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# Orchestra heading to Asia

Students in the Empire State Youth Orchestra are preparing to travel to Asia this summer to perform.

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Michael Eck and Tom Layton will perform music from Abraham Lincoln's life at the Guilderland Public Library on Sunday, Feb. 12.

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# Post office decision on hold

Postal Service to re-evaluate closure; sheriff weighs in

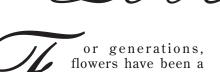
> By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

The proposed closure of the Clarksville Post Office is being reevaluated after a recent decision by the Postal Regulatory Commission found the Postal Service did not adequately consider the concerns of local residents.

The Postal Service informed residents of the proposal to close the post office last May, and the official decision to close the Clarksville office was made in August. Soon after, local lawyer Peter Henner filed an appeal on behalf of himself and others within the community. The closure was called "arbitrary, capricious and an abuse of discretion," in the petition.

Henner argued the Postal Service failed to meet its obligations to consider the closing of the post office on the Clarksville community, and its only basis for the closure was the location's failure to be self sustaining. The USPS cannot close a facility on that reason alone.

While the closure was still being discussed, USPS spokeswoman Maureen Marion told *The Spotlight* the Clarksville office sees very little business.



or generations, flowers have been a symbol synonymous with love and devotion.

King Charles II in the 17th century first introduced Sweden to the "Language of Flowers," a study deriving from Persia that designates a special meaning to each variety of flower and even blossoms of particular colors. In later years, Victorian-era beaus communicated with their loved ones using the special language through single flowers or bouquets.

According to floriography, a white lily symbolize purity, lavender can mean mistrust, a

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Katie Pietrykowski, floral designer at Delmar Florist in Bethlehem, makes preparations for a busy Valentine's Day. Marcy Velte/Spotlight

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# PTA eyes new playground

Parents say existing structure needs work, is outdated

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Members of the Elsmere Elementary School PTA have put together a proposal to purchase and construct a new playground for the school.

Playground Committee Co-Vice Presidents Amy Cohen and Robyn Holstein have been working on the proposal since September, when they volunteered to take on the project. The pair presented the plan at a PTA meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 31, and asked for feedback and comments from parents.

"I think the most important goals for the new playground would be making sure we are maintaining the safety of the playground for our children," said Holstein.

The PTA plans to look into making repairs to the existing playground structures, but Cohen and Holstien said most playgrounds are guaranteed for



The current Elsmere Elementary playground. Marcy Velte/Spotlight

20 to 25 years. Portions of Elsmere's playground were installed in 1992, so upgrades will likely need to be performed within the next five years.

"We thought 'Are we just going to slap another coat of paint on or are we going to actually take the

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"The retail window in Clarksville averaged 31 transactions a day, which averaged to be about 31 minutes of work," Marion said. "When you have an office that is staffed for eight hours a day, 31 minutes is a really difficult thing to balance as appropriate."

The Postal Service said its reasons for closing the branch included the postmaster's retirement in March, a variety of other retail and delivery options in the area, "very little projected growth in the area" and minimal impact on the Town of New Scotland.

Henner counters there are numerous commercial and residential properties in the town that would be affected.

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Hoffman's Car Wash and Jiffy Lubes returns to business on Friday, Feb. 3, after an erosion scare.

# Hoffman's Car Wash reopens

# Business closes amid fears of land erosion

# By MARCY VELLE veltem@spotlightnews.com

After a week of being closed by town officials amid fears of land erosion on the property, Hoffman's Car Wash and Jiffy Lube reopened on Friday, Feb. 3.

Town Supervisor John Clarkson said members of the New York State Geological Survey initially identified the problem while doing work around town nearly two weeks ago. Bethlehem officials were then notified and an engineering firm then confirmed the slope behind the Hoffman building could potentially cause problems in the future.

"We closed it to be sure it was safe for the public," said Clarkson. "We wanted to make sure it was nothing serious." The business was closed later in the day on Friday, Jan. 27.

In May of 2000, a produce stand next to Hoffman's slipped off the back of the site during a mudslide. Clarkson said the town wanted to be sure a similar or larger incident would not happen.

Bethlehem officials contacted the state Department of Transportation, National Grid and the City of Albany to perform their own inspections of the property, and they all determined there was no danger. The state DOT maintains the portion of Delaware Avenue, while the City has water lines on the property and National Grid has power and gas lines nearby, according to

Clarkson.

Hoffman's President Ron Slone hired his own engineers to study the erosion next, and they felt there was no immediate risk to the building.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

After a meeting with the town on Monday morning, the business was reopened.

Slone said engineers hired by Hoffman are now working with the town to plan a repair schedule. The slope will most likely need to be cut back and regraded. Engineers have put in place equipment to monitor erosion over the next month, and then a plan will be finalized.

"Right now we're very happy to be open and employees are happy to be back at work," he said.

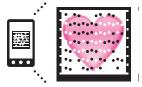
According to Slone, repairs should start by early spring and be finished by July.



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# **Guilderland salon caters to kids**

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challenging experience

- Snip-Its founder Joanna Meiseles

She too was looking for a

unique hair care experience for

her young children, but could

not find a stylist with enough

patience, the appropriate standards

or enough toys and tools to keep

her kids occupied. After two years

# Snip-Its started as purveyor of haircuts for special needs children

# By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Denise Deitz struggled for years to find a hair salon that could provide her special needs son Brandon with the attention and tenderness he deserved, until she found the hair care salon Snip-Its in Clifton Park.

"It was so traumatic trying to get his hair cut before," she said of her 8-year-old. "I think lots of little kids get scared when it's time to cut their hair, but kids with special needs are even more sensitive."

At the Snip-Its chain, each stylist goes through special training and is certified to cut hair for children with Autism and other special needs to help "prepare them for the salon experience."

Deitz said Brandon was apprehensive to go to another salon with a different stylist at first, but he soon found the child's salon to be a fun and magical place. The experience led the Guilderland mom and former hair stylist to want to open her own Snip-Its closer to home and on Saturday, Feb. 4, she opened her own location in Guilderland's Hamilton Square.

"I've found this is something I'm really passionate about," said Deitz. "And kids are also my passion."

Her story is similar to that of Snip-Its founder Joanna Meiseles, who opened the first location in Framingham, Mass. in 1995.



Snip-lts, a new hair care salon for children, was opened in Guilderland by owner Denis Deitz.

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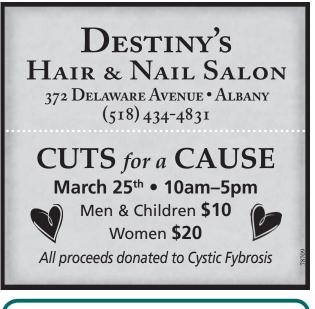
of research and planning, she developed her own brand and kids hair care program. "We're turning what can

sometimes be a challenging experience into a fun-filled, entertaining, family adventure," states Meiseles on the Snip-Its website. "The result is a hair salon no kid can resist and a business model enticing to prospective franchisees."

The chain has since expanded nationally to approximately 60 salons in 26 states. The Guilderland location will now be one of five in New York State.

Today, Snip-Its has its own cast of friendly characters, games and

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# **Police Blotter**

# **Police respond to mall brawl**

A large fight occurred outside of the Foot Locker store at Crossgates Mall on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 4, when a Foot Locker employee informed a crowd waiting in line there would not be enough tickets for all of the people there to enter the store and purchase a new line of Nike sneakers, according to Guilderland police.

The store was scheduled to open at 8 a.m., and the fight between 150 to 200 people began around 6 a.m., police said. When the crowd realized they would not all be able to purchase the sneakers, some members became aggressive and rushed the store gates in an attempt the gain access to the store, police said.

Members of the Crossgates Mall security and Guilderland police attempted to regain control of the situation, but requested additional police response from the Albany Police Department, the Albany County Sheriff's Office, SUNY police, and New York State Police.

Order was soon restored with the help involved and the crowd began to cooperate with the police and Foot Locker staff, police said. No arrests were made and only one minor injury was reported.

# Arrests

• Bethlehem police arrested Patricia Cabrera, 24, of Mansion Blvd., Delmar, and charged her with DWI after she allegedly failed to change lanes for an emergency vehicle.

Police said Cabrera was stopped at the intersection of Cherry Avenue and McCormick Road in Delmar on Sunday, Jan. 29, after failing to change lanes for an emergency vehicle.

She was charged with DWI and failed due care of an emergency vehicle. Her vehicle was towed and she was released to a third party. She was scheduled return to Bethlehem Town Court at a later date.

• Anne O'Connell, 41, was arrested by Guilderland police on Sunday, Feb. 4, and charged with DWI. She was also charged with a traffic violation. She was scheduled to return to court at a later date.

• Jeffery Herald, 50, was arrested by Guilderland police on Thursday, Feb. 2, on a felony charge of criminal possession of marijuana over 16 ounces in the second degree.

• Nico Cunningham, 16, was arrested by Guilderland police on Thursday, Feb. 2, on a felony charge of criminal sale of a controlled substance in the fifth degree.



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County Executive D a n McCoy's office to crack down on fraud.

Garnjana Accord-SomBoon ing to

information released Monday, Jan. 30, Pinpong SomBoon, owner of Blue Spice restaurants in Albany, Clifton Park and Delmar, was charged with grand larceny in the third degree, welfare fraud in the third degree

and offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree, all felonies, and conspiracy in the fifth degree, a misdemeanor.

Blue Spice owner charged with fraud

Garnjana SomBoon, 63, of 19 Elaine Court in Cohoes, which is also listed as Pinpong SomBoon's residence, was charged with the same crimes. Both are accused of defrauding the department of social services of a total of \$14,210.52 and failing to report actual income on the DSS application for Medicaid.

According to information from the Sheriff's Office, seven other individuals were arrested for welfare fraud:

• Etta B. Wray, of 10 Hurlbut St. in Albany, was charged with grand larceny in the third degree, welfare fraud in the third degree and offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree, all felonies.

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• Jacqueline M. Gageway, of 21 Maywood Ave. in Colonie, was charged with grand larceny in the fourth degree, welfare fraud in the fourth degree and criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, all felonies.

• Charles McLaughlin, of 21 Cadillac St. in Colonie, was charged with grand larceny in the third degree, welfare fraud in the third degree and offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree, all felonies.

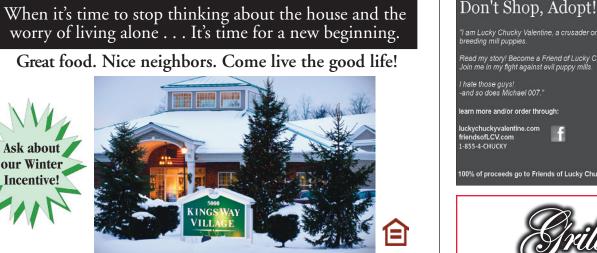
• Iris B. Brown, of 69 Bradford St. in Albany, was charged with grand larceny in the third degree, welfare fraud in the third degree and offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree, all felonies.

• Jessica M. Rosario, of 8 Congress St. in Cohoes, was charged with grand larceny in the third degree, welfare fraud in the third degree and offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree, all felonies.

• Shantell Pavne, of 11 Lark St. in Albany, was charged with criminal use of a benefit card in the second degree, a misdemeanor, and misuse of food stamps, a felony.

– Alyssa Jung





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# A passion for gardening can last a lifetime

# By SUE PEZZOLLA

Phyllis Rosenblum does not remember exactly how she first heard about the services of Cooperative Extension but she remembers calling for advice and receiving lots of information in the mail. Perhaps that was how she first heard about a new and innovative program that was starting in Albany County in 1977- the "Master Gardener" program. Then a young mother and an avid gardener, the idea of taking classes in the practical application of gardening and the science of horticulture was just the ticket! What she didn't know then was what a rich adventure she was beginning!

The first class of Master Gardeners for Albany County was comprised of five students. Trained by Cornell professors these eager gardeners had their eyes opened to the science and the art of horticulture; the residents of Albany County were soon to provide the rest of their education. The concept behind the Master Gardener Program is to train volunteers to help Extension horticulture staff to answer the myriad of gardening questions each year. After training that first year, the new volunteers signed-up to work one full day a week for much of that year. Today the program asks 60 hours of volunteer service each year and that includes time answering calls on the Hotline, soil testing,



staffing tables at Farmer's Markets, fairs, or flower shows and of course, gardening. Since 1977 Phyllis has remained a part of the Master Gardener program and both have seen a lot of change. In the spring of 1981 Phyllis enrolled in the Cobleskill Landscape Design program thus broadening her horticultural education base. Phyllis began writing articles for Extension publications as well as local newspapers while maintaining her volunteer activities as a Master Gardener. "Always an adventure" is how she describes her thirty-four years as a volunteer.

Phyllis has been a consistent presence in the Master Gardener program and in Albany County Cooperative Extension over these past three plus decades. A past member of the Agriculture Program Committee and the Board of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Phyllis has been involved in Extension work from the ground up. She has often taught the section on herbaceous perennials to the new class of Master Gardener trainees incorporating the science and the art of horticulture along with a large dose of practical experience. Presently a volunteer with the Community Caregivers, and an active Master Gardener, Phyllis also juggles a part time job

at the Voorheesville Library with maintaining several perennial gardens, a Hosta garden, a raised bed vegetable garden and a lot of mowing! As a Master Gardener Emeritus (designating 20 years or more of service), Phyllis does not have Hotline phone responsibilities but she continues to answer calls because it keeps her in tune with the problems and the public and she simply enjoys the phone work. She also does a lot of public speaking as a Master Gardener bringing a wealth of information and gardening humor to her audiences.

The years have a way of slipping by and this transplanted Midwesterner would agree that her life has been made richer by the experiences and friendships within the Master Gardener Program; quite simply, they have become family. Through the loss of siblings and her husband, Phyllis has felt the support of her Master Gardener friends. It was one such friend to came immediately upon hearing of the death of Phyllis' husband and it was Phyllis who helped to care for that same friend when she was dying of cancer. The roots of these gardening friendships go very deep. And as the Master Gardener program looks forward to 2012 to celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> year helping the residents of Albany County to enjoy gardening, you can bet that Phyllis will be right there, shovel in hand!

Do you have a passion for



Phyllis Rosenblum's "career" as a Master Gardener started in 1977 when she was a young mother looking to further cultivate her green thumb.

Submitted photo

gardening? If you do and you have time to volunteer, please consider sharing your time and talents as a Master Gardener Volunteer. This fall MGV training will be held at the Cooperative Extension building at 24 Martin Road in Voorheesville for Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties. Residents of Albany County should contact Sue Pezzolla at 765-3516, Schenectady County contact Angela Tompkins at 372-1622, Rensselaer County contact David Chinery at 272-4210 for more information about how to join the Master Gardener Volunteer program in your county.

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





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# Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

# Every day's a giving day

The way some people see it, you can really only be of two minds when it comes to Valentine's Day. One group is comprised of hopeless romantics who revel in unrestrained displays of affection (or, alternatively, morosely lament their singleness) and the other consists of those folks who find the holiday to be an unsettling mishmash of commercialism and chalky heart candies (blech!).

We'd like to think there's a third option out there for those who treat Valentine's Day as a simple reminder.

This week is our special Valentine's Day edition, and you'll read several stories in this paper



about some of the business involved in Cupid's big party, whether that's flowers, candies or something completely different. You'll also read the stories of two local couples who tied the knot on or around Valentine's Day despite some pretty trying circumstances.

And opposite this editorial, you'll also read our own Dee Basemore's thoughts on the month of February, which is, among other things, Black History Month. Her words could well be applied to a lot of other places, including the upcoming holiday.

Valentine's Day is a great holiday because it serves as a reminder of exactly what many of us have: a loving companion in life. It also presents the opportunity to do something special for that person as a show of appreciation.

But much as you don't have to wait until February to honor the memory of, say, Martin Luther King Jr., you don't have to wait until Feb. 14 to do something nice for someone special.

Don't get us wrong, it's great to pull out the stops on romance, and Valentine's Day presents the perfect opportunity and atmosphere to do just that. But what it really does best is hit the reset button on relationships, and hopefully put the thought in the minds of couples everywhere that you don't need Hallmark's permission to commit good acts.

This is a particularly appropriate lesson in the month of February, when most people have been cooped up with their loved one for several months and might prefer to see less of that special someone, rather than more.

So this year, let your Valentine's Day freak flag fly and indulge in all the sappy and goopy romanticisms you like. And on Feb. 15, remember that you don't need to spend a lot of money or make a sweeping gesture to make a difference with the person you care about.

Happy Valentine's Day.

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# Remembrance doesn't come once a year

# By DEE BASEMORE

The writer is head of classifieds and the business directory at Spotlight Newspapers.

Imagine, if you will, only contacting your mother on Mother's Day. Giving a gift to your loved ones only on Christmas. Calling a friend, only on their birthday. Do you know that you can buy a dozen roses any day of the year? (And probably spend less than what you are charged on Valentine's Day.)

We have exploited holidays and turned the true meanings into a materialist frenzy. Don't get me wrong, I too indulge in the holidays and at times get caught up myself. Yet, I do take to heart the true meaning of them all. Thanksgiving should be every day, because we all have a reason to give thanks every day.

I believe that as a kid. we just followed the crowd. Halloween, for instance. It was just cool and "normal" to dress up and go from house to house receiving candy and other treats. It was "normal" on New Year's Eve, to have black-eyed peas, collard greens, fish and stay up late.

Now that I am older, I see Halloween in a different light. and a pizza is more satisfying to me than the favorite food of old on New Year's Eve!

My dad used to play tricks on my brothers and me the entire month of April. I thought I was being "smart" one day, after being the victim of a prank, by reminding him April Fools Day was April 1 and since it had passed, his pranks should too. My father quickly corrected me by stating that it is April Fools'. That meant that the month of April was ripe for pranks!

I mention all of this because this is February, now nationally known as Black History Month. For me, it's not just about acknowledging the accomplishments, struggles



and stories of my ancestors during this time. It's about celebrating!

It's not about remembering the past in a bad way, but knowing where we were and seeing how far we have come. It is not a time to harbor hatred or ill feelings. It is a time to say "thank you." I would not be here or have been able to vote, go to college or have all that I do without the things my ancestors went through.

I celebrate black history every month, every day and every minute. When I look in the mirror, I see the strength and beauty of Rosa Parks, Harriett Tubman and Bessie Blount. When I am down or discouraged, I hear the echoing words from Langston Hughes, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or Carter Godwin Woodson that encourage me to go on.

I have read books, articles and seen movies and photographs. I have cried, been angry and depressed. I have also laughed, cheered and smiled until my face hurt. I chose, a long time ago, not to ignore the stereotypes, a derogatory statement, funny looks or "side jokes," but to rise up from them and be a better person. I don't see it as "running away", but more moving in a different direction, changing course to something far better and more rewarding.

I was told a long time ago not to wait to learn something. I want to learn on my own, gathering my own experiences and forming my own opinions.

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I have learned to not only say "Thank you" for the many inventions, art and literature of mv ancestors, but I give more praise for the sweat, blood and tears. I give a cheer for the hardship they went through, but a louder shout for facing it day after day.

I walked to school with friends without the fear of an angry mob waiting for me. I have sat in every seat on the bus without being told to move. I have been in a VIP section in a fancy restaurant without being ushered out the back door. I have drunk from fountains where the only label was "push here."

I have chosen to celebrate life, my family and friends, every day. I have chosen to learn, teach and share. I have chosen to live, love and laugh. I have chosen not to ever forget, but to move on in a positive direction in hopes of fulfilling a dream. I hope you all do the same!

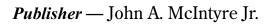
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# Your Opinion in The Spotlight

# Fundraiser dinner a success

# Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, Boy Scout Troop 58 held its 4th Annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Dinner Fund Raiser at the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Drive in Delmar.

Each year, Troop 58 scouts and families look forward to this event because each year the community shows up in strength to support the boy scouts and to enjoy a delicious pancake, sausage, fruit cocktail dinner complete with coffee, juice, hot cocoa and even Jell-O with whipped cream for dessert. Funds raised from this event help the troop participate in outdoor activities, teach scouting skills, and to complete many community projects.

The troop wants to thank the community for coming out to support this event and extend to special thanks to our troop sponsor, the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post. The Post has been Troop 58's sponsor for nearly 100 years. Troop 58 is grateful and honored for the Post's support over the years and for its help with this event every year.

This year Troop 58 also wants to express its gratitude to ShopRite for its very generous donation of food for this event. This contribution helped to make this 4th annual event the troops most successful Pancake Dinner to date. Thank you to everyone that participated. The troop is looking forward to the 5th annual Pancake Dinner next January; we hope the community is too.

Brian Collier Troop 58 Pancake Dinner Coordinator

latte! However, with each

new building that pops up

like this one, we come one

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Mark E Lvons

Delmar

On a more positive

Tri-Village area forever.

Editor, *The Spotlight*: At the end of October 2011 I slid off a slick landing and fractured my leg. My life changed in an instant. The recovery period has been long and slow. But it is this very experience that revealed to me things going on in the Delmar neighborhood that have filled me with a sense of gratitude and an even deeper appreciation

> for this area. Following surgery, the Good Samaritan Nursing and Rehabilitation Center staff, from reception to business office, nursing staff and nurses' aides, those who keep the place clean, the salon, social workers and the physical therapy and occupational

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Editor, The Spotlight:

the monstrosity that is now being built next door to it on the corner of Elsmere and Delaware. A few questions come

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**Another round** of tough budgeting will kick off in coming weeks

# By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

The Bethlehem Central School District is projecting a deficit of nearly \$4.4 million for the 2012-13 school year budget, even after factoring in the use of \$1.75 million in reserve funds and a tax hike.

Under the state's tax cap law, the district would be able to raise the tax levy by 2.72 percent next



year. To make a larger increase to the levy, 60 percent of voters would need to agree upon the rate instead of a simple majority.

The school district is projecting a tax levy increase of 2.72 percent into the budget gap figure.

School officials blamed unreliable state aid funding, contract and pension obligations and the newly implemented tax cap for the wide

betterment of the whole community, not just for what we (the district) thinks it is. We need to all look at solutions together as a whole." - Superintendent Thomas Douglas

"The solution has to be for the

budget gap. According to the Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe, the district will need to make up the funds from non-mandate areas like staffing and program reductions.

"About 75 percent of

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our budget is from salary and fringe benefits,' she said, adding that

additional cuts to staff will be exceptionally hard with the loss of nearly 60 positions over the last two school years.

The district would have to spend \$91.5 million to maintain this year's programming in 2012-13, with approximately \$22.29 million being provided in state aid as a conservative estimate.

Superintendent Thomas Douglas said the district lowered its expected state aid contribution for the 2012-2013 school, based on past years when district did not receive all of the promised aid. For the 2011-12 school year, \$22.8 million in state aid was projected and only \$22.2 million was

received. For next school year, the Governor's Aid run is projecting around \$22.7 million to go to BC, but a \$22.3 million receipt is being planned for.

"It puts us in a better position if we project a more realistic estimate," Kehoe said.

Douglas said the projected state aid is nearly the same as that distributed five years ago, yet costs have risen and districts are facing additional unfunded mandates each year.

"We have to face that the federal and state cavalry is not coming," said Kehoe.

To keep the same level of services without reductions, the district would have to make a nearly 11 percent increase in the tax levy, which officials said would be an untenable request to residents in these hard economic times.

Douglas called the term "tax cap" a misnomer that can be misleading to residents since the levy can extend past a 2 percent increase.

"There is no such thing as a cap on taxes," he said, adding the district is now referring to the law as a "levy limit."

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"That's really the law. It decides what amount of voter support do you need for each levy that's put before the public," he said.

Numbers may change slightly as the formula evolves over time, but the district must have its numbers into the state by March 1.

Kehoe said some additional money could be found with the sale of the Educational Services Center. The district is also considering renting Clarksville Elementary School to the county Sheriff's Office.

"The solution has to be for the betterment of the whole community, not just for what we (the district) thinks it is," Douglas said. "We need to all look at solutions together as a whole."

A presentation of the budget will be given at the next Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 15, and a budget forum will be held on Feb. 28. The board will adopt a budget in April and the public will vote on it in Mav.



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Richard Hartnett and his son Jeremy took a trip to Iceland last May.

# Man to discuss Iceland trip

Long-time Bethlehem resident Richard Hartnett and his son Jeremy both had benchmark birthdays last May. They celebrated with a trip to Iceland, driven by an abiding curiosity about the country's geology.

That geology almost foiled their plans; Grimsvatn Volcano had erupted just three days before their flight. But the winds were favorable, and they were on their way to what Richard says is the most fantastic trip he has taken in many years.

Richard will share photos and anecdotes about that trip this Sunday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m. A Q&A session will follow the program.

The elder Hartnett credits his parents with his interest in travel. By age 15, he had visited 48 U.S. states, Canada, Mexico, and pre-Castro Cuba.



member of the Boston Mineral Club, past president of the Capital District Mineral Club, and the club's current field trip leader.

This program is the latest in our Russell Memorial Travel Series.

# Geek out @ your library

Teens, this month, come up with cool techie ideas for teen programs at the library. Tell us about them, and we'll choose some to be scheduled during Teen Tech Week (March 4 to 10) and throughout March. Idea slips are located at the youth services desk.

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association, held annually the second week of March since 2007.

Submitted photo

Aimed at teens, parents, teachers and others, its mission is to help teens become competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those offered through libraries such as DVDs, music CDs, databases, audiobooks, ebooks, and video games. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to use these resources for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified professionals in the field of information technology. Louise Grieco

• All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 439-9314.

# **Come learn about Lincoln**

On Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3:30 p.m., the whole family is invited to this party honoring our 16th president. We will learn about Abraham Lincoln, listen to the "Gettysburg Address," make an art project – and of course, eat birthday cake!

# Saturday storytime for babies

Babygarten 2 is a special Saturday story and playtime specifically for little ones aged newborn to 24 months. Join Miss Amy for songs and fun! Hear Stories, rhymes, music and enjoy playtime with our amazing and newly expanded age-appropriate toy collection. Older siblings are welcome, but the program is geared for babies. Join us for the fun on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10:15 a.m. Just drop in! No registration is required for this program. Our regularly scheduled Babygarten is on Thursday, Feb. 16 at



10:15 a.m.

# School's out, library's in

Feb. break is coming and we've got plenty of things for you to do.

Monday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m., Jeff Boyer will present a fun-filled science show for the whole family "Bubble Trouble," which is an entertaining and fun combination of comedy, music and interactive bubblemania. A delightful evening for children and families - come join the fun! Please register for this program.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 10:15 a.m. will be "A Celebration of Snow!" There will be marshmallow snowmen, a "snowball" fight, stories about playing in the snow and we'll make our own snowflakes.

Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 10:30 a.m. "Diary of

a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever" for grades 3-5. Are you experiencing cabin fever? Greg Heffley, in the newest installment of the Wimpy Kid series, sure is! He and his family are trapped inside after a blizzard and Greg doesn't know how much longer he can stand being stuck inside with his wild family! Enjoy a morning of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" trivia, activities, and all-around hilarity! Please register for this program - online, by phone, or at the library.

There will be popcorn for the movie matinee at the library on Thursday Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m. We'll see if the martial arts fighting bear will save the future of Kung Fu. Rated: PG; 91 minutes.

Barbara Vink

• All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville.

Find Lost Radio Rounders at library The Guilderland Public

Library's Second Sunday Concert on Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. features the Lost Radio Rounders -- Tom Lindsay and Michael Eck - performing "Lincoln & Liberty: Songs from the Time of Honest Abe."

Lindsay and Eck have been playing historic American music together for over 25 years. The duo helps us celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's birthday with a performance of music culled from the Civil Warera songbook You'll hear guitar and mandolin, along with flashes of dobro, ukulele, strumstick,

www.guilpl.org autoharp and banjo. Eck

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# and Lindsay take this stuff seriously, but they have lots of fun. Singing along is more than welcome.

# The spy who came in for the oil

A sequel is the second event in this season's Family Movie Fridays. Remember that animated blockbuster... what was it called, Autos? (You know we cannot use its real name.) This is the followon, Autos 2, showing at 7 pm on Friday, February 17.

Free popcorn and pajama-ready floor mats just right for kids offer a Friday night for family movie watching.

Mark Curiale

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

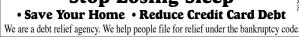


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Workshop Details This free interactive workshop is for parents/ guardians/ advocates of children with special needs in the Bethlehem School District. Please bring your child's education records (evaluations, quarterly reports, report cards, etc.) Binders and tabs will be provided.

> Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM Bethlehem Public Library - Community Room Please register by emailing: <u>BCSpecialEducation@gmail.com</u>

The Parent Network of the Capital Region will provide binders, page tab dividers, 3-ring hole punchers, blank I.D. face sheet and snacks.



# **Bossamba Jazz brings the heat**

The Acoustic Doorways Concert series continues Feb. 10 with local favorite Bossamba Jazz, featuring Sonny Daye, Perley Rousseau and Brian Melick. Warm up a cold February night with this ensemble's eclectic repertoire including Great American Songbook standards, French love songs and irresistible Bossa Nova sounds. The concert begins at 7:30 pm in the Community Hall of Saint Patrick's Church in Ravena. Series tickets are available for the remaining concerts at \$15 for adults and \$9 for seniors. Individual tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors. Wear your dancing shoes for this one!

# **Holiday hours**

The library will be closed Saturday, Feb. 18th through Monday, Feb. 20th for President's Weekend. Regular hours will resume at 10 am on Tuesday, Feb. 21st.

# Super vacation week

All kids are superheroes in our book, so why not make it official? On Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 10:30 am, the Library will offer Superhero Certification for preschool through earlyelementary age children. After a story, kids will make their own Superhero capes, complete an obstacle course and be presented with an official Superhero Certificate. Register today!

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

# RCS Community Library

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

# Acoustic Doorways sponsorships

Thanks to our local business and individual sponsors, our fourth Acoustic Doorways concert series offers tickets at the same low prices as the previous three years. You too can become a sponsor. Call the Library, 756-2053, or find sponsorship information on the website. Sponsors' names are posted on the website and will appear in the concert program. Information about your business will reach both Selkirk and Coeymans audiences. Help the Library show that a community arts event can be self-sustaining!

# Library computer classes

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

• Introduction to Web Based E-mail: Want to know how e-mail sites like Hotmail, Yahoo, and G-mail work? Learn how to navigate typical e-mail folders, send messages, reply, forward, and attach files. Please note: this class is not to sign up for e-mail, but to learn how e-mail is used. Please come in during walk-in hours if you want help to sign up for an e-mail



Bossamba Jazz, featuring Sonny Daye, and Perley Rousseau, above, along with Brian Melick, will be featured in the Acoustic Doorways Concert series Feb. 10. Submitted photo

account.

Tues. Feb. 7 at 6:30 pm or Wed. Feb. 8 at 11am

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

Tues. Feb 14 at 6:30 pm or Weds. Feb 15 at 11am

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

Tues. Feb 21 at 6:30 pm or Weds. Feb. 22 at 11am

• My Resume: Come and learn some tips and tricks to pulling your job and skill history into an attractive resume. We will discuss and work on targeting your resume to specific fields and jobs. Also learn about great resources provided by the NY State Library such as JobNow or the NY State Department of Labor's JobZone.

Tues. Feb. 28 at 6:30 pm or Weds. Feb. 29 at 11am

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

# What's new

•Adult nonfiction "Decoding Gardening

Advice" by Jeff Gilman "Handmade Chic" by

Laura Bennett "What's Wrong with My Vegetable Garden?" by David Deardorff & Kathryn Wadsworth

Juvenile fiction

"Cheerleaders of Doom" by Michael Buckley

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever" by Jeff Kinney

"War Horse" by Michael Morpurgo

• A11 library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. For information, call 756-2053 or visit www.uhls.org/ RCSCL/.

# **'Hairspray' on tap for G'land seniors**

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 \$5.00 each, in the Senior Office in late January/ early Feb..

Transportation service will be provided to this event.

# Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

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# Movie of the month

"The Help" Thursday, Feb. 23. 10:30 a.m. in the courtroom

"The Help" is a 2011 comedy-drama film adaptation of Kathryn Stockett's book and is about a young white woman, Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan, and her relationship with two black maids during Civil Rights era in the early 1960s. Skeeter, a journalist, decides to write a book from the maids' point of view, exposing the racism

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they face. Running time:146 minutes/PG-13 Free popcorn. Bring

a friend. Please register by Feb. 17.

# Monday, Feb. 13

Scheduled Shopping 10:30 OsteoBusters 10:30 Sr Fitness 12:00 Zumba 1:30 OsteoBusters

# Tuesday, Feb. 14

9:00 OsteoBusters 11:30 Luncheon: Swedish Meatballs or Cold Plate

12:00 Food Pantry Raffle

12:30 Bingo/Games/ Billiards

# Wednesday, Feb. 15

9:00 Zumba 10:30 OsteoBuster 10:30 Sr. Fitness 1:00 Needlecraft 1:30 OsteoBusters

# Thursday, Feb. 16

Scheduled Shopping 9:00 OsteoBusters 9:00 Zumba 9:30-11:30 Medicaid, Blood Pressure & Scheduled Legal Appts 10-12 Scheduled Food Stamp Appts 1:00 Mahjongg 1:15 Pinochle

# Friday, Feb. 17

Scheduled Shopping 10:00 Painting 10:30 Bridge 1:00 Quilting

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# **Balling against bullying**

# Police officers, teachers to meet in charity game

# By ALYSSA JUNG junga@spotlightnews.com

Southgate Elementary School teachers and Colonie police officers will face off on the basketball court on Friday, Feb. 10, to support community building and anti-bullying efforts.

"We organized this basketball game with the police department to extend our school community out into the public community," said MaryBeth Aldous, an art teacher.

Aldous has been instrumental in implementing and promoting the school's new Peaceable School Program, an initiative to bolster the school community and create an environment that discourages bullying.

"The premise behind the whole thing is to create a positive climate within our school community and foster the idea of being a school community," said Aldous. "We're really trying to make students aware of working positively with others and hoping that by creating those positive relationships with each other, we'll see a reduction with bullying that goes on in the school building.'

With the Dignity for

All Students Act set to go into effect in July (the New York State Legislature passed it in 2010 to protect students from harassment and bullying), Aldous said this school year was the perfect time for the elementary school to introduce its own parallel program.

"We want every student to feel really comfortable and positive when coming to school," said Aldous, adding there are about 450 students in the building.

Though still new, the Peaceable School Program already has a few components. Buddy classes are a mentor-like program where older students and younger students pair up to do activities like reading and math. Other projects are community servicefocused, like making Thanksgiving cards for Equinox or making Valentine's Day cards for a children's hospital.

"What we're hoping to see from that is a reduction in older students picking on younger students," said Aldous.

There are monthly activities, too, like wearing purple shirts once a month to create unity.

There's also a bus program where small groups of students organized by which bus they're on meet to talk about social issues and scenarios that can arise on the bus.

"How can we work through these problems? If you put 70 students on a bus and one bus driver, it's a little difficult to manage some behaviors on the bus," said Aldous. "Get students to take ownership of their behaviors and realize they always need to be positive and working together."

Aldous said with the school year just about half over, the program seems to be working.

"It seems to be ... effective. Our students have taken a liking to it," said Aldous. "Most recently ... each class was given a different project to do to help out the school, whether it was cleaning keyboards in the computer lab or cutting ribbons for our peace pole."

The program's early success is what prompted the charity basketball game, which will raise money to expand the program for next year.

"What we're finding this year is that we've really just scratched the surface on what we can do to help create a positive and peaceful environment," said Aldous. "Some of the things we'd like to do cost money and with times being what they are, we decided we'll try to fundraise to support our program."

Some things Aldous would like to add are



getting students off school grounds and into the community more often and purchasing books to support a book group.

Aldous said partnering with the police department seemed to fit right in with the Peaceable School Program mission.

"A lot of the officers are in the building because they're DARE officers, so students know them and it'll be great to see teachers in a different light as well," said Aldous. "We'll have teachers acting as cheerleaders, an emcee for the night, running the concession stand."

The school will also unveil its mascot, Southgate gator.

The game will take place in the Shaker High School F gym at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 per person or \$8 per family.



Students and teachers take part in the Peaceable School Program activities.

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# **Empire State Youth Orchestra to perform in Asia**

# **Multinational trip** announced at **BC High School**

# By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Bethlehem Senior Eamonn O'Neill said he was excited to share the "global language of music" as he and other students in the Empire State Youth Orchestra prepare to travel to Asia this summer to perform.

The ESYO was invited to perform at the 2012 International Exposition in South Korea, the group announced on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Bethlehem Central High School. The trip will last two weeks and include seven performances in total two of which are in China.

"The orchestra will reach a worldwide audience and (the students will) be able to share their accomplishments and be ambassadors for the American culture," said ESYO Executive Director Susan Brome.

At the end of June, the full 96-piece ensemble consisting of music students from throughout the Capital District will head to Beijing to share patriotic favorites during an American Independence

Day event. Next they will travel to Shanghai where a mix of European and American symphonies will be played.

The students will spend the most time in South Korea.

Along with performing at the International Exposition in the City of Yeosu, they will also perform at the U.S. Army's 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Base in Seoul, at a local hospital and on South Korea's Sorok Island.

Helen Ch-Pyo, ESYO's music director and conductor, said the island was once used to isolate citizens afflicted with Hansen's disease, better known as leprosy, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some elderly patients still reside there and ESYO students were specifically asked to come perform.

"I want to go there and just for that moment let them forget what they've been through," said Bethlehem sophomore Aria Shi. "I want to give them a moment to live in the present."

Ch-Pyo said the first time the people of the island heard western music was in 2010 when members of the London Philharmonic performed for them is what was described as a "transformative



experience." Only half of the orchestra will be able to perform since the island's hall isn't large enough for the full ensemble.

Proceeds from the ESYO concert in Seoul will benefit a history museum to be built on Sorok Island.

"Through our performance we will together hold hands to share their story with the rest of the world," said Ch-Pyo.

ESYO is now raising



# "We will still be able to talk, just not with our voice, but with our music."

- Bethlehem Senior Eamonn O'Neill

money for the trip, which isn't cheap.

Without donations and sponsors, each student will need to pay \$4,000 to make the trip. In addition to the 96 students, nearly two dozen chaperones are expected to attend. Brome said fundraising has already begun and several corporate sponsors have been found, but they are still nowhere close to their goal.

The majority of the needed funds will be put toward transportation, accommodations and tour guides to interpret for the group in both countries. The ESYO also has to rent instruments while in each country and pay for venue space at most locations.

Besides its annual gala and concert on March 10, the group has started an online fundraiser on the site kickstarter.com.

Brome said the site allows charitable groups to set a date by which to earn a certain amount of donations. If the group does not receive enough pledges to meet its goal by the deadline, those who pledge money are not charged.

Empire State Youth Orchestra's **Music Director** and Conductor Helen Ch-Pyo announces the group's summer trip to Asia.

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The youth orchestra set a goal of \$6,000 by Feb. 13 and half of that amount has been raised already.

All of the students are thrilled about the trip. Many have never left the country, let alone traveled to Asia.

Shi said she still has family in China, who may be able to attend the group's performances there.

"I'm excited to travel there, so they can see what I've been learning here," said the violinist.

O'Neill said he's a little scared because none of them know the language, but he's relying on music to help break the communication barrier.

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marigold is a sign of grief and the Valentine's Day staple, a red rose, signifies true love.

Today, few people remember the flower language, but the tradition of giving them on days devoted to love is still popular. For most florists, this makes Valentine's Day the busiest day of the year.

"Obviously jewelry and candy are popular, great gift options, but flowers are more significant when you look at what they truly mean," said Frank Gallo Jr., owner of Frank Gallo and Son Florist based in Schenectady.

Although the symbolism of most flowers is lost on the typical customer, some hold special meanings for other reasons.

Tim Healy, a designer at the Posie Peddler in Saratoga Springs, said husbands often ask for the same flowers their wives carried on their wedding day, or an exotic flower that might hold special meaning for the couple.

"I would suggest ordering early if there's a certain flower you know they like," he said. "We usually have a huge variety, but just to make sure we can get it in."

But roses are still the



most popular order, by far.

According to Gallo, about 17,000 roses are sold during the week of Valentine's Day in his three shops in the Capital District, compared to just 1,500 sold on a typical day.

Florists spend weeks to prepare for Valentine's Day by processing flowers, taking on extra staff and calling in special orders.

Katie Pietrykowski, the designer at Delmar Florist in Bethlehem, said the majority of customers on Valentine's Day continue to be men.

"It's one of the easier things for guys to pick out," she said, explaining almost 90 percent of customers on the day are men. "(Flowers) are a no brainer. They don't have to put a ton of thought into them and it's a nice gift."

Pietrykowski said when men are in doubt, they should leave choices up to the designer.

"We know what we're doing," she said.

Gallo and Healy agreed, but said purchases by women are on the rise.

"Women are becoming more proactive with buying flowers for men,"said

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Florists spend weeks to prepare for Valentine's Day.

Gallo, adding many women also buy them for their mothers, sisters and other women in their life. But it's the men who are guilty of

ordering at the last minute. The Schenectady-based florist said ordering in a timely fashion equals a better product. "My advice would be if you do order same day is to be flexible with your order," he suggested. "You might have heart set on a certain color but we might not have it any more. Let the designer take care of you. It will have the same quality still, not just exactly what you want."

Healy said the gift of flowers has stood the test of time, at least on the East Coast, because of February's seasonable weather.

"It's normally so cold and snowy. To have something that makes you think of spring is great," he said. "It's something living and beautiful right in front of you."

According to Healy, accessorizing floral arrangements is now in fashion. Feathers and Marcy Velte/Spotlight

flowering branches are being added to orders, as are animal prints and "bling" like fake diamonds. Healy said special designs usually need to be asked for specifically, and customers should remember to mention any other gifts they may want to pair with the flowers, like balloons, candy, *"It's normally so cold and snowy. To have something that makes you think of spring is great."* 

> – Tim Healy, designer at the Posie Peddler

candles or stuffed animals.

"We like to be able to offer something different and more personal than what can be found in your typical supermarket," he said.

All three florists advised those looking to purchase flowers for Valentine's Day to work with a local, reputable floral business, rather than relying on a website or calling a 1-800 number.

"Those places can be problematic," said Gallo. "We can usually assure a better product."





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# A tale of two weddings

Valentine's nuptials mean trials, happiness for two area couples

By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

No wedding ever goes off perfectly, and two area women will testify that basing nuptials around the most romantic day on the calendar doesn't help. But it doesn't preclude a lifetime of happiness.

Anne Simon, a Rotterdam resident, and her husband, Robert Vines, planned to get married in Virginia, but ended



up at Rotterdam Town Hall in the wake of an ice storm.

Anne, now 65, and Robert, nearly 70 years old, had both worked at the New York State Library in Albany, but being in two different departments only allowed them to become



In 1982, the Chaisson family celebrated Patrick being awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, which his two younger brothers later achieved. Thomas Chaisson was scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 15 for eight years. From left, 16-year-old Kenneth, mother Carole, 11-year-old Steven, father Thomas, and 18-year-old Patrick. Submitted photo

the same sixmonth therapy group allowed them to grow closer and get to know each other.

acquaintances. Ending up in

"The therapist said to us, 'You two got the brass ring," Anne said.

The couple decided to marry along with Anne's sister. The two weddings were set to take place in Virginia, with Anne's sister being married on Saturday, February 12, 1994, and Anne and Robert marrying on Valentine's Day two days later.

"We wanted to get married on Valentine's Day because Bob said he never wanted to forget our anniversary," Anne said.

The day Anne and Robert were set to board a plane for Virginia, a big ice storm was freezing their destination, along with Pennsylvania. A flight attendant told the couple they could fly them to Pittsburgh, Penn., but they'd be stranded once landing due to the storm. A Virginia wedding wouldn't be happening on V-Day.

"We figured we better not go," Anne said. "We had to do some last minute rearrangements."

In searching for a quick solution, she said she called Eunice Esposito, then Rotterdam town clerk, to try and arrange a special appointment for the couple to g e t t h e i r m a r r i a g e license. Esposito granted the expedited request, and the license was given on the Friday before the Monday wedding.

But they almost missed the appointment too, because Robert's daughter, Christy, got her car stuck in their snowy driveway. Christy was able to get the car out with little time to spare.

"Thanks to her, we were married on Valentine's Day at Town Hall with close local family members in attendance," Anne said. "All of us then went to Glen Sanders Mansion for a lovely dinner accompanied by romantic music played by a harpist."

She said having a Valentine's Day anniversary has the perk of restaurants already outfitted for a romantic dinner.

"For us it is doubly romantic 'cause it is our Robert Vines and Anne Simons celebrate Anne's retirement in December 2006. This year is the couple's 18th anniversary on Valentine's Day. Submitted photo

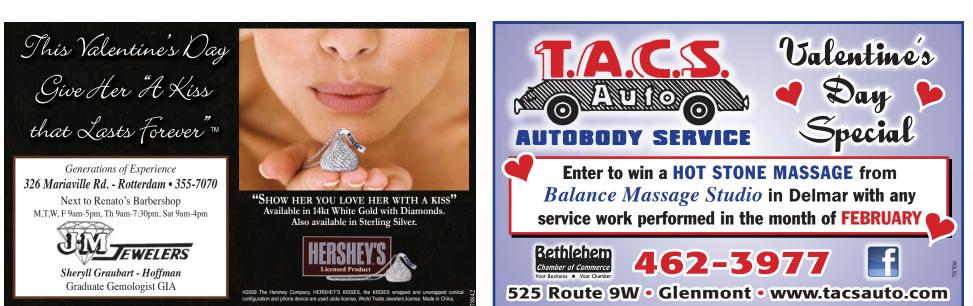
wedding anniversary and Valentine's Day," she said. "Every year when you go out for your weeding anniversary on Valentine's Day they have the rose and musicians, it is already set up to be

romantic." Valentine's Day also holds a special memory for Carole Chaisson of Scotia, even though she didn't marry her husband, Thomas, on the holiday.

The Scotia couple went to Village Hall on Valentine's Day and received an unexpected gift upon purchasing their marriage license.

"When we received our Valentine's Day marriage license, we also got a basket of goodies such as canned vegetables, packaged soup mix and one item we laughed about later — aspirin," Carole said.

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# Local buys can be combined for unique gift

# Make a splash with your sweetheart with a basket of homegrown goodies

# By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG riggj@spotlightnews.com

What better way to show your sweetheart you care on Valentine's Day than through food, aromatic body products or jewelry?

While some might gift one or another to their significant other, putting them all together in a gift basket can make a gift greater than the sum of the parts. This is also the perfect way to price gifts within a budget, cater to any age and feel good about a purchase by staying local.

Local businesses to get foods (the feel good part) include the Honest Weight Food Cooperative (HWFC) on Central Avenue in Albany and online farmers market Farmiemarket.com. Jennifer Grainer of the HWFC said that this year they've got some great chocolate dipping demonstrations coming up – organic strawberries will likely be the recipients of the



chocolate.

Specialty foods including artisan cheeses (blue, goat and sheep milk to name a few) along with crackers and produce such as pears or apples make for a nice combination. HWFC offers a tasting of cheeses, and prices range from only a few dollars for wedges of cheese. Grainer said many candy bars will be on sale during the month of February, which happens to be Healthy Heart Month, too.

Sarah Gordon-Avery operates three CSA groups, or Community Supported Agriculture, and she said they're great resources for finding local food items and other products. Heldeberg Market serves Albany and Saratoga Counties, Turning Point Market serves Saratoga and southern Washington Counties, and Uncle Sam's



ABOVE: Jam from Honest Weight Food Co-Op is a nice touch.

# RIGHT: A heart shaped necklace from Joyelles adds a sparkle.

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Farmer Stand serves Rensselaer County.

One can think of a CSA as an online marketplace residing at farmiemarket.com. The different categories of products can be browsed as one would aisles in a grocery store.

"We also have really nice cooking ingredients (olive oils, spices, garlic samplers, etc), gift certificates, alpaca wears and all kinds of great local foods to make a great gift," Gordon-Avery said.

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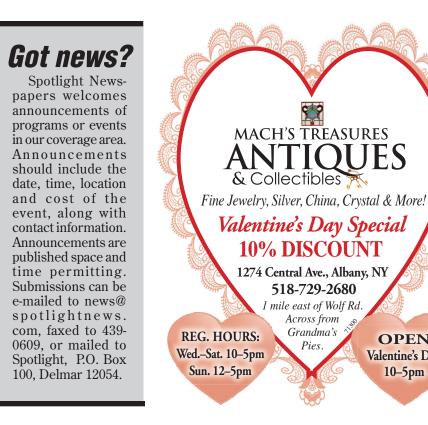
in your community.

To delight the senses, HWFC carries a variety of body products, many organic, so you're bound to find one that will be pleasing to your sweetheart.

"We have a number of body products on the website from Raven Crest Botanicals and from Lady Liberty Farm. They have all kinds of moisturizers, bath products, body sprays, herbal remedies and more," Gordon-Avery said.

Any gift will likely be a success if it includes an item from a jeweler like Joyelles Exquisite Jewelry & Gifts on at 318 Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

Joyelles is a full service jeweler with the ability to redesign or



The cost of creating an attractive and varied gift can be as low as \$15 with a few items, or much more expensive.

design jewelry from a and a bit of bunched customer's idea. If you're not up for designing, you can opt for heart-themed necklaces, earrings, bracelets and rings or pick from the many types of jewelry available.

A wrapped gift box in the front of a gift basket with a nice piece of jewelry inside is sure to warm any heart. Prices at Joyelles range from \$20 for one piece to sets (necklace and earrings) for \$40.

Items can be placed in a gift basket for a professional presentation, and they're available for as little as \$3 at craft stores. The largest items should go to the back of the basket up paper or decorative wrap can serve to secure and nestle the items on the bottom so that gifts remain intact during transport.

Think of adding favorite magazines, newspapers, or puzzle books (great for kids) toward the back with those larger items, too. Work towards the front of the basket with the smallest items in the front.

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# Area has no shortage of sweet treats

# **Holiday candy** demand goes beyond heart-shaped boxes

# By ALYSSA JUNG junga@spotlightnews.com

Valentine's Day drums up visions of red heartshaped boxes, tied with a gold ribbon and filled to the brim with decadent chocolate candies. But for some candy shops across the Capital District, there's another Valentine's Day treat in higher demand.

"Chocolate dipped strawberries are our biggest seller," said Mike Martoccio, store manager at Krause's Candy on Central Avenue in Albany.

The berries come doused in milk, dark or white chocolate and can be mixed and matched in half-, 1- or 2-pound boxes. Martoccio said they can be ordered ahead of time but closer to the holiday it's first come, first serve in the store.

Chocolate covered strawberries are also a hit at Candy Kraft Candies in Guilderland.



"Milk chocolate is the most popular and in recent years dark has been catching up," said Brad Pikcilingis, manager and son of the owner. "We take orders ahead of time if they want to guarantee availability but we have them in stock. ... We've never run out."

The way Candy Kraft candymakers dip the strawberries is what sets them apart from other candy shops, said Pikcilingis.

"We take the hulls off and the stem out and dip the fat end of the berry so you can eat the whole thing," said Pikcilingis. "You get more chocolate and it's a nicer presentation."

The Candy Company hand-dipped chocolate them in from California,"

strawberries each Valentine's week, said owner Dawn Oesch.

"The bestseller is of Saratoga Springs goes our chocolate dipped through about 10,000 strawberries. We get

said Oesch. "On the day of there's seven of us working, just dipping from early in the morning until late at night. It's pretty cool and messy."

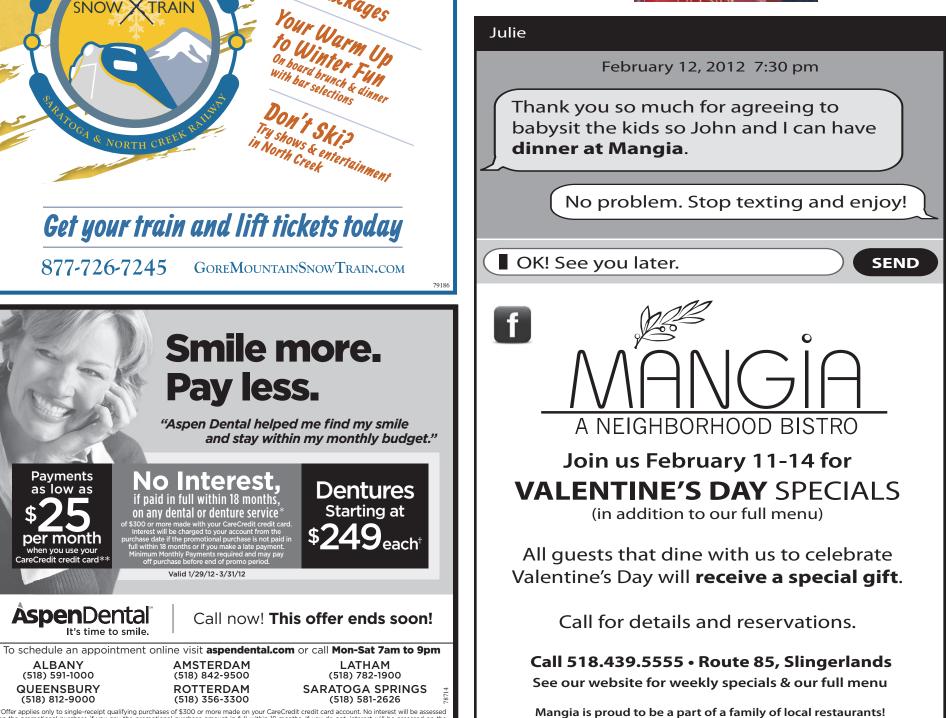
Milk chocolate is the most popular, dark is the healthiest and white is for discerning tastes, said



**ABOVE: Krause's** truffles are hand-placed on a conveyor belt that douses them in chocolate and sends them on for final decorating.

LEFT: The truffles are sold in heartshaped boxes.

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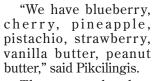
and not too expensive, only \$14.99, so you can impress without breaking the bank," said Oesch. Twelve strawberries come in a box.

There are plenty of other chocolaty treats popular on the holiday of love. All three candy shops said they're known for their chocolates and truffles, which can be bought prepackaged or customized to order.

"The most popular is almond butter crunch, homemade toffee in milk or dark chocolate with roasted almonds on top," said Martoccio, adding Krause's assortment of truffles, creams, caramels and more interesting creations like potato chip clusters are also big sellers.

Krause's offers smaller heart-shaped boxes, a quarter pound, all the way up to 8-pound hearts for the serious sweet tooth.

At Candy Kraft Candies, it's all about the cream filled chocolates.



The store also has five different types of caramels, jellies, fudge, nuggets and lollipops in the shape of hearts, cherubs, teddy bears vou name it. Candies can be purchased in 2-ounce to 5-pound heart shaped boxes.

The Candy Company of Saratoga Springs is known for its fudge, said Oesch, and boasts 18 flavors.

"The most popular is chocolate peanut butter," said Oesch.

Chocolate covered pretzels are also a fun and unique twist on Valentine's Day candy.

"It's a giant pretzel with dark chocolate," said Oesch. "We sell tons of them.'

Each shop starts preparing for the holiday right after the Christmas season, whether it's ordering chocolate or preparing the molds.

"We use the highest quality chocolate, never skimp, it's always fresh cream and butter and





a lot of taste testing to make sure the quality is always top notch," said Martoccio.

Krause's Candy is located at 1609 Central Ave. in Albany. For a peek at their treats, visit www. krausescandy.com. Candy

ABOVE: Once the chocolates are cooled and ready for packaging, workers place them in individual paper cups that will fill the candy boxes.

LEFT: Other popular Krause's treats, besides truffles and chocolate covered strawberries, include homemade chocolate lollipops in various shapes.

Kraft Candies is located at 2575 Western Ave. and can be found online at www.candykraftcandies. com. The Candy Company of Saratoga Springs at 5 Washington St. in Saratoga Springs is online at www. saratogacandy.com.



# Tale

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kick out of it" and didn't

Somebody at Village

"Somebody must

One of Chaisson's three sons, Patrick, joked he was a major reason they used so much aspirin.

She replied it wasn't "always true" that Patrick was the cause for need of

The couple met in a local religious group and

"There was a Catholic young adults group that met ... it met at the old Hotel Van Curler that is now [Elston Hall at Schenectady County Community College] and that is where I met "Soon after that we were engaged and married."



The marriage on Feb. 23, 1963, also provided an unexpected memorable moment.

At the wedding, Chaisson backed into a candle and her wedding veil caught on fire, but she didn't even notice. One of her co-workers at the wedding rushed over and pulled the veil off her head before any injuries or flaming hair could result.

"I had no idea that all this is going on," she said. "The bridal veil was very thin and flimsy ... so he rushed over and pulled it and yanked it off my head ... probably saved my life."

She said her husband, who passed away in November 2005, had a great sense of humor. which she said could help anyone have a long and loving marriage.

"I have been really blessed with a wonderful life, I keep pinching myself," she said.





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The aspirin is what stuck in her mind, she said, because she "got a expect the box filled with goodies.

Hall had a good sense of humor, she said.

have made that up for Valentine's Day ... I have no idea, but that is what we received," she said.

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soon fell in love.

my husband," she said.

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# Entertainment in the Spotlight

# By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN dominj@spotlightnews.com

ichael Eck was playing punk rock when he first met Tom Layton. They later played in a rock band together.

These days, they've taken a step back from that scene.

Way back.

Eck and Layton are now the Lost Radio Rounders, playing music that stretches from the 1850s to the1950s. They perform a number of themed shows, including "Lincoln and Liberty," which showcases songs that were popular when Abraham Lincoln was alive. They'll put it on Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Guilderland Public Library at 2 p.m.

To be sure, the scene is different than the nightclubs and bars they played at when they were performing rock and roll. But Eck said the music has a "similar primal energy."

Punk rock, he said, is "very, very direct." It's often a few people gathered around a microphone, singing with great energy and emotion.

The kind of tunes the Lost Radio Rounders play tap into that same kind of expression. There are spirituals that slaves wrote. There are songs about the gold rush and westward expansion. There are numbers by American sailors written during the heyday of whaling.

Layton said the songs are fascinating just for their musical qualities, but he and Eck have always been drawn to the lyrics, too.

"We both have an interest in American history and music," Layton



# Lost Radio Rounders shows draw music from 1850s to 1950s

said. "We love the minutiae behind the songs. We just have this curiosity."

When they launched Lost Radio Rounders, they realized their success would hinge on finding people who shared that fascination. So they didn't go back to the bar circuit they knew in their previous incarnations. Instead, they approached women's clubs and senior groups. They played a lot of church events for singles. They went to libraries, museums and historical

> associations. "We had the confidence that if we got in front of an audience, we could entertain them," Layton said.

"We'll have men come up after the show and say, 'My wife dragged me here, but you guys were great," Layton said.

Because the Lost Radio Rounders cover such a large time period, Layton and Eck both stressed that no two shows – even their themed shows – are ever the same. They choose 15 songs from their repertoire of 300 or so for each performance, which helps keep things fresh and interesting for them.

For the Lincoln show, there are several songs about the Civil War. But since the program centers on songs from Lincoln's lifetime, not specifically songs about Lincoln, it touches on some topics that, as Layton said, "Lincoln had





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absolutely nothing to do with," such as the Erie Canal.

One song that isn't about Lincoln but has a connection to him is "Blue Tail Fly," which was reportedly one of the president's favorite tunes. Eck said Lincoln used to walk around his family farm with a harmonica in his pocket, and he'd pull it out and play "Blue Tail Fly."

Weaving those kinds of stories into performances helps make Lincoln "a real person," Eck said.

He noted that he and Layton are not re-enactors, but their shows draw some people who are. Civil War scholars also turn out, but by and large, audiences are mostly made up of people who "just love to sing along," Eck said. "They get a kick out of that."

People might worry that they won't know any of the songs, but they'd be surprised, Layton said. The Lost Radio Rounders always include a song by Stephen Foster, who wrote "Camptown Races," "Oh, Susanna!" and "My Old Kentucky Home." One of the popular songs they do is called "Aura Lea," which was sung by soldiers in the Civil War. People who listen closely might recognize the

melody, which was later used in "Love Me Tender" by Elvis Presley.

Layton said the shows incorporate humor and levity, and Eck said they're good for the whole family. Anyone who can't make the Guilderland show can check out the Lost Radio Rounders at the Voorheesville Public Library on March 18. That show will also stick to the "Lincoln and Liberty" theme, but the playlist and possibly even the instruments will differ. Eck said the duo uses all kinds of acoustic

instruments: guitar, ukulele and mandolin among them.

"We bring a whole arsenal with us," he said.

If there's one thing people can expect, it's a good time. "We don't preach at you," Eck said. "We don't give you the entire history of the Civil War."

"There are beautiful songs. There are funny songs," Layton said. "It's good entertainment."

For more information, visit www. lostradiorounders.com.

# Arts and Entertainment

# Theater

# AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

Agatha Christie's famous play, presented by Home Made Theater Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, Feb. 10-11, 17-19 and 24-26, shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$23-\$26. Information, 587-4427.

### BABY

Tony Award-nominated musical about three couples dealing with various stages of parenthood, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 427 Franklin St., Schenectady, Feb. 10-12 and 16-19, shows 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$22-\$28. Information, (877) 350-7378.

### 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. 10-11 and 13-14, shows 7:30 p.m. Monday

and Tuesday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, \$15. Information, 583-0022.

# MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Shakespeare's comedy about the search for the perfect love, presented by the Theater Program at Sage College, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, shows 8 p.m. Feb. 11, 17 and 18; 10 a.m. Feb. 10, 14-17, 28-29 and March 1-2; 2 p.m. Feb. 12 and 19, adults \$10, students/seniors \$8. Information, 244-2248.

# 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 PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Gilbert and Sullivan's famous operetta, presented by C-R Productions, Cohoes Music Hall, Feb. 9-12 and 16-19, shows 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, \$25-\$35. Information, 237-5858.

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# Here's How It Works:

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

### RUMORS

Neil Simon's comedy, presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Feb. 10-12, 17-19 and 24-26, shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 3 p.m. Sunday, adults \$15, students \$10. Information, 462-1297.

### 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

### AMY COLLINS BAND

Celtic-flavored folk singer-songwriter, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### **CHRIS SMITHER**

Singer-songwriter whose music has been covered by Emmylou Harris, Bonnie Raitt, Diana Krall and more, Feb. 10, 6:30 and 9 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$25, door price \$27. Information, 583-0022.

### **BIG CREEK**

Americana trio, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### JOHN DERMONT AND ERIC ERKKINEN

Two top-notch quitar players, Feb. 10, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe. 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938

## **3 QUARTER NORTH**

Bluegrass/Americana band, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Albany, free. Information, 512-Ave., 5100

### M.R. POULOPOULOS, MATT DURFEE AND BEN MCGRATH

Three singer-songwriters, Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938

### PIERCE AND GRACE PETTIS

Contemporary folk musicians, Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$18, door price \$20. Information, 583-0022.

### LOST RADIO ROUNDERS

"Lincoln and Liberty: Songs from the Time of Honest Abe," Feb. 12, 2 p.m., Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 456-2400

### **ARCHIE FISHER**

Scottish troubadour, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$18, door price \$20. Information, 583-0022.

### ANAT COHEN OUARTET

Israeli saxophonist and clarinetist leads her jazz band. Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., Swver Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza. Albany, \$24, Information, 473-1845

# Comedy

### **MOP AND BUCKET** COMPANY

derground, 432 State St., Schenectady,

# Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Feb. 10, 8 p.m., Proctors Un-

adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

# COMEDY WORKS

Tom Anzalone and Nore Davis headline, Feb. 10 and 11, 9 p.m., Best Western, 200 Wolf Road, Colonie, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., Starting Gate Restaurant, 12 Ballston Ave., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Information, (877) 565-3849 or 275-6897.

### JOHN PINETTE

Famous stand-up comedian performs two shows, Feb. 11, 7 and 9:30 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$35.75. Information, 473-1845.

# Visual Arts

# NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Making Time: Voyage to Vietnam," through Feb. 25; From the Collections,' thourgh 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

# 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 Colletcion 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

"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., Al-

bany. Information, 462-4755.

"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.

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**OF THE CAPITAL REGION** 

"Allscapes" and "FLUX," through April

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**BROADWAY ART CENTER** 

"The Human Form: Undressed," through

March 31: "Art of the Heart/Heart of the

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Building, 488 Broadway, Albany. Infor-

**CLEMENT ART GALLERY** 

"The Great Rock n' Roll Picture Show,"

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Michael Jackson tribute, a "Dancing with

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New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information,

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"Art Inspires Art: Union College Visual

Art Faculty Exhibition," through Feb.

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"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

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

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

### THE CHORALIERS

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### 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

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### **CAPITALAND CHORUS**

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### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Group meets four times a year and holds an annual show, promotes and encourages the medium of pastel through exhibitions, education and comradery in the medium. Information, 793-9350.

# Weekly Crossword

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# Milestones

# Shappell, Walsh marry

On December 31, 2011, Amy M. Shappell, daughter of Rodney and Sandra Shappell (Shoemakersville, PA) happily married Michael C. Walsh, son of Peter and Ella (Ruff) Rozonewski (Albany, NY).

Amy attended Hamburg High School, Hamburg, PA and Pennsylvania State University. She received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biotechnology. She is currently employed as a Project Manager at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Rensselaer, NY.

Michael attended Bishop Maginn High School. He received his Associates in Criminal Justice from Hudson Valley Community College and is currently obtaining his Bachelor's in Security Management from University of Phoenix. He is Corporate Security Officer at Regeneron Pharmaceutical, Rensselaer, NY.



Amy M. and Michael C. Walsh

2012.

officiated the nuptials. Kimberly Kohler (sister of the bride) was Matron of Honor and Robert Baldwin, Jr., (best friend of the groom) was Best Man. The wedding and

reception were held at Normanside Country Club, Delmar, NY.

The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. They will reside in Delmar, NY.

Amanda Elizabeth Neal

and much continued

success to you!

# Neal earns bachelor's degree

Proud parents, JoAnne M. Racicot of Albany, NY and Gary L. Neal of Rotterdam, NY, are celebrating the graduation of their daughter, Amanda Elizabeth Neal.

George Kansas

Amanda, from Albany, NY, graduated from Guilderland High School. Amanda attended Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fl. She majored in Marine Bio-Psychology



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Natalia and Joseph Kowalski

# Comella, Kowalski wed

Natalia Comella, daughter of John and Carmen Comella of Philadelphia, was married on November 12 to Joseph Kowalski, son of Charles and Margaret Kowalski of Delmar. The ceremony took place at El Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Rev. Carmen Casterton officiated.

Karina Comella was maid of honor for her sister. followed the ceremony.

Bridesmaids were Martha MacGregor, sister of the groom and Lorna Hagen, cousin of the bride. Jason MacGregor, brother-inlaw of the groom, was best man. Kenneth Malson and James Walsh were groomsmen. The bride's cousin, Leila Metzler, was flower girl; Colin MacGregor, nephew of the groom, carried the arras.

A reception at Hotel El Convento, Viejo San Juan,

The bride, a graduate of Wellesley College and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is employed by the US Food and Drug Administration. The groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central HS. Union College and the SUNY School of Public Health, is employed by the US Department of State.

After a honeymoon on the island of Culebra, the couple is living in Washington, DC.

# and earned a Bachelor of Crotty, Curtin to tie knot Science degree, January Congratulations

John and Sharon Crotty of Delmar proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Elyse, to Matthew James Curtin, son of John and Geri Curtin of Slingerlands.

The future bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and earned her bachelor's degree from Endicott College, in Beverly, Massachusetts. She currently is employed by Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. Her fiancé, also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, received his bachelor's degree in Business from Binghamton University. He is currently employed by Pearl Carroll & Associates.

The couple will wed on May 11, 2012 in Saratoga.



**Shannon Elyse Crotty and Matthew James Curtin** 

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The current Elsmere Elementary playground has several safety issues.

# PTA

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time to get this done?" said Holstein.

The two women said according to their research, the lower playground is outdated and the tire swing is broken. The school district has roped off the swing so children won't use it.

Some equipment also does not meet current safety guidelines and recommendations, but was grandfathered in, according to PTA members. Some climbing equipment is placed close to retaining walls, for example, and some wooden retaining walls are rotten.

Also, only one play element is available for children with disabilities.

"It would be nice to see a more comprehensive play unit so those with disabilities can play side by side with other children," said Cohen.

The women have met with three playground manufacturers to obtain estimates and have plans to meet with Leathers Associates, the company that built the Playground's large wooden structure 20 years ago.

Design ideas for the proposed playground call

# "Sometimes when we take (equipment) out of commission it stays out of commission because the district doesn't have the money to replace it." District Operations and Maintenance Director

for one large play structure with multiple levels, two or three slides, a rock wall, another climbing element and some independent play options. The plan also calls for landscaping improvements and repairs to current equipment where needed.

For an entirely new playground the cost could run between \$102,000 and \$125,000, but if needed, new equipment could be integrated with the older equipment. If such a large amount of money could not be raised, the plan could be scaled back.

If the project is approved, the group would apply for grants as well as look for community support and hold independent fundraisers. The PTA would also ask for volunteers to aid in installing the playground to save money and would also be seeking donated services and materials, like cement and construction equipment.

"We have a vested interest in the project because our children will be in the system for the next 10 years," said Cohen, who has a first grader, a pre-kindergartener and a 2-year-old. Holstein has a second-grader, a kindergartener and two other children.

**Gregg Nolte** 

Parents at the meeting were concerned about the immediate safety issues and what could be done to make improvements for the time being, since installation of the new equipment wouldn't happen until 2013, at the earliest.

District Operations and Maintenance Director Gregg Nolte said once equipment is donated it is up to the district to maintain it since it is on school property and liability for the playground also falls on the district's shoulders.

Each year, the district's maintenance team performs a full inspection of all playgrounds and makes minor repairs when needed. Nolte said if a piece of equipment it broken it is either removed from the playground or roped off so children are not injured.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

"But sometimes when we take (equipment) out of commission it stays out of commission because the district doesn't have the money to replace it," he said.

Nolte said his department will work with parents who would like to make repairs themselves or donate new equipment.

"I wish I could provide this stuff out of my own budget, but it's hard," he said.

Parents at the meeting also wanted to make sure the trees are preserved during installation and the unique character of the playground is not compromised.

"We obviously want to maintain that warm, fuzzy feeling children get when going to the playground," said Cohen.

The proposal is scheduled to be voted on at the PTA's Feb. 7 meeting, but could be put off until March to allow for more input from the community.

"I think we are in a unique position to provide something for all of the children of Elsmere and all of the children of the community," said Holstein.

The entire presentation on the playground can be viewed on the Elsmere Elementary website.

# **Post**

(From Page 1)

wrote numerous letters in favor of keeping the post office, including Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, who is in the midst of negotiations with the Bethlehem Central School District to lease the closed Clarksville Elementary School.

In the letter, Apple maintained that once the Sheriff's Office and Albany County Emergency Operations Center moved to the former Clarksville Elementary building, a post office would be needed in the vicinity. Apple said certified letters, packages, and "bulky mail" is sent from the office on a daily basis.

"The closing of the Clarksville Post Office would have an adverse impact on the Sheriff's Office, and might affect the Sheriff's Office's plans to locate its substation in Clarksville, to the detriment of the town," he wrote.

The Postal Regulatory Commission released a decision on Jan. 29, which said it did believe the Postal Service took some needed aspects into account, such as financial situation the and postmaster vacancy, but it did not adequately take into account the concerns of residents. The determination to close the location is now being reevaluated.

Marion said items will now be reviewed at the local level and at USPS headquarters, and the postal service is now waiting on additional guidance from the Postal Regulatory Committee. Under a congressional request, no locations slated for closure can be shut down until May 15 at the earliest.

Henner now believes it is likely the Postal Service will abandon their plans to close the Clarksville location.

"They would either have to supplement the record with what they believe to still be inefficient and start the process all over again, or they could just give up," he said.

Apple said he was happy to be a help to the community, but Henner explained he does not think the sheriff's letter is what tipped the decision in their favor.

"I think the Postal Regulatory Commission realized what the post office was doing was flat out wrong," he said.

Prayer

A Prayer: To the Blessed Virgin (Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and shelter me, herein you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my hear to succor me in my necessity. (make request). There are none that can withstand you power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your-hands. (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days, then you must publish it and it will be granted to you. MAK



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# Your Community in The Spotlight

# **AARP** meeting scheduled

The Guilderland Chapter No. 980 of AARP will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. at the Christ the King Church, Sumpter Ave.

After the business meeting, the program will be presented by Mark Quandt, executive director of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, outlining the work of the Food Bank. He will also speak about the Patroon Land Foundation in Knox, and how their farm grows vegetables for those in need.

Bea White and Tom Kernan will furnish refreshments. Please bring contributions for the local food pantry.

# Be counted at bird count

A Great Backyard Bird Count will be conducted on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the New York State Department of Environmental **Conservation's Five Rivers** Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

At this how-to program, participants, led by Center naturalists, will survey birds at bird feeders from the comfort of the indoor bird viewing lounge at Five Rivers and afterwards take a short walk along gentle terrain to survey birds outdoors. Participants will learn how fun and easy it is to conduct a Great Backyard Bird Count in their own backyard, neighborhood or park. The program, geared for the birding novice, is free of charge.

The survey, cosponsored by the Capital Region Audubon Society, is one of thousands of Great Backyard Bird Counts being conducted this weekend by volunteers of all birding levels in for the first time. backyards and parks across North America. on the Great Backyard Now in its 15th year, the Bird Count, call the Center count is a joint citizen at 475-0291. science initiative of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, the National Audubon Society and Bird Studies Canada to track the distribution and abundance of winter birds. During the 2011 count period, an estimated 60,000 volunteer bird watchers from across the United States and Canada recorded 11.4 million bird observations,

# **Groundhog Day shadow lands at Town Hall**



Glenmont Job Corps Academy student Fashion McAllister-Johnson, Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson and student Jeremy Hooper at Bethlehem Town Hall during Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Glenmont Job Corps Academy joined thousands of employers and students around the country to take part in Groundhog Job Shadow Day on Thursday, Feb. 2. Notable participants and workplace mentors this year included Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, DePaula Chevrolet and the New York State Dormitory Authority.

Submitted photo

the continent's largest instantaneous snapshot of bird populations ever.

"GBBC data become more and more valuable with each passing year,' said Dick Cannings, program director for Bird Studies Canada. "Over time we'll be better able to see significant changes that may occur in the numbers and distributions of birds which may be tied to climate change, habitat loss, disease or other factors." Last year's count confirmed the continued expansion of the Eurasian collared-dove across the continent, with reports of the species from Alaska

For more information

camps. This derby is open to anyone and every child gets a prize. For more information contact Kevin Busch at 495-4396.

# Barn dance feat. Tamarack

A Homespun Barn Dance is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Caller Paul Rosenberg with live string band music by Tamarack. Simple dances from the US and around the world. Circles, squares, contras and other configurations. Sit-in musicians welcome to play with Tamarack & friends! Sponsored by Dance Flurry Organization.

The suggested doanation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 6 to 12. For more information, call 482-9255.

meeting starts at 9:45 a.m., doors open at 9:15. There is a \$5 visitor donation. General meeting, show and share and At the Movies - Guild Style! For information, call 393-2284 or check www.quiltinc. org.

# Bottle drive for VFD Auxiliary

The Voorheesville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is holding a bottle drive on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Voorheesville Fire Department, 12 Altamont Road, Voorheesville.

# Annual BC **Baseball Classic**

Bethlehem **Opportunities Unlimited** (BOU) is sponsoring the Sixth Annual BC Basketball Classic on Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in the Lower Gym, Bethlehem Central High School Bethlehem Central elementary school teachers will play a team of teachers from the middle school in this fundraiser for BOU grant

programs. Students and families should come out and support their favorite teacher and team for a good cause.

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults (under 5 years free) and are available at the door. Snacks and pizza will be available for sale.

All game proceeds benefit BOU grant programs which help Bethlehem youth avoid substance abuse and other risky behaviors. For more information, contact Heather Knapp at 439-1489 or jheeknapp@ verizon.net or go to the BOU website at http:// bethlehemschools.org/ Parents\_Community/ Bethlehem\_ Opportunities\_Unlimited. html

# Fiddle champion plays V-Ville

# Snow big deal at **Five Rivers**

A field study of the ecological impacts of snow will be conducted on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. at the New York State Department of Environmental **Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education** Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

A rich blanket of snow can either be a blessing or a curse for plants and animals. While snow may impede mobility and hide food sources, it can also provide protection for many species of plants and animals. On this outdoor foray, Center naturalists will search for signs of wildlife activity and discuss the impact of snow cover on various wildlife species of field and fen.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity. In the event of severe weather, this program may be cancelled. Call the Center at 475-0291 for more information.

# Peace group sets screening

The film "The War We Don't See" will be shown Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m., at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave, Delmar.

The War You Don't See (2010, 96 minutes) is a documentary film, directed by John Pilger. It is a powerful and timely investigation into the media's role in war. The War You Don't See traces the history of "embedded' and independent reporting from World War I to the destruction of Hiroshima, and from the invasion of Vietnam to the current war in Afghanistan.

As weapons and propaganda are ever more sophisticated, the very nature of war has developed into an 'electronic battlefield'.

"A masterful job of laying out the often willing collusion of the journalists with the governments ever-expanding spin empires," said Dr. John Jenks, Communication Arts and Sciences Dominican University. A discussion will follow the film, which is sponsored by Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace. For more information, call 466-1192.

# Ice fishing derby open to all

On Saturday, Feb. 25, the Albany County **Conservation Alliance** will hold an ice fishing derby on Warner's Lake in East Berne from 7-11 a.m. All proceeds from the derby go toward sending youths to DEC summer

# Q.U.I.L.T. meet scheduled

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, Feb. 10, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave, Delmar. The general

Old Songs, Inc. presents Hanneke Cassel -U.S. Scottish fiddle Champion. backed by cello and guitar, on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m., at 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets are \$20. For more information and tickets, call 765-2815.



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stories, and the "Magic Box," a prize dispenser which gives each child a surprise in exchange for a swath of their hair at the end of the visit.

In the waiting area, children can enjoy the Snipits show featuring the cast of cartoon characters, and each cutting station includes an entertainment station featuring custom computer games and activities. A special chair for parents is also at each station so parents can be close by.

For special occasions, the Guilderland Snip-Its provides four different themed birthday packages, child spa services and also has its own line of all natural hair care products for kids to take home. experience "one of a kind." "There's just something special about when a child walks into the salon for the

Deitz called the

first time," she said. At a party, children get their hair done, have light makeup put on and can get dressed up in special costumes provided by the salon. At the "Hollywood Party," a child's picture is taken on the red carpet and at the "Rock Star Party," kids get to sing Karaoke. There is also a "Spa Party" and a "Glamour Party."

New Snip-Its stylist Marie Napoli said she is excited to be a part of the salon and what the brand stands for.

"I had a child last year and being new to being a mom, it's nice to have a place to bring a child because they don't always do great in the environment of a crazy salon," she said, adding how thankful she was for the additional training to work with special needs children.

As a stylist for nearly nine years, Napoli knew how difficult it could be for parent, stylist and a child with disabilities when they are wary of getting a haircut.

As part of the grand opening celebration, Guilderland Snip-Its will donate 15 percent of its proceeds to the Down Syndrome Aim High Resource Center. The funds raised will help provide services, resources and activities for members, including fundraising events, collateral materials, education and staffing.

"We're excited to introduce such a unique concept to this community and to be able to give back to an organization that has given our family so much," said Deitz.

# YMCAs seek nominees for student and educator awards

The Guilderland and Bethlehem YMCAs are accepting applications for their 15th annual outstanding student and outstanding educator awards.

All students in grades 10 and 11 residing in the communities or attending school in Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Bethlehem, Guilderland, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk or

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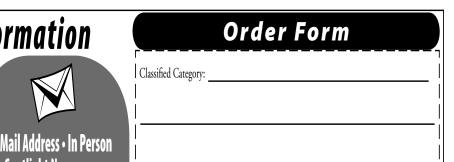
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Notice of Formation of 116 NOTICE OF FORMATION Broadway LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/9/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail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

(February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation AWV Reserve LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/15/2011 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78445 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 2747 Kingsbridge LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/15/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78446 (D) (February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CANBERRA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/15/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities

78448 (D) (February 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PERTH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/15/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities 78449 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of B J E APPRAISAL SER-VICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/15/11. Office location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC

whom process against may

# LEGAL NOTICE

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

78452 (D) (February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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 78626 (D) registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at (February 8, 2012) the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78453 (D) (February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation Aysaar LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filled with SSNY on 08/12/2011. office location Albany. The street ad-dress 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 8, 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 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

# NOTICE OF FORMATION

LEGAL NOTICE Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 13, 2011. Of-fice location: The Street Address of the limited liability company's office is 406 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054, Coun-ty 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

78641 (D)

LLC.

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78642 (D)

(February 8, 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:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of WILDCAT, LLC. App. for Auth.

filed with Secy. of State of

Fictitious name in NY State

WILDCAT, LLC OF PA. Off.

loc.: Albany County. LLC

formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 4/25/07. SSNY desig-

nated 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 Moun-

tain Drive North, Bethlehem.

PA 18015. Arts. of Org. filed

with PA Secy. of State, 401

North St., Ste. 206, Harris-

burg, PA 17120. Purpose: any

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of

Elizabeth Donne, LLC. Ar-

ticles 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 pro-

cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

process to the LLC, 52 Al-

dershot Lane, Manhasset, NY 11030. Purpose: any

lawful act or activity.

(February 8, 2012)

78645 (D)

lawful act or activity.

(February 8, 2012)

78644 (D)

(SSNY) on 12/28/11

all lawful activities.

(February 8, 2012)

78643 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

# (February 8, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE

78447 (D)

Notice of Formation of BEN-DALY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/23/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des ignated 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.

# 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, Wilm-ington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 78629 (D) (February 8, 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 8, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BOX-AURANT, LLC. Arts. of Org.

was filed with SSNY on 12/28/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail

### LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE is c/o 61 Briar Avenue, Al-LEGAL NOTICE

bany, New York 12203. The Notice of Qualification of LLC is organized for the pur-Pacifica Loan Pool LLC. Aupose of a restaurant/bar and thority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on any other lawful business. 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 Notice of Formation of NI-COLE CARNEY LLC. Arts. served. SSNY shall mail of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/29/11. Office locaprocess to: The LLC, 1785 Hancock St., Ste. 100, San Diego. CA 92110, also the tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of principal office address. Address to be maintained LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall in DE: 2140 S. Dupont Hwy, process to: c/o The 46 State St., Albany, Camden, DE 19934. Arts of Org. filed with the DE NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any Services Inc. at the same lawful activities. address. Purpose: all lawful 78658 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Anderson Group Interna-tional, 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 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 72 MADISON LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des ignated 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 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of IRS BLANKNET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/20/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78662 (D) (February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of NOTICE OF FORMATION Trinity NYC Hotel, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on OF LIMITED LIABILITY tate of NY 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 8, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE 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-

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.

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78871 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of

Empire Credit Services,

LLC. Original fictitious

name: Empire ES, LLC. Cur-

rent Fictitious name: Empire

CS. LLC. Authority filed with

Secy. of State of NY (SSNY)

on 11/7/11. Office loca

tion: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA)

on 11/30/09. SSNY dèsig

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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 Ďiego, CA 92130. Arts of Org. filed with the CA

Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA

95814. Purpose: any lawful

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of

Marquette Business Credit

SPE I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY

(SSNY) on 1/6/12. Office lo-

cation: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN)

on 10/20/11. SSNY desig

nated as agent of LLC upon

whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National

Registered Agents, Inc.,

875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001.

Address to be maintained

in MN: 60 South Sixth St., #3800, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Arts of Org. filed with

the MN Secretary of State,

60 Empire Dr., St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of

Hiltz Propane Systems, LLC. Authority filed with

Secy. of State of NY (SSNY)

on 12/22/11. Officè loca

tion: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania

designated as agent of

LLC upon whom pro-

cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

process to: Incorp Ser-

vices, Inc., One Commerce

Plaza, 99 Washington Ave.

SSNY

(PA) on 9/14/11.

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(February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Salem 2012 Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/12/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101 Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78895 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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 Net-work 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 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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

78898 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

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. Pur-

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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 des-ignated 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 8, 2012)

be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The
LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered
agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same
address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
78450 (D)
(February 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MBR SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/16/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities 78451 (D) (February 8, 2012)

OF LLC Articles of Organization for CLRC REALTY, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on De-cember 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 8, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

NAME: CJMJ LLC

process to: c/o The LLC. 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 391-393 Madison Ave., LLC 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services The Articles of organization of the Limited Li-Inc. at the same address. ability Company were filed on December 7, 2011 with Purpose: all lawful activities. 78640 (D) the New York Secretary of (February 8, 2012) State. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.4. Secretary of State is LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Organization of CAD on Pearl, LLC designated as agent of the On December 29, 2011, CAD on Pearl, LLC (the Limited Liability Company upon "LLC") filed Articles of Orwhom process against ganization with the New it may be served. York State Department of The Secretary of State 5. State. The principal business location of the LLC is shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liabilc/o 61 Briar Avenue, City ity Company to 33 Murray and County of Albany, New York. The New York Secre-Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077 tary of State is designated 6. The latest date to disas the agent upon whom solve is indefinite. process against the LLC 7. The purpose of the Limmay be served. The post office address to which the ited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. Secretary of State shall 78648 (D) mail a copy of any process against the LLC served (February 8, 2012) upon him or her to the LLC

Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the registered agent. Address to be maintained in PA: 73 Glen Moore Circle, Lan-78899 (D) caster, PA 17601, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the PA Secretary of the Com-monwealth, 401 North St., Rm. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78874 (D) (February 8, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of NATIONS POWER – NEW YORK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/12. Off. loc.: Albaný 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, Al-bany, NY 12205. Purpose:

any lawful act or activity.

(February 8, 2012)

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pose: any lawful activity. (February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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 8, 2012)

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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 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

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 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

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. SŠNY 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 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **UNITED KITCHEN & VEN-**TILATION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/17/12. Office loca-

# LEGAL NOTICE (February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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 46 State St., Albany, LLC, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same (February 8, 2012) address. Purpose: all lawful activities

79006 (D) (February 8, 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 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

(February 8, 2012) 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 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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

# LEGAL NOTICE

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)

# LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNER-SHIP (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 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 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

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 Deláware (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 DE 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)

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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. Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. State, 401 Federal St., of te. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity 79018 (D)

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# Notice of Formation

Seligman and Patrick, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/23/2012. 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, Al-bany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79201 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Prime Property Protection Arts. of Org. filed LLC. with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/11. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designat-ed as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 79202 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICA-TION FORMATION OF A NEW

YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION

206 (c) The name of the limited liability company is Learni-mation, LLC.

The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was March 14, 2002.

The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany County.

The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served. and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to Sarah Manning 49 Oldox Road Delmar, New York, 12054.

The latest date upon which the company is required to be dissolved is March 8. 2201.

The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York 79213 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

# LEGAL NOTICE

Five Star Property Pros LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 20, 2012. The LLC maintains its office in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC at: c/o Young Sommer, LLC, 5

be served. The names and the business or residence street address of each general partner is available from SOS. The latest date to dissolve is 12/23/2041. SSNY shall mail process to: The Partnership, PO Box 1958, Albany, NY 12207. General Purposes. 79218 (D)

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Amanda Rose Wellness LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/30/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY des-ignated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Al-bany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79226 (D)

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Certificate of Conversion of Steinway Realty Venture, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 26, 2012, effective on the date of filing. Office Loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at P.O. Box 1341, Guilderland, New York 12084. The principal business location is 225 Bentwood Court West, Albany, New York 12203. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 79230 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

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PUBLIC NOTICE Slingerlands Fire District 1520 New Scotland Road Slingerlands, New York

12159 The Slingerlands Fire District is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to prepare preconstruction hazardous materials survey for the existing Fire District facility located at 1520 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands New York. The Baseline Survey is a

building-wide or facilitywide inspection that provides a general sense of the overall location, type, quantity, and condition of hazardous materials present including asbestos, lead and PCB's. It is thorough in that most accessible functional spaces are inspected and bulk samples taken of suspect materials observed. The baseline survey provides information for long-term management of asbestos-containing materials and prioritization of response actions. The pres-ence of hazards in suspect materials may be assumed or presumed in some cases without bulk samples being taken or analyzed. How ever, the baseline survey is unobtrusive in that samples are not taken where doing so would result in objectionable damage to surfaces or where institutional barriers preclude access. In a baseline survey, destructive testing is avoided. Posting of signs and labels required for compliance with OSHA regulations would use the information generated during a Baseline Survey.

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Notice of Formation of AL-DERTON 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)

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 8, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY. NAME: Dean

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 Cen-tral 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 8, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of HEALTHY GENERATION GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des-

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Notice of Formation Susan Campeas MD PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/23/2012. 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 Cntral Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose:

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Palisades Drive, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 79214 (D) (February 8, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Raymary LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/27/2012. process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may 40, Albany NY 12207. NW be served. SSNY shall mail Registered Agent LLC is process to: c/o The LLC. 1225 Broadway, Albany, NY SOP at 90 State St STE 12204. Purpose: all lawful 700 Office 40, Albany NY activities. 12207. Purpose: for any 79215 (D) lawful purpose. 79229 (D) (February 8, 2012) (February 8, 2012)

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Almonte Family L.P. a NYS LP filed with SSNY on 01/13/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may (February 8, 2012)

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sala Mama LLC. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Ap-peals of the Town of Bethle-Secretary of State (NYSS) on 12/2/11. Office loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY hem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearis designated as agent of the LLC upon whom ing on Wednesday, Febru-ary 15, 2012 at 7:00p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Benderson Development Company, LLC, 376-406 Feura Bush Road, Glenmont for designated as agent for an area variance under, Article VI, Section 128-56. spaces.

Applicant wishes to construct two commercial buildings, resulting parking spaces will not meet zoning requirements.

Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals 79257 (D)

(February 8, 2012)

# Shen dominates Class I wrestling tournament

# BC, Guilderland send grapplers into finals

# By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Shenendehowa continued its dominance on the wrestling mat at Saturday's Section II Class I Championships at Colonie Central High School.

their weight classes to help Shen breeze past the competition. The Plainsmen finished with 314 points, nearly 87 points ahead of runner-up Columbia.

"Everybody wrestled well," said Shen coach Rob Weeks. "We placed 14 out of 15 (wrestlers)."

Almost all of the 15 weight classes were won by either Shen or Columbia wrestlers. Colonie's Josh Fuchs was the lone exception, as he posted a 10-5 victory over Shen's Ali Hashimee in the 160-pound final.

"He wrestled well,"

said of Fuchs. "He turned it on in the third period."

Fuchs said he was inspired by watching his teammates, Phil Bazacki (145) and Eli Cooks (152), lose in close finals against Columbia stars Evan Wallace and Angelo Kress. Wallace pulled out a 5-1 victory over Bazacki, while Kress needed double overtime to edge Cooks **4-**2.

"They faced two very Nine Plainsmen won hard kids, but I know they both tried very hard," said Fuchs.

"Phil (Bazacki) wrestled much better than he did in the dual meet (against Columbia), when he was pinned in the first period (by Wallace)," said Stein. "And Cooks ... it was anybody's match. He just came out on the short end."

Shen began the championship round with three straight victories. Kevin Parker edged Guilderland's Josh LoGuidice 5-3 for the 99-pound division title, while Corey Ali shut out Saratoga's Dominc Inzana 7-0 in the 106-pound final. Colonie coach Matt Stein Jesse Porter completed



Guilderland's JOsh LaGuidice (red headgear) tries to gain the upper hand on Shenendehowa's Kevin Parker during the 99-pound division final at last Saturday's Section II Class I tournament in Colonie. Justin Cummings/Spotlight

the run by pulling out a 6-4 finals today." victory over Bethlehem's Matt Morris for the 113-pound division title.

Columbia's Greene brothers – Kyle and Matt - turned in victories in the next two weight classes. Kyle Greene (120 pounds) rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to defeat Shen's Zach Joseph 7-2, and Matt Greene (126) needed 1:34 to pin Saratoga's Hunter Rumpf.

Shen stars Nick Kelley and David Almaviva had little trouble in their championship bouts. Kelley eased past Columbia's Brendan Morgan 10-3 for the 132-pound title, while Almaviva scored a third period technical fall against Bethlehem's Sean Romanski.

"Both Sean (Romanski) and Matt (Morris) had great years and beat quality people," said Bethlehem coach Chris Braga. "They

Levi Ashley, Tony Fusco and Will Mars also won their respective finals for Shen. Ashley (182 pounds) dominated Saratoga's Nick Gibbons 13-4, while Fusco (195) scored all of his points in the second and third periods on his way to an 8-2 victory over Guilderland's Jimmy McLaughlin.

"He (McLaughlin) was a good kid and a good wrestler. He just didn't do too much out there," said Fusco. "But, I have to learn how to deal with that and overcome it.'

Mars used a two-point reversal early in the second period to take a 2-0 lead on his way to a 4-1 victory over Guilderland's Michael McGill in the 220-pound final.

"He wasn't even in the (varsity) lineup a week ago, so for him to come from almost not being in deserved to be here in the the lineup to winning the

tournament was great," Weeks said of Mars.

Shen heavyweight Cole Lampman received a forfeit to win the 285-pound title and cap the Plainsmen's dominating performance.

Those who placed at Saturday's Class I tournament advance to next weekend's Section II Championships at the Glens Falls Civic Center, where they will have a shot at qualifying for the state Division I (large school) tournament at Albany's Times Union Center.

Final team standings: Shen 314, Columbia 227.5, Colonie 174.5, Guilderland 130.5, Saratoga 120, Ballston Spa 101.5, Bethlehem 76.5, Shaker 61.5, Albany 44, Niskayuna 42, Schenectady 25

# Place finishers **Bethlehem**

Tristan Canova, 106 pounds (fifth place) Matt Morris, 113 pounds (fourth place)

pounds (second place) Gabrial Naviasky, 120

pounds (fifth place) Sean Romanski, 138 pounds (second place)

Jimmy Devine, 145 pounds (sixth place)

Chris Tangora, 182 pounds (sixth place)

Jake Groesbeck, 220 pounds (sixth place)

Guilderland

Josh LoGuidice, 99 pounds (second place) Michael Lainhart, 106

pounds (third place) John Stuto, 113 pounds

(fifth place) Brian Kondler, 132

pounds (sixth place) Nick Haluska, 145

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Ryan Harris, third place (170 pounds)

Jimmy McLaughlin, 195 pounds (second place)

Michael McGill, 220 pounds (second place)

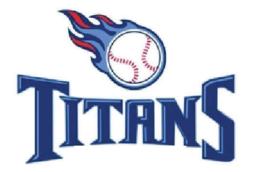
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# Super (From Page 32)

his helmet to make the catch. Manning dropped the ball into Manningham's hands with nary a wobble.

And how about Hakeem Nicks? Niskayuna sports agent JR Rickert's most famous client led all receivers in the Super Bowl with 10 catches for 109 yards. He may not have caught a touchdown pass, but Nicks came up big time and again when Manning looked his way.

Meanwhile, New England quarterback Tom Brady had some issues with his receivers down the stretch. Wes Welker couldn't reach what could have been a title-clinching catch with four minutes left in the fourth guarter (it certainly would have been a first down inside Giants territory). Deion Branch and Aaron Hernandez also had critical drops as the Patriots tried to score the go-ahead touchdown in the final 57 seconds.

Brady didn't do himself any favors in the fourth quarter. His deep throw to Rob Gronkowski came up a few inches short, which was enough for Chase Blackburn to step in front of "Gronk" and make an interception inside the Giants' 15-yard line. Maybe a healthy Gronkowski (he was hobbled by a high ankle sprain) would have done something to either catch the ball or at least prevent the interception, but the point is that Brady made an uncharacteristic error.

In reality, though, this game was about Manning creating his own legacy in the NFL. Despite having already won one Super Bowl (against the Patriots) no less), Eli was considered in most circles to be a lesser signal caller than his older brother, Peyton. He was coming off a 2010 season in which he threw nearly as many interceptions (25) as touchdowns (31). He failed to make the playoffs for three consecutive years entering this season. He was dangerously close to being considered "the other quarterback" in New York after Mark Sanchez helped the Jets reach two straight AFC Championship games.

But Manning backed up his words with a career year. He threw for 4,933 yards and 29 touchdowns in the regular season, and then he led the Giants through road playoff wins against Green Bay and San Francisco to get them to the Super Bowl, where he threw for 296 yards and a touchdown.

And the best part is, area sports fans will get to see Manning and the rest of the 2012 New York Giants up close this summer at UAlbany. That should make our summer a little more interesting than last summer.

Don't forget to follow me on Twitter @jonas\_spotlight. I'll be revealing the subject of this week's spotlightnews.com poll Wednesday at 4 p.m. for our Albany County readers and against Thursday at 4 p.m. for our Schenectady and Saratoga County readers.

# **Olsen receives regional honor**

Bethlehem Central the Capital One NCAA District 1 team.

High School graduate Saint Michael's College (41), field goal shooting Megan Olsen was among women's basketball team, percentage (44.8) and five players selected for entered last weekend's three-pointers (16). action tied for first on Division II Academic All- her team in steals (32) nomics and psychology at and third in scoring (9.3 Saint Michael's.

Olsen, a junior on the points per game), assists

Olsen majors in eco-

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"Offensively, we didn't use our screeners like we needed to," said a frustrated Guilderland coach Frank Cacckello. We were waiting too long to shoot or get the ball inside, and then we were forced to take a long shot. Give full credit to their defense. Our inability to scored had to do with what Bethlehem did, so give full credit to their defense. We didn't meet the challenge."

Caccckello's disappointment may have been a result of his team coming into the game with a three game winning streak, which were all road games.

"Their (Bethlehem's) defense denied us to initiate our offense, especially on the wings" said Guilderland pointguard Briana Beaver-Timmons. "We didn't move the ball well and spent too much time trying to pass it around. Then defensively, we didn't have enough energy to stop their offense."

lead to 38-25 entering we've got to keep our eyes final quarter. The Eagles swarming defense then into sectionals.' closed out the final eight minutes by holding the Lady Dutch to three field goals.

"This was a big game Lady Dutch meet Averill for our seniors, and we Park Friday.

really wanted to win for them," said junior Bridget Murphy, who led all scorers with 15 points. "We've been working really hard on defense all year and tonight it showed. Our help defense really worked and we talked as a team.

Freshman Gabby Giacone scored 14 points and added eight rebounds.

"This was a big game and we wanted to win badly," said the 5-foot-11 forward. "This was one of the best defensive games we played all year. We started in a zone, and then went to man. We closed out on their shooters, and that was the difference.'

Guilderland was led by seniors Amanda Kernozek and Cristal Bentron, who contributed nine points apiece.

Bethlehem will be looking to avenge a twopoint loss to Colonie when the two teams meet Tuesday night.

"Gettting better and better this time of year is just what you want," Bixby said. "Yes, we'd like to avenge that loss where they got us by two the fifth Bethlehem built its game of the season, but out for everyone heading

> Guilderland returns home Tuesday to face Mohonasen as it begins its final stretch of games. The



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Brothers Academy 4-1 Saturday at the Albany County Hockey Facility in Colonie.

Evan Van Epps gave CBA (9-7-0, 9-10-1) a 1-0 lead early in the first period, but Jon Clark responded with a goal to tie the game at 1. Andrew Carroll then struck for two of his game-high three goals later in the opening stanza to put Bethlehem in front to stay.

Cooley made 18 saves to help the Eagles move into a three-way tie with CBA and Shaker/ Colonie for third place in the CDHSHL Division I standings. All three teams have 14 standings points entering the final week of the regular season.

Kyle Stockman stopped 24 shots for the Brothers.

Meanwhile, N/S is off until Friday when it travels to Hudson Valley Community College to face LaSalle.

"We've certainly played a lot better over the last month," Templeton said of his Mohawks, who had won four of their previous five games before losing to Bethlehem. "It would be nice if I could get the whole team on the ice again. We had a kid miss tonight's game because he was sick.'



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# **Sports** in the Spotlight

# One goal is all Eagles need

# BC wins battle with hot goalie to get on track

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Sometimes, one goal is all you need. And sometimes, one goal is all you get.

Such was the case last Friday at the Bethlehem Area YMCA, where Bethlehem made a firstperiod goal stand in a 1-0 Capital District High School Hockey League victory over Niskayuna/ Schenectady.

N/S goaltender Peter Mrazik stopped 27 of the 28 shots he faced, but he received little offensive support from the Mohawks (6-5-0 league, 8-10-0 overall), who managed only nine shots on goal.

"That goalie played well," said Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue. "It was a tight one."

Jon Clark's goal with 4:09 left in the opening period was all that Mrazik allowed, and even that was questionable as the puck barely cleared the goal line before Mrazik swiped it out.

"I wasn't even sure the first one went in," said  $\rm N/S$ 

coach Todd Templeton. "He (Mrazik) kept us in the game the whole time."

"I said, 'She's a beaut, Clark," Rodrigue said of Clark's first goal of the season.

Mrazik remained in his groove and kept Bethlehem (9-3-0, 14-5-0) off the scoreboard the rest of the game, despite facing near-constant pressure at times.

"We knew we had to keep the pressure on," said Rodrigue. "It was a one-goal game, and one goal at any time could have tied it."

Bethlehem goaltender Kevin Cooley didn't see as much action as Mrazik did, but the junior made the saves when he needed to in posting his fifth win of the season and his first shutout.

"Statistically speaking, it says he only made nine saves, but he made a couple of key saves to keep us ahead," said Rodrigue.

"We played much better in the second and third periods, but we didn't get anything by (Cooley)," said Templeton.

Bethlehem followed up its one-goal victory over N/S by beating Christian

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Bethlehem's Nicholas Parente (3) stays a step ahead of a Niskayuna/Schenectady player during last Friday's Capital District High School Hockey League game at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

# A Super summer<br/>awaits AlbanyDefense guides BC girls<br/>Lady Eagles pull away

Big changes are coming to the sports section here beginning next week. No, they don't involve me. It's all about appearance. You'll see what I mean



when you read next week's column.

As for now, area New York Giants fans are likely making room in their scrapbooks and memorabilia shelves for all of the autographed Super Bowl XLVI items they may be getting this summer.

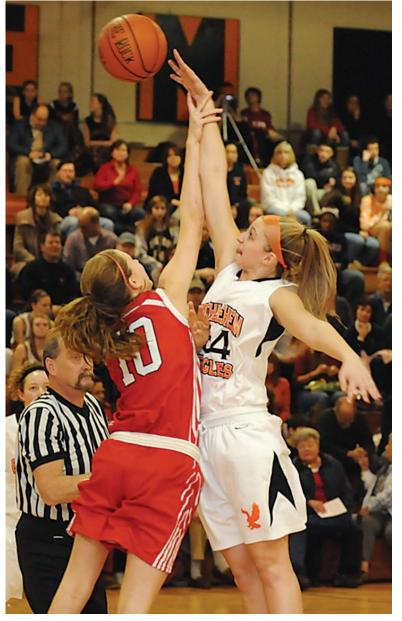
Although nothing is official, the newly-crowned NFL

Lady Eagles pull away from Guilderland on Senior Night

By MAUREEN KELLY news@spotlightnews.com

The Bethlehem and Guilderland girls basketball teams entered Friday night's Suburban Council matchup with identical league records of 6-6 and in a deadlock for third place in the South Division.

But for the second time this season, the Eagles posted a convincing victory over the visiting Lady Dutch. Friday's 52-35 drubbing moves Bethlehem into third place behind Calonia and Avorill Bark



champions are scheduled to return to the region this summer for training camp at the University at Albany.

As you may remember, the Giants didn't train at UAlbany last summer because the NFL lockout ended too late for the team to make all the necessary arrangements to come up here for camp. But part-owner John Mara said at the time that the team was planning on honoring the final year of its three-year agreement with the SUNY school in 2012.

So as long as the Giants honor that pact (and nothing suggests that they won't do so), we will see the defending champions up close and personal this summer. Granted, they probably won't do anything nearly as exciting as they did Sunday against the New England Patriots, but we'll have daily access to the players that other Giants fans could only dream of.

As for the champs, I have to hand it to Eli Manning. He said before the season began that he considered himself an elite quarterback in the NFL, and he proved it by guiding the Giants on the game-winning drive late in the fourth quarter. His sideline pass to Mario Manningham will go down in Super Bowl history as one of the greatest plays. And unlike David Tyree four years earlier, Manningham didn't need to pin the football to

behind Colonie and Averill Park.

"I am very pleased with our effort tonight," said Bethlehem coach Matthew Bixby, whose team defeated Guilderland by 10 points in early December. "It's always tough to beat a team twice. We played extremely well and intelligent. This may have been our best defensive performance all year."

Guilderland managed just 13 points the first half, as Bethlehem pulled away to an eight-point halftime lead on Senior Night.

"They (Guilderland) earned every point they scored," Bixby said. "They didn't have many open looks, but when the shots were there they knocked them down."

Guilderland got out to an 8-3 lead with 3:12 remaining in the opening quarter before Bethlehem woke up. The Eagles scored the final eight points of the period, and then held the Lady Dutch to just one field goal and three free-throws in the second quarter to grab a 22-13 halftime lead.

Bethlehem's Tori McGrath (34) is fouled by Guilderland's Amanda BC Page 31 Kernozek during last Friday's Suburban Council game. Robert Goo/Spotlight

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