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& Guilderland

Spill follows crash

Workers were called to the scene of an accident on Maple Road in Selkirk on Tuesday, Aug. 30, to clean up the contents of an electrical transformer.

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Draft budget calls for tax hike

No raises and other
austerity measures
highlight town plan

By CHARLES WIFF
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The draft 2012 budget for the Town of Bethlehem calls for a 1.27 percent tax hike and a number of austerity measures in an effort to brace for what officials say are dark times ahead.

The budget was unveiled on Wednesday, Aug. 31, to the Town Board, town staff and a few on-lookers at the first of many budget workshops. The comptroller and Supervisor Sam Messina have been working with individual departments to draft the plan that calls for \$38.6 million in spending — almost exactly the same amount as in this year's budget.

Messina described the budget as "a very, very, very good first step." Unveiling a complete plan at the first budget workshop is a reversal from the process used in past years.

"We're not starting going through reams and reams of data; we're starting with the big picture," Messina said.

That big picture also calls for no raises whatsoever for town employees in the coming year, and assumes none will be built into a new contract with the police union that expires this year. Five positions that sat unfilled

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Kyle Kotary, right, listens as fellow Bethlehem supervisor candidate John Clarkson speaks during a debate at Bethlehem Town Hall on Thursday, Sept. 1.

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Candidates debate

Budget, leadership, level
of partisanship recurring themes
during lively evening

By CHARLES WIFF
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The meeting room of Bethlehem Town Hall was packed Thursday, Sept. 1, as the two candidates in the upcoming Democratic primary for the office of town supervisor met for a debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters and Spotlight Newspapers that featured some verbal sparring but also frank discussions about the town's past, present and future.

John Clarkson and Kyle Kotary made opening and closing statements and fielded 14 questions provided by the audience and relayed by Spotlight Newspapers Managing Editor William R. DeVoe. These covered a wide range of topics, and by the end, the differences between the candidates' platforms — or perhaps more accurately, their opin-

ion of the town's position and path — were laid bare.

Kotary pointed often to his more than five years on the Town Board as experience that makes him an ideal candidate for the office of supervisor. Clarkson countered that the current state of things in town is the very reason his opponent shouldn't be given more responsibility.

"We both agree on much of the issues that have to be addressed. The unfortunate thing is they have not been addressed," Clarkson said. "We need change in Bethlehem's town government."

Kotary described himself as a consensus builder.

"As a member of the Bethlehem Town Board I have fought to make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family," he said. "I believe we can have local government that is innovative, progressive and fiscally responsible."

The primary race is of great importance to both candidates. If Kotary emerges on top he'll be the presumptive incoming supervisor, as he would

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In the moment

The Mop and Bucket Co., appearing at Proctors Theater in Schenectady, serves up improv in several ways.

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Sidelined

Bethlehem forward Zach Rockmore is out until the middle of October as he recovers from a hip injury.

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The 8th Annual Albany Capital District Walk for Hope to battle pancreatic cancer steps off on Sunday, Sept. 11, from Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park. Last year, 400 people participated and raised more than \$100,000 to donate to the Lustgarten Foundation.

Walking to a cure

8th Annual Walk for Hope
continues to grow

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When 15 people stepped off on a walk in 2004, it was but a slight start to what was to become an enormous event.

This year, hundreds will gather in Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park for the 8th annual Albany Capital District Walk for Hope, which benefits the Lustgarten Foundation in its mission to find treatment and early detection

methods for pancreatic cancer. The race is on Sunday, Sept. 11, at Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park.

In last year's walk, about 400 turned out and ended up raising more than \$100,000 for the Lustgarten Foundation. That's a far cry from the first walk in 2004, when \$4,000 was raised.

This year, registration and fundraising is putting the walk on the path to exceed even 2010's levels. Corporate sponsorship alone is topping \$20,000, including from Rensselaer Honda, which donated proceeds from its June Tom Gorman Memorial Golf Outing

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Financial impact of Irene's punch still uncertain

Town of Bethlehem still assessing scope of tropical storm's damage

By CHARLES WIFF
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Tropical Storm Irene wrought destruction all over the state, and while many places are certainly worse off, the Town of Bethlehem wasn't spared from the storm's fury.

Town officials said it will be some time before a price tag can even be put on the damage, which has affected large swaths of municipal infrastructure. In the days following the storm, town workers and engineers have been trying to get a handle on things, said Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works Erik Deyoe.

"Some of the facilities can't really even be seen at this point because of the water level, particularly some of the sewer facilities," he said.

What's clear is the town's water facilities in New Scotland have taken a brutal hit. Water flowed over an emergency spillway at the Vly Creek Reservoir, eroding the surrounding lands. On the Onesquethaw Creek, a similar set of circumstances on a diversion dam has made it so that runoff actually bypasses the dam through newly formed paths. Roads to this area were also washed out, compounding the difficulty of making repairs.

The town's wastewater

"We were at historically high [rainfall] levels to begin with, then we just threw a hurricane on top of it."

— Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works Erik Deyoe

treatment plant became clogged with debris at the height of the storm, causing a manhole cover on the inflow to the plant to blow off when the system backed up. The plant is back in operation now, though repairs will likely have to be made to the sewer system once the water level goes down.

In South Bethlehem, an old railroad bridge on state land near the landfill will likely have to be removed after a raging river damaged its abutment.

As is the case across the state, a lot of the town's infrastructure damage was caused by water, not winds.

"We were at historically high [rainfall] levels to begin with, then we just threw a hurricane on top of it," Deyoe said.

The town's Henry Hudson Park in Selkirk also sustained some damage. The fishing pier took a beating but is still there despite the Hudson flowing up



Tropical Storm Irene, which struck Sunday, Aug. 28, leaving massive flooding and downed trees in its wake, will take a financial toll on the town, but officials are not yet sure what the cost of cleanup will be.

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into the park, and a tree crashed through the roof of a pavilion, said Administrator of Parks and Recreation Nan Lanahan. Additionally, the whole park up through the softball fields is now covered in mud.

"The park is open, it's just not really usable right now with all of the muddy conditions," Lanahan said.

A silver lining in the devastation is the town's roads. Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph said the state, county- and town-owned roads escaped damage beyond a few shoulders washing out. The department's

still focusing on cleaning up all the debris the storm created, though, to the extent it will impact paving plans for the year.

"I don't want to say we've suspended the program, but we've sure put it on the back burner," Sagendorph said.

Bethlehem residents are asked to pile branches at the side of the road for collection and heed any road closures that might still be in effect.

President Barack Obama has declared many areas of the Northeast disaster areas, including Albany County. That opens the door to federal disaster

aid, but the process is just getting under way. Even then, it can take years for municipalities to collect checks in these instances, and federal relief rarely covers the full pricetag for recovery.

Some estimates put the hurricane's U.S. damage as high as \$1 billion. Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently put the damage in New York at \$1 billion.

Residents who suffered damage in the storm may also qualify for federal assistance. To apply for Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) aid, visit disasterassistance.gov.

Democratic Primary Sept. 13th... The Choice is Clear!

John Clarkson

Opponent

Voter Choice

- Life-long Democrat
- Will accept the voters' choice

- Wants to occupy both major party ballot lines, leaving voters NO CHOICE
- Says he will run against Democratic voters' choice if he loses the primary

Independence

- Loyalty is to ALL Bethlehem Residents
- Speaks his mind on all issues

- Owes his loyalty to closed-door political party leaders

Experience

- Recognized professional leader & manager

- Public Relations, Political Operative & Lobbyist

Fiscal

- Wants to address Town budget's structural imbalance

- Thinks it's OK to spend down Reserves and borrow to pay for routine annual highway repaving

Leadership

- Record of working for consensus
- Leads by example, takes responsibility

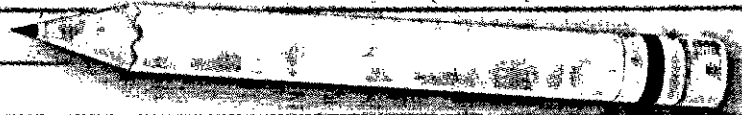
- Viewed by many as bringing obstructionist politics to Bethlehem
- Blames others for lack of progress after 6 years on Town Board

& Civility



John ★★★★★
Clarkson

A better choice for Supervisor...



9/11 memorial ceremonies planned

Vigil and service to be held in Slingerlands

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Town of Bethlehem Fire Officers Association and the town will be partnering to hold a candlelit vigil on the tenth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The vigil and prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Firefighters and EMS Park, located next to the Slingerlands Fire Department at 1520 New Scotland Road. It's the first time the association will hold a formal 9/11 ceremony, save for one held in 2011 in the days following the attack.

"I figured it's the 10-year anniversary coming up... I figured the fire officers and EMS people should mark the anniversary with an event," said Heidi Cornell, who is captain of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service and is organizing the memorial.

Firefighters and EMS squads from around town are invited to the ceremony, which will be led by Pastor Mark Mueller of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The ceremony is expected to last about half an hour.

"There will much going on around our State and nation



The Selkirk Fire District is one local fire department holding a remembrance ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11, on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 2001. Members of the department are shown here in a past ceremony.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

on this 10 year remembrance day of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, that took so many people's lives, and left families behind that will be forever heart broken. It is also important in local communities, and in our Town of Bethlehem that we show our respect and lasting remembrance by joining together to let those we have lost and their families know that we will never forget."

Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina said in a statement.

Other events in the Capital District

• The Selkirk Fire District will hold a prayer service on the morning of Sept. 11 at Selkirk Company No. 2 in Glenmont, 301 Glenmont Road. The event will begin at 8:46 a.m., the time Flight 11

crashed into the World Trade Center, and conclude at 10:28 a.m., when the north tower collapsed.

The names of 343 New York City firefighters who lost their lives at the scene of the attacks will be read. Music will be provided by Carole Doody, a piper with the City of Albany Pipe Band.

Members of the public as well as area fire companies are

encouraged to attend and will be invited to assist with the reading of the names.

"Each year Selkirk Fire District answers approximately 300 calls. At the sound of the tones, we don't always know what to expect but we answer the call. On September 11, 2001, our brethren did not hesitate to respond and answered the call," said Selkirk Fire District Chief Bill Asprion in a statement.

• The Town of Clifton Park will be holding a remembrance ceremony at 3 p.m. on the Clifton Common stage. The event will include prayers by local clergy, a military color guard, bagpipers, a presentation by the Clifton Park Community Chorus and featured speaker Rev. Kenneth Paulli, chief of staff to the Siena College president.

Residents are encouraged to bring a small American flag to be placed in front of the Clifton Common stage for the duration of the event.

• The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Inter Church Council will hold an interfaith service at 4p.m. at Indian Meadows Park on Droms Road in Glenville. Attendees will be invited to place memorial ribbons with the names of loved ones lost on Sept. 11 on a living memory tree that will be planted at Indian Meadows or another local location.



"As our next Town Supervisor, I know Kyle will continue to be instrumental in preserving our community's quality of life. I urge Bethlehem residents to join me in voting for Kyle Kotary."

STATE SENATOR NEIL BRESLIN

"In today's economic climate we need local government leaders with experience, good judgement and the ability to find practical, workable solutions. That is Kyle Kotary. I heartily endorse him for Town Supervisor."

COUNTY EXECUTIVE MIKE BRESLIN

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Police Blotter

New Scotland fire ruled arson

A New Scotland man is in the county jail for allegedly torching his house following a domestic dispute.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office said Robert G. Ferullo, 35, called 911 at about 6:45 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 30, and reported a fire at his home at 99 Youmans Road.

After an investigation, police said it was discovered that Ferullo had allegedly set the fire with a candle and a bedsheet.

"There was a domestic incident at the residence in the early evening hours, and shortly thereafter



Robert G. Ferullo is charged with arson in connection to a fire at 99 Youmans Road, New Scotland.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

the female party left the residence... He later admitted to setting the fire, he was upset at breaking up with the female party," acting Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple said.

The woman took three children with her when she left, Apple said. The Red Cross is providing them with shelter and assistance, as the house is no longer habitable.

Apple said Ferullo initially told firefighters the fire was electrical, but they called for the sheriff's cause and origin team when that story didn't add up.

Ferullo was charged with arson in the third degree and criminal mischief in the second degree. Both are felonies. He was remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

- Charles Wiff

Arrests follow closed-road travel

Roadblock scofflaws found with drugs

The news has been abuzz with reports of disaster befalling those who failed to follow authorities' instructions during Tropical Storm Irene, but it turns out driving on closed roads can land you in all sorts of trouble.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office announced today the arrest of two people who allegedly circumvented barriers blocking closed roads in the wake of the storm.

One, Michael T. Jones, 22, of Voorheesville, allegedly was found to be drunk after he drove around barriers on Delaware Avenue in New Scotland on Monday, Aug. 29, at 9:15 p.m. After

being stopped, police said his female passenger was found to have been reported missing from a group home in Schenectady.

After failing sobriety tests, Jones was charged with DWI, failure to obey a traffic control device, endangering the welfare of a minor and unlawful possession of marijuana, police said. A breathalyzer test allegedly showed his BAC to be .08 percent. He was scheduled to appear in the Town of New Scotland Court at a later date and released on tickets.

Sheriff's Deputies also arrested Adam J. Mineau, 22, of Coeymans Hollow, on charges he was driving with a suspended license and had anabolic steroids in his possession.

Police allegedly saw

Mineau drive around road barriers and road closure signs on Route 32 in the Town of New Scotland. He was charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and failure to obey a traffic control device. He was released on appearance tickets and is scheduled to appear in the Town of New Scotland Court on a later date.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office reminded Capital District residents to heed all road closures, and said failing to do so can endanger not only a motorist's life but those who will eventually have to rescue him or her.

- Charles Wiff

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By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

So there I was standing out in the pouring rain with an open umbrella in each hand. In my right hand was a medium-size umbrella patterned with a map of the New York City subway system. In my left hand was a large-size blue-and-white striped umbrella. I held the smaller of the two umbrellas over my own head, while positioning the larger one over my spouse while he fixed the drainage pipe running from our roof gutters. The fix was needed to divert the run-off rainwater that was accumulating too close to our home's foundation. And yes, perhaps we would have stayed drier had we made the repair the day before when it was sunny ... but the rainy weather allowed for on-the-spot testing and adjustments. Besides, we had already been outside trying to figure out why we didn't have Internet and phone service, so we were already somewhat wet.

That's right, our Internet and land-line phone service went down

on Sunday, Aug. 29. The telecommunications company, which we reached via cell phone, told us it must be a problem with our "unit," but we suspected that there might have been an area outage related to Tropical Storm Irene (formerly known as Hurricane Irene) that was causing damage near and far.

Our lawn, however, was littered with debris that had been blown from the trees, so it was possible that something had hit the device on our property. My techno-savvy spouse tossed on a hooded jacket and went to inspect our "unit" for any obvious damage. After a few minutes I followed Jeff out into the pouring rain and offered to shield him with an umbrella. Highly self-sufficient, Jeff was already leaning under an umbrella, the handle wedged under his left arm and the top propped against the side of the house. With his free arm and hand he checked the cables. Nothing seemed amiss.

"Well, I'm outside, so I might as well finish fixing

Commentary:

from
Robin's Nest



the gutter drain," Jeff said, picking up a shiny red power tool that could have been a screwdriver or a drill, or possibly both.

"I'll hold an umbrella over you" I told him, wanting to be helpful.

He said, "It's going to be muddy over there."

"No problem, I wearing my garden shoes," I replied, rolling up the bottom of my jeans. I followed him to the other side of the house. Did he think the mention of mud would deter me from finding out how the shiny red tool came into play?

At first I found it slightly tricky to maneuver the two umbrellas in a manner that kept us both dry. Jeff is more than a foot taller than me and he kept switching positions as he worked. Plus his large umbrella had a heavy handle that was making my hand cramp. Luckily, I quickly found that

layering the umbrellas, albeit at different heights, worked best. I was quite pleased with how well I maintained coverage over my spouse, even under the challenging circumstances. I felt like quite the pioneer.

I really wanted to stay outside and keep breathing in the summery smell of fresh-cut grass. It was still raining steadily, but the wind had died down. It didn't seem dangerous, but knowing what was going on in nearby communities, I made the safer, smarter choice and followed Jeff inside.

Back in the house without the Internet and land-line service, we were forced to "rough it," relying on our cell phones, stereo and large-screen television to stay connected to the outside world. Jeff sautéed boneless chicken breasts in a frying pan over the ceramic flat-top electric stove, which we washed down with water from a pitcher filled in advance of the storm from the kitchen sink's filtered tap.

Jeff and our daughter

decided a post-lunch nap was in order. I mean, it's not like they could check e-mail or watch YouTube. Jeff retreated to the family room couch. Rachel went up to her room. I decided to use the quiet time to journal the day's events on my laptop.

About a half hour later Rachel appeared in the den. She had been startled awake by the buzzing of her cell-phone. "You should have turned the phone off," I told her. She said nothing, but looked at me quizzically as if I had said, "Please go milk the cow."

Then I asked her to read what I had written.

"Did this happen today?" she asked after the few first sentences.

"Yes, it happened today. Didn't you notice both Dad and I had gone outside?"

"I knew you went outside, but I didn't think it was for that long."

She continued reading and suddenly stopped.

"Tropical storm? It's not a hurricane any more?" she asked.

"Nope. It changed to a tropical storm."

"That's lame."

"Uh, it's not lame. It's still dangerous and already a lot of terrible damage has been done."

"Yeah, I know," she said, adding, "Did you know that a tree fell on Cousin Jenna's house?"

"WHAT??? How do you know that?"

"She posted it on Facebook."

"How is your iPod thingy on the Internet?"

"I saw it this morning when we still had service."

"This morning? And you didn't think this news was worth sharing?"

"I dunno. I was sleepy."

I thought about my cousins in New Jersey.

"What did it say about the damage? Was anybody hurt?"

She recalled no further details, except, "Oh, and Cousin David commented that Jenna should move up North."

Robin Page 24

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Tune in to the debate,
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While we at *The Spotlight* don't endorse candidates for office, we have always been fervent supporters of the democratic process.

That is why we are encouraging all of Bethlehem's registered Democrats to turn out to vote on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Editorial

For those just joining us, the Democratic primary is of special importance as the primary election may very well decide who will be the town's next supervisor, John Clarkson or Kyle Kotary.

To be perfectly frank, we don't care who you vote for, only that you make the most informed decision possible and exercise your right to choose your next town supervisor.

To that end, we have compiled the best coverage available of this race at www.spotlightnews.com. There you will find news stories, editorials and letters to the editor concerning this important decision.

You will also find there the entirety of the debate between Clarkson and Kotary for your viewing pleasure.

If you'd rather watch the debate on the big screen, our good friends at Bethlehem Community Network Television (formerly known as TV-18) will broadcast the debate on Time Warner channel 18 and Verizon FiOS channel 28 at the following times:

- Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 12 and 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 8, at 10 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 9, at 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 10, at 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 12, at 1:30 and 10 p.m.

If you couldn't attend the event last week, please take time to view the debate and learn as much as possible about the candidates.

We at *The Spotlight* would like to thank The League of Women Voters of Albany County and The Capital Area Council of Churches for cosponsoring the event. We'd also like to thank outgoing Supervisor Sam Messina and his excellent crew at Town Hall for providing and preparing the venue for us.

We also extend our gratitude to the candidates, John Clarkson and Kyle Kotary, for agreeing to take part in the event. We know from experience that a forum such as this isn't only difficult for its organizers, but for the candidates as well, and we appreciate their participation.

Most of all, we would like to thank you, our readers and viewers, whether you were one of those in the packed auditorium at Town Hall last Thursday or whether you watch it online or on television. It is heartening to see a community as invested in its political future as Bethlehem is, and without you, these events would be for naught.

Paying tribute to the tenth
anniversary of Sept. 11

By Bonnie McCullough

The writer is executive director of the New York State Funeral Directors Association, an organization of more than 900 funeral homes and 3500 licensed funeral directors.

It seems amazing to me that almost ten years have passed since the attacks on September 11th, 2001 (9/11), a date with profound resonance for all Americans and particularly so for New Yorkers as well as funeral professionals. After a tragedy such as this, we often hear people talking about "closure" as if there is a door that can be shut after losing a loved one or being witness to a horrific event such as the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Friends might ask "Haven't you reached closure yet, it's been ten years?"

Grieving for a lost loved one can take ten years, and sometimes a lifetime. Quite frankly, grief is different for everyone, so there is no such thing as "closure." Those who refuse to begin the journey through grief simply delay their own recovery. It should come as little surprise that a generation of people brought up with instant coffee and microwave ovens would search for quick relief from something we call grief. There is no set schedule or magic formula for working through it. We all experience and react to loss in different ways depending on the relationship of the deceased to us, our past experiences with loss, and sometimes even our health and emotional state.

But after a disaster such as 9/11 or the recent Japanese tsunami or Haitian earthquake has occurred, what happens to the grief process when

Point
of View

a loved one's body has not been found? Psychologists tell us that denial is one of the steps in the grieving process. Until bereaved persons accept that death has happened, no progress can be made in resolving their grief. Most people need the experience of seeing a loved one's body because it makes the loss real and allows survivors to take the next step in the grieving process.

As shown by the awful aftermath of 9/11, sometimes body recovery is impossible even though herculean efforts are undertaken. On May 30, 2002, a solemn ceremony at Ground Zero marked the end of search and recovery efforts; only 291 bodies had been found intact and the remains of only 1,102 of the 2,823 victims had been identified. Ten years later survivors are still coping with the sudden and tragic loss coupled with the absence of a body.

Struggling through their

grief, many of these survivors turned to their family funeral directors for solace and advice on memorialization. One funeral director who helped many families victimized by 9/11 was impressed with the enormous community outpouring of support for the victims' families. He told us that regular funeral services were generally conducted, but with emphasis on unique ceremonies to memorialize the victim's life. For instance, basketballs played an important role in the services for a young man killed on 9/11 who had been a star basketball player.

Why would anyone seek closure? Why would anyone want to close the door on thoughts about a departed loved one? Grief will soften in the years after a loss, but the door to memories should always be open, particularly after a tragic event such as Sept. 11.

If you have a question about funeral service or would like a list of NYSFDA member funeral directors in your area, contact NYSFDA, 426 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205 or visit the website: www.nysfda.org.

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Houses of worship get home on web

Latham-based company hopes to change the way churches get online

By CHARLES WIFF
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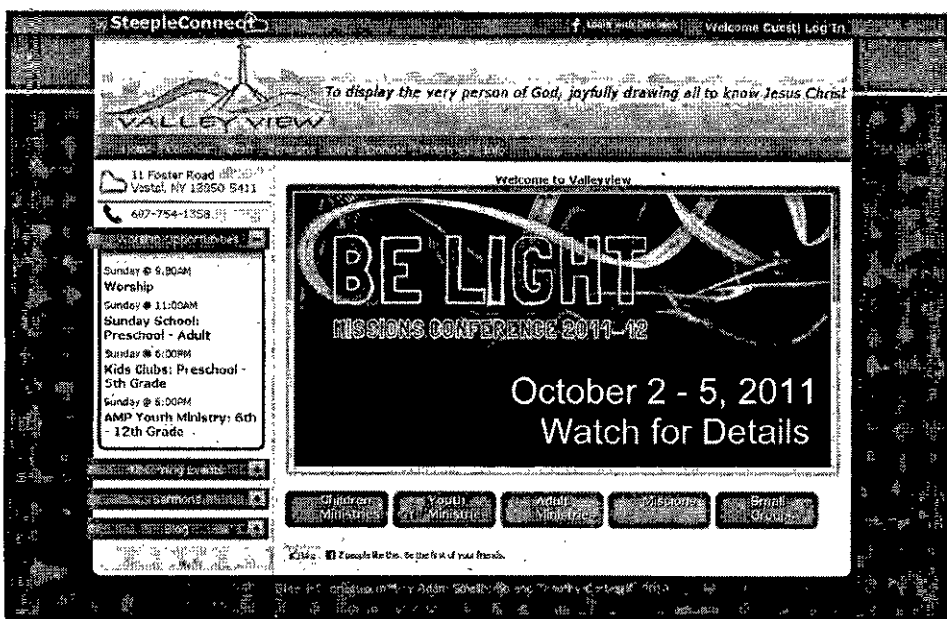
While in the online news world "pay walls" are the topic of the day, in the non-secular sphere some churches are thinking about "prayer walls."

At least, those that are early adopters in steepleconnect.com, the latest development of eSolve Solutions, a Latham web company owned by Guy Cortesi. Part website, part social network and part donation plate, Cortesi said the idea was born when a church in the Binghamton area was on the hunt for a new website.

A congregant of the church, Adam Smallcomb, partnered with Cortesi's son, Timothy, in getting things started.

"We decided to take it a lot further," Guy Cortesi said, adding that once they got under way, it became clear there was an untapped market for a robust, easy-to-use, affordable web presence for churches.

"We found that in like 60 churches, there might be 30 that don't have a site, or have a minimal site," Cortesi said. "We also found that most of them aren't being maintained, and if they are being



Valleyview Alliance Church of Vestal was the first church to get online with steepleconnect.com, a new platform being offered by eSolve Solutions of Latham.

maintained it's a lot of work."

Churches that join steepleconnect (there are three right now, but Cortesi hopes to add more, including Capital District Houses of worship) get their own corner of the website that integrates a lot of features Facebook users might be familiar with. There are places for full-featured calendars, blogs and general information about a church. There's also a way to make a secure donation to the church and even to share podcasts of the sermon from each week's worship.

The Rev. David Murphy, of Valleyview Alliance Church in Vestal, said the website has been a

useful too for his church in many ways. Even serving as the guinea pig for the development of the system and putting in money up front, it's been cheaper than getting similar features out of website built privately from the ground-up, he said.

A dynamic web presence has also resulted in people showing up for Sunday worship, and staying.

"Most of our shopping is done online now ... people are doing that for ministry as well," Murphy said. "People are unlikely to just do a cold call to a church nowadays."

For those who already belong to the congregation, Valleyview's site on steepleconnect offers a

digital directory of church members (which also saves the church the cost and hassle of printing one) and a way to donate online. That's ended up being used often, especially by younger people who don't carry checks or cash.

"It has increased giving at the church and really helped us recover from a deficit at our church. A lot of people traveling through the summer, they're not giving to the church," Murphy said.

A feature that programmers are now working on is a "prayer wall," said Cortesi, which would allow members of a congregation to post calls for prayers to a central board. Members out of the area or unable to make

it to worship could keep up on goings on in this way, and also save church staff the hassle of putting together email bulletins.

Churches can pay \$35 per month or \$350 per year for use of the steepleconnect system, which includes eSolve Solutions helping with setup and support. That's more than setting up a free presence on Facebook, for instance, but Cortesi thinks churches will see the value on going into a system targeted at their needs.

"Some churches spend \$2,000 to have somebody build [a website] for them, and they can't really change that. It costs them a lot of money to maintain it keep it up to date," he said.

That's good for small churches that want a foothold in the digital world. Opinions on the necessity of an online presence are bound to vary, but for Rev. Murphy it's required in the present and the future.

"Our older congregants will get older and they will eventually die. The younger people and families we're trying to draw into the church are trying to use technology more and more as their principal mode of communicating with the church," he said.

Learn more about steeplechase.com and take a virtual tour at the website.

IN BRIEF

HHA coordinates self-guided tours

Helderberg Hilltowns Association is coordinating self-guided driving tours of Hilltown farms and artisan studios on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendance is free.

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A complete list of venues with detailed descriptions and a printable tour guide map is available on HHA's website www.hilltowns.org.

For more information, visit www.Hilltowns.org or contact Jane McLean at 872-2082 or jbmclean@aol.com.

Group plans walking tour

The Historical Society of the Town of Colonie will hold a walking tour of Waterford and a tour of the Waterford Historical Museum on Sunday, Sept. 18.

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Library announces Friends' fundraisers Eddy sponsors Savvy Caregiver Program

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Tickets are required, and go on sale beginning Saturday September 17 at 10am until all are gone. Tickets must be purchased in person during library hours with cash or check. Tickets are \$5 per item; individuals may purchase a maximum of three tickets.

The appraisal will be held at the library on Saturday Oct. 15 from 11am – 4pm. The appraisers—Mark Lawson of Mark Lawson Antiques, Dennis Holzman of Dennis Holzman Antiques, and Nancy Toomer of House of Rose Antiques—are donating their services. Proceeds of ticket sales will help support Friends projects and events.

Book donation/doc shredding event

The Friends are also sponsoring a book donation and household document shredding event on Saturday October 1 from 11am-2pm.

Library volunteers will process up to two boxes of books per person on behalf of Better World Books, which collects and sells books online to fund literacy initiatives worldwide. Books that do not meet Better World Books requirements

will be responsibly recycled. Find out more about Better World Books at www.betterworldbooks.com/info.aspx.

Please note: because of space constraints, the library cannot receive book donations in advance of this event.

3N, a certified document destruction company located in Clifton Park, will have a mobile shredder on hand that day to shred up to two boxes of household documents per person. Documents will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the truck is filled.

There are no residency restrictions. This event will be held rain or shine.

Preparedness Fair

The library and the Town of Bethlehem Emergency Management Office are cosponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Fair at the library this Saturday, Sept. 10 from 11:30am-3pm. Emergency vehicles and equipment will be on view in the library parking lot, community service information tables will be set up in the lobby, and a variety of preparedness presentations are scheduled throughout the day in our meeting rooms. Look,



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Children's Circle

Thursday September 22 * 6:30pm * Bethlehem

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Teen Time

Friday September 23 * 3-4:30pm * Bethlehem Public Library

Guitar Hero, DDR, Wii, and crafts for grade 6 and up.

Writers And Friends: Local Author Forum

Sunday September 25 * 2pm * Bethlehem Public Library

Susanne Alleyn, Elizabeth Brundage, Peter Golden and David Klein share their views on writing and answer audience questions. Books will be available for sale and signing. Writers and Friends is underwritten by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

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.

Are you a caregiver for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia? The Savvy Caregiver Program will enhance your skills and help you deal with the stress often associated with this role. The six week program is free and is sponsored by the Eddy Alzheimer's Services through Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center. It is taught by Diane Van Dusen, LMSW and starts on Wednesday, September 14, running weekly through October 19. It will be at the Elm Avenue Park Conference Room from 10:00 am to noon. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to register.

Bethlehem Senior Services, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and the Bethlehem Public Library will sponsor Paul Stewart presents... "The Underground Railroad", on Friday, Sept. 16, at 1



p.m. at the Library. We will have lunch beforehand at the Windowbox Café, cost on your own. If you plan to join us for lunch, call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make a reservation. Transportation will leave Town Hall at 11:00 am. Home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$3.

It's harvest time in our Town. Farmer's Markets are open with fresh vegetables and fruit. In addition, Bethlehem Senior Transportation will be available on Tuesdays, Sept. 13 and 27, to bring you to the Farmer's Market at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood

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Storytime Registration

Registration for Baby Bounce (ages 6 to 18 months), Fall Toddler Time (ages 19 to 36 months), and Registered Preschool Storytimes (ages 3 1/2 to 5) begins for Guilderland School District residents on Monday, September 12, at 10 am. Registration opens to all others on Thursday, September 15, at 10 am. Register in person at the Youth Services desk, or by phone at 456-2400 x 9.

Keep Kids Safe from Sports Injuries

Taking precautionary steps to prevent sports injuries is particularly important now that the school year – and school sports – are starting, and that is why Albany Medical Center

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Among the experts is pediatrician Dr. Hamish Kerr, MD, a board-certified sports medicine specialist; he and his colleagues will explain why sports injuries are on the rise among U.S. children and teenagers, and they will discuss ways to prevent and treat sports injuries.

Who Cares for the Care-giver?

It's called the "Sandwich Generation," people who find themselves seeing not only to the needs of their own children, but also to the health and well-being of their own parents. Too often, caregivers forget to take care of themselves. This program, "Resources for Caregivers: When a Senior Relies on You," which will be held at the Library on Wednesday, September 14, at 10 am, focuses on the caregiver,

providing information about the services available in our community to make care-giving easier.

See You at the Apple Festival

Look for the Guilderland Public Library's booth when you visit the Apple Festival, at the Altamont fairgrounds, on Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18. We have lots of fun stuff for you to browse.

Library Board Meeting

The Library's Board of Trustees holds its monthly business meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 8, in the Library's Tawasentha Room. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information on these programs, please call the Library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. Visit the Library's website at www.guilpl.org.

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Ave., in Delmar. For transportation, call 439-5770. Suggested van donation: \$2.00. Other summer market opportunities include weekday afternoons at the Delmar Presbyterian Church and Saturday mornings at the Bethlehem Middle School.

Monday, Sept. 12

Food Stamp and Medicaid Assistance Representatives from the Legal Aid Society and the Department of Social Services will be available from 10:00 am to noon to answer food stamp and Medicaid questions and to help with applications. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make an appointment.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

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

Wednesday, Sept. 14

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

Thursday, Sept. 15

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

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

Friday, Sept. 16

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

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All classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required and space is limited.

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Library hosts annual book sale

Our Annual Book Sale will be held on September 9-11.

The members-only sneak preview (become a member at the door) will be Friday September 9, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Book and Bake Sale is Saturday September 10, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. On Sunday September 11 from 1-4 p.m. it is the very popular Buck-a-Bag day of the sale; fill a grocery bag for

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September 14 at 7 p.m. join us for Housing Options for Seniors. Learn about the pros and cons of aging in place, scaling down, assisted living programs and nursing homes,

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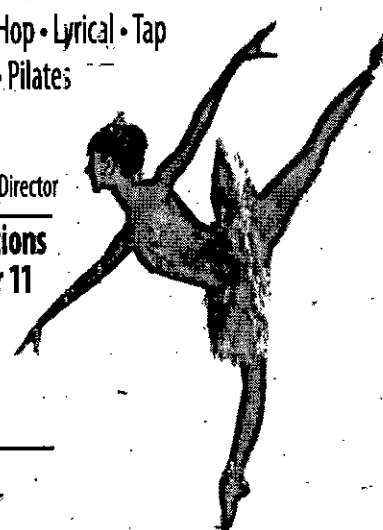
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District will use \$50K of savings to offset hike

Property owners in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District will be paying a touch less than expected on their 2011-12 school year taxes.

The district's school board has decided to use \$50,000 worth of the undesignated fund balance to lower the final tax levy to a 2.28 percent increase, instead of a 2.5 percent hike voters had

approved in June, after the district's original budget proposal was defeated.

The final tax rates by town are as follows, per \$1,000 of assessed property value: Bethlehem: \$19.44; Coeymans: \$18.86; New Scotland: \$19.64; and New Baltimore \$26.37.

The owner of property assessed at \$100,000 in Bethlehem will see a tax bill increase of \$45.43; in Coeymans, a tax bill increase of \$44.07; in New Scotland, a tax bill increase of \$5.09; and in

New Baltimore, a tax bill decrease of \$51.17.

The different rates are due to the varying states of assessment in each of the municipalities. The state issues equalization rates each year to better spread out the tax burden.

The 2011-12 school year budget is \$42.4 million. Tax bills will be mailed in early September and are due back by Sept. 30 without penalty.

A more detailed tax rate spreadsheet is available at rcscsd.org.



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Dunkin' Donuts franchisee Ivo Garcia, front right, waves to the crowd after Dunkin' Donuts donated 100 pounds of coffee to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York at the Tri-City ValleyCats final regular season home game on Monday, Aug. 29, at Joseph L. Bruno Stadium.

Submitted photo

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The 10th Annual Teal Ribbon 5K Run and 1-mile Walk for ovarian cancer research and education

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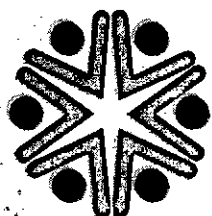


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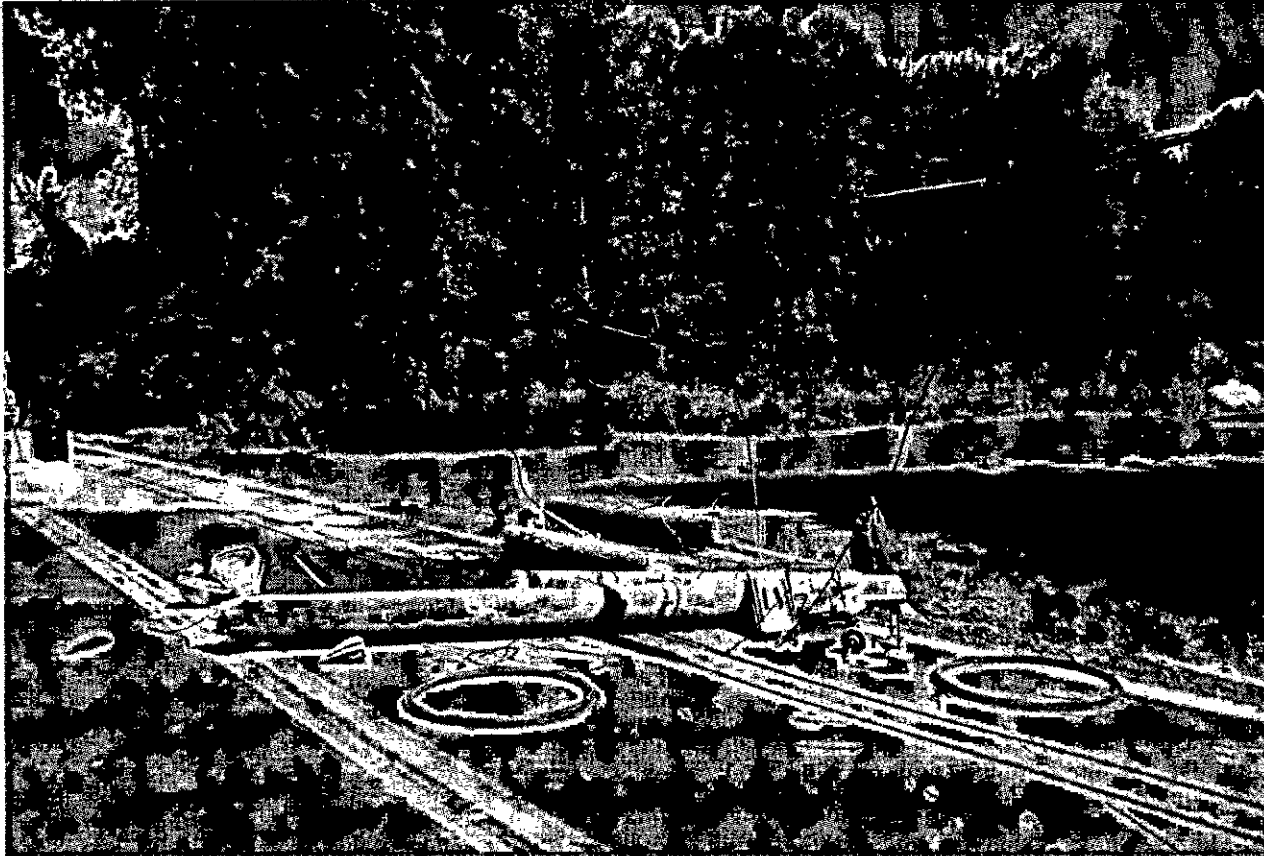
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A pole on Maple Road in Selkirk was split into four pieces and the transformer was split open after a car crash Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight



Spill follows crash

Workers from Environmental Products and Services were called to the scene of an accident on Maple Road in Selkirk on Tuesday, Aug. 30, to clean up the contents of an electrical transformer.

According to police reports, the driver of a tractor-trailer for hauling cars hit an electrical utility pole just after 6 a.m. William B. Blaise Jr., 32, of Southington, Conn., told police he may have dozed off when his trailer left the road.

Approximately five gallons of oil was spilled from the transformer, according to police.

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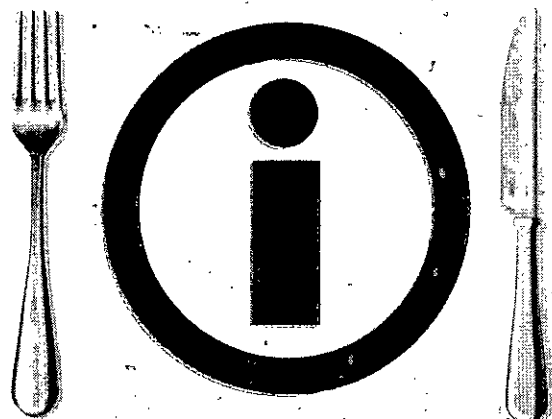
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These pipers play for passion

Area band competes at international competition

By JOHN PURCELL
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The Capital District is known for a number of things, but being home to one of the world's finest pipe bands probably doesn't come to mind first for most people.

The Albany based Oran Mor Pipe Band is ranked as the 14th best pipe band in world after the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, on Aug. 13. Andrew Douglas, a Schenectady resident, leads the bag pipers in the band and fellow Schenectady resident Eric McNeil is the drum sergeant. The 29 member band's performance was featured on BBC Scotland and BBC's website. Also, the band competed in the Grade 1 finals for the first time, which is the highest level.

"We do a lot of competitions, this is obviously the biggest one, it is definitely a thrill when the band is going well like it was this year," said Pipe Major Andrew Douglas. "The bagpipes have a really amazing sounds, especially when it is played properly. I don't think it is paralleled by any other instrument. It is a very expressive instrument that has a lot of potential for great music making."

Also, while the band was

in Scotland it finished second at both the North Berwick Highland Games and the Bridge of Allan Highland Games. Band members got the chance to play at the Piping Live Festival in George Square and at the National Piping Centre too.

"We're competing with the best bands in the world, and doing so on their own turf," said Douglas, a 26-year-old. "Our members combine strong fundamental skills with a dedication to spirited music-making. Each year, we take it to an even higher level, and I can see Oran Mor placing even higher in years to come."

The band was founded in 1992 in Central New York, but since 1997 its operated out of the Capital District and practices at the Celtic Hall in Colonie. Douglas said the area is one of the better places to be for experienced and talented bagpipers.

"This is definitely one of the top spots (for a bagpiper)," he said. "I think it has to do with the fair degree of Scottish and Irish lineage, but also there is a lot of excellent bagpipers in the area that have taught students as well."

During nice weather, he said the band practices in area parks. Even practicing at home isn't an issue with "practice version" of the instrument,



Andrew Douglas shows up on the video display during the World Pipe Band Championships.

Submitted photo

which he said isn't too loud and could be used almost anywhere without disturbing others. Besides helping lead the band, Douglas also owns The Pipers Dojo in Colonie, which is a bagpipe shop. He said the "economy" bagpipes have a starting price around \$1,200 and the more elaborate pipes approach \$10,000.

"Bagpipes are pretty expensive ... it is somewhat

of an expensive hobby," he said. "I think the key if you are interested in getting into is to find a good instructor that will teach you the fundamentals."

To be a part of the band, he said, being able to play the pipes is a key requirement.

"There are a lot of pipe bands out there looking to get people into a kilt and get them out in parades," he said.

Douglas started learning

how to play the pipes when he was 8 years old and was taught by his father. His great grandfather came to the United States from Scotland in 1911, but he actually didn't play the bagpipes. His grandfather did play though and started the family tradition spanning three generations.

"I remember sitting down with my dad at the dinner table and going over the lessons."

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Pedal-Paddle-Run brings back family friendly triathlon

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By JOHN PURCELL
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Get ready to hop on your bicycle, lace up your running shoes and grab your kayak and paddle with other local residents for a friendly race around Collins Park.

Schenectady County's second Pedal-Paddle-Run event on Saturday, Sept. 24, continues the focus on offering a more laid back race with teams competing as a group or individual. Proceeds from the event will benefit childhood obesity prevention programs and other wellness programs provided by the Schenectady County Department of Public Health.

"The way the distances are laid out and the way it is set up is really to make it welcoming to families and teams that are made up of friends or co-workers," said Wendy Voelker, special events coordinator for the county. "Last year we found a lot of our teams were just regular people that wanted to go out for a day of fun."

The biking distance is approximately 8 miles through Glenville and Scotia. Paddling consists of a 1.6-mile course on Collins Lake. A traditional 5K distance is used for the running portion of the

race. Participants, based on team size, could do all or just a section of the race.

After the inaugural event, said Voelker, some participants said they wanted the biking portion of the race to be longer, so this year's PPR will feature a longer distance. She said many people felt it was a challenging race, but something they were able to complete. The solo competitors are usually the most competitive, she said.

"I think our majority of our teams last year were three person teams, although we did have a significant number of solo competitors ... 25 percent of the people that competed last year did it by themselves," she said.

The unique area of Collins Park also fit perfectly with the event and was one of the few locations in the county able to host it.

"Collins Park makes the most sense, because we were looking for a location where we could have each leg of the race start and end at same place," said Voelker.

There will be a prize for a first place finish in each category of age groups and team or single classifications. This year's event will also have more precise timing for each section of the race. Once a leg is finished the time will instantaneously be



available because of a computer chip placed on a Velcro strap around a competitor's ankle. Team members will trade off the ankle band to other fellow members.

"Once the race is finished we will know who finished and in what order," she said.

Registration is available online through Schenectady County's website and volunteer



ABOVE: Two participants in last year's Pedal-Paddle-Run head for the finish line in their kayaks on Collins Lake. At right, bicyclists get ready to start the first stretch of last year's inaugural Pedal-Paddle-Run, hosted by Schenectady County, near Jumpin' Jack's in Scotia. This year's event will be held Saturday, Sept. 24.

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Debate

(From Page 1)

hold all party lines except the Working Families Party line and the Conservative Party line, the latter of which is open as an opportunity to ballot in the primary.

Clarkson on Thursday said if he doesn't win the Democratic line that would be the end of his bid for supervisor, even if he were to secure the Conservative line (which the party offered but was later invalidated on a challenge by Kotary on the procedural paperwork). He transitioned from this thought to discuss what has been the linchpin of his campaign from the start: the fact Kotary garnered endorsements from the two major parties.

He said this was his chief reason for pursuing the office.

"I think we should honor our two-party system," Clarkson said. "If our two-party system at the local level doesn't provide competition and choice, it really fails us."

Kotary said he would continue his run even if he were not to hold the line of his own Democratic Party.

"I'm not running for supervisor to simply be a choice, or to support one party or another. At the local level especially, it's

about people and not about politics," he said.

Clarkson returned to the subject of partisanship often, accusing Kotary of "a general pattern of obstruction" toward the agenda of now-Supervisor Sam Messina for political reasons, pointing to a failed proposal to broadcast town meetings on the Internet and to funding for the repair of Town Hall that wasn't approved before the parapet wall collapsed.

These assertions were at the heart of several spirited exchanges throughout the evening.

"I think you kind of lost your mantle of non-partisanship, if you want to talk about that," Clarkson said early on.

"What's important is to speak up and to be accounted for, to stand up when you have a difference of opinion, and that's what I have done," Kotary retorted, also explaining the reasons for his decisions.

The opinion of the state of affairs in town government and affairs was probably the point the candidates diverged on the most. In fact, they largely agreed on the way forward on a number of issues, including on moving ahead shared services initiatives, revisiting the town's ethics law, focusing on commercial development and the need for a viable long-term plan to address the town's crumbling infrastructure.

Kotary brought up revisiting the town's comprehensive plan and brought up his plan to utilize Youtube and other free online tools to expand the town's cyber presence and get meetings on the Internet. He said the town's planning and zoning boards should be more business friendly.

Clarkson said he would take a pay cut if he were elected supervisor and said he'd like to see a committee look into government reform ideas. Proposals made by a 20/20 committee Clarkson served on to extend the supervisor's term and make several elected positions appointed never gained traction on the Town Board. He also said the town should make sure it exercises control during the planning process for big projects.

The town's fiscal position was a recurring theme, and on that subject, the candidates had different thoughts.

Kotary outlined the need for changes, including an end of "off budget" spending and a reassessment of the town's revenue streams, but ultimately said this year's budget is a shining example of the power of compromise and, as a result, one of the strongest fiscal plans the town's put out in recent memory.

"We have, I think, appropriately used fund balances," Kotary said. "That's money used for rainy days, and it's raining, literally

and figuratively. That is there for emergency spending, for capital projects, and that's what we've used it for."

Clarkson, on the other hand, asserted there are deep-seated issues in the town's budget and its budgeting philosophy. He advocated that the town cut down on its borrowing and put a halt to the spending of the town's reserve funds.

"For the last four years, we have been balancing the budget by spending down reserves at a rapid rate. That is in essence like paying your mortgage using a savings account," he said.

When asked after the debate about the recently unveiled draft budget for the town (see related story on page 1), Kotary intimated that there's a long road ahead.

"It's a late, but a good place and plan to start," he said. "I'm not for the tax increase right now, but I think it's a solid start and we have a lot to do."

Clarkson said the budget implements some of the things he'd like to see done, but also referred to it as a "tight budget."

"They're moving away from spending reserves... that's at least a start," he said.

For video of the debate in its entirety, visit spotlightnews.com. The primary is on Tuesday, Sept. 13.

John Clarkson

Clarkson's bid for supervisor is his first run at elected office. In the Town of Bethlehem, he's been involved in the town's 20/20 Advisory Committee for years, including being a co-chair on the group's subcommittee on modernization and economy, efficiency and effectiveness of town government.

He's now retired and still serving as an adviser on government efficiency at Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress Group. He had a career in state government, including stints in the Division of the Budget and the comptroller's office. He was the executive director of the Commission on Local Government Efficiency.

"Management is a continuous job... you cannot lead a large group of people unless you have their trust," Clarkson said at Thursday's debate. "I'm very proud of my reputation in state government, and people have approved of what I've done."

Clarkson lives in Slingerlands with his wife and has two children.

Kyle Kotary

Kotary is endorsed by the Democratic, Republican and Independence parties. He's nearing the end of his sixth year on the Town Board, and is midway through his second term having first been elected in 2005.

He owns an Albany-based communications firm, Empire Public Affairs, specializing in public relations work. Over the years, he's worked at various levels of government, often in a communications role, including as communications director in the state Senate and as a special assistant in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"I know what it's like to make a payroll, I know what it's like to manage groups small and large," Kotary said at Thursday's debate. "We need a super who's going to set the vision, who's going to work with the board to get the majority if not the entire board to support that vision."

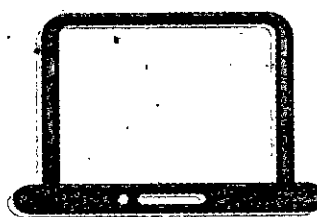
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Singing her heart out

CHS Student performs at Naturalization Ceremony based off resume alone

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With encouragement from classmates and family, Lisa D'ippolitti has gained the confidence to get in front of audiences and wow them with her singing voice, leading her to sing the National Anthem recently at the Albany Federal Court's Naturalization Ceremony on Aug. 12.

"It felt really good," she said. "I appreciated having the opportunity to sing to immigrants coming into the United States."

D'ippolitti, 14, has been singing since she could remember. Lynne D'ippolitti, said she used to since her ABC's in perfect pitch.

So it was an honor when she was asked by United States District Judge Mae D'Agostino after the judge simply looked at her resume and didn't listen to her sing a single note. Lynne D'ippolitti said her participation in Colonie High School's Colonie Idol and her involvement in the Colonie Chamber Singers was all D'Agostino needed to see.

"She said she did not need to hear her," she said. "She saw she made chambers and got second place in Colonie Idol and just knew she was good."

All of this confidence stems from a third grade talent show at Forts Ferry Elementary School where D'ippolitti opened the show with a number from "Mary Poppins" and close the show with the song "Car Wash" by Rose Royce. Afterwards, everyone was telling her how well she did.

"I sang and afterwards everyone told me I was really good, even though I was shaking and nervous," she said. "That made me realize I

was a really good singer and that I should use it."

When she performed a song from "Mary Poppins," some of her classmates acted as back up dancers behind her. She had been taking dance classes at Cindy's Academy of Dance, which she incorporated into her performance. The classes were a means to keep her active on the weekends.

D'ippolitti has a passion for starring in various musicals because of her love for both singing and acting. She had performed in plays all throughout her time at Sand Creek Middle School, but now as she is about to become a sophomore at Colonie High School, she hopes to perform in her first production as a high school student.

She took a break from the school plays her freshman year and decided to do cheerleading for the Freshman Basketball teams. She still made sure to stay involved in both mixed chorus and join the Colonie Chambers Singers. Instructions from her chorus teacher Carol Ann Weeks have helped her become a better singer, she said.

"She taught me that when I'm ready to

breathe, to breath with my diaphragm," she said. "It relaxes the voice instead of forcing you to use the head voice."

Tips from other classmates have helped her learn new tricks of the trade as well. D'ippolitti said she would ask others how they would relax their voice. She did this so she would be able to progress and hit both the high a low notes she wants to achieve as she is currently a mid-soprano.

All of these extracurricular activities D'ippolitti is involved in help her stay focused on her school work, though she says she never feels too overwhelmed. It isn't just singing and cheerleading, though. She has also done volunteer work where

she served dinner to the Schenectady Missions twice for St. Clare's religious education and has volunteered during the Village of Colonie's Family Fun Day. She was also involved in handing out raffle tickets at concerts in Cook Park held on Tuesday nights.

Still, performing and singing is something D'ippolitti is looking to continue as she gets older. She is looking to do more plays outside of just school performance but said she has not been able to find any yet. She will continue to look, though, as performing is where she feels home.

"I think it helps me express myself and show what type of person I am," she said. "It shows the audience who I really am."



Lisa D'ippolitti, 14, sings at the Albany Federal Court's Naturalization Ceremony on Aug. 12 after being invited by United States District Judge Mae D'Agostino.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

Someone in the audience yelled, "Licorice!" and Kat Koppett thought quickly.

Licorice. Licorice. Did she have a prominent memory of licorice? A funny story about licorice?

She thought back to when she was a kid, when she would visit her grandmother in her tiny apartment in New York City. There was a bowl in the apartment, and it was always full of soft licorice.

"I would always kind of steal pieces of licorice," Koppett said.

Aha. There was her story.

Koppett shared it during a recent performance at Proctors Theater with the Mop and Bucket Co., the improv group she co-directs. It was part of the group's most recent show, "Chortle Combat," a new format that has Koppett and co-director Michael Burns excited. During a recent interview, both also talked enthusiastically about four actors who recently joined the troupe.

The Mop and Bucket Co. moved into Proctors' basement about a year ago, hosting weekly shows on Friday nights. There's Theatersports, where teams of actors vie for the audience's approval by turning suggestions into scenes, songs and stories; Spontaneous Broadway, in which musical numbers are inspired by audience suggestions, and Tapestry, which turns audience suggestions into "epic stories."

And, for the last month or so, there's been Chortle Combat. Koppett said the group was looking for a new format, one that would let the actors have more say in the show. That way, if the audience one night seemed to really be into musical numbers, the actors could incorporate more of those into the show. If "clever word games" proved to be a hit, there could be more of those.

The way Chortle Combat works is two actors - it changes each time -



MopCo actors performing in "Chortle Combat." Co-director Michael Burns said some formats the group tries don't stick, but "Chortle Combat" is definitely a keeper. MopCo will perform "Chortle Combat" at Proctors Theater in Schenectady through the end of September.

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Mop and Bucket Co. serves up improv several ways

- are chosen as directors. They share the remaining actors for the first part of the show, putting on skits that they hope will win the audience's favor. Because when the first act wraps up, the audience votes on which director they liked better, and he or she gets

words, and then have the actors create scenes where they demonstrate passion for one of the words.

The second half, meanwhile, tends to be "longer-form" improv, meaning it's one continuous story or play. The audience might be asked to suggest the title of a made-up musical, and then the actors spend the rest of the show creating it. An actor might have to tell a true story based on a word from the audience, as was the case when someone shouted "Licorice!" and Koppett took the audience back to her childhood visits to her grandmother's. From there, she talked about her grandmother's early life in Russia and how she eventually came to the United States. The story was a springboard for the other actors to "pull out stories, songs and scenes" for the rest of the show, Koppett said. One acted out someone sharing the history of his or her family. Another built a scene around the idea of being an outsider in a new place. One did a scene about drinking vodka.

The format, Koppett said, is fun for the actors because it gives them a chance to do so many different kinds of improv. "It's a great training

ground," she said. "It helps them feel supported and successful."

To that end, Mop and Bucket recently cast four new members, who will be getting their feet wet here and there for the next few weeks before a welcoming show in early October at Proctors. They had limited

improv experience, but Burns said he and Koppett have been hoping to land each for a while.

"All four, when they auditioned, it was like, 'Oh goodie, they're as great as we thought,'" he said.

It's not improv experience that's important, he said.

It's more of an ability to be able to easily roll with the suggestions and storylines that make up a show.

"They're smart people who know how to be in the moment. They're just there," Burns said, noting that the best improv actors "don't try to be clever."

"Good improv is to look at a situation and name the obvious," he said. "You go with the obvious thing and make something out of it."

Burns said people regularly watch Mop and Bucket shows and say, "Hey, I can do that." And often, they're right, he said, which is one of the reasons the company hosts regular classes, including drop-in classes on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Those who prefer to watch are reminded that even though MopCo advertises a show by the same name each week, the experience is always different.

"You really can come see a new show every Friday night," Koppett said. "Different shows have different delights about them."

Tickets for MopCo Underground at Proctors on Friday nights are \$14 for general admission and \$6 for students and seniors. For more information, visit www.mopco.org.



Kat Koppett, left, and Michael Burns are co-directors of the Mop and Bucket Co. and both have extensive stage and improv experience.

to choose the format for the second half of the night.

The first act usually involves smaller, shorter skits. Koppett gave an example of a director who wants to focus on passion, "explore what people care about." He or she might ask the crowd for 10 or 15



MopCo's Theatersports show has actors vying for the audience's approval.

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CATS

Andrew Lloyd Webber's famous musical, presented by C-R Productions, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, Sept. 8-25, shows Thursdays through Sundays, \$25-\$35. Information, 237-5858.

MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION

George Bernard Shaw's controversial play about society's hypocrisy, presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Sept. 9-11 and 16-18, adults \$15, students with valid ID \$10. Information, 462-1297.

Music

AMY COLLINS AND FRIENDS

Americana/Celtic/folk singer, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

GARY BERNADINI

Singer-songwriter, Sept. 9, 7 p.m., Emack and Bollo's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

SARAH LEE GUTHRIE AND JOHNNY IRION

Husband-and-wife duo, Sept. 9, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$18, door price \$20. Information, 583-0022.

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Two great acoustic guitarists, Sept. 9, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

ROGER MCGUINN

Founding member of The Byrds continues his tradition of folk rock, Sept. 9, 8 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$29.50. Information, 473-1845.

3 QUARTER NORTH

Americana/bluegrass band, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., Emack and Bollo's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

KYLE CAREY WITH ROSE MACKENZIE

Featured as part of "See the Future! Saturday Night Sampler" concert series, also featuring the Hannah Sanders & Liz Simmons Duo, Sept. 10, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$10. Information, 583-0022.

SARAH MCQUAID

British singer-songwriter, Sept. 10, 8 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$20. Information, 765-2815.

TIME BENDERS

Folk rock trio, Sept. 10, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

DONNA THE BUFFALO

Western New York jam/Americana band, with special guest the Roy Jay Band, Sept. 10, 9 p.m., Putnam Den, 63A Putnam St., Saratoga Springs, \$20. Information, 584-8066.

GEORGIE WONDERS ORCHESTRA

Rotterdam-based big band playing on "Grandparents Day," Sept. 11, 2 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, Route 155, Latham, \$10.

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Featuring Dropkick Murphys, Stiff Little Fingers, Street Dogs, the Mahones, Chuck Ragan, Parkington Sisters and more, Sept. 11, 2:30 p.m., Altamont Fairgrounds, Route 146, Altamont. Information, www.dropkickmurphys.com

KLEZMER FIDDLE EXPRESS

Concert of Jewish melodies featuring violinist Alicia Svigals of the Klezmatics, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, uptown campus, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, adults \$15, seniors/UAAlbany staff \$12, students \$10. Information, 442-3997.

Dance

CONRADANCE

Featuring caller Fern Bradley and music by The Zillionaires, Sept. 11, 6 p.m. with potluck dinner beginning at 5 p.m., Buhrmaster Barn, Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Colonie, \$10, Dance Flurry members \$9. Information, (413) 441-5236.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"The Landscape of Memory: Prints by Frank C. Eckmair," through Sept. 18; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Parker F. Dunn: The Dunn Memorial Bridge," through Nov. 13; "Albany and the Civil War: Medicine on the Home and Battle Fronts," through Feb. 26; "First in the Hearts of His Countrymen: George Washington," through May 20; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

Installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 242-2243.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"100 Years of Baseball 1850-1950," through Nov. 4, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-4000.

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"September Art Showcase," through Sept. 30, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy. Information, 274-7793.

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"Luminous Metal: Contemporary Drawings in Metalpoint," through Sept. 29, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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"Forza Italia!" through Sept. 30; "The Syracuse Mile," featuring two of the central New York's famous stock cars; plus on-

going exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

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MASS MOCA

"I am Searching for Field Character," through Sept. 30; "one floor up more highly," an installation by Katharina Grosse, through October; "Ruse," through Dec. 31; "Sub Mirage Lignum," through Dec. 31; "The Workers," through March 15, 2012; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Rising from the Sea: The Art of Jay Hall Conaway," through May 27, 2012; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"New York, New York! The 20th Century," through Sept. 17, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

Call for Artists

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

Women's singing group entering its 99th year is beginning practices for its 2011-12 season Sept. 9; practices held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., concerts on Dec. 2 and April 1. Information, 765-4536.

SCHENECTADY LIGHT OPERA COMPANY

Holding auditions for "Aida," Sept. 12 and 13, Schenectady Light Opera House, 427 Franklin St. Schenectady, seeking large multi-racial cast for Elton John musical. Information, 477-2256.

CHRISTIAN ARTS INTERNATIONAL

Seeking singers for a performance of Handel's "Messiah" Dec. 4 at St. Plus X Church in Loudonville featuring Metropolitan Opera baritone Louis Otey, rehearsal Sept. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 459-3152.

MOHAWK HUDSON HUMANE SOCIETY

Seeking artists to participate in its "Art Saves Animals" benefit Oct. 6, The Arts Center of the Capital Region, River Street, Troy, deadline for submissions is Sept. 22. Information, Nancy Larabee 434-8128, ext. 206 or nlarabee@mohawkhumane.org.

THE CHORALIERS

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

ETUDE CLUB

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

SARATOGA ARTS

Seeking local artists for Aug. 23 outdoor exhibition called "Art in the Park" in Congress Park, space is limited and registration by Aug. 12 is required. Information, 584-4132.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

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

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

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MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

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Weekly Crossword

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- Ball balancer
- Disney creation
- The whole shebang
- Cleans one's plate
- Puts in the pot
- He lives on Sesame Street
- Bar fixture
- Benefit
- Lucy's friend
- Bikini tops
- Animated bird
- Fired
- Train tracks
- Slobber
- Bowler's bane
- Bedrock resident
- Metal pin
- Teaspoonful, possibly
- Hail!
- Road Runner's ruffler
- Spoof specialist

Brooks

- Hershiser, of the diamond
- Actor Howard
- Dangerous curve
- Sellers' spots
- Legislative assembly

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- Loud thud
- Henri's friend
- Jiffy
- Sort
- Stretch the truth
- When I Need You singer Leo
- A deadly sin
- Awaken
- Uncertainties
- Liberty Island attraction
- Pick
- Rhondda residents
- Dolorous drops
- Wrestling surface
- Refusals
- Architect Wagner
- Where to lunch in London
- Like most colleges
- Formal friend

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- Do some darning
- Word with seat or spring
- Wade's opponent
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- Makes merry
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- A Tale _____ Cities
- Filmstrip unit
- Did nothing
- Yuletides
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- Denominational offshoots
- George's lyric-writing brother
- It's found in the ground
- Hankering
- Eggs
- Diapered one
- Palindromic preposition

Cure

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to the Lustgarten Foundation, as well.

Some even participate if they can't make the walk.

"Because we've been so successful, it's exhilarating," said organizer Shari Piper. "We have quite a few virtual walkers, people who register online with their family group and then fundraise in their own geographical area."

Shari's husband, Neil, has over the years lost his mother, cousin, sister and brother to the disease, and he has felt the touch of pancreatic cancer as well, having undergone a surgery just last year to remove a suspicious growth from his pancreas. It was detected as part of an early detection study at John Hopkins University that was partially funded by Lustgarten.

Neil has made a great recovery and retained 40 percent of his pancreas, which allows him to live healthy and drug-free. He will be walking on Sunday.

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth



The Walk for Hope is set for Sunday, Sept. 11, starting at the large pavilion at Elm Avenue Park.

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most deadly cancer in the U.S., in large part because there is a lack of effective early screening tools or treatments. Since there aren't usually symptoms, most cases of the cancer are caught in the late stages when a recovery is unlikely. Sadly, many of those who participate in the Walk for Hope do so in remembrance of a family member, Shari Piper said.

"It's one of those cancers that's not found generally until its in stage 4," she said. "You don't have the

inspirational survivors, but we are starting to see some."

The Walk for Hope isn't just about fundraising, though. Before and after the walk there will be plenty opportunities for fun and fellowship. The band Code Blue will be playing, there will be silent auctions, a visit from the Albany Devil Dawg, face painting and The Puppet People. The Coccadotts Cake Shop van will be on hand for a post-walk pick-me-up, with part of the proceeds going to benefit the Lustgarten Foundation.

Kate Welshofer, weeknight anchor for YNN, will serve as emcee.

The Walk for Hope steps off at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 11 from the large pavilion at Elm Avenue Park, rain or shine. The step off will be preceded by a moment of silence for victims of pancreatic cancer and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The walk is 1.2 miles long but many go around more than once. Strollers and wheelchairs are able to take the course.

Day-of-race registration starts at 8:30 a.m. For more information or to pre-register, visit albanyPCRwalk.org.

Milestones



LT Andrew Joseph Wendth and Allison Jean Mesmer

Mesmer, Wendth to wed

A. Joseph and Julie L. Wendth of Slingerlands announce with pleasure the engagement of their son, LT Andrew Joseph Wendth to Allison Jean Mesmer; daughter of Edward and Donna Mesmer of Buffalo.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 2006

graduate of the University of Rochester. He is a naval aviator stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. His fiancée is a 2004 graduate of The Academy of the Holy Angels and a 2008 graduate of Canisius College. She is a sales representative at a pharmaceutical company.

A November 19, 2011 wedding is being planned.

A PRAYER

To the Blessed Virgin,
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Splendor of Heaven, Blessed
Mother of the Son of God,
Immaculate Virgin, assist me in
My necessity. Oh Star of the Sea,
Help me and shelter me, herein you
Are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary,
Mother of God, Queen of Heaven
And Earth! I humbly beseech you
From the bottom of my heart to
Succor me in my necessity.
(Make request). There are none
That can withstand your power.
O Mary, conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to
Thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place
This cause in your hands.
(3 times). Say this prayer for
3 consecutive days, then you
Must publish it and it will be
Granted to you. B.S.

Budget

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this year would be struck from the budget.

These measures were influenced by many factors, said Comptroller Suzanne Traylor, not the least of which is soaring pension contributions. The impending loss of \$1.75 million in PILOT receipts in 2013 and the state's 2 percent yearly tax cap also played a role

in coming up with the tax hike, she said.

The levying of taxes is also a consideration when it comes to the town's bond rating, which highly influences the rates it can get when borrowing money. Bethlehem has a AA rating now, which is near the top of the scale.

"We risk the downgrading of our bond rating. ... The property tax represents the collateral [on the loan]," Traylor said.

Officials also set out with the goal of minimizing the town's spending of reserve money. Indeed, the draft calls for about half of the amount of fund balance spending this year, at a proposed \$1 million.

Other notable features of the draft plan: the town would forgo a reassessment in 2012 and 2013 — the town's at 97 percent of a full assessment now; copays for doctor visits for town employees would be increased to \$25; 3 percent rate increases were built

into the water and sewer funds.

It's possible the budget will see shifts in the coming months before the adoption target of Nov. 9. Compounding budgetary issues is the damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene. The town's still cataloging the destruction to its infrastructure; a price tag on repairs could take some time (see related story on page 1).

The next budget workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15.

Voters urged to double check polling places

Residents eligible to vote in the upcoming primary — or planning

to vote in November's general election — are advised to double check

their polling places.

Due to Albany County's recent redrawing of legislative district boundaries, some residents might find themselves assigned a different polling place than they are accustomed to. Redistricting generally only comes along once a decade, when the U.S. Census is conducted.

Voters can check their polling place in several ways. The Board

of Elections mails out reminders every election, and these yellow postcards list the voter's correct polling place.

Those who are still unsure or don't have the card can contact the Board of Elections at 487-5060 or visit albanycounty.com/voteinfo where there is a tool to look up polling places by address.

The primary election is on Sept. 13, and the general election is on Nov.

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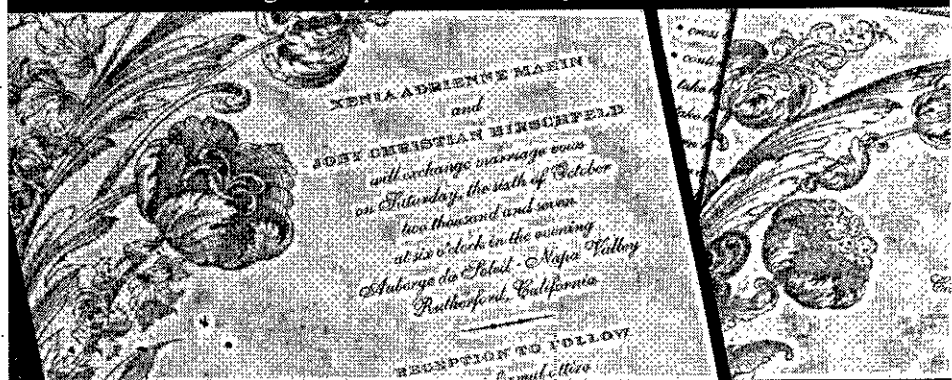


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Interfaith blood drive to commemorate 9/11 anniversary

Muslims hope to collect 10,000 units

By ALYSSA JUNG
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After more than 200 blood drives in the month of September, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community hopes to have collected at least 10,000 units of blood, which could save the lives of 30,000 people.

The national campaign, Muslims for Life, was launched by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA to honor the victims of 9/11 on its 10th anniversary. The organization is actually a community of Muslims that spans the world with branches in more than 195 countries, but locally, it's a community of Muslims who consistently bridge religions.

"We are so blessed to be living in this beautiful nation of ours and we are so grateful that we have the opportunity to work and do good deeds with our very dear friends in the Jewish and Christian communities such as Temple Sinai ... and mobilize our various communities to do good deeds and spread the message of love, peace and harmony," said Tahira Khan, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the local Ahmadiyya chapter.

A blood drive will be held at Temple Sinai at 509 Broadway in Saratoga Springs on Thursday, Sept. 8, from 1 to 6 p.m. It's an interfaith effort, with Temple Sinai, the Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church and the Ahmadiyya Muslim

Community Rotterdam hosting the commemorative drive.

"We wanted to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the tragic attacks on our nation, and as members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, wanted to pay our respect and homage to the victims and their families by giving our own blood to save lives and to show what the true teachings of Islam are," said Khan.

The sentiments of love, sacrifice, unity and peace are important pillars of Islam, said Khan.

"We have just completed the Holy month of Ramadan, which teaches us the importance of sacrifice of oneself and our ego and emphasizes the notion of unity and love for all, hatred for none, which is also the motto of our community," said Khan.

"We are here to reclaim our religion back and educate what the true teachings of Islam really are."

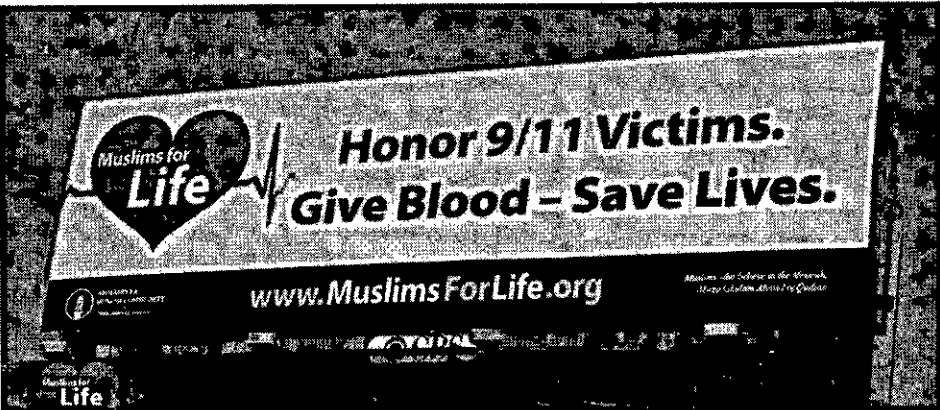
Tahira Khan

Khan said the Qur'an teaches that life is sacred, which mirrors a known Biblical teaching.

Events like the blood drive are just part of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's ongoing effort to spread awareness about Islam and help people better understand it. It's a mission that's become increasingly critical since the 9/11 attacks evoked ignorance and misconceptions, said Khan.

"It is our mission to portray the beautiful religion of Islam in its true

□ Blood Page 24



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Blood

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light. Unfortunately, Islam has been hijacked by terrorists who wish to subvert its peaceful message for their own political agenda," said Khan. "We are here to reclaim our religion back and educate what the true teachings of Islam really are, which is simply [that] Islam means peace."

The events of 9/11 affected the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in a

huge way, said Khan.

"It made us realize that we needed to step up and shout even louder what the true teachings of Islam are, to help both Muslims and non-Muslims alike," said Khan. "After the tragic events of 9/11, we were in acute stages of pain as these hijackers demolished people's lives, not only within New York City and around the world, but also destroyed the true teaching of Islam where terrorism is absolutely forbidden in any form."

The blood drive will also offer a Double Red Blood Cell Donation procedure for those who are interested. The donation is done through a specialized machine that collects two separate red blood cell units at the same time and then returns the remaining blood components back to the donor. The Double Red Blood Cell Donation procedure makes a single donation go further.

For more information about the blood drive or campaign, visit www.muslimsforlife.org.

IN BRIEF

Chamber to host Ladies Night Out

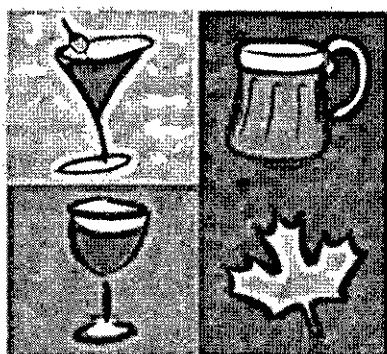
The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce is coordinating Guilderland Ladies Night Out, an evening of health, wellness and fun activities for women. The event welcomes women from Guilderland and all surrounding communities and features 35 vendors with samples, demonstrations and interactive booths. This is the third year of the event, and in the past two

years there have been make-up demonstrations and samples, pink hair extensions, massages, skin analysis and much more.

This year's event is on Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 5:30-8 p.m., at The Italian American Community Center. The event is sponsored by CDPHP, Crossgates Mall, Capital Care Physicians and Guilderland Medical Imaging. The event helps raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer, as October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There is a raffle and 50/50

drawing whose proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Each year, hundreds of women come to this event, many celebrating surviving breast cancer, some coming out of support for a loved one with breast cancer. It is planned as an upbeat celebration and casual get together. The event is free, open to the public and rsvps can be made by calling the Guilderland Chamber at 456-6611 or emailingegauthier@guilderlandchamber.com.



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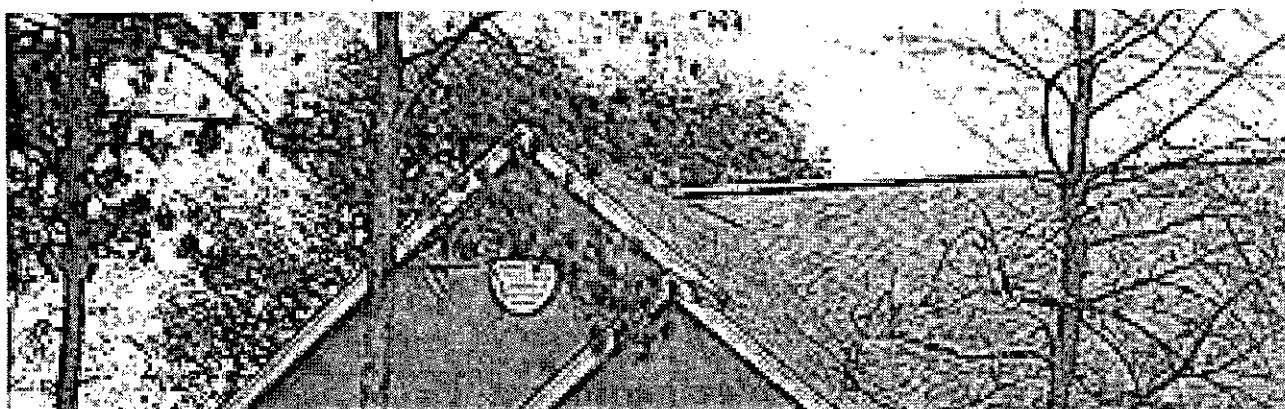
Robin

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Ah, so my local adult nephew knew. Maybe other people had been trying to reach us with the news via e-mail or our house phone, but we remained in the dark. Well, not literally in the dark, we had electric bulbs (and stand-by candles), plus it was still light outside. And the rain had tapered off to a slight drizzle.

I used my cell phone and reached my nephew who told me that my brother had spoken to the New Jersey cousins and that no one was hurt. I felt relieved, and also blessed, for even though our household was "off-line," we all weathered the storm quite safely. My thoughts and prayers remain with the countless others who fared less well.

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Farmers market slates take-out dinner

The Voorheesville Farmer's Market will have a Take-Out dinner prepared by Pie in the Sky on Fri. Sept 9, 2011, 3:30-6:30pm. The menu is herb roasted chicken, hot baked potato salad, broccoli salad and apple crisp for \$10. Reservations should be made by Wed. noon Sept. 7th by calling 765-2895 or 765-4536, leave name & phone number. also, information from "Home Instead Senior Care".

Pine Bush hosts illustration collection

Join the Friends of the Pine Bush Community Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. for a special program: "The Artists and their Contributions - Natural History Illustration Collection in the NYS Museum" by Patricia Kernan, curator of illustrations. Her presentation will show some of the collection's highlights and talk about how illustrations contribute to research and dissemination of knowledge. The free program will be held at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road, Albany.

The New York State Museum is celebrating its 175th birthday this year. Over its long history, thousands of illustrations have been created for Museum research and publication activities. The collection continues to grow through staff work, contributions and purchases.

The Friends work cooperatively with the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission to support activities that

further conservation and education purposes in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. Friends organize opportunities for the public to participate in activities that contribute to stewardship and appreciation of the unique natural communities found in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve.

For more information about the Pine Bush please visit www.albanypinebush.org.

Thacher featured in River Ramble

Thacher Park, is offering a special event as part of the Twelfth Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble in September.

The Ramble is sponsored by the Hudson River National Heritage Area, Hudson River Valley Greenway, the New York State Department of Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

On the weekends of September 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25, 2011, more 180 events will be hosted from Saratoga in the Capital Region to New York City.

Davidson accepted to Maryland

Ellen Davidson, daughter of Tom and Nancy Jo Davidson of Slingerlands, has been accepted to the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, where she plans to major in Accounting and Finance. Ellen is a 2009 graduate of Emma Willard School and has achieved a 4.0 cum in three of the last four school terms at Maryland. She is also an officer in the Delta Delta Delta sorority and

Rita Dillon of Guilderland elected to Saint Rose Board

The College of Saint Rose has announced the election of Rita F. Dillon of Guilderland to its board of trustees.

In her role as learning leader for leadership development within GE Energy's Global Learning Organization, Dillon is responsible for the design and delivery of curricula to develop and grow GE Energy leaders across the globe. Prior to joining GE, Dillon was the principal of Rita F. Dillon and Associates, where she worked with GE and other Fortune 100 companies as an organizational effectiveness consultant facilitating teams through the reinvention of business processes, implementing culture change and developing leaders. She has established educational partnerships with several universities on behalf of her clients to develop business-specific learning solutions. While in that role, Dillon accepted the Boston University Project Management Excellence in Education Leadership Award on behalf of GE.

Dillon holds a master's degree in educational psychology and a bachelor's degree in mathematics and education from The College of Saint Rose. She has served on the College's School of Business Advisory Council and the Board of Associates.

Dillon's term will run through May 2014.

The Saint Rose board consists of 36 members who serve three-year terms. In accordance with the College's by-laws, lay leaders comprise two-thirds of the trustees and Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, the sponsors of the College, make up one-third.



Rita Dillon

in the campus Accounting Club.

Zappia joins Rinckey law firm

Tully Rinckey PPLC has announced that attorney Graig Zappia has joined the firm as a partner. Zappia will focus his practice on commercial and residential law estate and employment law. Zappia has maintained his own firm, the Zappia Law

Firm, since 2009, and has received his juris doctorate from Albany Law School of Union University.

Learn to Skate lessons set for this fall

The Albany Figure Skating Club in Delmar will offer its popular United States Figure Skating sanctioned Learn-To-skate program at the Albany Academy Field House,

117 Hackett Blvd., Albany. The program will run from September 11 through October 30 on Sundays, 12:30 to 2:30 pm. It is designed for beginners of all ages, and relevant to all types of skating. Sessions will include a 30 minute group lesson and a 30 minute practice session. The AFSC will also hold two winter sessions from November 6 through January 1, and January 8 through February 26.

Festival at Five Rivers

The 32nd Annual Fall Festival will take place at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, September 17 from noon to 4 pm. The family-oriented environmental celebration, co-sponsored by the Friends of Five Rivers will feature a variety of hands-on educational activities, interactive exhibits, interpretive walks and more. There will also be live music from two fabulous local bands- Nisky Dixie Cats and the Acoustic Hartland. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Training to be held at Five Rivers

A teacher workshop on the award-winning curriculum-enhancement program Project WILD (Wildlife in Learning Design) will be conducted on Saturday, September 24 at the NYDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, from 9 am to noon. Center staff will lead a participatory training in Project WILD and initiative, which integrates wildlife themes into the core reading, writing, and arithmetic disciplines. Participants

will receive a free Project WILD curriculum guide full of stimulating activities for students in grades K-12. The workshop is open to teachers and youth leaders free of charge. Call Five Rivers at 518-475-0291 by Wednesday, September 21 to register for the workshop.

A-I Heritage museum hosts events

During September, two special events will occur for American Italian Heritage. On Sunday, September 18, from 1 to 5 pm, a Festa Italiana will be held at the museum at 1227 Central Ave in Albany, the proceeds of which will benefit the installation of a 2nd floor sprinkler system. On Friday, September 30, a Salute Italiana will be held at Franklin Terrace Ballroom on 126 Campbell Ave, Troy, featuring an evening of good food and music. Call 518-435-1979 or 518-584-6018 for reservations.

Community center to hold writing workshops

The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center will offer a series of writing workshops on memories and reflections, "What is Your Story?" at the Albany JCC, 340 Whitehall Road, on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm. The dates are September 21, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 9, 16, and December 7. The workshops are open to all who want to pursue personal narratives regardless of your level of writing experience. The cost for the workshops is \$4 and prepaid registration is required in the Albany JCC's senior adult office, 438-6651 x112.

RCS

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Register by contacting the library (756-2053 or info@rcscommunitylibrary.org).

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It's as easy as going to the RCS Community Library web site (www.rcscommunitylibrary.org),

clicking on the "Request New Releases" button on the left side of the page and completing the form. We'll take it from there and request your books for you! When your request is filled, we will call or email you to let you know it is at the library. You will have a week to pick it up.

You won't find these popular books on our shelves until all the requests in the library system have

been filled. Don't wait any longer than you have to for these hot titles.

Rewarding readers

RCS Community Library's Rewarding Readers program ended with the September 2 weekly prize drawing. Fran Williams and Judy Cook were our adult winners for the week ending August 27. Our teen winners were Jean Polyak and Taylor Flach. Congratulations to all winners!

Sale

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from 1:15 - 3:45. The "PAWS for Reading" program is intended for children in grades 1-5 who are feeling unsure about their reading progress or who just want to practice reading out loud for fluency. Call the library at 765-2791 to schedule a 15-minute reading appointment with Duke.

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9/10 & 9/11 - 3 Longmeadow Dr, Delmar - Furniture, linens, glassware, artwork, etc.

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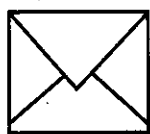
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PHARMACELS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/15/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 8 Barstow Rd., Apt 7D, Great Neck, NY 11021. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 74892 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of B. SKILLMAN PROPERTIES II LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/21/11. 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. 74758 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is HAWKEYE ROOFING SERVICE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 5/20/11. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a roof investigation service 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 PO Box 51, Glenmont, NY 12077. 74759 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Oreo 54 Realty, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/13/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Krishna K. Mehta, CPA, 42 Bristol Drive, North Hill, NY 11030. Purpose: any lawful activity. 74932 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Jessica's Factory Outlet, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/25/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/21/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 100B, Albany, NY 12260. Principal office address: 5500 Soto St., Vernon, CA 90058. Address to be maintained in DE: 1679 S. DuPont Hwy, Ste. 100, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 74936 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Organworks LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/20/2011. Off. Loc.: Schenectady Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 9553, Niskayuna, NY 12309. Purpose: all lawful activities. 74937 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Gakos Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/25/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 74938 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Zoltan Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/25/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 74939 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FIT Partners, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/27/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Keith Jacques, Esq., Sheehan Greene Goldner & Jacques LLP, 54 State St., Ste. 1001, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 74940 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Notice for publication, formation of Dan F Puckett Consulting, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on June 20, 2011. Office located in Albany County. The SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC's principal bus. location at Dan F Puckett Consulting, LLC, c/o Dan Puckett, 5 Dewberry Court, Guilford, NY 12203. The purpose of LLC is any lawful activities. 74757 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT SCHENECTADY COUNTY AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC, SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff, Index No. 2009-2360 VS. **GEORGE HARRISON; JAMES L. BILLINGS,** if living, or if he be dead, his wife, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through **JAMES L. BILLINGS,** by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiff; **ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, L.L.C.; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** and "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #100". Defendants. **TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:** YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your

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answer on the plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Schenectady County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. Dated: May 11, 2011

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Barry D. Kramer, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated July 8, 2011, and filed with supporting papers in the Schenectady County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 341 Hulet Street, City of Schenectady, New York and being a parcel of land designated as Tax Account No. 49.33-2-7. The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$7,410.09, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the property. **Richard J. Evans, Jr. PHILLIPS LYTTLE LLP** Attorneys for Plaintiff American Tax Funding, LLC Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Tel. No. (585) 238-2000 74934 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Whitehall Capital Markets LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/12/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Whitehall & Company LLC, 33 Lowell Terrace, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Address to be maintained in DE: Harvard Business Services, Inc., 16192 Coastal Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 74947 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of DBD SOCIAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/23/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against 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. 74949 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Bette-Cring-Tug-Hill JV, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/6/10. Office located in Albany County at 22 Century Hill Dr. #201, Latham, NY 12110. The

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SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 74950 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Olsen Medical Sales, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/11. Office located in Albany County at 44 Mallard Rd, Glenmont, NY 12077. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 74951 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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7 Lower Hudson Avenue, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/11. Office located in Albany County at 65 Albany Ave, Green Island NY 12183. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 74952 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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9 Hudson Avenue, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/19/11. Office located in Albany County at 65 Albany Ave, Green Island NY 12183. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 74953 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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63-65 James Street, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/11. Office located in Albany County at 65 Albany Ave, Green Island NY 12183. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 74954 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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37 Albany Avenue, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/11. Office located in Albany County at 65 Albany Ave, Green Island NY 12183. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 74955 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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35 Arch Street, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/11. Office located in Albany County at 65 Albany Ave, Green Island NY 12183. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 74957 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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7-9 Cannon Street, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/11. Office located in Albany County at 65 Albany Ave, Green Island NY 12183. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 74958 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of BRICKMAN FUND II RYE LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/25/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o 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. 74959 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of Cantina Laredo Syracuse L.P. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/19/11. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/6/11. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LP: CSI, 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 74960 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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SUMMONS WITH NOTICE ACTION FOR A DIVORCE CARMEN FRASER (Plaintiff) vs. CLAUD P. BENNETT (Defendant) Plaintiff resides at City of Rochester, County of Monroe. To the above named Defendant: **YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-**

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MONED to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default of the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. Signed: **Attorney James McCann** 9 Genesee Street Avon, NY 14414 585-226-2040 **NOTICE:** The nature of this action is to obtain a judgment of divorce dissolving the marriage between the parties on the grounds the relationship between husband and wife has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months. The relief sought is: A judgement of absolute divorce in favor of the plaintiff dissolving forever the bonds of matrimony between the parties in this action. Custody of Zhane Bennett, Zackrie Bennett and Marquise Bennett Support for Zhane Bennett, Zackrie Bennett and Marquise Bennett Equitable distribution of marital property.

NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS (D.R.L. 236) PURSUANT TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW 236 Part B; Section 2, as added by Chapter 72 of the Laws of 2009, both you and your spouse (the parties) are bound by the following AUTOMATIC ORDERS, which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the action unless terminated, modified or amended by further order of the court or upon written agreement between the parties.

(1) Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or by order of the court, any property (including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, cash accounts, stocks, mutual funds, bank accounts, cars and boats) individually or jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

(2) Neither party shall transfer, encumber, assign, remove, withdraw or in any way dispose of any tax deferred funds, stocks, or other assets held in any individual retirement accounts, 401k accounts, profit sharing plans, Keogh accounts, or any other pension or retirement account, and the parties shall further refrain from applying for or requesting the payment of retirement benefits or annuity payments of any kind, without the consent of the other party in writing, or upon further order of the court.

(3) Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including, but not limited to further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards, except in the usual course of business or for customary or usual household expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

(4) Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

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(5) Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners insurance and renters insurance policies in full force and effect. 75088 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: BrownTown, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) 07-22-2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is agent for process against the LLC and shall mail copy to Matthew P. Hoff, 68 Cambridge Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. 75091 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of DELANEY VERO, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 07.22.11. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 73 Crescent Drive, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful act. 75242 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Psychiatry Now PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/3/2011. 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. 75243 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Goose Hollow Alpha Advisors LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/1/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 75244 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DCJ MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/8/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 75246 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Achtung T Shirt LLC. Arts. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/11. Office location: Saratoga County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 7014 13 Ave. #202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 75331 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Greg Rohman, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/10/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 19 Peachtree Lane, Levittown, NY, 11756. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 75334 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Daughter and Dad Recycling, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/08/2011. Office Located in Albany County at 198 New Scotland South Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom service may be made and SSNY shall mail a copy of service to the office location. The character of the LLC is any lawful activity. 75341 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WEST SALES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/3/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 75343 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ISLAND SMOKES DISTRIBUTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/09/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Alexander Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., Ste 101, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 75351 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ISLAND SMOKES VIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LEBICH LANE ONE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08.15.11. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 90 Harts Lane, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: any lawful act. 75361 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law

a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Barrel O'Fun, LLC.

b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on August 10, 2011.

c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.

d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: Barrel O'Fun, LLC c/o Alessio F. Depoli 61 Briar Avenue Albany, New York 12203

e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. 75379 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gallagher Family Markets, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/19/11. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 75380 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation Bravo Buildings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/22/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 991 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 75383 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ISLAND SMOKES DISTRIBUTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/09/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 75351 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ISLAND SMOKES VIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/09/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 75352 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of InSite Wireless, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/2/11. Office LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/9/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 301 North Fairfax St., Ste. 101, Alexandria, VA 22314. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 75429 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY X AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC, BMO CAPITAL, F/K/A HARRIS NESBITT CORP., AS SECURED PARTY, Plaintiff, INDEX NO. 694/10 against THERESA ANN WALKER a/k/a THERESA A. WALKER, if living and if she be dead, any and all persons who may claim and devisees, distributees, legal representatives, successors and interest of the said defendants, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Successor by merger to FLEET NATIONAL BANK, N.A., SCHENECTADY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, FLEET NATIONAL BANK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Defendants. X TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the amended complaint not of appearance, on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or 30 days after service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein. Plaintiff designates SCHENECTADY County as the place of trial. SUMMONS AND NOTICE The address of the real property is 586 ONTARIO STREET, SCHENECTADY, NY served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the tax lien holder who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the tax lien holder will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Blase Realty Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/25/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 75431 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

ISLAND SMOKES II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/22/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 75428 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of 261 Madison Executive Suite, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/24/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 8/19/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Premier Business Centers, Attn: Jeff Reinsteint, 2102 Business Center Dr., Irvine, CA 92612, also the principal office address and the address to be maintained in CA. Arts. of Org. filed with the CA Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 75432 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: D & R Paving, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on: 08/09/2011. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process c/o D & R Paving, LLC, 6 Dorsman Drive, Latham, New York. Term: Until: N/A. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized. 75433 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 319 WEST 76TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/25/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76409 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 321 WEST 76TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/25/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76408 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Restore Group, LLC. name: Young's Roofing LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Missouri (MO) on 5/12/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it 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 MO: 10 Triad South Dr., Ste. 10, St. Charles, MO 63304. Arts. of Org. filed with the MO Secretary of State, 600 W. Main, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Purpose: any lawful activities. 76406 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TWO PENCES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/19/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 76405 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation J.D.G. Aviation, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/23/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY. Purpose: all lawful activities. 75430 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE DATA CENTER, LLC UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: THE DATA CENTER, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed on July 26, 2011 with the Secretary of State (SS). The office of the LLC is in Albany County, NY. The LLC shall dissolve on December 31, 2061. The SS of NY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him is the LLC, 18 Norris Drive, Valatie, New York 12184. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without NY State. 76400 (D) (September 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of the Planning Commission of the Village of Voorheesville the Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on an application from Tom Dolin for a 2-lot subdivision of 4.3 acres located at 32 Swift Road. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7 PM at the Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, NY 12186. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION Georgia Gray, Chairperson Dated: August 30, 2011 76407 (D) (September 7, 2011)

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Eagles

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on in the game."

Rockmore isn't the only Bethlehem player dealing with an injury as the season starts Wednesday. Six other Eagles had minor injuries as the team wrapped up its preseason last weekend.

"That's why I keep 27 players on the roster," said Ridgway. "There are some little knocks — a lot of ankles and some shins, but nothing out of the ordinary."

"The depth is great," said senior defender Brad Campion. "We took a lot of numbers because of the injuries, but the number of players we took was because they can all play."

Campion and goaltender Alex Kessler are two of the anchors in Bethlehem's backfield this season. De-

fenders Kevin Maddock and Seth Partridge also return for their senior seasons.

"They know the routine, and they know the system of play, which helps a lot," said Ridgway.

That veteran defense will come in handy for Bethlehem this season, since goals could be hard to come by in a highly-competitive Suburban Council.

"It's not too much pressure [on us] because we are returning three starters, and a lot of the teams in the league have lost a lot of players on their defenses," said Campion.

The South Division alone could be tricky for Bethlehem. Several teams have their sights set on first place including the Eagles' two closest rivals in terms of distance — Guilderland and Colonie.

"Guilderland will be very good. They have a lot of guys back from last year. And Colonie is always strong," said Ridgway. "I [also] think Mohonasen will be better than they were last year."

As difficult as the South Division will be to navigate, the true strength of the Suburban Council is likely to be the North Division where all six teams — Ballston Spa, Saratoga Springs, Shenendehowa, Niskayuna, Shaker and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake — are legitimate Section II title contenders.

"It's going to be a tough go in the North Division because everyone has got players back," said Ridgway.

Bethlehem avoids the North Division through the first three games. After hosting Averill Park Wednesday, the Eagles play Guilderland Friday before traveling to Colonie Tuesday, Sept. 13. Their first cross-divisional game is Thursday, Sept. 15, against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake.

Campion said the Guilderland and Colonie games are important for Bethlehem.

"Guilderland and Colonie are definitely threats [in the South Division]," said Campion. "We face them twice, so we have to step up when we play them."



Bethlehem goaltender Alex Kessler makes a save during last Thursday's practice.

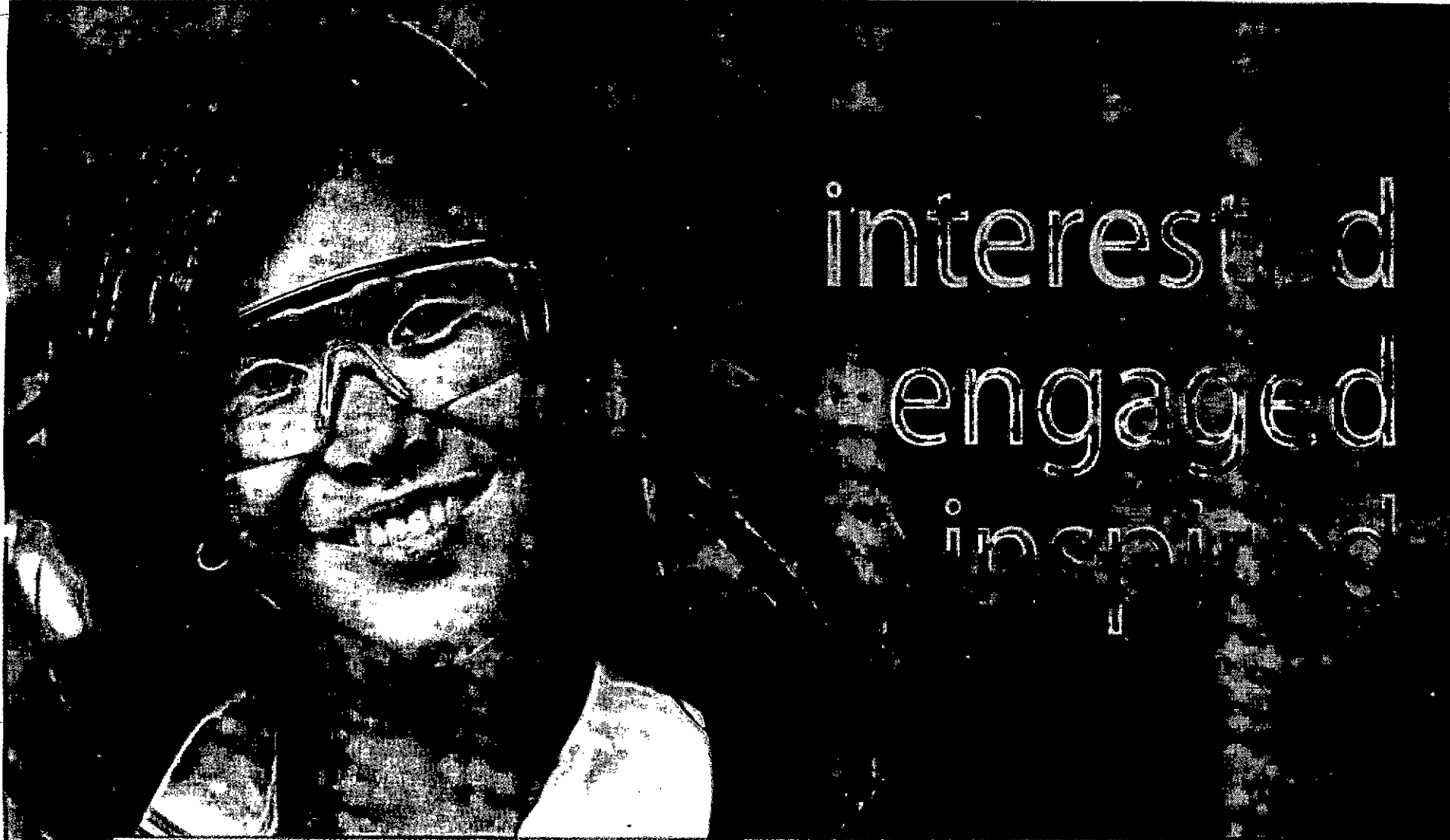
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BBC registration Sept. 18

The Bethlehem Basketball Club is holding a registration session Sunday, Sept. 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Elm Avenue Park office in Delmar.

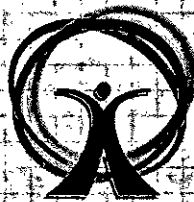
The BBC has a co-ed recreational league for players in grades three through 12, as well as a travel program for boys and girls in grades four through eight. The travel teams participate in the Capital District Youth Basketball League.

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Eagles start shorthanded

Rockmore's injury means others must step up

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The Bethlehem boys soccer team is starting the 2011 Suburban Council season minus one of its leading scorers.

Forward Zach Rockmore is out until the middle of October as he recovers from a hip injury. That leaves the Eagles searching for other goal scoring sources.

Bethlehem senior forward Ethan Gunty said he believes there are plenty of people ready to step up in Rockmore's absence.

"I think Rockmore will be missed, but we can play without him for a while," said Gunty.

Gunty and Connor McMahon return to lead an offense that will lean heavily on a talented sophomore class.

"I have Connor, I have Ethan and I have some younger guys who should take up the slack," said Bethlehem coach Phil Ridgway.

Gunty said one of his roles up front this season will be breaking in the sophomores to the varsity game.

"It's a physical game going from JV [junior varsity] to varsity," said Gunty. "I'm just going to play my game, but I'll be showing them how to play and react to what's going

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Connor McMahon is one of 14 players returning for the Bethlehem boys soccer team this season. The Eagles open their season Wednesday against Averill Park.

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2011 boys soccer schedule

Bethlehem Eagles

Sept. 7 – Averill Park, 4:15 p.m.
Sept. 9 – Guilderland, 4:15 p.m.
Sept. 13 – at Colonie, 4:15 p.m.
Sept. 15 – Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4:15 p.m.
Sept. 17 – at Ballston Spa, 11 a.m.
Sept. 20 – Shenendehowa, 4:15 p.m.
Sept. 22 – at Saratoga Springs, 4:15 p.m.
Sept. 26 – at Mohonasen, 4:15 p.m.
Sept. 28 – Columbia, 4 p.m.
Oct. 4 – at Niskayuna, 4:15 p.m.
Oct. 6 – Shaker, 4:15 p.m.
Oct. 11 – at Averill Park, 4:15 p.m.
Oct. 13 – at Guilderland, 4:15 p.m.
Oct. 18 – Colonie, 4:15 p.m.
Oct. 20 – Mohonasen, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 – at Columbia, 7 p.m.

Guilderland Dutchmen

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Voorheesville Blackbirds

Sept. 3 – at Maple Hill, 9 a.m.
Sept. 6 – at Fonda-Fultonville, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13 – Schalmont, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15 – Ichabod Crane, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17 – at Mechanicville, 11 a.m.
Sept. 20 – Lansingburgh, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 – at Albany Academy, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 – Cobleskill-Richmondville, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 4 – at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 6 – Cohoes, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 – Fonda-Fultonville, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 – at Schalmont, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 – Albany Academy, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 24 – at Cobleskill-Richmondville, 6:30 p.m.

Constructing an article with nothing but Tweets

Now that I've been on Twitter for a few months (@jonas_spotlight), I'm starting to think that I could actually write a game story based on my Tweets.

Since I'm trying to provide my followers — all 47 of them as of last Friday — with the latest updates from the games I'm at, I find that I'm actually providing a narrative if you extract my Tweets from all of the other Tweets on the news feed.

Let's see how well this concept works. These are actual Tweets by yours truly from the semifinal showdown between Guilderland and Clifton Park at the Babe Ruth World Series at Clifton Common Aug. 26:

Greetings from Clifton Park, where the host team [Clifton Park] has a runner on third with two outs in the 1st [inning].

Bad throw by Guilderland catcher allows Clifton Park runner to score for 1st run.

(Side note: I have a tendency to shorten innings and quarters on Twitter to numbers instead of letters because of the 140-character limit I have. That, and also the fact that I have a short period of time to actually write my Tweets between plays.)

Infield hit allows a second Clifton Park run to score — 2-0.

Clifton Park strands a runner at 3rd [base] — still leads Guilderland 2-0 after 3 innings.

(Side note: I didn't Tweet during the second and third

innings because I was busy taking pictures of the action. It's very hard to text on a cell phone and take pictures using a large digital camera at the same time.)

On Clifton Park's second run of 1st inning, the run came home on a throwing error, not an infield hit. [Yes, I make corrections as I go.]

Neither pitcher has allowed a hit through 3 [innings].

No hits for either team through 4 innings.

Ryan Cullam's 2-out base hit breaks up Mason Munger's no-hitter. [That was in the top of the fifth inning, folks.] —

A walk and a double steal gives Guilderland runners on 2nd and 3rd.

(Side note: It's hard to judge when I've reached 140 characters on my cell phone, since my text messages can stretch nearly 2,300 characters at a time. It's very irritating to try to do math while writing a Tweet via text message, so I just shorten everything.)

Munger gets out of the jam without further damage. CP leads 2-0. [Yes, I did shorten Clifton Park to CP. It takes a lot more time to write out Clifton Park, even if my cell phone comes with a full keypad. On to the bottom of the fifth inning.]

Zach Sargent's infield single gives CP runners on the corners and its first hit off Alex Varsanyi.

Guilderland turns to Kristian Singh on the mound. Bad pickoff throw by Singh allows Munger to score from 3rd — 3-0 CP.

Richard Drum's squeeze bunt drives in Sargent from 3rd — 4-0 CP.

End of 5th, Clifton Park leads Guilderland 4-0. Two CP errors on one play allows Guilderland to score

its first run.

Guilderland leaves the bases loaded in the 6th. CP leads 4-1.

Going into the 7th inning with CP leading Guilderland 4-1 [and my grammar begins to take a hit].

Guilderland loads the bases with 1 out.

Brandon Peda's hard shot hits teammate running from second for 2nd out, but a run scores.

Correction — no run scored, and then Cameron Long popped out to end the game.

Final score: Clifton Park beats Guilderland 4-1 to advance to tonight's final.

So looking at how all the Tweets fit together, I can safely say that I can construct a narrative out of them to get the basics of a story. However, the grammar would not be considered good journalistic style.

This is not to say you shouldn't follow me on Twitter, though. After all, as you can see by this sample, I do a pretty good job of keeping my followers updated as to what is going on with the games.

So as high school sports season gets into gear, consider following me @jonas_spotlight. That way, you'll know what's happening as it's happening.

Results online

Due to an early deadline, last weekend's games could not be included in this week's edition. You can find results on www.spotlightnews.com.