



An ideal town

New Supervisor John Clarkson said in his State of the Town address that he thinks Bethlehem can be a model for the rest of the state.

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A Super alternative

The Joyful Quilter in Glenville will be open late on Sunday for people who aren't that interested in football.

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Two of a kind

New York Giants wide receiver Hakeem Nicks and New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain were in town for Sunday's Center for Disabilities Telethon.

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Committee to look at wards

Idea draws criticism from board; other citizen groups approved

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Town Board at its Wednesday, Jan. 25, meeting voted to move ahead in forming three citizen advisory committees proposed by Supervisor John Clarkson, with the stipulation that membership be opened up to members of the public.

Residents will have two weeks to submit their names for the Budget Advisory Group, the Governance Options Study or to consult for the town's Ethics Board. Those selected will be confirmed at the board's next meeting on Feb. 8.

Other committees, like a Public Engagement Committee and some recommended by Board Member Kyle Kotary, will be put to a vote at a later date.

"The Budget Advisory Committee, in my mind, has the biggest job of all these groups and needs to start soon," said Councilwoman Joann Dawson. "It will not be done in June."

The board still needs to agree on completion dates for the committees and more detailed descriptions of what it expects the committees to study.

Board members had reservations about the Governance Options Committee's charge to investigate splitting the town into wards. However, all said they would keep an open mind concerning the committee's findings. Newly appointed member George Lenhardt was not at the meeting because of a previously planned vacation.

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Spirit of giving



Hamagrael Elementary students take part in an afterschool program where they can volunteer their time to give back to local causes. The day of service is part of the school's Kids Helping Kids program. Students made Valentine's Day cards, craft kits and more. Story, page 11.

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Full-day K wins approval

V'ville survey shows support; state funds still available for conversion

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The Voorheesville Central Board of Education approved the implementation of full-day kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year at its meeting on Monday, Jan. 23. The decision was made in part because state aid is available for the conversion of the program.

To obtain feedback from the community, the Board of Education conducted a 10-day online survey for parents and the community in early January. According to the district, of the 541 responses received nearly 77 percent indicated they would support a full-day kindergarten program.

"In this competitive world economy, I think this is going to be very beneficial to our students," said Board President Tim Blow in a statement.

The measure passed 4-3. Blow, Gary Hubert, Kristine Gravino and Cindy Monaghan voted in favor of the plan with James Coffin, Lisa Henkle and Cheryl Dozier opposing it.

Superintendent Teresa Snyder said in a previous interview that the Board of Education looked into extending the program in 2009, but the community was split on the idea and there was no money available from the state at that time.

"With the state aid available, I think now is a great opportunity to take advantage of the funds," she said.

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Redistricting maps elicit mixed reaction in region

Capital District would see another Senate seat, Dems pan plans

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Redistricting maps released by the state Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR) on Thursday, Jan. 26, detail proposed changes to New York State Senate and Assembly districts and have

some legislators crying foul.

"I find the Senate maps especially egregious, unfair and unacceptable and I won't vote for them as they are," said Assemblyman Bob Reilly, D-Colonie.

Though Reilly said he's not opposed to changes to his 109th Assembly district, which see him losing Clifton Park and Halfmoon, retaining Colonie and gaining Niskayuna and parts of Schenectady, he takes issue with overhauls to Senate districts

like the 46th, which has been essentially cut in half to create a 63rd district. Though this would give the Capital District another member on the Senate, Democrats are crying foul.

"It's rigging elections," said Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Albany, who now represents the 46th. "I think the new lines which eliminate my district — the towns of Guilderland, New Scotland, Berne-Knox Westerlo, Rensselaerville, Coeymans — I think the removal

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Sheriffs stump for DNA collection

Law enforcement speaks in support of Cuomo's database expansion proposal

By MARCY VELTE
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More than 40 members of the New York State Sheriff's Association recently came together in Albany to support Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposal to expand the state's DNA databank.

Sheriffs from across the state spoke out in favor of the proposal at an event held during the Association's 78th annual Winter Training Conference at the Desmond Hotel in Albany on Wednesday, Jan. 25. The governor's plan calls for expansion of the databank and making it a requirement to have DNA collected from every person convicted of a felony or misdemeanor within the state.

"Every day we wait to expand the state's DNA databank, another cold case goes unsolved, a person wrongly convicted sits in prison, and we risk one of our loved ones from falling victim to a crime that could have been prevented,"

said New York's Deputy Secretary for Public Safety Elizabeth Glazer.

She went on to explain that according to statistics provided by the state Division of Criminal Justice Services, there have been 2,700 new convictions using DNA samples and 27 New Yorkers have been exonerated since the database has been in operation.

The last time the database law was expanded was in 2006, to include mandatory DNA collection for those convicted of 36 misdemeanors along with all felonies.

Glazer said of DNA samples taken from individuals convicted of misdemeanor petit larceny since that time, 965 of those people have been linked to 407 burglaries, 222 sexual assaults, 117 robberies and 52 murders. Since the state began collecting DNA from convicted trespassers, Glazer said 103 sexual assault cases had been solved.

"We have a powerful tool that works, so let's use it," she said.

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple said he applauds the governor's effort because the

"We just want to keep people safe, that's what we're paid to do."

-Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple

database is a deterrent for criminals and increases the solvability of cases. It is also a method that has worked elsewhere.

Apple told of a burglary case several years ago where the suspect was convicted after leaving muddy footprints at the scene. Upon entering jail, he had a DNA sample taken, but upon release he committed another similar crime, this time wearing gloves and removing his shoes. When police arrived, he fled the scene without his shoes and police were able to swab the shoe for a DNA sample, leading to an arrest.

"We just want to keep people safe, that's what we're paid to do," said Apple. "The more tools there are to help us do that, the better, and this is one of those tools."

When asked if the database expansion is a violation of privacy, Apple said it is not because only those convicted of a crime will have a sample taken.

According to the data provided by Division

of Criminal Justice Services, 34 percent of offenders linked to homicides and sexual assault cases in the database were first required to submit a sample for a lesser crime like drug charges or petit larceny.

Schenectady County Sheriff Dominic Dagostino said his department is also in support of the expansion.

"We acknowledge how important it is to utilize the science of DNA to its full potential, which in turn will help all of law enforcement solve more crimes and bring justice to crime victims," he said.

All samples are taken in a non-invasive process by swabbing the cheek of a convicted offender.

The samples are then sent to the New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center for processing, where up to 10,000 samples can be processed in a month. The profile created using the sample can be used to match convicted offenders with evidence



Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple shares his support for Governor Andrew Cuomo's plan to expand the state's DNA database laws at the New York State Sheriff's Association Training Conference on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

found at the scene of a crime. Also, crime lab personnel don't have access to the names, photographs, or criminal history records that correspond to the DNA.

Apple said the new law has helped, since previously it might take years before police could

find a DNA sample to link a suspect to a crime.

"Albany is a relatively small city, can you imagine how helpful this will be in a place with a much larger population like New York City?" he said. "We're only trying to do what's best for citizens."



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Town and BC discuss sharing of services

The Bethlehem Central School District's Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe spoke with the Town of Bethlehem's Transitional Committee on Monday, Jan. 23, on current shared services between the town and the district and additional steps she feels can be taken to save money for both municipalities.

Kehoe said the town currently helps generate the district's tax bills and collects them. Any resident who pays taxes late is then charged a 4 percent penalty, which the town retains to offset the costs.

The town also offers the district road salt at cost during the winter.

"I think the biggest thing we have in common is that we both have limited resources in terms of staffing and in terms of money," Kehoe said. "Where we can (combine) these things is the logical step for us to go to."

Kehoe had several ideas for combining services. For example, positions

may overlap in the human resources departments for both municipalities. She also discussed potentially partnering with the Highway Department to get paving and sidewalks near schools fixed at cost and sharing maintenance for the town and district's many playing fields.

Kehoe said the district had previously had the town perform required fire inspections, but for a few years has been paying a third party for the services. Kehoe said all savings are helpful during these hard economic times.

"We're coming off two straight years of layoffs, with 50 full-time equivalents reduced from our ranks of employees, the tax cap is certainly present and state aid is flat," she said, explaining the district is facing a nearly \$3 million deficit.

Kehoe and Supervisor John Clarkson later discussed the idea of creating a registry for open rooms available for use by the public that would possibly include Town Hall, the library, the schools and the fire districts.

Clarkson said he understands both the town and the district have a rich history of cooperating together and said he would do what he can to continue the tradition.

-Marcy Velte

Racing towards a good time



Boy Scout Pack No. 23 held a Pinewood Derby on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Bethlehem Town Hall. Coming away from the derby with top honors were Sam Wemple, with his car "Screamin' Demon," in first; followed by Griffin Roeder, with "Texas Tornado," in second; and Silas Elliott, with "Mantis," in third. More than 20 members of Pack No. 23 participated in the meet.

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Police: Truck driver way over limit

State Police on the evening of Sunday, Jan. 29, arrested a truck driver who was allegedly driving with a BAC more than four times the legal limit.

Police said they received a report of a vehicle headed northbound on the Thruway in the area of Exit 22 that was driving erratically. At 6 p.m., troopers located the vehicle at mile marker 134.

The truck was transporting food products to Massachusetts, according

to State Police. Thomas Weigers, 46, of Woodbridge, New Jersey, was arrested for aggravated DWI, and police said his BAC was 0.35 percent.

He was issued several summons and arraigned before a Town of Bethlehem justice who remanded Weigers to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail or bail bond. He was scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Thruway eatery robbed at gunpoint

Two men allegedly robbed the Guilderland thruway service area McDonald's at gunpoint and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash on Friday, Jan. 27.

At approximately 2:45 a.m., two males entered the service area located on I-90 eastbound near exit 25 and allegedly displayed a handgun to two McDonald's employees, according to police. There were no reported injuries in the robbery.

It is unknown if the suspects fled on foot or by vehicle and what direction they

traveled with the undisclosed amount of cash, according to police.

The robbers were described as two black males of medium build, standing approximately 5 foot 9 inches tall, with one wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and the other a red hooded sweatshirt. Police said both men had bandannas covering their faces.

State Police are still investigating the incident and are asking anyone with information to contact them at 436-2825.

RCS student arrested on charges of sex assault on school grounds

By MARCY VELTE
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A Ravena Coeymans Selkirk High School student was arrested after he allegedly sexually assaulted another student after school, according to the Coeymans Police Department.

Charles Johnson, 16, of Selkirk, was arrested on Tuesday, Jan. 24, after a female student reported the alleged incident to school officials.

Johnson is accused of holding the 17-year-old female student against her will in an elevator inside the school, according to police. The alleged incident happened after school hours, but while students were still in the building for after school activities.

According to police, the victim knew Johnson and went into the elevator willingly. He allegedly then pulled down his pants and attempted to get the female

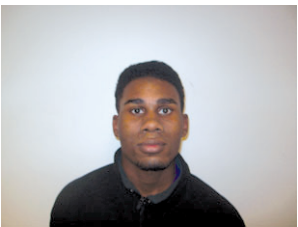
to perform a sexual act on him. The female reported the alleged incident immediately afterwards, and was not harmed.

The high school principal contacted police and Johnson was soon arrested. He was charged with attempted criminal sex act in the first degree, a felony, sexual misconduct, unlawful imprisonment, public lewdness and harassment in the second degree.

Coeymans Police Investigator Gerald DeLuca said Johnson was still at the school when officers arrived and has been fully cooperative with the investigation.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District was praised by Coeymans Police Chief Gregory Darlington for the quick action.

"I applaud the RCS school officials for their immediate response to this situation and their full cooperation in this matter,"



Charles Johnson he said in a statement.

According to DeLuca, Johnson has been suspended from school for five days, pending a superintendent's hearing.

RCS Superintendent Elisabeth Smith said in a statement, "Any actions on the part of students, which represent a threat to the health and safety of students, will be dealt with rigorously. School officials were notified of this incident and immediately called the police."

Johnson was arraigned and remanded to Albany County jail without bail. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Friday, Jan. 27, in Ravena Village Court.

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Warning: Keep all body parts inside the window

By Robin Shrager Suitor

We were together an amazing 16 years.

We met about a year after I started graduate school and we stayed together through two job changes, the birth of a child, the purchase of a house and numerous road trips. And while I wouldn't say we were in true love, I was definitely attached. Who wouldn't become attached to a car after that long? It was like family.

"You should treat yourself to a new car," my husband told me.

"Why? This one still works."

Sure, my Corolla was chronologically old for a car, but it had less than 100,000 miles and any odd noises it made could be drowned out by the radio.

Eventually I gave in and went to test drive some new cars.

The first thing I noticed was that new cars don't have tape decks. How would I listen to my cassette



tapes? When I'm in a play I listen to my lines while commuting to and from work. What if I auditioned for a role in a play and got the part? How would I memorize my lines?

The salesman, who must have been in about first grade when I bought my Corolla, told me that with the right cables I could hook up not only a cassette player, but even a turntable. I was impressed that he had even heard of turntables. Yet, where would I fit a turntable, what with all the stuff I tote in my car? Plus, I wouldn't want to risk scratching my '70s albums (like Captain and Tennille's, Love will keep us Together), which would surely happen if you tried to play an album in a moving vehicle.

Anyway, the new cars did come with a CD player and also places to plug in an iPod (a device that was still many months away from infiltrating my family). So I figured it was time to move beyond the fluff of music and on to safety features. I asked if

the car I test drove was available with anti-lock brakes (like I even knew what those were). Guess what? All the 2009 model cars came equipped with anti-lock brakes!

Actually, what finally sold me on the idea of a new car was that in about four years my daughter would be learning to drive. Did I want my child driving a car from the 1900s?

Plus, I wanted the opportunity to break in a new car on my own, rather than sharing that task with a brand-new driver.

Not only did I get a new car, I also got a bigger car. I didn't want a bigger car. I didn't want to have problems parallel parking (regardless of how infrequently I need to leave suburbia and park on city streets). I'm a short person. I didn't need a bigger car. But the other members of my household pleaded for legroom and I relented.

I also sprang for a "moon roof." I wouldn't have paid a buck more for a sun roof, but how could one pass up the opportunity to be mooned by the sky? Never mind that the moon roof becomes a sun roof during the day.

Soon after we got the car, while parked outside my dad's

apartment building, I let my daughter stick her head out the moon roof. Then I said, "Don't ever stick any of your body parts out that or any other window in a vehicle while the vehicle is in motion."

I rarely open the moon/sun roof because I don't like the resulting noise, but I almost always have its window shade open. This lets in the light, without the weather or the noise.

I paid outright for the moon roof, but I bargained for a cargo net during negotiations. It holds umbrellas, a Frisbee and a spare sweatshirt. On rare occasions I've used it to steady grocery bags. I just wanted a cargo net, because when you are spending thousands and thousands of dollars, it feels good to have someone throw in a cargo net.

While I took to the moon roof immediately, I was initially resistant to the electronic lock opener. I thought: I don't need that thing. It's so much bulkier than a normal key. It will be a nuisance in my pocket.

Silly me. I absolutely love the press-button device, although even after three years I still sometimes accidentally pop the trunk when I mean to lock or unlock the door. Or I inadvertently press that alarm button, which totally freaks me out, but has never made anyone nearby panic.

Overall, it took very little time to adjust to the new car. And looking back, I remember that I didn't always love my '93 Corolla. The vanity mirror on the driver's side visor came with no cover. This meant when the visor was down I would catch reflections of myself while driving. I found this distracting.

I also thought the rear windshield looked blurry when I was driving on the highway. A colleague resolved that dilemma by asking if I tended to turn up the radio volume. He said, "The loud music is causing the rear view mirror to vibrate. That's why the rear windshield looks blurry."

My other complaint was that I felt that the ride was bumpier than

my previous car (the '87 Corolla). The salesman at the time explained that this was a "sporty feel." My husband advised, "It just feels different, you'll get used to it."

Jeff was right. He gave me the same advice this time around and he was right again.

My newest car is great. Sure there's no tape deck, but I've got two whole rows of FM radio pre-set buttons! Who cares that all 10 stations seem to cut to commercials at the same time?

I sold the Corolla to a family I believed would properly care for and make use of my beloved car. Their mechanic needed to repair the leaky gas tank (who knew?), but otherwise declared the car to be in excellent condition.

This year my daughter turns 16. I've grown quite attached to her and won't be trading her in for a new version. I will, however, eventually allow her to get behind the wheel of my newish car. Hope she doesn't mind about the tape deck.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Wards ignore the issue

The discussion is on once again in the Town of Bethlehem over exactly what form of government will best serve residents. You can read all about thoughts on a ward system on the front page.

While it’s fine and good leaders are trying to make Bethlehem government the best it can be, we’d suggest a new Town Board structure isn’t needed to give redress to the concerns of outlying parts of the town. There is already a way, what’s needed is the will.

First of all, we were shocked to hear several board members with many years of service say these concerns come as a surprise.

From the recollection of Spotlight staff, underrepresentation of certain outlying parts of town is a none-too-recent topic of discussion. We speak with Bethlehem residents who feel they have no voice in government quite often, and they sometimes show up to Town Board meetings and put those complaints to the board as a whole or otherwise place them in public. Former supervisor Sam Messina struck up a series of “around town” meetings during his administration citing this specific matter.

So, this is an issue, make no mistake about it, and it is being aired in public. But whether it can be solved by Supervisor John Clarkson’s ward system is quite another thing.

As Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn points out in Marcy Velte’s story, only a few New York towns employ a ward system. That’s with good reason.

Wards work a lot better in big cities, where the population has many diverse needs. In these cases, a ward system (when correctly and judiciously used) ensures the specific issues of one or more groups are not overlooked in what is usually a big, complicated system. The City of Albany, for example, has 15 wards sending a representative to the Common Council, and the New York City Council has 51 members. In Bethlehem, we’re talking about four or six wards, for a board of five or seven.

Though it is a large and diverse town, Bethlehem really isn’t big enough to warrant this treatment. In this case, what’s in place should work and if it isn’t, those in power aren’t doing their jobs.

There are some who make it to nearly every Town Board meeting and who speak up quickly about the issues concerning them and their neighbors. We salute them. And we’d suggest our leaders look to engaged citizens like them instead of tinkering at Town Hall.

Bethlehem does not need a radical reworking of its government to give all people a part in it. It just needs leaders who will listen.

And we’d point out that’s happening in a lot of cases. The town is looking into open space issues, development of the Route 9W corridor and emergency services structure. Of course, looking at a problem and solving it are two different things.

The blame does not lay entirely with our representatives, though. While there are members of the public who speak out regularly, we’d warrant many of those who are quick to complain about being underrepresented have never tried to do anything about it. At the aforementioned around town meetings, we can attest town staff outnumbered members of the public in attendance in at least some cases.

Just like going to the voting booth, if you don’t speak up you don’t have much reason to complain.

So rather than remaking the wheel, we’d urge our leaders to improve it. Make a concerted effort to include everyone in town business and pay thoughts more than lip service. And residents, hold your elected leaders to their promises that they’ll listen to you.

Editorial

Seeing red’s a good thing this month

By STEPHEN CAMERON

The writer is director of cardiovascular services at St. Peter’s Hospital, a Bethlehem resident, and a member of the Capital Region Advisory Board of the American Heart Association.

February’s coming, and you know what that means: hearts everywhere you turn, and if you aren’t looking at hearts, you’re surely looking at the color red.

That’s a great thing, as far as I’m concerned, since I work with hearts every single day. Real hearts, not chocolate hearts. And one day a year, I wear as much red as I can. That’s Friday, Feb. 3 – National Wear Red Day.

Hopefully, your company is one of the 300+ work sites in the Capital Region that participates in National Wear Red Day by wearing red and donating to the American Heart Association. Plan to even see some buildings illuminated red – SEFCU, CDPHP and First Niagara at Patroon Creek, Capital Repertory Theater, WMHT in Troy, the Palace Theater and Realty USA in Delmar.

All of February is American Heart Month, which is a good time to think about how you’re treating your heart. If your New Year’s resolution is waning, February is also a good time to re-commit to healthy living. I urge you to take stock of your health and see where things could be better. Don’t get discouraged if there are a lot of things you’d like to improve – start by choosing one, and working on it.

Why not start by taking a look at Life’s Simple 7? Found at MyLifeCheck.heart.org, you can assess seven different measures of your health and get a score — along with practical suggestions for improving areas that might need improving.

Perhaps most importantly, if you’re overdue for a physical, schedule it. We hear a lot of stories of heart disease found at routine doctor visits. A little bit of prevention today could

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add a lot to your good health for years to come.

Know the symptoms of heart disease. There’s the typical crushing chest pain, but women especially could have different symptoms – like shortness of breath, dizziness, pain in the shoulders or back or nausea. Trust your instincts, too. If something doesn’t seem right, be persistent with your healthcare provider that he or she look into it.

And please don’t forget another debilitating cardiovascular disease: stroke. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America; stroke is No. 4. One in six people will suffer a stroke in their lifetime. If you’re African-American, you’re at double the risk of stroke compared to Caucasians. Some of the risk factors for stroke include migraines, high blood pressure, autoimmune disorders like diabetes and tobacco use.

Activities throughout American Heart Month will provide a chance to get a health assessment. On Thursday, Feb. 2, before the Capital Repertory Theater’s showing of “The Sisters Rosensweig,” St. Peter’s will join the American Heart Association’s Circle of Red to offer blood pressure screenings.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Crossgates Mall, the Community Action Committee of the American Heart Association’s board and St. Peter’s Hospital will provide stroke screenings. Please join us for these – or call your own physician to schedule a checkup.

And, please, think about contributing to the American Heart Association. We are fortunate in the Capital Region that the Heart Association is currently funding about \$1.2 million in research. Your

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contributions can help save lives. You can also have some fun, by joining us at a Heart Walk (May 12 and Oct. 20 this year) or at the Go Red for Women Luncheon on May 24. Visit www.heart.org to get information about these events.

So this month, think about simple steps you can take to improve your health. Here are some suggestions:

1. Eat five servings of fruits and vegetables every day.
2. Exercise 150 minutes every week. That’s just about 20 minutes every day, and it’s fine to break that up into 10-minute sessions.
3. Don’t smoke. We’ve got an initiative with the New York State Quitline this month – call or contact them to quit, and you’ll receive information about heart disease, along with our iconic red dress pin or red wristband. 1-866-NY-QUITS or www.nysmokefree.com.

Please, this February, take your health to heart.

For information about heart disease, Go Red for Women, or activities in the Capital Region, visit www.heart.org, GoRedForWomen.org, or call the American Heart Association at 869-4042.

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Are the state Senate and Assembly redistricting plans fair, or a case of gerrymandering?

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Bethlehem well served by ambulance

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

With regard to your recent article, “Town Talks About Emergency Services” (January 25, 2012), some clarification is in order.

First, the statement that out of the town’s four emergency medical service providers, only two of them (Albany County Sheriff’s Office and Delmar Volunteer Ambulance) provide advanced services with trained paramedics is incorrect. In actuality, Delmar Ambulance is staffed 24/7 by one paramedic (Medic 2) that is employed by Albany County Sheriff’s Office; this is precisely the same arrangement found with Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance, who is also staffed 24/7 by an Albany County paramedic (Medic 3). This arrangement between BVAS and Albany County has been in place for almost two decades, and during this time, every single call to which Bethlehem Ambulance has been dispatched has been attended to by a paramedic.

Second, the assertion that the areas surrounding Delmar seem to be receiving a lesser quality of care from their respective ambulance agencies is not supported by facts. We are unaware of any data currently being reviewed that reveal a comparatively substandard level of patient care from BVAS or any other ambulance agency. The volunteers at Bethlehem Ambulance are no less trained, no less competent, and no less dedicated than the volunteers of any other agency. No matter what time, no matter what the weather conditions, emergency calls in our district are responded to in a timely fashion, are not “rolled over” to other agencies, and every single patient is given the same quality of care as is found elsewhere in the county, with a paramedic, at least one EMT, and a modern, state-of-the-art ambulance.

Since 1955, the volunteers at Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service have dedicated large portions of their lives to serving their community. No matter what, no matter when, our citizen EMT’s answer the call, leaving the comfort of their homes to travel through cold, through rain, through blizzards. They’ve put themselves in harm’s way on countless occasions for their neighbors, coming face-to-face with death, some of the worst traumas imaginable, contagious illnesses, and everything in between. They deserve no less than the highest praise.

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Board of Directors.



The Oswego Jazz Project

Quartet coming to UAlbany

The University at Albany Performing Arts Center will present the Oswego Jazz Project on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will feature works by composers Rufus Reid, Sam Rivers, Cedar Walton, Ornette Coleman, Thelonious Monk and Oswego Jazz Project’s Eric Schmitz. Members of the ensemble include Robert Auler on keyboards, Eric Schmitz on drums, Trevor Jorgensen on saxophone and Max McKee on bass.

The Oswego Jazz Project is the faculty jazz quartet-in-residence at SUNY Oswego. Its appearance here is part of an artist-in-residence exchange program developed by UAlbany. As the other half of the exchange, Capital Trio, the UAlbany Performing Arts Center’s ensemble-in-residence, will visit SUNY Oswego on Friday, March 30. The exchange program is in its third year.

Tickets for the concert are \$12 for the public, \$10 for seniors and UAlbany faculty-staff and \$8 for students. For reservations and further information, contact the box office at 442-3997 or visit the Performing Arts Center website at www.albany.edu/pac.

Amazing Voorheesville talent on display Lunch rules a victory

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Last night, Friday January 20, I had the pleasure of attending the Voorheesville Elementary School “Make-a-Wish Talent Show” at the district middle school. For over two hours the standing room only crowd was treated to a parade of wonderful young singers, pianists, gymnasts, Marshall arts experts, dancers, hula hoopers, instrumentalists, story tellers, and more.

The variety of talent was amazing with more than 100 kids and 40 separate acts. It was more than evident that Voorheesville has an abundance of school spirit as well as talented students. It also speaks very highly of Principal Reardon, his staff, and volunteers who were able to organize this massive event and get so many people involved at so many levels. It was truly an inspiring evening seeing so many hard-working and enthusiastic kids eager to get up on the stage and share their unique talents. Go Voorheesville!

*Sandra Sorell
Delmar*

I was delighted to read the new USDA guidelines requiring schools to serve meals with twice as many fruits and vegetables, more whole grains, less sodium and fat, and no meat for breakfast. The guidelines were mandated by the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act signed by President Obama in December of 2010 and will go into effect with the next school year.

The new guideline offer a welcome change from USDA’s tradition of using the National School Lunch Program as a dumping ground for meat and dairy surpluses. Not surprisingly, 90% of American children are consuming excess fat, only 15% eat recommended servings of fruits and vegetables, and one-third have become overweight

or obese. These early dietary flaws become lifelong addictions, raising their risk of diabetes, heart disease, and stroke.

In recent years, Hawaii, California, New York, and Florida legislatures asked their schools to offer daily vegetarian options, and most school districts now do. The Baltimore public school system offers its 80,000 students a complete weekly break from meat.

Parents should continue to insist on healthful plant-based school meals, snacks, and vending machine items. They can consult www.fns.usda.gov/cnd, www.healthyschoollunches.org, and www.vrg.org/family.

*Mary Jane Serfilippi
Delmar*

Clarification

In the Jan. 25 article “Town talks about emergency services,” it was written two of the town’s ambulance service providers (Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service and the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad) provide basic life support services. While this is true, what was not mentioned is that the Albany County Sheriff’s Office provides paramedic staffing at both these agencies (see the adjoining letter for a response from Bethlehem Ambulance).

The Spotlight regrets any confusion caused by this oversight.

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The first Saturdays in March and April complete the Rings trilogy; Towers screens on March 3 and Return on April 7, both at 1 pm. Free popcorn, plenty of adult seating, and down-front comfy mats for the kids to stretch out on round out the matinee experience.

Family Movie Fridays are back

The premiere event in this season's Family Movie Fridays occurs Feb. 10 at 7 p.m., with the showing

of a "tangled," animated version of Rapunzel (rated PG). This spirited twist on one of the most unlikely hair-raising tales is richly done, and contains humor that will delight child and adult alike.

The usual comforts complement the movie: popcorn and plush floor seating for the kids.

A moms, daughters book discussion

Moms and daughters, if you have not already borrowed your copy of "The Wedding Planner's Daughter," stop by the library right now to do so! This way you can take part in the Mother/Daughter Book Discussion of Coleen Murtagh Paratore's best-selling work at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9. This program is for girls in grades 4 through 6, and their mother, step-mother, aunt or grandmother.

Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, please call the Library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org.

Bethlehem Public Library's winter concert series "A Little Sunday Music" continues its 2011-12 season this Sunday February 5 at 2pm with a duo performance by cellist David Bebe and violinist Jamecyn Morey. Works by Kodaly, Stinson and Honegger are on the program.

The couple has performed together as



the Copernicus Duo for several years. They were a featured ensemble as part of Festival Miami and the National Foundation for the Advancement of Arts, premiering new and commissioned works. They performed in New

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Block party

The Construction Zone returns on Friday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 am. Lego builders are invited to a “block party” in the Library Annex. Choose a challenge created by our staff,

or just let your imagination run wild. Preschoolers right through elementary-age kids have enjoyed this activity at the library. No need to register.

•All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is at 15 Mountain Road, Ravenna. For information, call 756-2053 or visit www.uhls.org/RCSCL/.

Civil War programs continue in Voorheesville



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.

The Filmmaker's Eye

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. We invite you to join us

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

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Monday, Feb. 6

• Shopping trip to Colonie Center and Northway Mall. Call 439-5770 to make a reservation.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

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

Thursday, Feb. 9

• Senior Legal Services Program This free program, staffed by the Legal Aid Society,



is available between 10:30 pm and noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Call 430-4955, ext 1176 for an appointment.

• 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. 10

• The Health and

Wellness Program presents “Be Red Cross Ready” by Erica Streum, American Red Cross. The free program teaches simple and effective steps that can be taken in an emergency. Learn how to act quickly and safely in the event of a fire, power outage, flood or extreme weather. Be prepared for life’s emergencies. The program will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall from 1 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.

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

Wilma DeLucco

Get free tax help in G’land

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, 1099 statements, sold investments’ purchase dates and cost basis with supporting documents if itemizing deductions. Tax Aide volunteers can’t do

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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 Jan. 9.

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, Feb. 1

9:00 Zumba
10:30 OsteoBuster
10:30 Sr. Fitness
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Thursday, Feb. 2

Scheduled Shopping
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Committee grills attorney pick

Full legislature will vote on Marcelle without a recommendation

By ALYSSA JUNG
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The personnel committee of the Albany County Legislature on Wednesday, Jan. 25, approved two of County Executive Dan McCoy's nominations and sent one to the legislative body with no recommendation.

The committee unanimously approved McCoy's appointment of Darrell R. Duncan as commissioner of the Department of Public Works and Kathleen Dalton as commissioner of the Department of Social Services, sending those to the full legislative body for a February vote.

However, the committee failed to do the same to McCoy's nomination of Thomas Marcelle as county attorney. The committee first voted on whether to send the appointment to the legislature with a favorable recommendation and deadlocked at 4-4. The committee then voted to send it to the legislature with no recommendation by a vote of 6-1.

During Marcelle's time in the hot seat, he answered questions from members of the personnel committee and other legislators in attendance, with some Democrats questioning his ability to be objective given his years serving as counsel to the legislature's minority and his time on the redistricting commission. McCoy is a Democrat.

"You're trained to defend your clients. My loyalty will be to the county," said Marcelle. "I will defend their issues as vigorously as I can."

Legislators also wanted to know how Marcelle would handle "switching hats," having practiced privately since 1991. He said he would be ceasing all private practice work with the exception of three cases he'll see through to their completion, further noting that none of them are a conflict of interest.

Noelle Kinsch, D-Albany, wanted to know what if any changes Marcelle planned to make to the County Attorney's Office if he lands the job.

"I think the biggest issue we have in the County Attorney's Office is the number of outside attorneys that we pay to represent the county," said Marcelle. "I don't view myself as coming in and having the answer to every question. ... I respect the lawyers in that office."

Marcelle also said he had no plans to go on a "firing spree" and couldn't "envision the circumstances" that would lead him to relieve someone of their current position in the office unless there was some "compelling reason."

As county attorney, Marcelle would be tasked with working with the District Attorney's Office at times. As a supporter of David Soares' primary opponent Lee Kindlon, Marcelle was asked to explain how he would be able to work with Soares.

"You go into combat, you

disagree in sometimes really tough, hardnosed ways but just because you have a disagreement on an issue doesn't prevent you from working together when you have to work together. I have no problem with Mr. Soares," said Marcelle. "There will be times, I'm sure, that the district attorney and I may agree to disagree on certain cases."

McCoy's other two appointments also underwent questioning. Duncan, who has spent 18 years as the Town of New Scotland highway superintendent, was asked to brainstorm how he could save the county money.

"I've got some ideas but would be willing to look at more," said Duncan.

He also said he'd like to review all roads in the county and would be willing to meet with neighbors along Johnson and Schoolhouse Road in Guilderland who had concerns about paving.

Dalton said she thought the biggest issue facing the county is Medicaid and she had plans to implement a denial management program to streamline a sometimes-complex process.

Legislators also raised concerns that she bounced from job to job through the years, but the Department of Social Services needs an individual to stick it out for the long term.

"I'm absolutely committed to staying here," said Dalton, adding that since she was in the consulting business many jobs were project-based.

BC foundation to offer grants

For the first year, the Bethlehem Central Community Foundation will be offering grants to faculty and staff throughout the school district with its Classroom Innovation Grant Program.

The new program will allow teachers and faculty members to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 to support classroom projects, curriculum innovation and programs for students "that will promote academic achievement and student well being."

"We believe the best ideas for how to improve our schools will come from the people who work in them every day - teachers, staff, and administrators," said Patty Michaelson, BCCF board member and Grantmaking Committee chairwoman. "We are very excited to see what kinds of projects will be proposed. This is a difficult time for school budgets and sometimes innovation and new programs are sidelined. We see these grants as a way to enhance the excellence of our school system."

The Foundation hopes to award a total of \$5,000 through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

The BCCF, formerly called the BC Community & Alumni Endowment Fund, was established in 1998. The goal was

to enrich the "overall educational process of BC schools by funding programs and projects that are not traditionally funded through the annual school budget." The group is known for the scholarships it awards to college-bound seniors.

Michaelson said the foundation knows it will not be able to support every idea presented, but members hope the community is excited about the project and residents will contemplate donating in the future.

"What has made this Bethlehem community special is now at risk because of the real financial challenges this district will face in an era of property tax caps and diminished state and federal support for its mission," said James Lytle, BCCF board member and former BC school board president. "I became part of the BCCF because with the support of the community, it offers an opportunity to preserve and enhance the educational programs in the Bethlehem Central School District."

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Hamagrael students spend afternoon giving back

Volunteer projects part of Kids Helping Kids program

By MARCY VELTE
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The auditorium of Hamagrael Elementary was filled with the pinks and reds of Valentine's Day and the smell of candy as students set to work at this year's Community Service Afternoon.

For the second year in a row, the school has held an afterschool program where students can volunteer their time to give back to local causes. The day of service is part of the school's Kids Helping Kids program.

"This is an experience the kids can really learn from," said Principal Dave Ksanznak. "It's good for them to see how important it is to give back to their community."

Students spent the time after school participating in a variety of projects, not all of which helped children, but were to benefit a variety



Hamagrael Elementary students take part in this year's Community Service Afternoon.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

of local organizations and people in need.

The children were split into groups and were given tasks. Some were asked to make Valentine's Day cards for soldiers overseas, while other made bagged lunches of sandwiches and trail mix to be handed out at a local homeless shelter. Others created craft kits that will be handed out

in the pediatrics ward to children at Albany Medical Center to keep their minds off being in the hospital.

Ksanznak said he couldn't believe the number of kids who signed up to participate, adding, "This is the most we've had so far."

The Kids Helping Kids program began 10 years ago and started with the direction of

parent PTA members. The hope was through the program, students could better understand what it meant to give back to their community and better appreciate their own situations in life.

The program is co-chaired by parents Becky Lane and Deb Selo.

According to Lane, the entire school participates in community service projects throughout the year. There's the back-to-school backpack stuffing project for kids in need of school supplies, the Adopt a Snowflake program during the holidays, creating gift bags for kids at St. Catherine's Children's Center and visiting the Beverwyck Senior Center.

The afterschool program was created last year so students could give more of their time.

"It's sometimes hard for parents to bring kids somewhere to volunteer, so we figured we would bring it to the kids to make it easier," said Lane.

The afterschool program

is held once a year, but because of its growing popularity the school and PTA may look into holding it more often. Lane said last year fewer than 50 kids showed up, but this year nearly 150 students volunteered.

Dylan Grimaldi-Johnson, 11, spent his time at the Valentine's station, making detailed cards for soldiers. Within the program's hour he made two cards, while other kids had made dozens, but he explained he likes taking his time to ensure the soldiers will get the best card possible.

"I learned this from an art class thing I took with my older sister," he said while creating a criss-cross design on the paper and coloring in alternate boxes. "She's the real artist interested in this stuff."

Kaitlyn Coffee, 9, said she started making Valentine's cards but switched to helping pack lunches.

"It makes me feel good to know I'm helping. I want

to make their face light up. I wish I could be there to see them get what we made," she said.

Unlike the adults, Coffee said she wasn't surprised by the number of students who signed up to volunteer.

"We're a big school that likes helping our community," she said.

Other students made snowflakes for next year's Adopt a Snowflake program, while some made posters to say goodbye to retiring school staff.

Cole Edwards, 11, said he mostly made Valentine's too, but tried to help out wherever he could. He said he feels sorry for people who have it tougher in life and plans to volunteer for his community all of his life.

"This won't ever change for me," he said, which is exactly what school officials and PTA members hope to instill in their students through the program.

"We want them to become productive member of society," said Ksanznak.

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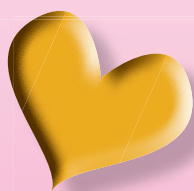
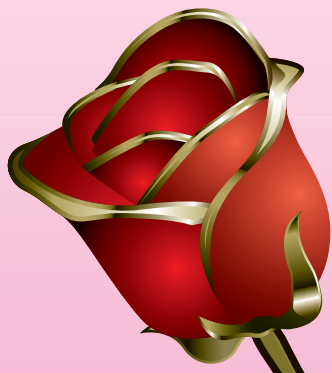
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From Boston to parking lot

Fishmonger's truck means fresh seafood on the go

By MARCY VELTE
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Most people might feel uneasy about getting their weekly fish purchases out of a truck that set up shop in a parking lot, but one local couple is changing that with a fresh, sustainable product.

Since July, Peter Kenyon and his partner Dora Swan of Altamont, have been selling fresh fish out of their large refrigerated truck at the Delmar Farmers Market, with help from their son-in-law Andy Scram. Since the market has closed for

the winter, the “Fin — Your Fishmonger” truck has been parked each Saturday at the Philips Hardware on Delaware Avenue and the ConRel parking lot on Carmen Road in Guilderland.

Swan said she understands how the concept can seem weird to passersby and others just finding out about the unique business venture.

“People have seen us and had questions,” she said. “We just tell them how fresh our product is and our philosophy on maintaining a sustainable population in the ocean, and give them a price list. They soon understand we’re not just people selling fish out of a parking lot.”

Kenyon said the venture started when The Cousins Fish Market in Albany closed in 2009. Scram was a head buyer and fisher cutter for the market, until it went out of business and he lost his job. Kenyon himself recently left a job in the hotel and restaurant industry and was looking for something to do, so both men thought of trying to sell fish themselves.

“We didn’t have enough capital for a full store, so we got a truck,” Kenyon said.

The fish is shipped straight from the docks of Boston three times a week to a refrigerated warehouse space the owners rent in Rotterdam. Scram relied on the

fisherman and inspectors he formed relationships with while working at Cousins to send Fin a quality product. He also taught Swan and Kenyon how to tell the difference between good and poor quality fish, what they shouldn't sell based on fishing practices and if the fish were truly caught fresh or were farm raised.

“We’ve sent fish back if we feel it isn’t up to our standards,” said Kenyon, explaining he’s proud of how much he’s learned since starting the business. They also refuse to sell sea bass, since the giant nets used to catch the fish entrap smaller creatures as well,

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which harms the ocean's ecosystem.

Also, none of their products is frozen. According to Kenyon, the majority of tilapia is frozen and is farm raised in countries like Japan and Vietnam, so Fin buys its tilapia fresh from Costa Rica and has it flown in overnight. Similarly, the arctic char is shipped in from Iceland.

However, the freshness of the product means it's hard for Fin to keep the same seafood products on the price list. Kenyon said it has been hard to get scallops in because the boats won't go out due to the recent high winds, and tuna has been hard to find because they migrate this time of year and fisherman



Peter Kenyon and his partner, Dora Swan emphasize fresh fish.

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have trouble catching them.

"Sometimes we have to notify customers of a change last minute," said Swan.

The couple said since attending the farmer's

market, word of mouth has helped their business greatly. They started a Fin email list so customers could be sent the weekly price list, and they now have 400 followers. They also have a Twitter and

Facebook account to keep people in the know. The hope is to eventually open a storefront, so Fin can provide a larger quantity and variety of products to customers.

"Right now we're

trying to work with SUNY, because they have a small business development program," said Kenyon. "We'd like to work with them to eventually get a loan to open a store."

According to Swan, Scram has since stepped back from Fin to pursue a full-time job, but will stay on as a consultant to help out.

Frequent Fin customer Richard Reeves-Ellington of Delmar said he buys something from the truck every week because he likes knowing where his fish comes from and that it's fresh.

"I believe in buying local as much as possible," he said. "It's businesses like this that give us a sense of community."

Reeves-Ellington, who recently ran for Bethlehem supervisor, explained he also likes the social aspect of getting to know

the owners and swapping recipes each week with other customers who visit the truck.

Swan believes it's that personal touch that has people coming back, but Kenyon said it helps that new health recommendations suggest eating fish two to three times each week.

"People come to pick up their dinner for the night, but it's so fresh they can buy extra to keep until Tuesday or Wednesday. They could also freeze it," he said.

According to Swan, being in the seafood business wasn't on her bucket list, but she's grateful for the opportunity.

"For us, it's not really about making money, but offering a product we feel good about and keeping customers happy," she said.






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Clarkson wants to move up budgeting process

New Bethlehem supervisor delivers State of the Town address

By MARCY VELTE
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Supervisor John Clarkson feels the Town of Bethlehem should be a role model for the rest of the state when it comes to fiscal responsibility, ethics reform and politics.

In his first State of the Town address given at Town Hall on Monday, Jan. 30, Clarkson called Bethlehem a vibrant and thriving community that is in “far better shape than most municipalities,” despite significant financial challenges.

“It’s the best place to live in the Capital District, a great place to do business, and I think we all feel that way,” he said. “With great fortune, however comes responsibility.”

Clarkson said Bethlehem now needs to lead by example.

“If we can’t put together a sustainable budget that provides the services we need for the long term, I don’t know who can. And if we in Bethlehem can’t have engaging politics, I don’t know who will, and



Supervisor John Clarkson delivers his first State of the Town address at Town Hall on Monday, Jan. 30.

if we in Bethlehem cannot create a model, modern local government that excels in every area, we should ask, ‘Why not?’” he said.

The supervisor’s agenda highlighted economic and residential development, the newly approved citizen advisory committees and senior issues within the town. He also spoke of the upcoming budget negotiations.

Clarkson said he would like to implement multi-year budget projections in order to be prepared for the deficits ahead and develop a specific policy for how to spend the town’s reserves, naming what fund balance should be maintained. In April, the supervisor will also publicly present an estimate of the budget for the coming year; the budget is usually rolled out in the early fall.

“I think it’s tremendously

necessary. It’s necessary we know the size of the problem we have, both for the Town Board and I and town staff as we start to look at options to reduce the cost of government, but it’s also important for the public,” he said.

But there are some things Clarkson said he would not continue.

The supervisor said after his speech he does not agree with continuing the practice of bonding for annual repairs like highway repaving and the bonding of a pension enhancement for police valued at around \$1.7 million.

“A lot of things that can be legally done, it still doesn’t make good fiscal sense to do them,” he said. “All of our infrastructure, like sewer and water, those are appropriate borrowing activates. I’m not averse to borrowing for good debt, but it’s the bad debt I have a problem with.”

Clarkson said his administration has done its best to promote citizen engagement and involvement. At its first

meeting of the year the Board voted to push back the start time of meeting to 7 p.m. to allow more time for the public to attend after work. Soon, residents will also have the option to view all town meetings online via a live Internet feed, with the videos backlogged by category and all agenda material uploaded to the Internet, as well.

He also said he would like to look into improving the “vital gateways” of the town along Delaware Avenue and Route 9W, and review the 20/20 Comprehensive Plan, possibly through neighborhood forums.

“Together I think we can do this and I’m seeing many encouraging signs,” he said.

Board Members Jeffrey Kuhn and Kyle Kotary agreed with Clarkson’s main ideas, as did Town Republican Chairman Fred Di Maggio.

“I think the supervisor did a good job of outlining the picture we’re facing,” Di Maggio said. “One of the things that I and other members of the Republican Party are going to recommend to him are volunteers for the budget, governance and economic development

committees, as well as propose someone for the IDA (Industrial Development Agency).”

Di Maggio said the town needs to continue to work on budget issues and not to spend money the town doesn’t have, focusing on reductions and not filling vacant positions.

“And frankly taking a harder look at the police contracts, because that’s the biggest outlay for the town and one thing we cannot continue to afford,” he added.

According to Clarkson, the town spends the most money on its police force, followed closely by the Department of Public Works and Highway Department, but departments within the town are looking to share some services to save funds. He did add traditional festivities, like the Independence Day celebration, will not be halted.

“Those are I think the last things you want to cut back on, especially in times of economic distress,” he said. “We owe it to ourselves as a community to pull together and I for one would never support cutting back on those types of things. It’s just the wrong place to cut back.”

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Saint returns as a Globetrotter Wins

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Tay Fisher now delights fans as 'Firefly'

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As a star of the Siena Saints, he was known to fans as Tay Fisher, the player who shot 44.4 percent from three-point range and helped the team drive to regular and postseason MAAC titles.

When he returns to the area now, though, he's known as Firefly.

"I'm one of the shortest on the team and they say I light it up real quick on the court. That's why they call me Firefly," said Fisher.

Fisher is a Harlem Globetrotter and in the middle of his third season with the world-renowned team. He'll return to the Capital District on Sunday, Feb. 5, for a show at the Times Union Center and he said he's excited to see his fans again.

"Every year, I feel like I show them something new. I feel like I get better and better every year. I'm excited to come back and I'm hoping they all come out and keep supporting me like they have been," said Fisher.

Fisher's path to the

unconventional basketball team, known for its tricks, acrobatics and comedy instead of winning championship games, wasn't something he planned.

"I always wanted to play professional ball, that's a lot of player's goals," said Fisher. "I just never thought it would have been the Harlem Globetrotters. Not only do you have to be a basketball player but you have to have that charisma, personality and entertainment skills."

Though he always saw himself as part of the NBA or playing professional basketball in Europe, now that he's a Globetrotter the role fits perfectly.

"I've always been a basketball player first and pretty much a comedian on and off the court, so I feel like this plays right into my hands," said Fisher.

The team drafted Fisher in 2008 and since then it's been all about practice, practice and more practice.

"I wasn't able to do anything but put the ball in the hole, pretty much the thing you're able to do as basketball player and what people want you to do. Ball handling and tricks I'm able to do now but it just came with practice," said Fisher.

And even though

he's now known for his spectacular dribbling skills and connection with the audience, playing with the Harlem Globetrotters isn't so different than playing with the Siena Saints.

"It's the same because I'm still competitive; instead of competing against another team I'm competing against myself because I'm trying to make myself better as a basketball player and an entertainer," said Fisher.

He's living an exciting life that takes him all over the globe but "coming home" to the Capital District is always a special experience for him.

"I'm on the road pretty much year-round so any time I'm able to come home and perform in front of people ... it's a good thing because I'm able to bring memories and young kids are able to keep my name in the area like I want it to be, so people can follow my career," said Fisher.

He said he hopes his success inspires his fans to follow their dreams.

"Anything can be done ... I'm just fortunate to be in the situation many people don't get the opportunity to do," said Fisher.

Siena Head Coach Mitch Buonaguro said it's always a thrill when Fisher returns

for a show.

"He's such a popular figure in the community, when he was here as a player and obviously now in his professional career," said Buonaguro. "When he comes back ... he draws a big audience and they like seeing him and he has a real affinity to this area."

Now he speaks, works at an art camp and runs a basketball camp but even as a student at Siena, Buonaguro said Fisher seemed to know his role in the community was about more than winning games.

"When he was a student athlete here he epitomized what a student athlete should be, not only from an academic and basketball point of view, but he understood his responsibility to the community," said Buonaguro. "Being a member of the Globetrotters, which is kind of an organization that their philosophy is you have to be very congenial and very community oriented, he fits it perfectly."

Fisher and the Globetrotters will be at the Times Union Center Sunday, Feb. 5, at 1 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.harlemglobetrotters.com, www.ticketmaster.com, the

close to \$188,600, with the district saving an additional \$30,000 by eliminating three mid-day bus runs.

The district would receive the aid at the end of June 2013.

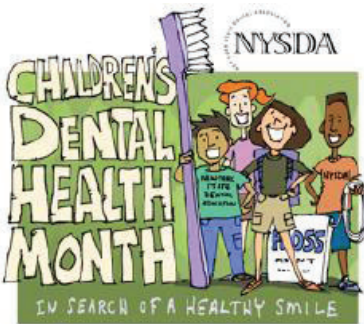
According to the district, the full day will give students more of an opportunity to develop their social skills, while teachers and counselors will have more time to collaborate and deliver "more meaningful instruction, modeling and guidance in this area."

The full results of the survey can be found at www.vcsdk12.org

In addition to the vote on full-day kindergarten, the board passed a resolution to extend property tax relief for flood victims of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

Under the Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Assessment Relief Act, the board had until Jan. 23 to opt into the program. The act allows damaged property that lost 50 percent or more of its assessed value to be reassessed.

Property owners now have until March 8 to submit a written request to the assessor along with documentation demonstrating the damage. The assessor will then determine the percentage lost and notify the property owner.



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Entertainment in the Spotlight

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- 1. Every Tuesday, the Joyful Quilter hosts Sit 'N Sew Tuesday, when quilters are invited to visit with friends and work on projects from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 2. The Joyful Quilter owners are always happy to help with projects, like this T-shirt quilt.
- 3. Owner Bob Silverman, back, and customers on "Scarf Day."

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Submitted photos

Sew many choices

Joyful Quilter in Glenville has an event for every taste and talent

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Don't feel like watching football? Bob Silverman has an idea for another way to spend Super Bowl Sunday. Join him at the Joyful Quilter in Glenville.

Silverman and his co-owners, Jim Helms and Susan Pettengill, are hosting a Souper Bowl Sew In. Quilters are invited to bring a project they're working on and enjoy soup, salad and camaraderie.

"It becomes a very social, 'let's-get-out' type of thing," Silverman said.

He, Helms and Pettengill will be on hand to offer advice and suggestions. Silverman said the event, which runs from 2:30

to 8:30 p.m., is aimed at somewhat experienced quilters who have something in the works. "Confident beginners" are welcome, too, but someone who's never quilted should probably try an introductory class rather than the sew in.

Silverman's never actually taken a class himself. He and Helms -- whom he calls "my partner in life as well as the store" -- bought a home in Woodstock years ago and decided to make a quilt reminiscent of those that Helms' relatives in Alabama had made. Neither had any quilting experience, but they simply took their couch cushions to a fabric store in town, got the materials they needed and sewed something together.

What started as a whim turned into an all-out passion for both of them. Silverman said Helms used to say that when painters

said they "needed" to paint, he didn't get it. Once he started quilting, he got it.

For his part, Silverman, who used to collect china and make jewelry, was drawn to the colors and the textures of quilting. Soon, he and Helms opened their own shop in Woodstock.

They got to know Pettengill, who ran the Joyful Quilter in Glenville. A friendship grew, and they talked about joining forces. Silverman said it made sense; they could put all their expertise under one roof and if any of them wanted to attend a quilting conference or workshop, there would be other people to man the store.

So, Helms and Silverman moved up to the Capital Region four years ago, bringing their quilting knowledge with them. A year ago, the Joyful Quilter moved into bigger quarters on Glenridge Road to better accommodate all of

its inventory and classes.

Silverman said owning a quilt shop has connected him to customers in a way other retail businesses might not.

"What I love is the people and the stories," he said. "A lot of this is very emotional." Grandmothers, for example, make quilts for their grandchildren. On the first Friday of the month, the Joyful Quilter hosts a charity sew, when quilters donate their time to make comfort blankets for sick children.

That's just one in a long list of events the shop holds. Pettengill will host a "pajama party" on Saturday, March 31, beginning at 6 p.m. Quilters are invited to bring their projects and "stay up all night." Learn to make a "Lover's Knot placemat" on Monday, Feb. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Got a quilt top you just can't finish? Try Finishing School on Sunday, March 4, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The owners are always open to new ideas for classes, and they invite everyone to stop by and chat any time. The store is at 19 Glenridge Road in Glenville and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 10 a.m.

to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extended hours for the Souper Bowl Sew In. Admission for the sew in is \$20, which includes soup and salad.

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THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Robert Brown's play serves as fundraiser for American Cancer Society, presented by the Local Actor's Guild of Saratoga and Harmony Productions, Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Feb. 6-7, 10-11 and 13-14, shows 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, \$15. Information, 583-0022.

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, through Feb. 19, shows Tuesdays through Sundays, \$20-\$60. Information, 445-7469.

Music

BENTWOOD ROCKERS

Olde time music with Bill and Roland, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

EMERALD DAWN

Monthly show by acoustic duo specializing in Celtic and rock music, Feb. 3, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

DAVE AND AMY

Folk, rock, blues and bluegrass duo, Feb. 3, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

BLUEGRASS GOSPEL PROJECT

Southern spirituals, Appalachian music and more, Feb. 3, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door price \$18. Information, 583-0022.

KATSURA WITH GARY MOON AND PHIL HENRY

Rock, pop and folk group, Feb. 4, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ERNIE WILLIAMS' 86TH BIRTHDAY BASH

Legendary Albany blues musician celebrates with the help of his friends, Feb. 4, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$18. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

MILESTONE AND MENTAL TRIGGER

Two Niskayuna High School rock bands, Feb. 4, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

BEAUCOUP BLUE

Father-son Americana duo, Feb. 4, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Feb. 3, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

COMEDY WORKS

Jim Florentine and Jay Montepare headline, Feb. 3 and 4, 9 p.m., Best Western, 200 Wolf Road, Colonie, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., Starting Gate Restaurant, 12 Ballston Ave., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$20, day of show \$25. Information, (877) 565-3849 or 275-6897.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Making Time: Voyage to Vietnam," through Feb. 25; From the Collections," through 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 Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"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.

ARTS CENTER OF THE CAPITAL REGION

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

BROADWAY ART CENTER

"The Human Form: Undressed," Feb. 6 through March 31; "Art of the Heart/Heart of the Art," Feb. 13 through March 24; Aracde Building, 488 Broadway, Albany. Information, 489-0866.

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"The Great Rock n' Roll Picture Show," through Feb. 22, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

Michael Jackson tribute, a "Dancing with the Stars" exhibit and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

OPALKA GALLERY

"Tranquill Power: The Art of Perle Fine," through Feb. 26, Sage Colleges, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information, 292-7742.

SAMUELS

"True Grit," featuring Sue Clark's photographs of the Old West, through May 31, 258 Alplaus Ave., Alplaus, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Information, www.suephotography.com.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

"The Syracuse Mile," featuring two of the central New York's famous stock cars; plus ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

"FETCH! Lab" and "Fueling the Future," ongoing; Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

SPA FINE ART

Featuring new works by Ken Orton, 376 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-2411.

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; "Copycat: Reproducing Works of Art," through April 1; 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

JAZZ PIANIST

Seeking female singer and/or bass player for project. Information, 377-5260 or 847-6841.

BALLSTON SPA COMMUNITY BAND

Openings in several sections, especially percussion, rehearsals Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Ballston Spa High School. Information, 580-1037.

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

Women's singing group entering its 99th year, practices held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 765-4536.

THE CHORALIERS

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

ETUDE CLUB

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

6681.

CAPITALAND CHORUS

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

TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

Weekly Crossword

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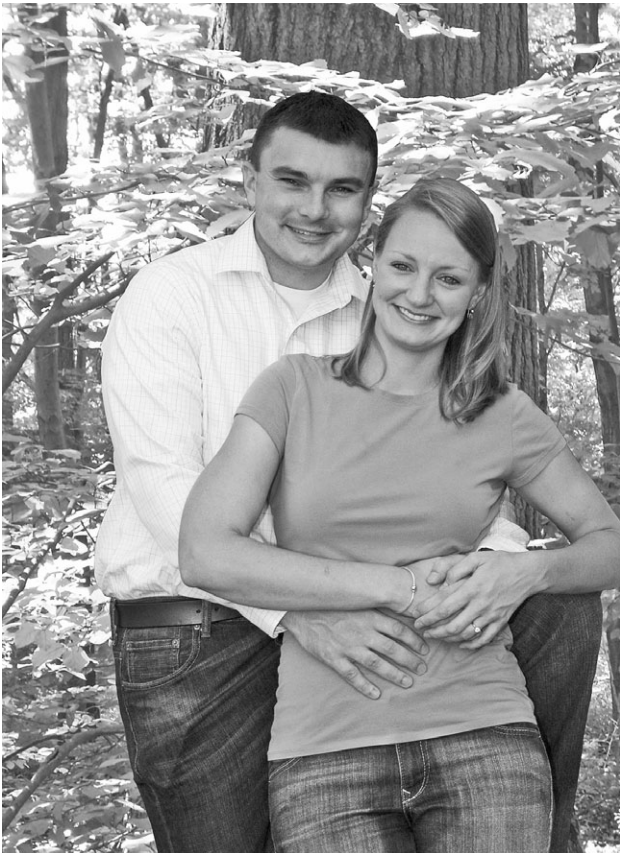
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Milestones



Erik Lowery and Jennifer Bassler

Bassler, Lowery to wed

Jennifer Bassler and Erik Lowery are pleased to announce their engagement. Jennifer is the daughter of Carol and Robert Bassler of New Windsor, Maryland. Erik is the son of Kathryn and Michael Lowery of Delmar, and is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. The future bride and groom are graduates of the University of Maryland. Jennifer holds a Masters

Degree in Public Health from George Washington University and currently works for the State Primary Care Office in Columbus, Ohio. Erik holds Masters Degrees in Business Administration and Sports Administration from Ohio University and for works IMG College at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The couple plans a May, 2012 wedding at the University of Maryland.

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Megan Heller and Joseph (CJ) Heinbach

Heller, Heinbach engaged

Joseph (Chip) and Barbara-Jean Heinbach of Loudonville, NY are proud to announce the engagement of their son Joseph (CJ) Heinbach to Megan Heller, the daughter of Susan and Stephen Heller of Penn Yan, NY.

The future bride is

a graduate of SUNY at Albany, received her Master's from Sage Graduate School; and is employed by Parson's Child and Family Center as a Clinician. Her fiance attended SUNY Plattsburgh, and graduated from SUNY Albany with a degree in

Political Science/Public Policy. CJ is employed by BulLEX Digital Safety as Business Account Executive and is a Lieutenant at the Shaker Road Loudonville Fire Department. The wedding is planned for September 2, 2012 in the Finger Lakes Region.

Spotlight on Poetry

I Have a Dream
by Alan Catlin

Fragments of
life's passages

pieces in hand
sewn cloth

Each quilt corner
represents a different
phase of Man's

elemental link
to a universal

spirit

The connective
tissues

stronger than

the binding seam's

barely visible threads

This is a timely poem for Black History Month. It is a response to a quilt created to honor Martin Luther King's life and work.

Alan Catlin, who lives in Schenectady, has published dozens of chapbooks and full-length books of prose and poetry. Among his most recent books: "Alien Nation," a collection of four chapbooks in one book from March Street Press, and "The Effects of Sunlight in the Fog" from Bright Hill Press.

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Judith W. Hanson

Judith W. Hanson, age 95, of Bloomsburg, died on January 21, 2012.

Judith was born on December 19, 1916 in Minnesota. She married James Hanson on December 23, 1946. Mrs. Hanson was employed in the Bursar's office at



the State University of New York in Albany for five years. They moved to Bloomsburg in 1976.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1996. Survivors include her children: Alice Giglio and her husband, Daniel, of Thompson Ridge, NY; James Hanson and his wife, Elizabeth, Madison, Wisconsin; and Lou Ellen Hanson, Bloomsburg; five grandchildren whom she loved dearly, Katharyn Hanson, Sara Giglio, Karl Hanson, Daniel Giglio and Kevin Giglio, brother, John Whitmore and his wife, Ava, Bloomington, Minnesota; and her nieces and nephews in Minnesota: Beth (Whitmore) and husband, Galen Slater; Sara (Whitmore) Carpenter; Lance Whitmore; Bill Whitmore; and Tim Whitmore.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from the Allen Funeral Home, Inc., Bloomsburg. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, at 10 a.m. from St. Columba Catholic Church, Third Street in Bloomsburg. Judith will be laid to rest in Minnesota. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contribution be made to: The Bloomsburg Food Cupboard, P.O. Box 829, Bloomsburg, PA 17815. For those unable to personally attend, online condolences and an expanded obituary are available at Allen-FuneralHome.com



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Wards

(From Page 1)

“In the course of my election, I don’t remember a single person talking to me of the need to split the town into wards,” said Councilman Jeffery Kuhn in an interview after the meeting. “I don’t know why we would do it. I think there are some compelling reasons why it isn’t a good idea.”

Kuhn said as a board member, he feels responsible for oversight of the entire town and not just one portion of it. Kotary said he feels the same way.

“Personally, I disagree with (the proposal). I think it would create a more disjointed and divisive form of government,” he said.

Clarkson, however, thinks the issue should be researched since he heard during his campaigning that residents on the outskirts of town often feel underrepresented. He said he feels the system is an interesting option with “many advantages but potentially some disadvantages, too.”

“What I want to see is a good study of its potential from a citizen’s group, as well as a lot

of public discussion and input. After that process, there should be ample information to either support or not support holding a public referendum,” he said.

Kotary said he does his best to regularly be seen in every part of the town and if certain residents are disenfranchised or unheard, they should “speak louder to let us know what we can do to better serve you.”

According to Kuhn, only about 1 percent or fewer of towns in New York use the ward system of government, and none of them are in the Capital District.

The system calls for the town to be split into four or six wards of equal population, to be drawn by the Board of Elections. Under the state law for towns, this issue could go to a public referendum either through an action of the Town Board or by citizens collecting enough signatures to force a vote.

Clarkson said whether the ward system is implemented or not, he plans to hold several neighborhood forums with topical presentations from town staff, himself and other board members who wish to attend. The forums would start in areas like Selkirk and Glenmont, with residents being given the chance to speak

on topics they feel are important. The Governance Committee may also research the potential of lengthening the term of supervisor from two to four years. This proposal was brought up by the town’s 20/20 Committee last year along with the idea of making three elected offices appointed positions, but after a public vetting the board voted 3-2 not to advance any of the measures.

Kuhn said he sees the advantages of extending the supervisor’s term.

“I think this is something I would probably support, given the committee’s findings,” he said. “My concern is when you have a supervisor with a short term, I’m not sure if he or she has significant time to effectuate their agenda, and almost immediately have to thinking about reelection. It seems weird to have the executive of a town have a shorter term than its legislators.”

Kotary said if the committee is looking into lengthening the term for the supervisor position, he would like the same research done for the positions of highway superintendent and town clerk, which also have two-year terms.

In addition to the committees already on the agenda, Kotary

proposed a Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, an Economic Development Committee and a Communications Committee that would bring together the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board and IDA at certain points throughout the year to keep each other in the loop.

“We have had other boards make decisions the Town Board didn’t necessarily agree with, and might not have happened if we knew what was going on,” he said. “Sometimes other boards see things at a micro level without seeing big picture.”

Dawson mentioned that before additional committees are established, the board should research conclusions drawn by similar citizen’s groups of the past to prevent too much overlap and to save time.

The Town Board said it is also looking to fill two open positions on the town’s Industrial Development Agency. Chairman Frank Veneiza said the IDA is looking for someone with financial experience and who has the time “to do a lot of reading.”

Those looking to be appointed to the IDA also have until before the next town meeting to submit a resume.

Workshop looks at good service

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will present “A Passion for Service” on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Comfort Inn in Glenmont.

The workshop will help businesses reach the next level of service excellence and create lifetime loyal customers.

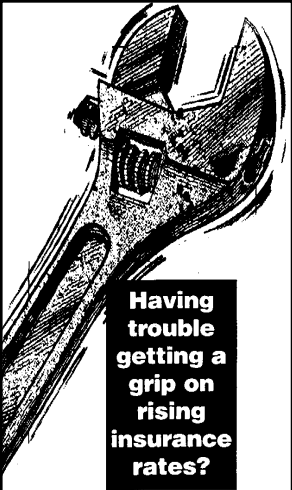
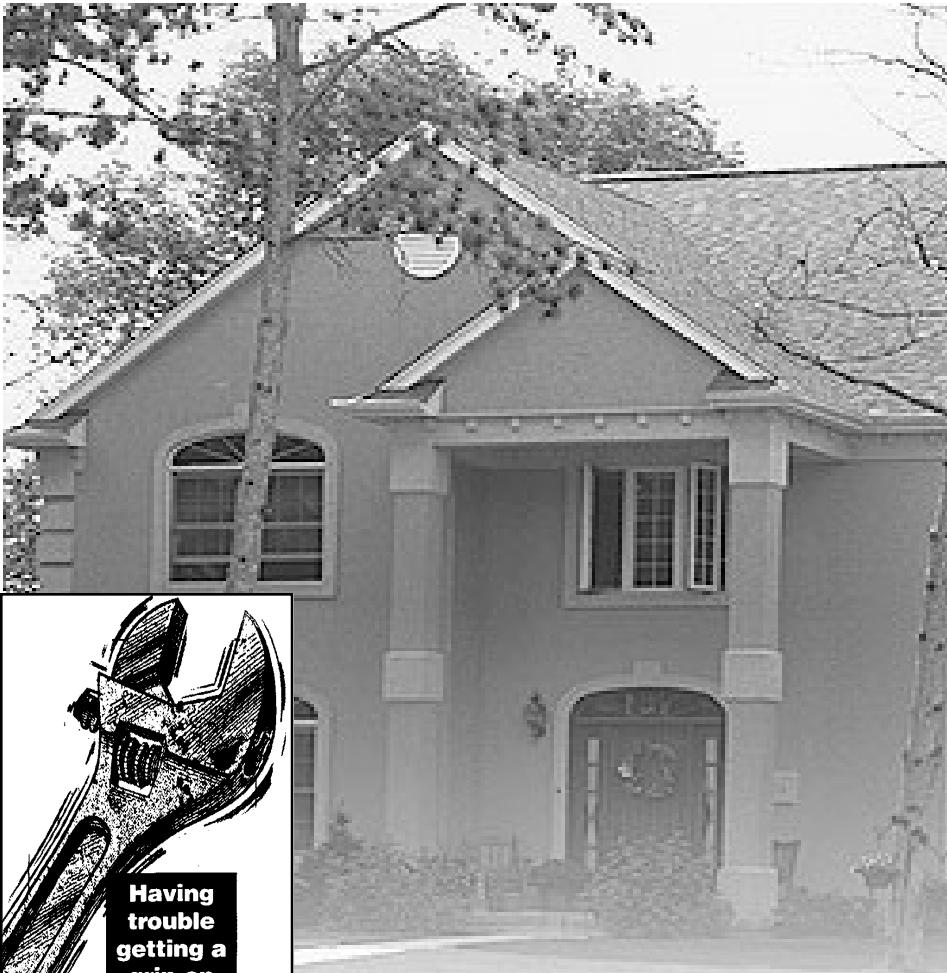
The workshop schedule is as follows:

- 8 a.m.: Registration opens
- 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Morning session
- 12:30 p.m.: Registration opens
- 1 to 4 p.m.: Afternoon repeat session

The workshop will be held at the Comfort Inn, 37 Route 9W, Glenmont. Early registration (until Feb. 2 is \$89 for members, \$79 member, 5+. After that, it’s \$99 for members, \$89 members, 5+ and \$199 for non-members.

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Dionysians to stage ‘Horrors’

The Voorheesville Dionysians are pleased to announce that on March 30, 31 and April 1, they will be presenting Little Shop of Horrors in the Lydia Tobler Performing Arts Center at Voorheesville High school.

The Voorheesville Dionysians, the high school drama club, is a self-sustaining club. The school pays for the cost of an advisor and director, all other expenses are paid for by funds that the club raises on its own. These expenses include paying for the rights to the show, paying the musicians, the conductor, the choreographer, paying for set materials, costumes and various other expenses.

The club raises money through fundraisers and ticket sales, but this only covers part of the expenses, which can run into thousands of dollars. For example, the rental of the puppet for this year’s show costs several thousand dollars. As a way of helping to pay the expenses, the club also sells ads in the Playbill and looks for sponsors to help underwrite costs.

Businesses can help by buying an ad in the Playbill or by becoming a sponsor. Ads for businesses or individuals may be purchased at \$35 for a ¼-page ad, \$60 for a ½-page and \$125 for a full page.

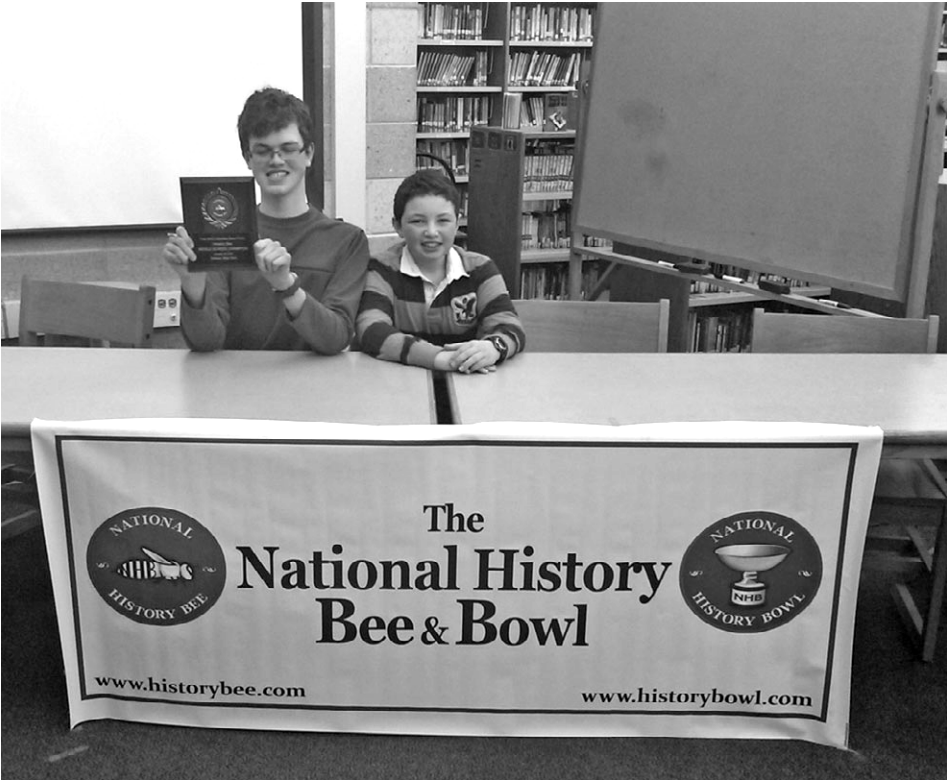
As an alternative to ads, there are also offering corporate and individual sponsorships. Sponsorships are offered at four levels. All sponsors will be listed in the Playbill, as well as on signs in the theater lobby.

If you have any questions, contact Portia Hubert at phubert@voorheesville.org.

Voorheesville: Railroad Town

“Voorheesville - the Ties that Bind – forging community in a 19th century railroad town,” a presentation by Voorheesville Village Historian and author, Dennis Sullivan, will be the program at the New Scotland Historical Association on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

A history of success



Bethlehem Central Middle School student Eric Wolfsberg, left, won the Regional History Bee on Thursday, Jan. 26. The National History Bee for upstate New York was held at the Bethlehem Middle School this year. Representatives from middle schools all over upstate New York competed for a chance to win a spot at the National Championships in Washington, D.C. BCMS’s own Eric Wolfsberg was the overall winner, with Justin Cohen (pictured right) placing third. Wolsberg will be representing Upstate New York in the National History Bee, which will be televised on History Channel in May, and has an opportunity to win \$50,000 in scholarship money.

Submitted photo

Dennis Sullivan is a poet who lives with his wife Georgia Gray in the oldest house in the incorporated Village of Voorheesville. He has advanced degrees in Greek and Latin as well as a Masters and PhD in criminal justice. He has taught every level of student from kindergarten to seventh-year PhD. He has written on local history, colonial history, as well as restorative justice and other forms of non-violent conflict resolution.

Sullivan has written many books, and his book on Voorheesville is titled “Voorheesville, New York: A sketch of the beginning of a 19th century railroad town.”

The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 765-3125. The Museum is open 30 minutes before the program, and features the 40th Anniversary of the New Scotland Historical Association.

Second Milers to meet

The Second Milers meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8, will feature a talk by Judge W. Dennis Duggan titled “Abraham

Lincoln Visits Albany.” The meeting will start at noon at the Normanside Country Club.

A club for retired men of the Bethlehem area, the Second Milers get together on the second Wednesday of each month for luncheon, fellowship and a short presentation by a local speaker or musical group. On March 14, Will Vail, Ron Tweedy, and the Bethlehem Bosuns will enliven the meeting with a program of sea chanteys. New members are always welcome. There are no dues and the only financial obligation is that everyone pays for his own lunch. For further information or a reservation, please contact John Alden at 475-1864 or Bob Mulligan at 439-3802.

Support program for caregivers

Catholic Charities Caregivers Support Services is launching a 2012 program to connect new caregivers with supportive, knowledgeable and experienced peers who have been through the caregiving role before. This new program is in

search of people who would like to reach out and help others who are new to caregiving.

Volunteer mentors of Catholic Charities Caregivers Support Services provide guidance to someone who is either raising a relative’s child or taking care of a frail family member or friend. Volunteers typically communicate with individual caregivers by phone and join the Catholic Charities Caregiver staff on a monthly basis to share and learn. The time commitment won’t be more than 10 hours per month, unless a larger commitment is desired.

Due to high emotional, physical, and financial responsibilities, caregivers are prone to burnout when lacking adequate support.

The program is dedicated to the principle that through support we can empower caregivers to alleviate some life stressors. Catholic Charities serves and empowers persons in need regardless of race, creed, or lifestyle.

Those interested in becoming a mentor or who would like to learn more about the program,

contact Lauren at 449-2001 or email intern1@ccalbany.org.

New orientation training for mentors is being scheduled soon. For more information, visit www.cccaregivers.org.

Button Club to meet

The Half Moon Button Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The topic will be “Making a Button Flower Basket”. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call Kathy at 393-3156.

Birding for kids at Five Rivers

A children’s introduction to birds and bird life will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m.

At this indoor/outdoor program, Center naturalists will discuss concepts in bird anatomy, behavior, identification and conservation which parent and child can build upon in their own yard or park. Participants will study birds at the Center’s feeders from indoors then venture out along Center trails for a little field work. Simple, but effective backyard bird conservation strategies will be discussed.

This program is free of charge, but enrollment is limited. Parents and children must accompany each other. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity. In the event of unfavorable weather, the entire workshop will be conducted indoors. Please call 475-0291 by Wednesday, February 15 to register or for more information.

Special Old Songs guest

Champion fiddler Hanneke Cassel will perform with her trio on Saturday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. at Old Songs, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, NY. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children

ages 12 and under and may be purchased at the door or by calling Old Songs at (518) 765-2815.

Parks service seeks guides

If you like trains and history, please come to a National Park Service volunteer recruiting session on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. in the Erie Canalway/Peebles Island Visitor Center at 1 Delaware Ave., Cohoes, or on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 1 p.m. at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites at 4097 Albany Post Road in Hyde Park.

Email or call Volunteer Manager Joe LaLumia at nytrailsandrails@gmail.com 573.8628 to reserve your seat and learn more about this exciting volunteer opportunity. Also, please visit the National Park Service Trails and Rails website at: www.nps.gov/findapark/trailsandrails.htm

Volunteers are provided uniforms and training on the history of the area, then are scheduled aboard the Adirondack or Maple Leaf trains to present various educational programs about the significant examples of the natural, cultural and historical resources of each route.

Three national parks represented along the train routes are Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, Saratoga National Historical Park (the Battlefield) and Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. To find out more about these parks and programs call Gina Johnson at 664.9821 ext 227 or email at gina_johnson@nps.gov.

Church holds Mardi Gras meal

The New Baltimore Reformed Church, located at the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet will once again host their “Fat Tuesday” Mardi Gras Celebration featuring all you can eat pancakes, homemade sausage, real maple syrup, coffee, tea, milk and juice.

This will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 4:30 to 7 p.m., continuous serving. The cost will be \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for children 9 and under.

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Notice of Formation of ON PATH 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) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of formation Aysaar LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed 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) February 1, 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) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 the law. 78459 (D) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: CJMJ LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY)

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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) February 1, 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) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BOXAURANT, 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) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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, Al-

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bany, New York 12203. The LLC is organized for the purpose of a restaurant/bar and any other lawful business. 78641 (D) February 1, 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) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) February 1, 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 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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 2012)

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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. 78662 (D) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 2012)

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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 desig-

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nated 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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 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 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 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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 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) February 1, 2012)

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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) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of SIO Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/9/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Lemery Greisler LLC, 60 Railroad Place, Ste. 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: any lawful activity. 78899 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Indoor Direct, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/12. Fictitious name in NY State: Indoor Direct I, LLC. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/18/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: Capitol Services, Inc., 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. 78900 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Maps

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is illegal and unconstitutional.” Breslin previously represented all of Albany County, but the proposed redistricting eliminates the towns of Bethlehem, Colonie and the City of Albany and adds portions of Schenectady, Montgomery, Greene and Ulster counties.

“The constitution tries to protect counties and not have them cut up and Albany County has never been represented by other than one senator, and there’s one government here, and the population in Albany is consistent with one senate district,” said Breslin, adding that based

on his hometown he would now be representing half of Albany County and half of Rennsselaer County.

Breslin said the district is “probably more of a democratic district,” so he “should be happy,” but he’s not.

“The process is illegal and we should draw districts for the population, not for the elected officials,” said Breslin.

Bill Mahoney, research coordinator for New York Public Interest Research Group, echoed Breslin’s sentiments.

“(The maps) are definitely drawn to protect incumbents rather than represent the people,” said Mahoney. “One of the big things they do is in the Senate, which is controlled by Republicans,

puts many more people in the districts in New York City which is a very Democratic part of the state. In upstate, which has more Republicans ... there are fewer people in each district so it creates more districts that swing their way.”

Mahoney said the exact opposite holds true in the Assembly, which is Democrat controlled.

“They build up their strengths downstate more than it should be and make upstate lack the representation it deserves,” said Mahoney.

The proposed redistricting maps can be drawn up every 10 years during a census to accommodate population shifts. The LATFOR consists of six members

but the party controlling the Assembly or Senate chamber generally has control of the redistricting for that body. This year’s maps contain what some longtime legislators believe to be the most extreme examples of gerrymandering they’ve ever seen.

“This is my fourth redistricting. ... This is the most change that I’ve ever had,” said Sen. Hugh Farley, R-Glenville, who represents the 44th. “I’m going to end up with one of the largest districts in the state.”

Farley is losing Montgomery County, Rotterdam, Duanesburg and Princetown and picking up more of Saratoga County and some of Herkimer and

Hamilton counties. He said he’s “familiar” with the new territory and that it’s quite Republican, but it would be sad to say goodbye to some towns he’s represented for 36 years.

“It’s always hard to lose good friends like that,” said Farley.

Assemblyman James Tedisco, R-Glenville, of the 110th Assembly district also saw quite a bit of change to his territory, losing all of Saratoga County.

“This is my fourth redistricting I’ve been through. It’s always a bit disconcerting; there’s a lot of anxiety when you represent a specific district like the City of Niskayuna and build up some great relationships, friendships and constituents,” said

Tedisco. “I’ve done that and certainly I’ll miss that if this comes to fruition.”

His proposed new district would suit him just fine, though.

“If I had to move, I can’t think of any greater towns than Providence, Clifton Park and Halfmoon,” said Tedisco. “Wherever I am, I’m going to be a strong, powerful voice to stand up to the special interests that in many instances didn’t have the best interests of constituents at heart.”

The changes put forth by the LATFOR may end up being little more than a starting point. Gov. Andrew Cuomo has threatened to veto the plans, saying they are partisan, which would send the process into the courts.

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Notice of Formation PJ Real Estate Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/11/2012. 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. 78904 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Fountain Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/11/2012. 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. 78905 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation M & G Travel LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/18/2012. 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. 79001 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of UNITED WEB SOLUTION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/6/12. 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. 79002 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of EASTWOOD TRADING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/10/12. 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. 79003 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of UNITED KITCHEN & VENTILATION LLC. Arts. of Org.

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was filed with SSNY on 1/17/12. 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. 79004 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of ALDERTON REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/13/12. 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. 79005 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of MICDEE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/18/12. 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. 79006 (D) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BARRERA HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/11/12. 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. 79007 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT BROADWAY VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/10/12. 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. 79008 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of USA TAX PREP PLUS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/9/12. 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. 79009 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Coeymans Recycling Center, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 6, 2012. Office location is in Albany County. The 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 494 Western Turnpike, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 79010 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Theodoraki LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/19/2012. 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. 79012 (D) February 1, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Dean Investments Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/12/12. 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, 60 Chimney Ridge Dr., Morristown, NJ 07960. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 79015 (D) February 1, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.) The name of the LP is Guilderland Partners of Albany, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/12/2012. The

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purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served and a copy shall be mailed to 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. 79016 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of BSC Administration LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/11. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1400 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 400, Houston, TX 77056. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79017 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Eni USA Gas Marketing LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/25/05. 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. 79018 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Phoenix Healthcare LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/18/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 6/15/09. 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. FL address of LLC: 610 Sycamore St., Ste. 240, Celebration, FL 34747. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, PO Box 6327, Tallahassee, FL 32314. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79019 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of HEALTHY GENERATION GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/19/12. 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. 79020 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of HOUNDSTOOTH BY SPOT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/19/12. 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. 79021 (D) February 1, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CATALYST GLOBAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/20/12. 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. 79022 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of MIM-IMIMOSA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/20/12. 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. 79023 (D) February 1, 2012)

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Eagles fall to Blue Bison

Shaker scores 17 points in final eight minutes

Shaker used a big fourth quarter to pull out a 54-48 victory over Bethlehem in last Friday's Suburban Council boys basketball game in Delmar.

The Blue Bison (9-2 league, 10-3 overall) outscored the Eagles 17-8 over the final eight minutes to earn the cross-divisional win.

Casey Hall returned to Shaker's lineup and scored 13 points to lead the way. Hall had been out since the pre-season with a broken wrist.

David Morrison also scored 13 points, and Chinalu Abara added eight points for the Blue Bison.

Casey McGraw netted 12 points for Bethlehem (8-3, 8-5).

Bethlehem's loss allowed Guilderland (9-2, 11-2) to move into sole

possession of first place in the Suburban Council South Division following its 60-38 victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake last Friday in Burnt Hills.

The Dutchmen scored only 22 points in the first half, but it was enough for them to build a 10-point halftime lead against the Spartans (4-7, 4-9). Guilderland then broke the game open by going on a 22-12 run in the third quarter.

Cameron Dobbs turned in another monster performance for the Dutchmen with a 22-point night. Matt Cerutti contributed nine points, and Brian Crupi and Alex Gaines each added eight points.

Robert Knightes and Austin Nydeggar netted 12 points apiece for BH-BL.

Elsewhere last Friday, Cohoes defeated Voorheesville 69-62 and Watervliet downed Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 77-43 in Colonial Council games.

Voorheesville (4-5, 7-6) led Cohoes by six points entering the fourth quarter, but the Tigers turned the tide by scoring 27 points over the final eight minutes.

Eli Newsome led Cohoes' charge with 23 points. Nate Monson chipped in with 19 points, and Brandon LaForest added 13 points for the Tigers (7-2, 9-4).

Russ Daly's 17 points paced Voorheesville. Noah Crawford contributed 13 points, and Logan Hotaling added 10 points.

RCS (4-5, 7-6) tried to hang in with league-leading Watervliet, but the Cannoneers (9-0, 12-1) broke the game open by outscoring the visiting Indians 46-17 over the second and third quarters.

Antoine Johnson had 18 points, Jordan Gleason pumped in 14 points and Tyler McLeod added 12 points for Watervliet. Josh Hall netted 11 points for RCS.

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1,600: 1. Spencer Patterson (Sara) 4:31.33; 2. Jon Holmes (Col) 4:31.67; 3. Jay Navin (Sara) 4:32.35
3,200: 1. Jonathan Moore (Sara) 9:57.86; 2. Ben Fishbein (BC) 10:01.20; 3. Joe Chapman (BH-BL) 10:08.92

55 hurdles: 1. Jake Alviene (Clmb) 7.96; 2. Kevin Otty (AP) 8.10; 3. Jeremy Hoffman (Col) 8.39
800 relay: 1. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 1:38.49; 2. Columbia 1:39.34; 3. Shaker 1:40.22

1,600 relay: 1. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 3:40.44; 2. Shaker 3:41.74; 3. Bethlehem 3:43.64

3,200 relay: 1. Shenendehowa 8:30.74; 2. Niskayuna 8:38.33; 3. Saratoga 8:40.91
High jump: 1. Adrian Bergere (BC) 6-2; 2. Jake Abbuhl (BC) 6-0; 2. Drew Duguid (BC) 6-0

Pole vault: 1. Tim Hartwell (Sara) 13-6; 2. Phil Charbonneau (Shen) 13-0; 3. Connor Brant (Sha) 13-0

Long jump: 1. Franklin Abban (Sha) 22-1.5; 2. Justice Ramsay (Sha) 21-4; 3. Jayson Gayle (Col) 21-3.75
Triple jump: 1. Franklin

Abban (Sha) 46-4; 2. Jordan Crump-King (Sha) 40-11.5; 3. Ian Williams (Col) 40-10
Shot put: 1. Mark Thomas (Shen) 49-7.25; 2. Brendan Behan (BC) 48-10; 3. Scott Kasson (Sara) 44-10

Girls

Team standings: Saratoga 103, Colonie 77, Shaker 69, Shenendehowa 57, Bethlehem 53, Columbia 30, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 23, Niskayuna 17, Guilderland 14, Ballston Spa 12, Mohonasen 6, Averill Park 4

55-meter dash: 1. Ellery Bianco (Sara) 7.51; 2. Arnelle Thomas (BC) 7.53; 3. Jaimee Walters (Col) 7.67

300 dash: 1. Kyle Plante (Col) 40.86; 2. Kristen Hayes (Sha) 42.73; 3. Victoria Engvold (Nis) 43.17

600: 1. Kailyn Balzano (Clmb) 1:41.07; 2. Kayleigh Lavender (Sha) 1:41.74; 3. Kirsten Kaminski (Col) 1:42.93

1,000: 1. Taylor Driscoll (Sara) 3:00.28; 2. Danika Jensen (BC) 3:02.55; 3. Schuyler Pruyn (BH-BL) 3:03.55

1,500: 1. Estela Smith (Sara) 4:50.91; 2. Taylor Driscoll (Sara) 4:53.67; 3. Katie Treichel (Sara) 4:55.85

3,000: 1. Maggi Szpak (Sara) 10:29.21; 2. Keelin Hollowood (Sara) 10:42.88; 3. Katie Treichel (Sara) 10:54.02

55 hurdles: 1. Kyle Plante (Col) 8.40; 2. Dejana Harris (Guild) 8.81; 3. Jackie Kearney (BC) 9.03

800 relay: 1. Shaker 1:52.09; 2. Shenendehowa 1:52.54; 3. Bethlehem 1:52.65

1,600 relay: 1. Colonie 4:08.89; 2. Shaker 4:14.14; 3. Bethlehem 4:19.01

3,200 relay: 1. Saratoga 9:47.42; 2. Colonie 9:50.67; 3. Columbia 9:54.67

High jump: 1. Anna Bertrand (BS) 5-2; 2. Hannah Madison (Sha) 5-2; 3. Cassidy Smith (BC) 5-0

Pole vault: 1. Kara Snyder (Col) 10-9; 2. Maddesen Weekes (Shen) 10-6; 3. Kendra Lizotte (Guild) 9-6

Long jump: 1. Cassidy Keane (Col) 17-3.75; 2. Emily VanDenburgh (Sha) 16-11.5; 3. Sarah Osaheni (Shen) 16-6.5

Triple jump: 1. Sarah Osaheni (Shen) 35-9.5; 2. Eva Kiehl (Clmb) 35-5.25; 3. Danielle McLean (Sha) 35-0

Shot put: 1. Cheila Alysha Diao (Sha) 35-4; 2. Lundy Spinner (Shen) 34-6; 3. Keyla Richardson (Mohon) 33-11.75

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Albany native and Philadelphia Eagles running back Dion Lewis signs autographs in the Colonie Central High School gymnasium lobby during the third quarter of last Friday's Suburban Council boys basketball game between Colonie and Ballston Spa. Lewis was helping to raise money for the family of Lewie Perkinson, a Colonie High School student who is recovering in the hospital after having a cancerous tumor removed from his brain last month. Robert Goo/Spotlight

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that Lewis took a personal interest in Perkinson's plight wasn't lost on the Perkinson family.

"It was really nice of him to put himself out there like that," said Allyssa Perkinson, Lewie's older sister.

Nicks had the perfect excuse not to appear at the Center for Disabilities Telethon. He and the rest of the New York Giants are preparing to face the New England Patriots in this weekend's Super Bowl in Indianapolis. But thanks to a scheduled day off for the whole team, Nicks had the chance to take the short flight between New Jersey and Albany to appear with Chamberlain.

"It really didn't take much," said JR Rickert, a Niskayuna resident and Nicks' agent. "My partner, Peter Schaffer, and I talked to him earlier in the week about coming up, and he was excited to help."

Chamberlain was in the middle of some important business himself. The popular Yankees relief pitcher was in Florida rehabilitating his pitching elbow following Tommy John surgery last summer that kept him on the shelf through the Bronx Bombers' push to the American League East title.

Chamberlain couldn't help but marvel at the number of people who waited several hours at the Holiday Inn to get autographs from him and Nicks at \$25 a pop.

"It's a humbling experience to see people take the time the day before going to work to come here," said Chamberlain.

As Chamberlain soon discovered, though, more people were interested in getting Nicks' autograph than his autograph, judging from the number of local sports fans wearing New York Giants' gear. Still, that didn't wipe the smile off the reliever's face. After all, he doesn't take his job too seriously.

"You have to look at it as you get to do something you love and let people escape their problems for a few hours," said Chamberlain.

And it's a job that allows athletes such as Chamberlain, Nicks and Lewis the opportunity to give back to others that need assistance.

"Everybody is blessed with different things in their lives," said Nicks. "You can look and count your blessings and realize that everyone is blessed in their own way."

Hopefully, more pro athletes will follow in the footsteps made by Nicks, Chamberlain and Lewis as they came through our region last weekend to help others.

V'ville girls earn key league win

The Voorheesville girls basketball team capped a special day of Colonial Council action by beating Cohoes 47-45 last Saturday.

The Blackbirds (9-2 league, 10-3 overall) overcame a 24-17 halftime deficit by outscoring the Tigers 17-7 in the third quarter. Cohoes rallied several times in the fourth quarter before Voorheesville prevailed.

Anna Feller led the way with 22 points, and Jennifer Cillis added 10 points for Voorheesville. Roxanne

Gibbs' 14 points paced Cohoes (8-3, 9-4).

Six league games were contested at Voorheesville as part of Coaches vs. Cancer, which raised money for the American Cancer Society.

In one of the five other games contested at Voorheesville, Watervliet improved its record to 11-0 in the Colonial Council and 13-0 overall with a 51-26 victory over Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk.

The Indians (7-4, 8-5)

kept the game close through the first half, but the Cannoneers broke it open with a 19-8 third-quarter run.

Ailayla Demand had 14 points, and Mikayla De-Guire chipped in with 12 points for Watervliet, which entered the game ranked No. 1 in New York among Class B teams. Sam Randio led RCS with 12 points.

In the other games at Voorheesville, Ichabod Crane defeated Albany Academy 53-36, Mechan-

icville handled Cobleskill 55-36, Fonda beat Lansingburgh 52-45 and Holy Names downed Schalmont 53-39.

Voorheesville and RCS returned to action Tuesday. The Blackbirds hosted Watervliet, while the Indians traveled to Mechanicville.

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Sports in the Spotlight

Pro athletes show their humanitarian side



New York Giants wide receiver Hakeem Nicks, left, and New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain speak at a press conference prior to Sunday's Center for Disabilities Telethon at the Holiday Inn in Colonie. The two pro athletes were in town to sign autographs as part of the Albany facility's annual fundraiser.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

For all the self-destructive, egomaniacal activities that some professional athletes engage in, there are those who are eager to lend a helping hand to others.

From the

Sports Desk

Rob Jonas

The Capital District saw two such selfless acts last weekend as New York Giants wide receiver Hakeem Nicks, New York Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain and Philadelphia Eagles running back Dion Lewis participated in a pair of fundraisers.

Nicks and Chamberlain appeared at Sunday's Center for Disabilities Telethon at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Colonie where they signed autographs for three hours to help raise money for the Albany facility.

"Any time I get a chance to help out in something like this, I like to do it," said Nicks during a pre-telethon press conference.

Lewis – an Albany native – was at Colonie Central High School last Friday to help the school raise money for the family of Lewie Perkinson, who is recovering from last month's surgery to remove a cancerous brain tumor.

"My former (Colonie) pee wee (football) coach told me about the situation, and I wanted to help out," said Lewis.

Lewis signed autographs and posed for pictures with fans for more than 30 minutes during the second half of last Friday's Suburban Council boys basketball game between Colonie and Ballston Spa. The fact

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Eagles sweep high jump

Bergere, Carpinello win individual titles

Shaker won the boys team title, and Saratoga Springs finished first among all girls teams at Friday's Suburban Council Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University at Albany.

Shaker racked up 105.5 points to easily outdistance the field for the boys' title. Bethlehem was second with 75 points, and Saratoga placed third with 65 points.

Bethlehem was aided by a sweep in the boys high jump. Adrian Bergere took first place by clearing the bar at 6 feet, 2 inches, while Jake Abbuhl and Drew Duguid tied for second place after clearing 6 feet in the same number of attempts.

Bethlehem's Luke Carpinello and Guilderland's Nico Turek also won individual events. Carpinello finished first in the 1,000-meter race with a time of 2:36.43, while Turek won the 600-meter race with a time of 1:27.54.

Saratoga claimed the girls' team title with 103 points. Colonie placed second with 77 points, and Shaker finished third with 69 points.

Arnelle Thomas and Danika Jensen each had second-place finishes for

Bethlehem, which placed fifth in the team standings. Thomas was edged at the finish line by Saratoga's Ellery Bianco by .02 seconds in the 55-meter dash finals, while Jensen was the runner-up to Saratoga's Taylor Driscoll in the 1,000-meter race.

Guilderland's Dejana Harris was second to Colonie's Kyle Plante in the girls 55-meter hurdles finals. Plante won with a time of 8.40 seconds, while Harris finished with a time of 8.81 seconds. Bethlehem's Jackie Kearney was third with a time of 9.03 seconds.

Boys

Team standings: Shaker 105.5, Bethlehem 75, Saratoga 65, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 49, Colonie 48, Shenendehowa 47, Columbia 28, Niskayuna 18, Guilderland 14, Averill Park 12, Mohonasen 3.5

55-meter dash: 1. Kenny Mathieu (Clmb) 6.72; 2. Jared Allen (Shen) 6.74; 3. Jayson Gayle (Col) 6.87

300 dash: 1. Joe Carr (BH-BL) 37.13; 2. Matt Crawford (BC) 38.02; 3. Robert Smith (Sha) 38.07

600: 1. Nico Turek (Guild) 1:27.54; 2. Daniel Phillips (Sha) 1:28.90; 3. Will Marois (Shen) 1:29.88

1,000: 1. Luke Carpinello (BC) 2:36.43; 2. Ethan Hausamann (Sha) 2:37.35; 3. Jon Vallecorsa (Sha) 2:39.07

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Lainhart leads Dutch

Lightweight places second at Big 10 invy

The Guilderland wrestling team placed sixth at last Saturday's Big 10 Invitational at Albany High School.

Two Dutchmen placed in the top four of their weight classes to help Guilderland finish in the top third of the 18-team field with 97 points. New Rochelle took the team title with 186 points, 12.5 points ahead of runner-up Amsterdam and 13 points ahead of third-place Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake.

Mike Lainhart led Guilderland with a second-place finish in the 105-pound weight class. Lainhart reached the finals before losing to Pine Bush's John Stramiello 9-4.

Josh LoGuidice picked up a third-place finish for the Dutchmen in the 99-pound division after receiving a forfeit in the consolation bracket final.

In other weekend wrestling action, Voorheesville competed at the Ken Baker Classic last Saturday at Hoosick Falls.

Quinn Treadgold (132 pounds) and Don Case (285) each had second-place finishes for the Blackbirds after losing their championship bouts. Tristan Welton (99) added a third-place performance.

Voorheesville took 10th place in the team standings with 40 points.



Guilderland's Mike Lainhart (right) picks up Pine Bush's John Stramiello during the 106-pound division championship match at last Saturday's Big 10 Invitational at Albany High School. Stramiello defeated Lainhart 9-4.

Justin Cummings/Spotlight