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New Scotland Republicans stress fiscal responsibility  
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## Blind ambition

Kelly Cusack and her family will be traveling to Los Angeles soon to visit the national round of the Braille Challenge, an academic contest organized by the Braille Institute of America.

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## Hamming it up

Members of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association will take part in a field day Saturday and Sunday, June 25 to 26, at the Glenville Hill Firehouse.

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## Down and dirty fun

More than 500 people turned out for last Saturday's Tawasentha Mud Mania, a wet-and-wild fundraiser for the park's playground and the Rodino Family.

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## Audit: BC made improper gifts

**School officials acknowledge some criticisms, say others are misunderstood**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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A just-released audit from the state Comptroller's Office criticizes financial practices of the Bethlehem Central School District, saying gifts were given to employees in violation of the state constitution, best practices in purchasing services were not followed and that the district has improperly maintained a

reserve fund for the better part of a decade.

In response, BC officials have acknowledged some of the recommendations and dismissed others as shortsighted or misunderstood.

The audit covers the period from July 1, 2009 to Aug. 4, 2010, and examines "internal controls over budgeting and purchasing." Auditors spent eight weeks over last summer at the district, mostly poring over financial reports.

### Gift cards, meals

Perhaps the most direct criticism in the report focuses on a May 14, 2010 staff recognition dinner at Normanside Country Club,

during which 26 gift cards totaling \$1,300 were handed out to retiring employees. Since they are not mementos and have cash value, this was an improper action, according to the Comptroller's Office, as were free or discounted dinners for the 151 attendees.

"Because the staff recognition dinner was not held pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement, the district had no authority to pay all or any portion of the cost of the meals consumed at the dinner and improperly expended \$2,974 for that purpose," the report reads.

BC Superintendent Michael Tebbano said  Audit Page 23



Last year's Strides 4 Stride 5K/2.5K Community Walk and Wheelchair Roll raised about \$10,000 for North Greenbush-based Stride Inc. This year, organizer and local businessman Jon Phillips will not only be heading the event, but running it along with his three kids.

Submitted photo

## Runners making strides

**Saturday race will raise money for sporting opportunities for disabled kids**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Runners looking to spend their Saturday racing towards a good cause will have a great opportunity to race a picturesque course on June 25 at the second Strides 4 Stride 5K/2.5K Community Walk and Wheelchair Roll at the Corning Preserve at Albany's riverfront.

The event has a little something for every kind of athlete, with the 5K run followed by the shorter course for walkers and the wheelchair-bound kids Stride helps find recreational opportunities

for. Jon Phillips, owner of Phillips Hardware, is organizing the event for the second year running, and will also be taking to the course himself this year.

Stride, based in North Greenbush, has for 25 years been providing sporting and recreational opportunities to disabled kids. It now covers 16 sports and activities, from bowling to sled hockey to skiing, and organizes about 8,000 events and lessons every year.

Phillips said his involvement with Stride, though it's only been for a few years, has been a life-changing one. That's why he's pledged to run the course and challenged Stride President Mary Ellen Whitney to also raise \$2,000 in donations.

"Like all the other nonprofits, we took a toll in losing a lot of sponsorships," he said.

Last year, the Strides 4 Stride event raised  Strides Page 19

## Second hopeful enters super race

**John Clarkson says endorsement process influenced decision**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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A second candidate has emerged in the race for Bethlehem town supervisor.

John Clarkson said last week that he's begun circulating petitions to trigger a September primary for the Democratic line. Democrat and Town Board member Kyle Kotary has that party's endorsement for the office, as well as the Republican and Independence  John Clarkson endorsements.



Clarkson said the recent news that Supervisor Sam Messina would not be making a re-election run, leaving Kotary to sole candidate, influenced his decision to start collecting signatures.

"I think voters want and need a choice for supervisor," he said. "I think it would be very bad if we were to have a local election with no choice for that office."

He said he has been thinking about getting involved in local politics for some time, but his work in state government made it difficult. Clarkson, who has lived in Slingerlands since 1992, was previously the executive director of the Commission on Local Government Efficiency, which was

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# BC office sale moves forward

The Bethlehem Central School District has selected Realty USA as its real estate agent in its efforts to sell or lease the district offices on Adams Place in Delmar.

The Board of Education approved the move Wednesday, June 15. An appraisal of the property is ongoing, and it's expected a for sale sign will be able to go up in about two weeks, said district Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe.

"We're on our expected timeline," she said.

A closing process would go beyond most commercial property transactions. The school board would have to approve any sale or lease, and the district's operations would have to be transferred to a location at the high school.

"It's a fairly complex operation, so we're not going to be able to pack up the day we get an offer and move right over to the high school," Kehoe said.

Selling the district offices

*"It's a fairly complex operation, so we're not going to be able to pack up the day we get an offer and move right over to the high school."*

*- Judith Kehoe, chief business and financial officer*

was one option proposed by a committee charged with addressing the district's long-term fiscal challenges as state aid drops.

In 2009, Realty USA estimated the market value of the 5,575-square-foot building as \$670,000 the real estate market has been highly volatile in recent years, however.

The district will be closing Clarksville Elementary in the coming school year as a cost-saving measure.

*- Charles Wiff*

# V'ville's top scholars



The valedictorian and salutatorian have been picked from the Voorheesville High School Class of 2011. Valedictorian Michaela Conway took 13 advanced placement and honors courses and participated in many extracurricular activities. She is the president of Natural Helpers, student government treasurer, and captain of the girls varsity Soccer Team, among other accomplishments. She will be attending Dartmouth College. Salutatorian Ellen Wagner also took 13 advanced classes and is president of the school's SADD chapter, a Natural Helper and has been a two-year co-captain of the varsity volleyball team, among other accomplishments. She will be attending the University of Michigan. Pictured from left: Superintendent Teresa Thayer Snyder, Conway, Wagner and Clayton A. Bouton High School Principal Imran Abbasi.

*Submitted photo*

# Old Ravena Road bridge work wrapping up

After several years of detours, motorists will have soon have full use of Old Ravena Road.

Albany County is completing the final work on a bridge replacement project on that road, which runs parallel to Route 9W in Selkirk and

northern Coeymans. The bridge in question, which spans CSX railway tracks, was built back in the 1920s and was closed for replacement in 2007, according to Bill Anslow of the county's Department of Public Works.

"We're ready to pour the concrete on the deck," he said. "We should be

open sometime mid- to the end of August."

The road actually crosses the tracks in two places. The southern span has already been replaced, and was first closed in 2004.

The closures have forced some residents of the area to drive further north or south on Route 9W then double back

along Old Ravena Road. That includes residents of a trailer park that's located just south of the closed bridge.

The total cost of the replacement project is about \$7.3 million, all but 5 percent of which is being funded through federal or state money.

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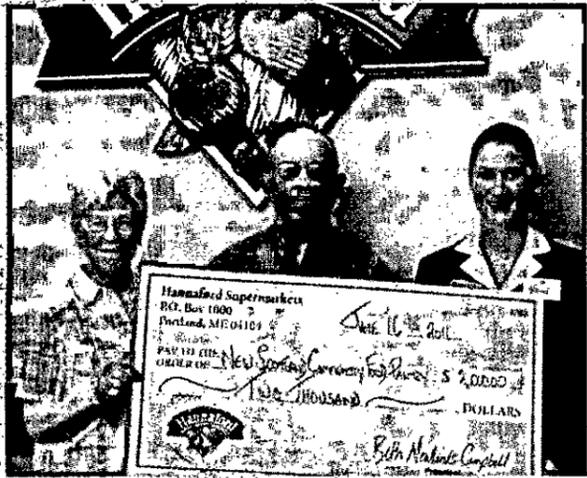
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Pictured, from left: Lettie and Gordon Pinney, of the New Scotland Community Food Pantry, and store manager Samara Ringer.

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## Hannaford reopens with gift to pantry

To commemorate the reopening of its Voorheesville store, Hannaford Supermarkets on Thursday, June 16, donated \$2,000 to the New Scotland Community Food Pantry.

The donation was made in the form of Hannaford gift cards. The Voorheesville store, located at 5 Maple Ave., has remained open during seven months of renovations. Shoppers can now enjoy a butcher and a deli bar with chicken wings, salad and soup.

Also, the store has greatly expanded its selection on natural and organic items, with more than 1,600 additional items now available.

"It's huge variety increases throughout the store," said store manager Samara Ringer.

The store will also have expanded hours, staying open until 11 p.m.

There was a grand reopening celebration over the weekend. On Saturday, June 18, the first 300 customers through the door received a Hannaford gift card valued between \$5 and \$250. There was also a drawing to win a Father's Day BBQ package valued at \$200.

On Sunday, June 19, the first 200 customers through the door received a Hannaford Supermarkets cheeseboard.

Charles Wiff

## Celebrating Flag Day



ABOVE: Students in the Bethlehem Central School District celebrated Flag Day in ceremonies across the district last week, including an assembly at Hamagrael Elementary on Thursday, June 9, which included the presentation of flag facts and historical information, musical selections, and The Pledge of Allegiance.



LEFT: The Flag Day Ceremony at Slingerlands Elementary, held Tuesday, June 14, featured a Boy Scout colorguard, flag facts, song and the reading of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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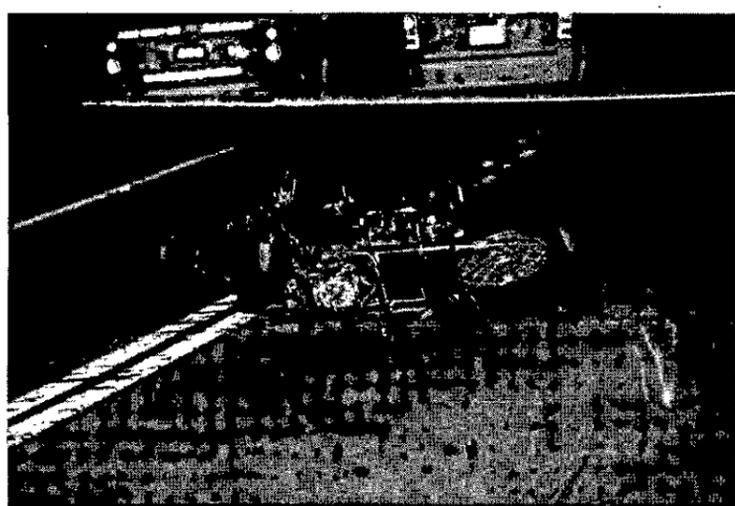
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### Police Blotter



Brendon G. Kristie, 42, of Feura Bush Road, was riding his motorcycle on Monday, June 13, when he was struck and killed by a motorist making a left-hand turn.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

## Delmar man killed in motorcycle accident

A Delmar motorcyclist was killed Monday, June 13, in an accident on Feura Bush Road in Delmar.

According to Bethlehem police, Brendon G. Kristie, 42, of Feura Bush Road, struck a car operated by Ashley Anne Jones of Second Avenue, Albany, at about 9:10 p.m. Jones' vehicle was making a left turn into the driveway of 452 Feura Bush Road and traveled across his eastbound lane. Kristie was ejected from the motorcycle upon hitting the

front passenger side of the car, according to police.

Kristie was treated on the scene by members of the police department and the Delmar Rescue Squad and was transported to Albany Medical Center, where he died a short time later. An autopsy showed he died of multiple chest trauma resulting from the crash. He was wearing a helmet.

Police ticketed Jones for failing

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## Albany man jailed after brief chase

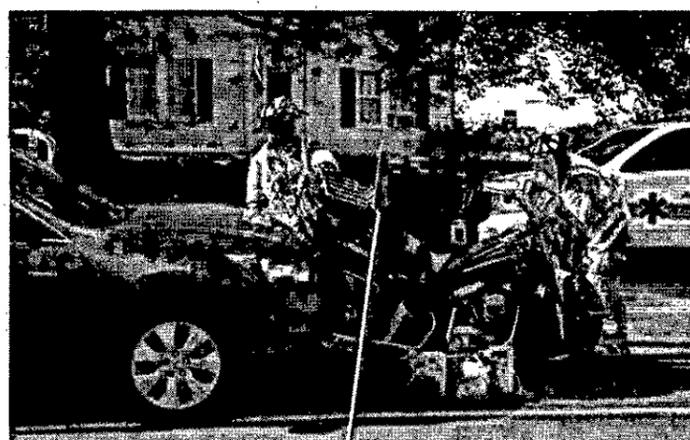
Bethlehem police arrested an Albany man on DWI charges early on Friday, June 10, after he allegedly led officers on a short chase through Delmar.

Police said Richard Anthony Volmer, 26, of 18 Brookline Avenue, was seen driving a 2006 Honda Pilot westbound on Delaware Avenue. After passing a patrol car heading eastbound, he allegedly accelerated and made a wide right turn onto Hudson Avenue without signaling. Police followed and said Volmer sped down Hudson without headlights on, failed to stop at a stop sign and tossed a beer bottle out of the window, which was later found to be an Olde English 40 oz.

Volmer heeded police's emergency lights shortly after and got out of the car with his hands up, according to arrest reports. He was ordered to the ground and taken into custody, police said. He allegedly had the odor of alcohol on his breath and admitted to having six or seven beers at a friend's house.

Shortly thereafter

## Five-vehicle crash



A five-vehicle "chain reaction" crash happened on Feura Bush Road at Elsmere Avenue in Glenmont around 5 p.m. Saturday, June 18. Four cars and one motorcycle were involved. The motorcycle was crushed between two of the cars involved. The condition of the operator is unknown at this time. Check back to www.spotlightnews.com for updates to this story.

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Volmer allegedly became combative and refused to take sobriety tests or submit to a Breathalyzer, police said. A license check showed his license to be suspended on multiple occasions in several jurisdictions from as far back as 2006.

Volmer was charged with DWI, unlawful fleeing, speeding, unlicensed operation and a slew of other violations. He was remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail and scheduled to appear in court on July 5.

### Other arrests

Bethlehem police on Wednesday, June 8, arrested Eric Joseph Burkhart, 50, of 46 Pine Street, Delmar, and charged him with criminal sale of a controlled substance in the fourth degree, a felony, and criminal possession of a hypodermic instrument.

Police said Burkhart was observed selling 10 Suboxone films in the parking lot of 311 Route 9W in Glenmont for \$50

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# Once upon a time, my boy grew up

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It is an odd but welcome feeling when you start to admire your own son.

It's welcome for obvious reasons: You want your children to grow into people who are worthy of respect and admiration. But it's odd because at the same time you wonder if somehow, if only by chance, you did something to make them that person.

In my case, I know that the most admirable of my sons' qualities are largely due to my wife Jess' parenting skills and largely in spite of my own.

My parenting style consists mostly of trying to teach life lessons through absurd stories. Sometimes it works.

Case in point, Kevin, our 8-year-old, is very comfortable and responsible building and maintaining a camp fire, and I think it's because of a little story I told him a few years ago. It was a long weekend, I remember, and we were making s'mores. Kevin wanted to hold a stick over the fire and toast his own marshmallow. I got him a nice, long stick, showed him how to hold it by its end and told him to stand as far away from the flames as possible.

Then, I thought I'd illustrate the importance of fire safety with a parable, to be sure that I'd gotten my point of fire safety across.

I turned him toward me and looked him in the eyes.

"There once was a kid who was horsing around near a campfire," I said.

"Then he fell in and burned to death."

"Really?" Kevin was confounded. "He didn't just get hurt? Why he did he burn so fast? Was he made out of paper?"

"Nope. He just didn't listen to his father," I said. "That makes you more flammable."

I have used similar stories on my kids since then, and in a variety of situations.

When they're loud at the dinner table: "There once was a kid who spoke during dinner. He was eaten by zombies."

When they use my tools without permission: "There once was a kid who used his father's stuff without asking. He was mauled by a lion."

A couple of weeks ago, my wife and I were having trouble getting Kevin and his 3-year-old brother Nathan to clean their room, so I tried a parable.

"Who wants to hear a story instead of cleaning their room?" I yelled excitedly.

"I do! I do!" they beamed.

"OK! Once upon a time, in a fantastic land full of dragons and unicorns, there were two knights, Sir Kevin and Sir Nathan."

"Awesome," said Kevin.

"Hey, I'm Nathan," said Nathan.

"One day the King and Queen asked Sir Kevin and Sir Nathan to clean up their castle, but the knights said they were bored and tired and otherwise whined too much instead of cleaning their castle."

"So what happened?"

## Commentary:



Kevin asked. "Did they go out and fight dragons instead?"

No," I said. "After the two young knights refused to clean their room, the King and Queen went out and got candy and chocolate milk —"

"To give to the knights?"

"Awesome!"

— and two great, big hammers. And the King and Queen sat in the knights' castle and ate candy and drank chocolate milk and smashed all of Sir Kevin's and Sir Nathan's toys with those two big hammers — laughing the whole time."

"That's rotten," said Kevin. "People are supposed to live happily ever after in these types of stories."

"Oh, they do. See, the two little knights cried so much their suits of armor rusted in place and they haven't moved since. But the King and Queen lived happily ever after. The end," I said. "Now, are you going to clean your room or do we get the hammers?"

After a few minutes of traumatic sobs, they started cleaning their room.

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Last week, Kevin came home from school with a note in his homework folder. It was written in his own, choppy, handwriting:

"I said a bad word at

school today," it read, "and I am very, very sorry."

He told me — without my having to ask — that I was supposed to talk to him, sign the note so that his teacher knew I saw it, and return it the following day.

Jess and I immediately asked him what word he said, and in the back of my mind I was running down the list of minor curse words my father uses in front of the kids.

"I didn't say any bad word," he said.

"Kevin, don't lie to us," Jess said. "We'll always be more upset that you lied to us than we would at whatever it was you did."

I was still going through the list in my mind, this time trying to remember all of the weird words and sayings I use around the house, like "furshlugginer" or "slack-jawed mouth-breather."

"I didn't say it, but my gym teacher thinks I said the 'F-word,'" said Kevin.

"WHAT?!" Me and Jess, in unison. Then Jess: "Why does he think you said it if you didn't say it?"

"Well, this girl told him she heard me say it, but it was the boy next to me," said Kevin.

I then employ a bluff usually reserved for procedural court dramas: "If you're lying, we'll find out. You know that, right? So come clean. Like your mother said, we'll be more mad if we find out you're lying."

After a few rounds of that we determined he was telling the truth.

Now, here's the thing:

There is probably no way in which I can write this that will convey the absolute certainty parents feel when they know their children have been wronged. I *knew* Kevin was telling me the truth. In fact, I knew he was telling me the truth as soon as he said someone thought he said the F-word. He doesn't say it. This is a kid who thinks the word "moron" is a supreme insult.

So I wrote my own note:

"Dear Mr. —, I have spoken to Kevin about using appropriate language like you requested, but remain unconvinced he said the F-word. Please call me at ###-###-#### so we can talk about this. Sincerely, William R. DeVoe."

The next day, Kevin took the note to school. When I saw him that evening, I asked if he gave it to his gym teacher.

"I did," he said. "He said he still thinks I said it and doesn't see the point in calling you."

This angered me. My

initial thought was "Who is this furshlugginer slack-jawed mouth breather and why won't he take two minutes to talk to the parent of one of his students?"

But I took a deep breath. Thought about it for a minute. Kevin's gym teacher is a human being just like me, one who probably deals with a host of unreasonable and demanding parents. He's not necessarily a bad guy, I thought.

And then I turned to Kevin, who I thought might be feeling the same frustration at the situation as I was. "What do you think of your teacher's reaction, bud? Are you angry?"

He sat for a second and then said, "No, not really."

"And why not?" I asked, still expecting him to share my reaction.

"Because I know I didn't say it."

And there it was. In that instance my 8-year-old son was a bigger man than I was.

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## Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

## Don't look a gift card in the mouth

There's a lot of commentary going on over at [www.spotlightnews.com](http://www.spotlightnews.com) about the recently released audit of the financial practices of the Bethlehem Central School District by the state Comptroller's Office.

Auditors found the district formed a \$2.7 million Tax Reduction Reserve fund illegally back in 2003, didn't seek out competitive pricing on more than \$700,000 of purchases from July 1, 2009 to Aug. 4, 2010 and have also given \$5,800-worth of business to companies owned by district employees.

### Editorial

What has garnered the most flap in our forums, however, is a recognition dinner held 13 months ago in which 26 district employees — teachers and others — received \$50 gift cards, as well as discounted or free dinner, for a grand total of \$4,274 of the public's money.

"Because the staff recognition dinner was not held pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement, the district had no authority to pay all or any portion of the cost of the meals consumed at the dinner and improperly expended \$2,974 for that purpose," the report reads.

BC Superintendent Michael Tebbano said he takes "great umbrage" in the way the audit was done, and a number of our readers have taken great umbrage at the fact the district used public funds to buy retirement gifts.

We at *The Spotlight* feel everyone should holster their umbrage for a minute.

Yes, the illegal formation of the reserve fund is a big deal, but critics should remember that was done eight years ago. For its part, the district has asked the state to relax restrictions on how such funds can be established. This, and the reform of the Draconian guidelines in which funds can be maintained and used are issues *The Spotlight* has advocated for in the past.

And yes, buying \$50 gift cards for district employees, even with the best intentions, is an unwise act. If only for fear of the public outcry we're experiencing now, it should have otherwise funded the event or not had it at all — something they did this year, where they recognized staff with certificates and BC Eagle pins.

But you know, the district officials who are taking heat for this \$3,000 dinner are the same ones who were praised by Gov. Andrew Cuomo for taking a voluntary salary freeze, saving about \$65,000. They are the same officials who saved about \$1.1 million by successfully negotiating a wage freeze with the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association.

There are opportunities for the district to improve — district officials have acknowledged as much — but we don't feel, as some do, that the findings of this audit somehow negates the quality education and community service provided by the Bethlehem Central School District.

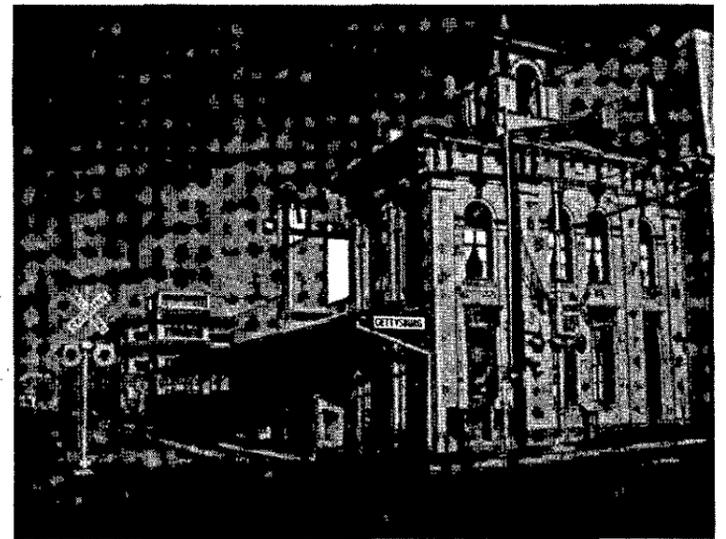
## Area rich in Civil War History

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The Civil War is gaining much publicity as we celebrate its 150th anniversary. One of the interesting aspects of the conflict is the involvement of colleges and university professors, graduates and students in the fighting. There are many famous Civil War generals such as Joshua Chamberlain from Bowdoin College in Maine who helped turn back the Confederate charge at Little Round Top at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. A famous Confederate general was Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson who served as a university professor at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. Two professors at the Normal School at Albany New York formed Company E of the 44th New York Volunteers during September 1862. The Normal School eventually grew into the University at Albany. The professors were Albert Husted and Rodney Kimball. Many graduates and students from the Normal School at Albany joined Company E, and they fought in some of the most famous battles of the Civil War. Company E also included some soldiers not affiliated with the Normal School at Albany. This article briefly outlines some of the interesting aspects of the involvement of the soldiers associated with the University at Albany in the conflict.

During July 1862 the Union war effort was going badly as Gen.



The train station in Gettysburg that President Abraham Lincoln passed through when he gave the Gettysburg Address.

George McClellan was defeated in a battle outside Richmond, Va. President Lincoln made a plea for new troops, and professors Kimball and Husted responded by forming a company of volunteers at the Normal School at Albany. During September 1862, Company E was formed with about 100 volunteers who signed up for three

years of service. Soon Company E was attached to the 44th New York Volunteers and was put into action. This was a critical time in the Civil War since the Union army had stopped the Confederate army at the Antietam battlefield in Maryland, and Abraham Lincoln

decided to issue the Emancipation Proclamation. Company E participated in 17 battles in the Civil War including many major engagements. Some of the major battles included Fredericksburg, Va. (1862), Chancellorsville, Va. (1863), Gettysburg, Pa. (1863), and a series of major battles in Virginia. Company E was disbanded on August 8, 1864 and some of the soldiers were transferred to another unit the 140th New York Volunteers who participated at the surrender of the Confederate troops at Appomattox Court House in Virginia in 1865.

Albert Husted was wounded at the Confederate victory at the battle of Chancellorsville in 1863 and he survived to fight until his term of service expired in October 1864. Husted returned to the Normal School at Albany and had a long teaching career. Today you can visit Husted Hall on the downtown campus of the University at Albany. Professor Kimball commanded Company E at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., and continued to serve until April 1863. Many of the soldiers in the ranks were either killed or wounded during the Civil War.

There are many interesting events associated with Company E. One story concerns First Sgt.

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### Point of View

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## Weekly poll

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### Last week's poll results:

Question: "If there were only one candidate for an office, would you bother voting?"

- Yes. It's still important to participate.: 27%
- No. I don't see the point.: 72%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

# Peace is not separate from access to healthy water

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

This letter is in response to Philip Carter's June 8 letter "Public should know the fracking facts."

After nine years of offering countless forums, public group discussions and documentaries, we have hoped to provide to the general public a more nuanced and informed understanding of the connections between war and corporate profit.

War is a for-profit business that makes billions of dollars for the military industrial complex (does Haliburton ring a bell?) and costs the lives and taxpayer dollars of the citizens of this country as well as destroying the lives and property of each country we invade and occupy to acquire their natural resources.

In Phillip Carter's response to the "Gasland" announcement, he suggests the struggle for peace has little to do with the struggle for access to non-toxic water. However, Mr. Carter's letter reflects a very narrow view of

peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are all hearing that future wars will be referred to as water wars.

Hydrofracking is just another for-profit business. It puts corporate revenues before the needs of the people. Thanks to Dick Cheney's closed energy meetings during the Bush administration the public was left completely in the dark as to what our future energy programs would consist of, and the lists of chemicals used in the hydrofracking process were kept secret. Those lists have finally surfaced and the documented damage that is caused is easily attained. For instance, there have been discussions on public television concerning this very real danger to the public health and the destruction of water sources in the areas near the wells and it is widely covered in the mainstream press, not to mention HBO where "Gasland" first aired.

Lisa Jackson, whom Phillip Carter references in

his response to Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace's "Gasland" announcement, claims she is "not aware" of any proven case of damage to watersheds near "fracking" sites. But in the documentary "Gasland" gas company officials themselves refused to drink any of the water offered to them by homeowners whose water supply had been clearly affected by the fracking process. Even Stephen Colbert forced Tom Ridge (former Pennsylvania governor, Homeland Security Director and present "consultant" for the natural gas industry) to admit to the hazardous effects of chemicals used in hydrofracking when asked which of those chemicals he could give to his toddler. Ridge's response: "You would be abusing your kids if you did."

There are alternatives to fossil fuels and we will only divert funds to their development when the lobbyists for the gas and oil industries are stopped from controlling

the votes in Congress concerning where our energy dollars for research and development are directed.

I would encourage everyone to watch the documentary "Gasland" and then gauge your reaction to the use of hydrofracking on your own property if asked.

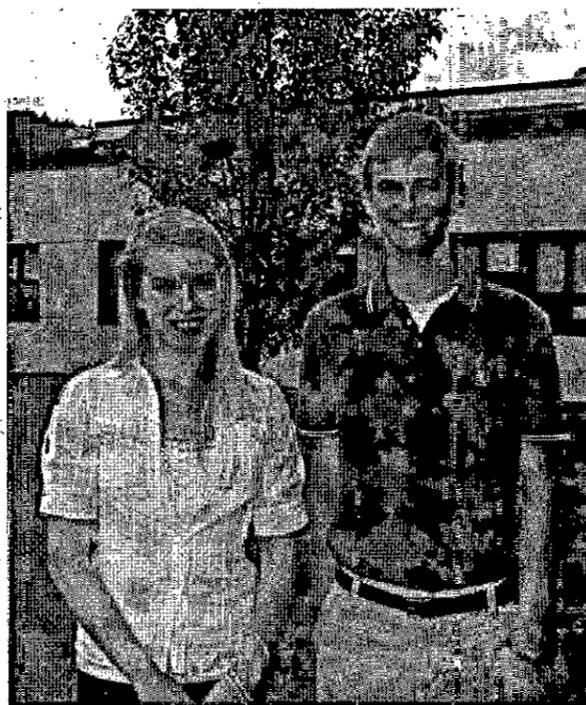
Peace is the end result when respect for all human life and the life of our planet outweigh the goals of unmitigated profit and greed.

We would cordially invite Mr. Carter to join some of our discussions and forums so that he may become apprised of the facts that are not supplied by lobbyists and for-profit think tanks. We do not need to go off the grid; we need another type of life sustaining grid.

And the burros Mr. Carter mentions are dying from drinking the water in the areas near the hydrofracking sites.

Leslie Hudson  
Feura Bush

## The top of the class



Christine Spindler and Andrew Lammly have been selected as the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School Class of 2011. Spindler has a 99.03 grade point average, is co-president of the National Honor Society and a member of the Spanish, Writing and Art clubs. She is the daughter of Brian and Susan Spindler of Glenmont and will attend Boston College to study the liberal arts. Lammly earned a 98.41 grade point average and is co-president of the National Honor Society and served as a member of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) from grades 6-12. He also deeply involved in district and state music programs. He is the son of Bob and Alice Lammly of Selkirk and will attend the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam where he plans to double major in music education and performance. The Class of 2011 graduation will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 25 at the State Convention Center.

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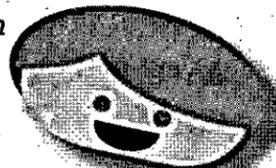
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# Daughter of fallen firefighter helps others cope with grief

### Selkirk man suffered heart attack while battling blaze

Jessica Higgins, daughter of fallen firefighter Kevin Seaburg, was invited to represent the fire service survivors at this year's National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Tucson Golf Tournament.

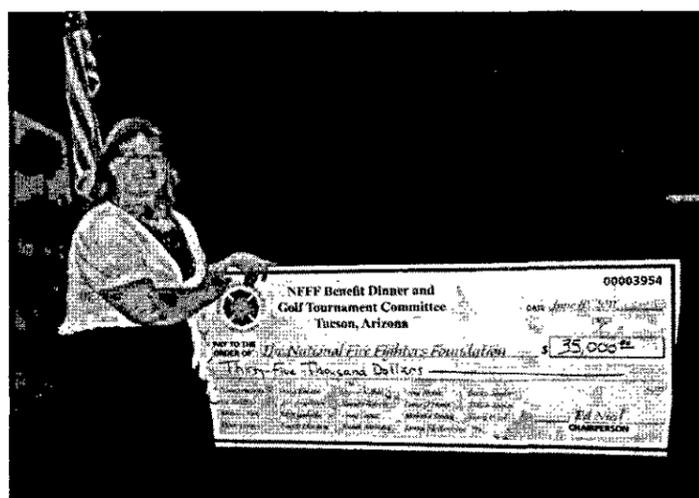
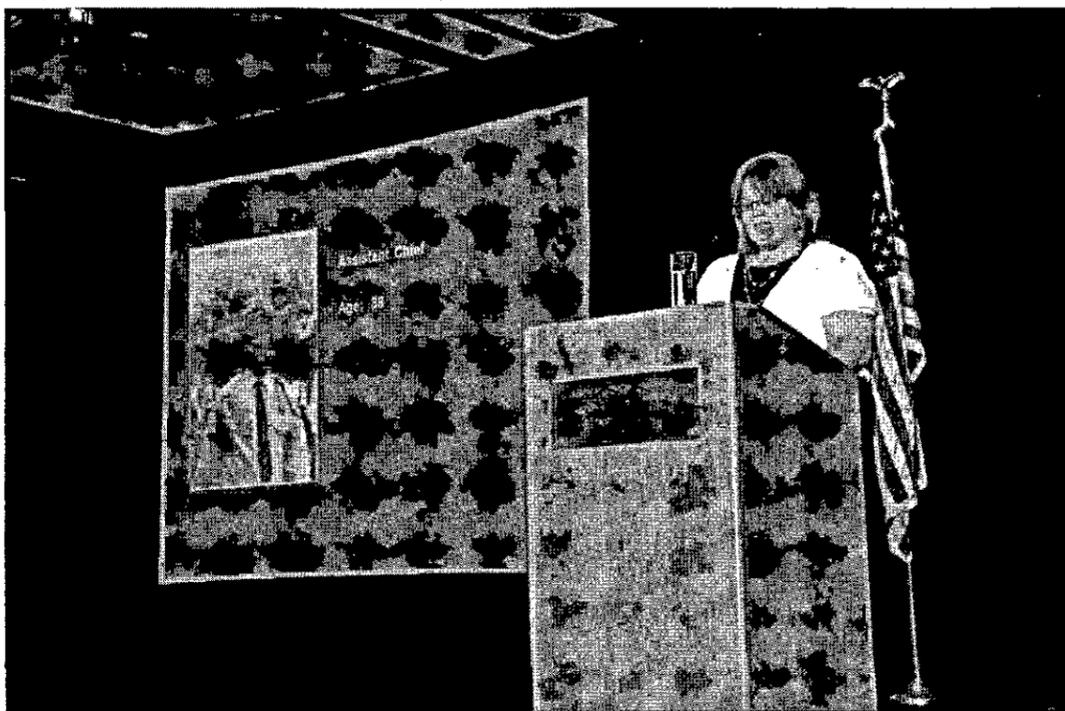
The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) Memorial Golf Tournaments are in their eighth year and have more than 35 regional golf tournaments that are held across the country. According to [www.firehero.org](http://www.firehero.org), the tournaments help the Foundation continue to support the families and co-workers of fallen firefighters. In 2010, the tournaments raised more than \$285,000 in support of the NFFF programs, such as the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, Fire Service Survivor Conferences, and the memorial Scholarship Programs to name a few.

For Higgins, Feb. 5, 1997, is a day that dramatically changed her life. The Selkirk Fire Department was dispatched to a fully involved mobile home fire. Within minutes, the entire home was engulfed with flames and several surrounding fire departments were called in to assist with the blaze. A massive heart attack took Assistant Chief Seaburg's life at the age of 38 after he had battled the mobile home fire for four hours.

The NFFF has developed and implemented educational materials for fire departments to ensure that every firefighter comes home. The Foundation has provided Higgins' and her family with a different kind of support, such as selecting her as the four-year recipient of the Sen. Sarbanes Memorial Scholarship in which she earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

The Foundation has also provided her family an opportunity to connect with other families by attending the annual Memorial Weekend. In addition, in 2008, she was asked by the Foundation to become a member of the Charleston Peer Support Team and traveled to South Carolina to provide guidance to grieving families and implement a grief support system for the school districts where nine City of Charleston firefighters lost their lives while responding to a furniture warehouse fire. Finally, her active participation with the Foundation has provided her the comfort and healing that she needs to continue her dad's devotion to the fire service communities.

Higgins, her sister, Sarah, and her mom said they are very blessed and honored to be a part of such a loving and thoughtful "family" within the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.



Jessica Higgins, above and right, daughter of fallen firefighter Kevin Seaburg, was invited to represent the fire service survivors at this year's National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Tucson Golf Tournament. Seaburg was 38 when he was killed by a heart attack while fighting a fire at a mobile home.

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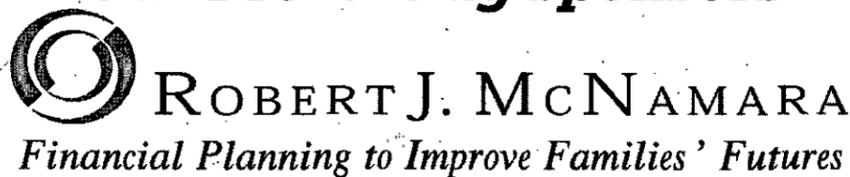
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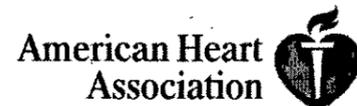
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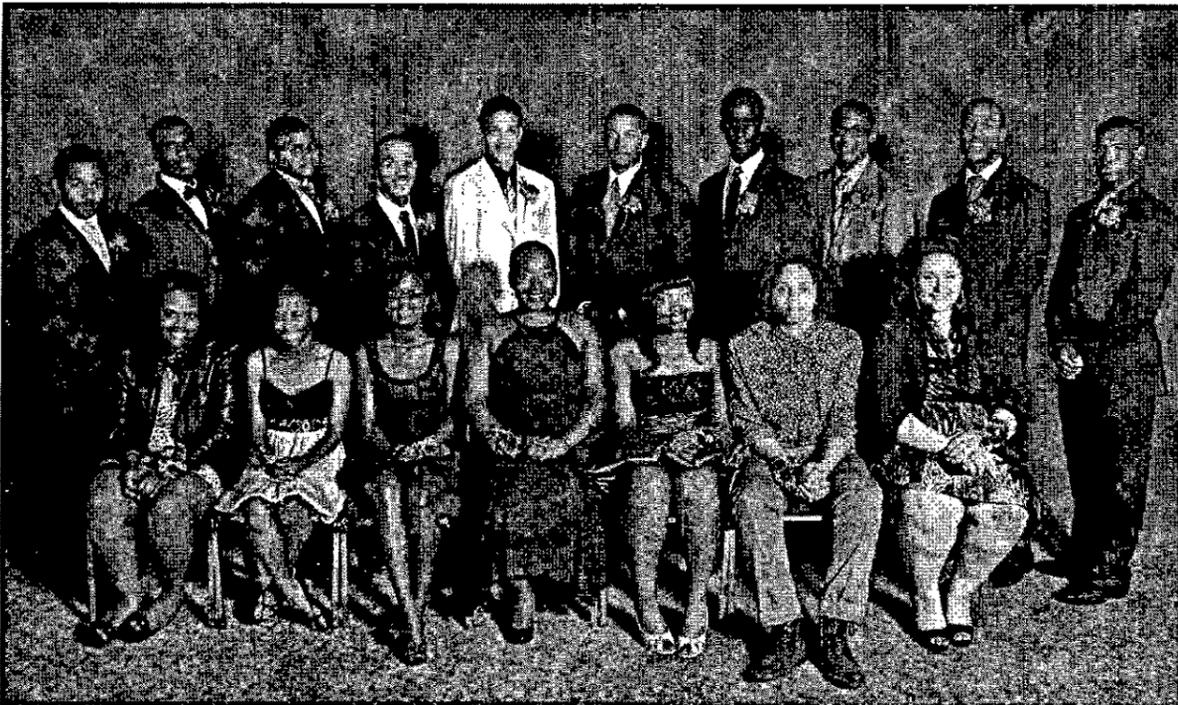


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The Capital District YMCA honored 21 youths and 15 adult achievers at its 8th Annual Black and Latino Achievers Recognition Dinner held June 9 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center.

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## YMCA honors local youths, adults at dinner

The Capital District YMCA held its 8th Annual Black and Latino Achievers Recognition Dinner on June 9 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center.

The evening's keynote speaker was James Morton, CEO of the Greater Hartford YMCA. Morton shared his personal struggles to overcome racism and poverty with the capacity crowd of more than 400 people.

Shenendehowa Senior Johari Johnson was named Youth Achiever of the Year. Nancy Santiago was honored as Adult Achiever of the Year for her role as chief of staff for Sen. Velmanette Montgomery and helping achievers participate in summer internships at various

state Senate offices.

As part of a long-standing partnership with The College of Saint Rose, two Achievers received full-tuition scholarships to Saint Rose, with a value of more than \$212,000. They are Simone Arrington from Bethlehem Central and D'Aundra Murray from Shenendehowa.

Others honored were Youths: Maysa N. Ahmed, Schenectady High; Jeff A. Bonilla, Troy High; Keron Coffin, Christian Brothers Academy; Miranda Espinoza, Bethlehem Central; Jared Frazer, Shenendehowa; Naeem Gibson, Guilderland High; Malcolm Good, Lasalle Institute; Aliyah Goodbee, Voorheesville High; Jonathan Irizarry, Rensselaer High; Chris Lamson-Marrero,

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## New Scotland GOP announces candidates

The Town of New Scotland Republican Committee has announced its slate of candidates for this year's town-wide elections.

According to a release issued June 17, the committee's search took place during the past several months and focused on those individuals that shared core beliefs of fiscal responsibility, transparency and ethical conduct.

Citing the need to restore such fiscal responsibility, the New Scotland Republican Committee has endorsed Tim Danz and Tim Stanton for Town Council. Each of these individuals has an exceptional background and has demonstrated leadership, initiative and dedication through experience and community involvement.

"As a committee, we talked with and interviewed a number of individuals regarding all of the open positions up for election this year. However, in the end, we decided to focus our energy and efforts

on the Town Board seats. We are extremely pleased that Tim Danz and Tim Stanton, both highly qualified and successful business owners, agreed to run as candidates. We believe that a message of fiscal responsibility will resonate with the people at this critical time," said New Scotland Republican Chairman Lance Luther.

The New Scotland Republican Committee has also endorsed Margaret Adkins for reelection to the position of Town Justice. Judge Adkins has served in that capacity since 2003 and has also been assigned as Acting City Court Judge in the cities of Albany, Rensselaer and Troy, as well as an Acting Village Justice in Voorheesville.

"One rarely finds a candidate as qualified as Margaret, and we are fortunate as a town to have someone with her dedication, service and experience as a judge," said Luther.

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The Storycrafters are Barry Marshall and Jeri Burns, who have been working together at their craft since 1991. They teach in schools, libraries and other venues all over the U.S. and the British Isles, and have been featured performers at storytelling and folk festivals nationally and around the world. Their recordings have won the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Award and Parents Choice Award. Their family radio show "Just Imagine" has won awards from the NYS Broadcasters Association.

This program is part of our adult summer reading program, Novel Destinations. Other programs in this series include Hannelore



The Storytellers, Barry Marshall and Jeri Burns, will be at the Bethlehem Public Library next Wednesday, June 29, at 1 p.m.



Wilfert's overview of this summer's Glimmerglass Opera performances (Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m.), an author talk by Julia Spencer-Fleming (Saturday, July 16, at 2 p.m.), a book discussion, and films. Get the details

in the library and in the July/August edition of the library newsletter, available in-house and online at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

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Signups for SRP are being taken online only in each of the three age groups: Kindergarten through grade 2 (Kidlits), grades 1 to 3 (Club 1-2-3) and grades 4 to 6 (Team 4-5-6). Grade level is determined by the grade the child is entering in September. Teens meet

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## Summer hours

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## Program highlights

**Tuesday, June 28**  
 • Seniors in Motion: A low level fun aerobic exercise class to music. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware



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Ave., Delmar, 9-10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

**Wednesday, June 29**  
 • Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

**Thursday, June 30**  
 • Senior grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem. For reservations, call 439-5770.

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**Friday, July 1**  
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**Third Tuesday services**  
 On the third Thursday of each month, representatives are in Town Hall to assist seniors with the following:

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- Blood Pressure Readings
- Legal Advice by Appointment Only (call senior office)
- Medicaid Applications

**Tuesday luncheon program**  
 Every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. a.m., more than 50 seniors gather to have lunch together in our Town Hall Board Room. Participants may order the featured hot meal (listed on the calendar), or opt for a cold tuna salad plate or cold fruit plate. Orders must

## Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

be placed with our office by 10:30 a.m. the day before the luncheon and the suggested donation is only \$3. Some decide to bring their own lunch, which is also fine.

Following the lunch, many seniors play bingo, other board games, shoot a game of pool, or simply converse with friends. Please think about joining our Tuesday family—we would love to have you! Transportation available.

**Monday, June 27**  
 Scheduled Shopping  
 9 a.m. Aerobics  
 10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters  
 10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness  
 1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

**Tuesday, June 28**  
 9 a.m. OsteoBuster

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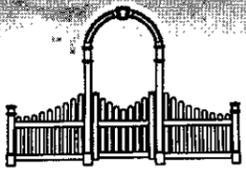
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# Blotter

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that afternoon. Suboxone is a drug most commonly used in the treatment of opioid addiction, and is a schedule III controlled substance.

Police executed a search warrant on Burkhart's residence following the arrest. Burkhart is on felony probation through Albany County, according to police. He was remanded to Albany County jail without bail and scheduled to appear in court on July 5, with a preliminary hearing scheduled for June 14.

• Bethlehem police on Saturday, June 11, arrested Darien C. Cox, 19, of 2432 3rd Avenue, Watervliet, and charged him with DWI.

Police allegedly observed Cox's 2003 Hyundai Elantra failing to keep right while traveling on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, and also traveling well below the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was made near the city line, and police

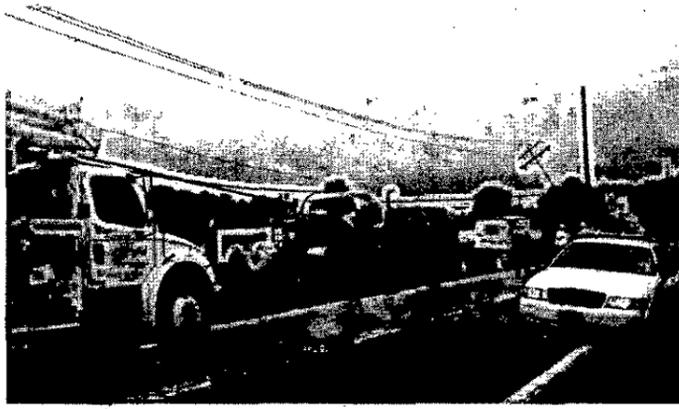
said Cox had the odor of alcohol on his breath and admitted to drinking at an area bar, with his last drink being around midnight.

Cox failed sobriety tests and was taken into custody, according to arrest reports. A breathalyzer test allegedly showed his BAC to be 0.15 percent. He was scheduled to appear in court on July 5.

• Bethlehem police on Saturday, June 11, arrested Cory Kenneth Wood, 22, of Medusa, and charged him with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, unlawful possession of marijuana and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree.

Police pulled over Wood's 1999 Ford Ranger at about 10 p.m. on Route 9W in Glenmont for driving without headlights. Wood was sweaty and nervous when speaking to officers, and police said a "knot of a small plastic baggie" was in plain view in the car. Wood allegedly told police he used cocaine on Fridays after work, but police said he didn't appear to be

# Truck downs power lines



A cement truck downed utility lines on Elsmere Avenue Friday morning, June 17, leaving those in the vicinity without power. The driver of the truck was trapped in the vehicle's cab for about a half an hour until power to the lines could be shut off and he could be safely removed. Elsmere was closed from Walden Fields Drive to Feura Bush Road, and remained closed throughout the morning.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

impaired after administering sobriety tests.

Police allegedly found his license to be suspended out of the Town of Coeymans for failure to pay fines. A search

of the car allegedly revealed a mirror with cocaine residue on it and a glass pipe containing marijuana residue.

Wood was scheduled to appear in court on July 5.

# Motorcycle

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to yield to the right of way while making a left turn. According to police, Jones said she had not seen the motorcycle.

"Upon interviewing her, she said that there was a large pickup truck that was following her very closely, and the headlights in her mirror may have blinded her," said Bethlehem Deputy Police Chief Timothy Beebe.

He said after completing their work, investigators felt the traffic violation to be an appropriate charge.

Beebe also reminded motorists to be conscious of motorcyclists during the riding season, and said motorcyclists might consider means to make themselves more noticeable, such as wearing a high visibility jacket.

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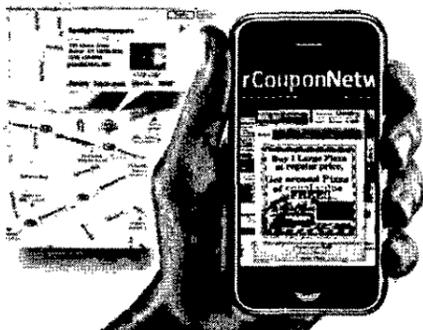
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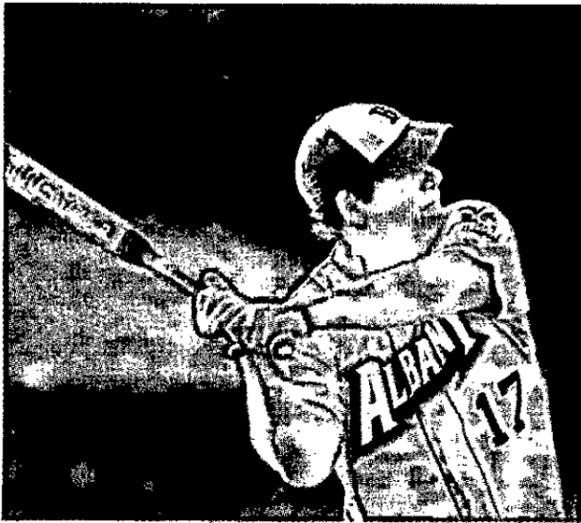
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# Blind Glenmont girl is up for the Challenge

**Fourth-grader competing in national Braille competition.**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Slingerlands Elementary student and Glenmont resident Kelly Cusack reads a book on her BrailleNote device. She'll soon be traveling with her family to Los Angeles to compete in the national round of the Braille Challenge, an academic contest focused on Braille skills.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Kelly Cusack is the sort of lively, just-turned-10-year-old parents can't help but be proud of. She's a Girl Scout, a member of the chess club at Slingerlands Elementary School and plays the piano. She's also an avid reader, but instead of reaching for a paperback or Kindle, she grabs her BrailleNote device.

That's because Kelly is blind. She learned to read in the same way as the rest of the children in her class, with flashcards, only hers had the tiny raised bumps of Braille on them.

Now, her hard work hitting the books is paying off. Kelly and her family will be traveling to Los Angeles soon to visit the national round of the Braille Challenge, an academic contest organized by the Braille

Institute of America.

"I'm a little nervous, but I know if I set my mind to it I can do it," Kelly said last week.

By the time you read this, Kelly and her family (parents Jennifer and Michael and her older brother, Carl, 14) will be

on the other side of the country. The actual Braille Challenge is the weekend of June 25, but they'll be making a vacation out of it, including a stop to see family and a trip to Disneyland.

Kelly has had plenty of practice when it comes to the competition itself, having competed in the regional contest the last two years. The Braille Challenge began in 2000 as a regional contest for southern California, and

since then has grown to encompass the entire U.S. and Canada. This year, 855 students participated in regional contests, an impressive number considering there are just 6,000 kids nationwide who are registered to receive educational materials in Braille.

The competition is something akin to a spelling bee or other academic contests, but the tests focus on Braille skills. The contest started as a way to make Braille a bit more interesting for students, who usually experience it through textbooks.

"There wasn't much giving it a positive connotation, so we thought it would be interesting to create a contest to make it fun," said Nancy Niebrugge, director of the Braille Challenge. "We're finding that we really hit on something. The kids seek more Braille, they want to learn more ... the teachers are telling us the kids are asking for more homework so they can practice their Braille."

Depending on age, students compete in up to five categories: spelling (which is unique because Braille has a lot of contractions),

proofreading, reading comprehension, charts and graphs and speed and accuracy, where students listen to a passage and then must type it into Braille using a Perkins Braille device.

These contests comprise the vital skills the blind population need to be successful, said Niebrugge.

"All of the contests are meant to reinforce core academic skills and pre-employment skills," she said. "Blind adults are underemployed, there's about a 75 percent unemployment rate ... of those who are employed, a high percentage of them are Braille readers."

Top finishers receive savings bonds.

Kelly is spending the few days before the competition brushing up on her proofreading.

"They do some Braille reversals. They sometimes try to mix you up with that," she said. "They try to find the hardest thing and try to trick you."

The competition isn't all books and Braille. There's a social aspect, and organizers make plenty of time for the kids to interact. Blindness is a fairly rare condition

among children, and those of school age who are affected often find themselves the only blind child or one of only a few students in the district. Kelly is the only blind student at Slingerlands Elementary.

Jennifer Cusack said interacting with other parents of blind children is also "a great opportunity," since they can talk about methods to make the home more accessible to their kids, parenting strategies and other topics that are unique to their children.

She's also pleased to see Kelly excited about reading.

"We're thrilled and proud and very excited," she said. "It's nice to see her be able to compete on a level playing field."

For Kelly's part, her enthusiasm is impossible to miss. She said the Challenge has made her more interested in improving her skills with Braille.

"I don't know how they do it. They must put something in the air," she said. "For me, it's just plain exciting."

For more information on the Braille Challenge, visit [brailleinstitute.org](http://brailleinstitute.org).

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The Strides 4 Stride 5K/2.5K Community Walk and Wheelchair Roll at the Corning Preserve at Albany's riverfront has a little something for every kind of athlete, with the 5K run followed by the shorter course for walkers and wheelchair-bound kids.

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## Strides

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around \$10,000. A lot of the program's sports require special equipment for the different needs of the participants, and as a not-for-profit, Stride relies chiefly on donations.

Phillips will be doing the 5K along with his sons, Tyler, 15, Connor, 12, and Dylan, 2. Dylan will have the easiest time in a jogging stroller.

The money the event raises isn't everything, though, Phillips said he's more excited about the opportunity to increase

Stride's profile and connect more people with the kids the program serves. Phillips himself only learned about Stride a few years ago and has become increasingly involved, connecting local sports teams with the organization and holding fundraisers.

"The main goal of this is to increase awareness of Stride... and then the other piece is engaging kids with the special needs kids," he said.

About 200 showed up for last year's run, and registration is on pace to at least match that number.

"Stride also does

work with the Wounded Warriors Project, which provides a support network and resources for injured soldiers.

The Strides 4 Stride 5K Race/2.5K Community Walk and Wheelchair Roll will step off at 9 a.m. from the Corning Preserve at Albany's riverfront (the walk starts at 10 a.m.). Registration will be open until the morning before race day at stride.org, and day of race registration will also be available. Registration is \$25 for adults and \$20 for youths 17 and under. Registration opens on Saturday at 8 a.m.

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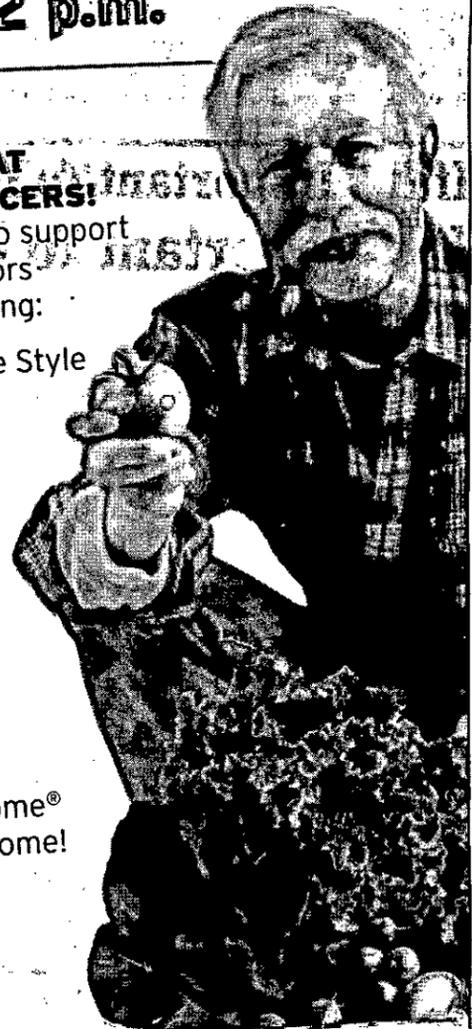
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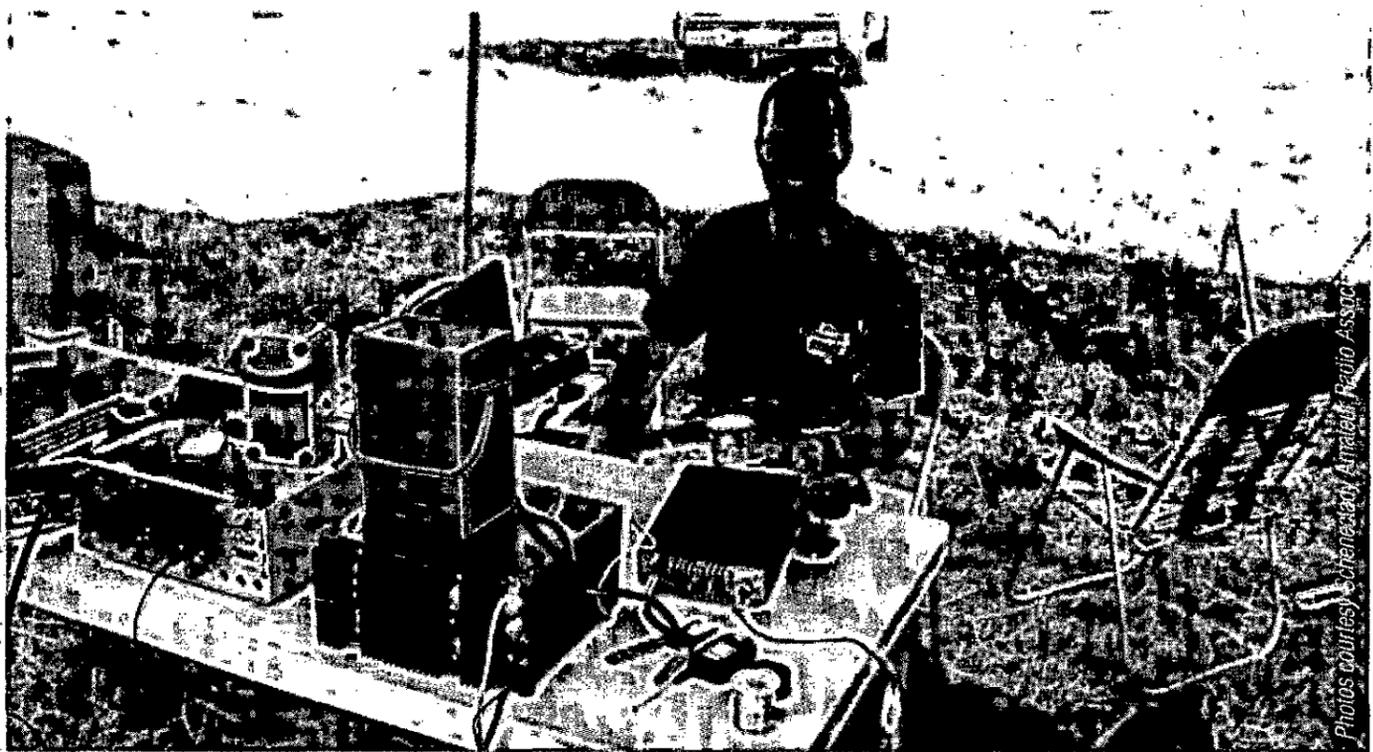
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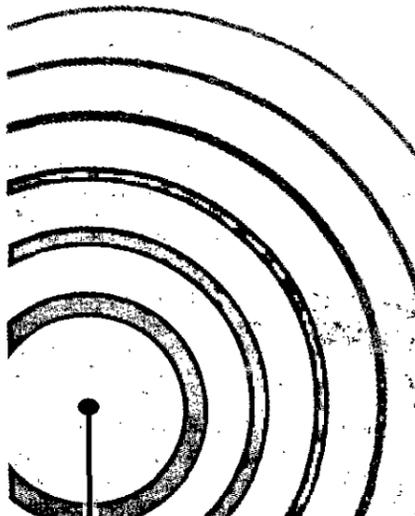
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# Entertainment in the Spotlight

Members of the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association will take part in a field day Saturday and Sunday, June 25 to 26, at the Glenville Hill Firehouse. Members will host public demonstrations of the group's emergency communications abilities.



Photos courtesy Schenectady Amateur Radio Assoc.



# On the same wavelength

Amateur radio operators share their hobby at annual field day

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN  
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**W**hen Tim Long was a young Boy Scout, he was fascinated by his scoutmaster's ham radio hobby.

"After meetings, I would beg him to take me home so we could play radio," Long said.

It was always a thrill waiting to hear another voice over the radio, not knowing where it might come from.

"It's like fishing," Long said. "You throw your line in the water and don't know what you're going to catch. You could get a guy down the street or you could get a guy around the world. It was like magic."

That was some 50 years ago. Long eventually got

his own ham radio license, and he's spent many hours chatting with people from every corner of the globe. "I've talked everywhere a couple times over now," he said with a laugh.

The hobby has also helped him make connections closer to home. Long is the treasurer and database keeper for the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, one of several clubs for ham radio operators throughout the Capital District. The clubs are a way for people with a similar interest to come together, but they're more than that: Ham radio operators can serve as a crucial means of communication in times of crisis.

That was the genesis for the Schenectady club's formation back in 1929. A

major ice storm knocked out inter-city telegraph and telephone communications for several days, and ham radio operators took to the air to spread news. More recently, when tornadoes touched down in Springfield, Mass., earlier this month, ham radio operators provided updates to the National Weather Service office in Albany.

Every year, a field day lets ham radio clubs show off their emergency communication capabilities. This year's field day is set for Saturday and Sunday, June 25 to 26. In the Glenville area, the Schenectady Amateur Radio Association will set up shop at the Glenville Hill Firehouse for public demonstrations of its emergency communications abilities. Members will use only emergency power supplies such as antennas and generators to contact as many stations as possible. The club is hoping to reach more than 2,000 other stations.

One of the group's members, Craig Wood, won't be taking part in the Glenville field day because he'll be at one in Troy, where he's also a member of a ham group. Wood was hooked on ham radio when he saw a teacher at Colonie Central High School build a station and talk to people overseas.

"I watched him talk to people in Italy," Wood said. "It was just wonderful to see."

As a ham operator

himself, Wood has talked to people as far away as Croatia and Poland. They talk about their radios — "What's your radio, what's my radio," Wood said — as well as politics. A lot of ham operators have similar interests, Wood said. "A lot of hams are pilots. A lot fly remote airplanes. A lot of us like railroads."

A real bond can form, as it did between Wood and a ham in Great Britain. Whenever they chatted, Wood looked forward to updates about the man's daughter, who was studying to be a nurse.

The social aspect is just a small part of the appeal for Wood, who takes great pride in the service hams can provide in emergencies. Back around 2000, someone digging in Schenectady hit a phone line and thousands of people lost phone service, Wood said. The county enlisted ham operators to keep in touch with police in case of problems since the police have a ham station.

Field day is a great chance for ham operators to keep their skills sharp in case they are pressed into service.

"It's kind of like practice makes perfect," Wood said. "The idea is to get the best practice we can."

People of all ages are invited to the field day, which runs from 2 p.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. Sunday. Wood and Long both said that club members would love to share their hobby with everyone. For more information, visit [www.k2ae.org](http://www.k2ae.org).



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

### CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### CAPITLAND CHORUS

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

### TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Seeking new artists that work in pastels, meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at the Dave Francis Gallery, the

Shirt Factory, Glens Falls. Programs, artist demonstrations and exhibitions are planned throughout the year. Information, 793-9309 or 793-9350.

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 813-4299 or e-mail delmarcommunityorchestra@gmail.com.

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

### SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

### SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

### THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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

### ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

### RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

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

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

### ARTISTS WANTED

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

# SUDOKU

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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

## EX MARKS THE SPOT

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## ACROSS

- 1 Pub quaffs
- 5 Pedal digits
- 9 Chinese weight
- 13 Mischievous sprite
- 14 Equus burchelli
- 15 "Ben Hur" costume designer
- 16 \_\_\_ Khayyam
- 17 Unreasonable
- 19 Kill every tenth man
- 21 Watery swellings
- 22 Counts, in Britain
- 23 Hosp. machine
- 24 Neighbor of Celebes
- 26 Defies
- 31 Recede
- 32 Old gold coin
- 34 Vigor
- 35 Understand
- 37 More angry
- 39 Graf \_\_\_
- 40 Prevent, in law
- 42 Pierre's parents
- 44 Popular shade tree
- 45 Wobbled
- 47 Whiskers
- 49 "When I was

a \_\_\_ ..."

- 50 Titan
- 51 Buy back
- 55 Punishment
- 58 Freed from blame
- 60 Stew ingredient
- 61 Jongleur
- 62 Portents
- 63 Man, for one
- 64 Units of elec. current
- 65 Author of "Two Years Before the Mast"
- 66 Queries

## DOWN

- 1 Footless creature
- 2 \_\_\_ rickey
- 3 Worsen
- 4 Native of Damascus
- 5 Themes
- 6 Heckelphone
- 7 Blunder
- 8 Things to rattle?
- 9 Place for a chapeau
- 10 Syria, of old
- 11 Sicilian smoker
- 12 Allows

## 14 Enthusiastic

- 18 Locution
- 20 Voluble TV equine
- 23 Bishop's headdress
- 24 Left bank chapeau
- 25 Like Mrs. Spratt, likely
- 26 Challenged
- 27 Cattle genus
- 28 Proficiency
- 29 Cede
- 30 Appears
- 33 Contended with
- 36 On the \_\_\_
- 38 Ties again
- 41 Martinique volcano
- 43 Stool, for one
- 46 Standard of straightness
- 48 Lack of power or vigor
- 50 Actress Davis
- 51 McEntire, of music
- 52 Quiz
- 53 Small village
- 54 Termini
- 55 Tommy's gun
- 56 Waterproof a seam or crevice
- 57 Hot times, in Aix
- 59 MD org.

# BOCES honors five local students

## Bridget Hotaling of Ravena earns Fuchs Award

Five local students from Cobleskill, Ravena, Schoharie, Watervliet and Westerlo who just completed their studies at the Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School (Career & Tech) in Albany (Colonie) and Schoharie were presented with top honors at the school's annual campus awards ceremonies on June 8 and June 14, respectively.

Dwayne (DJ) Wolfe of Watervliet, a senior in Career & Tech's Building Trades program, was named Outstanding Student of the Year for the school's Albany

campus. Wolfe, who is also graduating from Watervliet High School, was honored for growth in achievement of skills in building trades/construction, citizenship, work ethic, leadership ability and pride in his chosen occupation.

At Career & Tech's Schoharie campus, the Outstanding Student of the Year Award went to Christa Smith of Cobleskill, a senior in the Culinary Arts & Hospitality Technology program. Smith was described by Culinary Arts & Hospitality Technology Teacher Chef Nancy Iannacone as "most deserving of the Outstanding Student Award."

At the June awards ceremonies, each Career & Tech campus presents

the Joseph N. Fuchs Award for Uniquely Challenged Students to students who have overcome significant challenges to excel and serve as role models for others. Career & Tech's Albany campus Fuchs Award was presented to Bridget Hotaling of Ravena, who just completed the school's Food Services program and is a graduate of Oakwood Christian School in Troy.

According to Food Services Teacher Chef Scott Cooper, Bridget "displayed a huge commitment to Career & Tech, our SkillsUSA chapter and competitions, her peers, and most importantly, to taking advantage of her educational opportunities."

## Milestones

# Scanlon, Freuh marry



Nancy and William Freuh

Nancy Scanlon of East Berne and William Freuh of Delmar were united in marriage on April 30, 2011 at the Mabee Farm in Rotterdam Junction, NY. Reenactors all, the wedding party was attired in Civil War clothing, and many of the guests, also reenactors, wore clothing from their time period.

The groom and his best man, Ray Hauley, played Fanfare on fife and drum for the processional. The bride and groom sang two of Bill's original compositions, Our Song and Wedding Song. Their fife and drum friends played Governor King's March as the recessional.

The bride's dress was created by Diane Karabin of Pickett's General Store in Perth, NY and her bonnet was decorated by Matron of Honor, Toni Lasher.

The couple enjoyed a weekend honeymoon trip to Old Sturbridge Village.

## Town

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

**Wednesday, June 29**  
Scheduled Shopping  
9 a.m. Line Dancing

10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster  
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness  
1 p.m. Needlecraft  
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

**Thursday, June 30**  
Scheduled Shopping  
9 a.m. Osteobusters  
9 a.m. Aerobics  
10:30 a.m. Movie: The King's Speech (please call ahead to sign-up)

10:30 a.m. Balance Class  
1 p.m. Mahjongg  
1:15 p.m. Pinochle

**Friday, July 1**  
Scheduled Shopping  
10 a.m. Painting  
10:30 a.m. Bridge  
1 p.m. Quilting  
5 to 9 p.m. Dinner Dance at Mallozzi's Clubhouse

## Songs

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Make a passport and get it stamped at eligible library programs this summer. Age 3 and up. Details in the library and online at [www.bplkids.org](http://www.bplkids.org).

**Minute 2 Win It**  
Monday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.

Teens in grade 6 and up will compete in a variety of 60-second games. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

**Library board**  
Monday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Open to the public

**Kindergarten boot camp**  
Tuesdays, July 12 to Aug. 2, 1:30 p.m.

Children entering kindergarten and their caregivers can practice a new kindergarten skill each week. Come for one session or all four.

**Evening on the green**  
Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m.  
The six-piece band Mixed Company blends popular tunes from rock and soul to swing. Concert will be held indoors if it rains.

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.

# Deegan, Christy exchange vows

Erin Colleen Deegan and Eric William Ramirez Christy were married on March 19, 2011. Erin is the daughter of Tom and Eileen Deegan of West Chester, Pennsylvania. Eric is the son of Tim and Leda Christy of Niskayuna, NY.

The Wedding Ceremony took place at the St Thomas Church at Villanova University in Villanova, PA, officiated by Father Peter Donahue. A reception followed at The Merion Tribute House.

The Bride and Groom are both 2007 graduates of Villanova University. Erin earned a BS in Nursing, and just completed a career as a Nurse in the US Navy at the rank of Lieutenant. Eric is a graduate of Niskayuna High School and earned a BS Mechanical Engineering degree. He is a Lieutenant in the US Navy and is now a Company Commander at Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit TWO



Erin Colleen and Eric William Ramirez Christy

based at Little Creek, VA. The couple honeymooned in The Philippines, and now reside in Virginia Beach, VA.

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# Race

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formed under the Spitzer administration and carried on into the Paterson years.

He also worked at the state comptroller's office as the assistant comptroller for local government. In Bethlehem, he's been a member of the town's 20/20 Implementation Committee, heading up the subcommittee on Modernization and Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness of Town Government.

The committee recently released a report recommending the town make three elected department heads appointed, and that the supervisor's term in office be extended. It's been receiving mixed reception at town meetings and the measures could potentially find their way on to the 2011 ballot for voter approval.

Clarkson said his primary focus thus far is on town finances. He said the town has for too long

been dipping into savings to balance the budget.

"We have to wean ourselves from the fund balance, and we should start now," he said. "We have to look at every idea, and we can't keep doing business as usual."

He mentioned expanding shared services with school districts and the county as one area some savings could be found.

Clarkson will have to collect around 500 signatures of Democrats to get on the primary ballot, but he feels he'll have no trouble collecting many more. He didn't rule out the possibility of going after other lines, which as a registered Democrat would require him to pursue a more difficult opportunity to ballot.

"I believe when people look at my experience, skills, and outlook, [voters will] see that I would be a very good choice for supervisor," Clarkson said.

He has started a campaign website at [www.clarkson2011.org](http://www.clarkson2011.org).

# Audit

(From Page 1)

this annual dinner had been held for years, to recognize retiring staff and faculty, who received the free meals and gift cards. In a Tuesday, June 14, interview, he acknowledged the district did make a gift of public funds, but also defended the recognition ceremony as a modest measure that would be found at most any organization.

"I think it was a relatively minor way of saying 'thank you' to people," Tebbano said.

He also objected to the audit targeting such a small part of the nearly \$90 million budget, one that he said holds a value beyond dollars and cents.

"I take great umbrage in the way this was done," Tebbano said.

He said no dinner was held this year, and retirees were instead acknowledged at the Board of Education meeting Wednesday, June 15, and presented with certificates and BC Eagle pins. Such tokens of nominal value are allowed under state law.

**"I think it was a relatively minor way of saying 'thank you' to people."**

Superintendent Michael Tebbano

the assessment of energy company PSEG's property in Glenmont.

The issue is state law dictates such a fund can only be formed through the sale of facilities, and this one was funded by payment in lieu of taxes receipts. District Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe acknowledged that's the case but said the fund saved taxpayers from a crippling tax hike as the district lost over \$3 million in tax revenue.

"Apparently, that wasn't known when the reserve was set up," said Kehoe.

Tebbano noted that the existence of the fund balance has been well publicized since its formation.

"The community benefited from this," he said. "At the time we assumed the process was legal and everything was above board."

In its response to the audit recommendations, the district requested the state relax restrictions on how such funds can be established.

Besides the formation of the fund, the issue is that the money should have been applied to the unrestricted reserve fund. State law stipulates that can only be 4 percent of the total budget, and money in the Tax Reduction Reserve would push it well above that mark.

The reserve was already planned to be exhausted in the coming year's school budget.

## BC fires back on critique

BC officials "vehemently object to" a third set of criticisms set forth in the audit dealing with the district's purchasing practices.

The comptroller's report cites BC for awarding contracts to two companies owned by district employees and for not following competitive bidding guidelines.

BC made an order for custodial and maintenance uniforms and an order for "scrubber batteries" during the audited period from companies owned by district workers for about \$5,000 and \$800, respectively.

"When district employees have an interest in contracts with the district, there are increased opportunities for favoritism, extravagance, and/or fraud. There is an increased risk that taxpayers' interests will become secondary," the report reads.

Kehoe said that in these instances, the orders were placed with companies owned by part-time district employees, and after bids were solicited from other sources. The orders were placed with the lowest bidder, she said.

Similarly, the report states the district did not seek out competitive pricing on over \$700,000 of

purchases during the audit period, the largest being the purchase of general liability insurance.

Kehoe said BC had worked with its carriers to compare quotes for this and the other services identified in the report, but had not issued formal request for proposals.

"That's typically the way insurance is procured. ... I don't know if they fully understood that," she said.

Kehoe said the auditors made several positive comments about the district's business office practices, including the wide use of competitive requests for proposals and the level of documentation and internal controls, but these were not included in the report.

The comptroller's office launched a rotating, statewide audit of school districts in 2004. BC was last audited in 2007, when auditors identified issues with the district's internal auditing structure and payroll.

The district is also reviewed by an independent auditor and by agencies like Standard and Poor's. Tebbano argued that BC has set a high bar for transparency, especially in the amount of information that's on the district website.

"We accept the recommendations from the comptroller, and are moving forward," he said. "The little bit of things we have done aren't major crimes."

## IN BRIEF

### Janssen earns nursing degree

Gwendolyn E. Janssen of Delmar graduated with a degree in nursing at the 118th commencement exercises at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., on Saturday, May 21.

### Shakers plan craft fair

The Shaker Heritage Society will host its Shaker

Summer Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The fair features over 75 local artisans offering hand-made items ranging from pottery and glass to textiles and jewelry. Visitors can also participate in hands-on craft activities and guided tours of the historic site. The cost is \$4 per person, with children under 18 free. For more information, visit [www.shakerheritage.org](http://www.shakerheritage.org).

### District savings structure said to be unlawful

Though it focused on a 13-month period, the audit also identified a fund balance established by the district in 2003 as improperly formed. It was in this year the district formed a Tax Reduction Reserve to the tune of \$2.7 million, intended to be used to offset an expected reduction in tax receipts due to a major shift in

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## Your Community in The Spotlight

### RCS Soccer Club holds registration

Fall 2011 Recreation Soccer Season Signup runs through July 15.

The RCS Soccer Club provides soccer for children ages 5 to 12. Children that are 5 years of age on or before 12/1/11 and still 12 years of age on 10/22/11 are eligible to play.

Registrations can be completed online at [www.rcssoccerclub.com](http://www.rcssoccerclub.com)

Registration fees are \$50 for first child, \$35 for each additional child per family.

If you do not have internet access, or require further assistance, contact Carley Libertucci, recreation registrar at 860-7329.

### Smith graduates from LeMoyne

Robert S. Smith, of Delmar, son of John O. Smith and Theresa S. McMahon, received a Bachelor's Degree from Le Moyne College on May 22, 2011. Robert majored in Political Science, and was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science National Honor Society. He will attend Albany Law School.

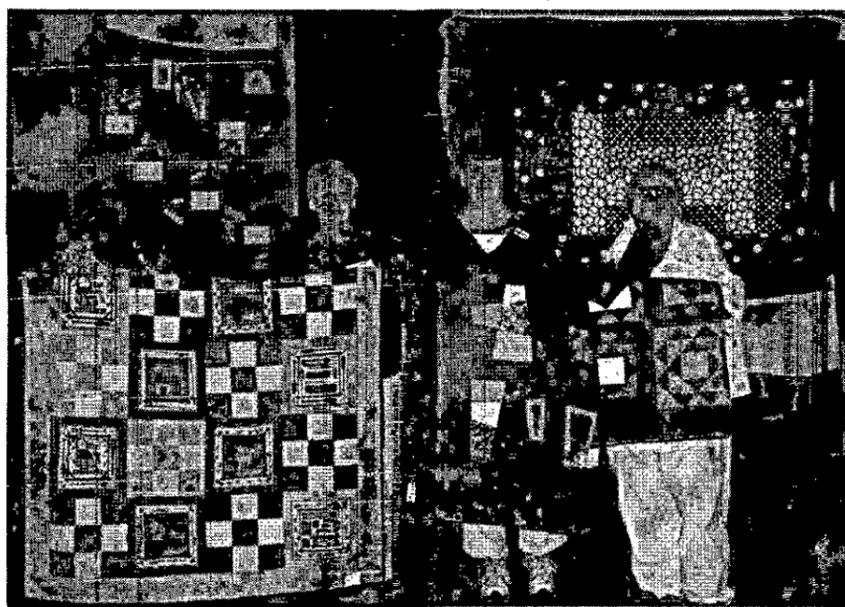
### Local students graduate from Wells College

Several local students earned diplomas as part of the Wells College Class of 2011:

- Rebecca Chambers of Delmar, daughter of Ms. Linda Nortz, received a bachelor's degree from Wells College. Rebecca majored in Economics and Management with a concentration in Economics, graduating magna cum laude with distinction, and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She received Wells' Jean Scobie Davis Prize and was included in the 2010-11 edition of Who's Who among Students.

- Rebekah Coons of Voorheesville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Shearer, received a bachelor's degree from Wells College. Rebekah majored in Psychology and minored in Elementary Education.

In spite of an overcast sky and predicted showers,



Q.U.I.L.L.T. donated 15 hand-crafted quilts to St. Catherine's Center for Children on Friday, June 10.

### Q.U.I.L.L.T. Inc. of Delmar donates quilts to St. Catherine's Center for Children

Q.U.I.L.L.T. Inc. of Delmar presented 15 hand-crafted quilts on Friday, June 10. The quilts were presented at the Delmar Reformed Church during Q.U.I.L.L.T. Inc.'s last meeting before their two month break for the summer season. St. Catherine's Center for Children is a human services agency that provides a wide array of services for traumatized children and families.

Joanne Gambino-Morehouse, Director of Development at St. Catherine's, is thankful for the continued support of Q.U.I.L.L.T. Inc. "It is so wonderful when groups such as Q.U.I.L.L.T. Inc. choose to 'adopt' the children and families of St. Catherine's. The group members' continuous displays of kindness and creativity are very much appreciated. We are thankful for their willingness to share their

talents with the children and families that we serve."

St. Catherine's was established in Albany in 1886 as a home for orphans. Today, the agency is a haven for hope, offering a comprehensive range of human services for Capital Region children and families coping with issues of abuse, neglect, mental illness, and homelessness.

In addition to residential services, St. Catherine's array of services includes a family homeless shelter, a foster care program, an elementary school for children with special educational needs, and community outreach services for vulnerable families.

Last year, St. Catherine's served more than 1,500 children and families in the Capital Region. For more information, visit [www.st-cath.org](http://www.st-cath.org).

the ceremony took place on the shore of Lake Cayuga, on the lawn of the Aurora Inn on May 28. The Commencement address was given by literary agent, book editor and member of the College's class of 1992 Laurie Munroe Abkemeier. One hundred thirty-five Wells College students earned their diplomas this year, as part of the College's 143rd Commencement ceremonies.

Wells College is a nationally recognized private liberal arts college located on the shores of beautiful Cayuga Lake. Founded in 1868 and coeducational since 2005, Wells provides an academically rigorous and relationship-based educational experience strengthened by the College's small size, residential atmosphere, and dedication to

experiential learning. The mission of Wells College is to teach students to think critically, reason wisely, and act humanely as they cultivate meaningful lives.

### Parks and Rec hosts Late Night Swim, Grad Celebration

On Saturday, June 25, from 8-10 p.m.

Enjoy the end of the school year with a late night swim as you listen to some DJ music. The Olympic pool and diving tank only. The snack bar will be open. Free Admission after 7:30 p.m. Children under 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Additional late night swim dates for 2011 include:

- Friday, July 22 with music by the Tequila Mocking Birds. All pools and splash islands will be open.

- Friday, August 5, "Dive" in Movie Night, featuring "Toy Story 3." All pools and splash Islands will be open.

### Bruce graduates from RPI

Adam Michael Bruce, son of David and Judith Bruce of Guilderland has graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, and a minor in Management and Technology.

He graduated cum laude and was a member and Treasurer of the American Institute of Architects Students (AIAS). He studied a semester in

Rome and Torino, Italy. He also worked with NASA to help design a lunar medical work station.

Adam is pursuing a career as an architect.

### McCarthy named to Dean's List

Muhlenberg College has announced its Dean's List for the Spring 2011 semester. Students must earn a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average (4.0-scale) to attain Dean's List status.

Cormac McCarthy, a member of the class of 2014, is a History and Film Studies major from Delmar. He is the child of The Hon. & Ms. Christopher J. McCarthy and a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Founded in 1848, Muhlenberg College is a highly selective liberal arts college in Allentown, PA. It is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

### Insect study set at Five Rivers

A family-oriented introduction to common bugs and beetles will be conducted at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, June 25, at 10 a.m.

At this indoor/outdoor study, Center naturalists will present a brief overview of insect ecology, focusing on common beneficial insects and pest species. Afterwards, Center staff will lead participants in an informal field study, using sweep nets to catch, identify and then release live specimens unharmed.

This program is open to the public free of charge. Parent(s) and child(ren) must accompany each other. Space is limited. Please call Five Rivers at 518-475-0291 to register by Monday, June 20. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled.

### Gadomski named to Dean's List

Muhlenberg College has announced its Dean's List for the Spring 2011 semester. Students must earn a minimum of a 3.5

grade point average (4.0-scale) to attain Dean's List status.

Sarah Gadomski, a member of the class of 2011, is an English major and Russian Studies and Art minor from Glenmont. She is the child of Mr. David J. Gadomski and a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Founded in 1848, Muhlenberg College is a highly selective liberal arts college in Allentown, PA. It is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

### Physicals for fall sports offered

Fall sport sign-ups are currently underway at Guilderland High School. Students interested in playing a fall sport should pick up a sport sign-up packet from the high school nurses' office and return the completed packet to the nurses' office as soon as possible but no later than Aug. 1.

The sport packet includes three forms: the School and Sport Physical Form, the Athletic Form and the Health History Form—all of which are also available at [www.guiderlandschools.org](http://www.guiderlandschools.org). Completed packets may be returned in person, mailed (8 School Road, P.O. Box 37, Guilderland Center, NY, 12085) or faxed to the nurses' office at (518) 861-5151.

Students needing sports physicals should stop by the high school nurses' office on either Wednesday, July 13, from 4 - 5:45 p.m., or Thursday, July 21, from 4 - 5:45 p.m.

No appointment is necessary; first-come, first-served.

Physicals may take up to one hour, so please plan accordingly. Students may also have physicals done by their own doctor, but the physical must be completed on the GHS physical form and reviewed by the school nurse before a student can sign-up for a sport or attend practice. Physicals are also open to all students for working papers, tenth grade physicals, and new student physicals.

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# History

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Consider H. Willett who fought at the battle of Fredericksburg. Willett survived the battle and sent a letter to the Albany Evening Journal that described the horror of war. The letter was published on December 20, 1862. Willett also distinguished himself in his effort to capture Confederate troops at Gettysburg.

The battle of Gettysburg is considered by many as the turning point of the Civil War. Gettysburg is where Husted and his band of volunteers had their greatest moment. On July 2, 1863 the Confederate forces attempted to defeat the Union army by attacking a fortified hill known as Little Round Top. The battle was not going well for the Union troops until Joshua Chamberlain (from Bowdoin College in Maine) and his group of soldiers representing the 20th of Maine turned back the Confederate charge at Little Round Top. If you go to Gettysburg today and view Little Round Top, you will see that Company E under Husted helped



The New York memorial at Little Round Top at Gettysburg.

to hold the line during the battle. Husted and Company E will be forever remembered by a large monument on top of Little Round Top. The monument is dedicated to the New York 44th Volunteers and prominently recognizes Husted and Company E.

During 1900 New York State had developed a detailed report on the battle of Gettysburg. In

discussing New York State Civil War units, the Albany Normal School is recognized as follows: One unit "...came from the State Normal School at Albany. The latter company brought along some of its teachers as officers. We have heard of the professor of politics; but here was an instance of the professor of war..." You can also visit Husted Hall at

the University at Albany downtown campus to review a plaque memorializing Albert Husted.

During the 1880s Husted wrote a history of Company E, which outlined the fate of the original 100 volunteers. A total of 17 volunteers died in battle while 20 were wounded and 8 died of disease. Seven members of the group were commissioned as officers to serve with black Union troops. Husted also noted that 79 other Normal School members served in other units in the Civil War.

The Albany area is full of Civil War history. This article briefly describes Company E of the 44th New York Volunteers that was developed at the University at Albany's earlier institution called the Albany Normal School. If you travel to see the Civil War sites you will see references to many people associated colleges such as Chamberlain's (Bowdoin College Maine) charge at Gettysburg, Stonewall Jackson's (Virginia Military Institute) exploits, the

charge at the battle of New Market, Va. by the student corps of Virginia Military Institute in 1864, or the fact that the entire student body of the University of South Carolina (located in Columbia, S.C.) volunteered to fight in the Civil War. Locally, we can be proud that the University at Albany's Company E participated in key Civil War events. It is noteworthy that the Albany area sent numerous other units to fight in the conflict including a horse cavalry unit that was organized in Saratoga Springs. Also, William Seward Sr., a graduate of Union College in Schenectady became Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of State and was subject to the assassination plot on the evening of April 14, 1865 when Lincoln was shot and Seward was injured. Two of the people sitting in the box with Lincoln when he was shot were related to Judge Ira Harris of Albany. Finally, one of the earliest casualties of the Civil War was Colonel Elmer Ellsworth who was born in Malta and is buried in Mechanicville. The entire 44th New York Volunteer group was dedicated to the memory of Ellsworth.

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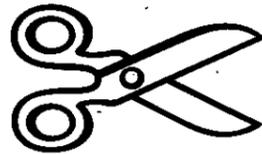
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Notice of Formation  
Leop of Faith CC, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/8/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 12 Windrose Way, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: all lawful activities. 73145 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation  
Akquasun Incredible Vacations-LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/2/2011. 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. 73146 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Big Strike, LLC. Fictitious name: Big Strike of California, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/29/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 4/15/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lars Viklund, 151 W. Rosecrans Ave., Gardena, CA 90248, also the address to be maintained in CA. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. Of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 73147 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).** Name: SRS BETHLEHEM LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, April 28, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 73154 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of UTS Project Company HNY-1, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/4/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/21/2011. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Arun Sharma, 2211 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas, CA 92024. 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. 73154A (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: EinsteinOTC LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/11/11. Office location:

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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, PO Box 5953, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 73155 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL REPORTS**  
The Lewis Foundation Tax Return (Form 990-PF & Attachments) for the year ended December 31, 2010 is available for inspection, upon request, within 180 days from this date during the regular business hours at U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management, 69 State Street, 9th Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Lewis Foundation, C/O U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management, 69 State Street, 9th Floor, Albany, NY 12207. 73156 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Stelle LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/21/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 32 Ave. of the Americas, 23rd Fl., NY, NY 10013. 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. 73157 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of VAY-ETZE REALTY SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/5/11. 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. 73160 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation  
Raymond's Contracting Associates, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/8/2011. Off. Loc: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC c/o Scheuermann & Scheuermann, LLP, 3 Park Edge Lane, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: all lawful activities. 73163 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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Notice of Formation  
Good Property Real Estate Services, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/5/2011. 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. 73166 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation  
Aqua Floral & Event Design LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/10/2011. 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:

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all lawful activities. 73167A (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of KSK MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/6/11. 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. 73168 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ALL-IN-THE-FAMILY MOVING CONSULTANTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/21/11. 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. 73172 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ZEE HOTEL GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/9/11. 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. 73172A (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ZEE RESTAURANT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/9/11. 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. 73173 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ZEE RG LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/9/11. 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. 73174 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of CASANO FAMILY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/9/11. 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. 73174A (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of GDF Suez Retail Energy Solutions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of

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N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/5/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/18/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 73175 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

LINKCOOPER LLC was filed with the SSNY on 05/11/11. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington, Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 73347 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ZEE MANAGER LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/11/11. 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. 73349 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

BOOTIFUL, LLC  
Notice of formation of BOOTIFUL, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on February 3, 2011. 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 the LLC, at 3 Fairfield Drive, Voorheesville, New York 12186. The purposes of the LLC are to engage in any lawful purposes; to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Members in their discretion may deem desirable. 73351 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FORMATION**  
J. Kowalik Consulting LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 20, 2011. The company office is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The address for forwarding a copy of process against the LLC by the SSNY is c/o John Kowalik, 1620 New Scotland Rd, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The duration of the LLC is perpetual. The character and purpose is any legal purpose. 73369 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of A ANDR WILLIAMS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/12/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY

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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. 73370 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
DENTA LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on March 3, 2009. Office location, Albany County. Secretary of State of New York State is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 270 Old Loudon Road, Albany, NY 11210. No reported agent. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: All legal purposes. 73371 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Binary Communications, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/2/11. NY Office location: Albany County. Principal Business Location: 421 New Karner Road, Suite 12, Albany, NY 12205. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 421 New Karner Road, Suite 12, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: general business and any other lawful business endeavors. 73373 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of SWBC Investment Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/6/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 8/2/04. 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 TX: 9311 San Pedro, Ste. 600, San Antonio, TX 78216. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. Of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful activities. 73375 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of AL-FAMA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/2/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC, 214 E. 52nd St., NY, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful activity. 73376 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Newport Technologies, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/12/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Oklahoma (OK) on 6/5/09. 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, also the registered agent. Address to be maintained in OK: 1329 Classen Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73103, also the principal office address. Arts. of Org.

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filed with OK Secy. Of State, P.O. Box 53390, Oklahoma City, OK 73152. Purpose: any lawful activities. 73377 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**CHENILLE DRY CLEANERS ON 57TH LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/26/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 333 W 57 St., New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 73378 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation  
Area Extra Partners, LLC Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 5/13/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. Cert. of Form. filed with SSDE on 10/15/2007. 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. 73388 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation  
Action Accounting & Tax Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/31/2011 under the name Stylianou Accounting and Tax LLC. 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. 73389 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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Notice of Formation  
FASHIONINJA LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/13/2011 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. 73390 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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Notice of Formation  
Ravi Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/16/2011 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. 73391 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of American CapBand, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/13/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in North Carolina (NC) on 1/1/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorporating Services, Ltd., 3500 South DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Principal office address: 111 Corning Rd., Ste. 250, Cary, NC 27518. Arts. of Org. filed with NC Secy. Of State, 2 South Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27601. Purpose: any lawful activities. 73392 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of US FAB LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/5/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Oregon (OR) on 3/18/11.

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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: 5555 N. Channel Ave., Portland, OR 97217. Address to be maintained in OR: PG&E Registry, Inc., 222 SW Columbia St., Ste. 1400, Portland, OR 97201. Arts. of Org. filed with OR Secy. Of State, 255 Capitol St., NE, Ste. 151, Salem, OR 97310-1327. Purpose: any lawful activities. 73393 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Greenhope Properties LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/5/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to CSC, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: any lawful activities. 73394 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
NAME: M & T HELPING HANDS LLC  
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 5, 2011. Office location: The address of the limited liability company's office is P.O. Box 672, Glenmont, New York 12077. 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, c/o Anthony V. Cardona, Jr., Esq., 16 Sage Estate, #208, Menands, New York 12204. For any lawful purpose. 73396 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of HORIZON REALTY HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/18/11. 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. 73397 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of STERLING PROVISIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/16/11. 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. 73398 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Cummings Resources LLC. Secy. of State. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/19/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/6/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 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. 73733 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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JSG MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), filed with the Sec of State of NY on 4/7/11. NY Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to The LLC, c/o Joseph S. Glick, 106 Acorn Dr., Ste. C, Scotia, NY 12302. General Purposes. 73734 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

JDF TRADING LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), filed with the Sec of State of NY on 5/10/11. NY Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to The LLC, P.O. Box 9583, Schenectady, NY 12309. General Purposes. 73735 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Grid Logistics LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/15/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/10/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 100 Manhattan Ave., Ste. 617, Union City, NJ 07087, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o Incomp Services, Inc., One Commerce Center, 1201 Orange St., Ste. 600, Wilmington, DE 19899. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 73403 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: JF Trade Global LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/28/11. 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, 398 Harrison Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 73736 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Subliminal Artists LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/20/2011 under the name Subliminal Artists LLC. 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. 73738 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of GOOD EARTH MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/25/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail

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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. 73747 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of NEW VISION HOME CARE SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/25/11. 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. 73749 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** UPSTATE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC Dated: Albany, New York May 27, 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 Upstate Asset Management, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization of Upstate Asset Management, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 27, 2004.
3. The county in which the principal place of business of Upstate Asset Management, 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 Upstate Asset Management, LLC to the following post office address: Dreyer Boyajian LLP, c/o Craig M. Crist, Esq., 75 Columbia Street Albany, New York, 12210.
5. The company does not have a specific date of dissolution.
6. The character or purpose of the business of Upstate Asset Management, LLC is as follows: To engage in any business permitted under the laws of the State of New York. 73755 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
The name of the LLC is LIVING CHOICES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 5/24/2011. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a medical magazine and guide publishing 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. 73773 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
The name of the LLC is MEDITERRANEAN INTERACTIVE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 5/24/2011. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage Food Service Technology 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. 73774 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Centurio Capital LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/27/2011. 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. 73775 (D) (June 22, 2011)

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF THE FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: TANGIBLE DEVELOPMENT LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/03/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 848 Greenthorne Blvd., Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 73778 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/02/11. Latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2111. 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, c/o Joseph Caccioli, 19 Monroe Street, Schenectady, New York 12305. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 73792 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** RIVER ROAD HOLDING COMPANY, LLC Dated: Albany, New York May 27, 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 River Road Holding Company, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization of River Road Holding Company, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 20, 2005.
3. The county in which the principal place of business of River Road Holding Company, 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 River

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Road Holding Company, LLC to the following post office address: River Road Holding Company, LLC, Route 144, Glenmont, New York, 12077. 5. The company does not have a specific date of dissolution. 6. The character or purpose of the business of River Road Holding Company, LLC is as follows: To engage in any business permitted under the laws of the State of New York. 73800 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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Name: San Nicola Properties LLC Address: San Nicola Properties LLC 244 5th Avenue, Suite 1999 New York, N.Y. 10001 Date of Filing: 03/22/2011 County: Albany Purpose: Real Estate Investments 73802 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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Tru-Edge Consulting, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 06/02/11. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 15 Somerset Dr., Glenmont, NY 12077. The street address of the principal business location is 15 Somerset Dr., Glenmont, NY 12077. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. 73804 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: The Meadow at Clark Hollow Bay, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on June 9, 2011. LLC office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: 23 La-Grange Road, Delmar, New York 12054. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC shall be manager-managed. 74007 (D) (June 22, 2011)

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# Who

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As for me, I broke my own promise to simply manage and got involved in the on-field fun. I took two turns at bat and managed to hit a pair of ground balls for outs, and I pitched the final inning, giving up three runs to my team and one run to the other team. Just as it should be, right?

The problem with getting involved on the field was that I wasn't dressed for such activity. While the other players had sneakers (some with cleats), I was wearing a pair of semi-athletic walking shoes that were never meant to be attached to feet running down a hard-packed dirt infield. It's amazing that the bottoms of my feet weren't bruised more badly than they were. I was also wearing a pair of blue jeans - again, not what you would wear for heavy physical activity.

Then, there was the matter of my one inning of pitching. Even though it

was soft-toss softball, you still need to have the ability to get the ball over the plate on a consistent basis. Sadly, most of my pitches seemed to go in the general vicinity of the plate but not exactly over it, which led to a few hit batters and looks of consternation on both sides. If you had to give me a nickname, go with "Nuke LaLoosh."

The thing is I knew I would be horrible if I played, which is why I initially only wanted to manage. But with everyone else having so much fun out there, I couldn't help myself. And in the end, this game was all about having fun and raising money for the MDA. Both of those objectives were met.

However, having experienced the manager's job, I think I will step away from that role next year. It's way too much work for something that should be all about fun.

Besides, not many coaches can say they concluded their careers with an undefeated record. 1-0, baby!



Albany Dutchmen pitcher Austin Chase (22) shakes hands with Derek Murphy prior to last Thursday's MVP for MDA charity softball game at Bob Bellizzi Field. The event raised nearly \$2,000 for the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. See page 17 for more photos from this year's MVP for MDA game. *John McIntyre/Spotlight*

## Anderson regains his swing for Dutch

By ROB JONAS  
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Steve Anderson went back to basics, and the move paid off.

The Guilderland High School graduate collected five hits in two home games for the Albany Dutchmen last weekend, including the

Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League team's first home run of the season in Saturday's 8-6 loss to Mohawk Valley.

Anderson - who struggled to a .259 batting average in his first season with Georgetown University - said that he wanted to go back to what

worked for him during his days as a star player for Guilderland.

"I came back and changed things back to the way things were before college," said Anderson, one of two first basemen on Albany's roster.

The sweet swing Anderson had at Guilder-

land returned in a big way at Bob Bellizzi Field last weekend. Besides his second-inning solo home run, Anderson had a three-run double and a single in Saturday's loss to Mohawk Valley, and he added two hits and two RBI in Sunday's 13-6 victory over Glen's Falls.

### Old-time game July 4

The New York Mutuals old-time baseball team will play against the Bethlehem Braves in an 1864 vintage ball game at 1 p.m. Monday, July 4, at Elm Avenue Park. The Braves' roster features town supervisor Sam Messina, state assemblyman Steve McLaughlin and several more area personalities.



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# Dirty

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the Normanskill – a creek that divides the main part of Tawasentha Park from its winter recreation area. There were also large wooden spools racers had to navigate, a cargo net to climb to ring a bell at the top and tires to run through.

"I thought it was crazy, and it was a little hard," said Ballston Lake's Nancy Gallagher.

"The mud wasn't bad," added Joe Bouck of Latham. "I'm all five-foot nothing, so it was easy going through the ropes [in the final stretch]."

The obstacles may have been challenging, but all the racers seemed to enjoy themselves. Some even wore costumes – a concept that organizers encouraged.

Kathy VanValen, of Delanson, wore a fabric pig's head and tail costume that she purchased for the event. The head survived the course, but she said the tail was lost in the muddy ditch.

"I am friends with some of the people who organized it, and I'm part of Albany Running Exchange," said VanValen. "So, anything that involves fun and running I'm definitely in for."

Moore said the idea of

Mud Mania came from seeing similar events staged across the United States.

"There were several in California and one in Florida, and they all looked like they were fun," said Moore. "I thought it would be a nice community event for us."

Linda Cure, who helped organize Mud Mania, said that the turnout was greater than she expected for a first-year event.

"We thought we'd wind up with 300 runners, and we wound up with over 500," said Cure.

Besides the muddy fun of the Tawasentha course,

participants enjoyed live music from October Circle, free swimming in the park's pool, refreshments and a chance to ride in off-road vehicles. There were also pony rides and a playground for children.

Awards were given to the top three finishers in the following divisions:

### Overall

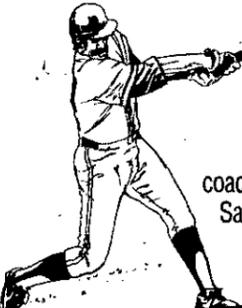
Top three men: 1. Jeff Budka 20:25; 2. Paul Mueller 20:27; 3. Chris Nowak 20:53

Top three women: 1. Marc Shapiro 21:57; 2. Franchesca Caputo 23:26; 3. Julianne Scanlon 24:49

### Age divisions

Men 14 and under: 1. Timmy

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Men 15-19: 1. Paul Cox 21:43; 2. Jack Sweeney 22:51; 3. Matt Pasquali 23:09  
Women 15-19: 1. Anna Pickett 27:20; 2. Sara Buckley 27:20; 3. Karah Lizotte 27:57  
Men 20-29: 1. Jeffrey Andritz

21:32; 2. Fabio Ritmo 23:16; 3. Chris Cure 23:23  
Women 20-29: 1. Tara Joyce 25:35; 2. Kristina Balfourt 27:07; 3. Rita Ramos 27:47  
Men 30-39: 1. Brandon Holcomb 21:42; 2. Joshua Katzman 23:55; 3. Mark Michalisin 24:50  
Women 30-39: 1. Alanna Almstead 27:14; 2. Bonnie Kovatch 27:45; 3. Kristyn Brozowski 27:58  
Men 40-49: 1. David Banas 21:24; 2. Roland Kays 21:50; 3. Drew Anderson 24:53

Women 40-49: 1. Paula Boughtwood 32:23; 2. R. Lynn Lukas 32:25; 3. Sandra Banas 32:26  
Men 50-59: 1. Randy Travis 32:13; 2. David Henkel 32:40; 3. Joseph Figler 34:19  
Women 50-59: 1. Carmen Narvaez 28:57; 2. Rene Engelhardt 30:03; 3. Donna Charlebois 30:45  
Men 60-69: 1. Greg Taylor 37:52; 2. Peter Verardi 50:32; 3. Ken Jacobs 53:07  
Women 60-69: 1. Marey Bailey 56:53

## ALBANY DUTCHMEN SPOTLIGHT PLAYER OF THE WEEK

### Dain McNabb, Catcher

(Middle Tennessee State/Loudon, TN)

A sophomore at Middle Tennessee State, Dain McNabb has started his first year with the Dutchmen scorching hot at the plate. In Albany's inaugural game of the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League, McNabb went 4-5 to help the Dutchmen defeat the defending champion Amsterdam Mohawks 6-2. McNabb, who rotates between designated hitter and catcher, has had no trouble seeing the ball in the team's first five games. He is currently second in the PGCBLL with a .500 batting average. "I've been seeing the ball well," McNabb said. "It's a wood bat, so I'm just trying



DAIN MCNABB

to get on base every time I step to the plate. I've been working on taking the ball up the middle. Trying not to do too much." In his short stint at Albany thus far, the slim 180-pound collegiate all-star said he's enjoyed his stay in Upstate New York as part of the Dutchmen organization. "I have a great host mom; great host family. I've having a blast so far," McNabb said. "I wanted to go up North because I've never experienced it. Coach [Davey] said they needed a catcher, so as soon as I heard New York I jumped all over it."

— Mike Nolan

**WEEKLY STATS:**  
7-14, 2R, 2 2B, 1 RBI, 2 BB

**CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING THE SPOTLIGHT PLAYER OF THE WEEK!**  
The Dutchmen have three home games this week on June 21, 23 and 25. Each start at 7 p.m. inside Bob Bellizzi Field located at the Plumeri Sports Complex. For all Dutchmen information visit [www.dutchmenbaseball.com](http://www.dutchmenbaseball.com)

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Sports in the Spotlight

# Down and dirty fun

**Inaugural Mud Mania draws big crowd**

By ROB JONAS  
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On a normal day, running through Guilderland's hilly Tawasentha Park can be a challenge.

However, if you add in obstacles such as knee-high mud, a cargo net and an oversized slip-n-slide, it becomes a giant fun zone for kids and adults alike.

More than 500 people turned out for last Saturday's inaugural Tawasentha Mud Mania, a wet-and-wild fund raiser for the park's playground and the Rodino Family.

"Everybody is a kid

at heart," said Town of Guilderland Parks and Recreation Department Director Dennis Moore. "They all like to play in the mud."

There were two courses laid out in the park – a 2.8-mile race for adults and a 1-kilometer course for children. Both courses ended with three obstacles that brought out the child in all the competitors – a slog through a knee-high mud ditch, a giant slip-n-slide down part of Tawasentha Park's lower hill and a second mud pit where racers had to crawl underneath ropes laid out low over the pit.

Adult racers had more challenging obstacles to deal with including crossing

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Joe Fasolino, left, and Joe Raucci navigate under the ropes and through the mud near the finish line of the Tawasentha Mud Mania race Saturday in Guilderland's Tawasentha Park. More than 500 people participated in the inaugural race, which also included such obstacles as a cargo net climb and a giant slip-n-slide. Rob Jonas/Spotlight



This year's Bethlehem Outstanding Senior Athlete award winners are, from left, (front) Haley Rice, Tasha Bradley, Rebecca Languish, Steven Sanchez, Mitch Ramos, Kathleen Barada, Chandler Smith and Kristina Maksuti; (middle) Connie Mistler-Ferguson, Mike Strohecker, Chris Collier, Amy Luke, Courtney Goodrich, Amanda Reynolds, Caitlin Willey, Matt Weber and Brandon Knight; and (back) Kade Pettie, Kyle Bossung, Jordan Sperber, Kyle Landrigan, Katharine Rice, Jaci Oskam, Jordan Scheid, Matt Cahill and Andrew Baumgras. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

## BC announces awards

**Seniors honored for their efforts this season**

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Department recently announced the recipients for this year's Outstanding Senior Athlete Awards. They are:

**Fall sports**

- Cheerleading: Tasha Bradley
- Boys cross country: Chris Collier
- Girls cross country: Amy Luke
- Field hockey: Kathleen Barada
- Football: Michael Strohecker
- Golf: Mitch Ramos
- Boys soccer: Brian Spina

- Girls soccer: Kristina Maksuti
- Girls swimming: Courtney Goodrich
- Girls tennis: Rebecca Lang
- Boys volleyball: Kyle Landrigan
- Girls volleyball: Amanda Reynolds

**Winter sports**

- Boys basketball: Jordan Sperber
- Girls basketball: Jaci Oskam
- Boys bowling: Brandon Wright
- Girls bowling: Caitlin Willey
- Cheerleading: Rebecca Languish
- Gymnastics: Chandler Smith
- Ice hockey: Steven Sanchez

- Boys indoor track: Chris Collier
- Girls indoor track: Connie Mistler-Ferguson
- Boys swimming: Matthew Weber
- Wrestling: Andrew Baumgras

**Spring sports**

- Baseball: Matt Cahill
- Boys lacrosse: Jordan Scheid

- Girls lacrosse: Kaitlin Ayres
- Softball: Katharine Rice
- Boys tennis: Kade Pettie
- Boys outdoor track: Kyle Bossung
- Girls outdoor track: Haley Rice

The Outstanding Senior Athlete Awards are sponsored by the various Bethlehem sports booster clubs.

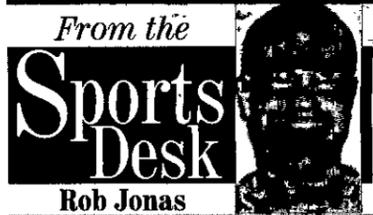
### Race results on-line

Due to limited space in this week's edition of The Spotlight, results from the Freihofer's Run for Women 5-kilometer race June 4 in Albany can be found on our Web site, www.spotlightnews.com.

There are complete town-by-town listings for runners from Altamont, Bethlehem, Guilderland and Voorheesville.

## Who wants to manage anyway?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who came out to last Thursday's Derek Murphy MVP for MDA charity softball game at Bob Bellizzi Field in Albany. We raised nearly \$2,000 to aid the battle against muscular dystrophy.



I would also like to take this opportunity to announce my retirement as a softball team manager.

Don't get me wrong. I had a blast managing my "Grey Team" to a 12-7 victory over Nick Davey's "White Team." But unlike some professional athletes who refuse to quit while on top, I know better. I will never be able to duplicate my managerial efforts, even if I knew what the heck I was doing that night.

First of all, I had exactly 30 minutes to try to learn all of my players' names. This wouldn't have been a problem if this were a charity basketball game and I only had to learn 12 names. But there were at least a dozen Albany Dutchmen names I had to get to know really quickly, not to mention the names of non-Spotlight "celebrities" that were also on my squad. I spent a lot of time looking at jersey numbers and then looking at the roster sheets to figure out who I was addressing.

Then, there was the decision to rotate in the "celebrities" with the Dutchmen players so that everyone had a turn at bat. I did all right on that count for the first three innings, but after a while the "celebrities" and the Dutchmen became a blur to me. I wasn't even aware that some Dutchmen hadn't been up to the plate until someone on my team told me around the fourth inning that there were still three Dutchmen anxiously waiting to hit the ball for the first time.

Perhaps it was because of how well the "celebrities" were playing that it became a blur to me. Times Union reporter Jordan Carleo-Evangelist was particularly good, as he had a couple of hits and made a great catch on a line drive to third base. Given that he was wearing a New York Yankees cap and where the play was made, I started calling Jordan "A-Rod." If there was a "celebrity MVP" award for the game, Jordan would have gotten it.

Other "celebrity" highlights for my team included a three-hit night by Spotlight reporter Andrew Beam and RBI hits by US Postal workers Chris Reardon and Mike "Ironhead" Morrissey. WNYT weatherman Jason Gough hit a three-run inside-the-park home run for Nick Davey's White team, and Spotlight's Jackie Domin added a single.

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