

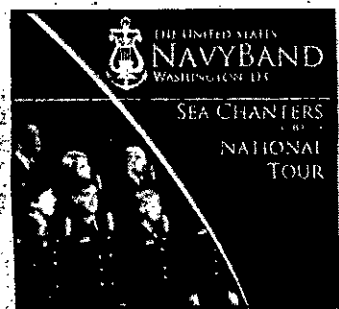
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Clarksville Elementary on block

Facilities decision scheduled for Wednesday; vocal parties on both sides of issue

By CHARLES WIFF
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There are two schools of thought in the Bethlehem Central School District when it comes to the possible closure of an elementary school. For some, it is as black-and-white as a balance sheet. To others, it is a complex and sometimes emotional issue.

For the past few weeks, these viewpoints have been colliding, and the BC Board of Education is expected tonight, March 30, to

Visit www.spotlightnews.com to learn more about the possible closure of Clarksville Elementary School.



render a decision on whether to close an elementary school.

Most likely to face the chopping block is Clarksville Elementary School, though the board is also considering shuttering Elsmere. These two have the lowest enrollments in the district, at 203 and 282 students this year, respectively.

BC is working to close a \$4 million budget

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The Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education is slated to make a decision on the future of the district's facilities on Wednesday, March 30. Among the options on the table is the closure of Clarksville Elementary School.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight



Matt and Desaree Ogren, of Slingerlands, in front of Matt's 1970 Dodge Charger General Lee replica. BELOW: A young Matt Ogren on a "Dukes of Hazzard" Big Wheel.

William R. DeVoe/Spotlight

Just a good ol' boy

Slingerlands man's love of 'The Dukes of Hazzard' leads him to the love of his life

By WILLIAM R. DEVOE
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Matt Ogren gave his girlfriend an ultimatum: You buy me the General Lee, and we'll get married.

His girlfriend, Desaree, knew exactly what Matt was talking about — the iconic orange Dodge Charger from the television show "The Dukes of Hazzard." What she didn't know was that ultimatum would become a reality.

"It was more of a joke than anything else," said Matt, a hardwood flooring installer from Slingerlands. He's a self-described "Dukes of Hazzard" fanatic, and it'd be hard to argue with him. When he was only 3 years old, Matt had his picture taken with one of the actual General Lees used on the show. He



owns the series on DVD; he goes to Dukes-Fest, a festival centered on the show, where he once met Boss Hog (actor Sorelle Booke). And the ringtone on his cell phone? "Good Ol' Boys" by Waylon Jennings, or, as most people know it, the theme song to "The Dukes of Hazzard."

So Matt's playful jab at getting his own General Lee didn't come as a surprise to Desaree. Since they began dating in 2006, she came to appreciate his love for "The Dukes" and his sense of humor.

"Last year, I started texting him pictures of engagement rings," she said. "And he'd send me back pictures of the General Lee."

Every once in a while, the couple would see one of the cars listed on the Internet, usually for some exorbitant price (some of the 300 or so prop cars used on the television show have sold for hundreds of thousands of dollars), but last August, Matt stumbled on a 1970 Dodge Charger General Lee replica near Utica

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Deal still not done

Sale of Normanside's mortgage hasn't been closed

A closing on the sale of the Normanside Country Club's mortgage had still not been reached on Monday, March 28, when *The Spotlight* went to print.

It had been expected buyer Rafael Flores would be signing off on the deal with the Bank of America sometime in the preceding week, but he said the process is taking longer than expected. Flores said the deal remains on as planned and that lawyers are finishing up their reviews.

"It's just paperwork," Flores said last week. "We've been doing back-and-forth. It's kind of hard for us to get through."

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Tebbano to retire

Superintendent Michael Tebbano will be retiring from his post in the Bethlehem Central School District at the end of 2011.

The Board of Education is expected to accept Tebbano's notice of retirement at its next meeting on Wednesday, March 30, when it is also expected a decision will be made on the possible closure of an elementary school.

A statement on the district's website indicated Tebbano wanted to leave as much time as possible for the district to choose a successor, and said Capital Region BOCES

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Grad party seeking donations, volunteers

All-night event lets BC seniors cut loose in a safe environment

One of the highlights of the Bethlehem Central High School graduation season for the past 20 years has been "Graduation Celebration," an all-night, alcohol-free party following graduation.

This year's event will be held at the high school starting late on Friday, June 24, and running into the early morning hours. It is a fun-filled event featuring food, music, games, entertainment and prizes in a safe environment.

Graduation Celebration is not a school-sponsored activity. Parents are already hard at work planning the celebration and raising the necessary funds. Bethlehem families and businesses have donated time, talents, prizes and money to past Graduation Celebrations and are asking for help to make this year's event a success.

Monetary donations will help defray the costs of the event and will also be used toward cash prizes for the graduates. Donations of prizes, such as gift certificates, electronics or small

appliances for college, are also being accepted.

Parent volunteers are needed to do pre-event work on Graduation Celebration committees, such as prizes, games, food and decorations. In particular, parents of juniors and underclassmen are being sought to work the night of the event, especially on the second shift. Shift times are 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.

To volunteer, e-mail Jayne Deane-White at jdeanesk8@verizon.net or BCHSgradscelebrate@gmail.com. To make a monetary donation, send a check made payable to Bethlehem Senior Celebration, c/o Mel Quinlan, 25 Douglas Road, Delmar, NY 12054. For prize donations, please contact Lisa Allendorph at 475-7752 or Hannah Shuman at 441-0610.

Additional information is on the Graduation Celebration website at <http://www.bcsd.k12.ny.us/high/graduationcelebration2011.html>.

Questions about Graduation Celebration can be sent to BCHSgradscelebrate@gmail.com.

Bethlehem plans paper recycling event

Event will coincide with paper products drive for food pantry

The Town of Bethlehem will be holding its first Document Shredding and Paper Recycling event on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Town Park, 261 Elm Avenue, Delmar.

The event will be held rain or shine, and is free for all Town residents and businesses. Clifton Park company 3N Document Destruction will provide secure document shredding on-site with its mobile shredder.

"As people prepare their tax returns and clean out their files for the spring, we are pleased to offer this valuable service to town residents and businesses—a benefit to our community and the environment," said Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina.

"People are invited to bring outdated taxes, old files, checks, bank statements, and other documents—and their fasteners, including staples, paper clips and rubber bands," according to Dan Rain, Town Recycling Coordinator.

"The shredded paper is then recycled into new paper products, completing the loop," Rain added.

On that note, the Bethlehem Food Pantry



William Vail, outreach worker for the Senior Services Department, is coordinating a paper products drive for the Bethlehem Food Pantry to coincide with the town's Document Shredding and Paper Recycling event. People don't always know about the pantry's need for paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, bath tissue or personal care items, he said.

Submitted photo

will be on hand to hold a paper item drive. The pantry is often in need of items like paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, bath tissue, or personal care items, said William Vail, outreach worker for the Senior Services Department.

The community is very generous, he said, but people don't always think of items outside of food when they're gathering

items, and food stamps don't cover those.

"We've seen a very large increase in the numbers of families using the pantry over the last year, and the people have really stepped up," Vail said.

There is a limit of three "reasonably-sized" boxes of documents per vehicle, in order to keep the line moving forward, and so the mobile shredding truck does not fill before

the event is complete.

"I've already gotten questions from people about the three box limit," said Rain. "We just don't want people bringing giant appliance-sized boxes.... If one person can reasonably lift the box, then it should be fine."

For information on town recycling, contact Dan Rain at 439-4955 ext. 1510, or email recycle@townofbethlehem.org.

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Dash to the starting line is on

The 23rd Delmar Dash set for April 10

By CHARLES WIFF
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Runners, walkers and spectators are gearing up for what in Bethlehem is an unofficial welcome to spring. That's right, the 23rd Annual Delmar Dash is right around the corner.

The race will step off at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 10, from the Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue, and organizers are expecting a banner year.

More than 700 people finished in last year's Dash on a beautiful spring morning, a record turnout for the annual race. Registration thus far has been strong enough that it's hoped this year will eclipse even that hearty turnout, though, assuming the weather cooperates.

"Everything is full speed ahead, I think we are going to have a near record crowd again," said race organizer Marcia Adams, who has been heading up the Dash with her husband, Tom, for the last few years.

Registration for the race is still open. Members of the Hudson Mohawk Road



Runners step off the starting line at the 22nd running of the Delmar Dash last year. This year's race is just around the corner, and the last chance to register is approaching. Race organizers hope to eclipse even last year's record turnout.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Runners Club will receive a discount on registration, set at \$15. Non-members will pay \$18. Online registration is available through www.hmrc.com until April 4.

The absolute last chance to register will be on Saturday, April 9, at Fleet Feet on Wolf Road, from 2 to 6 p.m. The fee at that time will be \$20. The race is sponsored by Bryant Asset Protection, Inc.

Like last year, there will be no day-of-race registration. Dealing with the flood of late registrants always turned out to be a great difficulty for volunteers, and nixing the option apparently didn't

hurt last year's record turnout. It's also better for the runners, said Adams, who have time to warm up and socialize instead of worrying about getting their registration in order.

"It tended to take away from the fun or the relaxing, so we basically said no day-of-race so we could eliminate the hassle," Adams said. "I think it worked...there was almost a festival atmosphere instead of a tension."

Runners who have registered up to this point have been guaranteed a T-shirt, but this late in the game orders are no longer being taken. Instead, organizers have dropped

the registration fee.

There will be plenty happening for non-runners, as well. The Bethlehem Food Pantry will be set up in the Middle School gymnasium to take donations. In addition to canned food items, the pantry is always in need of toiletries, coffee and tea, condiments and laundry detergents.

After the race, coffee, tea and the famous post-race vegetarian soup will be available. Awards will be handed out in age categories.

Once again, kids 12 and under will be able to participate in the Spotlight on Youth Race in 1/4, 1/2, and 1-mile lengths.

Registration for these races is day-of-race only, from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. in the middle school gym, with the races starting to step off at 10 a.m. Around 200 kids participated last year, so an early registration is advisable.

The Youth Race registration fee is \$2. Instead of the traditional T-shirt, kids will instead receive a backpack that looks like a shirt. That should not only be more useful, said Adams, but will ensure kids don't get stuck with a T-shirt that's not their size.

"What would happen is a little kid would come up, and we're already out of small T-shirts, and they're

stuck with this monster shirt they can't wear," Adams said.

Participants for both races will likely come from all over the area. Alyssa Lotmore, a social worker at Albany Preparatory Charter School, will be bringing a busload of kids from the school's newly-formed running club down to the race. The club was made possible largely through a grant from the HMRC's Just Run program, which helps to introduce inner city youth to running.

"We have about 35 to 40 kids, all urban, inner city youth who have never ran," said Lotmore. "We're starting out slow...but we're definitely building up and they really like it."

Lotmore plans to bring the team to as many events as possible this spring and summer, but the Dash will be the first event for the kids. Road running is something of a foreign concept to many of the students, so she hopes they'll be encouraged by seeing there's a whole group of people behind the activity.

"I thought it would be a fun one to open with," she said. "I know they get T-shirts and that it's really a community event."

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Discussion approaches on Town Hall work

Interior renovations proved to be touchy topics last year, and are still under review

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Town Board will likely discuss at its April 13 meeting a package of Town Hall renovations that, when proposed last year, spurred lengthy arguments among board members.

The board heard a presentation on the proposed project Wednesday, March 23, but did not deliberate on the matter. That was in part to give the board more time to review the details and to research how the town would pay for the \$385,000 of interior work, said Supervisor Sam Messina. Though there is about \$570,000 in the capital reserve, town leaders have said it would be folly to spend them down too far, meaning borrowing will likely come into play.

"I'd like to take the time to work with staff internally to see if there's something we can do," Messina said of the financing issue.

The board on Wednesday did sign off on bonding \$470,000 worth of exterior work to Town Hall, which will cover a repair of the parapet wall lining the roof and the leaky roof over the courthouse. That work does not include about \$60,000 in emergency repairs that will be made to the east side of the parapet wall, which fell down March 1 and crushed four cars.

The non-emergency exterior work should occur in the summer building season, said Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Erik Deyoe. The town had looked into removing the parapet, but that would not only be inadvisable but would violate the building code, Deyoe said. In fact, the code stipulates the wall should actually be taller, but since it was originally built shorter than the current requirement maintenance to keep it at that level is acceptable.

As for the renovations to the interior of Town Hall, several departments would see some significant changes should the project be approved.

Much of the work stands as outlined about a year ago. The space housing

the Human Resources Department and Comptroller's offices would be renovated and expanded to make room for two employees that were added there in early 2010. The Police Department's Youth Bureau would be shifted from offices on the second floor to the first to accommodate the expansion.

Customer windows (similar to the one at the Town Clerk's office) would be added at the Department of Public Works and the Building Department. Conference rooms would see renovations, as well.

New to the scope of work are renovations to the Police Department's detention area. The town had been told by the state Commissioner of Correction that the area must be upgraded to fit the definition of a "lockup," which under state law must meet a host of physical, procedural and reporting requirements.

Since being contacted in October of last year, the department has allowed the town to continue operating the cells as a holding area, but it will be reviewing the matter in April. The Police Department has issued a directive that prisoners only be held for one hour before being processed and released or remanded to the county jail.

"The thought here was with the project under way ... it was clearly advisable to do this now," Deyoe said.

Under the proposal, the holding cells would be reinforced, fixtures would be replaced and the holding cell doors would be replaced with sturdier designs.

The Town Board didn't discuss the interior renovations at Wednesday's meeting ("We're not prepared to act on this now," said Messina), but when the project was discussed in April of last year some board members said the interior work was unnecessary. This delayed the entire package, including the exterior repairs, through the summer into August, when design work was finally approved.

The town has in the past investigated the possibility of moving into a new Town Hall, but the viability of a move is unclear given the ongoing recession.

BCTA approves concession

The membership of the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association has approved a partial wage freeze in the coming school year.

Union members will not see their contractual raises for 70 percent of the 2011-12 school year. BCTA President David Rounds said that should save the district between \$1.1 and \$1.2 million, which the union has stipulated must be used to save instructional jobs.

"Hopefully, with some of the money coming back from the state and the concession and some other considerations, hopefully in the end [layoffs] would be somewhere in the low teens," he said.

The BCTA is expected to formally offer up the proposal to the Board of Education at its Wednesday, March 30, meeting, when the school board is slated to make a decision on closing an elementary school. That move could mean several more teaching positions lost.

Superintendent Michael Tebbano praised the union's decision.

"For the second time in three years, BC teachers have agreed to salary concessions to help the district navigate this tough economic climate. I am proud of them for this decision, just like I'm proud of the work they do with our students every day," he said in a written statement. "The Board of Education is working to close a sizable

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Superintendent Michael Tebbano

budget gap for next year, and the range of options under consideration has included a significant reduction in teaching positions. The concessions were contingent upon the restoration of some of these positions with the savings, and this announcement puts the district in a position to do that."

The district's budget gap is pegged at \$4 million. The latest tentative plans involved cutting 37 faculty, but the school board will examine the instructional part of the budget in depth on April 6, when a budget adoption is expected.

Rounds said the vote held last week returned with support "comfortably above" the 2/3 of membership required to pass the concession. He feels union members wanted to not only help their colleagues, but keep education at BC strong.

"I think in the end our members thought it was very important to try to maintain as much instructional integrity as we possibly could," he said.

The BCTA's contract with the school district runs through the end of the coming school year.

-Charles Wiff

BC supervisor wins statewide award

Bethlehem Central's Nick Petraccione has been named the Outstanding Social Studies Supervisor of the Year across the state by his colleagues in two statewide organizations for social studies education.

He received the award in mid-March at the annual conference of the New York State Council for the Social Studies and the New York State Social Studies Supervisors Association in Rochester.

The award is given annually to a supervisor or chairperson who has demonstrated outstanding social studies supervision at the elementary and/or secondary level. The requirements for

the recognition include remaining abreast of new developments in social studies; incorporating innovative and effective supervisory techniques; displaying a commitment to excellence in social studies education; and fostering professional growth.

Petraccione's nomination for the award was bolstered by eight letters of recommendation from BC teachers in his department and district supervisors and administrators.

"He is a visible leader, both to the classroom teacher and to the administration, and works collaboratively with staff to improve teaching and learning," BCMS Principal Sandra Morley



Nick Petraccione

wrote in her letter on behalf of Petraccione. "I have found that he provokes thought and action from his staff and then works diligently to support new ideas and approaches to teaching by those working directly with students."



WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono



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AVERAGE HIGH 51°	AVERAGE LOW 31°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, March 30	86°/1986	7°/1970
Thursday, March 31	89°/1998	12°/1923
Friday, April 1	77°/1986	9°/1923
Saturday, April 2	77°/2010	17°/1964
Sunday, April 3	79°/1981	16°/1954
Monday, April 4	79°/1950	14°/1954
Tuesday, April 5	82°/1928	15°/1982

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This week in weather

April 5th 1982 - An unprecedented April blizzard began in the Northeast. One to two feet of snow fell across Massachusetts and Connecticut and up to 26 inches in Maine. New York City received 10 inches, Boston 13 inches and Albany recorded 17.3 inches from the storm.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:41am	7:19pm
Thursday	6:40am	7:20pm
Friday	6:38am	7:21pm
Saturday	6:36am	7:22pm
Sunday	6:34am	7:23pm
Monday	6:33am	7:24pm
Tuesday	6:31am	7:25pm

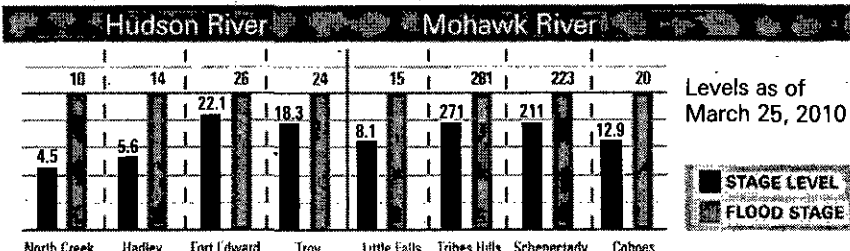
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Venus	Dawn	Low ESE
Jupiter	Dusk	V Low W
Mercury	Dusk	V Low W

Rivers & Recreation

River Levels



Factoid

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

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	2:43am, 3:06pm	9:11am, 9:40pm
Thursday	3:35am, 3:56pm	10:03am, 10:27pm
Friday	4:22am, 4:41pm	10:52am, 11:12pm
Saturday	5:06am, 5:24pm	11:39am, 11:55pm
Sunday	5:46am, 6:04pm	-----, 12:24pm
Monday	6:24am, 6:41pm	12:36am, 1:08pm
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Police blotter

Multiple drug charges follow Thruway stop

State police on Sunday, March 27, arrested two on drug charges following a traffic stop on the Thruway.



Michael J. Rumrill



Erica C. Melendez

Troopers at about 1:49 a.m. pulled over a car for traffic violations in the Town of Coeymans and allegedly found the driver, Michael J. Rumrill, 47, of St. Andrews Drive in Clifton Park, to be in possession of hypodermic needles, a misdemeanor crime. His passenger, Erica C. Melendez, 23, of Chrisler Avenue, Schenectady, was allegedly in possession of several "glassine envelopes" containing heroin. She was charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third degree and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the fourth degree, both felonies.

Melendez was remanded to the Albany County jail on \$25,000 bail with a court date of March 31, and Rumrill was released with an appearance ticket.

Other arrests

The Bethlehem Police Department on Monday, March 21, at about 9:50 a.m., arrested Brian Jeffrey Fryer, 33, of 25 Orchard Street, Delmar, and charged him with criminal contempt in the first degree, a felony, harassment in the second degree and petit larceny.

Fryer turned himself in at the police station on an arrest warrant, according to police. He was arraigned

and remanded to the Albany County jail on \$1,500 bail. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for March 25.

A total of 10 people visiting inmates at the Albany County jail recently ended up on the wrong side of the law themselves as a result.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office announced said that on Thursday, March 24, the department conducted checks on 297 visitors to the facility as part of an effort to prevent the introduction of contraband.

Of those checked, two were arrested on outstanding warrants; one was arrested on weapons charges; one was arrested on drug charges; and six were arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation or other traffic law infractions.

Among those arrested were Jennifer Kelley, 30, of Schenectady, for criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly being found in possession of an electronic stun gun. She was issued an appearance ticket.

Faqir Rasul, 20, of Albany, was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance and obstructing government administration. He was

also issued an appearance ticket, and is also out on \$75,000 bail from a prior drug arrest.

Cheryl L. Kirk, 31, of Schenectady was arrested on Thursday, March 17, by Colonie police, after a representative from the Capital Communications Federal Credit Union, located on 341 Karner Road, contacted police and said a 50-year-old female customer was believed to be a victim of grand larceny.

An investigation revealed that Kirk lived with the victim and assisted her in her daily life, allegedly making it easy for her to have access to the victim's ATM card, checkbook and PIN number.

Kirk is accused of taking about \$60,000 over the past six months from the woman, who is disabled and blind.

The money was allegedly used to fund Kirk's cocaine habit.

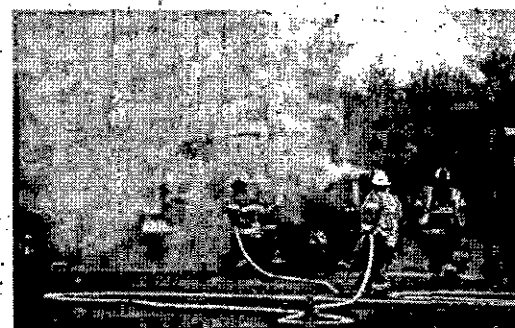
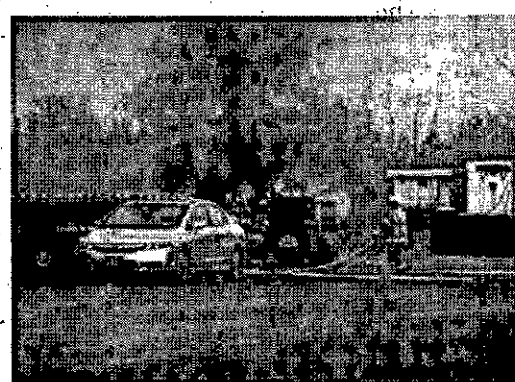
Kirk was charged with grand larceny in the second degree and identity theft in the first degree, both felonies. She was arraigned in the Colonie Justice Court and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility in lieu of a \$25,000 bail.



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The Selkirk Fire Department responded to a truck fire around 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at Frick Trucking on Maple Avenue in Selkirk. Upon arrival at the scene, they found a 1999 Peterbilt Tractor fully engulfed. The truck was destroyed, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation, but appears it may have been electrical.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

School decision can be a teaching moment

Bricks and mortar do not memories make. Saying so discounts the significant impact that we — people — have on giving buildings or any other inanimate objects “soul” or “history” or “spirit.”

Throughout the Capital District, school boards are faced with tough financial choices, the most emotionally charged of which has to be the decision to close a school.

Those against a school closure will tell you that memories and character are made by, and housed in, these buildings. They are wrong. The memories we have and the character they influence are made by actions and housed in the people responsible for them.

Likewise, the actions taken by those who are so emotionally attached to an issue that they would let fact and reason fly to the wind are affecting the characters of the children they so hope to preserve by keeping the schools open.

Now there are those against school closures that do stick to the facts, but those that don't are teaching our children that a passionate emotional attachment is enough of a reason to bend the truth, ignore facts and embrace irrationality.

In the case of Clarksville Elementary, we have heard that the Bethlehem Central School District will lose the land if the school is closed. They will not. A copy of the original deed can be found attached to the facilities report on the district's website. It contains no such restrictions.

We have heard the 200 students displaced by Clarksville's closure would still require the same number of educators and staff, and result in little savings, outside of the principal and school nurse. We can only suppose that this argument assumes Clarksville's students would be sequestered in the same size classes as they are now, instead of being integrated into existing classrooms. Outside of that, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

We have heard — time and again — that the parents and children of Clarksville are considered “second-class citizens” whose needs take a backseat to the wants of the rest of the district.

If this were true, then someone should teach the members of the school board and Superintendent Michael Tebbano the meaning of the word “ostracized” because we're pretty sure that integrating Clarksville's students into schools where they will have fewer combination classes, more exposure to peers and an overall better learning experience doesn't quite fit that bill.

The school district has an unenviable, difficult decision to make, and we hope they employ every ounce of reason, integrity and responsibility when they make it.

Parents, too, have a difficult decision to make:

Teach your children to fight and fear change, or teach them that *how* we handle life's adversities, not *where* we handle them, is the true foundation of character.

Editorial

Ferns play an important role in almost any ecosystem

By SUSAN PEZZOLLA

The writer is a community educator for horticulture with the Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Ferns have been around a long time. Fossil evidence links them to an early Carboniferous period, a time when Mother Nature was the only garden designer. In recent times gardeners have used ferns to help replicate woodland settings and naturalized areas.

Ferns are found over much of the earth except for areas of arctic or desert; they are masters of survival in marginal areas where flowering plants have limited success. There are ferns that favor moist, shady areas, as well as those who thrive in dry desert rock faces, mountain elevations, open fields and bodies of water. Some have strict pH requirements, like the acid-loving climbing fern of eastern North America, *Lygodium*. Many prefer the acid nature of the bogs and swamps of wetland environments and others depend on fungal relationships with mycorrhizal fungi. Each has a story, a part in the ecosystem.

Classified in the phylum (division) Pteridophyta, a fern is any one of the group of about 20,000 species of plants. The main characteristic of this group is that they are seedless, thus lacking flowers. Ferns have stems and often underground creeping rhizomes or above-the-ground creeping stolons. Fern leaves are often called fronds and they uncurl by expanding a tight spiral called a fiddlehead. There are three types of leaves: trophophylls that do not produce spores but do produce sugars by photosynthesis; sporophylls that do produce spores and are more like the scales of pine cones; and brophophylls that do produce large amounts of spores. The roots are fibrous and structurally similar to the roots of seed plants.

The economic importance

of ferns is not as great as seed plants, but they do have value other than floral and landscape use. An epicurean delight, fiddleheads are valued by many as a springtime delicacy, and the leaves of cinnamon and ostrich ferns are used as food by tropical peoples. The fossil fuel coal is the highly compressed remains of



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plants, including ferns.

Ferns have some medicinal value as an ingredient in medicines that treat cuts or they can be used as bandages if you are out in the wilderness. Ferns have been found to have the ability to remove heavy metals from soil, especially arsenic. Some ferns are considered to be weeds, such as the Japanese climbing fern, the mosquito fern and the sensitive fern, but the Giant water fern (*Salvinia molesta*) is a world-wide aquatic pest.

Fern depictions are a part of botanical art, and the Victorians were especially keen on collecting all things fern, so much so that the term “Pteridomania” was coined to describe the craze. Fern motifs appeared everywhere during this era and have been found adorning christening gifts, pottery, textiles, paper and gravestones — literally from cradle to grave the Victorians loved their ferns! They were also the first ones to enjoy growing ferns indoors in “Wardian cases” an oversized terrarium of sorts that would maintain the necessary humidity for the ferns in a highly decorative container.

There are many plants that are called ferns but they are not true ferns. “Asparagus fern” is a good example of this as it is a member of the asparagus family and is a flowering plant. The “Air fern” is actually the skeleton of a group of aquatic animals called hydrozoan

that are related to corals and jellyfish. They are harvested and dried and then dyed green and sold as a fern-like plant that can “live on air.”

If you are interested in using ferns in your New York State landscape, here is a list of those ferns that will grow well:

Adiantum pedatum (northern maidenhair fern)

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Closing Clarksville not the answer to financial problems

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The more Board of Education meetings I attend, the less I believe that no decision has been made in regards to closing Clarksville. What I do not understand is why.

Closing Clarksville will not save a lot of money. At most, it will save less than 1 percent of the budget the first year, and that is only if the district has provided accurate numbers, which is doubtful.

So if closing a school will not save the taxpayers a lot of money, why is it being considered? How can the district justify closing an excellent school to cut

less than 1 percent from the budget for one year?

I hope that I am mistaken, and that the school board members will realize that closing Clarksville is not the answer to the district's financial problems.

District wide budget shortfalls should be eliminated with district wide cuts, not by targeting one school for closure, especially when closing a school will make such a small difference in the budget and such a big difference to the students and the community.

Ellen Schwartz
Clarksville

Public forum cuts short the public

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

At the latest public forum in Bethlehem, held at the Middle School on March 21, at least a dozen people were not allowed to speak about their opinions on Clarksville School's

potential closing.

They had been standing in line at the microphones, waiting their turns, when a voice at one of the tech stations softly said "It's 8:59." Immediately, the meeting was called "finished."

The Board President and the Superintendent immediately left the room. Other board members moved out more slowly. Left at each microphone were three or four people.

At the previous forum, as it approached nine o'clock, the administration asked if the audience wanted to continue, and that they would stay as long as there were speakers. That meeting ended shortly after nine o'clock. At this forum, it began with the Superintendent speaking for fifteen minutes on things that were on the website, and then the

President of the Board spoke for another five minutes.

Of the one hundred twenty minutes devoted to public forum, twenty was used by the administration. I already spoiled the surprise ending by telling it first.

How will we know what new information might have been shared by the dozen or so speakers whose right to speak at a public forum was taken away? Whether they were speaking on keeping Clarksville open or voicing an opposite opinion, they had a right to be heard by the Board of Education and the Superintendent. Since no "rules" were announced at the beginning of the evening, everyone had expected to have a turn speaking.

Marie F. Hornick
Clarksville

Clarksville would be an irreplaceable loss

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

For Clarksville residents, the recent School Board budget hearing was most disheartening. Having heard and absorbed the many comments, I wish to share some additional thoughts with the Board and the community. Those whose children attend Clarksville but did not object to its closing live in the rapidly growing developments near Delmar. They would not be negatively impacted. All who live in or nearer to the village will be.

We were told that closing the Clarksville School would affect the least families in the district. Unfortunately, the effect on those families would be disproportionate. Certainly change would be irritating or an inconvenience to residents of other schools but, for this community, it would be a devastating blow. There is no other school in the district that is so important to the heart of its community.

We were told that when the population increases again, as it certainly

will, the school could be reopened. That's most unlikely. Without a school already present, few parents of young children will want to move here. We might permanently lose the younger generations in this unique and historic hamlet. Consequently, there would be few elementary aged children needing a school. That's mainly because transporting young children to Delmar is problematic.

In Bethlehem, buses can roll into the neighborhoods and gather the children quickly. That's not the case here. Many of our children are outside the village, at the end of rural lanes or the curvy, steep roads of Heldeberg hills. The buses have far to go and in bad weather can't go at all, requiring four wheel drive vehicles. This makes for a long journey.

When my children were in high school, they were the first in the district to board the bus at 6:35 a.m., sometimes in the dark. Now, my middle school grandchild meets his at 7:15. Having to travel a bit farther is not a problem

for the older children. It would be a problem for my 6-year-old granddaughter.

My husband and I lived many years in Delmar before moving to Clarksville. Elementary schools in Bethlehem are under pressure to be the best. Involved parents check each status report to see who's on top and the newspapers to see which school projects receive the most accolades. Principals are aware and sometimes make decisions that enhance the school but not necessarily all of the children.

Teachers also feel the pressure, which sometimes causes them to become defensive. These are tensions we did not find at Clarksville. Here, children who were interested in various programs were allowed to participate. They did not need to be among the gifted to take part so as to enhance school reputation. We found staff and teachers were more relaxed and more able to focus on each individual student — in fact as well as theory. The atmosphere was wonderful.

I do believe Clarksville, that has for too long been the step-child of the Bethlehem system, is actually the best school in the system. It will be an irreplaceable loss.

Phyllis Braga
Clarksville

CORRECTION

On the letters page of the March 23 edition, the headline "Close Clarksville for the sake of its students" was erroneous. Although the letter writer outlined opportunities for improvement within the school should it remain open, she did not advocate for its closure.

The Spotlight regrets the error.

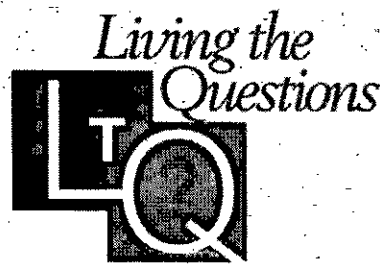
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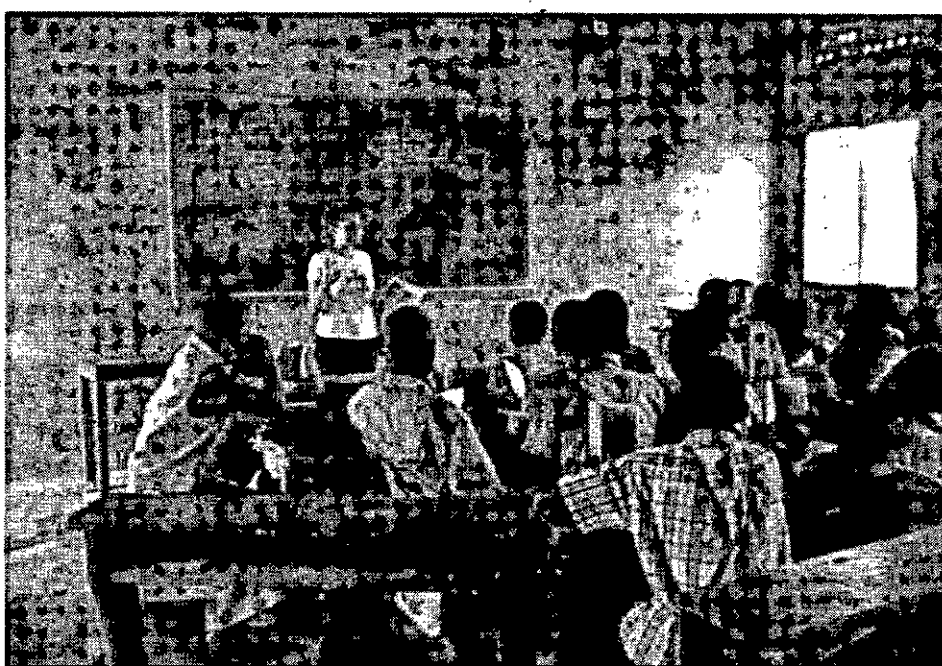
By CHARLES WIFF
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With budget reviews and layoffs dominating the headlines, it can be easy to lose perspective on what one has.

A mother-daughter team from Bethlehem recently saw in stark terms the differences in life here and elsewhere during an expedition to the African country of Uganda. Along with other members of the local group Engeye, Theresa and Sara Weinman spent 15 days in the Village of Ddegeya, working in a medical clinic, teaching schoolchildren and planning how they can help provide a better future for the next generation a half-world away.

For Sara, 16, it was her school vacation. For her mother, it was her second trip as a member of Engeye Scholars, which sponsors the education of the poorest Ugandan children. Getting to the village cost thousands of dollars out of their own pockets, 24 hours of travel and the hardships of primitive living, but they're already planning the next trip.

"I fell in love with the kids in the village, I don't think it's possible not



BC High School student Sara Weinman, 16, recently traveled with her mother and others on a humanitarian expedition to the African country of Uganda. There, she worked in a clinic run by the group Engeye and visited local schools, even teaching a few English and math lessons.

Submitted photo

to go back," said Sara Weinman.

Sara has been fundraising locally for about a year-and-a-half now, ever since becoming a co-founder of Engeye Teen Connection, a small but dedicated group of Capital District youth. She's the first of that group to visit Uganda, though co-founder Brian Hickey is planning to make a journey as well.

One of her goals for the visit to Ddegeya was to find a worthy cause for the funds ETC is raising. Though there are certainly no shortages of hardships in the country, the lack of

educational opportunities really struck her. She taught math and English classes at the Engeye afternoon tutoring program and also visited St. Gertrude's, where Union College students have also been doing work.

In Uganda, students must pass a test to proceed on to the secondary (middle school) level. At St. Gertrude's, no students pass and thus effectively have their life opportunities cut down to a very short list. A big part of the problem is a lack of resources for teachers, who don't have access to textbooks or even chalk.

"Most kids in Uganda might go to school, but they'll never touch a book," Sara Weinman said.

She aims to change that and to provide teachers with materials so they can

teach the entrance exams, and also hopes a local school here might be able to forge a partnership with St. Gertrude's.

Sara Weinman knows the value of a personal connection to a land so far away. She's been sponsoring Wilbur through the Engeye Scholars program and was finally able to meet him in person.

Though Engeye has a large focus on education, it has many other missions in Uganda. The expedition the Weinmans took part in was in large part running the Engeye village clinic, which is basically the only medical facility available to thousands of locals. Sara Weinman also spent a few days there in her first days in country, when she and several other travelers became ill.

That experience helped

her adjust to the simple conditions in Ddegeya, however, where there was no electricity or running water.

"I got sick here, and I'm fine," Sara said she told herself. "These people have to deal with it all the time, so I can deal with it for 15 days."

Dealing with limited water supplies, rats, primitive toilets and showers consisting of a cup of rain water was still quite the experience, though.

"Not having clean water always next to you, that was really weird to get used to," she said.

In fact, one of Engeye's newest goals is to raise money to fix wells in the area. Some people have to walk for miles to get fresh water.

The country was also in the midst of elections when they arrived.

"It was definitely a little stressful with the elections going on. We saw a very heavy police presence throughout our trip," said Theresa Weinman. "In the village we spent the majority of our time, there's no electricity. You're a million miles away, there's no news, and they just live their life."

Back stateside, Sara Weinman has shared her experience with the Journey United Methodist Church and is also slated to speak with students at Hamagrael Elementary School and St. Thomas, with other engagements in the works.

To learn more about Engeye or make a donation to their newest educational efforts, visit www.engeyescholars.org.

Developer changes direction

Delmar Pointe project changing from condos to townhomes

A developer who had been working on bringing condominiums to western Delmar has changed gears to take a stab at building townhomes.

Viscusi Builders will follow in the footsteps of several other housing projects and make the change after proposing 64 condo units in 2008. The market for that type of housing has dried up in recent years, said Luigi Paleschi of ABD Engineers and Surveyors.

"We withdrew the application because of the economic times," he said. "Townhomes are a better market."

There would be a total of 46 townhome units in the Delmar Pointe project, in buildings consisting of two units each. There would be a mix of two- and three-bedroom designs and one- and two-floor setups, all with front-facing garages. These types of homes generally attract empty nesters and other residents without school-aged children, Paleschi said.

The project site is west of Bethlehem Central High School, across Delaware Avenue. The land is now zoned residential, so the developer is looking to the town to approve a planned development district.

The Town Board on Wednesday, March 23, passed the designs along to the Planning Board for a review. That body will issue a recommendation back to the Town Board, which must approve rezonings.

The board voted 4-1 to forward the application, with Councilman Mark Hennessey dissenting. He said he has concerns about introducing dense housing to this area, and said 46 units is double what would be allowed on a parcel this size under the current zoning.

"I don't believe that the PDD is maybe the best vehicle for development," he said.

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Verizon brings FiOS to region

Company spurs cable competition in communities

By JOHN PURCELL
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Verizon plans on attracting more than just cellular customers in the Capital District with its dive into television services.

Residents and businesses in the towns of Bethlehem and Guilderland and the villages of Colonie and Scotia can now sign up for Verizon's FiOS offerings of TV, Internet and voice services after the unveiling on Friday, March 25. Verizon representatives said the company's all-fiber-optic connection would provide consumers with unparalleled picture quality for TV programming and an Internet download speed to match. Verizon plans to take on the largest cable service provider, Time Warner, but didn't call it out by name, only giving an obvious nod.

"Starting today we are bringing FiOS TV to the Capital District," said Sam Caldwell, vice president of external affairs for Verizon. "The stranglehold that the cable companies have enjoyed in the cable TV space is over."

In addition to the four municipalities mentioned, the New York State Public Service Commission is reviewing a franchise agreement for the City of Schenectady. The Town of Colonie's franchise agreement is also under review by the NYSPSC

after town officials approved the contract on Thursday, March 24. Verizon spokesman John Bonomo said the all-fiber-optic connection is how it can achieve its claims of better picture quality.

"With more towns and villages expected to come on board soon, Verizon FiOS will transform the landscape from cable TV service for years to come," said Tracey Edwards, region president for Verizon.

The company has spent more than \$1 billion on infrastructure investments in the region. FiOS is currently available to 23,000 people, with residents of Schenectady and Colonie to add 38,000 additional potential customers.

No specifics were given as to what communities Verizon plans to expand its FiOS TV to, but the pattern of deployment tends to branch off from surrounding communities with the service. Once a franchise agreement is approved, Verizon has five years to deploy the infrastructure to meet demands from all residents in the area. Before reaching out for an agreement locally, it starts building out into the prospective community.

"It is a very, very labor-intensive and capital-intensive initiative to deploy fiber optics to every home and every business location, every doorstep essentially in the area," said Caldwell. "We are constantly looking for other opportunities ... for those that don't

have access to FiOS today, we can certainly offer them voice service and Internet service at very high speeds."

Similar to Time Warner's bundle deal, Verizon is offering a TV, Internet and phone package for \$99.99 a month for the first year. New DVR boxes from the company provide 500 GB of storage space, which equals 60 hours of recorded HD programming or 300 hours of standard definition. There are also over 30 "FiOS Widgets," which provide access to many popular social networking sites and online videos.

"Everything that competition brings with it ... is something we know customers are going to welcome," said Caldwell. "We received innumerable questions from customers as to when FiOS TV is going to be here and we couldn't be more excited to say that in fact it is here."

A demo of the FiOS offerings by Al Vasso, manager of marketing for Verizon, showed the menu guide that can be used as full screen or half-screen. Channels are clustered together by groups and color coded in the menu. Vasso said customer feedback about the program search menu has been positive.

"Flex View" programming allows customers to rent or buy movies from their TVs, with 19,000 videos in the service, 70 percent of which are free to view. There are 3,300 videos in HD. Flex view purchases

also allow customers to view content on their mobile devices and computers.

"When Verizon enters the market, it is proven the service experience goes up, and that is something we are excited about. Pricing is likely to come down and that is something we know customers are going to be excited about," said Caldwell.

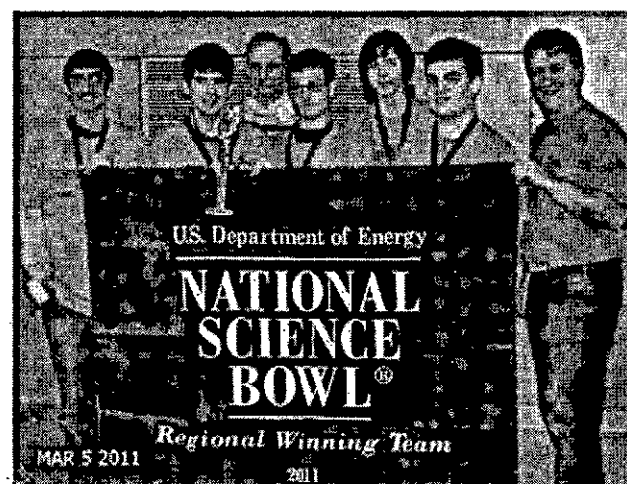
Mark Eagan, president and CEO of Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, spoke at the unveiling and said the Capital Region has become an emerging technology sector and is now recognized as such. He commended Verizon for spending \$1 billion in fiber optic infrastructure.

"For so many of our residents, they have not had a choice, and we know that choice, not just in offerings, but also what it does to cost ... it is terrific for the Capital Region to now have that choice," said Eagan.

With the technology available through Verizon FiOS, Eagan said he is glad he has children to help him out.

"Thank God I have a 9- and 11-year-old at my house that will be able to help me figure all of this out," said Eagan.

Science success



The Bethlehem Central High School Science Bowl Team captured the regional Science Bowl championship at the GE Global Research Center in Niskayuna on March 5, and will again move on to the national competition in Washington D.C. this spring. BCHS went undefeated in 12 matches in the regional tournament, which was hosted by GE and Knoll's Atomic Power Lab. Team members are Gurtej Kanwar, Mike Clawar, Austin Mayron, Colin Nicotina, Ray Futia and coach and BCHS biology teacher Paul O'Reilly. Science Bowl is a competition like College Bowl but with questions only on science. The BCHS team will be one of 60 from around the country competing in the National Science Bowl in Washington D.C. from April 28 through May 3. The trip will be paid for by the federal Department of Energy.

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Boy

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for what he said was a "reasonable price."

"I started to shake," he said. "We really didn't have the money to buy this car — it would've been stupid."

But he emailed the seller anyway, sort of half-hearted, and sent the link to Desaree.

"I knew it was a very good price," she said. "But my first reaction was 'No, absolutely not.' But then I thought of how important this car is to him and how it really helped him during his childhood."

See, "The Dukes of Hazzard" and its world of fast cars, and the General Lee in particular, always held a place in Matt's heart, helping him during difficult times in his early years.

"We had a rough childhood," Matt said of himself and his five siblings. "That show was always a kind of escape for me."

Matt grew up in a rundown housing complex in the City of Rensselaer. His mother worked nonstop to support her six kids, said Matt, and the going was tough. His father, a hard-drinking former Marine, was rarely around, and when he was

... well, Matt said, let's just say that the fictional world of "The Dukes of Hazzard" was a better alternative to the Ogren household.

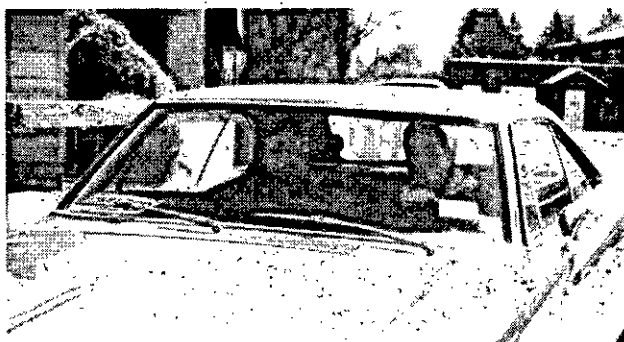
"Every week I knew I could escape into that world," he said. "And when they were driving the General Lee around that tree at the end of every show, well, I'd get a little depressed knowing I had to come back to the real world."

And though the TV show was canceled in 1985, Matt's love of cars wasn't.

"I had a lot of toy cars at my house for when he came over. He would race them along the sill of this big, double window," said his grandmother, Frances Camponeschi of Delmar. The two were very close during Matt's childhood, and they would play with two Matchbox Corvettes, in particular.

"And one day I told him, 'Matthew, if I ever have a lot of money, I'm going to buy you a real Corvette,'" said Frances.

Years passed, and though Matt's desire for a Corvette never waned, neither he nor his grandmother was in a position to buy one. When he was well past driving age, and it looked like they would never even ride in one, Frances suggested they rent one to drive



Matt and Desaree Ogren sit in Matt's 1970 Dodge Charger General Lee replica.

around in for a night.

After finding out that renting one wasn't all that cheap, either, he stumbled on a 1975 Vette for sale at a price he could afford — if he scraped together just about everything he had.

He did, and he surprised his grandmother with it at a family dinner.

"I was shocked," she said. "My God, I'm almost crying right now just thinking about it."

She pulled Matt aside and insisted on paying for the car. "I said, 'This has to be my gift. This was a dream come true for me.' When they were kids, they never had much, and certainly never anything big," said Frances of her grandchildren. "Anything Matthew ever had, he had to work so hard for."

And a few years later, there Matt was, emailing a stranger with hopes of buying his dream car. The

William R. DeVoe/Spotlight
General Lee.

A day went by with no response from the seller.

"I went from being so excited to so depressed," he said. "But it was nice to imagine that I at least had a chance at the car."

He didn't need to imagine any longer. The following day, the seller responded. A price was agreed on and two days later, Matt brought a trailer out to Utica to pick up The General.

The trip wasn't without fanfare. On the way back to Slingerlands, an axel on Matt's truck seized and they had to call a tow truck for the truck and newly bought car. While they were waiting, a state trooper pulled up.

"The first words out of his mouth were, 'Do you want me to call Cooter?'" said Matt, referring to the mechanic on the "The Dukes of Hazzard." And, of course, when the tow

truck driver showed up, not only did he have to have his picture taken with the General Lee, but he had to bring it back to his shop in Amsterdam because his boss didn't believe he was towing the iconic car.

That night, after a long drive back from Utica and a fair amount of showing the car off to friends and family, Matt wondered about the fortune of finding his dream car at a price he could afford.

"What does it all mean?" he asked Desaree.

"What this means," she said, "is that we're going to get married now."

And on Jan. 7 of this year, they did just that. The ceremony and reception were small, just the way they wanted. And though the General Lee precipitated the whole thing, it was nowhere in sight.

As for Frances, Matt takes her to cruise-ins at Tasee Treat on New Scotland Road now and again ... in the '75 Corvette, of course.

"What a treat that is," said Frances. "It's a beautiful hobby, and these cars have brought Matt and Desaree so much joy."

"I'm so glad that God has let me live this long to see Matthew enjoy these things," said Frances, who will turn 85 this spring.

"My grandchildren have given me my life."

And when she "gets down low," as she puts it, she said she thinks about the \$5,300 she spent on a decades-old Corvette.

"What God has given me in life no money could ever buy."

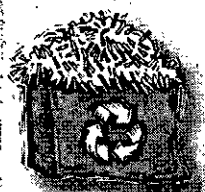
And when Matt gets low, he thinks of the joy he brings people when they see him driving that piece of nostalgia from their childhood or hear the trademark bars of "Dixie" when he taps the car's horn.

He shares the car through events with the Flatbedders Car Club in Castleton, or just stopping to get a coffee on Delaware Avenue with fellow Flatbedder and Delmartian Keith Humphrey. He pays it forward with every cruise-in and car meet, and everywhere he goes, he says, someone asks about the car, and every time they leave with a smile on their face.

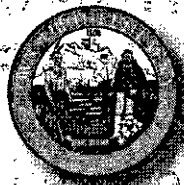
"It's become therapeutic," he said. "It's beyond lucky; it's been a blessing."

And now that the couple is married, and Desaree has her ring and Matt his General Lee, are kids on the horizon?

"I'd probably have to buy him a Porsche," said Desaree.



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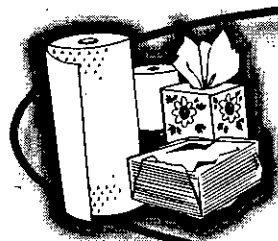


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Library director retiring

After 17 years at the helm, Bethlehem Public Library director Nancy Pieri will retire at the end of April.

Pieri shepherded implementation and development of the library's Internet services, presided over a successful building renovation and parking lot expansion, facilitated landscape improvements that accommodate memorial benches and beautiful gardens, and guided the library's challenging move to Civil Service status.

Pieri has developed a strategic plan that will ensure the library's forward momentum for several years.

A search is now under way for her replacement—and her shoes will not be easy to fill. "I am very fortunate to have been part of this fine organization," she said, "but now it's time to give a new generation an opportunity to grow this library even more."

Trustees and staff offer their heartfelt thanks for a job well done and wish her the very best.

Community read

Join a discussion about the work of Henry James on Sunday, April



Retiring Bethlehem Public Library director Nancy Pieri has continually urged her staff to look for ways to provide up-to-date, relevant library service to the Bethlehem community.

Mary Trev Thomas/Submitted photo



3, beginning at 2 p.m. Mary Valentis of UAlbany will facilitate a discussion of James' novella "The Turn of the Screw." The program will be followed at 3 p.m. by a screening of the 1961 classic "The Innocents" (NR)—the chilling film adaptation of that book.

This program is part of a James family celebration funded by a NYCH grant to the UAlbany Foundation and the university's Center for Humanities, Arts and TechnoSciences.

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.

Library to host storytellers

The Riverway Storytelling Festival comes to the Guilderland Public Library on Friday, April 8. Here are all the details you need. Please bear in mind that all events are ticketed.

•Paper Stays Put

Stories in books and stories shared orally—both are valuable and both have places in libraries and classrooms. When (and how) do stories move from the oral tradition of storytelling to the printed page? Find out in this



storytelling workshop that starts at 1:30 pm—you need tickets!—featuring storytellers and authors Joe and Jesse Bruchac. They explore the challenges of translating oral language to written language, drawing from their own experiences of creating books from stories in the American Indian tradition. For librarians, teachers, and

tellers of all levels.

Purchase tickets for this specific Riverway Storytelling Workshop through the Upper Hudson Library System at 437-9880.

•Ghost Story Night

Family ghost stories: "Things That Go Bump in the Night" happens from 7 pm to 8 pm, and features some favorite

tales for families who like ... a little fright ... in their night. Obtain tickets at the GPL Youth Services desk.

Edgy & scary ghost stories: "Tales to Take You to the Edge" is the evening's capper, starting at 8:30 pm and going all the way to 10 pm—when the Library's lights are out—and it provides ghost stories for teens and adults, guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seats... Obtain tickets at the GPL Youth Services desk.

Classical concert to feature quartet

It's in the air—music and spring! The Willow String Quartet will be playing the music with ethereal elegance at our annual classical concert in the library community room on April 10 at 2 p.m.

The quartet is comprised of Susan Lander (violin/viola), Kathy Kinisky (violin/viola), Marla Bracco (violin), and Marly Ann Dunn (cello), all local



freelance musicians and teachers whose orchestral experience includes the Albany, Glens Falls and Schenectady Symphony Orchestras. They hold degrees from The Peabody Conservatory of Music and Boston University College of Fine Arts. This year the concert is a family friendly event in two parts.

The first half will consist of lighter material. After the intermission, the full string quartet will heighten the intensity of the music. Children are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served courtesy of our Library Friends.

Spring tales

Join us to laugh together, share a poignant moment, and surely recognize ourselves in

the stories told at "A Spring Bouquet of Tales" at VPL on Wednesday, April 6, at 1:30 p.m. The free performance, geared for adults, is part of the 9th annual Riverway Storytelling Festival.

Barbara Vink

•The Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2791.

Board OKs shorter terms for library trustees

Just in time for the 2011 referendum, the Board of Regents has approved the Library Board's request to change the length of Trustee terms from five years to three years.

This year, two three-year terms and two two-year

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terms are on the ballot. The three-year terms will go to the candidates with the highest number

of votes. Nominating petitions are available at the Library and at the website. Nominations this year require 37 signatures of residents registered to vote in the RCS school district. Completed petitions must be returned

to the Library by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 15.

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Movie of the month

April's movie of the month, "Cold Mountain," will be shown Thursday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. in the Town Hall Courtroom.

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Senior assistance

On the third Thursday of each month, representatives are in Town Hall to assist seniors with the following:

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Monday, April 11

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Osteobusters
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness

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Tuesday, April 12

9 a.m. Osteobusters
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11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Veal Parmesan or Cold Plate
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Wednesday, April 13

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10:30 a.m. Osteobusters
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
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Thursday, April 14

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Osteobusters
9 a.m. Aerobics
9:45 a.m. Men's Trip to County Waste Recycling Plant
1 p.m. Mahjongg
1:15 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, April 15

Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10:30 a.m. Bridge
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A.A.R.P. tax counseling is available through April 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to be added to our wait list for appointments. Bring copies of your 2009 Federal and State returns, your 2010 W-2 and 1099 Forms and receipts for contributions, interest, medical bills and property/school taxes.

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Monday, April 4
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Tuesday, April 5

• 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, April 6

• The Senior Discussion Group will meet from 10:30 am to noon at the Town Hall, Room 107. Jane Sanders, LMSW, will lead a discussion on current news, events, human interest stories, and reminisces about the past. Transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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

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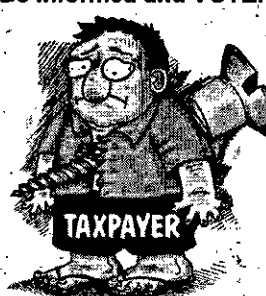
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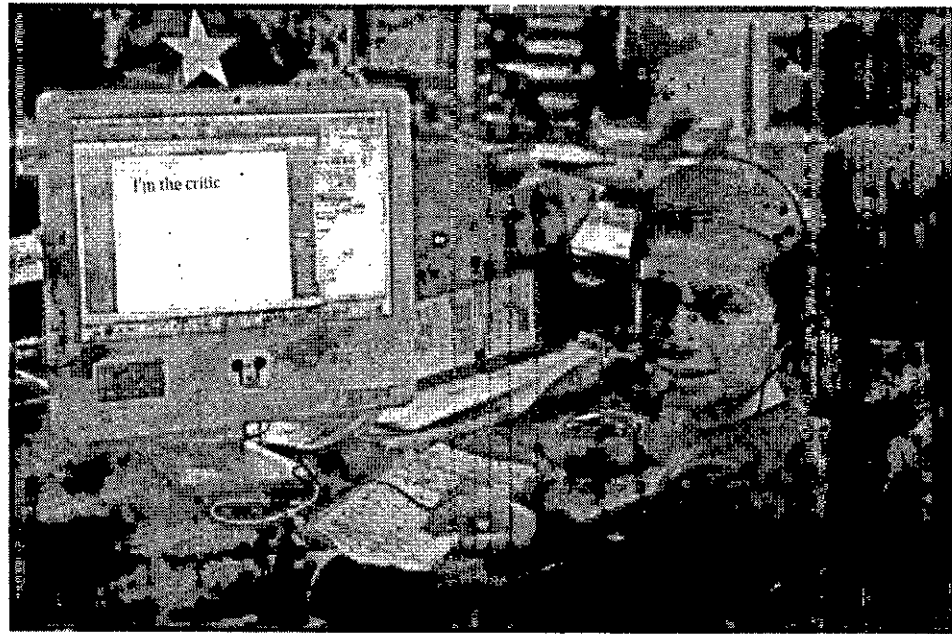
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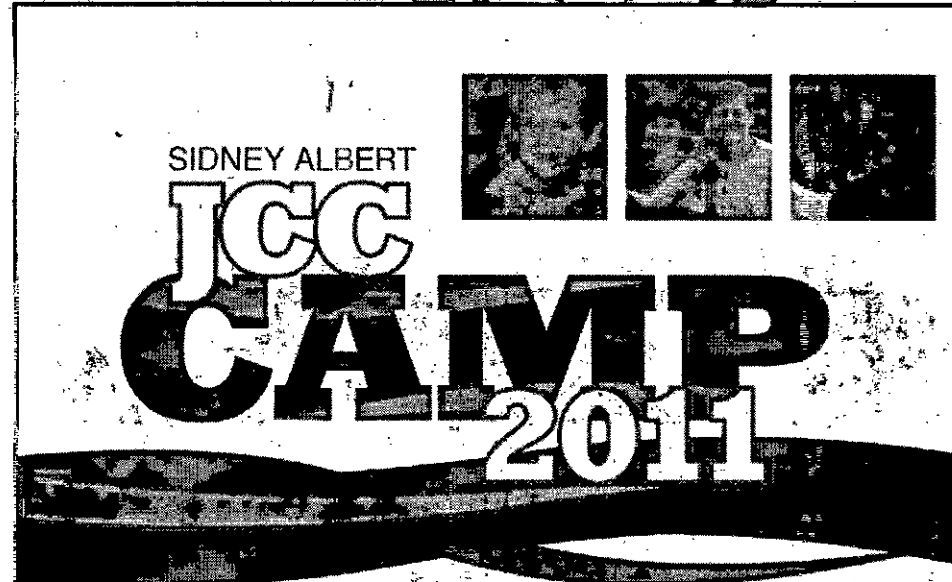
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Eli Horwitz, 7, won *The Spotlight's* contest to attend a performance of *Stories that Dance* at Proctors and submit a guest critique. He will also have a blog on spotlightnews.com. Horwitz said he's looking forward to seeing kids dance and will be looking for "the best dancers and good stories" to share with his readers. Thom O'Connor, marketing communications for Proctors, said he's excited about the venture and will be sending the review to his fellow publicists from theaters around the U.S.

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Meet *The Spotlight's* 'kid critic'

7-year-old will critique
'Stories that Dance' at Proctors

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Eli Horwitz has done a little bit of everything—sports, music, art, travel, scouting. But there's a couple things the second grader hasn't done yet that he'll soon be able to check off his list of accomplishments: critic and blogger.

Horwitz, 7, will be *The Spotlight's* new "Kid Critic." He won a contest to attend the show "Stories that Dance" at Proctors Theater in Schenectady on Thursday, March 31, and critique it for the newspaper. Besides boasting "neat handwriting" and good spelling, the Hebrew Academy student said he's eager to try his hand at something new.

"It sounded like a good opportunity to do, just get into it and start doing something that I haven't done before," said Horwitz. "I like to write and read."

"Stories that Dance" is a collaborative effort between Proctors, Northeast Ballet Company and students from three school classrooms around the Capital Region that tells the story of area youth through dance and drama.

Horwitz is no stranger to live performances, having attended plays and concerts throughout his young life, so he said he knows just what he'll look for while he's watching the show.

"The dancing is just so good, the songs and the talking. I just don't know how they get their lines memorized all perfectly," said Horwitz. "I'll be focusing on the best things; the people that danced good and the good stories."

Thom O'Connor, marketing communications for Proctors, said he wasn't sure who would enter for a chance to be a guest critic, but thinks Horwitz will do a great job.

"It's really kind of exciting to have people want to do this. I'm sure he'll bring a perspective to it that someone else could not," said O'Connor.

Besides live theater, Horwitz has plenty of other hobbies.

"I like sports a lot and my best sport is probably soccer. I like to watch basketball

and I'm on the basketball team, even though we lost all three games so far! I was on the swim team and played baseball," said Horwitz.

He likes drawing and reading outside of school, and even though he's a picky eater, he said his favorite food would probably be pizza. He takes piano lessons and can play the recorder. He's even a coast-to-coast traveler.

"I've been to two really great places. Florida—every year me and my nanny go there—and California where I went to Legoland," said Horwitz.

Horwitz isn't in the double digits yet but said he already knows what he wants to be when he grows up.

"I want to be a bartender because I'm good at mixing things together," said Horwitz, who said becoming a doctor is his backup plan, should bartending not work out.

In addition to attending a performance and being a guest critic, Horwitz will also have the opportunity to maintain a blog on spotlightnews.com. He said he thinks he'd like to write about sports.

Out of all the contests Horwitz has won (he recently was dubbed the "best dancer" at a Bar Mitzvah) his mother said this has been one of the best.

"Eli is a very good reader and writer and I think he would like to work at expressing himself in writing more and it would be a good experience for him," said Amy Horwitz.

He hasn't told his friends about his critic gig yet, but said "most likely I think they'll freak out" and will be happy for him.

And it's not only readers of *The Spotlight* and Horwitz's friends that will be reading his work. Publicists from theaters around the country will have their eyes on his critique.

"A lot of markets because of layoffs and things have a diminishing pool of reviewers and when I shared with them the proposed situation with *Spotlight* and Proctors, they were very interested, so I'm anxious to report back to them and send the review and tell them the first venture was a success," said O'Connor.

Check out future issues of *The Spotlight* for Horwitz's writing debut and visit spotlightnews.com to read his blog.

Clarksville Historical Society presents a show with 'hat-itude'

Bill Frueh and Nancy Scanlon will present a Hat Show on Wednesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at the Clarksville Community Church featuring hats throughout history, accompanied by traditional music of the period represented by each hat. Hats featured include the tri-corn, the cocked hat, the tar hat, a beaver-skin stovepipe hat, kapis and a cowboy hat among others.

Frueh, of Delmar, has been reenacting and playing historical music for 50 years. Having joined the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps in 1960, he soon learned that many of the tunes they played were songs with words. This produced a desire to research and perform songs of many historical periods, because many of the songs tell the stories of the lives of the people and what they were thinking and feeling. At the same time, Frueh was amassing a closet full of reenactor clothing from the 18th and 19th centuries, and enjoyed sharing his growing knowledge with the general public. Throughout his adult life, he has participated in historical reenactments, parades, and community events, including events attended by President Ronald Reagan and President George H. W. Bush. Bill also made an

appearance in "Sweet Liberty," a movie starring Alan Alda.

Scanlon, of East Berne, joined the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps in 1980, having recently relocated to the Capital District after graduating from Hartwick College. The seeds of love for the historic music were planted in her almost four years with the Village Volunteers, but family responsibilities and other interests caused a lengthy absence from the historic music. About four years ago, a mutual friend invited Scanlon to once again pick up the fife and introduced her to Frueh. Together, they have been playing historic music ever since, and will marry April 30.

One of the couple's favorite projects has been Sunday Music on the Porch of the Knox Historical Society museum. For this program, they have developed a number of special presentations with various themes. The upcoming presentation at Clarksville is one such program, tracing the country's history through its music and its hats. Many of the accompanying tunes are toe-tapping favorites, and many have repeating choruses, so the audience is encouraged to sing along.



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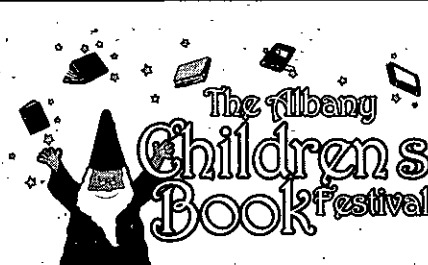
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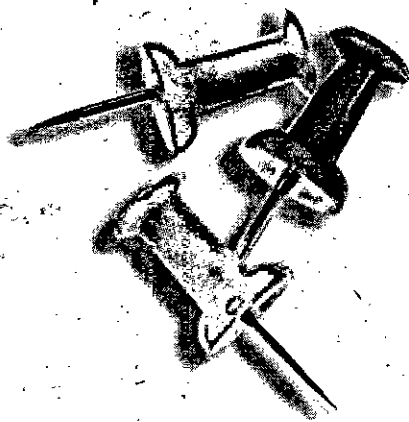
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Beverwyck Executive Director Doug Miller demonstrates the operation of a specialized tub in the The Eddy Village Green at Beverwyck, a brand-new skilled nursing facility in the "greenhouse" design. The facility is designed to shed the institutional feel of many nursing facilities.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Beverwyck addition attracts attention

The Eddy Village Green brings continuum of care full circle

By CHARLES WIFF
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After years in the making, a unique expansion to the Beverwyck retirement community has opened its doors to not only a waiting list but wide interest.

The Eddy Village Green at Beverwyck, consisting of two, 12-bed "greenhouse style" cottages, has quickly filled up half its space and will occupy the rest in the near future, said Beverwyck Executive Director Doug Miller. In fact, there were 54 applications for the 24 beds upon the facility's opening.

"We have had an overwhelming interest in this model, not only from our residents but from other providers," he said.

A documentary team recently visited Beverwyck to tour the Eddy Village Green, hoping to use it as a model for the changing landscape of elder care. In fact, the two cottages are some of the only

ones of their kind in the nation, and are on the forefront of what many consider to be the future of the skilled nursing care industry.

The greenhouse style of care is driven by some simple principles, all aimed at making the experience more homelike. It's in stark contrast to the institutional environment normally associated with nursing homes, where things are run like a hospital.

At the Eddy Village Green, the hallways are devoid of food carts, because the meals are prepared in an open kitchen and taken in the dining room. Extra linens are stored in patients' rooms. Nurses don't even need to push about carts to deliver medication, because each room has the resident's pills in a locked medicine cabinet just inside the door. The rooms themselves are "bigger" than normal (about 90 square feet) and have a fold-out recliner so family can sleep over if necessary.

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succeed in providing privacy and dignity," said Miller.

The building is appointed with the latest technology, from electronic entry systems to a wireless paging network, so there are no bells or lights going off. The kitchen is also modern and handsomely appointed, and serves as the center of the community space.

This is important, said social worker Caroline Curley, as seeing and smelling meals being prepared tends to stoke the appetite. Residents can even help out in the kitchen, if they're able.

"It really is the way the elderly should be cared for," she said.

Curley has 30 years of experience in the nursing industry, and said she came out of retirement to work in the new cottages because she was so excited about the innovative model. Residents have adjusted to the facility quickly, she said. Seniors moving into a skilled care facility generally take about three months to adjust, but at

the Eddy Village Green they're settling in in as little as three weeks.

This personalized care, technology and space does come at a premium. Beds at one of the cottages go for \$374 a day, higher than the industry nursing home standard. The tradeoff, said Miller, is an unprecedented level of comfort and security for the resident, better access for the family and overall happier seniors.

Importantly, the \$6 million Eddy Village Green rounds out the spectrum of care available at the North Bethlehem campus, where residents can progress needs dictate from independent apartment living to daily assisted living to the greenhouse skilled nursing facility. Families are less likely to have to look for another, potentially distant, facility down the line.

Beverwyck, which operates under the banner of Northeast Health, had originally had a very different vision for this skilled nursing component. In the late '80s, the plan was to build a 120-bed facility on the space. That institutional style of care, with five times as many residents as the Green, was and still is

the common denominator in the industry.

"That was the model then, in fact it was the minimum number of beds that would financially work," Miller said.

Perhaps the most definite drawback to the greenhouse-style model is that it is limited by design to serving only a handful of residents. Depending on the success of these two cottages, there could be more greenhouse-style housing in Beverwyck's future, though. Northeast's Cohoes facility has 192 such beds. Other potential future projects for the campus include an aquatics center.



An open, centralized kitchen is one key component of creating a homelike atmosphere for residents. Meals are taken communally in a dining room instead of being delivered to rooms. The Eddy Village Green consists of two, 12-bed cottages where residents receive around-the-clock care.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

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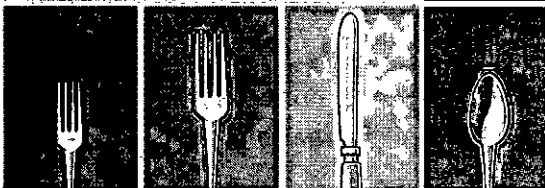
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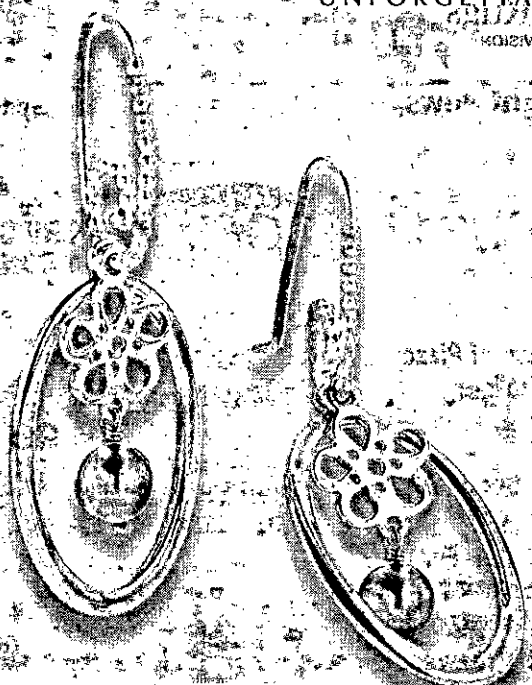
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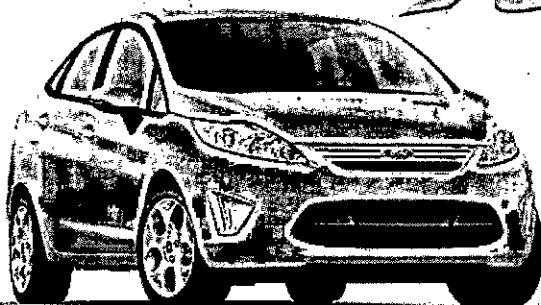
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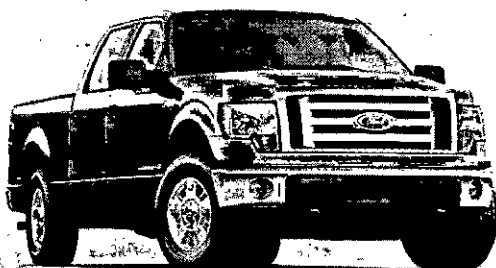
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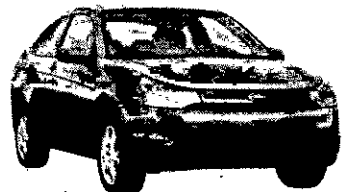
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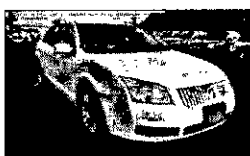
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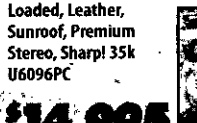
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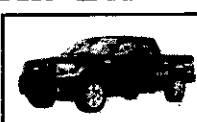


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gap this year, which already takes into account spending down the fund reserve by \$2.5 million and raising the tax levy by 2 percent. Administrators peg the savings of closing a school at \$800,000 to \$900,000 in the year it's closed, meaning a closure in the 2011-12 school year would be a great help to the budget problem, but not a full solution.

The budget process is still ongoing, but it's expected 37 teacher positions will be cut, in addition to other staffing reductions. The school board is slated to adopt a budget on April 6.

Emotions running high

For many, the issue of a Clarksville closure goes well beyond dollars and cents. As opponents of the closure note, the school has been in operation since 1948. Since then, some residents say, it has

become a lynchpin to that community, serving as a symbol, meeting space and source of pride.

"I don't think they can really take into account or consider the true impact of the estimated savings... without looking at the current value of Clarksville to its current students and community," said Jim Cable, a parent of a Clarksville student and advocate for keeping the school open.

This sentiment has been evident at the two public forums the district has held on the issue, when parents, teachers and alumni have spoken highly and sometimes emotionally of the value of a Clarksville education.

There have also been parents and community members who, while acknowledging the school's quality, say closure is the only way to provide an adequate education to students there and districtwide.

Enrollment numbers fuel debate

This sentiment is in large

part based on Clarksville's low enrollment, and is chief among the reasons administrators have drawn a fix on this school. Having just 203 students at the school means most grades have only two class sections, some just one. This has led to the propagation of multi-age classrooms, where students in grades one and two will be in the same class, for example.

The use of these classrooms has in the past sparked protest from parents who feel their children are being bilked educationally. Some have also raised worries their children will be stuck with the same handful of peers for their entire elementary experience, leaving them without opportunities for socialization.

Others, however, have said they prefer a small school environment. Parent Judy Abbott said her children have plenty of contact outside of school hours with sports and other activities.

"We're involved in so many different aspects of our community," she said.

"We do a pretty good job of keeping our kids socially accessible."

From the district's point of view, however, keeping smaller classes at one of the six elementary schools is not a fair allocation of resources. The district tries to keep class sizes relatively uniform.

"In the business world, this would be called consolidating resources to come out with a better bottom line," said Superintendent Michael Tebbano.

Abbott also questioned the district's projections that enrollment will continue to decline at Clarksville. These figures are generated by the same methods, she argued, that in 2003 predicted the district would need to build Eagle Elementary to handle a growing population. The opposite has come to pass.

"They're basing a portion of their decision to close Clarksville on a highly uncertain model," she said.

Abbott went on to argue low enrollment at Clarksville was a problem created by the district itself when dozens of children were redistricted to Eagle upon its opening in 2008.

Tebbano acknowledged more questions should have been asked in 2003, but added that with this, decision a thorough review is currently taking place.

"I still contend that nine years ago when they created that report... the economy was much better, there was promise for housing developments to fill out all the schools," he said.

If Clarksville were closed, the students would be redistributed to Slingerlands and Eagle elementary schools. Administrators say those schools could handle the extra volume.

Community questions study conclusions

After Clarksville was identified by a fiscal "think tank" last year, the Board

of Education ordered the district to prepare a study on the details of rearranging its facilities.

The study concluded closing Clarksville (or, as it was later determined, Elmsmere Elementary) would save between \$800,000 and \$900,000 in the year of its closing and a smaller amount of about \$80,000 in subsequent years. The market value of the building is estimated at \$2.5 million, but there's been no talk of selling it.

The savings generated from a Clarksville closure would be chiefly recognized in staffing reductions. A total of 4.8 full-time teaching positions would be shed from the district payroll, as would a principal, a nurse, two clerical positions, 2 1/4 custodial positions, two

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



The Sea Chanters, the official chorus of the United States Navy, will give a free concert at the Palace Theatre on Saturday, April 2, at 3 p.m.

A CHANTS ENCOUNTER

Navy Sea Chanters Chorus to present a free concert at Palace Theatre

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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The U.S. Navy Sea Chanters Chorus sang at President Barack Obama's inauguration. It frequently performs at events around the Washington, D.C., area. Members have taken part in several 9/11 remembrance ceremonies and performed the national anthem at sporting events across the country.

Right now, the chorus is in the midst of a national tour, which will stop at the Palace Theatre in Albany for a free show on Saturday, April 2, at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to come see a side of the Navy that's less common than the shipyards and bases typically associated with this branch of the military.

"It's designed to expose the Navy to areas where the Navy doesn't exist," said Adam Grimm, the public relations coordinator for the Navy Band.

The chorus was formed in 1956, when Lt. Harold Fultz put together students from the Navy School of Music to sing at the State of the Nation dinner. The group was so well-received that it was added to the Navy Band and named the Sea Chanters, with the idea it would sing the songs of the sea.

Traditional Navy and maritime tunes are still part of the chorus's repertoire, but its scope has greatly broadened. For one thing, women have been part of the chorus since 1980. They've been joined by a few musicians who don't just sing – the chorus now includes a drummer, a pianist and a bass player. And the music that members both male and female sing now includes everything from opera numbers to

Broadway show tunes.

"It kind of runs the whole gamut," Grimm said.

The same can be said of the Navy Band as a whole. The band is actually made up of several ensembles. There's a concert band and a ceremonial band. There's a jazz group called the Commodores and a country-bluegrass group called the Country Current. The Cruisers are billed as the Navy's "premier contemporary entertainment ensemble," and there are eight chamber music ensembles.

Members are active members of the Navy, using music to fulfill their military mission. Grimm, for example, studied saxophone at Towson University and holds the rank of musician first class. He also serves as assistant webmaster and auditions manager for the band.

This is not the first time the Sea Chanters have played at the Palace. The first appearance a few years ago drew a nice crowd on both the floor and the balcony. Sean Allen, the Palace's marketing director, said that while the theater tries to offer entertainment options for a variety of price ranges, it knows not everyone

can afford to take in live shows. So the theater likes to have some free options, too.

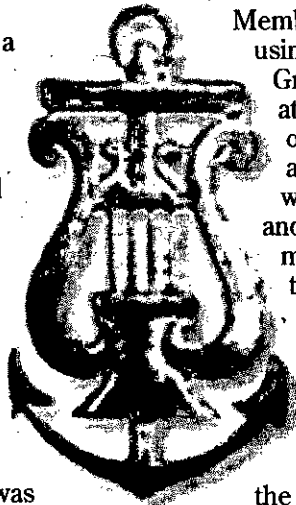
"It's just kind of like our civic duty," Allen said. "It's something we liked to do."

Although the show is free, people do need tickets to attend. They can be picked up at the box office or reserved by calling the Palace at 465-3334.

If people can't make it to the theater ahead of time or reserve tickets for any reason, Allen said they can come by on the day of the show and chances are, there will be tickets available.

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Here's How It Works:

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

Weekly Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Make cookies
5 Grace ending
9 Dernier
12 "___ Know How to Love Him"
14 Unadorned
15 Sign of remorse
16 Flora and fauna
17 Dr. Kildare's engagement ring?
19 Dark state
21 Certain platforms
22 Sprung up
23 Voluble
24 ___ corpus
26 Musical introductions
30 Tulsa sch.
31 Arboreal marsupials
33 Money drawer
34 Kings' addresses
36 ___ Clemente, Calif.
37 Pointed toward
38 Shore bird
39 Hogan movie role
41 Tittle's partner

- 42 Applies liberally
44 Black birds
46 One, in Berlin
47 Dervish
48 Equine shelter
51 Certain blood
54 Australian city
56 Crest
57 Fashion magazine
58 Air duct
59 Swerves
60 Tarzan portrayer
61 Holiday times
62 Latin I verb

DOWN

- 1 Swedish actress Andersson
2 Tennis call
3 Australian bird of song
4 Complete
5 Humble
6 Say Hey Kid
7 Miss the mark
8 Pine features
9 Business VIPs
10 Election contest
11 Annoys
13 Pacific Coast

- evergreens
15 Testimonial
18 Jib or spinnaker
20 Exxon precursor
23 Kind of piano
24 Emcees
25 Shakespeare's prankster
26 Thinks ahead
27 Aborigines' music makers: yar.
28 Singer John
29 Mailbox features
32 It's ___ thing!
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37 Secret news sources
39 French actress Catherine
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51 Elizabeth's daughter
52 Iron and Bronze
53 ___ majesty
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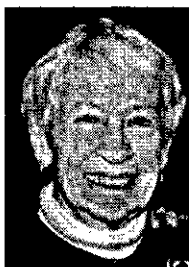
Milestones

Dorothy Ennis

DELMAR—Dorothy Alsid Ennis, of Delmar, died on Tuesday March 22, 2011 at the age of 92.

Born in Catskill, NY, she was the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Cobb Alsid, who had resided in Saugerties, NY. Dorothy was the wife of the late John V. Ennis, both of whom worked for the New York Telephone Co. and had met at a "Ma Bell" picnic. John would still recall seeing her for the first time at that picnic and said "Who is that beautiful woman? I want to meet her." Dottie and John married in January of 1949.

Dorothy was loved and respected by everyone she met. She was very



social, and always had a smile on her face when greeting anyone. She was an avid reader, gardener, seamstress, and an excellent cook. She loved being outside, enjoying the day and especially loved the snow fall. She lived her life with grace and dignity, traits which will be missed in our lives.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her older brother, Buddy, and two sisters, Betty Brown and Joan Kiernan.

Dottie was the mother of John V. Ennis (Jill) of Latham, Joan Ennis Coffey (Stephen) of Slingerlands, Charles Ennis of Wappingers Falls, and Dorothy's daughter, Susan Mullarkey (Neil) of Feura Bush. Her grandchildren included: John and Dan Ennis; Quinn and Ian Coffey; Steven Mullarkey; and Neil, Meghan, Michael and Katie Mullarkey. Great grandchildren, Jacob and

Sarah, are the children of Steven and Erin Mullarkey.

Joan Coffey and John Ennis wish to thank the staff of the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home for keeping Mom comfortable and happy. She enjoyed the "girls" visiting her room – nurses and staff loved to take care of her because she was so nice to them.

Calling hours were held on Friday, March 25th from 4 to 6 pm at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A funeral service was held 10 am Saturday, March 26th at the funeral home. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, you are welcome to make donations in memory of Dorothy's grandson, Quinn Ennis Coffey, to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Duchenne's Research, 1 Marcus Blvd. #203, Albany, NY 12205.

IN BRIEF

Mueller named to dean's list

Lisa M. Mueller, of Glenmont, has been named to the College at Oneonta State University of New York Fall 2010 semester dean's list.

Mueller is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Class of 2010. Her grade point average has qualified her for placement on the dean's list for her excellent grades that reflect a high level of motivation and effort, and a desire to achieve.

Miller named to Hall of Fame

Richard Miller, Qualified Senior Agent with Farm Family Life Insurance Company and Farm Family Casualty Insurance Company, and former chair of the Senior Agents, was named to Farm Family's Senior Agent Hall of Fame.

The Senior Agent Hall of Fame is one of Farm Family's most renowned honors. The qualifications are extremely challenging for this "lifetime achievement award," and

only 24 other insurance agents have received this honor. Throughout his career at Farm Family, Miller has consistently received awards for quality service and productivity.

Miller will attend the companies' marketing conference for the seventh time. He has been honored with the New York Farm Bureau Award. Active in the community, he also received Farm Family's Clarence E. Shepherd Memorial Community Service Award.

Miller's agency is located in Glenmont. He can be contacted at 431-5555.

Crandall earns award

Jordan Crandall, a sophomore at Lasalle Institute in Troy, was awarded the 2011 Rensselaer County YMCA Outstanding Student Award at a breakfast held at Hudson Valley Community College on March 23.

Crandall resides in Delmar with his mom and dad, Todd and Stacey Crandall, and his sister, Emily.

Dr. Gerald M. Kotzin

Dr. Gerald M. Kotzin, age 84 of Albany, NY died suddenly on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at St. Peter's Hospital after being stricken at home. Dr. Kotzin was a lifelong Albany resident. He was a graduate of the Milne School in Albany. Dr. Kotzin also graduated from Yale University, and the Albany Medical College where he received his

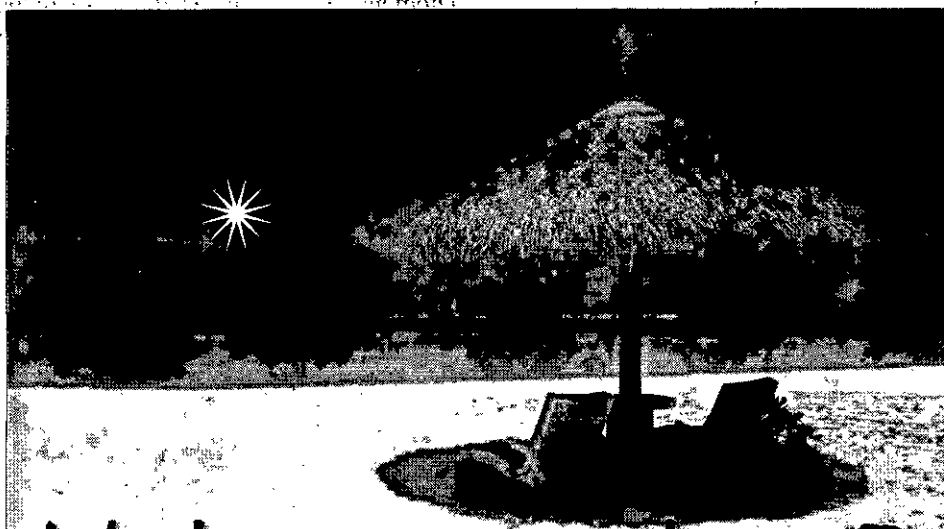
medical degree and served his residency. Dr. Kotzin practiced urology for many years in the Albany area. He had medical privileges at the Albany Memorial Hospital as well as the former Cohoes Memorial Hospital. After his retirement from private practice, Dr. Kotzin became the medical director of the Greene Correctional Facility in Coxsackie until 2003. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and their Brotherhood.

Dr. Kotzin enjoyed photography.

Dr. Kotzin is survived by his wife Dorry Sims Kotzin and children, Mark Michael Kotzin (Ellen) of Clay, NY, Ilissa Kotzin Hawley (Brian) of Niskayuna, NY, Harry Sims Kotzin (Eileen) of Albany and Ross Andrew Kotzin (Michelle) Wallock of Albany. Grandfather of Noah and Molly Kotzin, Marin and John Hawley. Step grandfather of Daron

and Claire Mathena.

Services were held at Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road in Albany on Friday, March 18, 2011 Interment was in the Beth Emeth Cemetery in Loudonville, NY. Those wishing to remember Dr. Kotzin in a special way may make a memorial contribution to Congregation Beth Emeth. Funeral arrangements were by the Levine Memorial Chapel in Albany, New York.



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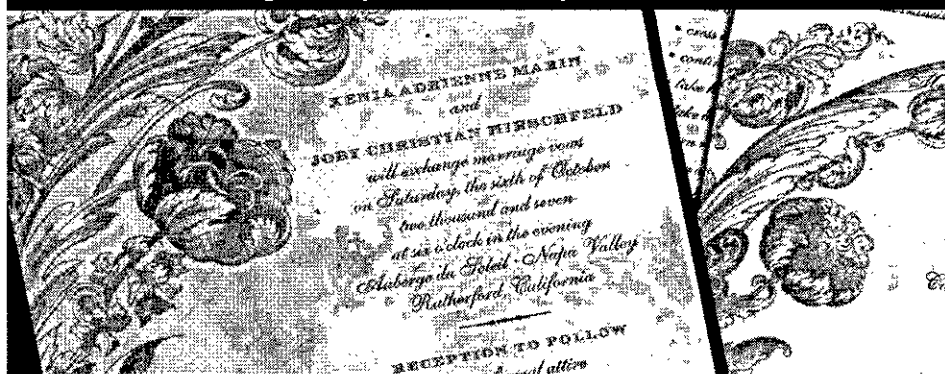
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Savings

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kitchen staff positions and four noon aide positions.

The teaching positions will not necessarily be Clarksville teachers. Like with all faculty layoffs, the teachers with the least seniority districtwide would be let go first.

The salaries and benefits add up to more than \$800,000, and would be in addition to the layoffs proposed in the rest of the budget. Energy and maintenance savings add up to more than \$80,000, which would be realized every year Clarksville is closed, while the layoffs would have a one-time effect.

There is some disagreement over the district's estimate for what it will take to keep the school mothballed, however. BC administrators say \$3,700 annually should cover snow removal (for firefighter and maintenance access), pest control and monitoring of security systems. The building's pipes would be drained and the heat would be shut off.

Some opponents of the closure have pointed to a 2003 district planning document — one that eventually spurred the construction of Eagle Elementary — that pegs annual mothballing costs at \$20,000. That estimate was simply for planning purposes, said Tebbano (the document is marked "Draft-For Discussion Only"), and also assumed the school would be heated.

But a group of Clarksville residents have drawn up

their own figures. Susan Dee, who owns a Clarksville-based facilities planning firm, says even the \$20,000 estimate is too low. The heat would have to be run at a minimal level, she said.

"There's no way you can leave a building in that condition and expect to have an asset when you come back," she said.

Dee pegged the cost of mothballing Clarksville at around \$70,000 per year, nearly what the district would expect to save. She pointed to a National Park Service procedure for mothballing historic buildings that recommends heating and ventilation of closed buildings to prevent mold and other issues. Clarksville is on the National Register of Historic Places, which is maintained by the Park Service.

Dee said she doesn't have children or relatives at Clarksville, but felt she had to speak up after seeing the district's plans, which she feels would damage the building.

"It's my tax dollars that I'm concerned about," she said.

Abbott said she'd like to see an independent consultant conduct a study.

"The feasibility study was conducted by the school district, which is facing a financial crisis," she said. "You're going to look at the low hanging fruit."

The "think tank" group examined dozens of ideas for savings and revenues in its meetings, but many of them were eventually discounted as illegal, unworkable or

ineffective.

Second class citizens?

If there has been one running theme from Clarksville advocates, it would be that the school and its community are ostracized for their rural nature and location in the Town of New Scotland (the only school institution outside of the Town of Bethlehem).

Enrollment is declining district wide, said Cable, not just at Clarksville.

"It's our kids that are going to pay the price ... to solve a districtwide problem, a districtwide problem of declining population," he said. "It's almost like we're a horse waiting to be put down, and I would challenge that."

Tebbano said it has never been the intention to target the school.

"My personal feelings are I think Clarksville is a wonderful community, I think it's a wonderful school. ... It's unfortunate we're at this situation where we're looking at the economic factors," he said. "I wish we weren't in a situation where we had to look at losing one of our buildings."

Other options remain open

The Board of Education is scheduled to make a decision on the matter of facilities tonight, March 30, at 7 p.m. in the middle school auditorium. There were plans to also consider other parts of the 2011-12 budget on this

evening, but those discussions will be pushed back to April 6 to allow a full meeting on the facilities issues.

The board is scheduled to adopt a budget April 6.

Besides closing Clarksville or Elmsere, there are other options on the table. It has been proposed the district close its district offices on Adams Place in Delmar. The building has a value of \$670,000 (according to a 2009 assessment) but operations would have to be shifted to another location. The work involved with making that move would eclipse any operational savings, according to the feasibility study, so the building would have to be sold to make a fiscal impact.

That option has not been a big part of the recent discussion, but Tebbano said it's still on the table.

The school board will also consider a full redistricting of students to equalize population at the six elementary schools. It's unclear what redistricting would return in savings, though, and it would cost about \$40,000 to complete.

Then there's always the option to do none of these things and leave the facilities structure as it is.

Board members have not been vocal thus far on where they stand on the facility issue. Between the studies, two public forums and the wave of written comments that administrators say is rolling in, they will have a broad body of information on which to base a decision.

Check www.spotlightnews.com for the latest on the issue.

Deal

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Flores owns the Mohawk River Country Club in Rexford and the Hiland Park Country Club in Queensbury. He said Bank of America, the holder of the mortgage note, wishes to finish the matter before the end of the financial quarter, which would be the end of the month.

A Bank of America representative said Monday the sale has not been closed, and declined further comment.

It's still not clear how much the mortgage will be trading hands for. The Town of Bethlehem had put its own bid in on the club's indebtedness, the possession of which would allow it to foreclose on the club and acquire the course and facilities.

Town officials have kept the amount of that bid secret, saying a disclosure could tip their hand should the deal fall through or if the buyer should seek to resell the property, but the bid details should be made available once the deal is closed.

Flores said he will keep Normanside as a golf course.

—Charles Wiff

Retire

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District Superintendent Charles Dedrick will likely be tapped as consultant for the search process.

Tebbano started as superintendent in 2008. Since then, he's overseen several difficult budget processes, as state aid to school districts across the state has shrunk. The school board is now in the midst of closing a \$4 million budget gap.

Earlier in his career, Tebbano was an administrator at various levels and, before that, worked as a music teacher. He's worked as an educator for nearly 40 years.

"In that time, I have been fortunate to work with many, many wonderful people, and most importantly, outstanding students," he said in a statement. "There will be a time for looking back, but now is not it. The work in front of us at the moment is too important."

—Charles Wiff

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Voorheesville High School 10th graders volunteered for A Day of Service at the Bethlehem YMCA on Friday, March 18. Submitted photo

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. to meet

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, April 8 at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.; doors open at 9:15. \$5 visitor donation. Lecture by Joanna Monroe "From There to Here with No Directions". For info, call 439-1194 or check www.quiltinc.org.

BC Board of Ed. positions available

There will be three Board of Education seats on the ballot in this year's election for Bethlehem Central School District, which will take place on the date of the budget vote, May 17. Individuals interested in running for the Board can pick up a petition from Michelle Curtis in the district Business Office located at 90 Adams Place, Delmar. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Petitions can also be emailed by contacting Michelle at (518) 439-7481. Petition must contain at least 100 signatures, and are due back by 5 p.m. on April 18. Ballot positions will be drawn April 19 at 9 a.m. at the District Office. Members of the Board of Education are elected by the voters of the district to establish policy and direct the administration of our schools. They

serve volunteer, three-year terms. Individuals are eligible for election to the Board if they are qualified voters of the district (district resident, U.S. citizen, 18 and older) and can read and write. New York State Education Law does not limit the number of terms of office a member may serve.

Guilderland Y hosts tee ball league

The Guilderland Y will be having a Saturday Morning Tee Ball League starting April 30th for ages 4 and 5 years old. It will take place at Camp Nassau off route 155.

If you have any questions please contact Kyle Anderson at 456-3634x1151 or kanderson@cdymca.org.

Voices of Hope benefit concert

There will be a Voices of Hope Concert to benefit the children of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless on Sunday April 10 at 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave, Delmar. Why voices of hope? Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless has been serving the homeless population in Albany County for over 25 years. This Voices of Hope concert will directly

benefit the children of the Sheridan Hollow neighborhood, many of whom are left alone in the summer at very young ages. Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless eleven week summer youth program provides activities, fieldtrips, and healthy lunches to the many youth who attend.

At the conclusion of the program, the kids are given a backpack filled with school supplies to enter the next grade with confidence.

A free-will donation will be taken to benefit the children of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. Featured Musicians include Capital District Youth Chorale's Senior Chamber Choir, directed by Diane Warner; Vedrana Kalas, soprano and Michael Lontano, tenor; Advanced pianists from the Music Studio of Albany, Noel Liberty, founder/director; and Chancel Choir of Delmar United Methodist, directed by Joseph Farrell and accompanied by Ken Loiacono. For more information on Interfaith please visit www.interfaithpartnership.com or contact 434-8021.

For more information on the Voices of Hope concert e-mail churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org or visit www.delmarmethodist.org.



UAlbany ROTC cadet honored with scholarship

On Sunday March 27, the Theinert Memorial Scholarship was presented at the New York Army National Guard Rifle Range in Guilderland to UAlbany student Ryan Sweet. Sweet, a junior at UAlbany, was awarded the Theinert Memorial Scholarship from Chrys Kestler, mother of First Lieutenant Joseph Theinert who was killed in Afghanistan on June 4, 2010. First Lieutenant Theinert and his unit were on patrol in Kandahar, when his platoon came under fire by a rocket propelled grenade. First Lieutenant Theinert ordered his platoon to relocate to safe grounds while he disabled an improvised explosive device. Moments after, a second device detonated taking the life of Theinert. Theinert graduated from UAlbany in 2008 and was a member of the UAlbany ROTC program. Sweet said he believes that "every civilian should have an opportunity to serve, if not military then another service." He said his service is his dedication at UAlbany as a student, but also to his country as a ROTC cadet.

Photos by Shawn Higgins/Spotlight

Old Songs presents concert

Old Songs will present a joint concert with renowned Scottish folk performer Archie Fisher and Canadian singer-songwriter Garnet Rogers on Thursday, April 7 at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets are \$25 and may be reserved by calling Old Songs at 518-765-2815 or online at www.oldsongs.org.

Church hosts Monday meals

Drive-thru Home-Made take-out meals are being offered every Monday at the First United Methodist

Church-Voorheesville from April 4-May 23.

A different complete meal of entree, starch and vegetables will be offered each week, \$7 for regular size and \$8.50 for large size.

April 4's meal will be Baked Pork Chops with Apple and Raisin Stuffing with Green Beans. A complete listing of weekly meals is available at www.fumcv.org or by stopping by the church M-F between 9 a.m. and noon.

To reserve your dinner and pick-up time, call the church at 765-2895 or email: food@fumcv.org.

Book Nook to host bargain sale

On Tuesday, April 12, there will be a re-opening of the Bargain Shed and Book Nook, 9 a.m.-noon at Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. We'll also have a bake sale on our first Saturday (a Grand Opening), April 16th. Regular hours will be Tuesdays 9am-noon, Thursdays 6-8pm, and Saturdays 9am-Noon. Our inventory includes clothing, jewelry, knick knacks, kitchen items and thousands of books.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Voorheesville will hold a public hearing to review the following requests from: Owner/Applicant: Karen Hewitt; for an Area Variance for the required width of the driveway at 1 South Main St. to allow for a proposed coffee shop business. Applicant: Hannaford Brothers Market; for an Area Variance to place an additional sign on the front of their store located in Voorheesville Plaza, 5 Maple Road. The hearings will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 PM at the Voorheesville Fire House, 12 Altamont Road, Voorheesville, NY.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Dated: March 24, 2011
PNZBA.2011.03
70166 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by George & Mary Bercharlie, 29 Old River Road, Glenmont for area variances under Article V, Districts, Use and Area Requirements, Section 128-39C(1), Front Yard Setback and Article V, Section 128-39C(3), Rural Light Industrial District. Accessory Uses: Applicant constructed an accessory building that does not meet the setback requirements and has put the property over maximum occupancy for accessory structures.

Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman

Board of Appeals
Individuals with disabilities who are in need of an accommodation in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 439-4955 Ext. 1183. Advanced notice is requested.

70161 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Voorheesville Central School District
Notice of public hearing, budget vote, and election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Voorheesville Middle School/Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2011-2012.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect one member of the Board of Education for a 4-year term terminating June 30, 2015, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Gary A. Hubert.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 17, 2011, the following propositions will be submitted:

Proposition: Purchase of

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Buses:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$216,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Schoolhouses Hours Voorheesville Elementary School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Clayton A. Bouton High School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Clerk, Board of Education
Voorheesville Central School District
P.O. Box 498
Voorheesville, New York 12186

Dated: March 30, 2011
Dorothea Pfeiderer
District Clerk

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Voorheesville Public Library for the presentation of the Public Library budget for the year 2011-2012.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect members of the Library Board for the office of library trustee for either of two five-year terms expiring the 30th day of June, 2016, or to fill the balance of a term, created by a vacancy, ending the 30th day of June, 2015. The two candidates receiving the largest number of votes will serve the five-year terms. The candidate with the third largest number of votes will serve the balance of the term ending on the 30th day of June 2015.

2. To vote on the annual Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO

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GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Schoolhouses Hours Voorheesville Elementary School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Clayton A. Bouton High School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Clerk, Board of Education
Voorheesville Central School District
P.O. Box 498
Voorheesville, NY 12186
Dated: March 30, 2011

Gail Sacco
Director

70162 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a special meeting held on the 23rd day of March, 2011, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The following is a summary of a resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on March 23, 2011. Said resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of a serial bond or bonds and a bond anticipation note or notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of said serial bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$470,000. The proceeds from the sale of the obligations authorized in said resolution shall be used for the specific purpose of financing various Town capital improvements consisting of the reconstruction, renovation and installation of portions of the Town Hall, including, but not limited to the following: (i) Town Hall roof replacement (portion); (ii) Town Hall masonry repairs, including parapet reconstruction, repointing and replacement; and (iii) associated engineering costs, together with any related sitework and the acquisition of any related machinery and equipment at an aggregate estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$470,000 and having a period of probable usefulness of at least ten (10) years.

A copy of the resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk, located in the Town Hall, Town of Bethlehem, New York.

Dated: March 23, 2011
Nanci Moquin

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70164 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

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SPECIFICATIONS FOR PICK UP OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE

The Village of Voorheesville is requesting sealed bids on the pick up of solid waste and recyclables pursuant to the terms hereafter set forth.

Definitions - Solid waste: means garbage, refuse and rubbish, excluding all items contained on ANSWERS "unacceptable material list" as the same may be from time to time revised and excluding recyclable items and materials which have been set out for recycling pursuant to any recycling program in which the Village is involved.

Recyclables: Single Stream Recyclables to include: cardboard & boxboard flattened, brown bags, paper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, plastic containers #1-7, glass (all colors), cans (aluminum, tin, steel), milk cartons and juice boxes.

1. Bidder will be required to provide its own vehicles, equipment and manpower. In addition, bidder shall provide each eligible pick up unit with 2 plastic wheeled containers with attached hinged lid, suitable for the purpose to receive solid wastes and recyclables. One shall be 90 gallons or larger to accept solid waste as described above and the second shall be 60-70 gallons to be used for single stream recyclables as described above. The recycling container MUST be clearly marked and different color from solid waste container and clearly labeled with list of acceptable and unacceptable items (color and printing to be approved by the Village Board).

2. Pick up must be done weekly on Wednesday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Earlier collection is strictly prohibited.

3. Contractor will be required to provide public liability insurance policy in the minimum amount of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000), excess liability of TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) and auto liability on any vehicle used in connection with services provided hereunder in the amount of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) for any one occurrence. Proof of Workers Compensation and Disability Insurance must also be provided to said Village. Village shall be named as an additional insured on such policies.

4. Pick up will be to all eligible units, presently approximately 1010 units, within the Village of Voorheesville in the present manner and form. Presently, solid waste is picked up in plastic bags, which are placed in garbage cans as described in paragraph 1 above, which have been placed curbside. Single stream recyclables are co-mingled in the second smaller container. Contractor must distribute containers to the individual households along with attached literature, also approved by the Village Board. Bidder is responsible for fully familiarizing itself with the routes and stops necessary for the scope of the project.

5. The contractor will be required to execute a contract with the Village for the term of the contract. Contract will contain provision that contractor must pay employees not less than the applicable area prevailing wage as established by New York State Department of Labor, as well as prescribe prohibition of discrimination clauses (contractor will not discriminate on account of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, disability, or

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any other class protected by New York State or Federal Law. Payment will be made monthly by payment of ONE TWELFTH (1/12) of annual contract sum commencing after the fourth Tuesday of June, 2011, and monthly thereafter in a like manner. Contract term will be from June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. Copies of such a contract are available from Voorheesville Village Hall upon request.

6. The term of the contract will be for one year, with annual renewals under the same terms, at the option of the Village, for 4 consecutive years. At the time of contract renewal, the contract amount may be amended to include new homes completed by May 31st of each year. The annual contract price will also be increased by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) on March 1 of each renewal year over the CPI as of March 1st of the preceding year, or 5% above the preceding year, (as adjusted), or whichever is less.

7. All materials collected must be legally disposed of at the City of Albany ANSWERS facilities or any other qualified DEC landfill site or facility for recyclables. All recyclables shall be disposed of by the contractor at no cost to the Village.

8. All tipping fees for solid waste will be paid by the Village of Voorheesville. If a facility other than ANSWERS is used, such cost shall not exceed the amount which would have been charged by ANSWERS. All tipping fees or disposal charges for recyclable materials shall be the responsibility of and paid for by the Contractor. Any sums received for the sale of recyclables shall be the property of, and retained by, contractor.

9. All bids must be received at the Village Office on or before April 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at which time said bids will be opened and reviewed. Any award will be made by the Board of Trustees. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received. 10. Bidders will be required to execute a non-collusive certificate.

11. Contractor must provide bid security in the amount of 5% of the attached bid. Security may take the form of a bid bond, or certified check made payable to the Village of Voorheesville.

12. The successful bidder must execute a contract by April 26, 2011 and must provide a performance bond, certified check or letter of credit in the amount of 100% of this contract price at the time of the execution of the contract. (Bond form included in this bid proposal). Surety company must be licensed to do business in the State of New York and be listed in the U.S. Department of the Treasury Federal Register, Circular 570 - List of Approved Surety Companies.

13. To demonstrate qualifications to perform the work, bidder must provide list of other municipalities with whom it has had similar contracts, and a list of equipment owned or available for the performance of the work.

Contractor
Dated
70165 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Elderlife Financial Lending, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/11. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/22/10. 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 DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org.

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filled with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 71272 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MODEL REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/16/11. 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. 71275 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RCB CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/18/11. 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. 71276 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

119-40 METRO AVE. LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/15/2011. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 119-40 Metropolitan Ave., Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 71278 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of New Scotland Physical Therapy, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/16/11. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 394 Quail St., Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Physical Therapy and any lawful activities. 71281 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law
a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Rare DVD Geeks, LLC.
b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on February 9, 2011.
c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.
d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is:

Rare DVD Geeks, LLC
c/o Alessio F. Depoli
61 Briar Avenue
Albany, New York 12203
e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. 71285 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ROBIN SINGH REALTY ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/31/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against

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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. 71287 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GAMER HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/22/11. 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. 71288 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Ocean Diagnostic Monitoring, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/19/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71358 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SK Gold Assets LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/19/10. 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. 71359 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SUMMIT HOME INSPECTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/28/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 46 Grounds Place, Albany, NY 12205-2960. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 71789 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Empire Public Affairs, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 1/6/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 677 Broadway, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71790 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Northern Drive JMK, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/26/11. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS

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Arts. Of Org. filed with DE
Secy. Of State, PO Box 898,
Dover, DE 19903. Purpose:
any lawful activity.
71938 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of High Horse LLC: Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/11. 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.
71934 (D)
(March 30, 2011).

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of One Step Beyond, SLP, OT, PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/10. 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: Profession of Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Pathology.

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Notice of Formation of Bonanza Electronics LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/10. 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.

71936 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

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(March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of The Shoe Schell LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/11. 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.

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(March 30, 2011)

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activity.
71937 (D)
(March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of
Terramusic Publishing, LLC.
Authority filed with Secy. Of
State of N.Y. (SSNY) on
10/10/10: LLC Formed in
(DE) on 10/26/10. 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. DE address of
LLC: 32 Loockermans St.,
Ate 201 Dover DE 19904

Served: 99 Washin

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Notice of Formation of
DNP55, LLC, Arts Of Org.

Served: 99 Washin

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LIMITED LIABILITY COM-
PANY
Notice of Formation of
Limited Liability Company
(LLC)
Name: SCH PLUMBING &
HEATING, LLC

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upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71944 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KR On Main LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/3/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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. 71945 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Geezee Stables, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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. 71946 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Nassau County Tarheels Baseball Club LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/10/11. 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. 71947 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Moonshot Productions, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/11. 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. 71948 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JZD Enterprises LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/24/11. 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. 71949 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Kisenia Fish LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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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. 71983 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of D.R.S. Fish LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/26/10. 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. 71984 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of SGS Edibles, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/11. 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. 71985 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Tai-Pan Development, L.L.C. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1461 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful activity. 71986 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation John's of Brooklyn LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/11/2011. 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. 71987 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Arise Pictures, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/11/2011. 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. 71988 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Manhattan NY Entertainment LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/10/2011. 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. 71989 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Precise Resource of New York, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY

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(SSNY) on 2/7/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Ohio (OH) on 1/21/11. 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. Principal office address: 501 W. Schrock Rd., Ste. 203, Westerville, OH 43081. Arts of Org. filed with OH Secy. Of State, 180 E. Broad St., 16th Fl., Columbia, OH 43215. Purpose: any lawful activities. 71991 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 810-812 Hampton Avenue, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/11. Office location: Schenectady Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 353 Mohawk Ave., Scotia, NY 12302. Purpose: any lawful activities. 71992 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

BIOENERGIES OF THE AMERICAS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/24/2011. Office in Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 101 South Main Ave., Albany, NY 12208, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 71996 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Precision Fitness 374 Broadway, LLC Dated: February 3, 2011. 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 Precision Fitness 374 Broadway, LLC (the "LLC").
2. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on February 3, 2011.
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: Precision Fitness 374 Broadway, LLC, c/o Dreyer Boyajian LLP, 75 Columbia Street, Albany, New York 12210.
5. The company does not have a specific date of dissolution.
6. 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.

71998 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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CJM FAMILY ENTERPRISE, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 1/28/11. Office location: 1801 9th Ave., 2nd Floor, Watervliet, NY 12189. 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: 1801 9th Ave., 2nd Floor, Watervliet, NY 12189. No

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reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. 71999 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MNM Holding Company, LLC Dated: February 3, 2011. 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 MNM Holding Company, LLC (the "LLC").
2. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on February 3, 2011.
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: MNM Holding Company, LLC, c/o Dreyer Boyajian LLP, 75 Columbia Street, Albany, New York 12210.
5. The company does not have a specific date of dissolution.
6. 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.

72003 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CRISTOPH SEA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/24/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72004 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of ICE-TEK OF NY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/23/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72005 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of OCULUS INITIATIVES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/23/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72006 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of L & L ORTHOTICS, LLC. Authority filed with Sec. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/18/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ)

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on 11/15/10. 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: c/o The LLC, 45 E. Harwood Terrace Unit A, Palisades Park, NJ 07650. Arts. Of Org. filed with the NJ Sec. of State, 33 W. State St, Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 72007 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Insite Towers, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/18/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/19/06. 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. Principal office address: 301 N. Fairfax St., #101, Alexandria, VA 22314. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72008 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Name: Apple Acre Contracting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York ("SSNY") on 2/18/11. N.Y. office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Apple Acre Contracting LLC, 12 Upper Font Grove Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159, c/o Scott S. Jones. Name/address of each member available from SSNY. Purpose: Interior, exterior and landscaping improvements/design. 72009 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT SCHENECTADY COUNTY AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Plaintiffs, Index No. 2009-2324 VS. MELANIE KRAVETZ; GARY TOMLINSON; ELITE RECOVERY SERVICES, INC.; NORTH STAR CAPITAL ACQUISITION LLC AND "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #100", Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Schenectady County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: January 23, 2011 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of

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Honorable Barry D. Kramer, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated February 9, 2011, and filed with supporting papers in the Schenectady County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 544 Schenectady Street, City of Schenectady, New York and being a parcel of land designated as Tax Account No.: 49.30-1-23. The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$10,163.29, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the property. Richard M. Beers, Jr. Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Tel. No. (585) 238-2000 72010 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of CERAMIC ARTE DERUTA, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/22/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72013 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of MIKE MAC MUSIC, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/25/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72020 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of Western Pacific Oils East, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/24/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/15/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 33 Wood Avenue South, Ste. 600, Iselin, NJ 08830. DE address of LLC: 615 South 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. 72021 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Guaranteed Auto Credit Sales and Service, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 10, 2011. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC: 559-562 Broadway, Menands, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose 72022 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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of Arthur Herendeen, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 17, 2011. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC: 431 Wormer Road, Voorheesville, New York 12186. Purpose: For any lawful purpose 72023 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Swiftcreek, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/09/2011. 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, 1301 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, NY 11003. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 72028 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Team Dolce, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/10/2011. 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, P.O. Box 28, Locust Valley, NY 11650. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 72237 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of Data Connection, LLC. Fictitious name: Realestatecc.com. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/24/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 8/23/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Address to be maintained in TN: 2070 Silver City Rd., Russellville, TN 37860, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with TN Secy. Of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 6th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243-1102. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72238 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is SOUNDLIGHTMIND PROPERTIES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 28, 2011. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a commercial real estate company, and also 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 11 Peel Street, Selkirk, NY 12158. 72239 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP Certificate of Registration of The Neurology Group, LLP ("LLP") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 10, 2011, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has

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been designated as agent of the LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLP at 400 Patroon Creek Boulevard, Suite 210, Albany, New York 12206, which shall be the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLP is formed is to engage in the practice of medicine. 72240 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of edCount, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/1/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in District of Columbia (DC) on 5/25/04. 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 DC: 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015. Arts of Org. filed with Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division, PO Box 92300, Washington, DC 20090. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72241 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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MENTAL EDGE PERFORMANCE, LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/1/2011. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 17 Middlesex Dr., Slingerlands, NY 12159, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 72242 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Matinecock Partners, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/02/2011. 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, 222 Birch Hill Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 72244 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Public Equity Lat Am Fund IV, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 90 State St. #700, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 72245 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of The Dominion Fund, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy.

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of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 90 State St. #700, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 72246 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: ThinkFusion Technologies LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/09/2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 77 Westview Rd. Voorheesville, New York 12186. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 72247 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC. Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: In Step Physical Therapy, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 21, 2010. County of office location: Albany County. Street address of the principal business location of the LLC: 216 Springhurst Drive, East Greenbush, New York 12061. The SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: In Step Physical Therapy, PLLC, address 216 Springhurst Drive, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: to engage in any lawful business of every kind and character for which PLLCs may be organized under the New York LLC Law, or any successor statute. 72248 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Karen L Wong LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/24/2011. 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. 72321 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Greek Goddess LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/22/2011. 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. 72322 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Saas Real Estate LLC Arts.

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of Org. filed with SSNY 2/25/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 28 Oak Tree Lane, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72323 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Mick Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/23/2011. 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. 72324 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Aarco Environmental, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/1/2011. 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. 72325 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CREPAS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/4/11. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72326 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of 47 Ivy Street, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/03/2011. 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, 17 Dickerson Avenue, Bayville, NY 11709. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 72327 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Jay's Vision, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/28/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 09/09/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the Randall Law Firm, 1777 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. FL addr. of LLC: 1330 Shoreline Drive, Palm City, FL 34990. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 500 South Brough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32390. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 72328 (D)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 823 EASTERN AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/07/11. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 810 Karenwald Lane, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 72329 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MANABA DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/8/11. 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. 72335 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of USA FOREX HOLDING LIMITED LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/3/11. 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. 72336 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Isik, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/11. 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. 72339 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation J M S 55, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/7/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 3040 Rt. 22 W. Suite 110, Somerville, NJ 08876. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72341 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Deza Enterprise LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/7/2011. 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. 72342 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Complete Network Support, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/1/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 6656, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72343 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of UTLS Title Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/5/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/12/2010. 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 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. 72344 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BENTLEY VILLAGE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 4, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Schenectady County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 92 River Road, Summit, NJ 07901. 72345 (S) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Premium Denim, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/2/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 10/19/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Walt Lacher, 10119 Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, CA 90232. Principal office address: 121 Gray Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93101, also the address to be maintained in CA. Arts of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th At., 3rd Fl., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72349 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of formation of DJK Group LLC. Article of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State Of New York (SSNY) on 9 February 2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 82 Marlboro Rd Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose is any lawful purpose. 72350 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Notice of Registration of Tabak & Kiosse, LLP, a registered limited liability partnership (RLLP). Cert. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/26/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of RLLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to principal business location: The RLLP, 100 Great Oaks Blvd., Ste. 122, Albany, NY 12203, Attn: Margaret C. Tabak, Esq. Purpose: to practice the profession of law. 72351 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BGI Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/8/11. 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, 950 New Loudon Road, Ste. 280, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activity. 72352 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: IMSOR LLC (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Dept. of State of NY on 3/11/11. Jurisdiction and date of organization: DE, 6/23/08. Office location: Albany County. Secretary of State of NY (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Capital Region Neurosurgery, PLLC, 1220 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159. Address of office required to be maintained in DE: 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. A copy of the Certificate of Formation of the LLC may be obtained from DE Secretary of State, Div. of Corporations, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 72492 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Rume Acquisition Company, LLC. Fictitious name: BSI New York, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/11. Office location: Albany County.

LEGAL NOTICE

LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/4/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Address to be maintained in DE: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 32 W. Lookerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 72494 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WILLIE B. PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 012/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, WILLIE B. PRODUCTIONS, LLC 106 W. 144TH ST. APT 3E MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, 10030. 72495 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT VILLAGE VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/14/11. 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. 72496 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Wedport LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/14/11. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 2304 Brooke Circle, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 72497 (D) (March 30, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1340 ISLIP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/16/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 72498 (D) (March 30, 2011)

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Bethlehem's John Gosstola (22) and Zach Caton, right, try to stop Ballston Spa's John Deguardi during Sunday's Suburban Council scrimmages at Shenendehowa High School. The Eagles are in a rebuilding year after graduating nearly all of their starters from last year's Section II Class A finalist squad.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Eagles face daunting task

BC must reload after reaching Sectional final

By ROB JONAS
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Last year was a banner year for the Bethlehem boys lacrosse team.

The Eagles reached their first-ever Section II Class A final and came within a quarter of winning the title before Shenendehowa rallied for a 6-5 overtime victory.

Building on that playoff run may be difficult for Bethlehem this season. For openers, the Eagles must replace nearly every starter from last year's team. Then, they must try to contend in a Class A field that includes Niskayuna, which has won six straight Sectional titles between Class A and B.

"I'm very curious to see how we're going to do because we do have a good core group," said Bethlehem coach Dave Rounds. "If we can hold our own the first half of the season, then I think good things will come in the second half."

Bethlehem does have a key offensive player back in junior attacker Liam Christiansen, and junior John Gosstola is up from the junior varsity team, where he was the leading scorer in 2010.

"I believe our offense is going to be one of our strong suits," said Rounds. "Liam Christiansen is back, and he contributed a lot last year, as a sophomore. John Gosstola is a natural scorer, and I think his talents will translate well to the varsity level."

The defense will be a bigger question mark for Bethlehem. Rounds said that he had to move two defensive midfielders to long-pole defenders to fill some of the holes, and Andy Reilly takes over in goal for Theo Ferguson, who graduated last June.

"We're definitely not going to lose games because of our goaltender," said Rounds. "Andy is a very good ball stopper."

Bethlehem begins its season Thursday with a non-league game against Christian Brothers Academy. The Eagles visit Columbia April 5 for their first league game.

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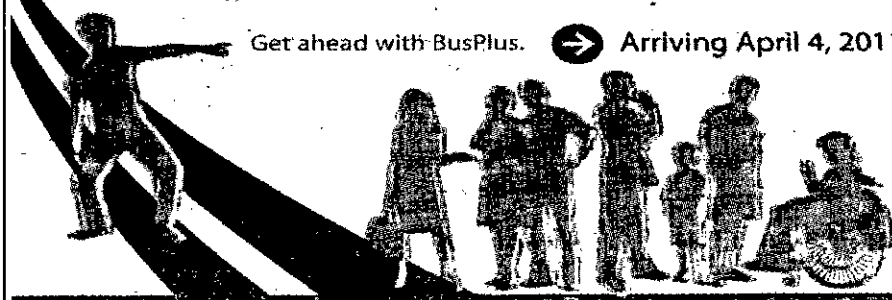
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Dutchmen

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Outlook: Like Averill Park and Bethlehem, Mohonasen has a veteran lineup returning this season. But with most of the roster made up of juniors, Huggins said this is still a relatively young group.

"They came in [to the preseason] more ready to play," said Huggins. "I think last year, they didn't think they would be on varsity that soon. They were like deer in headlights, and the Suburban Council isn't a very forgiving league."

If Mohonasen can get more competitive within the Suburban Council this season (the Mighty Warriors were winless in 2010), it could set the team up for a run at the Class A title, which would give Dalton and Sisson a chance to claim both the baseball and basketball Sectional championships in the same year.

"We've got to show up for baseball and play hard every day," said Dalton. "It was great making that run [in basketball], but now we have to shift our focus to baseball."

North Division

Ballston Spa Scotties

Head coach: Kevin Sheremeta

Returning players: Dalton Wheeler (P/3B), Blake Jones (1B/OF/P), Ryan McVaigh (OF/P), Kris Baldanni (2B, C), Aaron Tybursky (UTIL), Ethan Beaudoin (C/OF), Jimmy Markiewicz (P/3B), Andrew Staniczky (P)

Newcomers: Chris Bradt (P), John Mueller (C/P)

Outlook: Sheremeta is hoping for a better showing out of his Scotties this season after they finished last in the North Division in 2010.

"We have a lot more depth this year," said Sheremeta. "Last year after our front five or six, we didn't have a lot of depth."

The Scotties also have more experience on their roster this year, but injuries have already taken a toll on the pitching staff.

"We've been a little snake bitten,

so we'll see who steps up for us," said Sheremeta.

Burnt Hills Spartans

Head coach: Paul DeLuca

Returning players: Keaton Flint (CF), Bret Dennis (SS), Corey Parks (P), Dan Buff (OF), Mike Brienza (OF)

Outlook: With a lineup that features four players that batted .338 or better and a pitching rotation that features a healthy Parks, the Spartans are looking to contend in the North Division.

"The experience will help us where we were like deer in headlights last year," said Dennis, who batted .358, stole 10 bases and drove in 20 runs.

"We definitely can turn it around," said DeLuca. "We were 8-8 [in the league] last year, which was our most wins we've had in years, and there were a couple of games that we definitely could have turned around."

The key will be developing a pitching staff around Parks, who missed part of last year with an injury after being the ace the previous two seasons.

"The only real question is our rotation after Parks," said DeLuca. "We have some talented players, but we have to see who steps up."

Niskayuna Silver Warriors

Head coach: John Furey

Returning players: Austin Clock (P), David Hoffman (C), Nick Valletta (OF), Peyton Houghtaling (P), Alex Melius (3B), John Scisci (P), Taylor Clock (1B), Jake Syed (P)

Newcomers: Zach Zebrowski (SS), Josh Callahan (SS)

Outlook: The Silver Warriors enter the 2011 season with their pitching rotation intact and a pair of three-year veterans in Valletta and Scisci.

"I think we're a very solid hitting team," said Furey. "Nick [Valletta] was one of our leading hitters last year, and our younger guys did well at the junior varsity level last year."

Moving up the North Division ranks may be difficult with Shen and Shaker returning several key players, but Niskayuna is ready for the challenge.

"The division is tough, but we're a good quality baseball team," said Furey.

Saratoga Blue Streaks

Head coach: Dean Bailey

Returning players: Kyle Willmott (OF), Luke Fauler (P/OF), Alex Lushkevich (SS), Andrew Brink (2B), Brandon Krawczuk (1B), Zach Forbes (C)

Newcomers: Brett Merriman (P/SS), Kris Muller (OF)

Outlook: The Blue Streaks graduated three key players from last year's team that reached the Class AA Sectional final against Guilderland including pitcher Matt Coleman, but their lineup is still formidable with Willmott and Lushkevich leading the way.

"It's easy to look at that last game and think about what we couldn't do last year, but we'd rather look ahead at what we can do," said Willmott.

Fauler will be Saratoga's No. 1 starting pitcher, with seniors Ryan Vaughn and Billy Johnson also contributing to the rotation.

"I feel good about the work they put in," Bailey said of his pitchers. "We have some potential there, and we'll see how that potential pans out."

Shaker Blue Bison

Head coach: Steve Frank

Returning players: Derek Gardella (3B/P/C), Jeff Hoffman (P/OF), Bryan Egan (C), Drew Lasky (1B/P), Zach Breen (P/1B), Jeremy Fink (2B), Bob Derico (SS), Gabe Casillo (OF), Joey Bilynski (OF), Evan Alexanian (OF)

Newcomers: Stephen Boldish (INF), Jason Callacchi (3B/P), James Holmes (P), Casey Hall (P)

Outlook: New coach Frank brings programs from Pete Mralvja. The Blue Bison finished second to Shen in last year's standings with a 13-3 record and lost to Guilderland 7-4 in the Sectional quarterfinals.

"Coming off last year, we have several guys who were underclassmen and started last year," said Frank.

Gardella and Hoffman both earned first team all-league mentions last year. Gardella batted .440, while Hoffman compiled a 7-0 record and helped his own cause with a .327 batting average and 18 runs batted in.

"We have a senior-lead team with some new pitchers coming in - because you can never have too much depth when it comes to pitching," said Frank.

Shenendehowa Plainsmen

Head coach: James Carrese

Returning players: Brandon Cogswell (SS), John Craig (1B), John Prendergast (P), Colin Grande (CF)

Outlook: The Plainsmen are looking to reverse the trend they've had in the playoffs the last three years, where they've lost their first Sectional game.

"We've got to stay hot," said Cogswell. "We have to come together and be a team late in the season, and hopefully our bats get hot in the first round of the playoffs."

Carrese is more philosophical about his team's playoff woes. "When you look at the history of the Section II playoffs ... if you're one of the dominant programs, you've won a title once every 10 years," he said. "CBA has won six titles [in 45 years], Columbia and Bethlehem have won five and we've won four."

Once again, Cogswell should be the one Shen hitter opponents will try to avoid. The Virginia-bound shortstop was walked 25 times last year as part of a season in which he also hit .300. Cogswell is a special talent and a young man with a great work ethic," said Carrese.

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2011 SUBURBAN COUNCIL BASEBALL PREVIEW

Dutchmen seek another title

Bethlehem among those seeking improvement this spring

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How good is the Suburban Council when it comes to baseball?

So good that last year's Section II Class AA final featured the third-place South Division team (Guiderland) and the third-place North Division team (Saratoga Springs).

So good that a sub-.500 team (Averill Park) made it to the Class A championship game before losing to Patroon Conference champion Ichabod Crane.

So good that the league has had more state final four teams than any other league in New York.

"There is no question that this is some of the best baseball we see in New York state," said Saratoga Springs coach Dean Bailey. "What I tell these kids is I want to see their best effort every day."

"The league, from top to bottom, is solid," said Guiderland coach Doug LaValley, whose team went to the state finals last year. "I think it's what prepares us for the playoffs."

Year after year, the Suburban Council toughens this — Shenendehowa, Guiderland had success last year key players, while several others — Colonie, Averill Park, Shaker, Niskayuna and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake — remain largely intact.

"Every day should be a fight, but I think we'll be in the thick of it this year," said BH-BL senior outfielder Keaton Flint.

"Everyone is going to be tough competition this year," added Shen senior pitcher John Prendergast.

Here is a closer look at the 2011 Suburban Council:

South Division

Averill Park Warriors

Head coach: Mike Conroy

Returning players: Nick Cioffi (P/INF), Tyler Listing (P/INF), Andrew Fasoldt (INF), Dylan Sprague (INF/P), Greg Hotaling (P/OF), Ryan Macari (OF), Brian Hardy (1B), Christian Thibeault (C)

Newcomers: Josh Schumaker (P/OF), Joe Marino (P/UTIL)

Outlook: With a lineup loaded with veterans who reached the Section II Class A finals last year, the Warriors are hoping for more success in the Suburban Council.

"I think it's going to help a ton," said Conroy. "We had a young group last year that really gelled at the right time and made it to the Sectional final."

Cioffi — the league's 2010 pitcher of the year — headlines a rotation that has experience but lacked consistency last year.

"If we can get consistency from our No. 2 and 3 starters to support our No. 1 [Cioffi], we should be competitive every day," said Conroy.

Bethlehem Eagles

Head coach: Robert Helm

Returning players: Matt Cahill (P/SS), Stephen Drew (P), David Egan (2B), Justin Blalock (P), Nick Hodum (P), Eric Mueller (SS)

Outlook: The Eagles are hoping to move back into



Vinny Tamburello, left, and Harry Brodsky are among the veterans hoping to lead the Guiderland baseball team to its second consecutive Section II Class AA title this season.
Rob Jonas/Spotlight

contention for the South Division title after undergoing a youth movement last year.

"We're going to be sneaky," said Helm. "A lot of teams will have to play us hard to beat us."

Bethlehem's strength is its pitching staff. Cahill and Drew hurled for the Adirondack region team at last year's Empire State Games, while Blalock and Hodum offer varsity experience.

"We will be better than last year," said Helm. "We were around the plate [at a March 19 scrimmage in New Jersey], and we were consistent."

Colonie Garnet Raiders

Head coach: Kevin Halburian

Returning players: Chris Kalica, Jamie June, Joe Schupp, Matt Snyder, Brian O'Keefe, Jake Mullen, David Mann, Chris Kearney, Zach Longo

Newcomers: David Monin, Brendon DiLello, Jeremy Hoffman, Trevor Taranto

Outlook: The Garnet Raiders have their sights set very high after reaching the Sectional semifinals in Class AA last year.

"With everyone coming back, we should be right up there again," said Halburian.

Colonie might have one of the best batteries in the South Division with Kalica throwing and O'Keefe calling the pitches behind the plate.

"I've been with him for four years," said Kalica, who will be playing for Fairfield next year. "When I get on the mound, I'm confident that he knows what to do with me. Brian definitely knows what pitches to call."

"It's very important to know what to [call] before the batter gets up there," said O'Keefe, who signed to catch for St. Joseph's next spring.

Columbia Blue Devils

Head coach: Chris Dedrick

Returning players: Christian Brown (SS), Erik Martin

(3B/P), John Stanley (OF), Connor Ramon (P), Matt Raymond (P), Tyler Hart (P)

Outlook: The Blue Devils are hoping to rebound from a 10-11 season in 2010 that included a first-round loss to Christian Brothers Academy in the Class AA playoffs.

"The Suburban Council will be very competitive this year," said Dedrick. "There are some outstanding pitchers in the league, which will be fun to watch. We are working hard as a team trying to develop our young pitchers into a productive varsity staff. We have a chance to be good at the end of the season."

Guiderland Dutchmen

Head coach: Doug LaValley

Returning players: Harry Brodsky (CF), Andrew Faragon (C), Dominic Litz (OF), Nick Mastrianni (DH/1B), Vinny Tamburello (P/OF/1B), Mike Valletta (P), Conor Hurley (3B/OF), John Walsh (OF)

Outlook: The Dutchmen will be a different offensive team following the graduation of Section II home run king Matt Zanotta.

"We're not going to look for the three-run home run like last year, but we will use our speed to get the job done," said LaValley.

Tamburello headlines a pitching staff that includes seniors Valletta, Tyler Warchol, Brett MacNeil and Chris Gareau.

"I think [our pitchers are] going to keep us in games," said LaValley. "We have some guys who are special."

Mohonasen Mighty Warriors

Head coach: Jim Huggins

Returning players: Ben Dalton (P), Joe Korszun (P), Dan Hanson (3B), Anthony DeNofio (2B), Josh Giordano (CF), Vinny Struffolino (P), Matt Wyanski (P)

Newcomers: Garrett Sisson (1B), Cameron McDermott (SS), Jordan Galvin (C)

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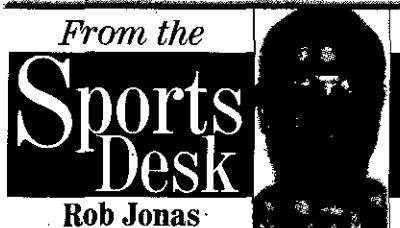
UAlbany women's lacrosse is now on the clock

Jimmer Fredette is now preparing for his NBA career. The RPI and Union hockey teams are preparing for next season.

So, what area athlete or team will capture this region's attention now?

May I humbly suggest the University at Albany women's lacrosse team?

The Great Danes are off to a 7-0 start following



Sunday's 7-6 victory over the University of Oregon at John Fallon Field. They were also ranked in the top 15 of two national polls entering that game — their best ranking in their Division I existence.

There are plenty of local connections involved with this group of Great Danes. Former Bethlehem varsity coach John Battaglino is the head man, while one of his former players — Katie Rowan — is an assistant coach. Six UAlbany players have Section II roots, as well — Nikki Branchini (Guiderland), Rachael Burek (Columbia), Tara Akstull (Shenendehowa), Jenn Primeau (Niskayuna), Allie Phelan and Michelle Primomo (Bethlehem).

Branchini and Burek have been steady contributors

for the Great Danes. Branchini has nine goals and two assists, while Burek has tallied 12 times in seven games. Primomo has also been pitching in with four goals, including the game winner against Oregon.

But the real key to UAlbany's success is Battaglino and his coaching staff. Just like he did at Bethlehem, Battaglino has made the Great Danes into an aggressive, fearless pack. They have outshot their opponents 220-121 and averaged nearly 14 goals per game through their 7-0 start, and the competition has been strong with Penn State, Hofstra and Massachusetts among their victims.

So, keep an eye on the UAlbany women's lacrosse team. They're going to be worth watching.