age of Hudson Valley Brickmaking: "By the turn of the 20th century, some 120 brickyards in the Hudson Valley, employing between eight and ten thousand workers, were

producing over a billion bricks per year more than any part of the world." Today the number of building and paving bricks being produced on the shores of the Hudson River is zero.

William J. Kelleher

Experience Clarksville's heritage

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Clarksville Historical Society (CHS) will be hosting its fifth annual Clarksville Heritage Day celebration on Saturday, Aug. 7 and we would like to invite you to join us.

Clarksville Heritage Day, a celebration of life in Clarksville, was created to bring the community and surrounding area together, at least once a year. Clarksville Heritage Day is also CHS' major fund raising event.

Most of the planned activities will occur at the Clarksville Community Church, with exceptions noted. There is something for everybody - food, crafts, car show, demonstrations and exhibits, bounce ride, raffles, and more food. Music will be provided by our very popular DJ - Kevin Hotaling.

CHS will sponsor the very popular car show and will issue 35 judged awards and dashboard plaques. By popular demand, we will offer the Clarksville Heritage booklet that can be purchased as a souvenir.

There will be plenty of opportunities for

food. The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company will host a buffet breakfast in the morning from 7 to 10:30 a.m. The Clarksville Community Church will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ice cream donated by Stewarts and Toll Gate will be sold by CHS. The Meadow Brook Farms Dairy 4H Club will host a bake sale. For your dinner plans, Jake Moon Restaurant Café will be featuring a lobster & clam bake and backyard barbecue from 4:30 to 10 p.m. We have five incredible prizes this year for our 5th annual

raffle. They are: \$1000, Stainless steel gas grill, GPS, Notebook PC, and a Nintendo Wii. Also, there will be a 50/50 raffle and a chance to win a variety of great door prizes.

We are looking forward to another highly successful community-wide garage sale. We hope you will come out and join us, rain or shine, as we support the Clarksville Historical Society and have fun as a community.

Janice Crookes
Clarksville

Spotlight on...

The Bethlehem Town Board

On the agenda for the Wednesday, July 28, meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board:

- A presentation by Creighton Manning Engineering on a proposal to reduce the speed on Old Quarry Road. The board had previously considered reducing the limit from 55 to 45 mph, but there was some support for dropping the limit on the South Bethlehem road even further.
- The fire and EMS districts in town are requesting support in strategic planning in the submission of a grant application.

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Belle of the ball



The B-17 Liberty Belle is restored to original wartime configurations with a paint job and interior to replicate a piece of history during WWII. The aircraft will be available for public tours on Saturday, July 24, at the Albany International Airport.

Historic WWII B-17 lands at Albany International Airport

By JOHN PURCELL
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Rain poured down on the tarmac as a relic from history landed with guns pointing in all directions and four replica bombs resting snugly inside. On the side of the plane, Liberty Belle herself greeted a group of area journalists with a warm smile and an American flag in hand as we prepared to go airborne in the flying museum Monday, July 19.

Seeing the Liberty Belle is impressive, but flying in the B-17

over Albany is a surreal experience as you walk about the aircraft, peering out gunner windows and imagining what it would feel like to shoot down incoming enemies.

When the plane starts, the smell of the engine begins to fill the aircraft as the propellers start to spin, shaking the entire B-17 into a nervous start. Once the plane is airborne, the seatbelts come off and the true experience begins. Vintage equipment makes the tour a real step back in history. Until you crawl under the cockpit area to make your way to the nose gunner and sit on a stool with a glass dome surrounding

you, the experience isn't complete.

"A great joy for us is to meet the veterans from World War II, and they tell us what happened with them and occasionally they fly with us, and for a short period of time they are no longer old men," said Ron Gause, volunteer pilot of the Liberty Belle. "For about 30 minutes they are teenagers again, and it brings us great joy to have those gentlemen come out to fly with us or just tour through the aircraft."

The Liberty Foundation's B-17 Bomber "Liberty Belle" is only one of 14 B-17's still flying today. Currently, the B-17 is on its 2010 salute to veterans tour throughout the country.

"The stories that I have been told, you could not write a book of fiction and have it to compare to the stories I have been told by the men who were there," said Gause.

This particular B-17 was built near the end of the war and never

saw any combat, but there is an interesting history behind the plane.

In 1947 it was sold as scraps to a mining company and was shortly sold again to Pratt & Whitney, an American aircraft engine manufacturer, for a total of \$2,700. The company operated the B-17 for their T-34 and T-64 turbo prop engines until 1967, which made the plane a five engine B-17. In 1968, the plane was donated to the Connecticut Aeronautical Historic Society, but in 1979 it was heavily damaged when a tornado struck the museum and threw another airplane onto the midsection of the B-17.

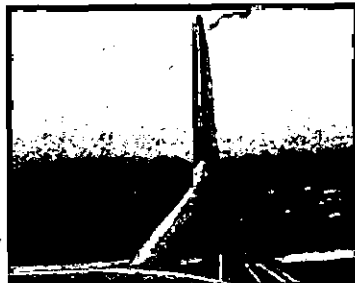
The plane was stored until 1987, when an aviation enthusiast in Florida acquired the B-17 with intentions to restore it. In 1992, the restoration process began, and the aircraft was eventually sold to Don Brooks, founder of the Liberty Foundation in 1999. Brooks' father flew a B-17 in WWII with the 390th bomb group and

was a tail gunner.

"In 2004, the airplane reemerged for its first flight as Liberty Belle," said Bob Hill. "Don's dream was to be able to take it as a flying museum out to the public, so that they could experience historical flights and also tour the airplane to see what it looks like."

Today, the B-17 is restored to wartime configuration and Brooks painted Liberty Belle on the side of the aircraft in tribute to his father and fellow crew members who flew the original

"It functions as an educational outreach tool as a historical flying museum, but the unique thing is you can experience all five senses with this airplane when you come to visit it," said Hill. "If you are here when the engines start you can see the airplane, you can touch the airplane, and you can smell the airplane when it starts, obviously you can hear it, and indeed there is a taste to it, especially when you are in the airplane as it starts."



ABOVE: Gunner windows are outfitted as they appeared in WWII.

LEFT: An opening allows for passengers to peek their head out of the B-17.



Veterans throughout the county who served on B-17's during WWII have added their names to the door of the Liberty Belle.

Photos by Jordan Miller

The Liberty Belle tours the United States from the end of January to mid November. On Saturday, July 24, the Liberty Belle will be at the Albany International Airport for public flights. To book a flight on the Liberty Belle, call 918-340-0243. Flights will start around 9 a.m. and run to around 4 p.m., after which, the plane will be available to tour for free.

The price of a flight, lasting around 30 minutes, is \$395 for Liberty Foundation members and \$430 for non-members. Passengers will have the chance to become a member and receive the discounted price for family members and friends. The price is based on the more than \$4,500 per hour flight cost and the \$1 million spent annually to keep the Liberty Belle airworthy and on tour.

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Colonie family to appear in autism documentary

Trish Washburn's advocacy garnered the attention of filmmaker

By ANDREW BEAM
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A Colonie resident has been chosen in a national search as a subject for a documentary that will highlight families overcoming the obstacle of raising a child with autism.

Trish Washburn has been selected, along with 19 other families from different socioeconomic, religious and cultural backgrounds, to showcase how they deal with the challenges of having a child with autism in the documentary "The United States of Autism: The Film."

Washburn's family was one of the first picked by the film's Executive Producer and Director Richard Everts. Washburn has two children who will be featured: Buddy, a 9-year-old who is on the autism spectrum, and Cecelia Jane - also known as C.J. - a 7-year-old who Washburn believes is hard to diagnose because she is both highly functional and a female.

"One in four children diagnosed with autism are usually boys," said Washburn. "I believe that's why she doesn't have a clear diagnosis."

The autism spectrum covers several developmental abnormalities, and Buddy falls in between Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome, according to Washburn.

Some of the signs that made clear to Washburn that C.J. falls on the autism spectrum were when



From left: C.J., Trish and Buddy Washburn play on the swing set in their backyard Thursday, July 22. The family will be filmed for the documentary "The United States of Autism: The Film" on July 30.

Andrew Beam/Spotlight

she would walk on her toes, tantrum easily and organize her stuffed animals by color. Having Buddy, she said, made her become more aware of the signs.

"It needs to have more of a focus," she said of the lack of awareness of autism in females. "Girls present differently than boys do."

Washburn has been an activist in the Capital District to raise awareness of autism and advocating for the need to expose children with a developmental disability to the same activities as any other child.

She was appointed by Gov. David A. Paterson as a consumer member of the state's Developmental

Disabilities Planning Council, a position she said she was "psyched" to get. She also lobbied members of the state legislature in order to pass a bill expanding insurance coverage for individuals diagnosed on the autism spectrum.

Working closely with Sen. Roy McDonald, R-Saratoga, Washburn was able to build a relationship with the public official. McDonald has two grandchildren, ages 5 and 7, who have been diagnosed with autism. He said people like Washburn are needed to bring attention to these issues with their level of emotion and energy.

"I admire people like Trish. They help these

legislators out," he said. "She brings humanity to it [the issue]. She brings a human face and is no longer a statistic."

McDonald worked alongside Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, to advocate for The New York State Autism Insurance Bill (S. 7000b/A. 10372a), sponsored by Breslin and Assemblyman Joseph Morelle, D-Irondequoit.

McDonald said the bill is "critical for families who need financial support."

The bill, which has yet to be signed into law by the governor, would require

individual accident and health insurance policies to provide coverage for screening, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

Even with the work Washburn had put in with McDonald, she was not happy with the contents of the final bill.

Washburn said she would like to see the bill vetoed by Paterson.

"Part of me does support it, but I think it needs major changes," she said. "I don't know if it will help the way they're hoping it will help."

Michael Smith, a friend of Washburn's and board chairman and northeast regional director of Foundation for Autism Information and Research Inc. Autism Media, said lawmakers are being disingenuous when they tout the bill as helping out families with coverage.

"This was a horrendous piece of legislation that was just passed," Smith said. "I'm offended by McDonald saying, 'Well, we need to do something.'"

Smith said he is upset over language in the bill that requires four agencies, the Commissioner of the State Department of Health, the Superintendent of Health, the Office of Mental Health and the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, to set regulations on treatment and therapy options that are evidence based, peer-reviewed and clinically proven.

Still, Washburn remains positive when it comes to her children and being able to show them the

same life any other child would experience. She says she was not this positive when she first had Buddy and was even more worried about what would happen to C.J.

"I was out of it for the first three months," she described. "I went through the grieving process, whatever that would be, and I was mad at the world. But I knew it wasn't about me, it was about Buddy, and I was pregnant with C.J."

Determined to be optimistic, Washburn says she knew that having two children with autism happened for a reason. She says it was to inspire her to help others who are experiencing the same problems, she went through.

"I'm so honored to be a part of this film," she said. "I hope my story can help someone."

Everts, who said Colonie is his last stop on his journey of 10,000 miles in 40 days, said that Washburn was a really great pick due to the work she has done for the autism community in New York.

"They don't think they're that special," he said of the people he chose for the documentary. "And we say, 'No, you're doing a big thing.'"

With an 11-year-old on the spectrum, Everts had planned on just doing a local story based on the Northeast. But when he received a \$50,000 grant from the Pepsi's Refresh Everything Campaign, which awards money

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Guiderland library event expected to make a splash

This Saturday, July 31, the line for the Guiderland Public Library's Dunk Tank will form to the left. That's right, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Community Literary Garden will be the site of a fun, free three hours of games, snacks, a dunk tank and more! (Rumor has it that some of the library staff have volunteered to be the, er, "dunkee.") Bring the whole family. We're going to have boatloads of activities that will keep kids entertained and adults at least mildly amused. (Fair warning: If you're planning to be anywhere around the dunk tank, come dressed to get wet.)

Be sure to try Flip a Frog, the Kiddie Strength Tester, Kids v. Adults Water Balloon Toss, Duck Pond Fishing, Face Painting (by our talented staff members); Bubble, Bubbles, Everywhere;

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and the ever-popular (with kids, anyway) SnoCone, popcorn and cotton candy machines. There is so much more, including prizes. And we've set aside a room to cool off, if it gets a bit too hot for some players. This event happens rain or shine.

Gang of Apple Dumplings

This summer's Disney Family Fridays concludes this Friday, July 30, at 7 pm, with Tim Conway, Don Knotts, Slim Pickens, and other comedic geniuses in the story of the Apple Dumpling Gang, an inept crew of Wild West outlaws who could not, on their best day, hit the broad side of a barn.

This feature is full of sight gags, pratfalls, and other physical comedy that will delight the youngest viewer; it's also a display of some of Conway's and Knotts' best scripted performances so adults will laugh a lot, too. Just try not to spill your free popcorn while you're giggling.

Mark Curiale

Note: All library events are free unless otherwise noted. The Guiderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guiderland. Call 456-2400 x 12 for more information, or visit the Library's website at www.guilpl.org. The library is closed on Sundays during July and August.



Marty Wendell will perform on the Bethlehem Public Library Green on Wednesday, July 28, at 7 p.m.

Wendell to play on Green

In his long and rich career, Ticonderoga native Marty Wendell has shared the stage with a list of legendary artists including Arlo Guthrie, Carl Perkins and Johnny Cash. He gained national attention in 1968 with his single "An Ode to Burtis Dean." In the 1970s, he performed across the Northeast and founded an annual music festival that he hosted for 20 years. In 2007, Wendell recorded at Sun Studio in Memphis, where his early heroes—Cash, Perkins, Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, Gerry Lee Lewis and B.B. King—made their first recordings. He'll bring classic rockabilly and original songs to the library Green tonight.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. The concert will move indoors if it rains.

Upcoming programs

This Friday, July 30, at 11 a.m., kids in grade K to five can try tai chi at the library. Step like a cat as you learn some kid-friendly moves of this ancient Chinese art form. Lorraine Noval from the Asian Arts group will show you how. Wear loose clothing.

Our Summer Cinema



series for kids and families continues this Friday at 2:30 p.m. with "G-Force" (PG 2009, 88 minutes), an animated comedy starring the voices of Kelli Garner, Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz.

Beginning next Monday, members of the Capital District chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will help kids ages 9 and up make simple embroidery pieces. The four-part workshop runs Monday to Thursday, Aug. 2 to 5, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Participants must sign up for all four days; call 439-9314.

Book buddies

Friday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m.

Read "Mrs. Lizzy is Dizzy" or any book from the My Weird School Daze series with a buddy, then come for fun. Kids, friends and family.

Singalong

Monday, Aug. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Songs and rhymes for a sweet summer evening.

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Drama-rama

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2:30 and 6 p.m.

The library's end-of-summer show is planned, produced and performed by the library's teen volunteers. All ages.

Art and your child's development

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2 p.m.

Melanie Painter, art supervisor for the Bethlehem Central School District, will facilitate participatory activities. Parents/caregivers and children. Call 439-9314 to sign up. Made possible by a grant from the Upper Hudson Library System.

Teen party

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Celebrate the end of summer with food, fun, and games. Everyone gets a prize! Grade 6 and up. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

Louise Grieco

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

RCS Library's main room closed

The main room of the library is closed for safety reasons. All children's programs will take place as scheduled in their usual locations.

Continuing services: Pickup of interlibrary requests, faxes, and essential computer projects; all programs, summer reading club. Come to the annex on the first floor. Enter the building by its front door or the ramp into the courtroom.

You can pickup requests; fax, and use computers Monday to Wednesday, 10 to 11 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.; Thursday, 4 to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 to 11 a.m. and noon to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The temporary computer area is open for essential projects only (no game time).

We expect to reopen the circulation desk very soon. New books, large print books, picture books, a selection of J Fiction, audio books, movies, and music will be available within a few days. The days that the main room is closed are fine-free. Soon we will move to a temporary location so that the floor of the main room can be replaced.

Rewarding readers

Summer reading isn't just for kids. Adults and teens may enter a coupon in our Rewarding Readers

weekly drawing for every three books they complete. Prize winners select from a gift basket of goodies. Coupons and details are available at the circulation desk.

This week's winners are Toni McNaughton and Alexandra Griffith. Congratulations!

What's new

Children's picture books

"The Deep Blue Sea: A Book of Colors" by Audrey Wood

"The Fish Who Cried Wolf" by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

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The Senior Office will be sponsoring a CarFit Program to help mature drivers to find out how well they currently fit their personal vehicle, to highlight actions they can take to improve their fit and to promote conversations about driver safety and current mobility. This event will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town Hall. To schedule a free appointment, call the Senior Office @ 356-1980, ext. 1094.

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Office to sign up.

Monday, July 26
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones

Donations needed
Many volunteers are in need of yarn and cloth material for projects such as making afghans for homebound Guilderland residents. Donations may be brought to the Senior Office or given to the receptionist.

Movies of the month
Thursday, July 29, 10:30 a.m. 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. PG-13 rating

Thursday, August 26, 10:30 a.m. a.m. in the Courtroom: "Up in the Air"

A corporate downsizing expert's cherished life of nonstop travel is threatened just after he's met the perfect woman. R rating

Excerpted from the Hollywood Video Guide. Please call the Senior

Tuesday, July 27
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Meatloaf or Cold Plate
12:30 p.m. Bingo/
Billiards/Games

Wednesday, July 28
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 29
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones
10:30 a.m. Movie: "The Blind Side"
please call ahead to sign-up
1 p.m. Pinochle/
Mahjongg

Friday, July 30
Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
1 p.m. Quilting



Regional favorites Dyer Switch performs hard-driving acoustic bluegrass at the Voorheesville Library's Together at Twilight free lawn concert on July 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Festival looking for artists of all ages

Calling artists, young and old! The Sept. 11 Small Town Festival is preparing for its second annual fine arts/photography show to be hung in the hall gallery for the month of September. It is a fun and casual show with the winner of a \$50 gift certificate to be determined by popular vote. The entry fee is \$5, limit one piece, and forms maybe picked up at the library. The work should be dropped off at the library, framed and ready for hanging, by September 1. The show is not limited to Voorheesville artists, all are welcome. The show coordinator is BAA member Diane Wozniak, 765-4951.

Book sale

Yes, the annual Library Friends booksale is being held the day of the festival with a different format. The storage shed will be opened and book cartons spread out under a canopy on the lawn. You can send the kids off to play games in the back yard while you peruse the selections at your leisure, listening to great live music and munching a variety of treats.

SRP event

There will be an SRP event for all ages on Tuesday, Aug. 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

Voorheesville Public Library

With fun songs featuring mandolin and harmonica, Pirate Pete and Sam, his parrot puppet, bring their own brand of humor and magic to the show. Always a favorite - families are welcome!!

TeenSpace

TeenSpace offers a Chinese Cooking Lesson on Friday, July 30 1:30-3:00 p.m. and Game Time from 3 - 5 p.m. Teens will chop, stir-fry, and eat a delicious feast. (Allergy alert!) There will be many opportunities to try different types of cooking, and new foods, and play board games or the Wii. Registration is requested.

Online registration

Online Registration continues for summer reading club for all young people.

Next week's programs are:

Monday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. - Kidlets (K-2) - Hannah's Collections We will read the book and get a bag of "stuff" to sort in many different ways and take home.

Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. Club 1, 2, 3 - "Wonders of Water,

and Snow"

Lots of projects and science fun.

Thursday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Team 4, 5, 6 "Reptile Adventure" Touch a snake; pet a turtle; see eye to eye with a frog!

Storytelling at the park

Remember: Ms. Laiosa is storytelling at the Village Park every Thursday at 11 a.m. Philosophers and poets continue to meet on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Nimblefingers meets all summer on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome to this groups. Kids in grades 2-4 will discuss the book The Lighthouse Family: Turtle by Cynthia Rylant for discussion on Friday, Aug. 6 at 10:15 a.m

Free library cards

Last chance! Library card replacements are FREE for the month of July.

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.

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Seniors plan trip to Tanglewood

Don't miss a wonderful evening at Tanglewood. Join us for the exciting "Tanglewood on Parade" in Lenox, Mass. The date is Tuesday, Aug. 3, and this signature program will feature the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Pops Orchestra and the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra. There will be a salute to John Williams on the occasion of his 30th Tanglewood summer. It will include many popular concert and film scores and the traditional finale, Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" followed by fireworks. The cost of the show and the charter bus is \$75, payable to the Town of Bethlehem. The bus will leave Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. Have an early supper at home or bring a snack to enjoy on the bus or as a picnic on the grounds. Senior transportation will provide a limited number of home pick-ups (first come, first served), on a pre-arranged basis, to Town Hall to meet the

Senior Action

Town of Bethlehem

bus.

Summer is the time for picnics. The V.F.W. picnic is Thursday, Aug. 5, at noon at the Slingerlands Fire Pavilion featuring a chicken barbecue. The Lion's Club picnic is Thursday, Aug. 19, at noon at the Elm Avenue Park featuring hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and watermelon. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall on both days at 11 a.m. Home pic up is available on limited basis, first come, first served. Call 430-4955, ext. 1169, to make reservations for either or both days. The picnics are free, but reservations are a must and no take outs will be offered.

Please, remember the Bethlehem Food Pantry, which is in need of peanut butter, jelly, tuna, macaroni,

canned goods, crackers, mayonnaise, and other no-perishable items. The Food Pantry is also collecting school supplies for needy children, including backpacks, notebooks, binders, pens, calculators, paper, highlighters, glue sticks, markers, etc. Donations can be made at the Town Hall Senior Office.

Program highlights

Tuesday, Aug. 3

• Tanglewood on Parade See above or details

• 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.

Wednesday, Aug. 4

• 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.

• Senior Discussion Group, facilitated by Jane Sanders, targets current news events, human interest stories and reminisces about the past. The Group meets from 10:30 a.m. until noon

in Room 107 of the Town Hall. Transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Thursday, Aug. 5

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

• VFW Picnic featuring chicken barbecue at the Slingerlands Firehouse. See above for details.

Friday, Aug. 6

• 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 allist of additional activities, call the Bethlehem Senior Services Office at 439-4955, #1176
— Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

Contest offers couples chance at dream wedding

Capital District couples planning a wedding will have more money for the honeymoon if they win a wedding reception in the "Luxury for Less Dream Wedding Contest."

In the contest, which kicked off Friday, July 16, engaged couples can register to win a wedding for up to 100 people at The Glen Sanders Mansion. To enter the contest, couples must submit a short video, 45 seconds or less, to www.DreamDateWeddings.com explaining why they should be chosen as the winner. All submissions must be received by Friday, Aug. 13.

A panel of judges will choose five couples from submissions and Capital District residents can vote for the winning couple on the Web site. From Aug. 16 to 20, Country 107.7 WGNA's Dream Date Wedding Week will feature one couple each day on the "Sean and

Richie Morning Show."

The grand prize package also includes a set of wedding bands courtesy of Northeastern Fine Jewelry. Some of the amenities included in the wedding package are cocktail hour, open bar, wedding cake and dinner – an \$8,000 value, according to Matt Mazzone from Mazzone Management Group.

"We offered the contest, because we wanted to spotlight a new Web site we brought out," said Mazzone. "The Web site is a one stop shop with a discount angle."

Mazzone Management Group owns and operates several restaurants and banquet halls locally, such as Glen Sander Mansion in Scotia, Aperitivo Bistro in downtown Schenectady and Angelo's 677 Prime located in downtown Albany.

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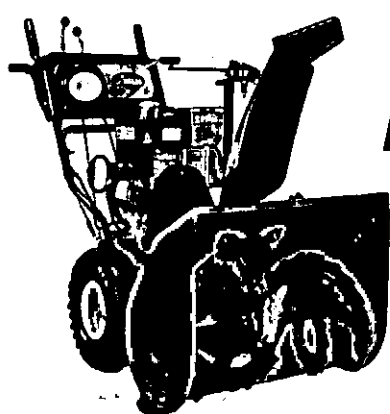
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A touch of Texas in the Capital District

Couple raises longhorns on Ballston Spa farm

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Freckles the cow might be unusual in Ballston Spa — he's a Texas Longhorn — but on the 113-acre farm where he grazes, he's surrounded by 43 others just like him.

Bud and Kathy South run South Farms Longhorns, a small business that consists of the two of them, and that's it. They have been raising Texas Longhorns for six years, but have been selling the meat to the public for only about 18 months.

For the Souths, who run the same farm Bud grew up on, longhorns are the perfect animal to raise. They're easy, said Kathy South, which is convenient because both Souths have full-time jobs.

"Longhorns are kind of the symbol of the west. They were left unattended

for years, so they're natural grazers, disease resistant, don't need a lot of shots and don't have problems having calves," said Kathy South.

They started out with a handful of longhorns and now have 44.

"We started to look into marketing beef as grass fed, natural and locally grown, and wondered if there was an interest in that. It started as word of mouth with some friends at work and then grew. When they learn 'longhorn,' people show a lot of interest, they want to know what's in it, what you feed it," said Kathy South.

Last year, the Souths went through three cows. This year, they're already through four and it's only halfway through the year. They sell the beef at the Burnt Hills farmers market in the Dollar General Plaza on Route 50 every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and after that, rely on customer recommendations or other opportunities to share their story.

"We've had lots of great

comments from people who have tried it. They recommend it and say it's really flavorful," said Kathy South.

Longhorn meat has a distinct feature. It's incredibly lean and healthy, and being naturally grass fed, it's higher in Omega-3 fatty acids — the "good fats" — and in Vitamin E. Typical ground beef is 289 calories with 20.7 grams of fat and 90 grams of cholesterol. Longhorn ground beef has 140 calories with 3.7 grams of fat and 61.5 grams of cholesterol and is also higher in protein. That's lower even than white chicken, pork or turkey.

South Farms gets another little advertising push from the Route 67 Country Store and Café right down the street from their farm. The owner buys ground beef and makes hamburgers to sell. That eagerness for people to try longhorn beef and for local businesses to embrace buying local, is what fuels the Souths' biggest fear.

"Our biggest fear is not having enough; of having it get so popular there's not enough to go around, because it would be hard to turn customers away when we develop a clientele," said Kathy South.

Longhorns are in their prime between 24 and 30 months, which is when the Souths send them to a federally inspected processing place in Altamont. There, the meat is cut and wrapped based on their instructions. While an angus cow might dress out to be about 600 pounds, longhorns yield around 450 pounds of meat, which the South sell as steaks, ground beef, roasts, stews and any other cut you could think of.

In anticipation of keeping up with a growing demand, the Souths are concentrating on raising more longhorns and enjoying them while they do it. While some have horns that span 6-feet, they're mild mannered, gentle animals, said Kathy South, and you can pet



Bud and Kathy South raise Texas Longhorns on their Ballston Spa farm.

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

them on the head or feed them bread from your hand. They bought a border collie they thought would help with the cows, but who turned out to be more of "a nuisance." She barks at them but they don't pay her any mind and just look at her a little funny. Their two daughters each have a calf, although one is more interested than the other, and everyone pitches in with hay and feeding.

While growing their business is a priority, there's one more thing the Souths would like to

accomplish.

"We took a road trip to Texas a couple years ago. In Fort Worth they parade longhorns down the street twice a day and they have a saddle so you can ride them. We'd like to work with a young steer to put it in a harness and maybe eventually be able to ride it at some parades around here. It would be something fun and different that people don't normally see," said Kathy South.

Anyone interested in learning more about longhorn beef can call South Farms at 882-1571.

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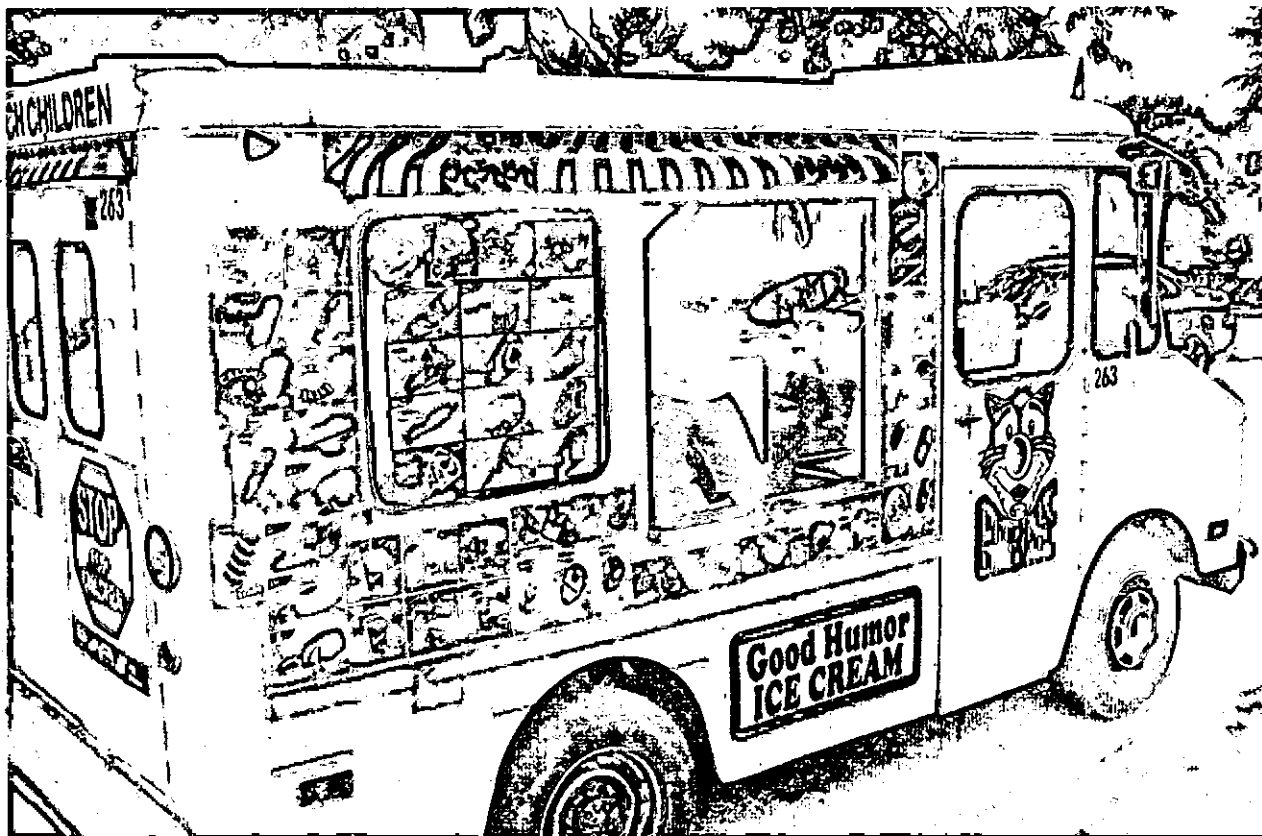
Town Board raises concerns about safety issues

By JOHN PURCELL
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On blistering hot summer days, there is certain music echoing throughout that calls children to take break and cool off with a treat. The ice cream truck – a fond summer memory for many area children – could be making its way back to Niskayuna.

In 1976, all ice cream trucks were banned from Niskayuna's streets after a young girl was struck and injured by an oncoming vehicle while gathering around an ice cream truck. Rotterdam banned the trucks a year earlier due to a similar incident, which proved fatal. Schenectady ice cream trucks stopped running during the same period, but the city lifted the ban in 1987.

In October of 1990, Brain Collis, owner of Mr. Ding-A-Ling ice cream company, sued the town of Niskayuna for his right to distribute ice cream from his truck in the town. Collis said the ban on such vendors denied him due process and equal protection. The Supreme



Daniel Rosales, second year ice-cream-truck driver, covers south Albany for the Mr. Ding-A-Ling ice cream company. Soon, Niskayuna children might be able to patronize ice cream trucks, which have been absent in town for nearly 35 years.

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Court of New York State ruled nearly a year later in favor of Niskayuna and said the town's concern for child safety didn't violate Collis' right to equal protection of the law.

Niskayuna children looking to bring the trucks back started a petition and gathered around 60 signatures, which

they presented to the town. During the Town Board's special meeting on Thursday, July 15, a resolution was passed to hold a public hearing on the topic.

Councilwomen Julie McDonnell, whose son was one of three children who presented the petition,

and Denise Murphy McGraw sponsored the resolution.

"I thought, 'Wow, start them young'... I think it is excellent that they get exposed," said Councilwoman Liz Kasper. "We have to answer a petition no matter where it originates because we have to respond."

The public hearing is set for Tuesday, July 27, at 7 p.m. during the next Town Board meeting. If the resolution is passed, there will be a monthlong trial period from Aug. 6 to Sept. 6, and no final reinstatement is guaranteed.

"Most of this product is available in a grocery store," said resident Lorene Zabin. "I think you're stirring a hornet's nest, and I wish you to be

very, very careful about this."

Kasper echoed Zabin's concern.

"Ice cream is too readily available now to our children anyway," Kasper said.

During the trial period, if approved, ice cream trucks could sell treats from noon to 7:30 p.m. on town roads, which excludes county and state roads.

"If you look at the proposal of the law, it looks at a lot of things that have been done by the state," said Joe Landry, town supervisor. "There is quite a bit that has been done over the last 20 to 30 years."

Not all board members are sold on the idea, though.

Councilman Jonathan McKinney said he has some serious concerns, such as noise, background checks for drivers and safety issues. Besides the danger of children not looking when crossing the street, he said, the attention of drivers isn't as good as before due to things such as texting.

"I share many of the concerns people have. I myself have some concerns about safety," said McDonnell. "I think it deserves to be revisited. To my knowledge there have not been any tragedies like this recently in our area."

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Shelter annex to thank volunteers and community

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Before even reaching its one-year anniversary, the Saratoga County Animal Shelter cat annex at Clifton Park Center Mall found "forever homes" for 500 cats. In honor of adopting out so many furry felines, and to thank the community for making the experimental venture such a success, the annex is holding a celebration at its mall location on Wednesday, July 28, at 4 p.m.

"We thought this was so monumental, why don't we have a public celebration to thank the volunteers and bring in more foot traffic. We'll have some refreshments," said Joette Aisenstat, a volunteer.

The annex started keeping track of cats adopted on the hundreds, so cat No. 100, cat No. 200, and so on, were recorded and photographed. Those pets and their owners were specifically invited to the "500 Celebration." Aisenstat said the annex reached its 500th cat around the beginning of

June and is probably close to reaching 600.

The annex is staffed entirely by volunteers, about 60.

Aisenstat said the annex is a "real gift" and has provided the shelter with an offsite center to adopt out even more cats, in addition to what are adopted at the permanent location. She said the mall offshoot has quickly become popular.

"Everyone who comes in is delighted. It's different than the animal shelter setting because it's like a great big living room, with much less stress, no dogs barking, just homey and comfy. They stay here until they're adopted," said Aisenstat. "We have the public stop in and have hundreds of different stories of animals they've had, what they're looking for... It's wonderful and should be celebrated."

The cats are an equal mix of strays, surrenders and kittens. Aisenstat said because of the economic climate, many people may be losing jobs and homes and hang on to animals as long as they can, until at some point they make the choice to surrender it to a shelter.

IN BRIEF

Moak reunion to be held at Thacher Park

There will be a reunion of the descendants of Jacob Moak of New Scotland on Saturday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glen Doone Pavilion at Thacher Park. Meat, rolls and condiments will be provided, but it is suggested that you bring your own plates, utensils, beverages and garbage bag. Also bring a dish to share with others.

There will be family history records for researchers, games and prizes. There will also be reunion t-shirts and genealogy cd's for purchase for \$10.

For information, call David-Moak at 872-2971.

SoulCollage to hold introductory workshop

SoulCollage Workshop will be holding an introductory workshop, "Through the Looking Glass" on Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Desolation Gallery, Main Street, Altamont. If images could talk, what would they say to you? Imagine creating a collage that has a personal message for you that is your own reflection. Reservations recommended, and can be made by e-mailing jgwillard@verizon.net. There is a \$35 pre-register fee, or \$50 at the door.

Navy reunion to be held in Cooperstown

U.S.S. Sylvania (AKA-44 and AFS-2) Navy reunion is planned in Cooperstown on Friday, September 24 to Sunday, September 26 for former crew members who served on the Sylvania. Reunion information may be obtained by writing to: John D. Pierce, 3093 Kissing Rock, Lowell, Michigan 49331. For information, please call (616) 897-5178 after 6 p.m. or (517) 927-3312 or visit www.usssylvania.org.

Local student graduates

Alyssa DiFlorio of Albany graduated from State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi with the AAS in Veterinary Science Technology. DiFlorio was also named to the Dean's List.

Ice cream social



STARS (Seniors Teaching and Reaching Out to Students) volunteers and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District staff members enjoyed an end-of-year ice cream social event at Glenmont's Jericho Drive-In on June 22. Stars Interger Inc., a Glenmont nonprofit agency that provides intergenerational programming for the school district and surrounding communities, sponsored the event to thank STARS volunteers for their efforts and school staff members for welcoming STARS volunteers into their classrooms. STARS volunteers are senior adults who spend time in classrooms, after school homework clubs and the summer reading program giving students individualized attention to help them improve academic and social skills. The STARS Program began in 1996 as a pilot project with five senior volunteers and has since expanded to more than twenty volunteers from the Towns of Bethlehem, Coeymans and Guilderland. Stars Interger, Inc. has begun recruiting additional volunteers for the 2010-11 school year. Individuals can volunteer at the A.W. Becker (Selkirk) or P.B. Coeymans (Coeymans) Elementary Schools or at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School on Route 9W. Schedules are very flexible and are made based on the volunteer's availability. For further information, contact Stars Interger Inc. at 439-1505 or kharmon@nycap.rr.com.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Washington County Line performs a New Year's Eve 2009 show at Arts Center on the Hudson, a restored 19th century stone church in Mechanicville. The group next plays Tuesday, Aug. 3, as part of Niskayuna's free summer concert series.



A Bluegrass Bond

Washington County Line bandmates share a love of the music

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Steve Wood might be working out in his yard, but if he comes in the house and sees his guitar, he can't help but play a few songs. The next thing he knows, 45 minutes have passed and he has to force himself to go back outside.

Wood has kindred spirits in his bandmates. Daryl Smith drives an hour and 40 minutes each way for practices. Tom Hammond has a running joke that when he's jamming with people and they ask what time it is, he always says 8:30. He figures that's too early for anyone to head home.

Wood, Smith and Hammond, along with Sean Quinn and Ken Meyer, make up Washington County Line, a relatively new bluegrass band that's already found a strong following in the Capital District. The group's next gig is Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the town pavilion in Niskayuna.

At a recent rehearsal at Quinn's house in Schenectady that was punctuated by passionate strumming and picking, band members talked about the grip bluegrass has on them. Each came to the music at a different age, but they share this: They can't imagine their lives today without bluegrass. It's not just the music, it's the stories it tells and the people who make up the bluegrass scene, they said.

Meyer, the bass player, actually had no interest in bluegrass when a friend tried to persuade him to go to a festival some 20 years ago. Meyer had dabbled in music in high school, but it was "rock 'n' roll, that sort of thing," he said.

But his friend was persistent. Finally, Meyer caved. And to his surprise, he loved the vibe at the festival.

"It was the people," he said. "There were a lot of good people. I was hooked."

Smith, the banjo player, also came to bluegrass through a festival. A banjo player

since the 1970s, he went to a festival in Corinth and spent the weekend in a tent, just soaking up the music and the scene. People were playing at all hours all over the campground, he said, and they welcomed others with open arms.

Bluegrass made such an impression on Smith that even though he recently moved from Burnt Hills to Indian Lake in the Adirondacks, he has no qualms about coming back to this area each week to play with Washington County Line.

"It's fun," he said. "I wouldn't do all that traveling if it wasn't a good time."

For Meyer, it's more than fun – it's a release from the stress of everyday life.

"When I play that bass, I'm so relaxed," he said, "I'm not fazed."

Quinn, who plays guitar, also loves getting lost in the music.

"It's this terrific sound that you've always wanted to be part of, and it's happening," he said. "To make that music and have that feeling, it's like nothing else."

As carefree as band members might feel while they're playing, their repertoire includes a lot of songs with serious themes – a hallmark of bluegrass. They sing about America; about lost loves; about the struggles farmers face, about life on the railroad.

It's not uncommon, they said, for the crowd to get choked up.

"We could bring a tear to a glass eye," Hammond, who plays resonator guitar, said with a laugh.

He stressed, though, that band members don't need to "ham it up."

"Bluegrass words are unbelievable," Hammond said, noting the band's repertoire includes a song about black lung disease that Hammond couldn't bring himself to sing after his wife was diagnosed with emphysema. A year later, a doctor concluded the diagnosis was incorrect, and only then could Hammond sing the song again.

The band's catalog is filled with bluegrass standards, such as "Dear Old Dixie," "Little Georgia Rose" and "Carolina Star," but Washington County Line also strives to play some songs that aren't as widely performed, such as "Colleen Malone" and "Lovesick and Sorrow."

One of the keys to the band's success, Quinn said, is that its members all like the same kind of music. One will suggest a song, and it's almost always met with approval from the others.

It also helps that the group has a "nice blend of harmonies," according to Wood, and that members have been in bands before.

In fact, that experience has helped land the band where it is today, which is largely playing at benefits and outdoor pavilions.

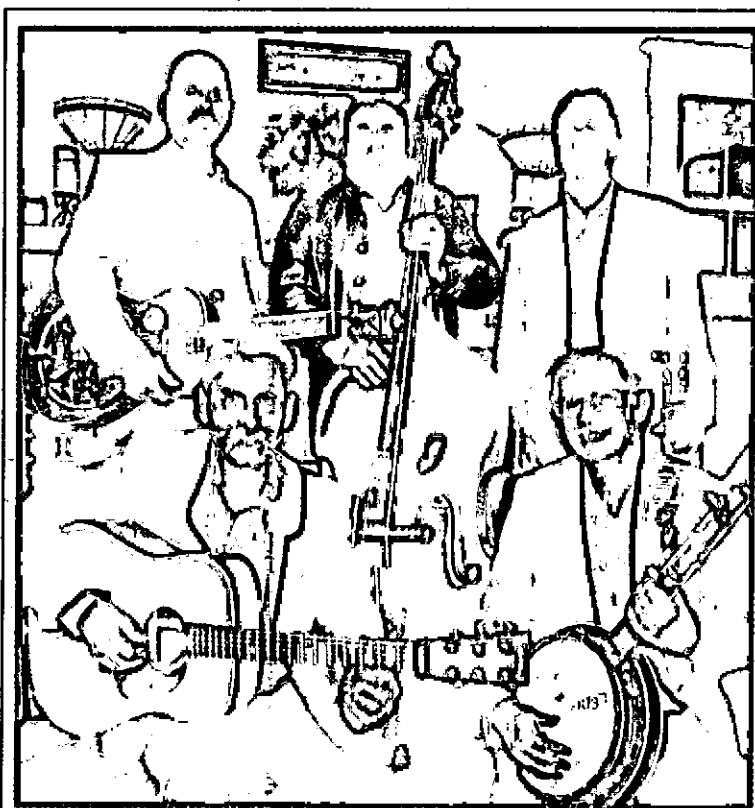
"We like the town park thing," Quinn said. "We all did that nightlife thing at one time or another."

"At a concert, people are coming to enjoy the music," Wood said. "It's so fun for us, and people will come up to us and say, 'We had a great time.'"

Washington County Line's performance at the Niskayuna Town Hall Gazebo is part of the town's summer free concert series.

The show starts at 7 p.m.

For information, visit www.washingtoncountyline.com.



Washington County Line is from left in front row, Sean Quinn and Daryl Smith; and from left in back row, Tom Hammond, Ken Meyer and Steve Wood.

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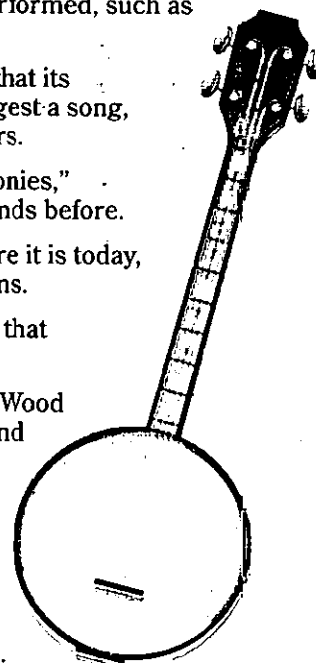
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THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES
Regional premiere of musical comedy about a group of local singers getting their big break, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Aug. 1, shows 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, \$32-\$44. Information, 445-7469.

MURDER FOR TWO
Musical comedy featuring two actors — one playing a detective and the other playing 12 suspects in a murder, presented by Adirondack Theatre Festival, Charles R. Wood Theater, 207 Glen St., Glens Falls, July 28-31, adults \$32. Information, 874-0800.

ON GOLDEN POND
Famous play and movie, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Aug. 13, performances Fridays through Sundays, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

HOT TUNA AND STEVE EARLE
Two musical heavyweights, July 30, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$36.50. Information, 473-1845.

SYBIL ALLYSON
Culturally relevant folk music, July 31, 7 p.m., Enrack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

TRAVIS CAUDLE
Australian singer, July 31, 7 p.m., Enrack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilfordland, free. Information, 250-4196.

THROWDOWN BOUQUET
Greenwich rock band reunites, July 31, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$12, door tickets \$14. Information, 583-0022.

DOC WATSON
Country/mountain music singer, Aug. 1, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$34.50. Information, 473-1845.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY
Weekly improv comedy/music show, July 30, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

LADIES IMPROV PLAYERS
Saratoga Springs-based comedy troupe performing benefit show, Aug. 1, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door tickets \$17. Information, 583-0022.

Poetry

POETS IN THE PARK
July poetry reading series featuring Susan Deer Cloud and Guy Reed for its final show, July 31, 7 p.m., Robert Burns statue, Washington Park, Albany, free. Information, www.hvwg.org.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM
"Focus on Nature XI," through Oct. 31; "Birds of New York and the Paintings of Louis Agassiz," through Sept. 6; "Stoneware of New York," through summer 2010; plus "Beneath the City: An Archaeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART
"Ransoming Matthew Brady: Re-Imagining the Civil War," through Oct. 3; "Hudson River Panorama," through December;

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"Vision and Visage: Portraits from Life and Imagination," through Aug. 27, 583 Boght Road, Cohoes. Information, 785-2787.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM
Equine art by Sharon Miller, through July 31, 8 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-4000.

LOCAL COLOR ARTS GALLERY
"Season of the Horse," through Aug. 31, 1138 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 220-9027.

MABEE FARM HISTORIC SITE
"Whatsits," through Sept. 25, 1080 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information, 877-5073.

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

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

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY
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CLARK ART INSTITUTE
"Juan Munoz," through Oct. 17; "Picasso Looks at Degas," through Sept. 12; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA
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ARKELL MUSEUM
"Reflections on Water in American Painting," through Oct. 3; paintings by Louie Powell, Ed Smith and Kathryn Ban Steenhuyse, through July 30; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

THE HYDE COLLECTION
"Andrew Wyeth: An American Legend," through Sept. 5, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

Call for Artists

LARKFEST
Looking for original music acts to perform at annual Albany street festival in September, four acts will be chosen by a panel of judges to perform on the two main stages, entries must be submitted by Aug. 13 online at www.larkstreet.org. \$15 application fee. Information, 935-4858.

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

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

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

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

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

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ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY
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SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS
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FRIENDSHIP SINGERS
Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Information, 439-2360.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
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SIENA COMMUNITY CHORALE
Rehearsals Mondays at 6 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

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

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

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DA

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She said the Madeo family is on a previously planned vacation and she had not yet discussed the possibility of a civil suit with them. They have been informed of the DA's decision.

Van Plew will still have to make an Aug. 3 court appearance, where Gerstenzang will present a motion to dismiss the case to Judge Paul Dwyer.

The two sides offered differing accounts of the Saturday, July 17, incident.

Hanson said Van Plew sat on top of Madeo's son after tackling him to the pavement outside his home, then took him back into his home until the police arrived.

"He told him he was going to kill him if he moved," Hanson said. "The kid was obviously upset, he was crying."

The teen suffered scratches on his elbow and face and four braces broke off of his top teeth, she said.

But Van Plew's attorney insisted his client was merely acting in the best interests of his property and family.

"I thought his response was moderate," Gerstenzang said.

Van Plew, 37, told police someone had pressed his

doorbell at about 10:18 p.m. that night, at his home at 59 Egmont Court in Delmar. He didn't see anyone out of the front door, but when he opened his garage side door he saw someone running from the rear of his house, according to police reports.

Van Plew chased the subject and tackled him in the front yard, near the street, police said.

Lt. Robert Berben of the Bethlehem Police Department said one of the reasons Van Plew was charged is because he pursued the boy off his property.

"It just gets complicated when you leave your property," Berben said.

Hanson said it's clear Madeo's son was tackled in the street, due to his injuries and statements from the three friends he was with.

"He was in the street. The kids all say it was at least 300 yards away from his house," she said.

Gerstenzang declined to discuss many of the case's specifics and couldn't say how far the chase went.

"I don't think it was very far," he said.

He added Van Plew was concerned about the possibility of a home invasion or burglary. His wife, 3-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son were in the house.

"This has been a very

terrifying experience for the Van Plews," Gerstenzang said.

Madeo's son escaped trespassing charges because of his age, police said, as did his three other friends, who ran back to the sleepover and retrieved an adult.

"They're not old enough to be arrested for a trespass because it's not a crime," Berben said.

If they had been over the age of 16, however, charges would have been filed, he continued. Police did not identify any of the juvenile subjects, citing their ages.

Hanson emphasized Madeo is upset with his son's behavior.

"The Madeos definitely don't think that was the right thing to do," she said.

She added, "I certainly don't think the kids' intent was to scare the homeowner. ... It was a 14-year-old prank, and certainly this child has learned what can happen as a result of that."

Van Plew was charged with endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor, and harassment in the second degree, a violation.

Just recently, in Tennessee, the parents of a 17-year-old boy sued the homeowner who shot their son in the leg while he was playing "ding dong ditch." A grand jury decided not to indict the man on aggravated assault charges.

Local

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doing some marketing and promotion for her father's farm, Gordon Farms in Knox. It didn't take her long to get other local farmers on board with the idea of building an online marketplace.

Gordon gathers the orders from her Albany home and relays them to the farmers, who meet her on Thursdays at an octagonal barn in Knox to drop off their products, where they are sorted into individual orders and quickly delivered.

The system means the foods are still farmers market fresh.

"Everything is either picked the day before or the morning of," Gordon said.

The exception is meats — the store only deals in frozen products so far.

The delivery service pays farmers 100 percent

of their asking price and then adds a markup. There's also a \$5 delivery charge, but Gordon said she'll waive that if five people group their delivery together to one location.

The minimum for all orders is \$30.

The Heldeberg Market only serves Albany County, but Gordon said there's been interest in the unique idea from farmers elsewhere, making her hopeful the service can one day expand to other parts of the Capital District.

Though the service has only been running for a few months, so far it's been a win-win scenario for all involved, Gordon said.

"I've been getting a really positive response from the farmers," she said, in part because it gives them more time to tend to their farms while still reaching customers.

"[Markets are] also hectic for farmers, because

if most of the farmers markets are on Saturday mornings and they can only make it to one," she continued.

Randy Grippin, of Mountain Winds Farm in Berne, agreed.

"I don't have to chase farmers markets someplace every week," he said. "I have to spend half, three quarters of a day in the city, and then I'm not getting anything done on the farm."

Mountain Winds sells poultry, eggs, vegetables and maple syrup.

The Heldeberg Market has on average 20 or 25 deliveries to make each week, said Gordon, but it's been growing steadily during its short time in business. The site sees far more traffic, so she's hoping demand will boom once more vegetable options come into season in a few weeks.

You can find the market online at www.heldebergmarket.com.

Tear

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Country club General Manager William Aperance said the club has been affected on one other occasion by the chemical gas.

"We're obviously thrilled that Department of Corrections moved that," he said. "The club is very happy that that level of chemical would not be used in backyard."

Guilderland Councilman Mark Grimm joined with county club officials to lobby the DOCS for a change to policy.

"They were really responsive," he said. "They understood the problem and they acted to fix it. ... I really salute them for that."

DOCS normally conducts other, smaller scale tear gas exercises in its correction officer recruit training, said Foglia, and while the state Division of Military and Naval Affairs has ordered a stop to that training as well, the department will be sitting down to lobby for it to continue in the future.

Those exercises use a much smaller amount of gas than that used in the July 5 incident, and

generally take place in a "gas house," she said, where recruits test their masks and are exposed to the gas.

"It presents no danger to the community," Foglia said.

Holding the exercises at the Guilderland location would be a logistical benefit for the department, which holds recruit training academy in Albany.

Aperance said he is not strictly opposed to such training.

"We would prefer if none of it was done near us ... but as long as it doesn't create an incident, then there's not much we can do about it," he said.

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Milestones

Former Spotlight owner's wife dies

Barbara Lathrop Boynton, 91-year-old artist and family matron, died July 17 at Carleton Willard Village in Bedford, MA. She was the wife of former Spotlight owner Nat Boynton.

Born in 1918 in Fall River, MA, to Francis Owen Lathrop and Alice (Lefavour) Gordon, she graduated from Durfee High School in 1936 and from Smith College in 1940, then completed one year at Rhode Island School of Design. She used her formal art training to land a war-time job in the Radiation Lab at MIT, where she did drafting and graphing early detection devices. After the war, she worked as a technical artist for Addison-Wesley Publishing Company in Cambridge, and for Jackson & Moreland of Boston, MA.

In 1952, she married Nathaniel A. Boynton, an Associated Press newspaperman, and the couple settled in the Albany, NY, suburb of Guilderland.



Barbara Lathrop Boynton

Three children were born before the couple moved to Slingerlands, NY, in 1959.

Much of her life was spent raising her family and pursuing the arts, as an alto in the Capitol Hill Choral Society, and as a painter in watercolors and pastels. The scenery surrounding her summer cottage on Lake George in the Adirondacks provided inspiration for her landscape paintings. She studied under local artists Betty Warren and Lillian Longley.

She was the designer and primary contributor of the "Albany Quilt,"

assembled by members of St. Peter's Church in 1976. The 35-square montage depicted street scenes and local landmarks, tracing the settlement, development and historical significance of the city. What started out as a church raffle project deepened into a work of art that ultimately was displayed at the State Capitol Building and later shown at the state museum. She then tackled a similar quilt for the Town of Bethlehem, which hangs today in the Delmar town hall. She was a founding member of the Capital District Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America.

Following her husband's death in 1991, she continued to live in rural Albany County before moving to Carleton Willard in 2000. She continued to draw and create fabric and needlework art from natural resources and became a lively participant in Carleton Willard activities.

Childhood hiking

and skiing trips in the mountains of New Hampshire inspired a love of the outdoors that continued throughout her life. She was motivated to emotional displays by landscapes, the blending of colors, harmonic chord progressions and the intricacies of nature.

Her survivors include her son Lawrence Boynton (Meg) of Fox Point, WI; and daughters Cornelia (Roland) Ochsenbein of Bolton, MA and Elizabeth (Eric) Killorin of Weybridge, VT; a sister, Helen Lathrop Brooks, Lincoln, MA; a brother, Francis Lathrop, New Hampton, NH; five grandchildren: Charles Boynton, Molly Boynton, Andrew Killorin, Abigail Killorin, Samuel Killorin.

A memorial service is planned for July 31 at Carleton Willard, Bedford, Mass.

Donations may be made in her name to The New England Quilt Museum in Lowell or the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

John Biazak

Albuquerque, NM—John Biazak, 97, former Niskayuna resident, died peacefully June 5, 2010, in Albuquerque, NM with his family by his side.

Mr. Biazak was born May 18, 1913 in Auburn, NY, son of the late Constantine and Pearl Biazak. He



was one of four children. John graduated from Auburn Technical High School. He continued to advance his education by taking college level courses in mathematics, physics and engineering throughout his career.

Mr. Biazak was employed by the General Electric Co. for 39 years, retiring in 1978 as an Engineering Designer at the Knolls Power Lab in Niskayuna, NY. He was one of the pioneering group that developed the first jet engines at GE in Schenectady. He then transferred to the General Engineering Lab 1947. In 1956 he accepted a post with the Atomic Power Equipment Dept. in San Jose, CA, where he worked for 3 years. In 1959 he transferred back to Niskayuna to work on designing Naval reactors at the Knolls Atomic Power Lab.

John worked on the design of torpedoes, aircraft, gas and steam turbines, and various mechanical and thermal equipment. He described his work at GE as challenging and stimulating, and enjoyed all the projects he participated in. Prior to his employment

at GE, he was employed as a mechanical designer by ALCO in Auburn, NY, as well as by the Newport News Ship Building Co. in VA. In 1934 John joined in the US Navy and served 4 years aboard the Heavy Cruiser USS Minneapolis as a Machinist Mate 2.

Jon was a member of the G E Quarter Century club and the Dave Garraway club. He was a loving husband and great father. He loved to play golf and listen to Opera, Caruso being his favorite tenor. After retirement, he enjoyed visiting his children, working in his yard and tending his small vegetable garden. He also loved to watch the chickadees, finches and cardinals that flocked to his feeding stations. He imparted his love of everything mechanical to his twin sons. John and his wife Helen moved to Albuquerque NM in 2007 to be closer to their children.

Mr. Biazak is survived by his wife of 67 years, Helen, a daughter Cynthia Biazak of San Diego, CA, twin sons Dr's Gary J. Biazak and Robert A. Biazak of Albuquerque, NM, grandson Christopher John Biazak and 18mos. old great grandson Benjamin John Biazak of Albuquerque, NM and several nieces and nephews.

Services at St. Helen's Catholic Church and entombment at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Niskayuna, were held at the convenience of the family.

For online condolences, please visit www.jonesfh.net.

Arnstein turns 100

Jane Arnstein, a former resident of Delmar, recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

A small dinner was given in her honor on July 10th at Abbey Del Ray, in Del Ray Beach, Florida. The gathering included Jane's two sons, Tom Arnstein (Megan O'Toole) of Delmar, Bill Arnstein of New Jersey, her two grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and one niece.



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Local student awarded scholarship

Matthew A. Baumbach, son of Rev. Alan and Joan Baumbach of Ravena, received the Abbott Scholarship from Scottish Rite Masons. The Abbott Scholarship is awarded to qualified students in recognition of scholastic and general achievements. Baumbach is a graduate of Ravena Coeymans High School and is a sophomore at Stony Brook University.

Local student graduates

Matthew Gardiner, of Delmar, graduated from the State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi with an AAS in construction technology.

Student named to dean's list

Patrick Venter, a senior from Delmar, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester in the Villanova School of Business.

Student named to dean's list

Jessica Carroll, a sophomore from Glenmont, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 spring semester in Villanova University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Student named to dean's list

Claire Burns, of Delmar, was named to the Dean's List at Marist College for the spring 2010 semester. Burns is a member of the Class of 2012 and is majoring in Conservation Studies/Restoration.

Speech and Hearing Center to hold open house

Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady, an affiliate of The Eddy not-for-profit network of seniors services, will hold a community open house Wednesday, August 4, from 2 to 6 p.m., at its Speech and Hearing Center, outpatient clinic, 3757 Carman Road,

Guiderland. The event will feature free hearing screenings. There will also be information available on hearing loss and options for treatment. The program is open to the public, free of charge. No appointment is necessary.

For information, call Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital at 382-4550.

Students named to dean's list

Local students were named to the Dean's List at The College of Saint Rose for the spring 2010 semester. They are the following: Jordan Miller, of Delmar; Brittney Murray, of Voorheesville; Jennifer Henrikson, of Delmar; Christine Abelseth, of Voorheesville; Corinn Haker, of Selkirk; Sarah Stark, of Voorheesville; Deborah Umina, of Delmar; Alexandra Parker, of Delmar; Kelly Fallon, of Voorheesville; Tara TenEyck, of Glenmont; Abigail Finkelman, of Slingerlands; Richard White, of Selkirk; Marina Katko, of Glenmont; Erika Alberry, of Voorheesville; Dana Lenseeth, of Voorheesville; Maureen Carey, of Delmar; Casey Cleary, of Glenmont; Bridget Smith, of Delmar; Kristin Wagner, of Glenmont; Robert Wytswal, of Voorheesville; Maria Cotazino, of Voorheesville; Jennifer Gorman, of Glenmont; Elana Krischer, of Delmar; Olivia Junco, of Delmar; Ryan Quinn, of Glenmont; Emmaline Molloy, of Slingerlands; Irene Carcache, of Voorheesville; Kimberly La Torre, of Guiderland; Kerry Matney, of Guiderland; Jennifer Sack, of Guiderland; Eric Deluca, of Guiderland; Shannon Slattery, of Guiderland and Jordan Randall, of Guiderland.

Student named to dean's list

Kristin T. Kenney, of Delmar, was named to the Dean's List at LeHigh University for the spring 2010 semester for achieving a 4.0 GPA.

County to host Family Fun Day

To celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center, a Family Fun Day will be held

Progressing to the walk

The ladies of the Delmar Progress Club are preparing for the Freilhofer Walk for the Cure and honored the deceased members Mariel Welch, Patricia DeCecco and Fran Cocogga who have died from cancer. The \$750 raised was given To Life! in Delmar. Seated: Wilma De Lucco, Mary Richards, Pat Antonucci, Roserary Brown. Standing: Kathryn Schumanski, and Priscilla Mille. Missing from photo: Majory O'Brien and Michelle Brown.

Submitted photo

on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at site of the Albany Shaker Heritage Society, 25 Meeting House Road, Colonie.

The day will include continuous music by local artists, carnival games, Shaker craft demonstrations and much more.

Representatives from several county departments including the Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center, Department for Children, Youth and Families, Department of Aging and the Albany County-NY Connects program as well as various community agencies will be available to provide information and answer questions about their services.

This year marks the 35 anniversary of the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center. The Center provides an array of services for victims of sexual assault and other crimes including a 24 hour rape crisis hotline, information and crisis counseling to victims of sexual assault and their families and court advocacy and assistance for crime victims.

For more information contact the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center at (518) 447-7100. The 24 hour sexual assault hotline is 447-7716.

New Scotland Singers host 4th annual cabaret

Come join The New Scotland Cabaret Singers for a night of 1940s swing era music. The event is August 20 and 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Voorheesville High School, 432 New Salem Rd. Suggested donation is \$5 and proceeds will benefit Capital City Rescue Mission, New Scotland Presbyterian Church and Voorheesville Methodist Church. Homemade pie, assorted desserts and beverages will be for sale. For more information call 439-6454 or 772-1205.

Students named to deans list

The following students were named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Spring 2010 semester: Nicole M. Breslin of Latham majoring in biomedical sciences and Rebecca E. Simeone of Delmar majoring in English/writing concentration. Marist is an independent comprehensive liberal arts college.

Teen camps at The Art Center

Teenagers aged 12 to 16 are working with professional artists, at The Arts Center of the Capital Region to focus in on their

specific creative interests, learning innovative techniques, using artist-grade materials and reaping inspiration. The weeklong camps are continuing through the summer with offerings such as: Moviemaking, Exploring Comics and Graphic Novels, Project Arts Center Runway and Woodworking: Build a Shaker-Inspired Adirondack Chair. Exploring Comics and Graphic Novels is August 23 to 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Project Arts Center Runway is August 2 to 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Portfolio Camp is August 2 to 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Woodworking: Build a Shaker-Inspired Adirondack Chair is August 9 to 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Snapshot is August 9 to 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fashion Illustration is August 16 to 20 from 9 a.m. to noon and Hand Sewing Basics for Teens is August 16 to 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information and to register call 273-0552 x 231 or visit www.artscenteronline.org. Scholarships are available.

Grant writing class offered

Community Grant Writers and Fundraisers of New York State is sponsoring a two day grant

writing class in Albany on Tuesday, August 24, and Wednesday, August 25. Successful veteran grant writers will lead the classes, and the workshop includes a manual (hard copy and CD) and a signed certificate. Three separate training sessions will be available: one for federal, state and municipal employees, Session 2 is for non-profit organizations and the third is for Chambers of Commerce, IDA's and similar organizations, as well as for-profit companies. Total cost for admission is \$250 and all seats must be paid in full before the workshop-no walk ins are permitted. Organizations will receive one complimentary seat for every three paid attendees. For more information and reservations 366-6138 or send an email to communitygrantwriters@gmail.com.

Cedar Hill Schoolhouse open to public

The Bethlehem Historical Association invites the public to visit the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, which will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. through September 26, 2010. Along with the many exhibits related to Town of Bethlehem history is a special temporary exhibit featuring vintage clothing, which has been acquired from local families. The men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories date from the 1860's to the 1940's. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

Dutch Apple announces Clown Cruise

Saturday, Aug. 7, all regional clowns have been summoned to participate in a free Saturday morning cruise along the Hudson River on the Dutch Apple II. This is the 1st Annual Clown Cruise and has been organized by the Capital District's SmileMonster and the Electric City Clown Alley. More than one hundred clowns will gather for a meet and greet, fun and pictures at 9 a.m. at Albany's Snow Dock, next to the USS Slater. The cruise is free for all clowns in dress and members of the press; the cruise includes live

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Your Community in The Spotlight

G'land BOE picks new super

Marie Wiles will officially start Oct. 1

On Thursday, July 22, the Guilderland Board of Education unanimously approved the appointment, effective October 1, of Marie Wiles, Ph.D., as superintendent of Guilderland schools. Wiles will succeed retired superintendent John McGuire, who left the position in June.

"She is going to be an excellent addition for Guilderland," said Michael Marcelle, the current interim superintendent for the district. Marcelle, who will continue to serve as superintendent until Wiles takes the position this fall, said she brings a wealth of knowledge that will only serve to benefit the children, parents and teachers of

the district.

Wiles has served as superintendent in two other school districts during her 23 years of experience in the education field, most recently being with Clinton Central School District in Clinton and prior to that, at Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES. Wiles has also been involved with several local organizations, including the New York State Council of School Superintendents, Kirkland Ventures Steering Committee, Catskill Mountain Educational Committee, Catskill Area School Study Council, and the Oneonta Rotary. She has also served on the Boards of the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce, ARC Otsego and the Catskill Symphony Orchestra.

Wiles received her bachelor's degree in English from Temple University and a master's degree in secondary English education from SUNY Albany. She went on to hold a position as an English teacher in the New York Mills Junior-Senior High School, and she earned her doctor of education degree in teaching and curriculum from Syracuse University.

Her annual salary will be \$175,000. Although her position is not official until October 1 of this year, Wiles will be working with district administration in the next few months to ensure that her transition to Guilderland School District is a smooth one.

— Mallory Bulman

bluegrass entertainment and refreshments. Cruise reservations are encourage since space is limited. For reservations contact Paul Kleinberger at fuddiduddy@aol.com or 489-2680 and for information contact Craig Wander at 376-9462.

G'land BOE to hold special meeting

There will be a special meeting for the Guilderland Board of Education Friday, July 30 at 8 a.m. The meeting is located at the district offices and will cover the high school track resurfacing

bid award.

Bethlehem Public Library to host tai chi class

Friday, July 30, at 11 a.m. kids in grades kindergarten through fifth can try tai chi at the library. Wear loose clothing and Lorraine Noval from the Asian Arts group will show you how.

The library's summer cinema series for kids and families continues Friday, July 30, at 2:30 p.m. with the movie, G-Force (PG). Monday, August 2, members of

the Capital District chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America will help kids age 9 and up make simple embroidery pieces. The workshop runs Monday, August 2, to Thursday, August 5, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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Autism

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to help sponsor ideas or projects that will have a positive impact on the world, he decided to broaden the scope.

"We decided to get everyone involved," he said. "We wanted to get the American experience."

Everts is also the vice president of technology and communications for The Tommy Foundation, founded by Evert's wife Sugely Cruz, which was created to assist in improving the quality of life for children with autism.

Everts will begin filming with Washburn Friday, July 30, where he will visit the family at their home then go with the kids to the Easter Seals Camp in Colonie, a six-week camp for children and young adults with physical, developmental and emotional disorders.

"We go to the Colonie Town Pool, we do arts and crafts, different sports, we have a talent show, a program called dance and movement, we have a dance crew come in and teach them dances from all over the world," said Camp Director Chuck Paravella. "It's like a typical camp."

Buddy and C.J. are two of the 10 children with autism attending the camp, which Paravella refers to as "the happiest

place in the world." He complimented Washburn for her support in the autism community, hailing her as "very positive" about her situation.

"She's incredibly enthusiastic, upbeat and a great advocate for what she believes in," he said. "She's not just looking at the situation as something that has happened to her family, she's being proactive."

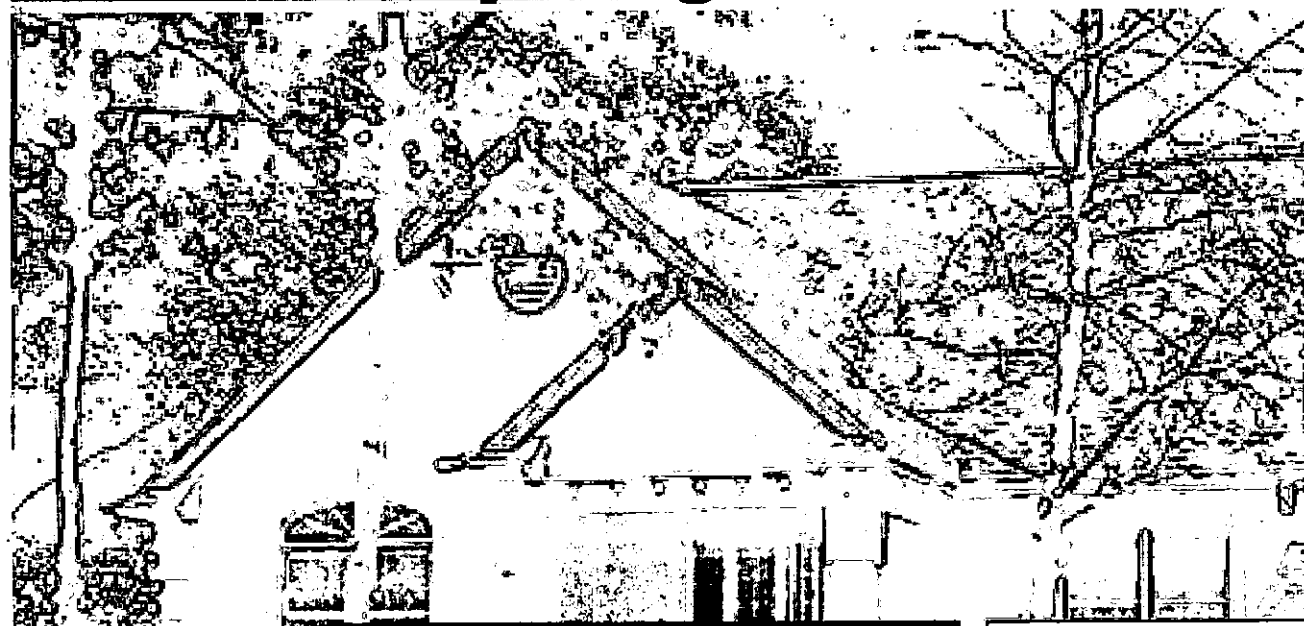
When asked about how the children will react to having cameras filming them for a documentary, Paravella said, "I think they'll get a kick out of them. I think it will be natural curiosity and excitement."

Also on the schedule for the filming are trips to Everybody Counts Physical Therapy Center in Berne, where the children participate in Hippotherapy, which is therapy through horseback riding. They will end their day filming in front of the Legislative Office Building in Albany with McDonald.

Washburn is excited to be able to tell her story in this documentary, as well as being able to show there aren't as many limitations on children with autism as many would think.

"I want people to know there are all these awesome things you can expose them to," she said. "My hope is that this film will be a positive and will help people. That's the bottom line."

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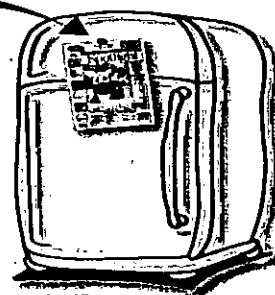
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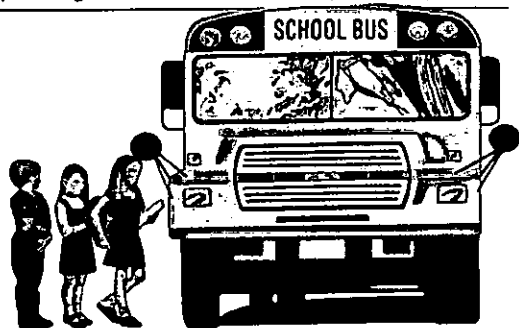
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Notice of Qualification of The Advisors' Academy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/15/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/31/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc. (NRAI), 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. DE address of LLC: NRAI, 160 Greentree Drive, Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64088 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name of LLC: SBC State Street Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 10, 2010. LLC office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: SBC State Street Properties, LLC, 2485 Troy Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. 64089 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation MBDS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/24/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64091 (D) (July 28, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: MALTA TECHNOLOGY GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 15, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 64092 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TRACHT GUT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/23/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64094 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ALVA KITCHENS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64130 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of H. LUZZARIO & CO LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64131 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of A&D ENTRANCES LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 11/7/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. NJ address of LLC: 2 Saint Volodymyr Ave., Carteret, NJ 07008. Arts. Of Org. filed with the NJ Secy. Of State, 33 W. State St., 5th Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64133 (D) (July 28, 2010)

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Notice of Formation MONTRESOR NY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/2/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64135 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation WRITE PROJECTS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/1/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64136 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA ALTAMONT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 6, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 64138 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Playing Hands LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/13/10. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1148 Avon Road, Schenectady, NY 12308. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64139 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of WHG Sub CS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/26/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 64140 (D) (July 28, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of WHG CS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/26/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 64141 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CHRISTINE HOLOWACZ LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/2/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served.

LEGAL NOTICE

SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64142 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 3DRevolution, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/21/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 156 Fifth Ave., Penthouse #1, NY, NY 10010. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64143 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Zoom Medical Supply, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/18/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 73 Guilane Dr. Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64144 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Buried Above Ground, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/2/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 324 Dean St., Ste. 4B, Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64145 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MELIDELI LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64150 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation LEGENKON BUSINESS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/7/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64151 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DG AVIATION CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/7/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64153 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

LEGAL NOTICE

Articles of Organization of Schoharie Improvement Partners, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 13, 2010, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 45 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211, which shall be the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 64155 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PRIME PROPERTIES QUEENSBURY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 24, 2010. County within this state, in which the office of the limited liability company is located: Albany County. Street address of principal business location is: 10 Osgood Avenue, Green Island, New York, 12183. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PRIME PROPERTIES QUEENSBURY, LLC, 10 Osgood Avenue, Green Island, New York 12183. Registered agent, who is agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served: David W. Meyers, Esq., Meyers & Meyers, LLP, 1734 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Term: Perpetual. Purpose: residential real estate company, and any other lawful purpose. 64156 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Agenda, LLC. Fictitious name: Agenda Trade Show, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/9/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 1/9/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Seth Haber, 7449 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046, also the address to be maintained in CA. Address of the principal office: 110 E. 9th St., Ste. B1169, Los Angeles, CA 90079. Arts of Org. filed with CA Secy. Of State, 1500 11th St., 3rd Fl., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64157 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ME-DIGRADE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/12/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64158 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CAM-DAS Associates, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on June 21, 2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 5 Larkspur Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64159 (D) (July 28, 2010)

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Notice of Formation Harry DiOrio LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/15/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64160 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

WORLDMARK - HOLDING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 06/03/10. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 64919 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

FAITH INVESTORS II, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State ("SOS") on 06/11/2010. LLC office is in Albany County, NY. SOS was designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SOS shall mail copy of process served to Faith Investors, LLC, 677 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. The purpose is any lawful act or activity. 64920 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Bethlehem Sports Center, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/3/10. Office located in Albany County at 44 Mallard Road, Glenmont, NY. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of such process to said office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 64923 (D) (July 28, 2010)

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Notice of Formation TGS TAXI LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/17/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64924 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

SENIORITY PROPERTIES, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company.

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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 28, 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 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

MIDTOWN ALBANY PROPERTIES, LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State (ANYSS) on 6/10/10. Office location: Albany County. NYSS is designated the LLC's agent against whom process may be served, and shall mail a copy of such process to: Middtown Albany Properties, LLC, P.O. Box 42, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful act. 64932 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 759 Madison Avenue Associates, LLC Dated: May 6, 2010 Notice is hereby given of the formation of the above-named limited liability company for the transaction of business in the State of New York and elsewhere. Pursuant to Limited Liability Law Section 206(a)(8)(b), your attention is directed to the following facts:

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

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on May 6, 2010.
3. The county in which the principal place of business of the LLC shall be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to the following post office address: 759 Madison Avenue Associates, LLC, c/o Dreyer Boyajian LLP, 75 Columbia Street, Albany, New York 12210.
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 business permitted under the laws of the State of New York. 64933 (D) (July 28, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 341 Pleasant Avenue Apartments, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/27/10. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1834 Lenox Rd., Schenectady, NY 12308. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2108. 64934 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DARDANIA E TROPOJES, LLC.

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Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/18/10. 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. 64937 (D) (July 28, 2010)

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 28, 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 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE The name of the limited liability company is Reedy Property Services, LLC (the "Company"). The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the NY Secretary of State (the "NYSS") on June 9, 2010. The office of the Company is to be located in Albany County. The NYSS is hereby designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within NY to which the NYSS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Joseph

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Daniel Reedy c/o Reedy Property Services, LLC, 14 Bohl Avenue, Albany, New York 12209. Purpose: any lawful activity: 65072 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ODeCredit, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/23/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 9/25/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 16901 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with CA Secy. Of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 65074 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BEVERAGE EVENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/23/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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. 65077 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Island Catering, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/25/2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Edward Meyer, 5 Overlook Road, Lattingtown, NY 11560. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 65078 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NG GLOBAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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

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Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65080 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Shawn's Property Maintenance, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/21/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 4 Hancock Dr., Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful activities. 65081 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BETHLEHEM TECHNOLOGY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 24, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 65082 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 1112 STATE STREET, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 29, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 10740 Nail Avenue, Suite 215, Overland Park, Kansas 66211. 65084 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DANIEL T. DAVIS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/13/10. 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. 65384 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name of LLC: Jeremy's Brewing Company, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 16, 2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to 123A Wellington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. 65385 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: HERBERT CONSULTING GROUP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 15, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1016 DiBella Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303. 65386 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Secure Office Designs LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/12/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 65387 (D) (July 28, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation ANDREAS MELBOSTAD LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/16/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65389 (D) (July 28, 2010)

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Dutchmen end mini skid Gold

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The Albany Dutchmen ended a two-game losing streak by beating Watertown 3-2 last Saturday at Bleecker Stadium.

Outfielder Ryan Kapp scored the winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning to give Albany (14-24) the victory. Kapp reached base when he was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on Mike DiBiase's two-out single.

Hayes Orton got Albany off to a good start against Watertown. The right fielder beat out an infield single, reached second on a throwing error by Watertown's catcher and made it to third on a groundout by Kevin Jackson. Kapp then drove in Orton with a single for a 1-0 Dutchmen lead.

Patrick Dockendorf gave Watertown (14-24) a 2-1 lead in the top of the fourth when he laced a two-run single to center field off Albany starter Kasciem Graham. Graham recovered to get the final out and held the Wizards scoreless into the seventh inning.

Orton worked his baserunning magic again in the bottom of the eighth inning for the Dutchmen. After reaching on an error, Orton stole second with two outs

and made it to third base on a wild pitch. Kapp once again brought Orton home with his second single of the game to tie the game at 2.

Reliever Michael Rudman pitched three scoreless innings to pick up the victory for Albany. Rudman allowed only one hit and struck out two in his stint on the mound.

The victory over Watertown allowed Albany to move into a sixth-place tie with the Wizards in the New York Collegiate Baseball League East Division standings.

The Dutchmen entered Saturday's home game against Watertown off a 5-1 loss at Mohawk Valley last Thursday.

The Diamond Dawgs (16-20) built a 3-0 lead before Brett Thomas' RBI double got the Dutchmen on the scoreboard. Mohawk Valley then scored twice in the bottom of the seventh inning to seal the victory.

Kapp and DiBiase also had hits for Albany. Kyle Richardson led Mohawk Valley with two hits, an RBI and a run scored.

five saves for Adirondack, which was out-shot by Long Island 15-5.

Adirondack finished the Games with a 1-3 record, with its lone win coming last Thursday against Central. Connor Preece (Ballston Spa) tallied twice, and Chris Alescio (Scotia-Glenville) added the other goal in a 3-2 victory.

The Adirondack open women's division soccer team finished out of the medal round after losing both of its pool play games.

Both of Adirondack's rugby teams reached the gold medal game in their respective divisions at the Empire State Games. The masters women's team edged Western 15-10 to win the gold medal, while the masters men's team lost to Western 36-10 to finish with the silver medal.

The Adirondack open men's division volleyball team got to the gold medal match, where it lost to Western by scores of 25-21, 25-22 and 25-14. The open women's division volleyball team took home a bronze medal after posting a 4-5 record. Both of Adirondack's scholastic teams failed to medal, though the scholastic men's team finished with a 4-4 record. The scholastic women's team finished with a 2-4 mark.

The Adirondack scholastic men's and women's lacrosse teams both reached the bronze medal game in Buffalo. The scholastic women picked up the bronze medal with an 11-6 victory over Central, while Western defeated Adirondack 13-7 in the scholastic men's

bronze medal contest Sunday.

Guilderland's Erin Mossop recorded a hat trick to lead the Adirondack scholastic women's team to victory over Central in the bronze medal game. Shaker's Lauren Smith, Bridget Malicki and Adrienne Devine all tallied twice, as did Niskayuna's Kayla Treanor.

It's the first time that Adirondack has medaled in scholastic women's lacrosse. The region has won bronze medals in scholastic men's lacrosse in 2003 and 2004.

Adirondack's scholastic men's team had a chance to add to that total Sunday, but Western scored four of the first five goals and pulled away with a 5-2 fourth quarter for the 13-7 victory.

Shen's Timothy Coll scored twice for Adirondack, and Shen goaltender Bob Wardwell made 10 saves. Niskayuna's Tristan Sperry contributed a goal and an assist, while Niskayuna's Brian Schlansker and Alex D'Amario also scored. Shaker's Jimmy O'Brien added a goal in the bronze medal game.

Adirondack also picked up bronze medals in

field hockey, scholastic women's ice hockey, softball and scholastic women's tennis.

Adirondack battled Western to a 1-1 tie in the field hockey bronze medal game before winning on penalty shots. Megan Meyers scored the bronze medal-winning goal in the shootout.

The Adirondack scholastic women's ice hockey team secured the bronze medal with a 2-2 tie against Hudson Valley last Saturday. Monique Cornett and Taylor Marcellus tallied for Adirondack, which out-shot Hudson Valley 69-10.

Adirondack's softball team beat Hudson Valley 10-2 in last Saturday's bronze medal game. Former Shen star Michelle Connors had three hits and an RBI, while former Niskayuna's standout Emily O'Donnell scored two runs and added a hit for Adirondack against Hudson Valley.

Adirondack's scholastic women's tennis team finished the round-robin tournament with a 3-2 victory to earn its bronze medal.

Individual results will appear in next week's edition.

Soon

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the only ones talking about the playoffs.

Both the New York Mets and the Boston Red Sox seem to be heading into some version of purgatory — too far out of the playoff picture to have a realistic shot at the postseason, but too heavily invested in the concept of being playoff teams to give up. If they sell off any of their big-name players before the trading deadline, they will be roasted in their media markets. But what moves could either team realistically make that would help them make a strong push?

The Red Sox can at least partially blame injuries as their reason for failing. At one point, they were without the services of Dustin Pedroia, Victor Martinez, Josh Beckett, Clay Buchholz, Daisuke Matsuzaka, Jason Varitek and Jacoby Ellsbury — all

key players. Has it helped that the rest of Boston's pitchers haven't been effective? No. But the injuries have made a bad situation worse.

The Mets can't really blame injuries for what's been happening lately, though. Now that they have Carlos Beltran and Jose Reyes back in the lineup, this is the healthiest the Metropolitans have been in more than a year. The problem is that the hitters have stopped hitting, and some of the Mets pitchers — specifically Mike Pelfrey and Hisanori Takahashi — have lost their ability to get batters out.

In both cases, there are no quick fixes for the Red Sox or the Mets. Even when Boston gets healthy again, it may be too far behind Tampa and the Yankees to make a serious playoff push. As for the Mets, acquiring a pitcher and/or a hitter before the trading deadline won't make a big difference if the rest of the team still

can't hit or pitch well.

Meanwhile, Yankee fans will be enjoying their ride — well, as much as any group of paranoid people can enjoy a ride (just mention Andy Pettitte's name to somebody wearing a Yankees cap between now and late August and see how quickly their mood changes).

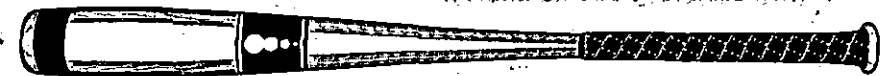
(Side note: I'll be at Fenway Park for Friday's Boston-Detroit game. I expect to be surrounded by 35,000 angst-ridden Red Sox fans. This ought to be interesting.)

• Finally, there are only two weeks to go before I take the stage at Caffé Lena in Saratoga Springs. If the folks up there are lucky, I'll give it back to them at the end of the night.

That's it for this week. Remember, the annual Spotlight Sports Survey is on our Web site (www.spotlightnews.com). And if you have any comments about this week's column, send them to jonasr@spotlightnews.com.



**-ALBANY-DUTCHMEN SPOTLIGHT-
-PLAYER OF THE WEEK-
Graham Tyler, INF
(Brown University/Cranston, RI)**



An Ivy league product, Graham has been Brown's everyday shortstop since his freshman year. He played a major role in Albany's solid week, driving in three runs in back-to-back games. He also scored the game winner in the tenth inning Sunday, as the Dutchmen got their first victory over Glens Falls this season.



"Hitting coach [Nick] Vera has helped me with my mechanics. I've been seeing the ball better in the cage, and I've got a solid base to build on. As the team's been playing better, it's easier to bring the focus and energy every day."

**WEEKLY STATS:
6-25, 2B, 7 RBI, 4 R, 2 BB**

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Dolphins offer clinic

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club is offering a free week-long clinic Aug. 9-12 at the Bethlehem Town Pool at Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

The clinic runs from 8 to 9:15 a.m. Monday through Thursday and is open to children ages 7-12. Participants must be able to swim the front crawl with breathing to the side.

Pre-registration is required for the clinic, since it is being limited to 40 swimmers.

For information, e-mail Delmar Dolphins head coach Doug Gross at goudgross@nycap.rr.com.

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Thank you.

FROM THE ALBANY DUTCHMEN

Our second season in the New York Collegiate Baseball League has come to an end. If you ventured out to a Dutchmen game at Bleecker Stadium this year, which hopefully some of you did, we're sure you noticed a few things: (1) the venue is very intimate and comfortable, with picnic tables being the fan's #1 seating choice, and (2) you are right on top of the action with some of the best collegiate baseball players in the country playing right in front of you, (3) the game is more of an "event" than it is just a game, with between-inning contests and other activities going on.

We'd like to thank all the fans who did come out to catch a Dutchmen game this season. We truly hope you enjoyed the experience and we hope to see you again next year. We'd also like to thank Mayor Jennings, Commissioner John D'Antonio, Executive Asst. John Gustin and especially Billy Nichols and his crew, who gave us a wonderful baseball environment to use day-after-day, game-after-game. Special thanks to our terrific staff of Interns (all volunteers) who showed up every game and allowed us to "put on a show" the way it was meant to be, our Host Family Coordinator, Denise Polsinelli and all the wonderful host families who opened their homes to these boys from around the country. Thanks also goes out to our 2010 sponsors, especially Mild Wally's Delivery Restaurant, who fed all the players (from both teams) after every home game...and of course our friends at the Spotlight Newspapers, who worked with us to introduce new features and promotions this year, such as the Spotlight Player of the Week Awards.

There are others, and we wish we could include them all in this letter, but space is limited. Hopefully we've had the opportunity to thank you personally. It's been a challenging two seasons, but we still believe in this area and we hope that the people (families) of this area will eventually realize how special our product is and they will then begin to appreciate and support it. These "kids" are playing for the love of the game, not a salary or endorsement deals, but simply because they love the game of baseball and hope to someday play it at the next level. All we do is supply them with the opportunity to get more instruction, more exposure and hopefully gain more maturity. Why? Because we love the game as well and believe that summer, wood bat, collegiate baseball is important. Hopefully the city of Albany and the Capital District will eventually feel the same way.

Thank you. Have a safe and enjoyable off-season.

Albany Dutchmen, Paul Samulski / Owner, Alan Bignall / Owner, Jason Brinkman / General Manager

Sports in the Spotlight



The Bethlehem Soccer Club under-20 premier team holds its first place trophy after winning the National Cup Tournament July 18 in New Jersey. The team is made up of former Section II high school players including Guilderland's Zak Duguay, Sahr Nyuma and Frank Campagnano; Voorheesville's Lee Fenner; and Bethlehem's Rob Wexler and Max Kornstein.

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National champions

Bethlehem U20 wins prestigious soccer tournament

The Bethlehem Soccer Club's under-20 premier team won the National Cup tournament July 17 and 18 in New Jersey.

Bethlehem defeated the LaGrange (NY) Red Devils 2-0 in the finals. Guilderland High School graduate Zak Duguay and Bethlehem grad Max Kornstein scored the goals, and Voorheesville grad Lee Fenner only had to make one save to earn the shutout.

Bethlehem needed penalty kicks to win its semifinal game against Cherry Hill (SC). Cherry Hill jumped out to a 2-0 lead before Guilderland graduate Sahr Nyuma scored off a feed from Dan Summers in the 73rd minute. Summers then

scored more than one minute later to tie the game at 2.

After two 15-minute overtime periods produced no goals, the game was resolved on penalty kicks. Shenendehowa graduate Joe Miner and Chatham grad Andrew Knight converted on their attempts to give Bethlehem a 2-0 lead. Cherry Hill scored on its second shot, but Guilderland grad Frank Campagnano tallied on Bethlehem's fourth shot to give Bethlehem a 3-1 edge. Cherry Hill converted on its fourth try to keep the shootout alive before Summers scored to seal Bethlehem's win.

Bethlehem began the tournament with a 3-3 tie against Rockaway (NY). Summers gave Bethlehem a 1-0 lead in the 30th minute before Rockaway tied the game. The rest of the game featured the same theme with Bethlehem getting the lead two more times before Rockaway tied

the score. Nyuma and Campagnano also scored goals for Bethlehem against Rockaway.

Bethlehem followed up that effort with a 3-1 victory over PFC Rochester that secured first place in its pool and an automatic berth in the semifinals. Nyuma scored the first goal off a feed from former Guilderland teammate Tony Campagnano, but Rochester tied the game with one minute left in the first half.

Bethlehem turned up the offensive pressure in the second half, and it paid off when Summers scored off a pass from Frank Campagnano to put his team ahead 2-1. Nyuma added his second goal of the game in extra time off a Kornstein assist.

The National Cup is the oldest and most prestigious tournament in the United States Soccer Federation and the United States Adult Soccer Association.

Girls soccer strikes gold

Girls lacrosse earns its first ESG medal



The Adirondack Region scholastic women's soccer team picked up the gold medal by avenging its only loss at last week's Empire State Games in Buffalo.

One day after losing to Western 2-1 in pool play, Adirondack responded with a 1-0 victory over the same region Sunday to pick up its second gold medal in the last three Empire State Games. It's the region's fifth ever gold in scholastic women's soccer.

Shenendehowa's Kristen Connors scored the gold medal game's lone goal late in the first half, and Adirondack's defense did the rest to secure the victory.

Adirondack opened the Games with a 3-1 victory over Central last Thursday. Connors tallied at the 30 minute mark, and Miranda Haraughty added the other two Adirondack goals to get their team started on the right foot.

Adirondack followed up that performance with a 2-0 victory over Hudson Valley last Friday. Haraughty and Meeghan Arno scored Adirondack's goals, and goaltender Renae Cairns (Ballston Spa) stopped 10 shots to pick up the shutout.

Western got the jump on Adirondack in last Saturday's final pool game. The host region scored twice in the first half before Courtney Pierce (Gansevoort) tallied for Adirondack in the second

half to cut the deficit to one goal.

The Adirondack open men's division soccer team came close to earning a gold medal of its own, but it lost to Long Island 2-0 in Sunday's gold medal game.

Steven Schneider scored in the first half, and Lino Pereira tallied in the second half for Long Island, which out-shot Adirondack 11-2. Former Shenendehowa goaltender Ryan Jones made nine saves for Adirondack.

The open men's division team began the tournament with a 2-1 victory over Central last Friday. Randy Taylor and Alfred Karam (Clifton Park) scored Adirondack's goals, and Jones made six saves in the victory.

Adirondack received a second-half goal from former Shen star Dane Mellon to defeat Western 2-1 last Saturday and advance to the gold medal game. Collin Legge tallied in the first half for Adirondack, and Jones stopped four of the five shots he faced to earn the victory.

Adirondack's scholastic men's soccer team finished fourth at the Empire State Games after losing to Long Island 4-0 in the bronze medal game Sunday. Bethlehem goaltender Alex Kessler made six saves, and Niskayuna netminder Christian Esposito had

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Is there such a thing as starting season too soon?

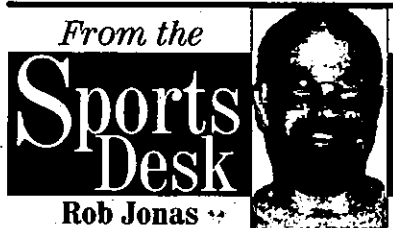
Have you filled out the Spotlight Sports Survey yet? You can find it online at www.spotlightnews.com. Just a friendly reminder. OK, moving on...

• Maybe starting the Saratoga Race Course season on the third weekend of July wasn't such a good idea. Last Friday's attendance (23,178) and handle (\$2.9 million) were down significantly from Opening Day 2009 at Saratoga.

I suppose some of that can be attributed to the monsoon-esque rains that pounded the Capital District last Friday. But when the weather turned nicer last Saturday (which is when I made my first trip to the track), the crowd still seemed fairly light. And it wasn't just me that noticed.

"[It's been] surprisingly slow," said college student Olivia Jelenik, who runs two private parking lots on the Nelson Avenue side of the track. "It could partly be because that [the meet] started early, but it could also be that it was raining this morning."

A little exploring bore that point out. On a typical Saturday, finding parking near the track entrance can take some hunting. On this particular Saturday, there were plenty of spots available in the various lots and on



the streets. And once inside the track's gates, you could move around the grounds freely. Not to say the track wasn't bustling (it was), but there weren't any long lines of people waiting to place a bet or order food.

Before you start worrying that this could spell Saratoga's doom (which would also spell NYRA's doom), let's remember that this is the first time Saratoga has opened this early into July since perhaps the 19th century. And let's also remember that there are six weeks left in the racing season — an eternity for horse racing fans to make their annual pilgrimage to Saratoga.

At any rate, it's better for NYRA to be up here than still at Belmont, where NYRA would be lucky if 20,000 people showed up for an entire weekend of racing. Basically, a bad weekend in Saratoga is still better than a good week at Belmont.

• The Adirondack Region did well at last week's Empire State Games in Buffalo. The region placed fourth in the medal count with 118 total medals (Western, the host region, led the way with 241 medals — 104 gold medals alone).

Possibly the most important team sport medal Adirondack won was the bronze it got in scholastic women's lacrosse. Adirondack had never medaled in the sport before, and though area high school teams have made deep runs in the state playoffs (Bethlehem and Guilderland have both reached the state finals), the regional team had a hard time breaking through until this year when it compiled a 3-3 record that included an

11-6 victory over Central in the bronze medal game.

Hopefully, this will be the first of many medals Adirondack's scholastic women's lacrosse team wins — and hopefully, the next one will be silver or gold in color.

(Side note: Since there are so many results to get into the paper from the Empire State Games, we're going to tackle them over the next two editions. This week it's team sports, followed by individual sports next week.)

• Guilderland resident Mike Morawski is the king of the soap box derby hill.

The 14-year-old guided (or would that be glided) his vehicle to a first-place finish in the rally masters division at last weekend's All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. In the process, he beat out 50 other competitors from around the United States.

Morawski had one of the fastest cars the entire day. His times were consistently below 29.3 seconds, and his time of 29.15 seconds in Round 3 earned him the inside track for the championship heat. In the finals, he finished with a time of 29.24 seconds to take the checkered flag.

Congratulations to Morawski for winning at the highest level of soap box derby racing.

• By September, there is a distinct possibility that New York Yankees fans in the Capital District will be

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