



He's with the band

Jacob Bartfield's move to Los Angeles landed him a surprise spot on the television show "Glee."

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Well red

Michele Merges Martens' show at Strolling Village Artisans pays homage to love and Valentine's Day, but not with traditional hearts and flowers.

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Chipping in

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Sign law discussion takes turn

Town to address signs on private property, not public lands

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Members of Bethlehem's Department of Economic Development and Planning have agreed to draft new language regarding temporary signs on private property to add clarity to the existing law.

At the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8, Economic Development and Planning Director Michael Morelli said the new language would include specific dimensions for signs and

the duration they can be displayed. The board did not discuss whether any language changes would be made to current zoning laws concerning signs placed on town property.

According to current zoning law, "no signs can be placed in the town right-of-way," even on county and state roads within the town. "Political signs and similar signs" can be placed on private property.

Some deemed the language too vague, which resulted in the proposed clarification for signs on private property.

"We really can't allow for much discretion on the part of the building inspector in terms

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Bethlehem's Department of Economic Development and Planning is discussing rules for political and other signs.

Spotlight file photo

'There are just so many peaks out there unnamed or unknown to the public.'

Treading where few have traveled

Slingerlands resident's book on lesser-known Catskill mountains released

By MARCY VELTE
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Veteran hiker Alan Via began climbing the smaller peaks of the Catskills alone with his dog Bookah nearly five years ago.

Soon, hiking the group of often overlooked mountains became a personal quest for him to finish and the seeds for his first book, "The Catskill 67: A Hiker's Guide to the Catskill 100 Highest Peaks under 3500" were planted.

"My wife would laugh because this is how it started with all the hiking lists I've ever done," the Slingerlands resident said. "Eventually the list takes over and I'm out every weekend chasing it. There are just so many peaks out there unnamed or unknown to the public."

Via has been hiking mountains for more than 40 years. He was an avid fisherman and hunter in his youth and a coworker asked him to join the Adirondack Mountain Club when he was in his twenties.

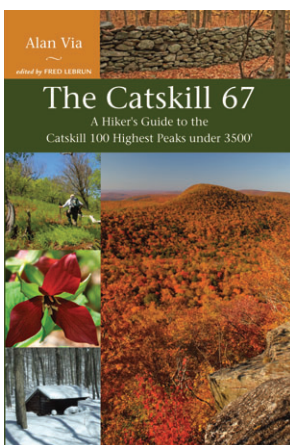
Since then, he was the club's outing chair for 14 years, averaging 200 trips a year, the head of the Bethlehem Area YMCA Hiking

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ABOVE: Water cascades over Plattekill Falls near the start of hikes to Overlook and Plattekill mountains.

Mark Schaefer/Submitted photo



LEFT: Alan Via's book "The Catskill 67" is 192 pages and includes more than 60 photographs and a dozen maps and nature illustrations. Costing \$21.95, it's available in several area shops, as well as on amazon.com and www.adk.org.

Town staffs citizens groups

Committees charged with studying, budget, government, ethics

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Town Board on Wednesday, Feb. 8, appointed members to its three newly formed citizen advisory committees and gave each group its official charge.

Some board members previously expressed reservations about having the Governance Options Committee investigate splitting the town into wards. However, all said they would keep an open mind concerning the committee's findings.

"I think it's an interesting idea and one that should be looked at," said Supervisor John Clarkson, previously explaining the notion had come from residents he met during his campaign who felt underrepresented.

The Governance Committee will present its findings in June and will research governance options within the town, including a "regional or ward system for Town Board members, term lengths for supervisor or board and other options, including any updates on the 20/20 governance options previously presented."

On the recommendation of Councilwoman Joann Dawson, the Budget Advisory Committee will start meeting this month and continue into 2013 to help with the

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Small screen, big break

BC grad makes surprise appearance on 'Glee'

By MARCY VELTE
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Jacob Bartfield never imagined a call from his brother about a gig would lead to an appearance on national television.

The 2002 Bethlehem Central graduate moved to Los Angeles six months ago for a change of pace after playing bass in the Boston-based band "The Pulse of Boston" for four years.

"I know a few people who live out here and my brother lives here, so it seemed like I'd have more opportunities," said the 27-year-old.

When Jacob's brother asked him if he would be interested in filling in one time as bass player for a friend's band, he was excited for the opportunity to connect with new musicians. Bartfield soon received a text asking if he could send them back a picture right away. He took the picture with his phone and texted it back.

"They told me when and where to show up and right away I called my brother asking what I was doing," said Barfield, whose brother knew the saxophone player. "Then he told me, 'Oh, you're going to be on 'Glee.'" I

"To be successful you have to put yourself out there and meet other musicians. Playing by yourself, nothing is ever going to happen."

— Jacob Bartfield

said, 'OK, that's cool.' I didn't even know what I was doing at first, so that was kind of crazy."

Bartfield was to appear in episode 12 of the Fox television show "Glee's" third season, which featured the Latin singer Ricky Martin. The shoot with his scenes took place over three days, but first he had to learn the music.

According to Bartfield, all of the show's music is prerecorded, so he really didn't have to play anything. His role was to know the music well enough to make it look like he was playing correctly during his scenes.

"It's still important to learn the music as close to note for note as we can, and look like we're having a good time," he said. "For one song I played electric bass, and the cord was plugged in but nothing was happening. I don't



Jacob Bartfield, a 2002 Bethlehem Central grad recently appeared playing bass in a backup band on an episode of the hit TV show "Glee."

Submitted photo

even know if it was real.

Bartfield started his music career playing the piano and cello in elementary school. He then began playing the bass at 12 years old and later learned a little guitar. The former Slingerlands resident eventually attended the Berklee College of Music as a performance major.

"I've always loved music and knew that's what I wanted to do," he said.

Bartfield was told to wear jeans and a plain shirt to shooting each day. Some days, wardrobe would change what the band was wearing to make them match or compliment each other. He also got his hair and makeup done each day.

Unfortunately, he didn't get to meet any of the show's stars like Lea Michele, Cory Monteith or Chris Colfer.

"When on set you have to keep quiet and stay there while they're

filming to pretend like you're playing. You stand by in an extra room when not involved in the take," he said.

Bartfield said at first he was really excited to be on set but after a while he became bored since filming the same scene at different angles can become monotonous.

He ended up appearing briefly in three scenes — in the opening number of "La Cucaracha," during the cover of Gloria Estefan's "Don't Want to Lose You" and the "Bamboleo"/"Hero" medleys scene.

According to Bartfield, the greatest experience was connecting with local musicians. He and members of the "Glee" band exchanged numbers and he made other connections that will hopefully lead to more work in the future.

"A few hours ago I got a text and they were almost going to need me on Glee Project, but

the regular bass player ended up being able to do it," he said. "I feel pretty good about doing something like this again because they know who I am now."

Bartfield held a mini viewing party with his brother and their girlfriends in L.A., but their parents watched it at home, as did many of their friends and family.

"Of course we are so proud of him and know this is only the beginning of a wonderful and successful life," said his mother, Andrea Bartfield.

Jacob Bartfield said to those in the Bethlehem Central music program hoping to make it into the music business, exposure is important.

"To be successful you have to put yourself out there and meet other musicians. Playing by yourself, nothing is ever going to happen," he said. "The more people you know, the better position to be lucky."

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Old school

Hair of the Dog returns to St. Thomas for benefit concert

By MARCY VELTE
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Many artists find their vision and make connections while in school, but few get the early start John Haggerty and Mike DeAngelis did. They've been playing together for 40 years, and it all started at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Now, for the second year in a row, the two musicians are coming back to Saint Thomas the Apostle School with their band, Hair of the Dog, to hold a benefit concert.

Haggerty graduated from the school in 1973, but DeAngelis didn't go to Saint Thomas. His family did worship at the church, however. According to Haggerty, the pair began playing together at the church's folk group band during mass, and they have been playing together ever since.

"It's pretty nostalgic to come back here," he said.

Haggerty said he told the band at last year's concert how, on the same stage they were about to play, he won the school's

"Often people go back to support their college or high school, but elementary schools are forgotten. It's sad because that's where people learn their fundamentals."

— Sister Mary Frederick Coyne

talent show 40 years ago playing a song on the guitar.

He now plays acoustic guitar, accordion, banjo and sings, while DeAngelis does acoustic guitar, bodhran (a type of drum) and vocals. The band consists of four other members, Rick Bedrosian, Larry Packer, Eric Finn and Scott Apicelli.

Formed in 1993, the band went on to release 10 albums, including "At The Parting Glass," "Let It Flow" and "Donegal," while performing on both sides of the Atlantic from Chicago, Buffalo, New York, Boston and Florida to Ireland.

The latest Hair of the Dog album will be released this St. Patrick's Day, and their next local concert will be on Saturday, March 31, at the Elsmere American Legion.

Sister Mary Frederick Coyne was principal of the school during Haggerty's time there, and retired in 2000. She thinks it's "marvelous" he came back to support his old elementary school.

"Often people go back to support their college or high school, but elementary schools are forgotten," she said. "It's sad because that's where people learn their fundamentals."

Principal Tom Kane was also pleased about the band dedicating its time for the school.

"We are happy to host this wonderful band. We always welcome back alumni and their friends, but they don't usually arrive with guitars, bodhrans, fiddles, banjos and mandolins," he said.

All of the proceeds from the concert will benefit the school, to provide tuition assistance to school families.

At the same time, the school is hosting its annual "Continuing the Vision" giving campaign.



Hair of the Dog will play a benefit concert at Saint Thomas the Apostle School Friday, Feb. 17.

Submitted photo

Last year, nearly \$30,000 was raised throughout the whole event, which was used to expand the school's technology programs with the purchase of two new SMART boards and 23 Google Chromebooks. The funds also went to provide an average of \$1,500 per child in tuition aid to families in need.

"We appreciate their

help for this important fundraiser for our school," said Kane.


Haggerty said the band is happy to help.

"(Saint Thomas the Apostle School) is still one of the more thriving Catholic schools that are around," he said, adding he was grateful for the opportunity to give back.

The Hair of the Dog

benefit concert begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. Doors open at 6 p.m. and guests must be 21 or older to enter. Advance sale tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the school. Food and beverage will be available at the show.

To donate to the school's "Continuing the Vision" giving campaign, visit www.stthomas-school.org.



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Police Blotter

BC student arrested in virus plot

A Bethlehem Central High School student was arrested on Thursday, Feb. 2 for allegedly hacking into the school's server, according to police.

A 16-year-old student, whose name was not released because of his age, was arrested for allegedly uploading a virus onto the school's server sometime between Jan. 16 and Feb. 1, police said. The student was caught after an investigation by school officials. Police did not indicate if the student gave a reason for his actions.

The school's Chief Technology Officer Salvator DeAngelo told police the student gained access to the server without authorization, and provided a written statement to police made by the student explaining how he created the virus and uploaded it to the server using two thumb drives. Police contacted the FBI to help investigate the incident, and it was deemed the student was not a further threat.

School officials told police the virus was an "extreme inconvenience to staff and disturbed the learning process of students at the high school," according to Lt. Tom Heffernan.

"The district became aware that a student had gained unauthorized access to the school server on Feb. 2 and notified the proper authorities.

There was no interruption in instruction," said district spokesman Bill DeVoe. "It is not the district's policy to discuss disciplinary issues in regard to its students."

The student was charged with computer tampering in the 4th degree, a misdemeanor. He was released into the custody of his parents and was scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Ravena driver dies in Route 9W crash

A Ravena woman died in a motor vehicle accident in Selkirk after her car crossed the oncoming traffic lane and drove down an embankment, according to Bethlehem police.

Margaret Keller-Dunn, 57, died at the scene on Sunday, Feb. 12 around 7 p.m., according to police. She was the sole occupant of the car. Police said Rt. 9W was closed for nearly two hours as they worked to reconstruct the scene of the accident. The cause of the accident remains under investigation pending toxicology and autopsy results.

Cops: Selkirk man tried to lure teen

Bethlehem police arrested a Selkirk man after he allegedly

sent sexually explicit text messages to minor.

Ryan Brooks, 27, of 148 Old Ravena Road in Selkirk, was arrested after the mother of a 16-year-old girl contacted police regarding the text messages.

"The text messages were adult in nature and eventually led to inviting and inducing the minor to engage in sexual contact with him," police said.

Brooks was charged with attempted disseminating indecent material to a minor in the first degree, a felony. He was also charged with the misdemeanors of endangering the welfare of a child, attempted endangering the welfare of a child and attempted rape in the third degree.

Brooks was arraigned in Bethlehem Court and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility on lieu of \$10,000 cash or bail bond. He was scheduled to return to Bethlehem Town Court at a later date.

Anyone with additional information on Brooks or anyone who may have information on additional victims was asked to call Bethlehem police at 439-9973.

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Ryan Brooks

Teen charged with running down peer in Selkirk neighborhood

Bethlehem police arrested a teen for allegedly running down another youth with his car after several of his peers allegedly knocked down his paintball forts.

Jospeh E. Badolato, 17, of Ivywood Drive in Selkirk, is accused of driving his car off the road and across oncoming traffic on Ashgrove Lane in Selkirk at about 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Lt. Tom Heffernan said Badolato was trying to scare three teenagers walking home from school that he believed had ruined his forts.

Badolato told police he went looking for three of his peers who he believed called to ask if he had recently checked his paintball forts in the woods, according to court documents. When he went to look at the forts, they had been knocked over. Badolato said he was angry because he spent several hours constructing them.

Badolato's told police he went looking for one of the boys he believed had called him at his house, but he was not home. A short time later he saw the teen and two others walking down the road.

Badolato said he then raced toward the teens with his car to try to scare them. He struck one of the teens with his car while the other two were able to jump out of the way, police said. The 16-year-old that was hit sustained a broken thumb and lost several teeth, according to Heffernan. He was transported to Albany Medical Center, treated and released.

"I didn't mean to hit anyone. I'm sorry," Badolato said in his statement to police.

One of the teens said he witnessed Badolato jump out of his car and "start screaming" at the injured boy while he was still on the ground.

Badolato was charged with felony reckless endangerment in the first degree, misdemeanor reckless endangerment in the second degree and numerous vehicle and traffic charges. Additional charges may be pending, police said.

Badolato was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and released under the supervision of Albany County Probation Department and turned over to his father. He is scheduled to reappear in Town Court on Tuesday, March 6.



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Police Blotter

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Rochester man admits guilt in dog theft

A Rochester man admitted on Tuesday, Feb. 7, to stealing a dog from a Guilderland home last October, according to the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

Randy Whitten, 42, pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree burglary, a felony, before Albany County Court Judge Thomas Breslin. He faces 12 years in state prison and five years post-release supervision at his March sentencing, according to District Attorney David Soares.

After Whitten and a co-conspirator, Robert Genovese, broke into the home on Johnstown Road on Oct. 24, a neighbor told police she witnessed a male exit the house with her neighbor's dog in his arm. When she called police, the men drove away in a white van.

State Police caught up with the van and followed it to Voorheesville. Despite police lights being activated, the van did not pull over right away. The van eventually pulled over and the suspects fled on foot, escaping the Trooper, according to Soares.

The dog came out of the van and was later returned to the owner in Guilderland, said Soares.

Shortly after the

Accident injures three



The Albany County Sheriff's Department is investigating the cause an accident the evening of Friday, Feb. 10, in the Town of New Scotland at the intersection of routes 443 and route 85 in front of the Stewart's store. At least three people were sent to area hospitals as a result and two people were trapped in the overturned vehicle for a period of time.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

suspects fled, a report went out for a Chevrolet Silverado that had been stolen out of a driveway in Voorheesville. A State Trooper then spotted the truck on Western Avenue near Crossgates Mall and pulled it over, according to Soares. The suspects were then arrested. A search warrant was executed on the white van and inside police found a Kawasaki dirt bike that had been stolen earlier in the day in White Plains.

"These defendants would not have been captured but for neighbors looking out for neighbors and excellent police work," said Soares. "These two defendants went on a crime-spree which included the awful act of stealing a beloved pet named Molly, who was thankfully safely returned home. Unfortunately, they chose to conduct

this behavior in Albany County where we have a coordinated law enforcement response and now and will be spending many years behind bars."

Other arrests

Bethlehem police arrested an Albany man on DWI charges on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Keith England, 33, of Woodland Avenue, Albany, was stopped on Route 9W after he was seen speeding, according to police. When the officer stopped England, a heavy smell of alcohol was allegedly coming from the car. Police said he also had red, glassy eyes, slurred speech and seemed nervous.

England was taken into custody where a chemical test was performed, police

said. He was charged with two felony counts of DWI and speeding. Police said England was able to take a taxi home and will appear

in court at a later date.

Guilderland police arrested Stephen Soricelli for one misdemeanor count of DWI on Sunday,

Feb. 12. Soricelli, 29, was also charged with failure to keep right and failure to obey a traffic device, both traffic violations.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

The taxman cometh

Last week, we reported the Bethlehem Central School District will be facing a \$4.4 million budget gap, and this week, we have updates news on the fiscal situation at Guilderland schools.

This can only mean one thing: school budgeting season has started in earnest.

You'll be seeing a lot of these types stories popping up in various editions of *The Spotlight* in coming weeks and months. We make it a point to cover school budget discussions as fully and fairly as we can.

They're not always exciting (honestly, they're sometimes dull), but for us the litmus test for a story isn't salaciousness, it's importance. And if you own a home, have young children or are one of the thousands in this area employed by a school district, these budgets most definitely matter.

In preparation of the annual budgeting exercises, we offer this primer on important topics and terms of school budget conversation. Stay tuned to these pages for updates on what you will be voting on come May.

• **Tax levy:** The full amount of taxes the district plans to raise. The tax levy should not be confused with a total budget. School districts receive other revenues, not the least of which is aid from the state.

While the tax levy has an impact on what individual property owners pay, that impact can be great or small based on a number of factors, which brings us to...

• **Tax rate:** An individual taxpayer is probably most concerned with the tax rate, which is used to calculate a tax bill. Taxes are charged per \$1,000 of assessed property value—in other words, a person with a home assessed at \$100,000 who pays a tax rate of \$1 per \$1,000 of property value would owe \$100 in school taxes (and would no doubt be very enthusiastic about his or her situation).

What can be particularly confusing about tax rates is they often differ from town to town in the same school district. A Bethlehem Central taxpayer in New Scotland will end up paying a different tax rate than a homeowner down the road in Bethlehem. This is because of...

• **Equalization rates:** Not every town or city assesses properties in the same way as its neighbors, and since assessments are labor-intensive and costly they aren't done every year. Since different places in the same school district may be out of whack, the state hands down equalization rates every year in an effort to make the tax burden equitable, which is why different towns pay different tax rates.

All this gets you to what's on the tax bill, at least before...

• **STAR:** Or the New York State School Tax Relief Program. An awful lot of people would be totally taxed out of their homes if not for STAR. The program exempts certain taxpayers from a portion of or all of their school tax bill, though the latter's not going to happen in hardly any instances. Submit your application by March 1.

• **Tax cap:** Under the state's new tax cap law, municipalities can only raise the tax levy year-to-year by a certain amount. Though that's usually advertised as 2 percent, in reality that's a starting point and there's a fairly complex series of equations that results in the real number. This year, most school districts will find their levy limit to be a bit above 2 percent. If they want to raise it more, at least 60 percent of voters will have to agree.

• **Fund balance:** This figure will probably be coming up a lot this year, especially when talk turns to layoffs and tax hikes. There are two types of fund balance though, reserved and unreserved. Reserved savings are earmarked for specific expenses and can't otherwise be touched. Unreserved fund balance is what matters for budgeting—these monies can be used to overcome a budget gap.

Editorial

Site visit leads to life lessons

JUDITH FETTERLEY

The writer is a Glenmont resident and the owner of the garden design business Perennial Wisdom.

When Walter Cudnohufsky talks about his "Principles of Residential Landscape Design," I listen with my designer's ear. But my "how to live a better life" ear perks up too.

I have signed up for his "Traveling Design Clinic," a course offered through the Berkshire Botanical Garden. Some members of the class have paid extra to have us visit their homes and do on-the-spot problem solving under Walter's guidance. We are standing in the back yard of one of these sites.

It is afternoon on a beautiful September day but at this moment most of us are uncomfortable. We have been on the road visiting landscapes in need of help since 9 a.m. This site strikes those of us who don't own it as the worst we have seen. It is unprepossessing at best, actually boring and dreary. A large back deck projects out over a gravel patch and looks down a grass slope to scrub brush. Blue spruces line the two sides of the yard; from my perspective there are about 16 blue spruces too many. Does the yard need to look like a bowling alley, I wonder?

We shuffle, scrunch, and twist as Walter keeps pressing his point. "You must find the positives. We are not leaving this site until you can find them, and as many positives as negatives. You can't solve problems until you know the positives. Keep looking, they are there."

We look again, dig deeper (those blue spruces create a great privacy screen, the scrub brush provides habitat for wildlife) and finally come up with a list that satisfies him. But I am thinking, "This would be a good way to approach the backyard of my life!"

I got my first hint that

Point of View

a course in landscape design could also be a course in life skills earlier in the day. Before we started, Walter prepped us by emphasizing the importance of observation. "Effective design starts with response to what exists," he said, "so the first thing you have to do is see what's there."

At the first site we visit, hands fly up as everyone rushes to share what they see: "I see a large maple that looks diseased"; "I see a fence that has no point"; "the driveway comes too close to the house"; "there is a problem of proportion between barn and house." But Walter is shaking his head. It appears that seeing what's there is not as easy as we eager beavers thought.

"I want description, not judgment," says Walter. "If you start with judgment – the fence has no point, the tree is diseased, the driveway's too close, the path is nice – you will rush to solution before you know what you have to work with. Judgment has its time and place, but that time and place *is not now!*"

Then he delivers my favorite line of the day: "Preconceived notions are the enemy of good solutions."

While the rest of the class struggles to supply him with observations stripped of judgment – "three white pines in a clump," "clapboard house with wrap around porch," "side lawn slopes down to stream" – I wonder if things might go better in my life if I had fewer preconceived notions when trying to solve a problem. What if I were to make an "inventory of the actual" before coming to judgments and designing solutions?

Walter has moved on. Now he is talking about feelings. He directs us back to our first

Make your point

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

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impressions and asks us how we felt when we first saw the site. "Feelings are crucial," he says, addressing us as would-be landscape designers. "If the driveway makes you anxious because it is too close to the house, you must honor this feeling and see where it leads. Chances are it makes your clients anxious too."

We move on once again to explore solutions and he cautions us about proportion. "Use a level 5 solution for a level 5 problem. Don't use a level 10 solution for a level 5 problem. You may need to move the driveway; you don't need to move the house!"

By the end of the day my head is reeling and I am exhausted. *Maximize the positive, see what's there, honor your feelings, use a level 5 solution for a level 5 problem.* I feel I have gotten as many life lessons as lessons in landscape design. I say goodbye to my fellow travelers. We have bonded through struggling to keep up with Walter. We agree that if he offers the class again we will take it, but privately I hope it won't be soon. I have a lot to practice before I live another day, much less take on another job or attend another class!

Weekly poll

Will the tax cap keep school budgets down this year?

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Last week's poll results:
"What's the best Valentine's Day gift?"

- A bouquet of flowers. 14%
- A box of chocolates. 29%
- A fancy dinner. 14%
- A kiss from your sweetie. 43%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Caring and Sharing a success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
This letter is to publicly thank the many sponsors who once again this year combined to make the Bethlehem Holiday Caring and Sharing Program a heartwarming success. Due to the generosity and dedication of each of these people and organizations, 120 families throughout the Bethlehem School District were assisted during this holiday season. It is with sincere thanks that we recognize the following for their participation and contribution in this program.

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In addition, we would be remiss if we failed to mention the school nurses, JoAnn Menrath, Kathy Betzhold, Stacie

Decker, Molly Fusco, Francie Gransbury, and Monica Vail, who together worked so hard in confidentially identifying and contacting the many families who benefited from the community’s outpouring of generosity.

Finally, a special recognition is in order to Nan Lanahan and the staff of the Bethlehem Office of Parks and Recreation for continuing to accommodate us to well, and to Ron Shelmerdine, who arranged for al the food pick ups at the school to be delivered with care to the Town Park by Charlie Blanchard, Tom Meyer, Rich Augar, Joe Ryan and Andy Appleby.

So many others helped through out the organization of the program and the day of “pick up” and we would like to express our gratitude to: Sue DiMuria, Scott Carlton, Katie Burkart, Ryan St. John, Lisa Carr, Kim Watson and Kristen Burns.

This is what community is all about and it was wonderful to be part of this true spirit of giving.

*Pat Burkart/
Program Coordinator &
Jody Monroe/Assistant
Superintendent BCSD*

Bethlehem’s ambulance advisory board appears to be for insiders only

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
Hi! I am responding to an article written in the Spotlight, dated February 1, 2012, entitled “Bethlehem Well Served by Ambulance” on Page 7. Wow! Spot on! Well done!

I applied for the volunteer position on the Ambulance advisory board for the Town of Bethlehem. My goal was to bring my years of experience in the

emergency medicine field and management to the board. I did not make the cut and was not chosen.

I have been an active member of the Ravena Fire Department and Rescue Squad for 40 years, running on over 4,000 calls in the squad. For 35 years I was a New York State certified, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) instructor, teaching more than 1,000 students. For the New

York State Thruway, I was the coordinator of the emergency management team. And, yes, I do now live in the Town of Bethlehem.

So it appears, it does not matter how much experience you have or if the position is paid or volunteer, if you do not have any political juice, forget it. Don’t waste your time trying to help.

*Lee French
Selkirk*

Lions thank tree sale supporters

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
The Bethlehem Lions Club recently concluded its 25th Annual Christmas Tree Sale. The sale is the club’s major fundraiser for the year and provides support for the purchase of eyeglasses and hearing aids for community residents in need, two scholarships for graduating high school students who are residents of the town, support for the “File of Life” initiative with the Senior Services Office, support for the Lions Eye Institute at Albany, as well as many other projects which enrich the community.

The Bethlehem Lions Club would like to thank the community for their continued support for the sale. Special thanks go to Gould Erectors and Riggers on Route 9W in Glenmont, New York, who has provided the site for the sale each year.

We look forward to many more years of

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*Daniel J. Ryan
President, Bethlehem
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A little give and take at the dinner table

Paul and I often have very different ideas about what to cook for dinner. He's a meat-and-potatoes guy. I love the fresh flavors of Thai and rich Indian spices. Since I do most of the cooking around here, we mostly eat what I want. I throw in a beef brisket or a pork tenderloin here and there, to keep everyone happy.

In planning our meals, I always ask what he's in the mood for. I make note on my shopping list, the things he's asked for. Depending on the season, it's something like meatloaf and mashed potatoes. Or pot roast. In summer, it's often cheeseburgers or sausage on the grill. You get the idea.

I smile and tell him that his request will be taken into consideration. Then I shop for and prepare curried cauliflower and Indian-spiced chicken. This we serve over brown rice. Paul will dig in, and with a wink, tell me how it's the best meatloaf he's ever had. That's how it is when I cook. It's not that I don't like a good meatloaf. I just like the Indian chicken better, and that's what ultimately wins when I'm in the grocery.

Predictably, something

Our Daily Plate

Caroline Barrett



similar happens when Paul is in charge of the shopping and cooking. Not too long ago, while I worked late and he did Daddy-duty, he sent me a text. He was walking into the grocery, with the intention of buying and cooking our dinner.

"what do u want for dinnr?" his text read.

I thought about this for awhile, since I tend to think too much about this stuff and had to consider lots of things: What would our evening be like? Did anyone have to go out for activities or would we all be home? Was it freezing cold or a mild evening?

Putting together all of this information, I decided it would be a perfect night for Thai Soup. We'd add chicken, some green veggies, plenty of lemongrass and curry. It would all balance beautifully with coconut milk broth and lime.

So I texted him back: "thai coconut soup we need lime chicken coconut milk & veggies. xo."

Thinking about my rich and spicy soup made me finish up my work a little faster and head for home.

Chicken Sausage with Lentils and Spinach

- 1 1/2 c. dried lentils, rinsed
- olive oil
- 2 medium shallots, peeled and sliced
- 1 package cooked chicken sausage (like Bilinski's Spinach and Garlic)
- 1 lb fresh baby spinach leaves
- 2 c. chicken broth
- sea salt, to taste
- plenty of cracked black pepper
- Parmesan cheese for serving

In a medium-sized saucepan, combine lentils with enough water to cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes, or until tender. In a large skillet, heat a swirl of olive oil over medium-low heat. Add the shallots and cook, stirring, until soft. Slice the sausages into 1/2" rounds and add to the shallots. Cook until brown and crisp. Add the spinach and cook for 1 minute, until bright green and just starting to wilt. Stir in the chicken broth and the cooked lentils. Heat through. Season to taste and serve in shallow bowls with the Parmesan.

I couldn't wait to slurp up the noodles and flavorful soup.

Coming into the kitchen, and with my coat on and bag in hand, I pulled up lids on pots to check out the progress of my soup. But the pots were not filled with spicy coconut milk broth. No bright veggies, no sliced limes, no curry paste waiting to be stirred in.

Instead, I found a pot filled with boiling water for rigatoni. Another with marinara. A third pan with Italian sausage links lined up, getting nicely browned and smelling like sausage. Not lime or curry. Just sausage.

Never as gracious as my husband, I yelled across the kitchen, "Hey! This isn't Thai Coconut Soup!"

He smiled and explained how he took my request into consideration. But he instead decided on a dinner he was craving. It was a taste, really, of my own medicine.

And something I've gotten used to, as I spend less time managing our family on my own and more time working. As our children grow older, I do more work outside of our home. We now share many of the jobs that I once did alone. He drives people to soccer and piano. Homework is overseen by Paul. He folds laundry, shops and cooks dinner.

We are not the only family making this transition. A few weeks ago, I sat with a friend in her kitchen. It was late at night and we lingered over our glasses of wine. We talked about this shift in our family dynamic. Her husband is also doing more cooking, cleaning and kid-duty. We got to talking especially about the shared cooking thing, and she showed me what her husband bought to cook for dinner the next evening: rigatoni, marinara sauce and sausage.

We clinked our glasses and said a toast to our

meat-and-Italian food cooking husbands. Both of us, though we might not have exactly what we want on our dinner tables, are grateful for our husbands. They support us and work hard and then pull their weight at home. It's a lot to be thankful for.

Paul sent a text one afternoon soon after that read,"whats for dinnr?" I wrote back, "any ideas?" He suggested, "how bout sausage?" I decided to go ahead and make the sausage. But in every marriage, there has to be compromise, right? He did come home to sausage cooking up on the stove. Instead of pork sausage, though, I made this dish with lean chicken sausage and paired it with healthful lentils and fresh spinach. In this simple dish, the shallots and garlic sausage add plenty of flavor. Packed with iron, protein and fiber, lentils are a great alternative to white pasta.

My family ate this sausage and lentil dish, with little complaining about the spinach. You could easily swap out the spinach for broccoli, or another green vegetable that is palatable to all.

When Paul sent a text last week, asking the usual, □ Table Page10

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We're holding "Flash Mobs" at GuilderlandLib on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 21, where all Mobbers will be asked to pose in a library-appropriate pose. And then – FLASH! – it's photographed for Snapshot Day.

The only way to find out and participate in these Mobs is to follow the library on Twitter: GuilderlandLib. About four hours before each Mob, we'll tweet the time and place. All are



encouraged to participate, everyone's encouraged to have fun with it.

These "Flashbulb Mob" photos will be part of the statewide SNAPSHOTNY which illustrates, through pictures and statistics, just how vital libraries are to communities throughout New York. Guilderland's Snapshots will show the governor and the Legislature just how important your library is to you.

Remember: follow GuilderlandLib on Twitter. See you at the mob!

'Git 'er popcorn!'

Just a quick reminder that the next Family Movie Friday feature is the sequel to the blockbuster animated flick about cars. It shows at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17.

Finding your Revolutionary Patriot ancestor

On Saturday, Feb.

18, at 10 a.m., The Old Hellebergh Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will present an overview of how to begin tracing your lineage to a family member who served or aided the cause of the American Revolution.

Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, please call the library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the library's website at www.guilpl.org. Check out the "unofficial" Library stuff at facebook.com/GuilderlandLibrary, follow the library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib), and get music information and downloads on the library's Freegal page. It all starts at guilpl.org.

Any time is story time

=Tune in to BCN-TV, our community's public access television station, on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. this month. You'll see some familiar faces. Our youth services staff has begun a new venture: reading stories aloud for the camera. These programs are also available online; go to www.bplkids.org and click on the link.

We're looking for some great kids and teens to join us in this read-aloud adventure. Young people in grades four to 12 are invited to attend "Video Stories," scheduled next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 20-22 at 2pm. You must be able to attend two of the three sessions: Monday and Tuesday or Monday and Wednesday. Why not give it a try? Reading stories aloud is fun and creative. It is also an important part of building reading readiness and fostering a love of reading in young children. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

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information about our storytime programs. Besides the link to our online storytimes, you'll find schedules, featured books, "ask a librarian," and descriptions of each of our storytime offerings. Go to www.bplkids.org and click on "Storytime."

Time out for tales

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Monday, March 5, 6 p.m.

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On 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. Please register for this program.

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

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 10:30 a.m., it's time for "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever" for grades three to five. 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 and activities! Please register.

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.

Make a Civil War Era Quilt Block
Feb. 26, 1 to 5 p.m.
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19th century quilt-making. Kris Driessen will teach us to make a quilt block typical of the period just as it would have been done by a 19th century woman. Then we will make the same block with the tools and knowledge that we have today. In this workshop we will learn a little quilt history while we work, increasing our appreciation for the craftsmanship of quilters past. Driessen is the owner of the Quiltbug fabric shop in Esperance. Space is limited. Register for this program online at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org or call us at 765-2791.

Barbara Vink

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

Kids can have a super time

All kids are superheroes in our book, so why not make it official? On Thursday, Feb. 23, at 10:30 a.m., the library will offer Superhero Certification for pre-school through early-elementary 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!

Construction Zone returns

The Construction Zone returns on Friday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m. Lego builders are invited to a "block party" in the library annex. Preschoolers right through elementary-age kids have enjoyed this activity at the library.

Let's talk books

The library book group invites you to join them in the library annex on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this month's book, "Blue Highways" by William Least Heatmoon. Copies of the book are available through the library.

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Sponsorships for the Acoustic Doorways series have made possible the complete 2012 season of four concerts! The concert series is not part of the library's budget, so this community support makes all the difference. Contributions beyond 2012 needs will be reserved for the 2013 season.

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Next concert is by the Peg Delaney Trio

Table

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"going to store... what u want for dinnr?" I decided to give the guy a break. I

didn't ask for anything Thai, no long shopping list, no ingredients he wouldn't be able to find. Instead, I wrote him back this: "whatevr u make will be gr8. thnks for shopping. xo."

The meatloaf Paul

made that evening was great. It's his dad's recipe, and full of flavor. I dug my fork in, scooped up a bite with some mashed potatoes and with a wink, told Paul it was the best Thai Soup he's ever made.

The author is the food writer for Spotlight Newspapers and the mother of three children: Lucy, age 11, Zoe, age 10, and Elliot, age 7.

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within 10 days of the scheduled departure time. Current health and rabies vaccination certificates must be presented upon departure. You should have an International Airline Transportation Association approved pet carrier with a waterproof bottom. The carrier should be big enough that your pet can stand up, turn around and lie down. Make sure that the carrier is labeled with your pet's identification, your information and a sign saying "Live Animal." Make sure that your pet's collar has an identification tag on it and your pet's microchip information is updated if applicable. Carry a photo of your pet with you.

Make sure to contact the airline and your veterinarian far in advance to ensure that all of the appropriate arrangements can be made. Also ask your veterinarian if there are any health risks or specific preventative measures that should be considered for the geographical area that you are traveling to.

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

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Lunch and concert
Come to the Senior Luncheon and Concert II on Tuesday, March 13, at noon at The Italian-American Community Center.

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Tuesday, Feb. 21
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
11:30 a.m. Speech:

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11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Beef Tips or Cold Plate

12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, Feb. 22
9 a.m. Zumba
10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster
No Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, Feb. 23
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
9 a.m. Zumba
10:30 a.m. Movie: 'The Help'
(please sign-up by 2/16)
1 p.m. Mahjongg
1:15 Pinochle

Friday, Feb. 24
Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10:30 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

Come to Cohoes for 'Pirates'

You'll want to join us for "Pirates of Penzance" at Cohoes Music Hall, on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 3:00 pm, cost \$26, payable to Town of Bethlehem. This popular musical is a real treat. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 1:30 pm. Home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1169, to make a reservation.

Celebrate Post-Valentine's Day at the Italian American Community Center on Monday evening, Feb. 27, cost \$25, cash only. The dinner will be a stations buffet with appetizers, soup, salad, pasta, hot Italian specialty dishes, and delectable desserts. Bethlehem Transportation will leave Town Hall at about 4:30 pm. Home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$5.00. Call 439-4955, ext. 1169 to make a reservation.

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

Senior Action Town of Bethlehem

Monday, Feb. 20
• Bethlehem Town Hall closed for President's Day.

Wednesday, Feb. 22
• Caregiver's support Group will meet from 10:30 am to noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Those who care for a loved one with Alzheimer's or other dementia can share concerns, successes and frustrations with others who will understand. Jane Sanders, LMSW, will facilitate. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange transportation.

• A. A. R. P. tax counseling will be available from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment. Transportation can be arranged.

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

Thursday, Feb. 23
• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We play mah jongg, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

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

Friday, Feb. 24
• The Health and Wellness Program presents "Taste of Co-op" by a representative from Honest Weight Co-op. The Honest Weight Co-op is a cooperatively owned grocery store that is open to the public. They specialize in natural and organic products, providing high quality, affordable foods to promote healthy, sustainable living. The program will feature samples from local farms, cheese makers, and the co-op's deli and

catering departments. The program will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Join us for lunch beforehand, cost on your own, at the Windowbox Café. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make lunch reservations.

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

• Don't forget the Bethlehem Food Pantry. There is always a need for coffee, tea, juice, cleaning products, shampoo, deodorant and all types of non-perishable food. Bring your donations to the Town Hall Senior Services Office. Call 439-4955, ext. 1174, for more information or if you need to use the food pantry.

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


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A ‘Vamp’ of approval



ABOVE: Ten Year Vamp will be the featured guest for the Bethlehem Central Benefit Concert at Bethlehem Central High School on March 23. Ad Agency and Business of Music students will be handling the concert promotion and ticketing. Funds raised will be donated to American Diabetes Association – Tour de Cure. Ten Year Vamp has appeared on the Billboard charts and has shared the bill with acts like Aerosmith, Good Charlotte, One Republic and Ludacris.



RIGHT: BCBS Music Theory student Jessica Koplowitz is shown playing bass in the band. Koplowitz has performed with band in a handful of local shows. Submitted photos

GCSD budget gap shrinks to \$2.6M

District releases list of potential cuts to school budget

By MARCY VELTE
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The Guilderland Central School District has released a list of possible program eliminations and position reductions to help reduce the \$2.6 million deficit the district faces for the 2012-13 school year.

Options include increasing class sizes, switching the Farnsworth Middle School to an eight-hour day, reducing the number of classes and class sections available to students and making cuts to special education classes and staff. The list also includes the reduction of close to 50 full time equivalent positions, with some teachers and staff having hours cut rather than

“I think what we need people to understand is what the impact of the property tax cap really is.”

– Superintendent Marie Wiles

the jobs completely eliminated.

The list of options was released at a community conversation event called “Tough Times: Tougher Choices” on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The list detailed the possible options available to the district and was created for the purpose of gaining community feedback. The actual budget proposal must be presented by March 1.

Neil Sanders, Guilderland Central assistant superintendent for business, said many of the options were listed based on student needs. He explained over the past decade, enrollment at the school has declined and data-driven budgeting was preformed to create the list.

“There’s nothing really

off the table at this point. We have a significant gap to close,” he said, explaining everything from art, music, staff support services, transportation, maintenance, technology, sports and special education is listed. “We had to take a broad look at whole education administration.”

In the last two school budgets, close to 95 positions have been eliminated. Some proposals for next year include elimination of the fourth grade band and orchestra programs, elimination of the elementary and middle school enrichment program and the reduction of a number of teaching assistants.

The deficit has lessened slightly since the last community conversation held by the district in January. The previous gap estimate had been \$3.3 million but Superintendent Marie Wiles said contributions to the teacher’s retirement system ended up being less than previously estimated.

The new state property tax cap will hold Guilderland to a maximum 2.5 percent increase to the tax levy without needing a supermajority of voters overriding the cap.

“I think what we need people to understand is what the impact of the property tax cap really is,” said Wiles. “I don’t want them to think we are being misleading when it isn’t the 2 percent they have been led to believe. With the formula, we have a number higher than 2 percent and we really are within the limit of the law.”

The district must make its official list of recommendations to close the budget gap by March 1. There will then be several meetings to modify the proposal before the budget is voted on by the public in May.

To see the full presentation of the meeting, visit the district’s website, www.guilerlandschools.org.

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Finance in the Spotlight

Global storms dampen U.S. outlook

By Michael Durand,
Senior Portfolio Manager,
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Last year began with high expectations for the economy, but finished the year on a positive note only because expectations were drastically reduced by last summer's slump. GDP growth in the United States still remains anemic, and the catalysts that sparked the improvement this fall may now be losing momentum. Notably, as the economy has improved through the fall, expectations for 2012 have again risen sharply. We can all hope those optimistic expectations will be realized. Yet there is still reason to think the recovery this fall could also be a temporary lull in ongoing global economic storms; storms which seem to be growing worse. If those overseas storms continue to rage, the U.S. economy will likely face renewed headwinds as we proceed through the first half of 2012.

Europe remains an epicenter of the global storms. Political and economic experts regularly speculate about a collapse of the Eurozone. A financial crisis in Eurozone would both engulf the economies of Europe and send major aftershocks cascading through financial systems around the world. Although a



Michael Durand

European financial crisis still seems relatively unlikely, the odds of that happening have risen as the debt contagion has spread from anxiety about Greece to worry about Italy and Spain. As yet, however, the stop-gap measures

implemented in Europe have failed to halt the contagion of anxiety, much less present meaningful solutions to the long-term problems.

Perhaps more important, worry about the European debt crisis has overshadowed the risks of a severe recession in that region. Europe's attempts to cope with the debt crisis by reducing government spending along with its weakened banking system represent potent drags on economic growth. To make matters worse, European policy makers added to the economic drag by adopting restrictive monetary policies through most of 2011. Economies typically respond to restrictive policies with very long lags, so the effects of last year's tightening should last for a good part of 2012. Europe represents about 25 percent of world GDP, roughly the same size as the U.S. economy. If that much of the global economy suffers a severe recession, other economies of the world will find it hard to avoid domestic effects of that economic drag.

European slowing comes at a particularly

bad time for China and other emerging markets because Europe is such an important export market for those countries. Many of the emerging economies tightened monetary policy repeatedly last year as they battled ravaging inflation rates. Unfortunately, while restrictive monetary policy eventually reduces inflation, it also slows economic growth with a long lag. Thus, just as China and other countries have reached the point where the lagged effects of monetary tightening have begun to slow their economies, slowing exports to Europe now threaten to take an additional bite out of economic growth. Like a plane that encounters unexpected wind shears as it lands, what otherwise might have been a gentle "economic landing" for the emerging economies could now become much "harder."

Fortunately, the U.S. economy seems to be in much better shape than most other economies. For one thing, the accommodative U.S. Federal Reserve monetary policy should certainly provide support for continued economic growth.

Growth also reaccelerated last fall as the U.S. economy recovered from last summer's slump. Yet while U.S. growth has clearly improved, GDP growth still remains anemic, and the rebound we experienced this fall may be losing momentum. Increased consumer spending helped drive the reinvigoration of the U.S. economy. Yet because income growth has been weak, consumers were forced to rely heavily on savings and increased borrowing to fund increased spending. Household budgets have also become even more strained as taxes and the prices of many living costs (for example, food and energy) have risen faster than incomes. Without strong after-tax income growth, rapid consumer spending growth eventually falls victim to "economic gravity." Certainly, too, the export growth that has been so important to the U.S. recovery since 2009 has lost momentum as the economic storms have picked up overseas. Although the U.S. economy should weather a global slowdown better than most economies, it seems unlikely that the United States can simply ride out the

international storms without further slowing in what has been a frustratingly anemic growth cycle.

For the foregoing reasons, we think the stormy economic weather will probably continue through at least the first half of 2012. We also need to bear in mind that the debt crisis in Europe could turn those normally cold winter storms into harsh blizzards. Eventually, however, the storms will subside and the global economy will improve, and we think the economies of the world be much brighter in the second half of 2012. Consequently, while we need to prepare for the possibility of more storms over the coming months, we should also begin to plan ways to take advantage of the warming economic trends that will inevitably follow the storms.

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Rules for the road:
The first half of 2012

Equities markets are as risky, but opportunities lie in a disciplined approach. Mortgage rates are at all-time lows, so it might be time to reap the benefits of a refinance. And commercial lenders are making credit available to America's qualified business borrowers. Consider these bright spots in what could be a stormy roadway ahead. Investors, consumers and business owners should take heed of the following for the first six months of 2012. The second half of the year tells a decidedly more upbeat story in the domestic and international equity markets. Here are some things to consider in navigating that terrain.

Risky business

Now is the time for careful and calculated decisions for the long-term benefit of your portfolio. Don't dive head first into equities, but don't retreat completely to cash or fixed assets despite your fears about the risk. An adequate diversification in the equities market, domestic and international alike can yield positive results.

There are tax implications here, too. This is a chance for portfolio turnover to be far less costly than in the past. This year will be the last opportunity to take advantage of reduced capital gains taxes. In 2012, the tax rate on

qualified dividends and long term capital gains is zero percent for those in the 1015 percent income tax brackets. Now is the time to be exploring ways to harvest capital gains at lower rates and leverage that cash to reallocate within the portfolio.

The disciplined
approach

Despite the improvement in consumer spending, household budgets remain strained. Living costs have continued to climb, which means consumers will have to limit discretionary spending or dip into savings or take out loans. Thus, managing debt is integral to the health of every U.S. household to ensure that debt doesn't become an albatross. For those homeowners in a position to refinance the mortgage on their homes, consider doing so as the mortgage rates remain at all-time lows (below 4 percent for 30-year fixed).

A time to
spend, grow

Now might be the time for business owners to invest in capital equipment or property. Rising costs continue to squeeze profit margins, so consider investing in things that will enhance productivity. Explore debt financing opportunities with your lender, as your balance sheet has improved and credit availability is the best it's been over the past several years.

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USO tribute show raises money for Honor Flight

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Family Players of Northeastern New York is known for its big summer musical each year, but this time, it could be the USO tribute show, “A Sentimental Journey,” on Feb. 18 that everyone’s talking about.

“It’s all World War II-era music and dancing and comedy, so it’s going to have everything from Abbot and Costello and some music from the Andrews Sisters and Lena Horne and Glen Miller,” said Julie Phillips, producer and Family Players board member.

The show is a benefit and will raise money for Honor Flight, a national organization with regional groups that flies WWII veterans to visit the WWII Monument in Washington, D.C.

Rick Connor, fundraising chairman for Honor Flight in the Leatherstocking region, said to truly understand the experience you must

“There’s a lot of tears shed and a lot of repressed memories.”

Honor Flight’s Rick Connor

see it for yourself.

“It’s very emotional for them and us. There’s a lot of tears shed and a lot of repressed memories,” said Connor.

Connor first went on an Honor Flight as a guardian, or a volunteer who accompanies the elderly travelers to help with the trip. Afterward, he wanted to keep helping.

“It was a very emotional day and I just got involved,” said Connor. “My wife has been a guardian and she got involved. It’s a wonderful day.”

Trips cost Honor Flight about \$350 per veteran, who travel free, and the flights are packed to the brim. The Leatherstocking Honor Flight based near Cobleskill drives veterans to Albany International Airport with a motorcycle and State

Police escort, then sends them on a nonstop flight to Baltimore, to a bus to the WWII memorial and sometimes the Korean Memorial, to Arlington Cemetery for a changing of the guard ceremony. The trip finishes with a visit to the Iwo Jima Memorial. In between stops there’s lunch and dinner, and each veteran gets a T-shirt and disposable camera to document the day.

Connor said the veterans have strong reactions during the trip.

“Some of these guys haven’t talked about it for many years or ever. One guy had four Purple Hearts and was very highly decorated and his family never even knew that. They’re a very humble group of individuals,” said Connor.

With the WWII generation fading fast, Connor said the vets like the chance to be together.

“They talk amongst themselves about their experiences. They have a lot of fun,” said Connor.

The veterans appreciate Honor Flight’s generosity but Connor said no matter



Family Players of Northeastern New York will perform a USO tribute show to benefit Honor Flight on Feb. 18 at the American Legion Zaloga Post. Back Row: Dan Galliher, John Scaringe, Chris Kowalski, Jeff Hocking, Rachel Walker, Casey Kalica, Jessica Crisci, Deanna Stickles-Bach. Front Row: Kelly Williams, Christina Benardo, Andrew Dongelewic, David Herrington, Allie Dongelewic.

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how special the day is, it doesn’t come close to properly thanking them.

“They’ve allowed us to live in this country freely where it could have gone the other way many years ago,” said Connor. “We treat them as heroes.”

The Family Players fundraiser will be a welcome contribution to the group, which relies on donations to make the trips happen about four times a year.

“It is quite costly. ... It will help,” said Connor. “The show I think is going to be great.”

About 20 performers will take the stage and with

a deeper meaning attached to the show, Phillips said it’s been a powerful experience already.

“A lot of the people who were chosen for this were people who had some connection to Honor Flight, who know veterans (and) we’re proud to have veterans amongst our cast, crew and audience,” said Phillips. “I think that’s really helped form the heart and soul of this show.”

Family Players, which performs around the Capital District but is based mostly in Colonie, celebrated 25 years of community theater last

year, but Phillips said this benefit show will be different.

“If you love the music and dance and comedy of that era and how it makes you feel, this will be a really entertaining show,” said Phillips.

“A Sentimental Journey” includes dinner and will be held at the American Legion Zaloga Post at 4 Everett Road Extension. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and include a ziti dinner, dessert and the show. Tickets can be purchased by calling 331-4158.

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Food bank fills bellies, one pantry at a time

Warehouse ships donated, bought food all over area

By ALYSSA JUNG
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At the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, “consistent” is always the word of the day.

“(The demand) stays pretty steady all year long. ... It’s consistent year-round and busiest during the holiday season and sometimes in the summer when kids are out of school,” said Mark Quandt, the executive director of the Food Bank.

Quandt knows the ins and outs of the 62,000-square-foot Food Bank like the back of his hand. He can wander the aisles of the warehouse and point out what everything is, even if it’s hidden within a nondescript cardboard box.

On one wall are preordered boxes, packed with items that agencies request and marked for a specific pick-up day and time.

“We provide food to food pantries, soup kitchens, other organizations across the northeast,” said Quandt.

Further up the towering metal shelves, almost reaching the ceiling, are boxes of food donated by the federal government. Across the aisle are stacks of juice boxes, soda bottles and Capris Sun pouches, and around the corner are more boxes of miscellaneous food (you can never have too much cereal, said Quandt), personal hygiene products, paper products and the occasional can of



Agencies can pick up fresh food like milk or cheese for on-site preparation. A large wheel of Brie cheese would only cost about 80 cents.

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

dog food. Along the dark back wall, not lit by the fluorescent lights, is food the organization purchases with monetary donations.

“We buy food to supplement what we get in donations. You can never get everything the agencies need in just donations,” said Quandt.

Donated food comes from just about everywhere, from individually run food drives to businesses. Grocery stores drop off items they can’t sell (it’s called salvage) and as long as the “sell by” date isn’t too old and the inner packaging is intact, it’s fine to distribute.

“We sort through ... and if the packaging is still good we can distribute that,” said Quandt. “Instead of it being thrown out, we can use it.”

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, there were stacks of

Triscuit Red Chili crackers, Ritz cracker sandwiches, Cheerios, freeze pops and crates of Pepsi products. Bins of baked goods like pies and cupcakes with miniature footballs on top sat near carts piled high with bread, donated by Freihofer’s each week.

“This (pie) would be perfect for either a food pantry to give out to a family or a soup kitchen. This is a dessert that a lot of times they can’t give to people because they just don’t have the money,” said Quandt.

In the middle of the warehouse are a couple ropes dangling from the ceiling; give them a tug and a door will shoot up, revealing in a burst of frigid air huge walk-in freezers and coolers for dairy, produce, meat and anything else to be kept fresh. Those items are stored and brought out in batches to coolers with clear doors (like the freezers in grocery stores) where agencies can pick and choose what items they want.

Wednesday’s selection included cream, 5-pound blocks of President brand brie, pre-made pasta meals from Hannaford, dips, milk from Price Chopper, frozen veggies and more.

“This brie, that’s great for an agency and what we do here is we have a shared maintenance fee we charge, so it’s 16 cents a pound, for about five pounds, it would be 80 cents,” said Quandt. “Something like that would go for an on-site program preparing meals.”

Each day, volunteers from various agencies come by to collect what they need. Other agencies get the food delivered right to them.

“We monitor it a little bit but people take what they need,” said Quandt. “Sometimes there are some limitations on some of the items ... because we have limited quantities and don’t want one or two agencies taking the whole thing.”

In the back of the warehouse, volunteers sift through boxes of food. They throw food that’s distributable on the top belt of a conveyor belt and food too damaged or expired on the bottom. Others pack the approved items in boxes for agencies to pick-up.

The Bethlehem Food Pantry receives food deliveries from the Regional

Food Bank every month.

“They can be pretty big loads when they come,” said Will Vail, an outreach worker at the pantry. “We have volunteers that help unload the items that come.”

The town’s food pantry—which has one location at Town Hall and a second at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem—used to rely solely on donations from groups and residents of the town to stock the shelves. Now, the need is too great.

“We found we couldn’t keep it stocked. The use has escalated,” said Vail.

To meet the growing demand, the food pantry also accepts food deliveries from Food Pantries for the Capital District.

Vail said the pantry serves about 140 people and 40 families each month.

The Schenectady Inner City Ministry also gets food from the Regional Food Bank to bolster its Emergency Food Program at 839 Albany St. In 2010, the pantry served 43,787 individuals, a record, and served a total of 394,083 meals. Recipients are eligible to participate in the program up to six times a year.

Other member agencies in the Capital District include the Capital City Mission in Albany, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless and Unity House in Troy.

For more information about the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, located at 965 Albany-Shaker Road in Latham, or to find out how to volunteer, visit www.rfbnyny.com.

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Sign

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of deciding on his own sort of subjectively which signs are OK and which aren't," said Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn, explaining the town cannot constitutionally discriminate between signs based on content. "We really have to have objective criteria."

Regarding temporary not-for-profit signs on town property, Kuhn argued that if they were allowed, every type of sign would need to be allowed – including those of a political nature.

"There's really no way



for us to give these non-profit signs greater rights than really any other kind of sign," he said.

The issue was first discussed at a Dec. 14 meeting when the latest packet of amendments to the Bethlehem's Zoning Law and Subdivision Regulations did not include verbiage on temporary signs. Members of some not-for-profit groups were concerned signs they believed to be permissible were being taken down.

Councilman Kyle Kotary noted at Wednesday's meeting some residents will still react when they see signs in certain areas, questioning if signs are allowed on state and county roads. However, the zoning law applies to all property in the town, even state- and county-owned property.

"With regard to signs, our zoning law does apply to Route 32," said Town Attorney James Potter.

"Every election season we see a proliferation of signs and now that's an enforcement issue."

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Existing law rarely enforced

Morelli said to his knowledge no one has ever been brought to court over temporary signs. Most often, the organization putting up the signs is called to take them down or the town removes them and calls someone to come pick them up. A judge could impose a fine, but Morelli said it would be a rare occurrence.

Signs that are allowed on town property include those for events put on by the town, according to Potter and Kuhn. Potter

added he was unsure if signs could be posted on town property for events happening at that particular location, like the town park. He believed those would still be illegal and said he would look into the matter.

Some were not entirely satisfied with the direction the town is taking.

Kim Lawler, co-chairwoman of the Hamagrael Elementary PTA, said signs on private property are not the issue.

"There are people coming into the town that you want to see those signs (for fundraising events). That's the money you're looking

for because you can only go to the well so many times," she said. "Yes, it's about supporting our own community, but we're trying to get that outside traffic to help support our community even more with all of these budget cuts."

Marcy Corniel of the Bethlehem Garden Club said she hopes some type of compromise can be found.

If the language of the law is changed, those holding fundraising events or community activities could ask residents or business owners to places their signs on the private property of others to help gain the attention of people coming into the town.

"We're trying to find a way to make a law that's constitutionally valid and also enforceable," Kuhn said. "We're still in process to see if we will change the zoning code to be fully compliant with

the first amendment, but for not-for-profits to get the word out about their events. We have to be cognizant of everyone's rights. Also, vehicle and traffic law issues we need to consider."

Supervisor John Clarkson said the issue is legally and constitutionally tricky and board members will look into it, but there is a limit to what the town can do. Regarding political signs throughout town, he is willing to do without them.

"I think we should definitely enforce all of our laws. Personally, I would like to see political signs restricted. I don't think the public discourse is served by a profusion of signs," he said.

Once the language is amended, the Town Board would need to review the wording and a public hearing would be set before the board could pass the changes into law.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Michele Merges Martens used a vintage commercial quilt remnant, beads, buttons, doilies and sequins to create this cherry quilt remnant that is part of her Vignettes on RED show.

Hand-knit triangles form the basis for "Triangles," which also incorporates foil, plastic, buttons, beads and vintage rhinestones.



A different shade of RED
Artist's homage to red on display in Ballston Spa

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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When Michele Merges Martens thought about what she wanted to do for a February show at Strolling Village Artisans in Ballston Spa, she figured it should pay some kind of homage to love and Valentine's Day. But Martens didn't want to get bogged down in hearts and flowers. That stuff's all over the stores. She wanted something a little outside the box. So Martens decided to build a show around the color red. It's not her favorite – "I'm very much a blue, aqua, teal, purple type of person," she said – but she liked the challenge of working with a color that she typically wouldn't. So she got busy creating pieces that incorporated red, or maybe pink or

orange, and Vignettes on RED was born. "I decided to just play and explore and see what I could come up with," she said, calling the pieces "sketches." "They're quicker, not quite as developed as they could be," she said. One piece is called "Doll's Memory" and features a doll wearing a pink dress. Alongside it is a big, glass jar full of doll pieces, clothing and other accessories. It's more than just eye catching; to Martens, it speaks of a simpler time. She remembers playing with dolls as a little girl, dressing them up and pretending to be their mother. "This keeps the memory of playing like that," she said. "It's so different from how kids play today." "Mother's Apron" features an apron that Martens hand-dyed red and decorated with hearts.

"My mom was a wonderful person," she said. "She took good care of us. She would bake for us." Martens knows that other people who see the piece won't think of her mom, but she likes that the apron can evoke their own memories of their mothers or spending time in the kitchen. "The point is to have your own thoughts, your own memories," she said. "You're probably going to look at it and come up with something." Martens' mom taught her to sew when she was in fourth grade, and she's always felt a pull to create things. She made her own scarves and sweaters throughout high school and college. Her school schedule didn't leave time for art classes, although Martens acknowledges she's not much of a painter or sketcher anyway. Then Martens learned

about art quilts. "They're not to put on beds," she said. "They can tell stories. It's a totally different way of creating." Early on, Martens used to build her quilts around poems. Personal stories also found their way into her pieces. She had a quilt that once belonged to her grandmother that she used to take camping, and when she used pieces of it in an art quilt, she stitched an abstract picture of a forest to include. Martens is far from a perfectionist. She thinks there's beauty in uneven edges and dangling threads. Her focus is on "serendipity," the way things fit together. That said, Martens acknowledges that her own taste can change. She'll pull out pieces she did a decade ago and cringe. That's one of the nice things about working with fiber; she can simply redo a piece.

"I can always cut it up and re-dye it," she said. Martens has talked to other quilters and done a lot of reading to brush up on the art. She has high praise for her fellow artists at Strolling Village Artisans, which bills itself as an "eclectic artists' cooperative." The shop features a new show every month, showcasing a wide variety of media and styles. "Vignettes on RED" will be displayed through March 3. Strolling Village Artisans is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on Martens' work, visit www.michelemergesmartens.com.



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"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.

ARTS CENTER OF THE CAPITAL REGION

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

BROADWAY ART CENTER

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

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

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

OPALKA GALLERY

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

SAMUELS

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

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

SPA FINE ART

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

UNION COLLEGE

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

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Copycat: Reproducing Works of Art," through April 1; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

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

ARKELL MUSEUM

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

Call for Artists

SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

Holding open auditions for May production of Tom Stoppard's "The Real Thing," March 6 and 8, 7:15 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, roles for three women ages 17-49 and four men 20-49. Information,

451-9237 or e-mail 2cfoster2@gmail.com.

BALLSTON SPA COMMUNITY BAND

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

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

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

THE CHORALIERS

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

ETUDE CLUB

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

CAPITALAND CHORUS

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

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

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COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

Weekly Crossword

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Milestones

Messmer, Wendth marry

Edward and Donna Mesmer, Buffalo, NY are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Allison Jean Mesmer to Lt. Andrew Joseph Wendth, USN, son of A. Joseph and Julie Wendth, Slingerlands, NY.

The bride attended Holy Angels H.S. and graduated from Canisius College in 2008. She is employed as a Sales Representative for a major Pharmaceutical company in the Virginia Beach area.

The groom attended Bethlehem Central H.S. and graduated from the University of Rochester in 2006. Lt. Wendth received his wings of gold at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas in October 2009. Currently employed by the United States Navy, Norfolk, VA. Lt Wendth is a Naval Aviator, VAW-123 Screwtops attached to the carrier U.S.S. Enterprise.

The wedding took place on November 19, 2011 in St. Louis Church, Buffalo, NY. It was officiated by Fr. John Mattimore.

Jessica Edwards, friend of the bride, served as Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids; Lauren Wendth, sister of the groom, Leah Lombardo, friend of the bride and Amanda Maggiotto, friend of the bride.

Sam Minassian, friend of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen; Brian Wendth, cousin of the groom, Kevin



Allison Jean and Andrew Joseph Wendth

Wendth, cousin of the groom and Steve Mesmer, brother of the bride.

The reception took place at Westwood Country Club, Williamsville, NY. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii after completion of Lt. Wendth's second deployment.

They will reside in Virginia Beach, VA.

Town

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budget process. Dawson was not at the Wednesday meeting because of a family matter.

The Budget Advisory Committee will help evaluate specific budget issues and help the comptroller form a multi-year financial plan and a capital investment and financing plan. It will also help to develop a policy to "guide use of reserves and maintenance of fund balances."

"We really have an extraordinary group on all three committees," Clarkson said.

The town's Ethics Committee had been previously created, but is being reinstated under Clarkson's administration. It will work to update the current Ethics Code and Board using the state comptroller's Model Ethics Policy as a "starting point." It is to complete its work by April.

Other committees to be discussed include an Economic Development Committee and a Comprehensive Plan Assessment Committee.

Upon a prior request from Dawson, the board noted that all previously formed citizens' advisory committees have been disbanded, except for the PaTHs4 Bethlehem Committee. On March 12, that group will be presenting information on sustainability initiatives and new bike paths to improve the use of roads for pedestrians and bikers. The group will eventually seek two new members.

"I think all three of these committees and the individuals on the

Budget Advisory Committee

Co-Chairs Michael Cohen and Chris Kidera
Tom Clash, Dan Cunningham, Joan Gavrilick, Tim Maniccia, L. Arturo Palmer, Kim Phelen, Bill Reinhardt, Sandra Sharpard, Nick Smirensky

Governance Options Study Committee

Co-Chairs David Liebschutz and Patricia Salkin

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Ethics Advisory Committee

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Michael Fallon, Peter Lauricella, Sandy Powell, Theresa Schillaci, Mary Tremblay-Glassman

Industrial Development Agency

Pat Bulgaro, Victoria Storrs

committees will be good. We have some great people on the list," said Councilman Kyle Kotary.

Also selected were new members to the town's Industrial Development Agency, Pat Bulgaro and Victoria Storrs. At a previous meeting, the Town Board members elected to not place a board member on the IDA, as has been commonplace in the past, since they appoint its members anyway.

Bulgaro served in Department of Taxation and Finance and the Division of the Budget, where he was director under former Gov. Mario Cuomo, and Storrs is obtaining her Ph.D. from the Institute of Financial Market Regulation from the University at Albany. She specializes in transaction management and new

business development.

"Both of them are very capable and skilled in the type of choices and issues the IDA must deal with," Clarkson said. "There were many people with good qualifications who sent resumes and were not chosen. It should not be viewed as a negative to any of those people."

Bethlehem Republican Chairman Fred Di Maggio said he was thrilled to hear the committee picks, since three of the people selected were nominated by the his party. Di Maggio said the GOP had put Jeremy Martelle forward as its pick for the IDA openings, but may now nominate him for the forthcoming economic development committee. Martelle ran for the Town Board in November.

Raynor family says thank you

How does a person say "THANK YOU," when they mean so much more?

The family of Rodney Raynor would like to express our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of love, kindness, compassion, thoughtfulness and support shown to us during this time of bereavement. As we mourn Rod's passing with so many family and friends, we also celebrate the life he lived. Through the past few weeks we have come to learn how he touched the lives of so many within the community. Thank you for all those wonderful smiles, hugs, handshakes and sincere condolences that we received. You are all extraordinary friends, family and neighbors, near and far. Many thanks to all of you for remembering and honouring Rod in such special ways. You

have each been a source of great comfort to us.

A special thank you goes out to the members of the **Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service** for their remembrances, and for the many ways in which they honoured Rod's life and work. Words cannot begin to express how much we appreciate the many demonstrations of sympathy, and of the help that you provided to us during our time of sorrow. We are truly grateful for your support. The memory of Rod's lifelong commitment to service has been displayed in the assistance and kindness extended to us by amazing community servants. A very special thanks to Reverend Mark Mueller and Norma June for their elegant, and articulate, eulogies and Lou Smith for being an Honor Guard along with

Norma June and Steve Wieland too.

May GOD BLESS all of you as you have deeply touched our family with your deeds of kindness and friendship. Rod's journey home was made easier by your wonderful response.

God speed---Honey, Dad, Pop's and Poppie. ANGELS AWAY YOU!

From "The Raynor Family" - Anna, Dan, JoAnn and Sue.

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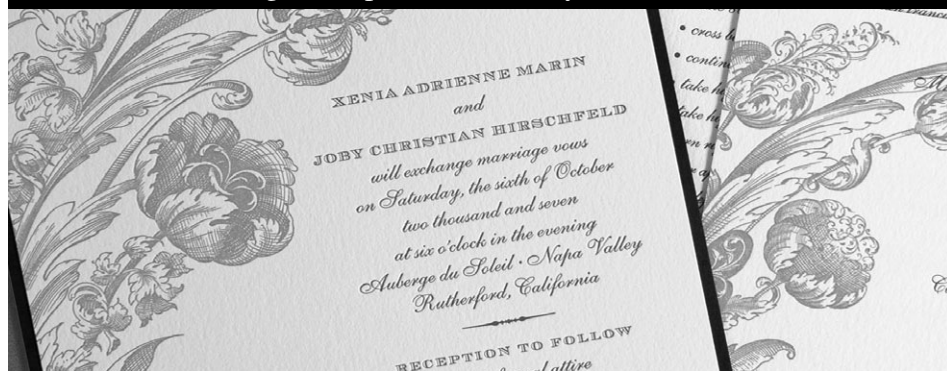


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Your Community in The Spotlight

Lyme disease film to be shown

The Capital Region chapter of the Empire State Lyme Disease Association will offer a special video presentation on the “Rheumatologic Manifestations of Lyme Disease” on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library.

The DVD is a 40-minute lecture given by Andrea Gaito, MD, a board-certified rheumatologist, at the 2010 annual International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) conference.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection principally transmitted through the bite of ticks. The bacterial infection can attack any of the body’s systems, and can manifest in many different forms in different victims, including severely affecting the musculoskeletal system, creating severe pains in the joints.

Frequently misdiagnosed and widely misunderstood, Lyme disease has reached epidemic levels in the eastern part of New York State, including sections of the Capital Region.

An open forum will follow the presentation. The open forum encourages participants to raise questions, exchange ideas and experiences, make connections and locate resources, drawing from the extensive experience of the other support group members. Anyone with questions about Lyme disease is welcome to attend. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Swing Dance on March 2

Capital Swing Dance will be held Friday, March 2, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., at the Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Music provided by The Saints of Swing. Admission includes 7:30 p.m. beginner lesson. General admission is \$15, DFO member \$12, Seniors and Students \$10. For more information, visit www.danceflurry.org/swing.

Calligraphy at Thacher

A class in Traditional Old English Style

Going for the gold in Lake Placid



Colleen M. Somerville, 18, of Loudonville, won a gold medal for freestyle figure skating at the 2012 Empire State Games, held at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid. The event took place over the weekend of Feb. 2 to 5. Her performance qualifies her for the State Games of America in 2013. Somerville is a senior at Shaker High School and a member of the Albany Figure Skating Club. Her coach is Stephanie Hunter.

Submitted photo

Calligraphy will be offered at the Thacher Nature Center on Sunday, March 18, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Instructor Chet Boehlke will teach students the skills and artistry of this ancient and beautiful writing style. No experience is necessary. Appropriate for ages 16 and up (or younger with well established good handwriting). The fee of \$35 includes materials. Call 872-1237 to register. Registration is required by March 14.

The calligraphy workshop is being offered in conjunction with annual Nature Art Exhibit on display at Thacher Nature Center from March 10 to March 24.

Visit www.nysparks.com for additional information on park programs.

Writers Institute sponsors film

“Honeydripper” (United States, 2007, 124 minutes, color, directed by John Sayles, starring Danny Glover, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Charles S. Dutton) will be shown on Friday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, on the University at

Albany’s uptown campus.

Sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute, the screening is free and open to the public.

John Sayles, award-winning director and screenwriter and Schenectady native, presents a musical fable about the death of the blues and the dawn of rock ‘n’ roll.

“Honeydripper” is the tale of a rural black community and an Alabama roadhouse that is losing its customers to a rival business. Roger Ebert called it, “Rich with characters and flowing with music.”

In addition to screening “Honeydripper” the Writers Institute will also screen Sayles’ most recent film, “Amigo,” on Friday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, on the UAlbany uptown campus.

The screenings are in conjunction with John Sayles’ appearance at the Writers Institute on Monday, Feb. 27. Sayles will discuss his film career and read from his new novel, A Moment in the Sun (2011) at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center

on UAlbany’s uptown campus. He will also hold an informal seminar at 4:15 p.m. in the Assembly Hall, Campus Center on the uptown campus.

For additional information contact the Writers Institute at 442-5620 or online at <http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst>.

Extension talks credit debt

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County is presenting a money management workshop entitled Control Credit, Manage Debt.

The program will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. at the main branch of the Troy public library, located at 100 2nd Street in Troy. Advanced registration is required by calling CCE at 765-3559 or the library at 274-7071.

Film features funny women

B’nai Sholom Reform Congregation in Albany will host a screening of “Making Trouble: Three Generations of Funny Jewish Women,” a 2006 documentary showcasing

the comedic talents of six of America’s funniest women.

The film will be shown Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at B’nai Sholom, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Admission is a \$3 contribution.

Director Rachel Talbot’s film tells the story of six of the greatest female comic performers of the last century: Molly Picon, Fanny Brice, Sophie Tucker, Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner and Wendy Wasserstein. Hosted by four of today’s funniest women – Judy Gold, Jackie Hoffman, Cory Kahaney and Jessica Kirson – it’s the true saga of what it means to be Jewish, female and funny.

“Making Trouble” received the Best Documentary/Audience Award at the 2007 Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival and a Special Mention at the 2007 Jerusalem International Film Festival. JewishBoston.com calls it “a seriously funny film,” while the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Online raved that it’s “...like a standing ovation for performers who have earned one.”

For more information, contact the B’nai

Sholom office at 482-5283 or e-mail office@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us.

Founded in 1971, B’nai Sholom Reform Congregation in Albany is a home for contemporary Reform Judaism in the Capital Region. Nearly 160 diverse households from six counties seek religious, educational and social fulfillment at B’nai Sholom.

Celebrate Seuss’ birthday

A Dr. Seuss “read-a-thon” will be conducted on Saturday, March 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

At this indoor program, Center staff and other knowledgeable guides will commemorate the late Dr. Seuss’ birthday with continuous readings of classic Dr. Seuss nature titles.

The program, open to the public and free of charge, is in celebration of the National Education Association’s 15th annual Read Across America Day initiative.

The program will also feature a visit from The Cat In The Hat and special prizes for anyone dressed up in character garb. Parents and children must accompany each other. For more information, call the Center at 475-0291.

According to the Family Literacy Foundation, reading aloud with children has been shown to be the single best predictor of a child’s future academic success. The American Academy of Pediatricians recommends that parents read to their children every day, starting when the children are just six months old.

The National Education Association estimates that 40 million children and adults coast to coast celebrate the joys of reading during the annual Read Across America Day celebration, held each year on or about March 2, Dr. Seuss’ birthday. For more information about NEA’s Read Across America program, visit www.nea.org/readacross.

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Group and a moderator for the online hiking forum “Views from the Top.” He is a member of the Catskill 3500 Club, an Adirondack 46er and a New England 11er.

The book was edited by Times Union journalist and hiker Fred LeBrun.

“It was a terrific amount of fun to go over these peaks,” said Via, who started taking notes and pictures along the way. He did all of the peaks by himself first, with only Bookah the dog for company. The chocolate lab is the first dog to hike the 100 highest peaks in the Adirondacks and the Catskills, with Via training her for the climbs since she was a pup.

“It’s been a fun experience to see her grow up and become experienced hiker,” he said, of the now 7-year-old Bookah, or “Boo” for short.

But over time Via began bringing friends with him. Each time he would take new notes, dozens of photos and use his GPS system to download the track he walked onto his computer when he got home.

He hiked the peaks over and over again until he had everything he

needed to create the book.

Liz Cruz, a hobbyist cartographer from the Catskills who now lives in Florida, was recruited to create the book’s colorful maps. She designed nine custom maps for nine regions in the book, and spent hundreds of hours creating them.

Two illustrators and five photographers contributed to the book, as well.

“With the guide, I tried to put together a guidebook with all of the elements I think are missing from most guidebooks for the general public,” said Via. “I tried to incorporate in this book everything I think is missing in typical hikers guides.”

The book lists difficulty ratings, the best places to take photos and possible biking, canoeing, camping and fishing opportunities nearby.

According to Via, the guide is useful for hikers of all skill sets, from beginners to advanced.

“I think a lot of people will buy it just because the photos, maps and artwork are so beautiful,” said Via, explaining the guide isn’t your average coffee table book, but isn’t a typical hiking guide, either.

“I wanted to get people to attempt it themselves,” he said. “What will attract people? Of the 67 peaks, probably 50 some odd of

them are peaks that are little known to the public or haven’t really written about. It’s a chance to go somewhere that everyone and their brother haven’t been to before.”

According to Via, once people see the guide he believes people will want to see the sights for themselves, especially photographers. He explained woodland creatures are easily spotted in the lower forests and the upper peaks are filled with flowers during the spring. The guide also warns hikers where they are mostly likely to see bears and other dangerous wildlife.

Via is currently in the drafting process of writing two additional hiking books.

“The Catskill 67” is 192 pages and includes over 60 photographs and a dozen maps and nature illustrations. It is available in softcover for \$21.95 and can be found in both Adirondack Mountain Club stores in Lake George and Lake Placid, at the The Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza, on Amazon or by visiting www.adk.org. It will also soon be in larger retail bookstores like Barnes and Noble.

“I hope the guide will encourage people to get out there and try it for themselves. Anyone can do it,” said Via.

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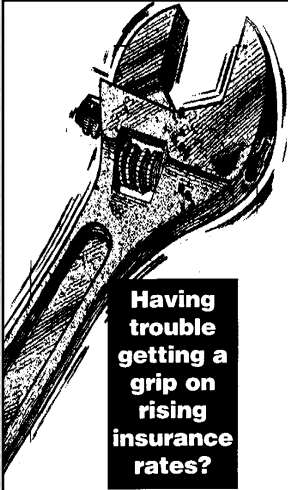
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The name of the LLC is Pratt & Associates, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 12/21/2011. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage accounting and tax consulting company and also to 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 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of BOX-AURANT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/28/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78640 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Organization of CAD on Pearl, LLC On December 29, 2011, CAD on Pearl, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is c/o 61 Briar Avenue, City and County of Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC is c/o 61 Briar Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. The LLC is organized for the purpose of a restaurant/bar and any other lawful business. 78641 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NICOLE CARNEY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/29/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78642 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SWEET DWELLING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/29/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78643 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of WILDCAT, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/11. Fictitious name in NY State: WILDCAT, LLC OF PA. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 4/25/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. PA address of LLC: 1425 Mountain Drive North, Bethlehem, PA 18015. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, 401 North St., Ste. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 78644 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Elizabeth Donne, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 52 Aldershot Lane, Manhasset, NY 11030. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 78645 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

whom process against it may be served. 5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 33 Murray Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077 6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite. 7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. 78648 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Pacifica Loan Pool LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/26/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1785 Hancock St., Ste. 100, San Diego, CA 92110, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 2140 S. Dupont Hwy, Camden, DE 19934. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78658 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Anderson Group International, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/16/11. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 11/22/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. FL address of LLC: 110 E Broward Blvd., Ste. 1700, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, 2661 Executive Center Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Purpose: any lawful activity. 78660 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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

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Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78661 (D) (February 15, 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 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Trinity NYC Hotel, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/28/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78870 (D) (February 15, 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 designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Principal office address: 600 Harrison St., 4th Fl. San Francisco, CA 94107. Address to be maintained in DE: 1679 S. Dupont Hwy., Ste. 100, Dover, DE 19901. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78871 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Empire Credit Services, LLC. Original fictitious name: Empire ES, LLC. Current Fictitious name: Empire CS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/7/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 11/30/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 12526 High Bluff Dr., Ste. 300, San Diego, CA 92130. Arts of Org. filed with the CA Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78872 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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

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nated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in MN: 60 South Sixth St., #3800, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Arts of Org. filed with the MN Secretary of State, 60 Empire Dr., St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78873 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Hiltz Propane Systems, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 9/14/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, also the registered agent. Address to be maintained in PA: 73 Glen Moore Circle, Lancaster, PA 17601, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the PA Secretary of the Commonwealth, 401 North St., Rm. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78874 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of NATIONS POWER – NEW YORK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 78876 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 39th Street Depot, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/27/2011 with effective date of 1/1/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 78877 (D) (February 15, 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 15, 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 Network Blvd., Ste. 600, Frisco, TX 75034. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 78897 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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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 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of SIO Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/9/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Lemery Greisler LLC, 60 Railroad Place, Ste. 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: any lawful activity. 78899 (D) (February 15, 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 15, 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 15, 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 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation M & G Travel LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/18/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79001 (D) (February 15, 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.

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79002 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of EASTWOOD TRADING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79003 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of UNITED KITCHEN & VENTILATION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79004 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ALDERTON REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/13/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79005 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of MICDEE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/18/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79006 (D) (February 15, 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 15, 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 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of USA TAX PREP PLUS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des-

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igned 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 15, 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 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 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Theodoraki LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79012 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Dean Investments Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 60 Chimney Ridge Dr., Morristown, NJ 07960. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 79015 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.) The name of the LP is Guilderland Partners of Albany, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/12/2012. The 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 15, 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 Delaware (DE) on 11/10/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1400 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 400, Houston, TX 77056. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79017 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Eni USA Gas Marketing LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY)

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on 1/20/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/25/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79018 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Phoenix Healthcare LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/18/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 6/15/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. FL address of LLC: 610 Sycamore St., Ste. 240, Celebration, FL 34747. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, PO Box 6327, Tallahassee, FL 32314. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79019 (D) (February 15, 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 designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79020 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HOUNDSTOOTH BY SPOT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79021 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of CAT-ALYST GLOBAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79022 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of MIM-IMIMOSA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79023 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GLENNART CONSULTING GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/20/12. Office loca-

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tion: 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. 79024 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of DVP ENTERPRISES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79025 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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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: all lawful activities. 79030 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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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, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79201 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Prime Property Protection LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/11. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 79202 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION 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 Learnimation, 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 15, 2012)

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Five Star Property Pros LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Com-

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pany (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 Palisades Drive, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 79214 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Raymary LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/27/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1225 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79215 (D) (February 15, 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 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) (February 15, 2012)

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Aleksandr Tolmach LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/12/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 81 Baltic Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314. General Purposes. 79219 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Anapol Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/25/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 200 East 33rd St., Ste. 7-B, New York, NY 10016-4827. For any legal purpose. 79220 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LA VILLETTE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/12. 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. 79222 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EAGLEBAY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/12. 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. 79224 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Amanda Rose Wellness LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/30/2012. Off. Loc.:

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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. 79226 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Masala Mama LLC. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State (NYSS) on 12/2/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, Albany NY 12207. NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 79229 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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 Location: 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 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: J & T Property Management, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 1, 2012. 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: 1223 River Road, Selkirk, New York 12158. Purpose: For any lawful purpose 79273 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC) The name of the PLLC is Hollyhock Psychological Services, PLLC. The Articles of Organization of the PLLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 20, 2012. The purpose of the PLLC is to own, operate and manage a psychological consulting services company, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the PLLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is 11 Peel Street, Selkirk, NY 12158. 79276 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of SPV 1, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY

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(SSNY) on 1/31/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: One Juniper Drive, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity. 79280 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Domtar Industries LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/2012. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/17/1965. 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, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 160 Greentree Drive, Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 79281 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1736 Western Ave., LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 3, 2012. 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: 129 Kennewyck Circle, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 79282 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of YZES REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/4/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Schwartz, 207 Wallabout St., Brooklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79283 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of L J J LENDING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/6/12. 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. 79284 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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THE DONOVAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of The Donovan Technology Group, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on October 18, 2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 73 Darroch Road, Delmar, NY 12054. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Ryan T. Donovan Address: 5 Clinton Square Albany, New York 12207 79286 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Resolution, subject to Permissive Referendum, Use of Recreation Capital Reserve Account NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 8th day of February, 2012, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to renovate tennis courts 5-8 at Elm Avenue Park, replace the roof at the large pavilion at Elm Avenue Park, replace a 2001 4WD 1 ton truck, and replace a mower and, WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said projects and purchases will not exceed \$111,000 and, WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for said projects and purchases are in the Recreation Capital Reserve Account and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete these projects and purchases; and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve monies to fund these projects and purchases up to a maximum amount of \$111,000 and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the Recreation Capital Reserve Account the funds necessary up to \$111,000 in said reserve fund; and This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law. The motion to adopt the resolution was made by was seconded by and duly adopted by the following vote: AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilman Kotary, Councilman Kuhn, Councilman Lenhardt NOES: none ABSENT: Councilwoman Dawson DATED: 2/8/2012 79287 (D) (February 15, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY, regarding a Subdivision application, submitted by James Dolder, as shown on drawing entitled: Map of - Proposed (2) Lot Subdivision - Lands of James Dolder - Street No. 96 - Brockley Drive - Town of Bethlehem, dated January 9, 2012; prepared by Paul E. Hite, LLS, 230 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject property. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. 79288 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Park Subdivision - 345 Krumkill Road, last revised January 16, 2012; prepared by S.Y.Kim Land Surveyor, P.C., 592 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject property. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. 79289 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM At a Meeting of the Water District No. 1, Town of Bethlehem (the "Town") held at the Town Hall in said Town, County of Albany and State of New York, on the 8th day of February, 2012 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. there were: PRESENT: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilman Kotary, Councilman Kuhn ABSENT: Councilwoman Dawson RECUSE: Councilman Lenhardt WHEREAS, Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (hereinafter "VERIZON WIRELESS") is a public utility engaged in the provision of personal wireless services; And WHEREAS, VERIZON WIRELESS has approached the Town and requested permission to lease space on the existing water tank for installation and operation of communication antennas and ground space sufficient for Verizon Wireless' installation of an approximately 12' x 30' equipment shelter on land owned by the Water District No. 1, Town of Bethlehem located off Elm Avenue, Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York (the "Property"), together with the right to install and operate a communications facility including communications antennas, equipment, utilities and related appurtenances on the proposed tower ("Project") at the Property; and WHEREAS, the Project is necessary to enable VERIZON WIRELESS to provide adequate and safe wireless services to the Town of Bethlehem and the surrounding area, for emergency and non-emergency use by the general public; and WHEREAS, the Town and VERIZON WIRELESS have negotiated a License Agreement which sets forth the agreement between the parties with respect to VERIZON WIRELESS' use and occupancy of the Property; and WHEREAS, the Town, acting as "Lead Agency" for the purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), has carefully considered the potential environmental impacts associated with execution of the License Agreement; and WHEREAS, the Town has had the opportunity to consider whether the specific areas to be leased to VERIZON WIRELESS are required for municipal purposes; and NEW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 64 of the Town Law of the State of New York, and subject to a permissive referendum, as follows: 1. After careful review and consideration, the Town hereby determines that authorizing the execution of the License Agreement will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and hereby issues a negative declaration pursuant to the requirements of SEQRA and further authorizes an appropriate representative to complete and sign any nec-

Bethlehem pee wee team wins hockey tournament



The Bethlehem Youth Hockey pee wee B team won its division at the annual Jimmy Welch Tournament Feb. 3 to 5 at the Berkshire School. Bethlehem rallied from a 2-1 deficit with three goals in the final three minutes to defeat Salisbury 4-2 in the championship game and complete an undefeated run through the tournament. Bethlehem outscored its opponents 15-5 over the three-day tournament, which was run by the Berkshire Rattlers youth hockey organization. The team is, from left, (front) Drew Thompson, Shweta Mane, Evan O'Connor, Alex Breiner, Matt Bievenue, Rebecca Gregg and Billy Lombardo; (middle) Alex Goldberg, Sarah Limberger, Juliette Thibodeau, James Dassaro, Dawson Rigg, Steven Kurdziolek, Owen Klein and Kevin Stein; and (back) coach Ricky Thibodeau, coach John Kurdziolek and Rob Bievenue. Missing from picture: Jake Palmer.

Submitted photo

Plenty

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the middle of the Big 10 pack to last year's Class AA Sectional final against CBA. They might be in line to do it again this year, especially after knocking off the Brothers 65-59 last Friday.

Class AA girls

1. Shaker (15-2) The defending champions showed their mettle by rallying for a 56-55 victory over Shenendehowa last Friday in Latham. The Blue Bison could have packed it in after the Plainswomen went on an 18-8 run in the fourth quarter, but they scored the final five points to pull out the win. Lauren Woods and the Rowland sisters (Madison and MacKenzie) certainly are the stars, but look out for role players such as Erica Vallecorsa, Lyric Artis and Adriene Gambles. They can make some key shots, too.

2. Shenendehowa (14-1) I knocked the Plainswomen down to No. 2 only because Shaker has now discovered the secret to beating them – take advantage of Shen's small size. No Shen player stands

taller than 6 feet, while Shaker has Woods (6-3) and MacKenzie Rowland (6-1). Still, what makes the Plainswomen dangerous is that they play great defense and they have a clutch performer in senior Emily Weber.

3. Colonie (15-2) Great defense and great scoring balance has made the Garnet Raiders the top team in the Suburban Council South Division. But in order to make the leap to being the best team in Section II, they will have to find a go-to scorer in crunch time. They have strong candidates in Ashley Loggins, Sydnie Rosales, Jaclyn Welch and Kawandi Young. One of them merely has to step up.

4. Albany (17-0) The lone undefeated Class AA team is handicapped by the fact that it plays in a league (the Big 10) that has a dearth of legitimately strong opposition. So, one has to wonder how the Falcons will respond when they meet a Suburban Council power such as Shaker, Shen or Colonie. Emia Willingham-Hurst (16.6 points per game) is the undisputed leader of the Falcons.

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essary documentation confirming the issuance of such negative declaration; and 2. The provision of adequate and safe personal wireless services to areas within the Town of Bethlehem and the surrounding area, for emergency and nonemergency use by the general public, is hereby deemed to be in the best interests of the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Bethlehem; and

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3. The specific areas proposed for leasing to VERIZON WIRELESS are not required for any municipal purposes or operations, and are hereby deemed surplus property; and 4. Water District No. 1 is authorized and directed to execute the License Agreement and other related lease documents necessary to complete this transaction, ALL SUBJECT TO THE PERMISSIVE REFEREN-

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DUM REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE 7 OF THE TOWN LAW (Section 90 et seq.); and 5. Subject to the Permissive Referendum requirements discussed hereinbelow, this Resolution shall be effective immediately; and 6. Use and occupancy of the Property by VERIZON WIRELESS shall be subject to receipt of all necessary approvals and permits required by the Town

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land use regulations and other applicable laws, including SEQRA; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Sections 90 and 82 of the Town Law, and within ten (10) days from the effective date of this Resolution, the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall (a) set forth the date of the adoption of this

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Resolution, (b) contain an abstract of such resolution concisely setting forth the purpose and effect thereof, and (c) specify that this Resolution was adopted subject to Permissive Referendum; and shall publish such notice in the Spotlight Newspaper, a newspaper published in Albany County having general circulation in the Town of Bethlehem, and in addition thereto that the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be

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posted on the sign-board of the Town of Bethlehem a certified copy of such notice within ten (10) days after the date of the adoption of this Resolution. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town shall comply with all the permissive referendum requirements contained in Article 7 of the Town Law (Section 90, et seq.)

LEGAL NOTICE

Motion by Supervisor Clarkson, seconded by Councilman Kotary and duly put to a vote which resulted as follows: AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilman Kotary, Councilman Kuhn NOES: none ABSENT: Councilwoman Dawson RECUSE: Councilman Lenhardt 79294 (D) (February 15, 2012)

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Sectional

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record-time of 36.79 seconds, while Willis earned victories in the 55 hurdles (8.09 seconds) and the triple jump (44 feet, 2.5 inches). Shen's Mark Thomas swept the throwing events by winning the shot put (49-6.75) and the weight throw (53-7).

Shaker was led by track wins from Robert Smith and Mike Libruk. Smith won the 600 with a time of 1:27.81, and Libruk took first place in the 3,200 with a time of 9:37.79. Christian Brothers Academy's Dan Radtke earned the pole vault title by clearing the bar at 13 feet, and Colonie's Jayson Gayle finished first in the long jump with a leap of 21-4.75.

BH-BL and Shen each had a winning relay team. BH-BL's 800 relay team of Carr, Luke Cameron, Matt Bunch and Robert Kirsty grabbed first place with a meet record-time of 1:36.83, and Shen's 3.200 relay team of Michael Borini, Will Marois, Evan Hayner and Jon Zeosky earned its title with a time of 8:34.45.

Sunday's meet was a tune-up for this weekend's Section II meets.

Girls

Team results: Colonie 66, Shaker 48.5, Holy Names 38, Bethlehem 36, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 35, Emma Willard 34, Albany 34, Shenendehowa 26, Columbia 26, Niskayuna 21, Guilderland 12.5, Granville 11, Schalmont 10, Gloversville 10, Ballston Spa 9, Troy 9, Greenwich 8, Scotia-Glenville 7, Saratoga Springs 6, Bishop Maginn 5, Mohonasen 4, Schuylerville 4, Fonda 3, Lansingburgh 2

Top three finishers

55-meter dash: 1. Natasia Brown (Albany) 7.39; 2. Keishorea Armstrong (Emma Willard) 7.49; 3. Emily VanDenburgh (Shaker) 7.50

300 dash: 1. Kyle Plante (Colonie) 40.78; 2. Blessing Uzoeshi (Albany) 42.64; 3. Kristen Hayes (Shaker) 43.46

600: 1. 1524 Kaitlin Close (Holy Names) 1:39.82; 2. Kailyn Bolzano (Columbia) 1:41.55; 3. Emily DeWald (Niskayuna) 1:41.66

1,000: 1. Leah Triller (Holy Names) 3:00.27; 2. 1454 Danika Jensen (Bethlehem) 3:06.06; 3. Kaitie Schillaci (Colonie) 3:06.48

1,500: 1. Catherine Maloy (Holy Names) 4:42.82; 2. 1990 Caroline Hampton (Shenendehowa) 4:52.34; 3. 2950 Becky Celorio (Scotia-Glenville) 4:57.70

3,000: 1. Alicia Clark (Granville) 10:32.55; 2. Schuyler Pruyn (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) 10:43.88; 3. Shannon Trant (Niskayuna) 10:56.46

55 hurdles: 1. Plante (Colonie) 8.61.2; 2. Dejana Harris (Guilderland) 9.02.2; 3. Jaleah Owens (BH-BL) 9.14.2

800 relay: 1. Albany 1:49.96; 2. Colonie 1:51.16; 3. Saratoga 1:51.98

1,600 relay: 1. Bethlehem 4:13.28; 2. Colonie 4:17.57; 3. Albany 4:21.73

3,200 relay: 1. Bethlehem 9:53.02; 2. Columbia 9:59.79; 3. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 10:04.72

High jump: 1. Isabella Borini (Schalmont) 5-2; 2. Armstrong (Emma Willard) 5-2; 3. Grace Smith (Bethlehem) 5-0

Pole vault: 1. Kara Snyder (Colonie) 11-0; 2. Maddesen Weekes (Shen) 10-6; 3. Olivia Matthews (Ballston Spa) 10-0

Long jump: 1. VanDenburgh (Shaker) 17-7.75; 2. Emma Torncello (Shaker) 17-3; 3. Molly Shapiro (Emma Willard) 17-2.5

Triple jump: 1. Molly Shapiro (Emma Willard) 39-8.25; 2. Eva Kiehl (Columbia) 36-5; Torn cello (Shaker) 36-01.25

Shot put: 1. Liz Hogan (Gloversville) 37-0; 2. Caysie Capano (Troy) 36-7; 3. Cheila Diao (Shaker) 35-8.25

Weight throw: 1. Lundy Spinner (Shen) 36-2; 2. Kailey Rot hacker (Ballston) 34-9; 3. Brianna Swota (Shen) 30-2

Boys

Team scores: Shaker 82, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 51, Shenendehowa 45, Colonie 41, Schalmont 32, LaSalle 24,

Bethlehem 22, Christian Brothers Academy 22, Bishop Gibbons 18, Schenectady 18, Niskayuna 18, Greenwich 14, Columbia 14, Cohoes 8, Bishop Maginn 8, Schuylerville 8, Fonda 8, Averill Park 7, Gloversville 7, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 6, Lansingburgh 4, Scotia-Glenville 4, Guilderland 3, Chatham 1

Top three finishers

55-meter dash: 1. Joe Carr (BH-BL) 6.70; 2. Kenny Mathieu (Columbia) 6.71; 3. Derrick Smith (Niskayuna) 6.72

300 dash: 1. Carr (BH-BL) 36.79; 2. Smith (Niskayuna) 37.00; 3. 1696 Josh Landy SR (LaSalle) 37.10

600: 1. Robert Smith (Shaker) 1:27.81; 2. Sam Morrett (Cohoes) 1:30.26; 3. Griffith Eddy (Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk) 1:30.50

1,000: 1 Jordan Pantalone (Bishop Gibbons) 2:42.54; 2. Will Marois (Shen) 2:43.93; 3. Alex Gifford (Gloversville) 2:44.20

1,600: 1, Austin Lane (Greenwich) 4:26.05; 2. Ethan Hausamann (Shaker) 4:28.34; 3. Buddy Herkenham (BH-BL) 4:28.96

3,200: 1. Mike Libruk (Shaker) 9:37.79; 2. Jason Lange (Bishop Gibbons) 9:42.80; 3. Michael Borini (Shen) 10:10.59

55 hurdles: 1. Devon Willis (Schalmont)

8.09; 2. Ian Weykamp (Shaker) 8.10; 3. Kevin Otty (Averill Park) 8.12

800 relay: 1. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 1:36.83; 2. Colonie 1:37.42; 3. Columbia 1:39.95

1,600 relay: 1. LaSalle 3:40.65; 2. Colonie 3:44.29; 3. BH-BL 3:45.18

3,200 relay: 1. Shenendehowa 8:34.45; 2. Shaker 8:43.33; 3. BH-B: 8:45.18

High jump: 1. Keilan McMillan-Moss (Schenectady) 6-4; 2. Devon Willis (Schalmont) 6-1; 3. Torey Williams (CBA) 6-1

Pole vault: 1. Dan Radtke (CBA) 13-0; 2. Phil Charbonneau (Shen) 12-6; 2. Connor Brant (Shaker) 12-6

Long jump: 1. Jayson Gayle (Colonie) 21-4.75; 2. Mathias McKinnon (Bishop Maginn) 21-1.75; 3. Franklin Abban (Shaker) 20-10.5

Triple jump: 1. Willis (Schalmont) 44-2.5; 2. Elijah Crago (Colonie) 42-5.75; 3. Mukhtar Barros (Schenectady) 42-4.5

Shot put: 1. Mark Thomas (Shen) 49-6.75; 2. Brandon Behan (Bethlehem) 48-6.25; 3. Ryan Griffin (Shaker) 46-1.25

Weight throw: 1. Thomas (Shen) 53-7; 2. Anthony Santoro (South Glens Falls) 49-3; 3. Sean Spath (Bishop Maginn) 43-4

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Pee wee team wins tourney

The Bethlehem Youth Hockey pee wee B team took first place at the Jimmy Welch Tournament Feb.3 to 5 at the Berkshire School.

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Weekly poll

Who is the most exciting Section II boys basketball player to watch?

- Cameron Dobbs (Guilderland)
- Jelani Currie (Albany Academy)
- Trahmier Burrell (Troy)
- Jordan Gleason (Water-vliet)
- Collin Stewart (Mekeel Christian Academy)

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Last week's poll results:

Who will win the Section II Class AA girls basketball title?

- Shenendehowa 34%
- Shaker 30%
- Colonie 26%
- Albany 10%

Sectional tune-up

Colonie, Shaker dominate the field at final indoor meet before championships

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Kyle Plante won two individual events to help the Colonie girls indoor track and field team take first place overall at Sunday's Great Dane Invitational at the University at Albany.

Plante won the 300-meter dash with a time of 40.78 seconds and took first place in the 55 hurdles with a time of 8.61 seconds for the Lady Raiders, who accumulated 66 team points.

Shaker's Emily VanDenburgh turned in a pair of top-three finishes. VanDenburgh won the long jump with a distance of 17 feet, 7.75 inches, and she placed third in the 55-meter dash final with a time of 7.50 seconds.

Academy of Holy Names runners took first place in the 600, 1,000 and 1,500. Kaitlin Close won the 600 with a time of 1:39.82, Leah Triller earned the 1,000 title with a time of 3:00.27 and Catherine Maloy finished first in the 1,500 with a time of 4:42.82.

Bethlehem had a pair of victories in relay events. The 1,600 relay team of Carolyn Wagner, Shannon Haggerty, Jackie Kearney and Samantha Taillon won with a time of 4:13.28, and the 3,200 relay team of Christina Macfarlane, Sydney Shaw, Lindsay Cheu and Danika Jensen took first place with a time of 9:53.02.

Field event winners included Schalmont's Isabella Borini (high jump), Colonie's Kara Snyder



Guilderland's Dejana Harris wins her preliminary heat of the girls 55-meter hurdles at Sunday's Great Dane Invitational at the University at Albany. Harris placed second to Colonie's Kyle Plante in the finals.

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(pole vault) and Shenendehowa's Lundy Spinner (weight throw).

Shaker placed second to Colonie in the girls team standings with 48.5 points. Holy Names was third with 38 points, two points ahead of fourth-place Bethlehem.

Shaker dominated the boys' side of the meet. The Blue Bison won the team title with 82 points,

while Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake placed second with 51 points. Shen took third place with 45 points.

BH-BL's Joe Carr and Schalmont's Devon Willis each won a pair of individual events. Carr won the 55 dash with a time of 6.70 seconds and took first place in the 300 dash with a meet

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Fast start for hockey playoffs

Seeds announced Sunday; opening round started Monday

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There is no time for rest in the Section II hockey world.

The Division I playoffs began Monday, one day after the seeds were formally announced.

No. 9 Guilderland/Mohonasen (3-15-2) was one of the four teams that had to lace up its skates Monday. The Dutch Warriors traveled to No. 8 LaSalle (4-16-0) for an opening round game. The winner only gets a 48-hour rest before traveling to Saratoga Springs to meet the top-seeded Blue Streaks (14-6-0) in a quarterfinal game.

No. 4 Bethlehem (15-5-0) avoided a Monday game, but they had only a short turnaround time to prepare for Tuesday's quarterfinal against No. 5 Christian Brothers Academy (9-10-1) at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

The Eagles finished in a three-way tie with CBA and Shaker/Colonie (8-10-2) for third place in the Capital District High School Hockey League Division I standings, but the Jets received the No. 3 seed by virtue of wins against the Eagles and the Brothers.

Plenty of contenders to choose from

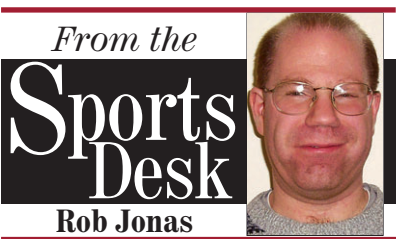
How do you like the new look to our sports section? Neat, huh? My personal favorites are the new banner at the top of the page and the new sidebar that includes last week's poll results and this week's poll question. Be sure to visit the website to vote beginning Wednesday.

The changes come just in time for the start of Sectionals in basketball. So to coincide with the start of playoff season, here are the Class AA boys and girls teams we should all pay attention to.

Class AA boys

1. Troy (15-2) The Flying Horses have all the makings of a championship team. They have great size down low with 6-9 center Javion Ogunyemi and 6-7 forwards Kareem Brown and Jerrell Reid. They have a dynamic shooting guard in Trahmier Burrell. They have a championship-caliber coach in Rich Hurley (two Class AA titles with Bishop Maginn). The only question is, can they pull through when the chips are down?

2. Christian Brothers Academy (16-2) The Brothers are the only area team to beat Troy this season, but they aren't the same dominant force they were the last two



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years. They're still a strong defensive team, and they have a balanced scoring attack led by Joe Krong, Chaz Lott and Christian Leppanen. Where the problem lies is that they lack a dynamic scorer like they had in Kameron Ritter two years ago and Galal Cancer last season.

3. Shenendehowa (12-3) The Plainsmen can hit three-pointers all night long with Jackson Shea and Dylan Molloy on the court. But as much of an advantage it is to have two great outside shooters, it's also a disadvantage if they have an off night — especially when you have a lack of big men to pull down missed shots. Shen will only go as far as Shea and Molloy carry it.

4. LaSalle (13-4) The Cadets are having their best season in several years, thanks to the emergence of junior Ralph Erickson (14.5 points per game) as a scoring threat.

With three other players (Jay Norris, Tyler Reed and Elijah Burns) averaging between nine and 14 points per game, LaSalle will be a defensive match-up nightmare.

Other contenders

Guilderland (13-4) Cameron Dobbs is one of Section II's best scorers, and he has a solid supporting cast. But, the Dutchmen have had trouble against teams with size in the low post (0-4 against Columbia and Bethlehem this season).

Shaker (13-4) With Casey Hall back, the Blue Bison have more scoring options on the floor than they did for the first two months of the season. Still Shaker is susceptible to bad shooting nights, as evidenced by its eight sub 60-point games.

Bethlehem (11-6) The Eagles have all the ingredients that Troy has (big forwards, solid guards), but they have to learn how to win in the playoffs. Bethlehem has been eliminated in the first round for four straight years (though it should be noted that three of those losses came against CBA when the Brothers were the No. 1 seed).

Bishop Maginn (8-9) The Golden Griffins stunned everybody by going from

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