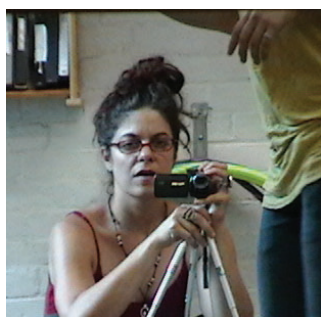




Solar savings

Spectrum 8 Theaters had 216 solar panels installed on its roof in late December to provide the business with green energy and help cut costs.

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A chance to tap

Stefanie Lynx Weber is hoping to share her love of movement with people at Skidmore College this weekend.

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Bergere a beast

Myles Bergere scored 23 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to lead Bethlehem past Niskayuna 66-49 last Friday.

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ABOVE: Chinese students listen in to an English lesson at Guilderland High School.

BELOW: Three Chinese students show a social studies class in Guilderland High School how to do morning eye exercises to relieve stress.

BOTTOM: Tianjin High School Principal Chen Tianshun presents Guilderland Central's Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Demian Singleton and Superintendent Marie Wiles with a painting.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

Friends stop by from a world away

**Chinese students, educators
 tour Guilderland schools
 on stateside visit**

By MARCY VELTE
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Language barriers were overcome and friendships were made when students and administrators from China's Tianjin High School No.41 took a tour of Guilderland High School on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

In an effort to learn more about the American educational system, 29 Chinese students and eight administrators visited classrooms, observed lessons and participated in a question and answer session with students and officials from Guilderland Central.

"This world is very large, but today it seems very small," said Superintendent Marie Wiles to the group. "It is my hope that this visit will allow us to become friends."

Tianjin High School No.41 became a sister school to the Tech Valley High School in East Greenbush last February. This is the second time students and

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Hungry for a break

**Parent group says
 BC High schedule
 means many students
 missing lunch**

By MARCY VELTE
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A new parent's group feels their children deserve a little down time while in school.

Members of the group Parents for 9 Periods feel an additional class period should be added to Bethlehem High School's eight-period day because the current schedule does not allow some students to have a lunch period if they wish to take additional electives. The trend is becoming an increasing issue around the country as students attempt to create a more competitive transcript for their college applications.

"There are flaws with this system," said the group's founder Amy Riddell, who has one child in 10th grade and another in the middle school "What we're finding is there is a huge percentage of students who do not have a lunch period and we feel our concerns have fallen on deaf ears with the administration."

According to Riddell, high school students have eight periods, including lunch. Five of those periods are for core classes, while the sixth alternates between gym and a science lab. Two periods then remain open, one for lunch and one for an elective.

The group said the problem mostly lies with students in the Bethlehem music program. For students taking band or

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Town talks about emergency services

**Questions raised about
 structure of ambulance
 system in Bethlehem**

By MARCY VELTE
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It's clear the quality and costs of Bethlehem's emergency services is on the mind of town leaders, but what's less certain

is what can be done to improve matters.

Members of the town's Transitional Committee, formed by new Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson, took up police and public safety matters at a Tuesday Jan. 17, meeting. After Emergency Service Coordinator Jack Brennan explained the number of fire and ambulance districts within the town, members of the Transitional

Committee wondered if residents were getting the same level of care during emergency situations.

Brennan said that question had been raised in the past.

"The Bethlehem Ambulance District was born by the town to deal with any issues of the ambulance corps and the county sheriff within the town," he said. "To answer your question, the level of care was not equal or

seemed to be not equal, with basic life services being offered by Bethlehem Ambulance."

Brennan explained to the committee that of the town's four emergency medical services providers, only two provide advanced services with trained paramedics: the Albany County Sheriff's Office and the Delmar Volunteer Ambulance Service. The

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Delaware Plaza Hannaford getting upgrades

\$6M project comes on heels of ShopRite announcement

By MARCY VELTE
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The Hannaford grocery store on Delaware Avenue in Bethlehem is getting a facelift.

The grocery chain is investing nearly \$6 million into the store for a complete remodeling of the building's interior. The store will also get a new façade and larger entryway that will house a storage area for shopping carts.

Doug Boyce, a representative from Hannaford's real estate department, went before the town's Planning Board on Tuesday, Jan. 17, to seek approval on the exterior site plan. The company has already been given permission to begin remodeling on some of the interior by the town's Building Division.

"This store is one among many in the Capital District Hannaford is in the process of renovating just to bring them all up to date with current supermarket standards," said Boyce. "Some stores are in need of a refresh after many years of good sales and service to their communities."

The Delaware Plaza store was once a Grand Union

supermarket. It has been owned by Hannaford since 2001.

The plans call for 500 square feet to be added to the front of the building to create a vestibule for carts to be stored inside. Also, the entry points of the store will be reconfigured, with the main entrance moving farther to the east to direct customers into the produce department.

The shopping pattern within the store will be changed to provide more "flow" for customers, leading them counter-clockwise to check out counters. The changes are meant to make the store easier to navigate and create a "more convenient shopping experience for customers," according to Hannaford spokesman Eric Blom.

"There won't be any of the store untouched by the renovation," said Boyce, explaining the majority of the reconstruction will be completed at night.

Blom said the upgraded store will offer a larger selection of prepared foods. A sushi bar will be added, as well as a chicken wing bar, and the current salad bar will be expanded. In addition, a larger variety of products will be available to customers.

"We're also really touting our energy improvements," he added.

The company has been working on ways to "go



Doug Boyce, a representative of Hannaford's real estate department, speaks with the town's planning board about the local store's renovation.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

green." Improvements include capturing the heats from compressors for use to help heat stores and installing iceless seafood cases.

Minor improvements to the store had gone before the Town Board before the company in recent weeks decided to revamp the store.

With the first Capital District ShopRite having

opened in October and Trader Joe's this month announcing a location in Colonie, the remodel comes at a tumultuous time for the Capital District's supermarket scene. ShopRite is also building a new store in Slingerlands at the Vista Technology Campus that is expected to be open by the end of the year.

When asked if the upgrades

had anything to do with the introduction of several new grocery chains to the Capital District, Blom said a lot of factors determine which Hannaford stores will be remodeled.

"It all comes down to meeting the needs of customers," he said.

Blom said the upgrades should be fully complete by late summer of 2012.



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Spectrum 8 Theaters makes sustainability strides

Silver screen now lit by solar power, other green initiatives undertaken

By MARCY VELTE
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Staying true to their business philosophy, the owners of Spectrum 8 Theaters have gone a step further in turning their independent movie house environmentally friendly.

Last year, the four owners decided to invest thousands to install solar panels on the theater's roof. In late December, the project was completed and the panels are now live, supplying the business with one-third of its electrical needs.

"I don't think there are many movie theaters beings powered by the sun at this point, at least not on the east coast," said co-owner Keith Pickard.

Solar power had always been a goal for Pickard and his partners, but they didn't believe it was possible until they found energy incentives through the state and federal government. Through the reimbursements and tax breaks, the owners felt the best time to put their plan into action was now.

"This is where our

country is headed," said Pickard. "This is our future. Even the federal government recognizes it. We have to start moving away from fossil fuels."

The theater now has 216 solar panels installed onto the roof. The project has saved nearly \$1,000 on the monthly energy bills so far and any electricity not used gets sold back to the grid. Before the tax breaks, the panels cost about \$250,000 with installation.

According to the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, the Spectrum's solar panels will prevent 56,000 pounds of pollution from entering the earth's atmosphere. It's the same as planting 4.5 acres of trees or reducing car pollution by 66,800,086 miles driven.

"The whole project goes along with our ideas of sustainability," said Pickard. "It's a perfect fit for us."

Soon, new low-energy hand dryers will be installed into all of the bathrooms to stop the waste of papers towels. The machines will be powered by energy generated from the new solar panels.

The Spectrum has worked hard to be a "green" theater since it opened

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— Spectrum co-owner Keith Pickard

in 1983. The majority of the products sold at the concession stand come from local businesses and the paper products come from recycled sources. Also, the coffee in the coffee shop next door that's also affiliated with the theater is fair trade and organic.

"We encourage people to shop local and support independent businesses, and we fulfill that circle by doing the same," Pickard said. "Studies show if you spend local that money stays local, while if you shop at the big box stores that money goes to the company's home base."

The Spectrum's owners have also established a car-pooling program. Any



customer who arrives in a car with three or more people will be entered into a monthly drawing to win free movie tickets. The hope is to take additional cars off the road, while promoting the theater.

"The costs of some of the things we do are a little more expensive than usual, but it's the little things that can be done on a regular basis that will benefit us all in the long run," said Pickard.

He also feels the efforts



Spectrum 8 Theaters had 216 solar panels installed on its roof in late December.

Submitted photos

are appreciated by the theater's customers.

"The project is something that plays to our base," he said. "Overall we're just very excited

about what the future holds."

The theater is located at 290 Delaware Avenue, and can be found on the web at spectrum8.com.



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Police pull body from Normanskill after search

Police recovered the body of a 45-year-old man they say jumped to his death from the Route 9W bridge over the Normanskill on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The man, who has not been identified by police but is a resident of Chatham, apparently jumped from the bridge near the Bethlehem-Albany city line during the night.

“It appears to be a suicide at this point, there’s no reason to believe there’s any foul play,” said Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department.

Bethlehem police and the Albany County Sheriff’s Office conducted the search, which began the night before after a report was made of an abandoned vehicle on the bridge. The efforts had to be called off overnight because high winds precluded the use of a helicopter, but the search resumed the next day. The body was pulled from the river at about 10:30 a.m.

Heffernan said once police located the car, Chatham police went to the man’s home and eventually forced entry, where they discovered “some paperwork that gave us reason to believe the operator was despondent and possibly suicidal.”

Police are now speaking with the man’s family, and one detail they’re looking to develop is a reason why the man was in the Bethlehem area.



Police spent the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 18, and part of the preceding night, searching for a Chatham man who apparently committed suicide by jumping from the Route 9W bridge over the Normanskill.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

An autopsy is also to be performed.

Arrests

• A Ravena woman was charged with DWI by the Bethlehem Police Department after she was pulled over for speeding.

Tabitha Calise, 22, of Rt. 9W in Ravena was driving on Rt. 9W in Selkirk when she was allegedly clocked going 69 mph in a 40 mph zone. Police said when Calise was pulled over she became irate and could not be calmed down, insisting she should not be pulled over because her father is a police officer and her mother is a corrections officer. She was charged with DWI, harassment, and various traffic violations. She was

held on bail of \$3,000 cash and \$6,000 bond.

• A Saratoga Springs teen was arrested during a hockey game at the YMCA on Delaware Avenue in Delmar when he tried to provoke spectators into a fight, according to Bethlehem Police.

Mitchell Spencer, 17, of 247 S. Broadway in Saratoga Springs was charged with the felonies of criminal mischief and obstruction of a government administrator, as well as the misdemeanors of disorderly conduct and harassment. He was also charged with unlawful possession of alcohol.

Police said Spencer was yelling obscenities and provoking a fight when police escorted him out of the building. He was

found to be in possession of beer, malt liquor, a half bottle of Svedka and snuff tobacco, police said. While speaking with officers he became combative and repeatedly beat his own head against the police car, causing harm to himself, according to arrest reports.

He was arraigned and taken to Albany County jail on \$2,500 cash or \$5,000 bail bond.

• A Ravena man who was caught driving drunk in a stolen car pleaded guilty in Albany County Court on Tuesday, Jan. 17, according to information from Albany County District Attorney David Soares’ office.

Michael Larson, 25, was charged with criminal possession of stolen

property, a felony, and DWI on Nov. 30, after a store clerk noticed he was intoxicated and refused to sell him more alcohol. The clerk then called police when he saw Larson was driving. When police pulled Larson over, the car came back as a stolen vehicle, according to Soares. Larson will now receive a sentence of one to three years in state prison, a \$500 fine and various court-imposed surcharges, according to Soares.

• A man who used counterfeit credit cards to buy Apple iPads at local stores pleaded guilty to a felony charge in Albany County Court on Tuesday, Jan. 17, according to information from Albany County District Attorney David Soares’ office.

Michael Griffin, 21, of Brooklyn, pleaded guilty to one count of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, a felony, and is expected to be sentenced to up to two to six years in state prison when sentenced in March, according to information from Soares’ office. On Sept. 21, 2011, Griffin possessed and used two fraudulent credit cards in the Town of Colonie while buying iPads at Target and other local stores and upon investigation by the Colonie Police Department, Griffin was found to have 17 different credit cards in his possession that all had his name on them but account numbers that didn’t belong to him,

according to information from Soares’ office.

• Alfred H. Zwack Jr., 19, was indicted by a grand jury on Tuesday, Jan. 17, for recklessly causing the death of a Latham man on Nov. 26, 2011, according to information from Albany County District Attorney David Soares’ office.

Zwack was arraigned on the felonies of manslaughter in the second degree; criminally negligent homicide; leaving the scene of an incident without reporting it; the misdemeanors of reckless driving and aggravated unlicensed operation in the third degree; as well as operation of a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver; failure to keep right; and passing in a no-passing zone.

According to information from Soares’ office, around 1:42 a.m. on Nov. 26 in the area of Quail and Elk Streets in the City of Albany, Zwack struck the victim with the vehicle he was driving, left the scene and failed to report the incident to authorities.

• Jonathan Foley, 17, was arrested by Guilderland police on Thursday, Jan. 19, on charges of assault with intention to cause physical injury with a weapon, a felony.

• Ryan Long, 17, was arrested by Guilderland police on Thursday, Jan. 19, on charges of assault with intention to cause physical injury with a weapon, a felony.

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Life lessons

At Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited's second annual "Life After BC" presentation, 10 students participated on the panel representing colleges and universities including the SUNYs, Bowdoin, Endicott, Center College (Iowa), Paul Smith's and Duke to name a few. Approximately 45 students and parents were in attendance (mostly juniors and seniors), and Ryan St. John, BCHS counselor, was the moderator. In addition to prepared statements on a wide range of topics from college selection to dealing with roommate issues, the audience interacted, asking the panel a variety of questions. Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) is a not-for-profit organization that promotes prevention education and safe, healthy activities for the youth in our community. To learn more about BOU, visit www.bethlehemschools.org/Parents_Community/Bethlehem_Opportunities_Unlimited.html.

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G'land schools face \$3.3 million budget gap

District kicks off budgeting with a community discussion

By DON CAZER
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Guilderland community members gathered for a "Community Conversation" at the Guilderland High School on Tuesday, Jan. 17, and about 40 citizens showed out to talk principally about the school district's budget outlook.

Participants had the opportunity to discuss several essential questions related to possible areas of change and innovation in the years ahead, including scheduling, technology, leadership structure and data-driven budgeting.

Superintendent Marie Wiles gave a brief presentation on the current state of the district. She explained that in a time of scarce resources the district must be innovative to continue to provide students with the best education.

"Data-driven budgeting is to not start with the present school structure and determine what can be cut, but it starts with what students need and building up the required structure," Wiles said.

Neil Sanders,

superintendent for business, provided the details on how the economy and the new property tax cap affects the budget process.

The new state property tax cap would hold Guilderland to increasing the tax levy as maximum of 2.5 percent in the next budget, without a supermajority of voters overriding the cap. Even increasing the tax levy by the full allowable amount would leave the district short of its projected expenses for next year, meaning cuts will likely have to be made.

"The slow economic recovery, federal and state budget deficits, legacy costs for pensions, among other economic issues, result in a school budget deficit for 2012-13 of \$3.3 million," said Sanders.

Wiles also spoke generally of the district's aim to not ignore technology in the midst of this grim projection.

"Technology can provide access to recourses, academic and professional, beyond the walls of school building. We cannot afford to let our infrastructure become antiquated," said Wiles.

The district is also considering changing the school day schedule in hopes of maximizing

interaction between students and teachers, and possibly save money in the meantime.

Additionally, Wiles reported to the school board a leadership study recommending the elimination of two administrative positions.

Following these presentations, residents formed six working groups to discuss four issues: is the community ready to accept a data-driven budget; is the community ready to accept changes to school schedules and the leadership structure; is the community willing to invest in technology with limited resources; and why has the school district struggled to pass budgets with at least 60 percent support?

Each working group had a facilitator from the BOCES program. The facilitators then presented some of the results of the group discussions.

BOCES' Michele Kelly reported for her group.

"The school should consider new sources of funding, some suggestions being obtaining sponsorship from local businesses, seeking donations of technology equipment and expertise from outside the school and assigning a school marketing class to solicit

funds," said Kelly.

BOCES' John Noetzel presented the results from his group. "We don't want to fall behind in the use of technology," said Noetzel.

His group also suggested that there is a credibility problem with voters when the budget comes up for a vote. Some voters believe the benefits available to the school staff are much more generous than those offered in the private sector.

Other matters discussed by residents were a low voter turnout and a lack of transparency in the budget process. Others said the district has too many administrators.

Colleen O'Connell, president of the school board, wrapped up the session by saying that the process is long and will continue. The next community conversation will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

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Burning at both ends

The American Lung Association last week released its annual report on the state of tobacco control in the United States, and the group’s findings illuminate what was recently a vitriolic issue here in New York. The problem is, the victory recently claimed by anti-smoking advocates seems to have turned hollow.

In the summer of 2010, a cigarette tax hike was passed that made New York smokes the most expensive in the nation, taxed at \$4.35 per pack (denizens of New York City pay nearly \$6 in taxes per pack).

The tax increase pushed the average total price for a pack of stogies up to \$9 per pack, which blows fast food out of the water as the most expensive habit that’s slowly killing us.

The Lung Association was a staunch proponent of this move, as it is of any tax increase on smokes. That leads us to the recent report.

What’s most interesting about it is not that the association unsurprisingly gives New York top marks for its tobacco taxes and anti-smoking laws, but that when it comes to tobacco use prevention and cessation services, the state scores solid Fs.

This fits so well with the stereotypical view of New York government it’s comical. According to the American Lung Association, New York passes restrictive laws and high taxes extremely well, and fails at everything else.

Really? Do tell.
This, of course, was not the outcome supporters of the tax hike had hoped for. The new cigarette tax was supposed to be put toward healthcare and smoking cessation programs, but the astronomical price of smokes spurred plenty of New Yorkers to quit recently (good for them), or at least stop buying cigarettes bearing an Empire State tax seal. This has in turn impacted the \$130 million windfall of tax receipts some had predicted when the tax was passed. In fact, recent reports from the capitol indicate cigarette tax receipts have stayed just about level from pre-tax hike days.

So, just as many predicted during the debate of 2010, the tax hike has pretty much cancelled itself out. This presents anti-smoking advocates with a Catch-22. In the absence of funding from other areas of government (read: not going to happen), taxes aren’t the path to funding these needed programs.

The tax was successful — people quit. But we would think smoking cessation groups would prefer to instill smokers with the soundness of their message and help them quit on their own terms, not force people with laws and levies.

If New York’s any indicator, leading with a stick does not provide one with a carrot down the road.

Editorial

Sometimes you have to buy the milk

By Bradley Morris

The writer is a junior at Skidmore College and recently completed an internship at Spotlight Newspapers.

From a young age, we are exposed to numerous types of advertisements, whether they are from the radio, television or a publication or the Internet, to name a few. Considering the widespread presence of advertisements, it is understandable how much they influence our decisions, even when we seemingly aren’t aware of it.

Overall, advertisements are beneficial to both businesses and consumers. However, with ever-evolving technology, we find new ways to bypass them. By doing this, we damage an important part of all businesses and consumers unknowingly isolate themselves.

It’s not a recent occurrence that people are finding ways to bypass commercials and other advertisements. Since recording television shows has become more common, consequently so has skipping the commercials. Now with digital cable, which often has a digital recording feature built in with most packages, and other television services similar to it, such as TiVo, recording programs is simpler, resulting in easier ways to skip over commercials.

Of course, we don’t record shows for the commercials, so when we use digital recording, we miss out on what would be advertised since we’re more interested in getting back to our show, causing companies to waste time and money. Admit it—I know I skip the ads when I feel impatient.

With TV advertising, once a best option for companies wishing to reach consumers, becoming less effective, where are advertisers to turn? The Internet seems like a good choice since it’s global, a great population uses it and all websites are always looking for funding.

Point of View

On paper, it sounds like a fine idea, but the Internet has its own tools that users implement to rid websites they visit of ads, which are sometimes minding their own business in the corner. The most noteworthy of these tools is Adblock, which has been downloaded over 120 million times. As the name suggests, it prevents any ads outside of video ads, the ones seen on Youtube before a video being an example, from being seen by users on any website they visit.

Although we think we’re doing ourselves a favor by clearing these ads from websites, we are actually blocking ourselves from information that could be useful. Just as we learn about new products from television ads, Internet ads serve the same purpose, despite their notorious reputation of being “pop-ups” or leading to scam websites that causes identity theft or computer viruses.

The truth is, on reputable websites such as Youtube or Hulu, the ads on the side or the ones that show up before the video are paid for and created by businesses, just the ones seen in The Spotlight. Using Adblock is the equivalent to receiving the Spotlight with blank areas where the advertisements of the local, dependable businesses would be located.

In both cases, those advertisements enable supply of the content the user wants.

Take time to think of any valuable advertisements you’ve seen over the years. Everyone has seen ads that have influenced

Make your point

The Spotlight welcomes longer opinion pieces for the Point of View section.

Do you have a hobby or cause you feel passionate about? We’d love to share it with our readers.

Do you have information you think others would benefit from hearing about? Let us know.

Point of View submissions should be around 700 words and can be submitted via email to news@spotlightnews.com with “POV” in the subject line. They can also be mailed to The Spotlight at P.O. Box 100, Delmar, NY 12054.

some decisions in their lives, one way or another. Just because we have the ability to prevent ourselves from seeing these ads does not mean we should do so.

Businesses are at a disadvantage with all this technology since with a portion of their target market blocks them out. This has forced advertisers to use new tactics to reach the consumer. The most notable tactic is attempting to appear on the first page of results from search engines, like Google, when their specific product or service is searched. This tactic is limited to larger companies, however, and requires more time and analysis to create useful ad placement.

As consumers, we are isolating ourselves by avoiding ads, never learning of new products that could interest us. So please, even just for a moment, watch the commercials or take a look at the ads on your favorite websites. You may find something that appeals to you after all.

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Weekly poll

Has New York’s higher cigarette tax been an overall success or a flop?

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Last week’s poll results:

“It’s finally winter. Do you prefer to hibernate through the winter months or are you motivated to get outdoors?”

- Hibernate through it. 60%
- Get out and enjoy it. 40%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Operation Christmas Child a success

Editor, *The Spotlight*: Thanks to the generous efforts of Albany residents, thousands of hurting children worldwide will have the opportunity to experience the joy of Christmas. Albany residents joined Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, to pack 6,795 shoe boxes with toys, school supplies and necessity items. These gift-filled shoe boxes are making their way – or have already made their way – into the hands of needy children in 100 receiving countries.

On behalf of our community, I would like to thank the volunteers at local collection sites and everyone who packed an Operation Christmas Child shoe box gift. For many of the children receiving these boxes, the simple shoe box will be the first gift they have ever received.

Although the Albany drop-off locations are closed until November 2012, gifts are received throughout the year at Samaritan's Purse, 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, N.C., 28607.

If you would like to get involved year-round in helping children in need through Operation Christmas Child, go online to www.samaritanspurse.org/occ or call 518-357-2284.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in this project. A simple gift, packed with love, can communicate hope and transform the lives of children worldwide!

*Gaye Newlun
Northeast Regional
Director, Operation
Christmas Child*

Local businesses to go red

Employees can show support for women's heart health

Bethlehem businesses are looking to paint the town red, but don't be alarmed, it's for a good cause.

As part of National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 3, employees and students of businesses and schools in the Town of Bethlehem will be wearing red in support of heart disease research and the American Heart Association.

On National Wear Red Day, the AHA invites businesses to let their staff wear red for a \$5 donation to the organization. All of the money raised from the event will go towards research to fight heart disease, the number one killer of women. According to the AHA, one woman dies every minute from heart disease.

This year, the town's staff is going red, as well as the students and staff at Elsmere Elementary. Local businesses participating include: The Breathing Room, Le Shoppe, Shannon Chiropractic, A Perfect Blend, Make Me A Cake Next Door, I Love Books, McCarroll's, Hughes Opticians, Four Corners Frame Shop, Classic Trends, Delmar Pediatrics, and SEFCU, among others.

National Wear Red Day is an event that stemmed from the Association's Go Red for Women movement. It was created in 2004 by the AHA to help address the issue of heart disease in women. In 2011, more than 500 businesses and work sites in the Capital District went Red for the occasion.

To participate in National Wear Red Day, call the American Heart Association at 869-4049 or email Katherine.McCarthy@heart.org.

– Marcy Vette

Got views?

Spotlight Newspapers welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, style and length and should be contained to 500 words or less.

All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number. Spotlight Newspapers reserves the right to limit the number of letters published from a single author.

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Film spotlights environmental impact of war

“Scarred Lands and Wounded Lives: The Environmental Footprint of War” (86 minutes, 2011) is a documentary that explores the ecological ramifications, of everything from technological development and natural resource exhaustion, to weapons testing and modern warfare itself.

The film will be screened at the Bethlehem Public Library Thursday, Feb. 2, from 6:45-8:45 p.m. The library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

War is comprised of elements that pollute land, air, and water, destroy biodiversity and entire ecosystems, and drain our limited natural resources. Yet the environmental damage caused even by preparation for war, not to mention war itself, is routinely underestimated, under reported, and even ignored. A discussion will follow the film. The event is co-sponsored by Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace and the Tom Paine Chapter of Veterans for Peace. For information, call 466-1192.

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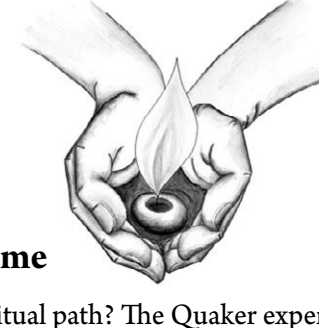
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The Town has experienced years of tremendous growth, with the expectations that this will be a continuing trend over the next several decades. This continued growth will generate additional wastewater that will stress the ability of the existing system to meet its current SPDES permit limits. To anticipate this future wastewater treatment need, the Town has embarked on a detailed planning and evaluation assessment to determine its long term needs.

The Town's engineering representatives will be available at the meeting to discuss the findings of the study, answer any questions, and gather final input from residents regarding any concerns about the facility. The meeting will be held at the **Selkirk Fire House**, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk and will begin at **6pm**.

Storytimes can ignite a lifelong love of reading

Storytimes are a young child’s gateway to a lifelong love of reading and learning. Our youth services librarians offer age-appropriate stories and activities for children up to age 6, often with family members in attendance. In this way, librarians can model effective storytelling and story-reading techniques for parents and caregivers. Sessions are distributed throughout the week, at various times. Schedules are available in the library and online at www.bplkids.org. If you are unsure which storytime is right for your child, visit the website’s updated “Storytime” page and click



on the link. All our storytimes are now offered on a drop-in basis; we ask that you arrive promptly, as sessions fill up quickly. When Bethlehem Central schools are closed or delayed, storytimes are cancelled.

Video stories
Tune in to public access channel BCN-TV (channels 18 and 28) Tuesdays at 5:30pm this month; you’ll see some familiar faces as our

youth services librarians read stories on camera. Next month we’re calling for some great kids and teens to read stories for our website and BCN-TV; look for details in the current editions of footnotes and Teen Scene, available in the library.

Book Buddies
For older children, we offer “Book Buddies” on Thursdays at 4, 4:30 and 5pm. Little Buddies (kids in grade K-5) read to Big Buddies (teens) to build reading skills and self-confidence. All reading levels are welcome. Call 439-9314 option 4, or stop by the youth services

desk to sign up for one or several half-hour spots.

Teen volunteers
Needless to say, we depend on our great teen volunteers. If you are in grade 6-12 and would like to do some community service, go to www.bplteens.org and click on “volunteer.”

After dinner books
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
The Descendants by Kauai Hart Hemmings. New members welcome.

Valentines for sweethearts

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

Make a Valentine for your sweetheart. We’ll provide art supplies and a movie. Age 3 and up and families.

Teen anime club
Thursday, Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m.

Watch an episode from a Japanese animated show, munch animatedly on snacks, and show off your artistic drawing style. Grade 6-12.

Children’s circle
Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Stories, songs, crafts and toys for children of all


ages and abilities.

Family yoga, winter edition
Saturday, Feb. 11, 2:30 p.m.

Bend and stretch the winter blues away with Krista Spohr of Breathing Room. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel. Children and families.

Holiday on Iceland
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m.
Bethlehem resident Richard Hartnett shares photos and anecdotes about his memorable trip to Iceland.

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Fish tales at center of new book group

We believe in full disclosure about our book discussion groups, and that’s why we are being up-front that our newest group – Anglers & Readers – is occasionally full of carp. The first meeting of the group is on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 pm, and the book to be discussed is *A River Runs Through It*. The group reads and discusses books on fishing from a philosophical, adventurous and/or humorous perspective. The books and discussions will focus on why we fish and the rewards of fishing - but the authors may offer a few tips that also make us better anglers. The group is moderated by John Rowan. You must register

to take part, so please call 456-2400, ext. 7. But do it soon; this group is really reeling them in.

Family movie nights are back
Between the premiere on Saturday, February 4, and the series end on Friday, April 13, we have a full-run of top-ranked movies to show you, free, and with, of course, popcorn. Our premiere event starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, centers upon a wee Hobbit named Frodo. He’s been entrusted with an ancient Ring, and now he must embark on an Epic quest to the Cracks of Doom in order to destroy

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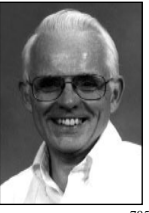
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Mark De Chiro, regional coordinator of Capital Saratoga Energy Smart Communities Program will be presenting the program. Topics will include: Free/Reduced Cost Energy Audits, EmPower Program, Home Energy Assistance Program, Weatherization Assistance, Renewables: Solar, Wind and more.

This program is free and open to the public. Call (756-2053) or email (info@rcscommunitylibrary.org) the Library to register.

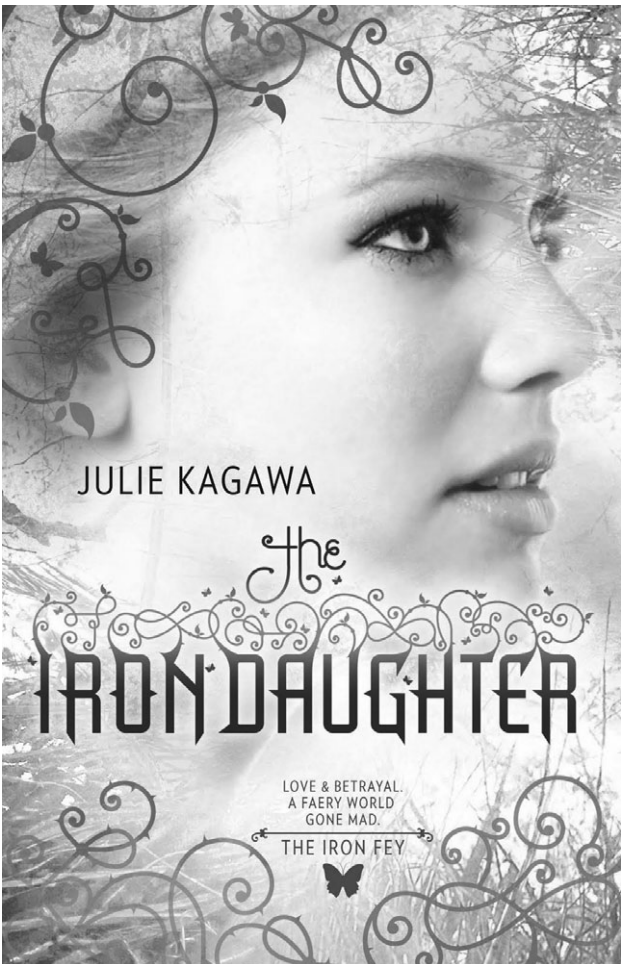
First Saturday for kids

Kids ages 8 to 12 are invited to free monthly Saturday morning programs just for them! On Feb. 4, at 11 a.m., kids will make a magnifier and also use a real microscope to uncover the mysterious world of the tiny. Space for the Look at That! program is limited, so register today!

Acoustic Doorways sponsorships

Thanks to our local business and individual sponsors, our fourth Acoustic Doorways concert series offers tickets at the same low prices as the previous three years. You too can become a sponsor. Call the library, 756-2053, or find sponsorship information on the website.

Sponsors' names are posted on the website and will appear in the concert program. Information about your business will reach both Selkirk and Coeymans audiences. Help the library show that



“The Iron Daughter” by Julie Kagawa is among the new offerings at the RCS Community Library.

a community arts event can be self-sustaining!

Sonny and Perley return

The Acoustic Doorways Concert series continues Feb. 10 with local favorite Bossamba Jazz, featuring Sonny Daye, Perley Rousseau and Brian Melick.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Hall of Saint Patrick's Church in Ravena. Series tickets are available for the remaining concerts at \$15 for adults and \$9 for seniors. Individual tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors.

Computer classes

Classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required for all classes.

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• Searching for Recipes Online: In this workshop, we will increase our Internet search skills while learning to search for recipes online. Explore some of the best recipe sites on the web, and learn how to use their many helpful features.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m.

• Introduction to Web Based E-mail: Want to know how e-mail sites like Hotmail, Yahoo, and G-mail work? Learn how to navigate typical e-mail folders, send messages, reply, forward, and attach files.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m.

• eBooks and How to Download Them: Many devices, including the Amazon Kindle, can download library eBooks and audio books. Learn just how easy it is to borrow an eBook.

Tuesday, Feb 14, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb 15, at 11 a.m.

• Excel Clinic: Formulas and Formatting: Excel is a great way to track your schedules or resources for work or things at home. This clinic will briefly review Excel basic skills and build confidence in using basic formulas and creating pleasing boxes and backgrounds for your lists and tables.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m.

Call (756-2053) or email (info@rcscommunitylibrary.org) to reserve your spot today.

What's new

• Young adult fiction
“The Iron Daughter” by Julie Kagawa
“The Iron Knight” by Julie Kagawa
“The Sigh” by Marjane Satrapi

• Children's early reader's
“Fancy Nancy and the Too-Loose Tooth” by Jane O'Connor
“The New Year Dragon Dilemma, No. 5 (A to Z Mysteries Super Edition)” by Ron Roy

“Pinkalicious: The Pinkerrific Playdate, No. 4” by Victoria Kann
“Trucks Line Up” by Jon Scieszka

• All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena.

Programs look back at Civil War

The Voorheesville Public Library continues its events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Library programs and Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War, a reading and discussion series, have been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Additional funding has been provided by the Friends of the Voorheesville Library. See our blog: <http://civilwarprograms.blogspot.com/> for more details about our Civil War programs.



from her personal collection.

The Filmmaker's Eye on the American Civil War

This film series is devoted to American films that explore the lives and experiences of both those directly involved in the war as well as those at home. You will see the war through such themes as: men in the face of battle; patriotism and loyalty; and the disparity between citizens' beliefs and actions with regard to war.

We invite you to join us in vicariously reliving this period of American history. Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. join us for our next film. Soldiers of a Massachusetts African-American regiment confront racist attitudes from their own side and prove their courage as fighting men.

Barbara Vink

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

Civil War Textiles

Women's Work in the 19th Century: Clothing and Textiles with Kris Driessen - Sunday Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. Did you know that 19th century women wore 4 layers of clothing—summer and winter? The clothes alone may have weighed 40 pounds. Quilt historian Kris Driessen will introduce us to women's lives in the antebellum, Civil War and postwar eras through the fabrics they wove, wore and worked with. Kris will illustrate her talk about 19th century clothing, textiles and quilts with examples of period clothing and fabrics

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On Thursday, Feb. 2, we will enjoy “Guys and Dolls” at the Bethlehem Central Middle School at 7 p.m. This hilarious musical won eight Tony awards and features one of the greatest musical scores in American Theater. The cost is \$5 at the door. We will have an early supper at Mercato’s, cost on your own. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 4:30 p.m. Call 439-4955, ext. 1169, to make a reservation. Home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$3.

Do you like mysteries? Come with us to the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at the Capital District Irish American Association, 375 Ontario St., Albany on Feb.

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4 at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be a buffet with salad, beef, chicken, potatoes, veggies, and cheesecake. The cost for dinner and theater is \$25, payable to CDIAA or in cash at the door. Call 439-4955, ext. 1169, to make a reservation. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 3:45 pm. Home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Get ready for tax time. AARP tax counseling will be available on Wednesdays starting on Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment. Transportation can be arranged.

Bethlehem Senior Services and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., provide transportation for town residents, age 60 and over, to medical, dental, therapy, and clinic appointments. Call 439-5770 to make reservations.

Wednesday, Feb. 1
•The Senior Discussion

Group will meet from 10:30 am to noon at the Town Hall, Room 101. Jane Sanders, LMSW, will lead a discussion on current news events, human interest stories, and reminisces about the past. Transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext 1176.

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

Thursday, Feb. 2
•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 mah jongg, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

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

Friday, Feb. 3
•The Health and

Wellness Program presents “Bowling for Seniors” by Marvin Sontz, Del Lanes Inc. Learn more about the sport of bowling which can provide exercise and enjoyment. Explore ways to make bowling possible for people of all ages and abilities. The free program will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Join us for lunch beforehand, cost on your own, at the Windowbox Café. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make lunch reservations.

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

•Don’t forget the Bethlehem Food Pantry. Bring your donations to the Town Hall Senior Services Office. Call 439-4955, ext. 1174, for more information or if you need to use the food pantry.

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

*Wilma DeLucco,
Bethlehem Senior
Projects, Inc. Board
Member*

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it. We cannot mention the name of the movie, but we can tell you it’s popularly nicknamed LOTR-Fellowship. This movie is rated PG-13.

Board of Trustees meeting
The library’s Board of Trustees will hold its next monthly business meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. The board is the governing body of the Library, and is responsible for ensuring the library meets the community’s needs.
You have an opportunity at both

public comment sessions – at the beginning and the end of the meeting – to share your views on the library, and comment on any aspect of library operations.

Mark Curiale

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 Ave., Guilderland. Visit the library’s website at www.guilpl.org. Check out the funny “unofficial” Library stuff at facebook.com/GuilderlandLibrary, follow the Library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib), and get music information and downloads on the library’s Freemail page.

Love

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Daybooks

Monday, Feb. 13, 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Darcy and the Blue-Eyed Stranger by Lee Smith. New members welcome.

Valentine cake pops
Monday, Feb. 13, 3:30

p.m.
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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.

Radiothon raises \$142,000

The 2012 Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region, Inc. Radiothon raised more than \$142,000 over the three-day event, which included more than 48 hours of live broadcasts across the Albany Broadcasting family of radio stations.

Last year’s event raised \$134,000.

“The inclement weather and difficult roads caused some logistical issues for two of our participating celebrities, but it certainly did not affect the generosity of our donors,” said Jeff Yule, RMHC executive director.

“We went into Saturday trailing last year’s event slightly, but our incredible family of donors came through, once again.”

Bad weather caused the cancelation of the scheduled performance by “Outasight” (canceled flight) as well as the appearance of WWE wrestling legend King

Kong Bundy (icy roads) who was slated to appear at Autograph Alley.

Over 150 volunteers helped present the three day event, which concluded with a day of family-friendly activities and live broadcasts from Crossgates Mall on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region, Inc. provides comfort, support and respite for families of seriously ill children in a compassionate and home-like environment through the operation of the Ronald McDonald House and the Ronald McDonald House Family Room in the Children’s Hospital at Albany Medical Center. In addition, Ronald McDonald House Charities operates The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile in partnership with St. Peter’s Health Care Services and also awards grants to programs in the community that enhance the lives of children.

AARP available to help with taxes

From Jan. 30 to April 9, free tax preparation and e-mail filing will be provided Mondays and Saturdays at the Guilderland Library by the all-volunteer AARP Tax Aide Program. Volunteers are trained and certified in cooperation with the IRS, and prepare personal federal and state tax returns for taxpayers of all ages with low and moderate incomes.

Appointments are necessary; a separate appointment is required for each taxpayer. Bring a copy of last year’s return, all 2010 W-2’s,

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1099 statements, sold investments’ purchase dates and cost basis with supporting documents if itemizing deductions. Tax Aide volunteers can’t do returns with rental incomes or returns requiring Schedule C (business returns with a net loss, inventory, employees, or expenses over \$5000.)

Both taxpayers must be present if filing a joint

return, except in case of illness or infirmity. For appointments, call 456-2400, ext. 7, starting January 9, 2012.

GHS musical news
The Guilderland Players’ next musical will be “Hairspray.”

Senior Citizens’ Night will be March 15 at 7 p.m., and tickets will be available, at a cost of \$5 each, in the Senior Office in late January/early February.

Transportation service will be provided.

Wednesday, Jan. 25
9:00 Zumba
10:30 OsteoBuster
10:30 Sr. Fitness
1:00 Needlecraft
1:30 OsteoBusters

Thursday, Jan. 26
Scheduled Shopping
9:00 OsteoBusters
9:00 Zumba
10:30 Epic Presentation
10:30 Movie: “Water for Elephants”
1:00 Mahjongg
1:15 Pinochle

Friday, Jan. 27
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10:00 Painting
10:30 Bridge
1:00 Quilting

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A new elegance

Scrimshaw Restaurant at The Desmond gets new menu

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Scrimshaw Restaurant at The Desmond Hotel got a summer make over that was 30 years in the making and, according to new Dining Room Manager Frank Rivera, patrons seem to approve.

“On a dollars and cents side of it, we’ve seen our check averages go from about \$45 per person, pushing toward \$70 a person now,” said Rivera. “We’re getting a return on the investment we’ve put into the room.”

Besides aesthetic renovations that enhanced the dining room’s already elegant atmosphere (fine crystal, crisp linen, fresh flowers, warm candlelight, a Steinway grand piano, model ships and sailing paintings reminiscent of a sea captain’s home and energy efficient lights that off a softer glow), new Chef de Cuisine Stephen Fratianni thinks he knows the other reason diners are satisfied.

“I go out into the dining room at least once an evening and speak to some of our longtime guests... and everybody I’ve spoken with



“We had to figure out how to make some items innovative but also maintain respect.”

— Chef de Cuisine
Stephen Fratianni

absolutely loves the changes and thinks the food is fantastic,” said Fratianni. “I’ve actually had a few tables that I see almost once or twice a month.”

At the end of August, Scrimshaw reopened and unveiled a new menu and wine

list, as well as a market seafood page that changes monthly. Fratianni said after consulting with his executive chef and executive sous chef, all were in agreement that Scrimshaw favorites must be preserved, but with a twist.

“There were a lot of classics on the menu we wanted to keep; stuff that’s been keynotes here for a number of years,” said Fratianni. “We had to figure out how to make some items innovative but also maintain respect.”

That means staples like prime rib, veal oscar and Chataubriand are still around, but with Fratianni’s special touch.

Another change that Rivera said lead the renovation plan is tableside service.

“We have tableside prep for certain menu items. Wait staff went through 20 hours of intensive training ... learning to carve a rack of lamb tableside or prepare a Caesar salad tableside,” said Rivera. “There’s a whole generation of diners that have never experienced tableside service ... we had to step up our game by reaching into the past and putting a great polish on it.”

Lots of careful research went into finding the perfect dining room formula and Rivera said he thinks Scrimshaw has found one



Scrimshaw Restaurant at The Desmond Hotel has a new menu, an updated dining room, a new chef de cuisine and a new dining room manager following a summer renovation project.

Submitted photos

that provides a dining experience rapidly fading.

“We looked at what the fine dining scene in the Albany area is. When you look at some of the hotels’ fine dining rooms and unfortunately business has been such that a lot of the famous rooms have closed down,” said Rivera. “Our philosophy was to stay the course and our goal is to become the premier fine dining destination in Albany.”

Revamping the décor and serving style (classic French brigade) are immediately noticeable changes, but there were also some behind the scenes alterations diners might never be aware of.

“The market seafood menu

page that changes monthly allows them to get creative. They let us go on the boats to see what their production is,” said Rivera, referring to a seafood supplier from Boston. “We have the favorites but if you’re looking for something new and contemporary, we can offer that to you as well.”

The Desmond is located at 660 Albany Shaker Road. Scrimshaw Restaurant opens at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and is closed Sunday and Monday. For more information about Scrimshaw, to view a menu or to book a table online visit www.desmondhotels.com. To make a reservation by phone call 869-8100.

Sheriff’s Office now answering 24-hour hotline

Agreement between county, crime victim and sexual abuse center to save \$3k

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Albany County is on track to save more than \$3,000 a year with a new cooperative agreement between the Sheriff’s Department and the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Abuse Center.

Per the agreement, which was announced by County Executive Dan McCoy on Wednesday, Jan. 17, trained 911 dispatchers will now answer all calls to the Crime Victims and Sexual Abuse Hotline and transfer them to certified rape counselors or other appropriate individuals. Previously, those calls were contracted out to an

answering service in New Mexico.

“We are looking for ways to share services and save money without losing the quality of services we provide,” said McCoy in a statement.

Michael Perrin, deputy county executive, said the county was looking to improve services and that if this agreement hadn’t panned out, other options would have been explored to sustain the hotline.

“In this case, we were able to take the service in house where it was certain to be high quality and lower cost,” said Perrin. “Ending the service or hotline was not one of the options that we considered.”

Besides saving the county money and demonstrating a commitment to working together, Director of the

County Crime Victim and Sexual Abuse Center Karen Ziegler said the arrangement should cut down on discrepancies and questions that used to arise from using a non-local vendor.

“By having Albany County staff answer our hotline, they’re going to be much more aware of Albany County resources than anybody out of state could possibly be,” said Ziegler, citing instances when dispatchers in New Mexico couldn’t specify which hospital in Albany a victim went to. “Our employees are going to know, very specifically, and have an understanding and knowledge of local resources for callers and for us.”

The 24-hour hotline averages between 100 and 120 calls per quarter and the Crime Victim and Sexual Abuse Center

itself provides services unavailable elsewhere.

“It’s the only sexual assault hotline in the community,” said Ziegler. “We also do emergency room accompaniments for those assaulted who want to have a rape exam, court advocacy, community prevention education.”

Callers can reach out to the hotline for any number of reasons, from seeking information to asking what to do after an assault, to just reaching an ear to confide in.

“A lot of times people call because they’re struggling with flashbacks, nightmares, intrusive thoughts; they’re just uncertain, they need a voice to talk them through the darkest part of the night because they’re lost in their experience,” said Ziegler.

Ziegler said it’s

important to stress that despite members of the Sheriff’s Department now answering and dispersing calls, the hotline is still 100 percent anonymous and law enforcement will only get involved on the victim’s terms.”

“It’s completely confidential and law enforcement will not be involved, it will go to one of our counselors,” said Ziegler. “If ever law enforcement is involved it’s as the victim requests.”

Sheriff Craig Apple said the “most critical issues during any emergency have always been rapid response and reliable service,” and he’s confident the new

arrangement will ensure those issues are met.

The Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center first opened in 1974 and was previously known as AWARE (Albany Women Against Rape) before becoming a department of the county the following year and going through several name changes. The center got its current name in 2001 to “better reflect the full population of crime victims receiving services.”

The 24-hour sexual assault hotline is 447-7716 and more information is available online at www.albanycounty.com/cvsvs.

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Grants float canal projects

By JOHN PURCELL
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The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission, in partnership with the Erie Canalway Heritage Fund, started the year off by awarding \$43,700 in grants to assist seven organizations with

Congressman Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, said there is a strong “sense of place” to the Erie Canal and it is important to preserve the history of the state’ original industrial corridor.

The Erie Canal played an important role in New York's development.

Photos courtesy of the Schenectady Museum

invention and innovation is a powerful thought in and of itself," Tonko said.

Continuing to do the “storytelling” and connecting the community to the heritage of region is important, Tonko said, so future generations can continue to learn about the important history.

"These are powerful agents that then become the extension of expression... chapters upon chapters of history and heritage that inspire us," Tonko said. "It was a passageway that gave birth to great opportunity and enhanced the quality of life for Americans."

The New York Folklore Society was awarded a \$7,000 grant to develop a two-day symposium exploring the Erie Canal's connection to traditional music in the state. The

Congressman Paul Tonko talks about the importance of preserving the heritage of the Erie Canal at the Albany Institute of History and Art on Friday, Jan. 13, during the formal award ceremony of three local grants.

John Purcell/Spotlight

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- Congressman Paul Tonko

symposium is planned to include panel discussions, musical performances and there will be a post-symposium interactive website.

“The Erie Canal in history has both been the inspiration for music and song traditions and for the movement of musical traditions along the corridor,” said Ellen McHale, executive director of the New York Folklore Society. “The symposium that we will be launching will look at the

role of music and provide a venue to celebrate the music of both yesterday and today.”

The society is partnering with the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse. Lisa Overholser, staff folklorist of the society, said she doesn't think people are familiar with the canal's role in music tradition and history.

Another Schenectady-based award recipient, the

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Trader Joe's coming to Wolf Road

Town predicts chain will have easy time with application process

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Trader Joe's representatives won't say how long the grocery chain with a cult-like following has been eyeing a Capital District location, but now that it's been officially announced that 79 Wolf Road will be the store's local home, it should be a fairly fluid process to open by mid-2012.

"It's a simple process. It won't even be before

the Planning Board because it's handled administratively," said Joe LaCivita, director of economic development and planning for the Town of Colonie. "It's a pretty straightforward application process for them."

The store will have to apply to the town's building department for a change in tenancy, which LaCivita said the property owners have already done for an interior outfit of the building. From there, it's administrative actions.

Trader Joe's touts itself as a "truly unique grocery store unlike any other" and a "store of stories" because of the

more than 2,000 domestic, imported and specialty food items available, many under the Trader Joe's name. Crewmembers wear bright Hawaiian-themed shirts and nearby residents will receive a copy of the "Fearless Flyer" periodically in the mail, which outlines products of interest.

The store will be 13,000 square feet and draw on the community character for a portion of its interior.

"It will have a neighborhood touch. We usually incorporate part of the neighborhood into the artwork inside the store," said Alison Mochizuki, spokesperson for Trader Joe's.

Mochizuki said was tightlipped on details about the future store, but did say the Colonie location seemed to fit in line with the demographic

the grocery store typically caters to.

"There's a lot of foodies. It's a wonderful community and we consider ourselves a neighborhood store so we feel it's a great fit for us," said Mochizuki.

Trader Joe's opened its first store in the Los Angeles area in 1958 and has expanded to 360 stores in 31 states. It was originally named for its grocery buying process, which was to scour the world for "great values and distinctive products." The chain boasts of consistently affordable prices, not serial sales or discounts cards, and introduces about 12 new items each week to keep shoppers' interest piqued.

Trader Joe's is expected to open in the second quarter of 2012. For more information, visit www.traderjoes.com.

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Sandra Bauchiero will take over Ellen Mnich’s 15-year interactive storytelling program, Aunt Helen’s Closet. Mnich has spent more than a decade traveling to classrooms, churches and other venues to tell the story of her Aunt Helen, who she said traveled to every country in the world except for two and every U.S. state.

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‘Aunt Helen’ entertained kids for 15 years – a tradition that will be carried on

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Helen Fitzgerald was “an ordinary girl living an extraordinary life,” as her niece Ellen Mnich likes

Local storyteller passes the torch

“I want to keep the story the same but told from my voice.”

– Sandra Bauchiero

to say. She visited every country except for two, plus all 50 U.S. states, and filled her Cohoes home with souvenirs from her 60 years of travels.

Fifteen years ago, Mnich took her aunt’s globetrotting life on the road as the storytelling program, “Aunt Helen’s Closet,” and on Saturday, Jan. 14, she told Aunt Helen’s story for the last time.

“I’m at the peak of my storytelling ability but ... I just can’t hold up to it anymore,” said Mnich, of Loudonville, who started off presenting in the Lansingburgh School District. “I never thought I’d hear myself say that.”

Mnich is passing the torch to a family friend, Sandra Bauchiero, who has a few tweaks in mind to help Aunt Helen’s legacy live on.

“I don’t know fully a lot of the changes that I’m going to make at this point. I want to keep the story the same but told from my voice,” said Bauchiero.

She said she plans to use her theatrical background to gently revamp the “museum approach to education.”

“I was looking at a way to incorporate performance into my everyday life and I love how Aunt Helen’s Closet can bring in all different kinds of people and touch people in different ways,” said Bauchiero.

The program is perhaps so versatile because Aunt Helen, unbeknownst to her, gave her future storytellers plenty of material to work with.

“She didn’t let anything hold her back; she rolled with the punches, she had a full life,” said Mnich. “She made a difference every day in this world.”

Aunt Helen’s actual closet was a miniature world, overflowing with artifacts that each told a story. Now packed into numerous trunks that Mnich lugs around, they collectively symbolize her rich life.

There are trip itineraries and passports, filled with stamps. There are postcards, letters, menus and photos. And those are only the items small enough to fit into scrapbooks Mnich crafted.

Aunt Helen’s escapades

are well documented by items she purchased so she could live like the country she was visiting. Mnich has colorful kimonos from Japan, a goatskin coat from Afghanistan, leathers from Egypt, velvets from France, silks from Thailand and an armadillo pocketbook. Many times, even when Aunt Helen returned stateside, she continued to flaunt her mismatched treasures.

“Every wedding, wake, funeral, family gathering, there was Aunt Helen in full regalia and you couldn’t stay away from her,” said Mnich. “Earrings hanging to her shoulders and not one necklace but two. She talked about where she went, what she did.”

Aunt Helen becomes more real when Mnich lets audience members try on a sombrero from Mexico, a poncho from Chili or a handcrafted necklace from Nepal.

Bauchiero said she’s excited to see for herself what a day in Aunt Helen’s closet is like.

“With any performance, you get different feedback from all ages and it’ll be interesting to see from my own eyes,” said Bauchiero. “I’ve heard many stories from Ellen about the reception she’s gotten from the audiences and I can’t wait to see how warmly they open up to Aunt Helen through my own eyes.”

The first Aunt Helen’s Closet sans Mnich is scheduled for April but Bauchiero said she already has plans to expand it.

“There are so many pieces in the collection that don’t get used all the time that I’d like to get more than just me as Aunt Helen,” said Bauchiero. “A couple people spread out so more people can experience who she was as a person.”

Bauchiero is based in Rockland County on the border of New York City and New Jersey, so Aunt Helen’s Closet could eventually make some trips downstate.

“I see her spreading her wings a bit down here but I want to be able to support a lot of venues up here that Ellen has already opened their eyes to Aunt Helen,” said Bauchiero.

Mnich compiled Aunt Helen’s adventures into a picture and activity book, “A Peek into Aunt Helen’s Closet,” published in 2011. For more information about Aunt Helen’s Closet or how to request the program, visit www.aunthelenscloset.com.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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It doesn't really seem possible. Stefanie Weber was just 3 years old. But she says she can still remember how she felt when she went to her first dance class.

She was walking inside, holding her mom's hand. And there was just an indescribable energy bubbling up inside her.

"It just felt very meant to be," she said. "And I don't even know if I believe in meant to be."

Maybe not, but she believes in that feeling, so much so that she never pursued the kind of career someone with a degree in environmental science typically does. Ask Weber what she does, and she sums it up like this: "I'm an action-based dance artist."

She performs. She choreographs. She teaches. She does outreach.

Those last two elements will come together at Skidmore College this weekend when Weber and trombonist Brian Bender present "Sole & Bone, Tap & Trombone." There will be tap classes as well as a "tap jam," where Weber hopes even people who've never danced before will get a taste of that feeling she first experienced as a toddler.

Weber, who lives in her native Berkshires, feels a special connection with the trombone. A lot of instruments – think trumpets or saxophones – tend to be leading instruments, she said. Trombones are more willing to share the stage, to have a complementary relationship with dancers.

That's important to her. She wants to be in synch with the music, not competing with it.

There's something else about the trombone, too. Other instruments tend to be too high or too low; a trombone can cover the whole spectrum. And when the musician plays a slide, "It works very well with the way I move," Weber said.

That movement is the crux of what she does. She makes the distinction that she's an action-based dancer, and not just a dancer, because she tries each time she dances to create something new and unique through movement.

It might sound like a risky way to make a living, and Weber acknowledges that. That's one of the reasons she has her hands in so many different dance-related projects. And of course, there's just the pull she feels.

After college, Weber joined Americorps, and each volunteer had to come up with a program to share with the community. Weber drew on both her dance and environmental science background to create a program that taught movement to girls, blended with nature and environment. Later she moved on to teaching children to dance outdoors.

Weber just returned from Kenya, where she visited friends and did some choreography and outreach. She was fascinated by the regard with which dancing is treated in Kenya, where kids are taken from the slums and other impoverished areas and turned into professional dancers.

Trombonist Brian Bender is one of Stefanie Lynx Weber's frequent collaborators.



Destined to DANCE

Stefanie Weber to bring her blend of tap and trombones to Skidmore College

"It literally gives people something to do so they're not doing something that won't be good for them," she said. "This is what is going to turn kids around."

Teachers are proud of what they do and esteemed in their communities, she said.

Back home, Weber said she doesn't see dancing having that same kind of impact, but she does strongly believe it makes a difference. When she works with girls, she can see the pressure they feel from their peers. Dance is a way for her to connect with them without being preachy or intrusive. She

likes to think she can help with positive body image and making healthy choices.

She also hopes she can help nurture a sense of creativity that "goes beyond just what's popular."

So there she'll be at Skidmore, sharing her ideas in two tap classes and the jam. She encouraged dancers of all ages and abilities to "come out and try something." Even those who have no experience in tap can enjoy the jam, she said.

"It's more like just opening everyone up to the process of dancing with a trombone," she said.

Co-sponsored by the Skidmore College Tap Troupe, Stompin' Soles and Saratoga Jazz Tap, the classes will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Skidmore College Dance Department. Intermediate and advanced tap for ages 10 to 15 is scheduled from 12:30 to 2 p.m., with advanced tap for teachers, teachers assistants and dancers set for 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. The "Sole & Bone Tap Jam is from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Classes are \$25 each; the jam is free.

To register or for more information contact Tina Baird at 581-1791 or tftap@nycap.rr.com

Stephanie Lynx Weber stays busy with a wide range of dance and other creative projects.



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HANSEL AND GRETEL

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NEXT FALL

Regional premiere of Tony Award-nominated comedy, presented by Curtain Call Theater, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Feb. 11, shows Thursdays through Sundays, \$22. Information, 877-7529.

THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG

Wendy Wasserstein's comedy about three sisters from Brooklyn who reunite in London, presented by Capital Repertory Theater, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, Jan. 24 through Feb. 19, shows Tuesdays through Sundays, \$20-\$60. Information, 445-7469.

SHREK THE MUSICAL

Animated movie comes to life on stage,

Proctors Theater, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Jan. 29, 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, \$20-\$70. Information, 346-6204.

Music

MIKE HARRISON

Oldies and originals, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

STEPHANE WREMBEL & THE DJANGO A GO-GO FESTIVAL

French guitarist famous for his soundtrack to the movie "Midnight in Paris" celebrates the legace of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli with the help of guitarists Howard Alden and Biel Ballester, Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$24. Information, 473-1845.

PRODUCERS FACEOFF & SHOWCASE

Monthly Capital District hip-hop show, Jan. 26, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts

Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, adults \$7, students 18 and up \$5. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

WANDERING WILLOW

Folk duo, Jan. 27, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

DIEGO GARCIA

Larkfest star returns for more intimate show, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$15. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

BEN MCGRATH

Singer-songwriter and his special guests, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

BILL STAINES

New England folk troubadour, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

AMANDA ASHLEY

Pop/R&B singer-songwriter, Jan. 28, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

SMITTIX

Ska/reggae/punk band, with special guests Skadee and Hard Soul, Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$12. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

"JOE" SINATRA

Performing the classic Frank Sinatra tunes, Jan. 28, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

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Featuring Bobby Sweet and Closer Still, Jan. 28, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$10. Information, 583-0022.

DAN NAVARRO AND TRACY GRAMMER

Two folk singer-songwriters team up for a new show, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$20, door price \$22. Information, 583-0022.

CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS

Modern American string band, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$29.50. Information, 473-1845.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Presenting "Spontaneous Broadway," a show of improvised comedy and music, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14,

students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

COMEDY WORKS

Jon Fisch and Joe List headline, Jan. 27, 9 p.m., Best Western, 200 Wolf Road, Colonie, Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m., Starting Gate Restaurant, 12 Ballston Ave., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Information, (877) 565-3849 or 275-6897.

Dance

NY THEATRE BALLET

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Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Making Time: Voyage to Vietnam," through Feb. 25; From the Collections," though April 1; "New York Remembers: Reflecting on September 11," through April 28; 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

"Albany and the Civil War: Medicine on the Home and Battle Fronts," through Feb. 26; "Kid Stuff: Great Toys From Our Childhood," through March 4; "First in the Hearts of His Countrymen: George Washington," through May 20; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Colletion 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

"Michael Marston, World Apart," through January; "Laugh Out Loud," through March 25; plus installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 463-3726.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"Seventh Annual Members Show" through Feb. 11, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4755.

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"Allscapes" and "FLUX," through April 1, 265 River St., Troy. Information, 273-0552.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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UNION COLLEGE

"Art Inspires Art: Union College Visual Art Faculty Exhibition," through Feb. 26, Mandeville Gallery, Nott Memorial, Union College, Schenectady. Information, 386-6004.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Rembrandt and Degas: Two Young Artists," a selection of portraits by two masters, through Feb. 5; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

"The Workers," through March 15; "Geometric Death Frequency 141," through April 30; "Kidspace: Under the Sea," through May 28; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"American Paintings from the 1920s and 1930s," through March 11; "Rising from the Sea: The Art of Jay Hall Connaway," through May 27; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

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- 1974 Charles Bronson film
- Unflappable
- 1948 pact
- Drip catcher?
- Where Did Our Love Go? singers
- Quick trip
- 1963 Liz Taylor role
- Chelating agt.
- Lofty lair
- ABA member
- Glossy
- Marvin Gaye's *Can I ___ Witness?*
- Day ending
- Tale
- Nameless, for short
- ___ -la-Canada,

- France
- The Daily Planet* reporter
- Botch
- Gomer Pyle's rank: abbr.
- Milky gem
- James Clavell novel
- Remote button
- Mrs. Nick Charles
- Exxon Valdez*, e.g.
- The A in NEA
- Flourish
- Plains Indian
- Marsh plant
- Like the White Rabbit
- Horne and Olin

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- School add-on
- The People's Choice* author
- Harvard housing
- Vicinity
- Evangelist Gortner
- Sacredly
- Polly, to Tom Sawyer
- ___ slipper
- Carter's secretary of state
- General Motors

- model
- ___ girl!
- Like Lincoln
- Noah's son
- Furniture designer Charles
- FDR agency
- A lot
- Extreme
- Prokofiev hero
- Poker hand
- Shoplift
- Chicago's United Center, e.g.
- Radon, once
- Patriot Silas
- Heathrow sight
- Shiv
- Practice starter
- Holland, for one
- Group of groupers
- Part of a college cheer
- Persian poet
- Cole Porter's birth-place
- Hill denizens
- Enfant terrible
- Seine feeder
- ___ Bator, Mongolia
- Nintendo rival
- You are, in Yucat'n

□ Break

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their elective period is automatically used. For students wishing to take band and chorus, they are forced to skip lunch. The same is true for a student wishing to take a music class and a different elective, or a student wishing to take two electives or certain advanced placement classes.

“Students need time to eat and they need time to have a break,” said Riddell.

Currently, students who do not take a lunch are eating in class, in the halls or are skipping the meal altogether, according to members of the group.

Riddell’s son opted to skip taking an extra elective this year so he could take lunch and stay in the band. But next year, she said that won’t be an option.

“He has a good solid transcript so far, but he needs other classes to compete. He needs more than his core classes and band,” she said.

Another Parents for 9 Periods member, Mary Bilik, said her son is coping with not having lunchtime and will continue to do so if changes aren’t made, but she doesn’t like the situation.

“Kids should be able to navigate their school day with art, music, core classes, and lunch, in a way that integrates their school day successfully,” she said. “I just don’t think this is the best possible scenario.”

A New York Times article in 2008 titled “Busy Students Get a New Required Course: Lunch” highlighted the growing issue and what some schools in the greater Hudson Valley region and beyond are doing to combat the problem. Some solutions include

creating a 30-minute mandatory lunch period, extending the school day by a few extra minutes to add a ninth period, or alternating additional classes.

These are all ideas Riddell thinks the district should look into.

According to the district, officials met with Riddell last year to look into the feasibility of the group’s idea and found that funding was a main concern.

“Without incurring additional costs, the district would still maintain the same number of teachers and instructional sections, and still could not guarantee that a student would not opt to take a class during his or her lunch period and that there would be no conflicts in scheduling,” said William DeVoe, a district spokesman. “Adding a period before or after the traditionally scheduled school day would require adjusting teachers’ contracts and additional cost in transportation.”

Still, the group would like the issue to be looked into again.

Parents for 9 Periods will be holding two informational meetings on Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Bethlehem Public Library. One will be held at 7 p.m. and another at 8 p.m. The group will have handouts outlining the current school schedule and will compare it to several alternatives. The group would also like additional feedback from parents and the community.

“With a new superintendent and a new principal coming, maybe something will change,” said Riddell. “But we know it will take a few years for anything to be implemented.”

For more information about the group and future meetings, email Amy Riddell at bchscourse@gmail.com.

□ Town

(From Page 1)

The Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service and the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad provide only basic medical services, which includes transportation.

The town contracts with the Albany County Sheriff’s Office for their services at a cost of nearly \$760,000 a year. All other providers have their own tax levies and budgets, with the difference made up by either insurers or the persons in need of medical attention.

“It was seen that the level of care might be a bit better in Delmar than in the outer areas,” Brennan said.

Committee members asked what determined the districts for both fire and emergency medical services and Brennan said tradition has been the main deciding factor.

Members also wondered if the fiscal situation of each district contributed to the inequality of services,

and Brennan said that’s what the District Board of Ambulance Commissioners is attempting to figure out.

Ambulance Board Chairman George Lenhardt, who is also the Town’s newest board member and a member of the Transition Committee, said the board is currently in the process of gathering information and statistics about the quality and uniformity of care between the districts.

“We’re looking at the statistics and will make recommendations to the board when we have appropriate numbers to testify our recommendations,” said Lenhardt. “We’re also looking in to the financial aspects and attempting to get the number together to make recommendations on the possibilities to rearrange how things are done now, but we need more information.”

Clarkson said he is glad the Committee and soon the Town Board is looking at the different levels of services, and added that it is critically important

to look at quality as well as cost.

“I heard of this issue before from the meetings I attended and am continuing to pursue it,” he said. “We want the best possible care for all of our residents.”

Clarkson said the town is looking into changing the contracts with the ambulance districts that will allow them to bill insurance companies at a higher rate when providing advanced life support service for a direct savings to the town.

In addition, committee members questioned the number of responders to medical situations, including the police, fire, paramedics and EMTs, and if costs could be lowered by cutting back on the number of first responders rushing to a situation.

Police Chief Louis Corsi said since the department handles all 911 calls, often officers are the first ones on the scene and those few minutes can mean life or death for patients with certain conditions. Certain cars carry defibrulators and officers are trained to

use them. A patrol is also sent in most cases to make sure criminal activity has not taken place.

“We do have to look over costs, but when looking at emergency situations sometimes redundancy is a good thing,” said Clarkson in an interview after the meeting.

The supervisor said he would like to eventually see a study done between the ambulance districts similar to the Collaborative Planning Task Force Report commissioned by the town’s fire districts to identify potential shared services and cost-saving measures.

That report suggested the town’s five fire departments make various changes to save costs, including possibly consolidating departments.

“I think (the report) provides a good roadmap to make sure the districts are cost effective,” he said. “I’m thankful for the study, but it didn’t address EMS and it is also more of a long-term plan. We may need to find some faster solutions.”

Museum announces schedule for art and culture talks

The University Art Museum recently announced its upcoming schedule for The Marjorie L. and Ronald E. Brandon Art & Culture Talks (ACT). ACT Spring 2012 features programs by multi-media artist Joshua Mosley, installation artist and sculptor Elana Herzog, artist Judith Braun, and author, curator and critic Bob Nickas.

ACT programs are free and open to the public.

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m.
Lecture by multi-media artist Joshua Mosley
University Art Museum

- Monday, March 5, 7 p.m.
Lecture by installation artist and sculptor Elana Herzog, exhibiting in Material Occupation
University Art Museum

- Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m.
Lecture by artist Judith Braun
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- Monday, March 26 7 p.m.
Lecture by author, curator, and critic Bob Nickas
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Milestones



Megan M. Gleason and Patrick C. Roberts

Gleason, Roberts to marry

Anthony Gleason of Princeton, New Jersey and Patricia Gleason also of Princeton, New Jersey proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan M. Gleason, to Patrick C. Roberts, son of Donald and Emily Roberts of Delmar, New York.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of West Windsor-Plainsboro High

School South and holds undergraduate degrees in finance and political science from Rutgers University. She earned her master's degree in global affairs from New York University and currently works at a think tank focusing on issues of international peace and security.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem

Central High School. He earned his undergraduate degree in history from SUNY Oswego and a graduate degree in education from Long Island University. Patrick currently works as an ESL teacher at the Bushwick School for Social Justice in Brooklyn, New York.

The couple plans to wed in July 2012 in Rhinecliff, New York.



Amy Richburg and Nathan Turner

Richburg, Turner to exchange vows

John and Wendy Richburg of Colonie, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Richburg to Nathan Turner, the son of Greg and Bonnie Turner of Clarksville.

The future bride is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College and is a Licensed Practical Nurse. Amy is currently employed by Delmar Place Assisted Living and is the Director of Resident Care.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College and is also employed by Delmar Place Assisted Living.

The happy couple is planning a fall 2012 wedding.



Teachers and students from Guilderland Central take students from China's Tianjin High School No.41 on a tour of classrooms.

Marcy Vette/Spotlight

World

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administrators from Tianjin have visited the Capital District. The partnership is designed to help both Tech Valley and Tianjin High School students prepare for a global workforce by building lifelong connections through future exchanges.

The hope is some of the additional schools they visit will sign on to become partners with the Chinese school to promote student exchanges within those districts as well. Last year, the delegation visited Bethlehem High School on their stay, along with the districts of South Colonie, Schodack, and Schoharie.

The students visited Bethlehem High School once again this year to attend a basketball game. Besides Guilderland, the delegation visited schools in Cohoes and Catskill, so those visiting could see a cross section of urban, suburban and rural

schools in the area.

The group also gets a glimpse of the American culture by attending sporting events, eating in local restaurants, shopping and visiting the New York State Museum.

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Demian Singleton welcomed the delegation and said the chance to learn from the group was to Guilderland's advantage. "We hope you had a chance to learn from us as well," he said to the students.

The students were split into groups of five and were guided by volunteers from Guilderland. Students from Tech Valley tagged along as well to act as interpreters for the groups. From there, the students were able to get a glimpse of a variety of classes from music, technology and algebra, to English, social studies and science.

Along the way, students asked each other questions about their country's educational systems. The Chinese students were surprised to learn that a class filled

with 25 to 30 participants is considered large. In China, the average class size is around 50 students.

The delegation was seeking out new instructional models for its students. Tianjin High School No. 41 Principal Tianshun Chen said the visit taught administrators about giving students more freedom to learn on their own.

"In China, teachers work more on discipline and study with students, but here teachers cultivate student creation," he said. "We treasure these good practices and we will try to memorize them to use them back home."

Last year, the delegation partnered with teachers from Tech Valley to learn more about project-based learning.

Guilderland High School Principal Thomas Lutsic said he was happy with the visit's outcome.

"They liked a lot of the hands-on lessons," said Lutsic, who walked with administrators along the tour. "They liked the idea of fostering student creativity."

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Help needed for Grad Celebration

One of the highlights of the Bethlehem Central High School graduation season for the past 20 years has been "Graduation Celebration," an all night, alcohol free party following graduation. It is a fun filled event featuring food, music, games, entertainment and cash prizes in a safe environment.

Graduation Celebration is not a school sponsored activity. Senior parents are planning the celebration, and as in the past, junior parents are asked to volunteer on the evening of the event.

There will be a brief meeting on Monday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria to get an overview of the party.

To sign up, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SRCELEB2012> (after 1/31), or contact Jayne Deane White at jdeanesk8@verizon.net.

Questions about Graduation Celebration can be sent to shumanites@aol.com or contact Hannah Shuman at 441-0610

Hands on forensics study

From Tuesday, Feb. 21, to Friday, Feb. 24, at the Cornell Cooperative Extension, there will be a four-day program to provide hands-on fun experiences learning about forensics.

It will last from 9 a.m. to noon each day. This vacation week adventure is open to all youth ages 8-12. After exploring various means used to investigate a crime, youth will be challenged to solve a mock crime scene utilizing the tools and knowledge they gained.

The event is located on 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville at the Cornell Cooperative Extension. The registration deadline is Feb. 13. The cost is \$60 per youth. For more information, call 765-3500.

Contra dance scheduled

On Saturday, Feb 4, there will be an old school contra dance at 8 p.m. Beforehand, there will be a Potluck at 6:30 p.m. and Dance Instruction at

Soccer team turns in a winning performance



The Bethlehem Soccer Club's U14 boys team came in second place at the Afrim's Holiday Tournament on Dec. 31. The team played in the first division, tying or beating teams from Alleycats, Rotterdam and Plattsburg. Pictured from left are (front row) Matt Sweeney, Corbin Balzan, Mike Considine, Gavin Preller (middle row) Jack Empie, Shane Fox, Pat Hynes, Max Schudt (back row) Greg Hyde, Kevin Piccolino and Ethan Naviasky.

Submitted photo

7:30 pm. The dance will be held at 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville. There will be live music by Quickstep with the caller, John Kirk. Admission is \$10. No partner needed. Clean, soft-soled shoes required.

For any information call 765-2815.

Snowshoe walk for beginners

A snowshoe outing for beginners will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m.

At this try-it-out introduction, Center naturalists will present a brief indoor overview about snowshoe form and function, and how to walk and turn. Afterwards, staff will assist participants in putting on snowshoes and then lead a snowshoe hike over gentle terrain to experience the sights and sounds of winter.

This program is open to the public free of charge but space is limited. Please call Five Rivers at 475-0291

by Wednesday, Feb. 8 to reserve snowshoes and/or to register. In the event of insufficient snow, the program will be cancelled.

Mardi Gras Brunch

There will be a Mardi Gras Brunch at the Normanside Country Club on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The brunch includes: assorted juices, coffee and tea, assorted pastries, fruit, bacon, sausage, home fries, pecan crepes, a salad station and omelet station, along with many other brunch options.

The brunch will feature music by Skip Parson's Dixieland & All That Jazz! Cost is \$22 per person and \$15 per child under 12. Make reservations by calling 439-4505 x 10.

Local grad finishes training

Air Force Airman John M. Kapczynski graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included

training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Kapczynski is the son of Karen and Alex Kapczynski of Brookview Avenue, Delmar. He is a 2006 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Barn dance scheduled

There will be a homespun Barn Dance at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Avenue (Near intersection of Delaware Ave. and Kenwood Ave. -- Delmar 4-corners).

Caller Paul Rosenberg with live string band music by Tamarack.

There will be various simple dances from the U.S. and around the world, such as circles, squares, contras and other configurations.

Sit-in musicians welcome to play with Tamarack and friends. Sponsored by Dance

Flurry Organization.

The suggested donations are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children (6-12): \$3. For more information, call 482-9255.

Snowshoe walk for families

On Saturday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. there will be a Family Snowshoe Walk at Thacher Nature Center. Bring the kids and enjoy a family-paced snowshoe walk on the Nature Center trails. Snowshoes for all ages are available to rent for \$5 per person and may be reserved in advance. Call 872-0800 to register and/or reserve snowshoes. In case of severe weather, please call ahead to confirm program.

History program at Thacher

On Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. there will be an "Archaeological History and Site Preservation in the Schoharie Valley" at Thacher Nature Center. Flooding and other natural disasters can have detrimental effects on the preservation of archaeological sites. State Archeologist, Dr. Christine Reith, will

discuss the archaeological history of the Schoharie Valley and the impact that Hurricane Irene has had on the preservation of archaeological sites in the region. Call 872-0800 for more information.

Scouts to hold pancake supper

Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 will hold its 39th Annual Pancake Supper on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Voorheesville American Legion Post, Voorheesville, NY.

Special seating for seniors and veterans from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. will include a free container of homemade applesauce. The event is the annual fund raising event for the Troop and features delicious fresh pancakes, sausage, syrup, applesauce and coffee.

The cost for adults is \$7 and for children is \$3. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Scouts or at the door or by calling John Stewart at 573-7273.

Stargazing at Five Rivers

An outdoor study of the winter skies will be conducted on Friday Feb 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

At this study, center staff will provide a naked-eye (binoculars optional) overview of seasonal constellations and other heavenly bodies, while representatives from the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers will train telescopes on fascinating deep sky objects for all to see.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants are urged to dress warmly, as stargazing is normally not a physically active program.

Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided to participants. The program is free, but space is limited. Please call the center at 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, Feb. 15. In the event of significant cloud cover, this program will be cancelled.

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Notice of Qualification of B Sweet New York LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 11/8/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, Attn: R. Flint, 80 South 8th St., #500, Minneapolis, MN 55402, also the address to be maintained in MN. Arts of Org. filed with the MY Secretary of State, 180 State Office Bldg., 100 Rev. Dr. Luther King Jr., Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55155. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78141 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Department 57 LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 11/8/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, Attn: R. Flint, 80 South 8th St., #500, Minneapolis, MN 55402, also the address to be maintained in MN. Arts of Org. filed with the MY Secretary of State, 180 State Office Bldg., 100 Rev. Dr. Luther King Jr., Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55155. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78142 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Tobacco Roll LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/14/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Ji Le Ni & Bao Quan Liu, 640 Loudon Rd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78143 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 56 Cohoes Rd. LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/4/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 56 Osborne Rd., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78144 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: Burst Marketing, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 30, 2011. LLC office location: 122 Industrial Park Road, Albany, New York 12206, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: 122 Industrial Park Road, Albany, New York 12206. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC shall be member-managed. 78145 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Advanced Collision Technologies LLC. Articles of organization filed with the SSNY on 12/01/2011. Office Located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: Advanced Collision Tech-

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nologies, Bob VanAlstyne, 56 North Road, Clarksville, NY 12041. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 78147 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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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 Continental Farms II, LLC.
b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on November 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: Continental Farms II, LLC c/o William D. Pfeiffer, Esq. Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C. 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, New York 12211
e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. 78148 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Northpark Pitt LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/9/2011. 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. 78416 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Aliyah Associates LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/7/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78417 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Blue Riverside LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/5/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78418 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Tribeca Design Showroom LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/30/2011. 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. 78419 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Agoon LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/28/2011. 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. 78420 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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SBMS 2000-C3 BRODERICK WAREHOUSE, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/8/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/4/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 78421 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Zodiac Management, LLC. Fictitious Name in NY State: Zodiac Management of New York, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/16/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, 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. 78422 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Tipsteria LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/8/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/18/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 485 7th Ave., #404, NY, NY 10018. Address to be maintained in DE: 161 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. 78423 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Albany NY Fitness LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 03/29/2011, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 1773 Western Ave Albany NY 12203, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 1773 Western Ave Albany NY 12203, purpose is any lawful purpose. 78425 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THROWING FRUIT PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/12/11. 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. 78427 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 8317 FLATLANDS AVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/12/11. Office

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location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78428 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 116 Broadway LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/9/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 116 Broadway, Menands, NY 12201. Purpose: any lawful activity. 78442 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation AWW Reserve LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/15/2011. 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. 78445 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation 2747 Kingsbridge LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/15/2011. 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. 78446 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of CANNBERRA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/15/11. 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. 78448 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of PERTH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/15/11. 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. 78449 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BJE APPRAISAL SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/15/11. 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. 78450 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MBR SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/16/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may

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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. 78451 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: JOHN-SBURG CABIN LLC. Article of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 28, 2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 78452 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ONPATH CONSULTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/20/11. 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. 78453 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of formation Aysaar LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filled with SSNY on 08/12/2011. office location Albany. The street address is : 10 Momrow Terrace, Albany, NY 12204. SSNY as been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: The LLC 4 New Hyde Park Road , Ste # 4, Franklin Square, NY 11010. Purpose : any lawful act 78457 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MTM Insurance Associates, LLC. Fictitious name: MTM Insurance Associates Agency, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Massachusetts (MA) on 1/4/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Address to be maintained in MA: 575 Chickering Rd., North Andover, MA 01845, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the MA Secretary of State, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108-1512. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78458 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Articles of Organization for CLRC REALTY, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on December 16, 2011. The office of the company is located in Schenectady County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at Lombardi, Walsh, Wakeman, Harrison, Amodeo & Davenport, P.C., III Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under

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the law. 78459 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
NAME: CJMJ LLC
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 13, 2011. Office location: The Street Address of the limited liability company's office is 406 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 406 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. For any lawful purpose. 78447 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BENDALY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/23/11. 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. 78626 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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PERCEPTIVUM LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/19/2011. Office: Albany. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o CorpCo, 910 Foulk Rd, Ste 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 78629 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is Pratt & Associates, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 12/21/2011. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage accounting and tax consulting 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 416, Delmar, NY 12054. 78639 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of BOX-AURANT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/28/11. 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. 78640 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Organization of CAD on Pearl, LLC
On December 29, 2011, CAD on Pearl, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is

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c/o 61 Briar Avenue, City and County of Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC is c/o 61 Briar Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. The LLC is organized for the purpose of a restaurant/bar and any other lawful business. 78641 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of NICOLE CARNEY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/29/11. 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. 78642 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of SWEET DWELLING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/29/11. 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. 78643 (D) (January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of WILDCAT, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/11. Fictitious name in NY State: WILDCAT, LLC OF PA. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 4/25/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. PA address of LLC: 1425 Mountain Drive North, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, 401 North St., Ste. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 78644 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Elizabeth Donne, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/11. 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, 52 Aldershot Lane, Manhasset, NY 11030. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 78645 (D) (January 25, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 391-393 Madison Ave., LLC
2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on December 7, 2011 with the New York Secretary of State.
3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
4. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process

Canal

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Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium, received a \$6,030 grant to develop a mobile audio tour exploring the history and impact of the canal in Schenectady. The tour is planned to highlight technological development spurred by the canal's construction, how it impacted nearby residents and how it brought growth and investment to Upstate

New York.

“We are thrilled to have this opportunity, it is a new technology for us,” said Kerry Orlyk, executive director of the Schenectady Museum. “Since we changed our mission in 2004, we have been looking for ways to incorporate technology with history or art and this is the perfect opportunity to introduce that to the museum and the region.”

The tour would have a number anyone can dial into at various stops and locations throughout Schenectady County.

The entire tour would be available in sections and also without having to visit the local sites, because the intention is to make it downloadable on the Internet. There is also the possibility to create a smartphone app, so as to incorporate different images and videos.

The Schenectady Museum isn’t the only one looking towards technology, though.

The Albany Institute of History and Art was awarded a \$5,500 grant to develop a lesson plan using art and artifacts from its collection to

help students explore the canal’s history. The program will also utilize technology for video conferencing, which will be hosted on its website. This will give students not able to visit the museum a way to experience the program.

“It allows us to not only talk to children within the city of Albany, but children throughout the state and telling them about the great history and rich history of the Erie Canal,” said David Carroll, executive director of the Albany Institute.



People will be able to dive into the history of the Erie Canal in new ways through programs receiving grant funding from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission.

Photo courtesy of the Schenectady Museum

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served to the Limited Liability Company to 33 Murray Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077

6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite.

7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity.

78648 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Pacifica Loan Pool LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/26/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1785 Hancock St., Ste. 100, San Diego. CA 92110, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 2140 S. Dupont Hwy, Camden, DE 19934. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

78658 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Anderson Group International, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/16/11. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 11/22/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. FL address of LLC: 110 E Broward Blvd., Ste. 1700, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: any lawful activity.

78660 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 72 MADISON LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/5/12. 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.

78661 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of IRS BLANKNET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/20/11. 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.

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Notice of Qualification of Trinity NYC Hotel, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/28/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 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.

78870 (D)

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Notice of Qualification of Premier Retail Networks LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/8/97. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Principal office address: 600 Harrison St., 4th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94107. 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.

78871 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Empire Credit Services, LLC. Original fictitious name: Empire ES, LLC. Current Fictitious name: Empire CS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 11/30/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 12526 High Bluff Dr., Ste. 300, San Diego, CA 92130. Arts of Org. filed with the CA Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities.

78872 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Marquette Business Credit SPE I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 10/20/11. SSNY design-

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nated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in MN: 60 South Sixth St., #3800, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Arts of Org. filed with the MN Secretary of State, 60 Empire Dr., St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful activities.

78873 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Hiltz Propane Systems, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 9/14/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the registered agent. Address to be maintained in PA: 73 Glen Moore Circle, Lancaster, PA 17601, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the PA Secretary of the Commonwealth, 401 North St., Rm. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful activities.

78874 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NATIONS POWER – NEW YORK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

78876 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 39th Street Depot, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/27/2011 with effective date of 1/1/2012. 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.

78877 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Salem 2012 Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/12/2012. 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.

78895 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of AIM Your Way, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/9/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 12/9/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 2801 Network Blvd., Ste. 600, Frisco, TX 75034. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

78897 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Percheron Acquisitions, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/11/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 3/30/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 7920 FM 1489, PO Box 840, Simonton, TX 77476. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, Box, 12887, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

78898 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

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Slingerlands Fire District 1520 New Scotland Road Slingerlands, New York 12159

The Slingerlands Fire District is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to prepare preconstruction hazardous materials survey for the existing Fire District facility located at 1520 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands New York.

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The Fire District reserves the right to reject in whole or in part of any and all proposals, to waive any informality, and to accept the proposal determined to be in the best interest of the Fire District.

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(January 25, 2012)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of MATERIALS for the Town of Bethlehem, for the year 2012. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on February 15, 2012 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

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TOWN CLERK

Dated: January 25, 2012

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(January 25, 2012)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Water Meters for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, for the year 2012.

Bids will be received up to 2:45 p.m. on the 15 th. Day of February 2012 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject

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78908 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for Rental of Portable Toilets.

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Dated: January 25, 2012

78909 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 7:00p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Michael Waldenmaier, Proposed Subdivision, Corner of Kenwood Ave and Rockefeller Rd for area variances under Article VI, Section 128-48,A. (7), (8),& (10), Article XIII, Section 128-100. Applicant wishes to subdivide property and resulting lots will not meet zoning requirements for lot width, flag length and abutting flag lots. Additionally, the proposal also shows a transfer of land that will decrease one lot size to a less conforming lot which also requires a variance.

Daniel W. Coffey

Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals

78913 (D)

(January 25, 2012)

St. Thomas wins own basketball tournament



The St. Thomas junior boys basketball team of Delmar took first place in its Pallente Tournament two weeks ago. St. Thomas defeated Our Savior Lutheran of Colonie and St. Pius of Loudonville to win the boys seventh- and eighth-grade division. The team is, from left, (front) Brennan Buhr, Kyle Patterson and Philip Ruggirello; and (back) coach Scott Rogler, American Gaylord, Ben Gochee, Jimmy Rogler, Matt Dwyer, Colin Baker and coach Kevin Patterson. The Pallente Tournament is held in honor of Kathy Pallente, a former teacher at St. Thomas the Apostle. Proceeds from the tournament go to the school's Pallente Scholarship. Sixteen teams in four divisions participated in this year's tournament.

Submitted photo

Underdog

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Not that any of this should deter any Capital District resident from rooting for the Giants. After all, Albany has been where the Giants spent their summers training from 1996 to 2010 (and where they will likely be training again this summer after the NFL lockout canceled last year's training camp). That makes this region part of Big Blue Country, right?

Well, maybe not. There are legions of other NFL fans living in this region including (but not limited to) the New York Jets, the Buffalo Bills, the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Philadelphia Eagles, the Dallas Cowboys, the Green Bay Packers, the Oakland Raiders, the Washington Redskins and even the Cleveland Browns. Those fans don't have a true rooting interest in a Super Bowl between the Giants and the Patriots.

Still, there is one factor that will likely drive many folks towards pulling for the Giants — Bill Belichick. The New England coach has been permanently cast as the evil genius of the NFL, which ultimately trumps any underdog status the Patriots had.

So, let's root for the New York Giants — the true Super Bowl underdog. Just like it was in 2008.

Hot

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goals came in the final minute in each of the first two periods. Nicholas Breiner scored with 29 seconds left in the first period to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead, and Gosstola tallied with 22 seconds remaining in the second period to double the advantage to 2-0.

Brian Kelly scored 4:38 into the third period

to pull LaSalle within a goal, but RJ Diego's power play goal at the 7:33 mark proved to be the game winner for Bethlehem. Anthony DeMarte tallied on a LaSalle power play to close the gap to 3-2.

The Eagles return to action Friday when they visit Glens Falls for a cross-divisional game, and Rodrigue said the challenge will be to keep his team working hard in practice.

"We have to find ways to keep things fresh," said Rodrigue.

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Eagles

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and freshman forward John Sica hit several clutch shots and pulled down rebound after rebound to help the Eagles pull away for good.

“I give credit to my guys for hanging in there and responding to their run,” said Irons.

“We gave up a bunch of offensive rebounds and got them to the free throw line,” said McShane. “That’s what hurt us down the stretch.”

Sica also finished with a double-double for Bethlehem, as he had 11 points and 14 rebounds. McGraw contributed 13 points, despite missing the fourth quarter with an injury he suffered late in the third period, and sophomore guard Connor Morelli added 10 points.

Clock did what he could to keep Niskayuna in the game. He drained four three-pointers in the second half on his way to a 16-point night, but no other Silver Warrior finished in double figures.

“Austin has done a fantastic job,” McShane said of Clock. “He’s an outstanding leader in a number of respects. He should be proud of what he’s doing, and we have to get the others to bring that same level of energy that Austin has to practice and to our games.”

Bethlehem gets a week off before facing Shaker Friday in a key cross-divisional game. The Blue Bison are tied with Shen for first place in the Suburban Council North Division, while Bethlehem is battling Guilderland for South Division supremacy.



Bethlehem’s Nate Kane moves under the outstretched hand of Niskayuna defender Chris Giglio during last Friday’s Suburban Council game.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Dutchmen keep pace

The Guilderland boys basketball team kept pace with Bethlehem in the race for the Suburban Council South Division title by beating Saratoga Springs 59-47 last Friday.

The Dutchmen (8-2 league, 10-2 overall) jumped out to a 20-8 lead in the first quarter, and they extended their advantage to 16 points at halftime with a 17-point second quarter.

Cameron Dobbs led three Guilderland players in double figures with 17 points. Alex Gaines contributed 13 points, and Micaiah Henningham added 10 points.

Erik Tallman had 11 points, and Teague Donohue chipped in with nine points for Saratoga Springs (2-8, 3-9).

Guilderland hosts Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Friday.

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Sports in the Spotlight



Bethlehem's Myles Bergere (15) moves between Niskayuna's Brandon Fine (44) and Ryan Lawson (5) for a shot during last Friday's Suburban Council game. Bergere had 23 points and 14 rebounds in the Eagles' 66-49 victory.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Bergere paces Eagles

Junior forward's double-double gives Bethlehem an edge

By ROB JONAS
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Myles Bergere made the most of his third start of the season. The junior forward scored 23 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to lead Bethlehem past Niskayuna 66-49 in last Friday's Suburban Council boys basketball game. "He's done a very nice job," Bethlehem coach AG Irons said of

Bergere, who started in place of an injured Matt O'Keefe. "He's the kind of kid who works all the time and never gives up." Bethlehem (8-2 league, 8-4 overall) hobbled into Friday's game following a 73-71 home loss to Shenendehowa three nights earlier and without two of its regular starters – O'Keefe and guard Shane Natale, who injured his knee in the Shen game. But the Eagles started strong against Niskayuna as they jumped out to an 18-7 lead in the first quarter and extended it to 36-23 at halftime behind strong efforts from Bergere and senior swingman Casey McGraw, who combined for

20 of their team's first-half points. The Silver Warriors (2-8, 2-9) got back in the game in a hurry, thanks to Austin Clock. The senior forward made a pair of three-pointers to spark a 12-0 Niskayuna run that pulled the home team within one point of Bethlehem less than three minutes into the third quarter. "We certainly executed well in that early stretch," said Niskayuna coach Ian McShane. Bethlehem's size and physical play down low eventually won out over Niskayuna's speed and aggressive defense, though. Bergere

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Who is the real underdog here?

For the second time in four years, the New York Giants and the New England Patriots will meet in the Super Bowl. For area football fans, this is the dream matchup we've been waiting for ever since David Tyree's "helmet catch" sparked the winning touchdown drive to give the Giants a 17-14 victory over the Patriots at Super Bowl XLII in 2008. For the vast majority of Americans, though, it's a monumental headache. After all, they will be enduring two weeks of Boston-vs.-New York hype — something they already get in spades whenever teams from those two metropolitan areas meet in any pro sport. The crazy thing about this rematch is that even though the Patriots are the favorite with the Las Vegas oddsmakers, they feel like the underdogs going into Indianapolis. To wit:

From the

Sports Desk

Rob Jonas



- New England has lost its last two meetings with the New York Giants — Super Bowl XLII and a 24-20 loss back in November that ended a 20-game winning streak at Gillette Stadium.
- The Patriots' defense was ranked second-to-last in the NFL during the regular season, averaging 411.1 yards allowed. Coincidentally, the Giants were ranked 27th in the league with 376.4 yards allowed, and they allowed an average of 25 points per game. The Patriots allowed only an average of 21.4 points per game.
- Tom Brady was second in the NFL in passing yards with 5,084, yet he's not being talked about as much as Eli Manning, who passed for 4,734 yards. Maybe it's because Brady is expected to throw for that many yards and Manning isn't.
- And, of course, Giants fans around here are already talking like their team is a shoo-in to win the Super Bowl. Just ask any Giants fan you know (and odds are, you know a bunch of them). They'll tell you that they're not worried because their team has beaten the Patriots before, and they will do it again.

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BC offense gets red hot

Eagles score 15 goals during weekend

By ROB JONAS
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The Bethlehem hockey team struck for five goals in the third period to defeat Queensbury 8-3 in last Friday's Capital District High School Hockey League game at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. Sam Vincent's short-handed goal 2:04 into the third period gave the Eagles (7-2-0, 12-4-0) a 4-3 lead. Goals by Andrew Carroll, Joey Verstandig and John Gosstola over the next five minutes helped put away the Spartans (4-3-0, 7-8-0). "We've played close games, but when we've had the opportunity to put a team away ... that's something that's eluded us," said Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue. "Once we got that fourth goal, that got everybody else going." Vincent finished with three goals and three assists to lead Bethlehem. Verstandig tallied twice, and Gosstola added a goal and three assists. Eagles' netminder Zachary Sanchez stopped 33 shots.

John Countrymen, Mike Pagels and Brandon Edwards had Queensbury's goals. The Eagles followed up that performance with a 7-4 victory over South Glens Falls/Hudson Falls last Saturday at the Glens Falls Civic Center. Six Bethlehem players scored goals, led by Chris Caswell's two markers. Vincent had a goal and two assists, while Gosstola and Verstandig each added a goal and an assist. Bethlehem ended a three-game losing streak by edging LaSalle 3-2 in last Wednesday's CDHSHL game at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy. The Eagles peppered LaSalle goaltender Ryan Franceschi with 43 shots, but Franceschi stopped 40 of them to keep the Cadets in the game. "LaSalle's goalie is an excellent goaltender, and I don't mind saying that I wouldn't want to face LaSalle in a quarterfinal game," said Rodrigue. "When you get late in a playoff game tied or one goal ahead, that can be scary because one goal can change everything." Bethlehem's first two

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Blackbirds edge Indians

V'ville wins battle of ranked girls teams

Two of the top girls basketball teams in New York met last Friday in Voorheesville. The Blackbirds (No. 17 in Class C) rallied from a four-point deficit to edge Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (No. 17 in Class B) 43-41 in a Colonial Council game. The game was a see-saw affair from the start. RCS (7-3 league, 7-4 overall) took a 9-7 lead in the first quarter before Voorheesville (8-2, 9-2) went on a 12-5 run in the second period to build a 19-14 halftime lead. The Indians came out strong in the third quarter, as they out-scored the Blackbirds 16-7 to regain the lead. But Voorheesville netted 17 points in the final eight minutes to pull out the victory. Jennifer Cillis had 11 points, and Emily Blow contributed nine points

for Voorheesville, which remained one game behind first-place Watervliet in the Colonial Council Division II standings. Hope Rebeor had 12 points, and Sam Randio added 10 points for RCS, which is in a tight race with Holy Names and Cohoes for first place in Division I. In Suburban Council girls basketball action last Friday, Bethlehem posted a 56-23 victory over Niskayuna, while Guilderland got past Saratoga Springs 43-37. Bethlehem (6-4, 7-5) raced out to a 29-10 half-time lead on Niskayuna and then sealed the victory with an 18-1 third quarter. Bridget Murphy netted 16 points for the Lady Eagles, and Kaylee Rickert added 14 points. Guilderland (4-6, 6-6) outscored Saratoga 9-1 over the final eight minutes to pull out its six-point victory. Shannon Mackesey led the Lady Dutch with 14 points, and Amanda Kernozek contributed 10 points.