



A flood of goodwill

Several local Civil War music groups are staging a series of concerts to benefit the flooding victims of Schoharie County.

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Tons of free fun

The annual Kidz Expo at Empire State Plaza is this weekend, and there's a plethora of things to do.

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Eagles go down

Troy eliminated Bethlehem from the Section II Class AA boys basketball playoffs Saturday at Hudson Valley Community College, 54-44.

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Running on empty

Operators of Delmar Getty expect to go out of business as corporation fights in court

By MARCY VELTE
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Amir Salman and Faiza Warsi never thought their dream of coming to America and opening a business would end this way.

The Getty gas station in Delmar has been operated by Salman since it opened in 1989, after he came to this country from Pakistan. When he married Warsi and she joined him here, she also joined the business. Now their dream is about to end because of high gas prices and a bankruptcy protection suit filed by Getty Petroleum Marketing.

"They are using our goodwill to rip the customers off," said Warsi. "On the face of it we look bad because it's hard to explain to every customer. Plus people forget what's really happening."

Getty Petroleum Marketing filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in December of 2011 after its landlord, Getty Realty, threatened to sue the company for not paying its rent, according to court documents. The company was recently sold to Cambridge Securities, but still owes its previous owner millions.

Warsi said sales started to slip at the Delaware Avenue location when the gas prices set by Getty continued to climb last year to almost 7 cents more than competitors across the street. The couple was then informed the company would try an "experiment" for several months,

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Owners Amir Salman and Faiza Warsi said Getty Petroleum Marketing has hurt business at their gas station in Delmar. The couple expects to soon be out of business.

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

Big-box busts

Police say number of calls to Glenmont Walmart is actually pretty low considering store size, traffic

By MARCY VELTE
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Longtime crime watchers in Bethlehem would likely notice one frequent player gracing the police blotter pages: Walmart in Glenmont. To some observers, it would seem the flashing lights of Bethlehem police cars arrive often at the Route 9W store.

In an effort to shed light on exactly how often the Bethlehem Police Department finds itself at 311 Route 9W, *The Spotlight* has reviewed police records from the years 2010 and 2011. Those records show the police department answered a total of 727 calls at the Walmart Glenmont address. Although that's about one call every day, police say that's not the entire picture.

"Altogether, we usually receive 50,000 calls each year," said Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department. "Really, like 300 calls each year out of 50,000 I would say is low. The numbers are the facts."

The number represents all police officer- and public-generated calls for Walmart's address. Some of the calls are for incidents that may have no relation to the store, such as traffic stops in front of the plaza.

Of the 727 calls over two years, 123 are related to larceny or shoplifting. Heffernan said the majority of calls to the location are from people who locked themselves out of their cars or were related to the need for Emergency Medical Services.

"To my knowledge, we are one of the few police departments that still provide lockout service in the Capital Region," he said. "Emergency calls obviously take

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Police answer about one call a day at the Walmart in Glenmont.

Decades-old contract means \$1.5M deficit tomorrow

18 percent tax hike would make up for expiration of Selkirk Cogen agreement

By MARCY VELTE
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The Town of Bethlehem is facing at least a \$1.5 million loss of revenue in the coming year when the Selkirk Cogen energy plant goes back on the tax rolls.

The Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement between the company and the town (as well as the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk School District) is set to expire in December. Town Comptroller Mike Cohen and Chris Kidera, co-

chairperson of the Bethlehem Budget Work Team, presented information about the significant loss of revenue to the Town Board at its meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

"It's a very confusing issue with a lot of factors," said Cohen in an interview after the meeting. "We're still working on how to resolve this without asking the taxpayers to contribute a significant portion back to the town."

Selkirk Cogen is a natural gas power plant that produces up to 345 megawatts of electricity to the General Electric plastics plant located at the same campus, and it also provides power back to National Grid.

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An act of Civil-ity

Concert of Civil War-era tunes to benefit flood victims

By MARCY VELTE
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When Paula Shafer couldn't physically get to Schoharie County to help with the clean up efforts after Hurricane Irene devastated the area last August, she decided to call on some friends.

A Civil War re-enactor and musical historian, the former teacher called on her friends in several local Civil War music groups to put on a series of concerts to benefit the flooding victims of Schoharie County. Two previous concerts have raised more than \$1,000 and a third concert is about to be held at the Bethlehem Community Church in Delmar.

"It's a community that's neighboring us," Shafer said. "We were really unaffected and we felt like we needed to help in some way."

The four bands, Uncle



Jim Broden of the 77th New York Regimental Balladeers plays fiddle while the pennywhistle player harmonizes.

Civil War-era benefit concert

- **When:** Friday, March 10, at 4 p.m.
- **Where:** Bethlehem Community Church
- **How much:** The cost is \$15 for a single ticket and \$25 per couple.

Billy's Balladeers, Iron Jacks, the 77th New York Regimental Balladeers and Rural Felicity have been playing together for years. They have once again joined forces for the benefit and to celebrate this year's sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

The 77th New York Regimental Balladeers are from Windham, and have been together for 17 years with more than 350 performances under their collective belts. Dedicated to preserving the songs of the Antebellum and Civil War periods, the group



Four regional Civil War bands and various reenactors will come together to hold a benefit concert for the flood victims on Schoharie County on Friday, March 10 at the Bethlehem Community Church in Delmar.

Submitted photos



"We figure if we're not having fun, why would the audience have fun?"

– Bill Frueh
of Rural Felicity

uses original music and lyrics to "convey, emote and capture" the speech, beliefs, spirituality and patriotism of America's ancestors. They have won several awards, and the group's "Rally Round the Flag" CD project helped raise funds to preserve New York's Civil War Battle Flags.

Iron Jacks is a Civil War Naval

impression group affiliated with the U.S. Naval Landing Party, who "focus of everyday life aboard a ship or on land" with their vocals and instrumentals. Band leader Dave Dzeiwulski of Troy said in a statement, the group provides a "rough-and-tumble form of music about the sea, women, grog, misfortune and going home."

For some, performing in the benefit is very personal.

Delmar resident Bill Frueh, who created the band Rural Felicity, said one of the members of his group used to live in Rotterdam Junction. She was taken out of her second floor apartment building by boat

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Storm relief could pick up pool house tab

Bethlehem moves to put FEMA money towards alternate use, demolish bridge

By MARCY VELTE
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A new plan hatched by Bethlehem officials would see the demolition of a bridge over the Onesquethaw Creek so federal damage funds from Hurricane Irene could be diverted to fix the roof over the town's pool.

Town Engineer Paul Penman presented the plan to the Bethlehem Town Board at its meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Penman asked the board to approve pursuing an alternative project in lieu of replacing the bridge damaged in last year's Hurricane Irene, which the Federal Emergency Management Agency would allow if the new project is shovel ready.

"Usually I'm here asking for money and tonight I'm here telling you how we can spend some money, so it's a good thing," said Penman.

According to estimates, it would take nearly \$575,000 to restore the rail bridge, which Penman said is rarely used. The alternate plan would call for

about \$200,000 of federal aid money to be spent on the demolition of the bridge and \$300,000 on replacing the roof over the Elm Avenue Park Pool House.

Penman said FEMA allows up to 90 percent of restoration funds to be put towards an alternate project.

"This is a project we need to do, not want to do," said Penman of the new roof on the pool house.

Originally, \$100,000 had been budgeted in 2011 for basic repairs to the roof, but upon further inspection there was significant damage to some of the roof's support beams, according to Penman. He said the roof is currently safe, but if the alternative project isn't approved the town will need to find \$300,000 in the near future to pay for the repairs.

FEMA would contribute 75 percent, or \$375,000. Another \$62,500 would come from state aid and the town would need to match that amount. Penman said the town's contribution could be taken from the \$100,000 originally budgeted to fix the pool house.

Councilwoman Joann Dawson said she would like to see a more detailed plan presented to the

"Usually I'm here asking for money and tonight I'm here telling you how we can spend some money, so it's a good thing."

— Town Engineer
Paul Penman

board with more definite numbers before the item was voted on, but Penman said waiting could affect the town's ability to receive the funds.

Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn asked if there were other projects that are more of higher priority. Penman said there are, but none of them match FEMA's criteria for use of the funds as much as the roof work.

"The pool house jumped to the top of the list because it's something we have to do that's underfunded," said Penman.

The board eventually approved using the funds for the alternative project. Councilman Kyle Kotary was not at the meeting because of a family commitment.

Penman said the department would



The bridge over the Onesquethaw Creek is shown here after it was damaged by Hurricane Irene in August of 2011.

Submitted photo

soon begin the State Environmental Quality Review process for the project. Although the bridge was built in 1912, the state said there would be no historical effect if the bridge were demolished.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation have been working creating a staging area and parking lot for public fishing access, since the creek is used

for trout fishing. Penman said those plans would be incorporated into the project upon DEC approval.

Other repairs to the creek call for its realignment after the banks shifted about 350 feet during Hurricane Irene. The embankments for the bridge will also need to be stabilized after it is demolished.

"If the repairs aren't made it could cause further

damage to the creek," said Penman.

Penman said the DEC has limited when the town can work in the stream because of the trout population. Portions of the project cannot be started until June and work needs to stop by September.

"So we have a tight window to get to bid and make the needed improvement," he said.

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Police: Hit-and-run suspect was speeding before crash

State Police said on Monday, Feb. 27, a vehicle that allegedly ran down a City of Albany man Saturday night was being pursued moments before the incident.

Rozell Whitehead was killed on Saturday, Feb. 25, while crossing Henry Johnson Boulevard. Police said the vehicle that struck him had been seen going 75 in a 55 mph zone and was being pursued along Interstate 90 when it took the exit 6 off ramp. Police then decided the car was too far ahead and broke off the chase.

The car struck Whitehead shortly thereafter, police said. The patrol car had its emergency lights activated during the pursuit, according to police.

Albany police are investigating the incident, and, as of Monday afternoon, had not released the name of the driver. The driver was located in Bethlehem, according to Det. James Miller of the Albany Police Department. He said police expect charges will be filed. Check spotlightnews.com for the latest on the investigation.

Bethlehem cops find weapon in DWI traffic stop

Bethlehem police arrested a Schenectady man for driving while intoxicated and weapon possession on Sunday, Feb. 19.



Timothy Whitehead (far left), the brother of Rozell Whitehead, stands near a makeshift memorial for his brother, who was killed Saturday, Feb. 25, in the City of Albany when he was struck by a car while crossing Henry Johnson Boulevard. Police said the driver has been located in the Town of Bethlehem but have not released a name.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Vincent Ferrera-Gracial, 43, of 54 Laurel Avenue was arrested after police received complaints of a vehicle leaving the roadway on Route 85 on Sunday night. The vehicle soon struck a road sign and became stuck inside a road circle which resulted in front end damage and a flat tire, according to police.

When searching the vehicle, police said found a knife in the dashboard. Ferrera-Gracial was charged with felony possession of a weapon in the third degree and a misdemeanor count of driving while intoxicated. He was held under a \$5,000 cash or bond bail, according to police. He

will appear in court at a later date.

Thieves take thousands in motorcycle goods

Burglars made away with more than \$45,000 worth of merchandise from Albany Honda between Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11, according to Colonie police.

Seven Honda motorcycles, two helmets, two motocross jerseys, one pair of motocross pants, six gloves, five goggles, manuals for the stolen motorcycles and 40 New York State inspection certificates were stolen from Albany Honda at 390 New Karner Road sometime between closing on Friday and opening on Saturday, said police.

Police said a burglar or burglars broke a window out of an overhead door

to gain entry and used an unknown trailer to remove the stolen items.

The stolen motorcycles are described as follows: two 2012 CRF50FC Dirt Bikes; two 2012 CRF250RC Motocross Bikes; two 2012 CRF450RC Motocross Bikes; and one 2012 CBR1000RR Road Bike 20th Anniversary edition.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Colonie Police Department at 783-2744.

Arrests

Guilderland Police arrested Felicia Edmunds, 18, on felony grand larceny charges of property stolen over \$1,000 on Monday, Feb. 20. She was also charged with petit larceny, a misdemeanor.

Colonie police arrested Jamie B. Millett, 41, of 72 Mckown Road in Albany on Feb. 21 and charged him with

DWI and speed violation, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Stephen J. Strack, 30, of 103 5th Ave. in Watervliet on Feb. 19 and charged him with criminal possession of marijuana in the fifth degree after being found to be in possession of 56.6 grams of marijuana, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Kayla L. Lysogorski, 19, of 39 Cottage St. 2D in Troy on Feb. 19 and charged her with DWI, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Jesus A. Linares-Diaz, 21, of 36 Elder St. in Schenectady on Feb. 19 and charged him with DWI, operation of a motor vehicle without inspection certificate, operation of a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver and failure to stay in a single lane, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Jerry Grace, 29, of 986 Burke Ave. Apt. 2A in the Bronx on Feb. 18 and charged him with DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, drinking alcohol in a motor vehicle on the highway and failure to stop at a stop sign, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Sean F. Shadrack, 34, of 583 Broadway Apt. 1 in Menands on Feb. 18 and charged him with DWI with a prior conviction within the last 10 years, DWI, failure to stay in single lane and license restriction violation, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Sean Louis Hayes, 18, of 270 Boght Road in Cohoes on Feb. 18 and charged him with criminal possession of marijuana in the fifth degree, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Shawn W. Meher, 42, of 1443 Myron St. in Niskayuna on Feb. 16 and charged him with DWI

with a prior conviction within the last 10 years, aggravated DWI, and leaving the scene of a property damage accident, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Amanda L. Allen, 17, of 1530 Foster Ave. 2nd floor in Schenectady on Feb. 16 and charged her with criminal sale of a narcotic drug following a traffic stop, according to police reports.


Colonie police arrested Ronald C. Gaddis, 48, of 2708 Third Ave. in Watervliet on Feb. 15 and charged him with grand larceny in the fourth degree after he turned himself in, according to police reports. The charges stem from a Sept. 4, 2011 incident where Gaddis wrongfully obtained and withheld money from the OTB teletheater, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Sally A. Smith, 36, of 1 Bleeker Terrace Apt. 223 in Albany on Feb. 13 and charged her with grand larceny in the fourth degree for allegedly stealing \$1,803.50 worth of assorted merchandise from Macy's in Colonie Center on Feb. 13, according to police reports.

Colonie police arrested Michael P. Carlton, 32, of 318 Griswold Heights in Troy on Feb. 13 and charged him with grand larceny in the third degree after turning himself in, according to police reports. The charges stem from a Jan. 17 incident, according to police reports.

Scotia police on Sunday, Feb. 12, arrested Jeremy Furnia, 27, of Fifth Street, Scotia, on the charge of DWI.

Scotia police on Thursday, Feb. 16, arrested David Yaeckel, 27, of Crane Street, Amsterdam, on the charge of DWI.



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Lexi Becker, DVM

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urine, tears and saliva but not overtly sick themselves. Some cats with FeLV go on to develop the cancer lymphoma secondary to infection.

Your veterinarian is able to perform a blood test to determine if your cat is infected with this disease. If an animal is FeLV positive, additional diagnostics such as blood profiles, xrays, ophthalmic exams and bone marrow analysis may be warranted.

Although there is no cure for FeLV, animals can receive supportive care to mitigate any symptoms that arise. Approximately 85% of cats with FeLV will die within 3 years of diagnosis. FeLV can be prevented through proper testing and isolation procedures. All outdoor cats should be tested for FeLV and then vaccinated yearly to protect them from exposure to infected cats.

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Concert

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during the flooding.

“The devastation of those floods is amazing,” he said. “She lost about everything. She was the regimental cook, and she had some of our tents and cooking gear in her car. The water went over the top and totaled it.”

Rural Felicity performs 19th century historical music of the northeast, while providing life and drum music to various re-enactor groups. Frueh said his group developed out of several local life and drum groups after discovering many of the songs they played also had lyrics.

“We try to do it as close as to how the soldiers would do it, or people in a tavern,” he said. “We’re not real polished, just here to have fun. We figure if we’re not having fun, why would the audience have fun?”

Frueh explained many of the songs the groups will play do not have an allegiance to the north or south, but were songs sang throughout the country.

“Even down South they would sing northern songs, they just might change the words,” he said. “If you’re used to a song, are you going to stop singing them just because you’re on the opposite side? It’s not like they have top 40 radio.”

Frueh said many of the songs that survived the test of time and can still be heard today are the ones with catchy tunes, adding, “Even if they had good words they wouldn’t last if they didn’t have a good tune.” That’s especially true



A concert featuring four bands performing Civil War-era music will be held Friday, March 10, at the Bethlehem Community Church. Proceeds from the concert will help flood victims.

Submitted photos

“The devastation of those floods is amazing. She lost about everything”

– Bill Frueh of Rural Felicity

because very few could read music or were even literate during the time.

Since Frueh is blind, the lyrics to tunes pose a similar problem.

“I learn the words from records and CDs. When I don’t remember the words I make it up and the band yells at me,” he said. “But they have the words in front of them and I don’t. Plus there are dozens of different

variations to songs, even ones we think are familiar like, ‘Yankee Doodle.’”

All of the money earned from the event will be donated to the Fields of Grace Outreach program in Middleburgh to provide vouchers for building material to flood victims in Schoharie County.

The concert will be held Friday, March 10, at the Bethlehem Community Church beginning at 4 p.m. Reservation tickets can be purchased by Saturday, March 3 but tickets will be sold at the door if they’re still available. The cost is \$15 for a single ticket and \$25 per couple.

For more information, visit www.fieldsofgrace.org or call 827-5344.

Town holds off on sign law changes

The Bethlehem Town Board has put off a ruling on new language concerning temporary signs on town and public property.

The board has decided to have new language drafted to decide the requirements for temporary signs on private property, but after further discussion at a Wednesday, Feb. 22, meeting, decided more time was needed before accepting wording that would then have to be put forward at a public hearing. Allowing signs for public events of town property is still a matter of contention.

Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn said enforcement of the laws was still an issue.

“When we have this settled my goal is for full and equal enforcement of the law across the board,” he said in an interview after the

meeting.

Supervisor John Clarkson said the board will most likely take a break from the discussion at the next meeting and the town will again attempt to draft more specific regulations concerning the signs.

The board also heard a recap of the 2010 Delaware Avenue Hamlet Enhancement Study.

Director of Economic Development and Planning Mike Morelli said it would take about 10 years until funding is available to fully complete improvements, some of which have to be funded by the state Department of Transportation. But the town could use some of the aesthetic suggestions as guidelines for private property owners to start slowly implementing the plan through code

changes.

Suggestions made by the plan include upgrades to sidewalks, more decorative lighting, better landscaping, bicycle lanes, defined on street parking and connections to the rail trail.

Clarkson said the plan was a bit daunting as far as cost is concerned.

“But I like to differentiate between good debt and bad debt, and this is an example of something that’s good that would be an improvement for the whole town, not only for businesses but also for residents as well,” he said.

The streetscape improvement portion of the project would cost up to \$2.5 million. The advisory committee that worked on the project suggested working to find grants.

– Marcy Vette

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Running on empty

Have you felt lighter lately? Perhaps like a weight has been lifted? Most of us really should, but not because of time spent at the gym. It's really because there's less heft in our wallets to lug around.

You may have noticed prices at the pump climbing in recent weeks. Prices have spiked up towards \$4 per gallon all over the Capital District. There is talk in the media (some of it even backed up by facts, rare as that may be) of the average gallon of gasoline hitting \$5 over the summer.

That's bad news for just about everyone, especially since there's not a blessed thing any of us can truly do about the price at the pump.

Faiza Warsi knows that pretty well. She and her husband, Amir Salman, have run the Delmar Getty for well over a decade. Now, their refusal to put up Getty's high gas prices will probably spell the end for their business.

Warsi told us Getty insisted on setting prices much higher than those of her competitors across the street—it should be noted the company is in bankruptcy and in debt. For Warsi and Salman, this practice strangled business and soured customers to the point that having no gas was better than having an overpriced product.

If not for the bankruptcy proceedings, the store would probably be vacant already. Some would point out this consequence is the cost of doing business under Getty's model, and they'd be right. But Warsi's story is illustrative of a lot more than that.

You can read a lot about the decline of the small business in America these days. In an era when money is scarcer and prices are higher, only the strong (and this can often be read as "big") survive.

Bethlehem is far from a blighted town, and is fortunate to have businesses setting up shop here. A ShopRite grocery is setting up across the street from a Price Chopper. It seems few months go by that a proposal for a shop or restaurant on Glenmont's Route 9W doesn't come to the Planning Board. And even in the more residential parts of the community, hamlet developments are bringing commercial options.

There's money in this community. Retailers want it. And competition is ultimately good for the consumer.

But there are always consequences to growth beyond unlimited shopping opportunities. Having more choices more often than not means somebody eventually has to go. And every time a business is shuttered, there's a real person and a real face behind it. Sometimes they didn't want anything more than something to call their own.

Editorial

Empowerment keeps kids safe

By CAROL SMITH, JOYCE THOMAS and FELICIA BORDICK

Recent disturbing news stories of child abuse at the hands of public and trusted figures, may be causing some parents to question whether their own children would know what to do in a similar situation.

Well, we do know this, those strategies have to be taught – very carefully taught – and reinforced regularly. Don't assume your child will have the confidence to say no to an adult, and don't assume your child will tell you if something does happen. The old sports adage applies here: "The best defense is a good offense." That "offense" involves being open, honest and direct. It also involves preparing your child with very specific directions on what to do and who to tell. In the curriculum taught in school, children are taught about that "Uh oh feeling," which is the sense you get when something doesn't seem right. They are instructed to pay attention to situations that feel strange, to say no, to get away and to tell someone.

We are all in agreement that although we want to protect our children from all evils in society, we cannot be with them every moment. So the next best thing is to arm children with the knowledge and strength to know what to do. The idea is that by being on the offense, the child may be able to prevent a bad situation and will be timely in reporting it to parents.

But that is still not enough. Parents need to pay attention and get involved. Telling a child what to do is just the beginning.

- Know where your child is at all times and with whom.
- Get to know the adults who interact with your child.

Point of View

The Little Things in Life
By Nancy M. Elingson

One day I came into your life,
as an empty little page;
On which your every word,
or action,
Will forever be engraved.

• Volunteer your time to help out with sports, scouts and other activities.

• When going someplace without you, a child should call upon arrival and departure.

• Listen to your child attentively so you don't miss something.

We know better than to leave our kids in the car unattended, but have you ever engaged your child in conversation at the mall with a complete stranger who seemed so nice? Have you allowed a relative to tickle your child because it seemed harmless? Or perhaps you have directed your child to greet a friend or relative with a hug and kiss even though your child resisted? Have you ever dismissed a complaint from your child about another adult because that just couldn't be true? These are just a few subtleties that reflect how critical our judgment is in preventing harm to our own children.

There is one very simple little thing you can do every

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single day that will help to ensure your child will not be one of those victims. Close each day with a quiet conversation with your child that begins with the question, "So, my dear, how was your day?" Of course your child will want you to share your day as well. This quiet time could be at the kitchen table, on the floor, knee-to-knee and eye-to-eye or a part of the bedtime ritual.

This article originally appeared in the January issue of Capital District Parent Pages, where the authors pen the "Kitchen Table Time" column. The authors have a combined 75 years of teaching experience in kindergarten, first, second and third grade in area schools.

Their book, "Kitchen Table Time: Recipes for Success" can be found at I Love Books in Delmar and The Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland.

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Catch a movie matinee

Come to a Saturday Movie Matinee at the Guilderland Public Library on March 3 at 1 pm to watch the live-action movie version of the second work – “Two Towers” – in J.R.R. Tolkien’s fabulous Lord of the Rings trilogy. This middle episode about Middle-earth focuses on Frodo and Sam as they continue their mission to Mordor to destroy the One Ring. While this is going on, some of their former companions make new allies and launch an assault on Isengard.

As with all movies here at the Library, there will be free popcorn and down-front seating for kids.

Antonio Banderas, the Cat

The next Family Movie Friday feature, at 7 pm on March 9, tells the PG-rated story of a character named Puss in Boots. Accompanied by his sidekicks, Humpty Dumpty and Kitty Softpaws, Puss is pitted against Jack & Jill, two murderous outlaws in ownership of magical beans which are believed to lead to great fortune. It’s all very swashbuckling in a feline sort of way. And loads of fun.

Eleven Birthdays Book Discussion Registration

On Thursday, March 1, registration begins for the Mother/Daughter



The Mother/Daughter Book Group will talk about “Eleven Birthdays” by Wendy Mass on Thursday, April 19, at 7 p.m.

Book Group discussion of “Eleven Birthdays,” by Wendy Mass. This discussion is for girls in grades 4 through 6. The discussion will be held on Thursday, April 19, at 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees meeting

The library’s Board of Trustees will hold its next monthly business meeting on Thursday, March 8, at 7:30 pm.

You have an opportunity at both Public Comment Sessions—at the beginning and the end of the meeting – to share your views on the library, and comment

on any aspect of Library operations.

Mark Curiale

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

Concert series closing

Bethlehem Public Library’s winter concert series “A Little Sunday Music” closes its 2011-12 season this Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. with “Love Always and All Ways,” a recital by soprano Jean Leonard. Works by Leonard Bernstein, John Duke, Eric Whitacre and Kurt Weill are on the program.

Leonard’s repertoire includes solos in the Bach Magnificat, Handel’s Messiah, Britten’s A Ceremony of Carols, and various musical theater performances. She is a frequent soloist with Albany Pro Musica, and serves as cantor of St. Thomas Church in Delmar.

A Little Sunday Music is generously supported by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

More March music

Jazz of all kinds rounds out our musical offerings in March. On Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m., our Listening Party series continues with a focus on the recordings of jazz trumpeter and vocalist Chet Baker. Librarian/musician Michael Farley facilitates discussion.

Bethlehem Central High School’s Jazztix Measures and the combo’s director Patrick Beauregard present “All That Jazz” on Saturday March 24 at 2:30pm.

Skip Parsons has been our frequent guest over the years; we’re happy to welcome him and his trio



back on Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m.

ALA awards

The 2012 American Library Association awards for children’s and teens’ literature were announced this month. In addition to the well-known Newbery and Caldecott medals for best children’s book and best picture book, respectively, this prestigious group of awards includes best beginner book (Theodor Seuss Geisel Award), best book for young adults (Michael L. Printz Award), and best book by an African-American author (Coretta Scott King Award). “Dead End in Norvelt” by Jack Gantos won the Newbery this year; “A Ball for Daisy” by Chris Raschka won the Caldecott. Other winning titles past and present, as well as information about each award, can be found at www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/index.cfm

Children’s circle

Thursday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.

Stories, songs, crafts and toys for children of all ages and abilities.

Book buddies

Thursdays, March 15 to April 26, 4, 4:30, 5 and 5:30 p.m.

Little Buddies (kids

in grade K-5) read to Big Buddies (teens) to build reading skills and self-confidence. Call 439-9314 for information and to sign up.

Listening parties: Reflections on jazz

Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m.

Hear and talk about landmark recordings by great names in jazz. Featured tonight: Chet Baker.

Preschool picnic

Friday, March 16, 11 a.m.

“Fairy Tales”: film and activities just for preschoolers and families. Bring a lunch or snack.

Will you survive The Hunger Games?

Friday, March 16, 3 p.m.

Survival skills, trivia and prizes in anticipation of the movie release of The Hunger Games, based on the book by Suzanne Collins. Grade 6-12.

Myths and Magik

Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.

Listen to Mark Shepard’s songs and stories from Ireland in this participatory St. Patrick’s Day concert. All ages.

Louise Grieco

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

• **Excel Clinic:** Tables & Illustrations: Excel is a great way to track your schedules or resources for work or things at home. This clinic with briefly review Excel basic skills and build your confidence in including Tables and Illustrations. Some Excel experience recommended.

Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, March 14, at 11 a.m.

• **Presenting with PowerPoint:** Learn the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint. Learn how to design and add slides to a presentation as well as discover the effects available to add interest to your presentation. Tips for creating an effective slideshow will be



Young superheroes listen to a story before completing the RCS Community Library's Superhero Certification Challenge Course during vacation week.

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Tuesday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, March 21, at 11 a.m.

• **The Silver Screen:** Make your own movies- Most new digital cameras are able to record videos as well as take pictures. Now you are wondering what to do with all those wonderful snippets! Class members will learn to import, download and save personal videos. Using Microsoft's free

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Please bring your camera and any cables required for downloading.

Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, March 28, at 11 a.m.

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

Piano jazz concert

The next Acoustic Doorways concert brings the Peg Delaney Trio with Brian Melick on percussion to The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem on Route 9W in Selkirk. On March 23, at 7:30 p.m., join the trio for sophisticated piano jazz. Peg has been a two-time recipient of the New

York State Council for The Arts: Meet the Composer Grant and was semifinalist in the Musician Magazine Best Unsigned Band Competition.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors. Purchase your ticket prior to the concert at the library or at the door.

What's new?

Children's Picture Books

"And Then It's Spring" by Julie Fogliano

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

Film tells story of war vet's bride

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

We invite you to join us in vicariously reliving this period of American history on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. In this month's film, on her 100th birthday, Lucy Honicut Marsden recalls her life as a Civil War veteran's 14-year-old bride. Call the library to find out more about this film. Visit our blog: <http://civilwarprograms.blogspot.com/> for more details about our Civil War programs.

Parent Child Workshop Series

Mondays, March 12, 19 and 26, 10:30 a.m.

This is a 3-part series for parents (or caregivers) and their children (ages 0-3 years old). Each week we will have a guest that will speak individually with adults and answer questions while your children play and you enjoy the company other parents. We will conclude each week



with activities, songs and chants and our parachute.

March 12: Child Development with a Family Service Specialist from Albany County.

March 19: Nutrition with Sandra Varno from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

March 26: Gail Brown from Voorheesville Public Library, our early literacy expert.

Registration is necessary for these programs. Call the library or sign up on our online calendar.

Storytimes

The Voorheesville Public Library offers theme-based, multi-age level storytimes with an emphasis on early literacy. Books, rhymes, songs, and an art activity are all a part of the program. Held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m., choose whichever day is more convenient for you. No registration required.

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Legislator: Campaign talk led to pink slip

Santabarbara fired from Chazen one day after disclosing Assembly plans

By JOHN PURCELL
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Schenectady County Legislator Angelo Santabarbara is claiming his state Assembly aspirations have led to him being fired from his job.

The Chazen Companies on Tuesday, Feb. 14, fired Santabarbara, who has worked as a senior project manager and project engineer with the company for more than five years. It was one day after he informed his superiors in a letter of his intentions to run for a seat in the state Assembly.

According to Santabarbara, the construction consulting firm told him he was let go because his department was being restructured and his position eliminated, but Santabarbara said he believes his decision to run for office played a part in his sudden termination.

“I think it is important that people are not afraid to run for public office,” Santabarbara said. “I don’t think that’s right and I don’t think that’s fair.”

Upon arriving to the office on the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 14, Santabarbara said he was called into a room with Senior Principal Daniel Stone, Senior Director of Business Development David Ardman and Vice President of Human Resources Lauren Gillett.

“I sat down, and they said that this was about me running for office and I explained to them my intentions,” Santabarbara said on Thursday, Feb. 16. “Dan Stone, the owner, immediately said, or as soon as I was done ... ‘running for office and you working here is not going to work.’ That is his exact words that I remember.”

According to Santabarbara’s account, Stone said, “We are going to have to part ways.” July would have marked Santabarbara’s six-year anniversary at Chazen.

Santabarbara said Gillet then said the reason for his termination was a restructuring of his department. Santabarbara said he was unaware of any restructuring efforts before the meeting at which he was fired.

“Clearly they didn’t have their stories straight ... because I heard two different things,” Santabarbara said.

Stone is on vacation until Monday, Feb. 27, according to Chazen staff, and an attempt to reach him by email was unsuccessful.

Ardman on Friday, Feb. 17, said Santabarbara’s firing “was a business decision that was made a long time ago and not just this Tuesday (Feb. 14).”



Angelo Santabarbara

Law does prohibit an employer from firing an employee based on their political activities outside of work, which includes running for public office.

Job played a role in past bid

When Santabarbara, D-Rotterdam, ran against incumbent 105th District Assemblyman George Amedore, R-Rotterdam, in the 2010 election, he alleged Amedore threatened his job by telling his employer a political challenge would be bad for business.

Santabarbara released audio recordings mid-October of 2010 that he said proved Amedore had threatened his job at Chazen. Santabarbara said the recording was part of a conversation between him and Amedore on or around April 29 at Aperitivo Bistro in downtown Schenectady. Amedore was not aware the conversation was being recorded, and Santabarbara said he recorded the meeting to protect himself if he was fired.

In the tapes provided by Santabarbara, he discussed with Amedore what was said to Santabarbara’s boss, Joe Lanaro, vice president of engineering services for Chazen.

In 2010, Amedore vehemently denied attempting to have Santabarbara fired from his job.

Now, Santabarbara said he doesn’t know if the incident played into the company’s decision to dismiss him, but he said, “It seems like it does.”

Amedore has said he’s weighing a possible state Senate bid if a new seat is created through redistricting, or if there is a vacant Senate seat. Redistricting efforts could potentially impact Santabarbara’s Assembly bid.

A sudden sit down

Santabarbara said he has never received any negative comments during performance reviews or otherwise, so he was baffled when his position at Chazen was eliminated.

“Everything up to this point indicates I have been doing an excellent job,” Santabarbara said. “I have never had a negative comment said or recorded. ... There is no document out there saying that I was doing anything wrong.”

When Santabarbara was dismissed from his position at Chazen, he was presented with an Agreement and General Release, which he provided to *The Spotlight*. The

He declined to speak further. “We are not going to comment on personnel issues,” Ardman said.

Gillet did not respond to a voicemail or email requesting comment on Stone’s alleged comment to Santabarbara, or the termination in general.

New York State is an “employment-at-will” state, so an employer generally may discharge an employee at any time for any reason. State Labor

agreement released any claims against the employer or employee. Also, both parties would agree to not make any negative statements about each other, with a general confidentiality over the agreement. Severance pay equal to four weeks of Santabarbara’s salary was attached to the agreement.

Santabarbara did not sign the agreement and said he doesn’t intend too, but he does have until March 14 to sign it.

Santabarbara also pointed to Chazen approving his presence at the Capital District Celebration of National Engineers Week conference at the Marriott in Albany, which was held Feb. 16 and 17.

“It seems like they didn’t have intentions of [firing me], or why would you have set up the conference?” he said.

Santabarbara provided *The Spotlight* with documentation showing Ardman approved his attendance at the conference, and an email confirming his registration at the conference. No refund for cancellations could be made after Feb. 9.

Santabarbara had also been scheduled to appear at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute’s Exploring Engineering Day on Saturday, Feb. 18.

“Angelo L. Santabarbara, PE, affiliated with the Chazen Companies will speak to students and their parents about the role of a civil engineer, and some of the projects that the Chazen Companies has been worked on in the region,” read a press release from RPI.

Santabarbara said he hasn’t yet considered taking any legal action toward Chazen.

Plans for Assembly bid continue

Santabarbara said he’s primarily focusing on finding another job, but then he plans to seek party support for his second state Assembly bid. If Amedore takes a stab at the state Senate, it could open that seat up.

“I look forward to a great campaign, and I am thankful to have a second opportunity to run for this office,” he said. “It seems that it is an open seat at this point ... but that is not why I am running.”

In the 2010 General Election, Santabarbara trailed significantly behind Amedore in Montgomery County, with Santabarbara receiving 4,319 votes compared to Amedore’s 9,269 votes. In Schenectady County, the gap was closer at 10,770 votes for Santabarbara and 12,169 votes for Amedore.

Santabarbara said he hopes to spend more time in Montgomery County “connecting with the people” this time around.

“I’d like to get my message across to the Montgomery County area as I have done here,” he said. “People can learn about some of the things I’ve been doing here and my history.”

Santabarbara was reelected to the Schenectady County Legislature in 2011 for his second four-year term. He said he was pleased to see strong support in that bid.

“I believe I could be more effective as a state legislator and get things done at a different level,” he said, “and be in a good position to continue my work that I have at the county except at the state level.”

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Colonie sued again over Cunningham

Lawsuit part of continuing battle over residency requirements

By ALYSSA JUNG
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The Town of Colonie is facing yet another lawsuit from resident Theodore Ricket seeking the dismissal of Commissioner of Public Works Jack Cunningham. This time, Town Attorney Mike Maggiulli said he understands why it was filed.

“We understand what they’re doing. As far as their concern, what it constitutes is what I call a protective filing,” said Maggiulli.

Ricket sued the town in 2011, saying Cunningham’s appointment to commissioner of the Department of Public Works was invalid because he was not a resident of the town, a requirement of the position.

He won that suit,

“We think that the Supreme Court will be upheld by the Appellate Division and if it is upheld I think it would render this new lawsuit moot.”

– Town Attorney Mike Maggiulli

and in April 2011 the Town Board adopted a resolution to extend residency requirements to all of Albany County, not just the Town of Colonie. In October 2011, the State Supreme Court ruled Cunningham could keep his job because the town’s decision to extend residency requirements was legal and dismissed petitions made by Ricket that claimed the town was not legally allowed to amend the town code to extend residency requirements for the position.

Following the State Supreme Court ruling, Bill Keniry, of Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP and the attorney representing Ricket, said his client was “upset and hurt” by the court’s decision. He also said Ricket planned to appeal the decision.

Ricket did appeal, and that case is still scheduled to be argued in Appellate Court later this spring. This newest lawsuit, again filed through Keniry, essentially preserves that case.

“Since Mr. Cunningham was reappointed in January 2012, in order to preserve their client’s rights they had to file another lawsuit and I believe they’re correct,” said Maggiulli.

Calls to Keniry were not returned by press time.

Maggiulli said the most recent lawsuit doesn’t allege “any new legal issues” and is basically the same as the previous lawsuit, so he’s not too worried.

“The town was thoroughly authorized to adopt a new local law and we won that issue once in the Supreme Court,” said Maggiulli. “We think that the Supreme Court will be upheld by the Appellate Division and if it is upheld I think it would render this new lawsuit moot. In the meantime, we’re responding to it.”

BOU to hold B-ball fundraiser

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is holding its 6th Annual Bethlehem Central Basketball Classic on Friday, March 2.

Teachers from the Bethlehem Central elementary and middle schools will compete against a team of teachers from the high school to raise money for BOU programming. Students and families are encouraged to attend to support their favorite teacher.

All proceeds earned will go to benefit the programs that help Bethlehem youth avoid substance abuse and other risky

behaviors by providing fun activities after school. Refreshments will be served at the event along with other activities for children.

The 6th Annual Bethlehem Central Basketball Classic will be held on Friday, March 2, in the lower gym of Bethlehem Central High School at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, and children 5 years old and under are free.

For more information visit the BOU website under www.bethlehemschools.org.

GCSD appoints transportation supervisor

At its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, the Guilderland Central School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Danielle Poirier to the position of transportation supervisor. Poirier will be succeeding Christine Sagendorf, who retired from the district in January.

Poirier comes to Guilderland after serving as the transportation supervisor for the Averill Park Central School District, a position she has held for the past 4 years. Prior to that, she served for 9 years as a bus driver and driver trainer with the Schodack Central School District.

Poirier is a member of the several

professional organizations, including the New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT) and the Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA). She is also a certified school bus driver instructor and Article 19-A trainer.

“We are very pleased to have Danielle join our administrative team,” said Assistant Superintendent for Business Neil Sanders in a statement. “Her experience and knowledge of the transportation field, coupled with her dedication to students, makes her a valued addition to the district.”

Poirier will officially begin her duties on March 5.

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Military Museum collects its 2,000th story

Spa City project records actions of nation's vets in their own words

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Preserving history in the form of stories and memories of New York veterans is a big part of the mission of the state Military Museum in Saratoga Springs, and the program recently put its 2,000th recording to tape.

The Military Museum in Saratoga has been host to recording the histories of veterans through the New York State's Veteran Oral History Program since 2000. The program is funded in part by the Division of Naval Affairs Operations, the National Guard and the state. The average recorded story is about an hour long, with some lasting three to four hours, and all veterans are invited to participate.

Mike Aikey, director of the museum and professional military historian, has been working on gathering the histories along with the program's director, Wayne Clark.

"It's been a wonderful experience. It's amazing

how many veterans are self effacing, and say that they didn't do anything. What they've done is pretty remarkable, though, said Aikey. "The program took a little while to catch on and there have been ebbs and flows over the years of the program. There was a phenomenon with the WWII veterans, they weren't interested in talking. We had more success sometimes in talking with their families."

In listening to their stories, Aikey says that it really makes him and others put things in perspective.

"Some of them lost their sight, or an arm and went on to have very successful careers once they came back," he said.

One of the veterans who served as a merchant marine at the age of 17 recalled seeing a British pilot flying so low to him that the pilot waved, so he waved back.

"No longer was that veteran 80 years old, he was 17 again," said Aikey, who said that almost all of the veterans become young again while telling their stories.

Before the actual recording and interviewing process,

participants are given a questionnaire. The information form helps Aikey and Clark prepare for the interview, as well as gives the veteran a starting point. The questionnaire then also becomes part of the permanent record with the interview itself.

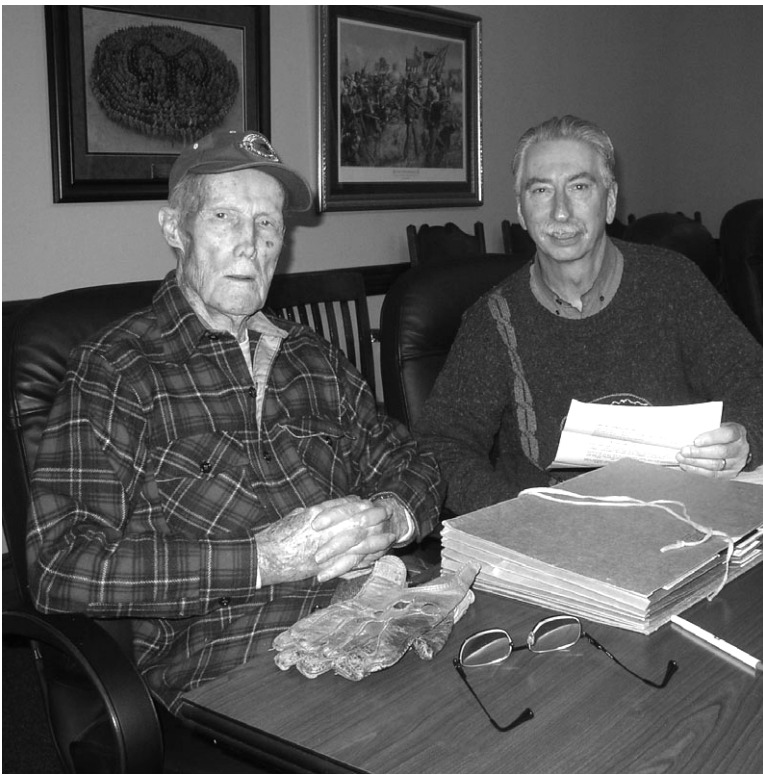
This February, Charles Evans sat down to give his history and in doing so became the 2,000th veteran to be entered into the project's records.

"Wayne (Clark) called me and asked if I would do this, and I had no objection. ... I think they've got a good program," Evans said.

Evans enlisted in what was then the Army Air Corps in 1941. He was a civilian pilot working for Vultee Aircraft Company, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant after six months of military pilot training in California.

While in the service, Evans was in charge of a 10-man crew and flew B-24 bombers over Europe in World War II, completing 30 bomber missions, the maximum allowed.

"On almost every mission you had pieces of flak or shrapnel penetrate the airplane,



World War II veteran Charles Evans, left, sits with Wayne Clarke from the New York State Military Museum.

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it wasn't uncommon," he said, noting too that there were thousands of 88-millimeter shells being fired at Allied planes.

On one mission, Evans' tail gunner was hit and flak penetrated his lung. There was a medic on board who saved the tail gunner's life by giving him morphine to slow the bleeding for the rest of the mission, which lasted several hours.

Many missions are memorable to Evans

and he had plenty of close calls, but one that he spoke of makes one wonder if it was more than luck that brought him through unscathed. "I had a piece of flack penetrate my side window about 12 inches from my head. We were on a bomb run in Belgium and all of a sudden I felt the cold air on my ear. I was too involved with flying a safe course ... when I finally looked it had knocked a

hole out of my window. That's all I got was the cold air, not a piece of steel through my head," he said.

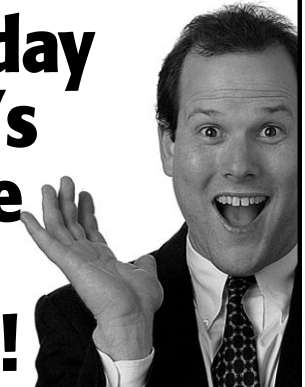

Evans said that some missions saw the loss of 1,000 airplanes in one day. He recalled, "If the Germans had had the free run they would have won the war, but we bombed their manufacturing resources, mainly their fuel sources."

After the war, Evans had a long and distinguished career with American Airlines. He now resides in Saratoga Springs and recently celebrated his 94th birthday with many family and friends visiting from out of town.

The 2,000 veteran interviews are available to the public and researchers at the New York Military Museum located at 61 Lake Avenue in Saratoga Springs, and some can be accessed through the Saratoga Springs Public Library at http://www.sspl.org/research/local_history/veterans.

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Recipes served up with a side of memories

Cookbook to highlight history of Ecobelli's Tam O'Shanter Restaurant in B-Spa

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Tom and Lora Lee Ecobelli had front-row seats to memories while they were in the making. Now, they're hoping to share those stories collected at Ecobelli's Tam O'Shanter Restaurant in Ballston Spa in "Laurina's Kitchen," a book of recipes and memories.

The book, which focuses on the life of their grandmother, Laurina Ecobelli, is slated for a June release, allowing some time for those who might like to submit their memories to do so.

Laurina Ecobelli and her husband, Dan, opened the now historic restaurant in 1947. As many family stories go, the tale of how the couple came to own the eatery has been handed down and retold countless times. Lora Lee Ecobelli remembers her grandparents' first days in the restaurant.

"My grandfather bought this Scottish bar and neither one of them knew anything about



LEFT: Laurina, Dan and Ralph Ecobelli at the family restaurant, Ecobelli's Tam O'Shanter.

Submitted photos

started as a thank you to investors of a film, "Chickadee," written by Lora Lee and Tom that will begin filming later in the year. The film will recount in part Laurina's early life, which was surrounded by a controversial court case that influenced laws concerned with child abuse.

That history was revealed to the siblings when they were just teenagers. Laurina gave them her diary that contained writings on her childhood, many of them unpleasant and connected to the court case. Lora Lee and Tom were interested in writing, so it wasn't long into their adulthood that they set out to honor their grandmother and her story.

Lora Lee wrote a play about her grandmother that was off-Broadway

owning one. The bar patrons started coming in and my grandmother would be cooking for the family, and soon customers started asking about the food. It went from just a few patrons to being jammed once she started cooking," she said.

From there, Laurina developed recipes and the clientele blossomed.

"She was the primary chef and everything was homemade," said Lora Lee.

As the Ecobelli family grew, it was Ralph, Lora Lee and Tom's father who helped run the restaurant.

"One of my favorite memories was in 1964. There was a huge blackout. My grandparents had a generator and opened the

restaurant, and whoever needed to could stay there. I was little but I remember being put to bed near the fireplace in an open breadbox," said Lora Lee.

Tom's best memory is perhaps a bit more mischievous.

"Once when I was a kid I had a bunch of friends at the restaurant and I decided to ask everybody if they wanted a drink at the bar. There was no alcohol involved, but we mixed everything we could together. We mixed colas, diet colas, everything," said Tom Ecobelli. He added that his dad soon put a stop to that.

The collecting of memories was actually

several years ago. As she and Tom worked together, it evolved into a film. Seeking investors, they thought it would be nice to do something for them.

"We wanted to give something back to our investors so I started writing memories about the restaurant," said Tom. So, he and Lora Lee began composing memories in the form of pamphlets, never guessing it would turn in to book form.

Publisher Richard Vang of Square Circle Press heard about their project through Schenectady County historian Don Rittner, who is also a Schenectady film commissioner.

"In every town there is a favorite restaurant or pub where everybody goes and is well known in the community. We focus on historical works, so it was natural for me to get involved with this project. I jumped on the chance to work on it. For me it was a personal memory, part of the fabric of Upstate New York," said Vang.

As far as what genre the book fits into, Vang described it as a mix between a memoir and a cookbook, which is becoming popular in the

literary world. The book is about Laurina's later life at the restaurant, and the film is about her earlier life.

Ann Hauprich, area publicist and author, became involved with the book early on and said, "It is near and dear to my heart because Ecobelli's Tam O'Shanter was the very first place my parents and all 10 of their children went out to eat as a family when we moved from Latham to Ballston Spa in 1968... it was considered one of the village's finest dining establishments."

Hauprich added that she has never forgotten the hospitality of the Ecobelli family and returned many times over the years that followed.

According to the Ecobellis, many people who have submitted their memories (they're still seeking more) remembered the generosity and warm hospitality of her grandparents.

For more information on "Laurina's Kitchen" and to submit your memories, visit squarecirclepress.com. For more information on the film "Chickadee" visit chickadeethemovie.com.

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Open houses at Bethlehem Children's School

The Bethlehem Children's School is hosting two open houses in the coming weeks.

On Friday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, the school will be hosting members of the business community. The school's director, Ralph Fahnestock, members of the Board of Directors, and faculty and students will be present to show area business people what the school has to offer to the community.

On Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., an open house will be held for prospective parents. The school is actively seeking new students in all grades, from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

Drop-ins are

welcome, though if you know you are coming it would be helpful for planning purposes; if you know you will be in attendance, please call 478-0224 or dpodbc@hotmail.com.

The Bethlehem Children's School is located at 12 Fisher Boulevard, Slingerlands, NY 12159.

New Baltimore church holds fellowship lunch

The Food and Fellowship luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 14, from noon until 2 p.m. at the New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet.

The meal will feature traditional St. Patrick's

Day fare: Corned Beef and Cabbage with potatoes and carrots and pistachio ice cream for dessert. Hilary Schrauf and George Ward, playing Celtic music, will provide the entertainment.

This luncheon is open to all members of the community. To facilitate with planning, reservations are encouraged. Call the church office at 756-8764 and leave your name, contact number and the number of reservations you are making for this March 14 meal.

Additionally, if you require transportation, please leave that information as well. Dining space is limited to 60 seats. Free will offerings are graciously and gratefully accepted to help defray the food costs.

Museum appoints interim director

A nonprofit leader has decided to return to the Capital District to head the Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium.

The Schenectady Museum Board of Trustees announced on Wednesday, Feb. 15, the appointment of Teri Bordenave as interim executive director. Bordenave replaces Kerry Orlyk, who served as executive director since 2007.

Since 2009, Bordenave worked for The Thalia Group LLC, a Maryland-based executive consulting firm serving nonprofits, which she cofounded in the 1990s.

Brad Lewis, president of the museum's Board of Trustees, said he was delighted to welcome Bordenave back to the region.

"Her talent, experience and unmatched ability to forge strategic partnerships are well-



Teri Bordenave

recognized," Lewis said, "and we look forward to working with her to fulfill the museum's mission and to develop the region's premier science and technology center."

While Bordenave was president of Girls Incorporated of the Greater Capital Region from 1988 to 2009, the organization grew from serving 4,000 girls in Schenectady County to serving 20,000 girls across seven counties in the region.

Her experience includes serving as a board member for the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society, the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce and Schenectady Chamber of Commerce. Also, she was a founding member and chairwoman of the Tech Valley Nonprofit Business Council, which was a collaborative effort between several local chambers of commerce.

Bordenave said she believes the Schenectady Museum is positioned to become a "world-class science center."

"I'm excited about this

unique opportunity to work with the dedicated staff, board, volunteers, corporate partners and many friends of the museum to help drive the organization to the next level and to secure a strong future," Bordenave said in a statement.

Neil Golub, executive chairman of the board at Price Chopper Supermarkets and long-time supporter and benefactor of the Museum, praised the appointment.

"Teri is a respected professional in the region, and we are fortunate and pleased to have her in this important leadership role at the museum," Golub said in a statement.

Bordenave has received numerous awards, such as the General Electric Accolade Award for Community Leadership, the Women's Fund of the Capital Region's Trailblazer Award, the YWCA Women of Achievement Award, the Business and Professional Women's Woman of the Year Award and the John F. Kennedy Community Service Award.

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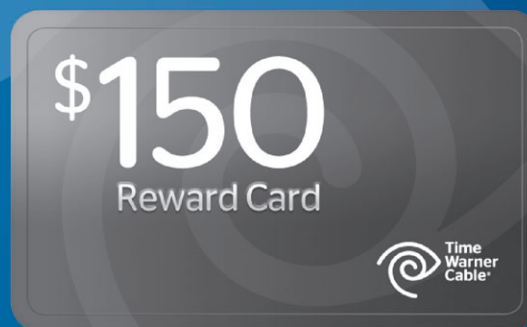
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Piping up

Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band to host fifth annual Celtic Jam

By JOHN PURCELL
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Unmistakable sounds from Great Highland Bagpipes will soon be bursting out of Scotia-Glenville High School's auditorium as the Tartan tradition comes alive.

The Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band is hosting its fifth annual Celtic Jam on Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m., which provides the band with a more relaxed event to show off their piping and drumming skills. In 1989, the pipe band was founded to enhance the school district's Scottish heritage, but has since evolved into a private, nonprofit organization involving young people throughout the Capital District and beyond. In addition to traditional Scottish music, the event features the Colonie based Braemar Highland Dancers, Liam McCool on accordion and the rock band Piping Hot, which features area students.

Band director Maureen Connor said the event is a great performance opportunity for the pipe band, which has started to showcase its talents to the community.

"I just thought to myself, the band has done so well ... and nobody knows about us," Connor said about starting the event.

"Especially, locally within the Scotia community, I thought we didn't have a lot of presence."

The event also gives the band something to practice toward during a lull before competitions and activities in the spring and summer. Band members are currently working hard to prepare for a planned third visit to The World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, in August.

Since the band has moved its practice location to the Celtic Hall on New Karner Road in Colonie, it has continued to expand its membership. The move was spurred once it outgrew its practice area in Scotia.

"The band has been growing quite a lot over the last couple of years," Connor said. "As the band gets bigger and there is more kids in it, then we bring in either their brothers and sisters or friends to get involved."

Colonie's central location in the Capital District, said Connor, has helped attract new members. There are some band members though far from the area facility, including Massachusetts and New Jersey.

"People are starting to get to know us," she said.

Currently, there are around 25 bagpipers in the



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— Band director
Maureen Connor

band and 15 drummers. "In the entire country there is probably less than 10 youth-orientated pipe bands."

Around 10 years ago, the group started recruiting kids from outside of the Scotia-Glenville community. The band did start out as a mixed age group,

but Connor said it was important to have a youth-based organization since it's an uncommon, but useful learning environment. Now it is open to people 18 years old and younger.

"When young people are with each other and learn with each other, they develop to a way higher level than when in a mixed-age band," she said. "I was very motivated to develop young players because the only way to develop an excellent, high level of ability is when you start young," she said.

In Scotland, she said it is very rare for an adult to learn bagpipes, but in this country many bagpipe players don't learn until they are adults. Since there aren't many competitions where the band can compete against its peers, she said The World Pipe Band Championships is important because there are a bevy of youth bands in Scotland.



LEFT: Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band drummers provide a rhythm to the traditional Scottish songs.

TOP: Pipe band members take the stage at Scotia-Glenville High School during the 2009 Celtic Jam.

Submitted photos by Julie Johnson Dowd

Admission to the Celtic Jam at Scotia-Glenville High School is "pay what you can," with all proceeds going to benefit the band. Funds raised helping to purchase uniforms, equipment and teaching programs.

Also, if you like what you hear and want to be a part of it, the band is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 28, at the Celtic Hall at 430 New Karner Road in Colonie at 7 p.m. The spring term of classes begin on April 4.

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SPAC façade is due for an update this spring

Gift will allow for new siding and closing of sound gaps

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The Saratoga Performing Arts Center is an iconic summer spot where 1.7 million people flock every year to the outdoor amphitheater to hear and watch anything from Lil Wayne to Shakespeare.

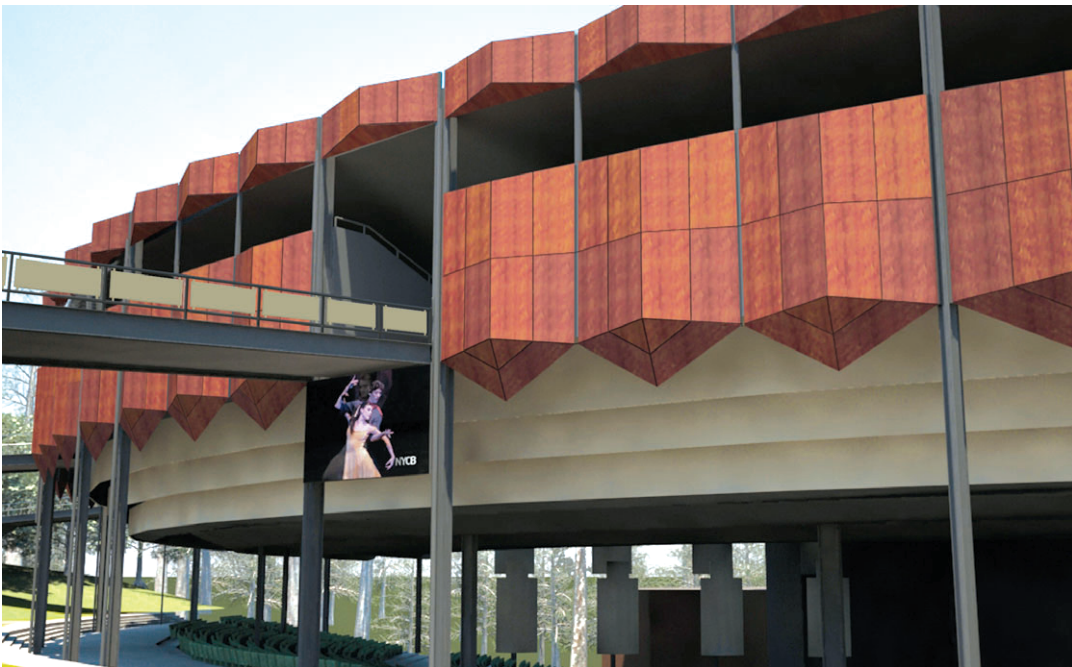
As of late, the façade of the theater has become visibly worn down due to the sometimes-cruel Northeast weather, however, funding was recently allotted for SPAC to redesign the shielded façade to create a safer, more attractive structure.

The façade of the famed amphitheater is approaching 50 years of service, and it has become an easily discernible problem. The renovation project is possible through a \$500,000 gift from Stewarts owners Susan and Bill Dake, and also is to include a new sound

“An iconic, world-class home for the performing arts should have an outward appearance that projects that image.”

– Marcia J. White, SPAC’s president and executive director

system. After nearly a half-century of weather damage, warping, wood rot and fading have become prevalent in the board and batten siding that makes up the façade. This siding will be replaced with Parklex siding, a more durable veneer that is more dense and weather resistant than the current siding. “An iconic, world-class home for the performing arts should have an outward appearance that projects that image. By



Over the years the SPAC façade has become visibly worn, but this spring, it will get much-needed renovations, funded by a gift from Bill and Susan Dake.

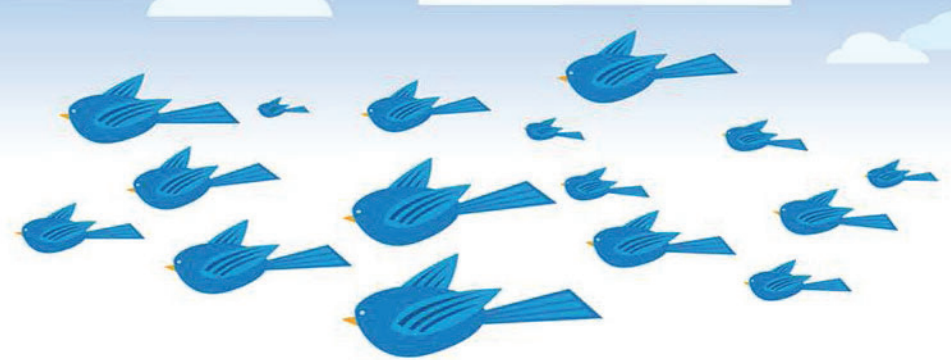
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the time our 2012 season opens, we’ll have one,” said SPAC’s President and Executive Director Marcia J. White in a statement. The design and planning of the new façade was executed with the desire to maintain acoustics while improving areas where it is necessary. There are areas on the lawn where there are gaps in the audio quality due to

the fact that the speakers sit too low on the façade to successfully provide full coverage. New speakers will be added to the façade and situated higher than the old ones, allowing for the sound gaps to be closed and for even audio coverage in the expansive lawn seating. The renovations will be complete in time for the 2012 season under a

strict timeline. Bonacio Construction will be starting the work in February and March. The old siding will be removed and the Parklex siding will be attached to the structure, and in early spring the three dimensional “shield” designs will be added to the façade, and the new speakers will be integrated into the sound system. The entire project is expected to be complete by May. Over the past seven

years, New York State has invested more than \$4.5 million in improvements to SPAC, including a new roof, repair to the pedestrian bridge, and a total redesign of the amphitheatre interior, according to information from SPAC. To follow the progress of the renovations, visit spac.org, where videos and photos of the construction will be posted for public viewing.



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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Emily Arrow relies on her toy unicorn to bring her good luck in the musical “Fish Face,” which will be performed at the Kidz Expo at Empire State Plaza. Submitted photo

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This fun's no act

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Theater, arts and crafts, much more on tap at this weekend's Kidz Expo

Growing up in New York, Mark and Gary Blackman went to a lot of Broadway shows with their parents and fell in love with the theater.

Later, the identical twins toured extensively in both the U.S. and Europe as musicians.

Those two experiences led them to found a traveling theater company called ArtsPower that brings children's musicals around the country. One of its current shows, “Fish Face,” will stop at the Kidz Expo in Empire State Plaza on Saturday, March 3.

“Fish Face” tells the story of a girl who is trying to fit in after moving to a new school, a theme Gary Blackman said is universal. All of ArtsPower's shows support character education, he said.

“There are lessons about how to be a better person, religious tolerance and racial equality,” among

others, he said.

The Kidz Expo strikes a similar balance between education and entertainment. Running from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the expo will feature bounce houses, arts and crafts, a reptile display, costumed characters, a puppet show in Spanish and much more.

Dan DeCosmo is coming from Suffield, Conn., with his trackless train, the Roaming Railroad. DeCosmo said he's been fond of trains his whole life, which led to the creation of the Roaming Railroad a number of years ago (“Too many to count,” he joked). The train will travel around the plaza giving rides to both kids and adults while DeCosmo mixes commentary and comedy.

DeCosmo is a regular at the expo and said he enjoys interacting with the people who attend.

“It's a lot of fun for everyone involved, including the vendors,” he said.

Like DeCosmo, many vendors at the Expo will be making return trips. Perennial favorites include Mad Science, which lets kids take part in a hands-on science experiment; the Northeastern Professional Golf Association, which will let kids get their swings in at its booth; and Hola La, a Spanish language program geared to kids that incorporates puppets and music.

New this year is the Hannaford Healthy Kids Room, where kids can customize a cooking apron and enjoy free healthy snacks and bottled water. Clifton Park-based Tiny Tots Tea Room will offer arts and crafts and a play space designed just for infants. There will also be mini-manicures that benefit the Autism Society.

“The B-Bomb Show” will use puppets, sets and props to teach students how to combat bullying. Put on by the Theater Institute at Sage, the show

runs for about a half hour and encourages audience participation.

Whereas “The B-Bomb Show” is an original production, “Fish Face” is based on the popular book series Kids of the Polk Street School. Blackman said he and his brother read a lot of children's books and look for ones that would be a good fit with ArtsPower's mission. In the 26 years since the company launched, it has put on 27 musicals, Blackman said. Some are based on classics such as “Harry and the Dirty Dog,”

“Ann of Green Gables” and “Are You My Mother?”

“They're good stories with messages,” Blackman said.

He and his brother both have 16-year-old daughters, who helped steer them to books as they were growing up, such as Ludwig Bemelmans' Madeline series.

The brothers' first show was “Four Score and Seven Years Ago,” which is also part of the 2011-2012 season. The musical centers on Lemuel, an escaped slave, and Jacob, a young Confederate

soldier. The lessons the show taught in 1989 are as relevant as they are today, Blackman said.

“Our focus has always been on education,” he said. “That, and to give students some exposure to live theater.”

“Fish Face” will be performed three times at the Egg during the expo. Admission to that show and all expo-related activities is free. Prizes will be announced every hour. For more information, call 474-0538 or visit www.expirestateplaza.org.



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Call for Artists

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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.

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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.

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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.

CAPITALLAND CHORUS

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Weekly Crossword

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- 15 Scream
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- 17 With 19 Across, team that won the prize in 1996
- 19 See 17 Across
- 21 Succinct
- 22 Mideast peninsula
- 23 1982 NL Rookie of the Year
- 24 Coach Parseghian
- 27 CSA soldier
- 28 Mongrel
- 29 Physicians' org.
- 32 The prize
- 36 Gymnast Korbut
- 37 Recline or dissimulate
- 38 Pet that's really a plant
- 39 Team that lost the prize in 1996
- 44 2,000 pounds
- 45 Duct: anat.
- 46 Not wide, briefly
- 47 Draft org.
- 48 Use a stun gun
- 49 Port of Rome
- 51 Tim, of *Home Improvement*
- 54 Sport in which the prize is awarded
- 58 1996 MVP in quest of the prize
- 60 Sacred sites
- 61 Help a felon
- 62 Unlucky gambler's note
- 63 Pertaining to the spinal cord
- 64 Actor Calhoun
- 65 High hill
- 66 Disagreement
- DOWN
- 1 Name of five Norwegian kings
- 2 Actress Merrill
- 3 Racetracks
- 4 Fixes
- 5 Speed exceeded by SSTs
- 6 Lotion ingredient
- 7 Actor Wheaton
- 8 Name on a baking dish
- 9 Bring up
- 10 Ransom Eli ____
- 11 Sheet of ice
- 12 Wood sorrel
- 13 Curdling agent

- 18 Eared seal
- 20 Esoteric doctrines
- 23 Take to court
- 24 In the air
- 25 May, who wrote *Love and Will*
- 26 Inert gas
- 28 Purify
- 29 Hurts
- 30 Naturalist John's family
- 31 Made ____ at it: tried
- 33 Patriotic org.
- 34 Small drink or bite
- 35 Educ. institution
- 40 The Donald's ex
- 41 Skip stones
- 42 Hale who was hanged
- 43 Musical note combinations
- 48 Very tasty
- 49 Happen
- 50 Misbehave
- 51 Slightly open
- 52 Timber wolf
- 53 Stare salaciously
- 54 Year in the Middle Ages
- 55 Basketball's Wolters
- 56 Part of QED
- 57 Designer monogram
- 59 Container

Wonder Room puts emphasis on exploration

Creative arts, cooking and play are on tap at Ballston Lake business

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Many parents know expanding a small child’s mind has everything to do with exploration, social interaction and play.

In Ballston Lake, there’s a new place for kids to explore their creative minds — and those of their parents and caregivers. The Wonder Room is a world full of opportunities for children aged three to eleven to nourish their creativity through the arts, cooking and playing.

Owner Chris Stack renovated a house on Saratoga Road (Route 50), into the 1,500 square feet of endless creative possibilities and opened for business on Jan. 28. Stack and Creative Director Lauren Cohen both have over 20 years in teaching and bring that vast knowledge from the classroom to The Wonder Room.

“We just wanted to create a space where kids could come and play thoughtfully,” said Stack.

Cohen said, “It’s not like a playground where the kids just run through. We were hoping that the kids would focus on each individual space, and they have. We think that kids really learn best by having time and space to explore. We set up a whole bunch of stuff for them to explore so that whatever it is that catches their interest, they can really spend some time there.”

The Wonder Room is not a daycare center. Rather, it is a place where children and their parents or caregivers are offered informal spaces that inspire the imagination. There is a warmth and hominess when you arrive and there is always somebody to greet you. Many options await guests among the blocks, books, colored paper and toys.

Programs are available, as are staff members to assist visitors in becoming familiar with all that is offered. Programs include activities surrounding quarterly themes. The theme for this quarter and lasting until April is “Going Places,” and is centered around travel. Along with activities for the kids, there are also programs and things for the adults to do.

“We have the ideas and the parent will tailor that to whatever they think their child may be interested in,” said Cohen of a “make it and take it” program in which adults actually make a toy or book with their child in mind.

An upcoming make it and take it will be a travel snack mix. Parents can include the



ingredients they think their kids would like or would want them to try.

There are also themes for each day of the week, like messy Mondays and social Saturdays. On messy Mondays, for example, children and their caregivers are invited to play and create with clay, shaving cream and bubbles to name just a few of the possibilities. When was the last time you got to watch a huge bubble float about and wondered when it was going to land or pop? Here’s your chance.

At The Wonder Room you’ll also find a toy-lending center that gives visitors benefits much like a library. Toys, games, puzzles, resource books, book bags and more are available.

Stack earned a degree in special education and taught at the preschool level in Johnstown and the Saratoga Head Start Program. She has also worked at the Department of Health within the early intervention program.

Cohen’s degree and teaching experience is in secondary social studies education. A stay at home mom for the last several years, she has had the opportunity to be involved with the Saratoga Independent School, The Children’s Museum at Saratoga, and Saratoga Reads.

There is parking for about a dozen cars in The Wonder Room’s parking lot.

On Thursday, March 1, there will be a free open house from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Drop in play and the creative art studio will be open all day. Learn about drop-off programs including Wondergarten (Kindergarten Enrichment Program - ages 4-6 - beginning March 7), Summer Enrichment Programs (ages 4-6), and The Wonder Room School (ages 3-5 - beginning September 2012). There is a discount of \$10 off of a Wonder Room Family Membership for anyone who registers a child for a program at or before the open house.

You can find The

Wonder Room on the web at thewonderroomschool.com for more details about hours of operation and programs offered.



Chris Stack of The Wonder Room stands among some supplies that offer countless ways to spark a child's creativity.

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Milestones

John S. DeFlumer

DELMAR — John S. DeFlumer, 98, died February 22, 2012 of natural causes.

Born in Ravena, N.Y. to Saverio (Samuel) DeFlumer and Hazel Sickles, he attended Christian Brothers Academy and Albany Business College. As a young man he volunteered to work in the Civilian Conservation Corps, before taking an office job at the New York Central Railroad, where his father was employed. Quickly he remarked, “those debits and credits give me a headache” and thereafter worked on the trains outdoors, where he was happiest. John was

a devoted husband and father. With a growing family, he took a second full-time job building houses, to save enough to build their own home. A life-long bowling enthusiast, he and his wife, Edith, taught the sport to their seven children, and organized a community youth league.

John was pre-deceased by his wife Edith Murray, of Kingston, NY, his brothers Frank and Carl, and his sisters Diana Brino and Mary St. Louis. He is survived by daughters Beverly Anthony of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Joyce DeFlumer, of Patterson, NY, Deborah DeFlumer of Columbus, OH, Jean DeFlumer of Gainesville, FL, Laura Palmer of Liverpool, NY,

Elizabeth Paul of Utica, NY, and son John Michael DeFlumer of Delmar, who cared for John in his home for many years. John will be dearly missed by his twenty-four grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and canine protector, Zeus. The family wishes to express heartfelt thanks to Donna Cooper for her loving care.

A funeral mass was held on Saturday at St. Thomas Church, Delmar, NY, after calling hours at Meyers Funeral Home, also in Delmar. Interment was to be at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands. Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Peter’s Community Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd, Albany, NY, in lieu of flowers.

Robert N. Zautner, Sr.

SLINGERLANDS – Robert N. Zautner, Sr., 81, of Slingerlands died Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at Albany Medical Center Hospital surrounded by his loving family.



Born in Albany on July 4, 1930, he was the son of the late Robert E. and Clara (Norris) Zautner. A local business owner for over 60 years, Bob owned and operated Toll Gate Ice Cream in Slingerlands where he worked every day until his illness in late October. Bob was an avid stock racing

fan. He owned and raced cars during the 1950’s and 60’s and was a longtime member of the North East Stock Car Old Timers. He also loved trips to Dayton to see the 500. Bob cherished the time he spent with his family, especially his great granddaughter.

Bob was predeceased by his wife, Marguerite; son, Harding J. Hallenbeck; and sister, Susan McDaniels.

Survivors include a son, Robert N. Zautner, Jr. of Albany; a daughter, Mary L. Smart and her husband, James of Feura Bush; sister, Sally Vanicek and her husband Jim; brother, Donald Zautner and his wife, Charlotte; daughter-in-law, Barbara Hallenbeck;

granddaughters, Erin Hulverson and her husband Tom and Torre Rivers and her husband Greg; great granddaughter, Katie Renee; and Bob’s extended Toll Gate family.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Friday, February 24th from 3 to 7 pm at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, and to attend a graveside service Monday, February 27th at 12 noon at Memory Gardens, Colonie. The family suggests memorial contributions be made in Bob’s name to the American Diabetes Association, 2 Pine West Plaza, Suite 204, Albany, NY 12205.



Paula Wilkerson, director of Affirmative Action at Albany County Department of Human Resources, spoke at the Black History Month celebration held Friday, Feb. 24.

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County marks Black History Month

Albany County celebrated Black History Month on Friday, Feb. 24, with an event in the Cahill Room at the Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building featuring speakers and musical presentations. The theme of this year’s recognition event was “Black Women in American History and Culture.”

“This year’s theme ... invites us to pay special tribute to the role African American women have played in shaping the character of our nation, often in the face of both racial and gender discrimination,” said Paula Wilkerson, director of Affirmative Action at Albany County Department of Human Resources.

Wilkerson recalled some of the ways black women have contributed to the fight for civil rights for all Americans.

“As courageous visionaries who fought to end slavery and tenacious activists who fought to expand basic civil rights for all Americans, African



Middle school music teacher Irene Ferrell sang the national anthem at the event.

American women have long served as champions of social and political change,” said Wilkerson. “Today, we stand on the shoulders of countless African American women who shared that feeling and advanced a common goal. In recognition of their legacy, I encourage you to all honor their historic acts for years to come.”

County legislators Lucille McKnight, William Clay, Norma Chapman and Merton Simpson and Shawn Morse, chairman of the legislature, were also in attendance.

Means

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Kidera said unlike current PILOT agreements, which are incentives negotiated through the town’s Industrial Development Agency to stimulate new business growth in the community, the Selkirk Cogen agreement was negotiated in 1992, before a uniform policy was established for such contracts.

The committee believes the contract was drawn up based on projected growth of Selkirk Cogen and lists specific amounts to be paid each year for the 20 years of the agreement. In 1993, the funds to be split between the town and the school district began at \$350,000 and increased each year until the price reached \$4.4 million in 2012.

Cohen said current PILOT agreements are different in that most are contracted to last between 10 and 12 years and payment is based on the company’s assessment.

“(The Cogen contract) is not based on evaluations of any factor based on reality,” said Cohen.

The town is set to see revenues decrease by \$1.5 to \$1.7 million starting in 2013, according to Kidera. Cohen said depending on the assessment, the company will likely pay a little less and the distribution of the funds will change.

“This agreement is unique in that the county was cut out of the original agreement, so the town receives the county’s share and the split with the school benefits the town,” he said.

Under the PILOT, 60 percent of each payment goes to the town and 40

percent goes to the school district. All special district payments like water and sewer are paid separately. When Selkirk Cogen is placed back on the tax roll, 80 percent of all property taxes will go toward the RCS School District, the town and the county, and the special districts will need to split up the remaining 20 percent.

To make up for the loss of revenue entirely with taxes would potentially mean an 18 percent tax levy increase. Since the revenue shift is attached to a PILOT agreement, that tax hike would not be counted under the state property tax cap.

“The budget advisory team is looking at every avenue to find some sort of savings and every nickel will be applied to offset this loss,” said Cohen. “We’ve been turning over rocks each year to try to find as much money to offset these problems as possible.”

The Committee will continue to meet throughout the budget process.

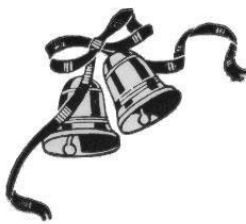
“Essentially it’s not good news but we feel the only responsible thing is to share it with the (community) openly,” said Supervisor John Clarkson of the presentation.

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Busts

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priority over others, but we do it in our down time.”

Between 2010 and 2011, there were 82 calls to police from people who were locked out of their vehicles at Walmart. There were 63 calls for ambulance response to the Route 9W address.

Heffernan said given the number of people who visit the store each week, thefts are relatively rare. The number of recorded larceny calls average about 1.2 calls each week over the two years.

Diana Gee, a corporate spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Stores who works with the company’s Asset Protection Team, said the Glenmont location gets thousands of weekly visitors.

“You have to put it in perspective of the sheer number of customers we have,” she said. “We put a lot of resources into our loss prevention units because we want to provide a safe and secure shopping environment. Unfortunately, criminal activity happens in every community so we have to take it seriously. We try to stop them so those individuals don’t attempt that same

Calls for 311 Route 9W in 2010-2011

Leaving the Scene of an Accident- 15	Forgery-3
Accident: other- 2	Harassment-7
Personal Injury: Auto- 10	General Larceny Petit/Grand- 58
Property Damage: Auto- 57	Shoplifting Larceny Petit/Grand-65
Burglary- 3	Motor Vehicle Stop-56
Bank Burglary- 1	Noise Complaint-1
Other Accidents 911- 41	Overdose-1
Animal Control-3	Suspicious and unwanted-19
Animal Cruelty- 12	Sex Offense- 2
Arrests (other)- 2	Abandoned Vehicle- 1
Ambulance Assists- 63	Parking Violation-6
Citizen Assists- 10	Vehicle Lockout-82
Fire Assists- 3	Vehicle Stolen-2
Assist: other- 3	Domestic Violence-4
Criminal Mischief-4	Violence: Assault-2
Civil Dispute-2	Violence Fight-9
Domestic Dispute- 2	Total: 727
Drug Related- 1	

crime at other area businesses.”

Records show in the past two calendar years, there was one attempt to steal a laptop from a display case, two attempts to steal televisions and 17 reported incidents of purses, wallets, or cell phones being stolen. One female shoplifter was seen in an aisle unwrapping CDs, and someone attempted to rob the bank or ATM inside Walmart four times.

Some of the thefts also involved employees.

There were six employee-related theft

calls in two years. One attempted to steal nearly \$20,000 worth of merchandise, according to police records.

“I can tell you one reason that (Walmart) does get a high number of arrests is they do have a very good loss prevention team that works very closely with us and the officers responding,” said Heffernan. “Whereas other areas of town may not have as good loss prevention. So is it that they don’t have theft or they don’t have someone there to prevent it?”

According to police records, there were

a total of 16 violence-related calls over two years, with two sexual assault incidents and one drug-related call. Another was for an overdose.

Heffernan said the number of drug-related calls was “very low.” And violence isn’t their main concern at the store.

There was an attempted rape in the parking lot in November of 2011.

David Antonio Diaz of Auburn Hills, Mich., was arrested after he allegedly attempted to force his female victim to commit a sexual act inside of his car, while he was working at the store selling newspaper subscriptions. He was

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– Lt. Thomas Heffernan, Bethlehem police

identified and arrested through surveillance footage.

Heffernan said he could not speak to the amount of arrests of non-Bethlehem residents versus Bethlehem residents because he would need to go back and research each arrest.

The Glenmont Walmart cut back its hours at the beginning of 2008, and according to a previous Spotlight investigation the number of arrests being made was halved following the change.

“I think part of the reason may have been internal theft, but that’s just my speculation,” said Heffernan. “There is probably less supervision during those hours. They may have felt closing down overnight would minimize theft.”

Gee said she could not confirm that crime was the ultimate reason for the change in hours.

“As I mentioned, there are always a variety of factors taken into consideration on how we best operate stores,” she said. “In evaluating the ways we do business, we always

look for ways to drive efficiency so we can keep our costs down and pass along the savings to our customers.”

Heffernan said he is unsure how much each call response from police officers ends up costing taxpayers. It depends on many factors, such as how much time the call takes, how many officers are sent and if any officers have to go to court because of an arrest.

According to the most recent available tax roll information, the assessed value of the Glenmont Walmart is \$12.6 million and the company paid about \$84,000 in town property taxes last year. Of that, \$6,675 went to the town’s general fund that houses the police department’s \$7.5 million budget.

“When you look at numbers up front they look large, but when you break it down it’s not that big of a deal,” said Heffernan. “I don’t want to say there is no impact. Any call is man hours and takes manpower, but it’s manageable with a plan for (a business) of that size.”

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Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Feb. 29 to March 28. Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. If you would like a copy of the book to use, call the church office at 439-9252.

Tour to highlight Civil War graves

The New Scotland Historical Association will be presenting a “Civil War Tour of Albany Rural Cemetery” as its program on Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

This is a virtual PowerPoint tour of the graves of many soldiers and prominent civilians from the Civil War era that are buried there. Weaving a tapestry of military interest, genealogical research and local history, you’ll view many unique gravestones and monuments, the symbolism of which will be explained in detail. It will include six Civil War Medal of Honor recipients and three Confederate soldiers who are buried in Albany Rural Cemetery.

Mark Bodnar is the presenter. He was born and raised locally and attended Hudson Valley Community College. He is highly involved in Civil War research and education in the Albany area. Bodnar’s studies focus on local individual soldiers and what they did during the war. He is considered to be the leading authority on Civil War soldiers and prominent civilians from that era. He has written several books on the subject and is involved in several committees and organizations relating to the Civil War.

The Historical Association’s programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 765-3125. The Museum is open 30 minutes before the program.

Skaters compete north of the border



The Albany Figure Skating Club’s Achilles Edge Intermediate Synchronized Skating Team travelled north of the border Feb. 18 and 19 to participate in the Invitation Carole Pageau synchronized skating competition, sponsored by the Laval Figure Skating Club in Laval, Quebec, Canada. The Achilles Edge team placed 4th and was the only American team in attendance. Pictured from left: Team members Stephanie Lombardi (Slingerlands), Grace DiRisio (Slingerlands), Katie Howard (Delmar), Amie Skoda (Glenville), Aislyn DiRisio (Slingerlands), Christina Lombardi (Slingerlands), Juliana Drozd (Watervliet), Lukas Sotola (Altamont), Rachael Gray (Delmar), Isabelle Lombardi (Slingerlands), Jordaan Van Oort (Guilderland), Catherine Amodeo (Delmar), Danielle Sgroi (Glenmont), Emma Briceland (Malta), Taylor Kennedy (Schoharie) and Coach Wayne Hussey. Not pictured: Team member Alyssa Hopsicker (Guilderland), Coach Stephanie Hunter.

Submitted photo

Skaters host spring show

The Albany Figure Skating Club will hold its 8th Annual Spring Ice Show at the Albany Academy Fieldhouse (117 Hackett Blvd., Albany) on Sunday, March 4, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Nicol Lally, WTEN reporter and News10 weekend anchor, will be the guest emcee for the show. This event will feature Club members from all over the Capital District performing individual programs, skaters from the Albany FSC Basic Skills program and the Albany FSC’s Achilles Edge Beginner and Intermediate Synchronized Skating Teams.

Admission to the show is \$2 for Adults, \$1 for students and seniors and free for children under 5 years old. Refreshments will be offered for sale, and a 50/50 raffle will be held. All proceeds will help support the Albany Figure Skating Club’s activities and programs.

Spectators are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to support the Greater Capital Region Food Pantry.

For more information about the Spring Ice Show, contact Mary Amodeo, show coordinator, at 439-8006 or mamodeo3@nycap.rr.com.

The Albany Figure Skating Club, based in Delmar, is a United States Figure Skating (USFS) club with over 80 members of all ages and all skating abilities. More information about the Albany Figure Skating Club’s programs and activities can be found on the Club’s website, www.albanyfsc.org.

Barn Dance set for March 3

A Homespun Barn Dance will be held Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. The caller will be Paul Rosenberg, with live string band music by Tamarack. Simple dances from the U.S.

and around the world. Circles, squares, contras and other configurations. Sit-in musicians are welcome to play with Tamarack. The event is sponsored by Dance Flurry Organization. For more information, call 482-9255. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Youth group to hold fundraiser

A Bethlehem area high school Christian youth group, RPMs, will hold its annual coffee house to raise funds to support the RPM high school youth group’s mission trip to Claryville, where they will perform home repairs for houses damaged in floods caused by Hurricanes Irene and Lee.

The fundraiser will be held at the Delmar Reformed Church, at the corner of Delaware Avenue and Adams Street, Delmar, on Saturday, March 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$15 each or two for

\$25, and \$5 for kids.

The Coffee House will feature gourmet desserts, coffees and music by Acoustic Hartland, a local band known for their multi-layered harmonies performing acoustic rock classics. In addition, a silent auction will feature restaurant gift certificate packages, artwork by local artists, concert tickets, handmade crafts and more.

The RPMs are an ecumenical Christian youth group that offers high school students opportunities to put faith into action by working on local and national community service projects.

For more information, contact Beth Gould, youth group leader, at 596-2116 or RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com

Open houses at Children’s School

The Bethlehem Children’s School is hosting two open houses in the coming weeks.

On Friday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, the school will be hosting members of the business community. The school’s director, Ralph Fahnstock, members of the Board of Directors, faculty and students will be present to show area businesspeople what the school has to offer to the community.

On Saturday, March 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., an open house will be held for prospective parents. The school is actively seeking new students in all grades, from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

Drop-ins are welcome, though if you know you are coming it would be helpful for planning purposes; if you know you will be in attendance, call 478-0224 or dpodbc@hotmail.com.

The Bethlehem Children’s School is located at 12 Fisher Boulevard, Slingerlands.

Show features many mediums

The 9th Annual Nature Art Exhibit will be on display at the Thacher Nature Center from March 10 to March 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays.

More than 40 artists will have artwork featured in the exhibit. The focus of the exhibit is work inspired by nature or created with natural materials. The artwork includes original works in oil, watercolors, pastels, pen and ink, acrylics, stained glass mosaics, hand painted glass, basketry, sculpture, graphite, wood, photography, fiber and mixed media.

On March 10, from 1 to 4 p.m., the opening day reception will be held at the Nature Center. The reception is free and open to the public. Patrons will have an opportunity to meet artists, look at artwork, cast People’s Choice votes and bid on original artwork donated by many artists participating in the show. Live music and refreshments will be provided.

Contact the park office at 872-1237 or the Nature Center at 872-0800 for additional information. Visit the park website at www.nysparks.com for additional information on parks programs.

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setting different prices for cash and credit paying customers.

According to Warsi, in October her prices were \$3.79 for credit and \$3.71 for cash. Her competitors across the street were charging \$3.65 for both methods of payment.

“If you pass by and you see my gas is higher, would you stop? Or mind paying 10 cents extra for cigarettes (across the street)?” asked Warsi. “No you won’t. You can’t make five trips each day.”

Warsi said customers began to complain about the high prices and the different fees for separate payment methods, some insisting the practice is illegal. She told Getty the experiment wasn’t working and that she wanted to revert back to the old policy because of the complaints, but they told her no.

Warsi is a commission station operator, meaning she and her husband do not own the store but instead pay rent to operate it. They also don’t actually buy any gas, either. They earn a small commission on whatever Getty fuel is sold there. The operators can’t switch to another gas provider for these reasons.



The Getty gas station in Delmar is still open – for now.

Warsi eventually told Getty she didn’t want to do business with them any longer. On Friday, Feb. 10, Getty came to drain the gasoline from her tanks.

According to Graig Zappia, a business law attorney at Tully Rinckey law firm in Albany, it is legal for gas companies to set a different gas price for cash and credit purchases, no matter how large the difference in price is.

“There are just notification requirement they have to abide by,” he said. “The company just has to post both prices on top of the pump that you are using.”

Warsi said gas sales were 80 percent of her business, with cigarette sales making up the majority of the rest. Now sales on all items inside the convenience store have dropped off significantly. She said it’s only a matter of time before the store closes.

“People don’t understand that we only make commission,” she said. “No matter what the gas price was, we only made about 6 or 6.5 cents per gallon.”

Salman has since had to get another job to be able to provide for his family. He was unable

to be interviewed for this article. Numerous calls and emails to Getty Petroleum asking for comment were not answered.

Warsi said the only reason their business is still open is because of the loyalty of her customers.

“They’ve seen my children grow up,” she said. The couple has a junior and a sophomore at Bethlehem Central High School, a seventh grader and a fifth grader. “Tell me at this age, now when your children are getting ready to go to college and you are standing empty handed. It’s heart breaking.”

Delmar resident Sue

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

Perry said she has been a customer at the gas station for 16 years. She thinks it’s terrible to watch what is happening to a local, family-run business. Over the year, she said the family has slowly become her friends.

“She’s worked 14-to 16-hour days, making about 25 cents an hour for the last six months, Perry said. “It’s been bad.”

The company informed Warsi her location was considered a “political location,” she said, and they would not close her down even if she couldn’t afford the rent.

“They won’t come and close it because they understand if they close it people will react here. It’s a small community and a very close-knit community. That’s the beauty of Delmar,” said Warsi. “When we are in trouble we become one. That’s why I think we are superior to all other communities. If this was happening in Latham or Albany, people wouldn’t even care. ... People are really worried. They aren’t worried because Getty is going out of business, or a gas station is going out of business. They are worried because they understand a family of Delmar is going out of business at the hands of corporate-giant America.”

Warsi has been

petitioning the judge in the bankruptcy case so he will understand the situation from the perspective of the retailer. She feels Getty Petroleum will eventually come out unscathed and the majority of the 800 small retailers across the county will be forced to close their doors.

“These are thieves without guns, trying to put small businesses out of business,” she said. “Tomorrow they will come and make a nice new station and ask for us for \$200,000 to be able to stay.”

According to court documents provided by Warsi, Getty Petroleum has an estimated \$50 to \$100 million in assets and an equivalent amount in liabilities. The company also said it would most likely have enough capital to fund normal operations through its reorganization.

“I just didn’t have the money to pay them anymore,” she said of her decision to stop taking the company’s gasoline. “I couldn’t take the negativity from customers.”

Getty Petroleum is not making rent payments to Getty Realty. In turn, the company is not making Warsi pay rent on her space, which is keeping her doors open a little longer. She is unsure when the business will officially close.

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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 29, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Eni USA Gas Marketing LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/25/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79018 (D) (February 29, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Phoenix Healthcare LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/18/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 6/15/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. FL address of LLC: 610 Sycamore St., Ste. 240, Celebration, FL 34747. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, PO Box 6327, Tallahassee, FL 32314. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79019 (D) (February 29, 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 29, 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 29, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of CATALYST GLOBAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79022 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GLENNART CONSULTING GROUP 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. 79024 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 2012)

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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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Five Star Property Pros LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 20, 2012. The LLC maintains its office in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC at: c/o Young Sommer, LLC, 5 Palisades Drive, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 79214 (D) (February 29, 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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 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 29, 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.

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Purpose: all lawful activities. 79222 (D) (February 29, 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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Amanda Rose Wellness LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/30/2012. 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. 79226 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Ma-sala 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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 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 29, 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

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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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SPV 1, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (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 29, 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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of L 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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Maveric Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Eric Vinogradov, 2501 South Ocean Drive, Apt. 711, Hollywood, FL 33019. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79298 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Home Fix Up General Contracting LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 2/1/2012. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a contracting business, 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 935 Bridge Street, Selkirk, NY 12158. 79299 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Cinque Crossing LLC Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 2/3/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. Arts. of Org. filed with SSDE on 11/7/2011. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 10105 Los Padres Place, Las Vegas, NV 89134. Address required to be maintained in DE: 3500 South Dupont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Name and address of the authorized officer in DE where copy of Arts. of Org. is filed: Delaware Secretary of State, Division of Corporations, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79301 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is KIMBERLY II OF LATHAM, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/27/2012. The purpose of the LLC is 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 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. 79302 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 120-124 EAST FORDHAM LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/10/12. 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. 79304 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Driftwood Special Servicing, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/13/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/5/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 10 E. 40th St., 10th Fl., NY, NY 10016, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 79305 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY INDEX NO. 690/11 AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC, WELLS FARGO FOOTHILL INC. AS SECURED PARTY, Plaintiff, Plaintiff designates SCHENECTADY County as the place of trial.

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-against- MURIEL J. SCHROEDER, if living and if she be dead, any and all persons who may claim as devisees, distributees, legal representatives, successors in interest of the said defendants, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained, CRISTEL I. MCGUIRE, WILLIAM E. SCHROEDER, FRANK M. PUTORTI, JR. PC, CAPITAL ONE BANK, LVNV FUNDING LLC, PALISADES COLLECTION LLC, CALVARY PORTFOLIO SERVICES LLC, HEIDI QUINN AS POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF MURIEL SCHROEDER, IF DECEASED, LISA SKIFFINGTON AS POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF MURIEL SCHROEDER, IF DECEASED, SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS The address of the real property is 2361 HARRISON AVENUE, SCHENECTADY, NY Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the amended complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff=s attorney(s) within 20 days after service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or 30 days after service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the tax lien holder who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the tax lien holder will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (TAX LIEN HOLDER) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: December 14, 2011 Garden City, New York STAGG, TERENCE, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff By: Lisa M. Confusione 401 Franklin Avenue Garden City, NY 11530 (516) 812-4500 Schedule A All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Schenectady, State of New York, known and designated as Section 48.83, Block 2, Lot 32 on the Schenectady County Tax Assessment Map. Premises known as 2361 Harrison

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Avenue, Schenectady, New York. 79308 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Twenty Five Elk Street Properties LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/18/12. 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, 25 Elk Street, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 79518 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Medication Management Services, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 25 Parkwyn Dr., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2110. 79523 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 220 APT. LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/15/2012. 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. 79525 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation LDL Events, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/3/2012. 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. 79526 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Rosemina LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/13/2012. 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. 79527 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of EMPIRE HOLDINGS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/15/12 using the fictitious name of DP HOLDINGS I LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/23/11. SSNY designated as agent

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of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 79528 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JOHANNA C DESIGNS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/15/12. 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. 79529 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HOME FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/16/12. 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. 79531 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME FRIENDLY EARTH LANDSCAPING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/6/11. Office location Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Friendly Earth Landscaping LLC, 224 Newport Court, PO Box 4, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose for any lawful purpose 79535 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LINDA DEKKERS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/1/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 207 W.16 St. #1, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 79537 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Ramen Champion USA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/14/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom

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process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 170 Broadway, 4th Fl., NY, NY 10038. General Purposes. 79647 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Great White Directional Services LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/13/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Oklahoma (OK) on 12/15/05. 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. OK address of LLC: 14201 Caliber Drive, Ste. 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73134. Arts. of Org. filed with OK Secy. of State, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Rm. 101, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79651 (D) (February 29, 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, March 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY, regarding a Subdivision Application, submitted by the Rosen Development Company, Inc. as shown on drawing entitled: Subdivision Plat / Site Plan Amendment – Lands of MRDC Kendall, LLC & Kendall DHC, LLC – Kendall Square Hamlet – Town of Bethlehem – County of Albany – State of New York, last revised December 29, 2011. Note: This subdivision application was submitted for financing purposes only and does not alter the overall approved site plan, number of dwelling units, or square footage of any proposed commercial space. 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. 79648 (D) (February 29, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7:00p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Rudy Scheleqel, 785 Delaware Avenue, for an area variance under Article VI, Section 128.59, Signs. Applicant wished to install a freestanding sign for business. Variance needed for additional sign on property.

Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman
Board of Appeals
79649 (D)
(February 29, 2012)



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Crawford advances in style

Bethlehem senior beats Colonie's Sainato at state qualifier

By SPORTS STAFF
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Bethlehem's Matt Crawford pulled off a mild upset to win the boys 600-meter race at Sunday's Section II Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University at Albany.

The Bethlehem senior edged Colonie's Giancarlo Sainato by 0.4 seconds to take first place and earn a berth in this weekend's state meet at Cornell University in Ithaca. Crawford finished with a winning time of 1:24.02, while Sainato — who won the 600 at the Division I meet — placed second with a time of 1:24.42.

Bethlehem's Jake Ab-

buhl, Adrian Bergere and Brandon Behan will join Crawford at the state meet after placing at Sectionals in field events.

Abbuhl and Bergere both qualified for states in the high jump after clearing the bar at 5 feet, 10 inches. Ichabod Crane's Isaiah Turek claimed the Sectional title after he was the only one to clear the bar at 6 feet. Abbuhl placed second, and Bergere finished third.

Behan punched his ticket to Ithaca by placing second in the shot put. Behan's best throw was 50 feet, 2.5 inches. Shenedehowa's Mark Thomas earned the Sectional title with a toss of 50 feet, 5.25 inches.

Guilderland's Joe Cornell is also heading to the university that bears his

last name as part of the Section II sprint medley relay team. Cornell finished fourth in the 300-meter dash finals with a time of 38.32 seconds to join Shen's Will Marois, Bishop Gibbons' Matt Lange and Broadalbin-Perth's Austin Becker on the intersectional relay team.

Bethlehem runners Jackie Kearney and Danika Jensen each earned state meet berths on the girls' side. Kearney placed second in the 55-meter hurdles final with a time of 8.78 seconds, while Jensen finished third in the 1,000-meter race with a time of 3:00.61.

Kendra Lizotte will represent Guilderland at the state meet after she placed third in the pole vault by clearing the bar at 10 feet.

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Unfortunately, you can bet that sometime in the future there will be another such incident, and we'll all be up in arms over it when it happens.

In other weekend developments, I don't think the dislocated ankle that Troy junior center Javion Ogunyemi suffered in Saturday's 54-44 quarterfinal win over Bethlehem will cost the Flying Horses a realistic shot at winning the Class AA boys basketball title.

If Ogunyemi was the only tall body Troy had or if he was his team's primary scorer, I would be more concerned. But Troy has three other players that are 6 feet, 6 inches or taller (Ogunyemi is 6-9), and it still has dynamic guard Trahmier Burrell running the offense. The Flying Horses are still a formidable team.

Thursday's Troy-Shaker semifinal game at the Times Union Center should be an interesting one, as the Blue Bison seem to be hitting their stride with senior forward Casey Hall back in the lineup after missing the first two months of the season with a broken wrist. However, I like the Flying Horses' chances of advancing into the finals. Burrell will be hard for Shaker's guards to contain, and Hall will find it tougher to deal with Troy's forwards than what he faced against a smaller LaSalle frontcourt in Saturday's 61-58 Blue Bison victory.

The other semifinal pits CBA against Bishop Maginn. The Brothers certainly looked vulnerable

against Shen, and they suffered a regular season loss to Maginn. That being said, it wouldn't surprise me in the least if CBA advanced to its ninth consecutive Sectional championship game appearance. Chaz Lott made several clutch plays at both ends of the floor against Shen, including a put-back on a missed free throw with 1 second left to give the Brothers the lead. Just a hunch, but I think CBA finds a way to win.

On the girls basketball front, I don't think Shen is going to send long-time coach Ken Strube out with a Sectional title. The Plainswomen face a tough semifinal match-up with Big 10 champion Albany Wednesday, and even if they get past that game they'll likely have to face the bigger, more complete Shaker Lady Bison in the finals.

Shen has had a highly successful season thanks in large part to a defensive scheme that scrambles most opponents' offenses and clutch shooting from Emily Weber and Mary Kate Cusack. But, Albany guard Emia Willingham-Hurst is a talented ball-handler and scorer. If she can weave her way through Shen's full-court press and hit some shots, she may be able to lead Albany to the finals.

Should Shen survive the semifinals, it must contend with a Shaker team that has great balance and a formidable frontcourt with forwards MacKenzie Rowland and Lauren Woods. Shaker already shed a huge burden by beating Shen 56-55 in early February, ending a long losing streak to the Plainswomen. As long as its guards can beat Shen's

press and get the ball in to Woods and Rowland, Shaker has what it takes to win another Sectional title.

I shouldn't discount Colonie's chances of winning it all, either. The Lady Raiders are just as good on defense as Shen, and they have several scoring threats like Shaker. The question is, who will step up for Colonie in crunch time? I can see Jaclyn Welch and Sydnie Rosales being the primary candidates, but we'll have to wait until Wednesday's semifinal against Shaker to see if they and the Lady Raiders have what it takes to knock out the defending Sectional champions.

Finally, a special round of congratulations should go out to Tony Fusco and the Shen wrestling team for what they accomplished at last weekend's state tournament in Albany. Fusco won the Division I 195-pound title to cap a stellar career and help the Plainsmen earn the team title.

Fusco wasn't the only one to perform admirably for Shen. Nick Kelley, David Almaviva and Cole Lampman all wrestled back for third-place finishes in their respective weight classes.

Almaviva's performance was especially noteworthy, as he battled back from an opening-round loss to finish third in the 138-pound weight class. Almaviva had to wrestle six matches after that first-round setback — not an easy task for any wrestler.

That's it for this week. Hopefully, the only craziness we see over the next seven days involves some spectacular finishes in the Section II basketball playoffs and not any more on-court skirmishes.

Dolphins pick up medals at meet

The Delmar Dolphins hosted the February Freeze meet Feb. 5 at Union College in Schenectady.

The Dolphins had several gold medalists led by Bethlehem Central High School star Alex Lednev. The state meet-bound senior won the 200-yard individual medley, the 100 butterfly and the 100 freestyle in his

age group.

Bethlehem's Lauren Zemering and Guilderland's Jenna Bickel also participated in the February Freeze. Zemering won the 100 freestyle, while Bickel picked up a victory in the 100 backstroke.

In the younger age groups, Cameron Doyle (8) earned victories in the

100 individual medley and the 50 freestyle. Chloe Derosia (10) won the 50 backstroke, and Quinn MacDonald (14) took first place in the 500 freestyle.

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Indians, 'Birds advance to semis

Hotaling's 20 points lead RCS past Ichabod Crane

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Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Voorheesville continued their girls basketball seasons with Section II quarterfinal wins last weekend.

RCS reached the Class B semifinals by beating Colonial Council rival Ichabod Crane 52-31 Saturday at Watervliet High School, while Voorheesville needed overtime to defeat Duanesburg 45-42 in last Friday's Class C quarterfinal game.

The Blackbirds (15-5) trailed by five points entering the fourth quarter, but they outscored the Eagles (16-4) 14-9 over the final eight minutes to force overtime. Jennifer Cillis hit the tying shot with three seconds left.

In the extra period, Voorheesville battled tooth and nail with Duanesburg until Sarah Madden hit a pair of free throws in the final 10 seconds to seal the Blackbirds' victory.

Anna Feller scored 18 points, and Cillis added 14 points for Voorheesville,

which met Maple Hill in Tuesday's Class C semifinal at Stillwater High School. Samantha Tomeck paced Duanesburg with 12 points.

RCS (13-6) had no trouble in eliminating Ichabod Crane in the Class B quarterfinals Saturday. The Indians jumped out to a 13-4 lead in the first quarter and put the game out of reach with an 11-3 fourth-quarter run.

Kayla Hotaling scored a game-high 20 points, and Sam Randio added 11 points for the Indians.

RCS meets Colonial Council champion Watervliet in Wednesday's Class B semifinal.

In Class AA, Bethlehem's season ended with a 46-36 quarterfinal loss to Big 10 champion Albany last Friday.

The game was close through the first quarter, but the Falcons (18-1) put an end to Bethlehem's upset bid by outscoring the Lady Eagles 24-11 over the next two periods.

Emia Willingham-Hurst led Albany with 21 points. Gabby Giacone netted 17 points for Bethlehem (11-9), while Bridget Murphy contributed 15 points.

Dutchmen's offense goes cold in loss

Third quarter run sparks Maginn's quarterfinal victory

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The Guilderland boys basketball team had trouble making its shots, and Bishop Maginn took advantage of it.

The Golden Griffins used a 14-5 run in the third quarter to break open a close game and held on to beat the Dutchmen 49-40 in Saturday's Section II Class AA quarterfinal contest at Hudson Valley Community College.

Guilderland's struggles lasted until the fourth quarter, when it scored 18 of its 40 points. Unfortunately for the Dutchmen (15-5), it was too late for them to avoid being upended by Bishop Maginn (11-9).

Csameron Dobbs led Guilderland with 14 points, while Matt Cerutti chipped in with 12 points. Rushon Young's 17 points paced Bishop Maginn.

The Dutchmen narrowly avoided a first-round exit by rallying past Saratoga Springs 63-58 last Tuesday in Guilderland.

The Blue Streaks (5-14) held a 50-46 lead going into the fourth quarter, but the Dutchmen outscored them 17-8 over the final eight minutes to pull out the victory.

Dobbs and Cerutti had big games for Guilderland in the opening round. Dobbs poured in 29 points, while Cerutti netted 20 points.

Nick Smith scored 22 points for Saratoga, which built a 39-33 halftime lead on Guilderland.



Guilderland's Alex Gaines drives to the basket during Saturday's Class AA quarterfinal game against Bishop Maginn at Hudson Valley Community College. Robert Goo/Spotlight

Spring break hoop camp

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Dutchmen fall to Maginn

The Guilderland boys basketball team couldn't get its offense in gear in a 49-40 loss to Bishop Maginn in Saturday's Section II Class AA quarterfinal game at Hudson Valley Community College. Cameron Dobbs scored 14 points in the loss.

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Weekly poll

Who is the top winter sports athlete in the Greater Capital District?

- Eric Egan (Shaker/Colonie hockey)
- Nick Gallo (Schalmont wrestling)
- Alex Lednev (Bethlehem boys swimming)
- Alex Luse (Saratoga hockey)

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Last week's poll results:

Who is the top winter sports athlete in Bethlehem/Guilderland?

- Alex Lednev 81 percent
- Cameron Dobbs 9 percent
- John Gosstola 8 percent
- Bridget Murphy 2 percent

Injury eclipses game

Troy defeats Bethlehem, loses star center Ogunyemi to a dislocated ankle

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Troy eliminated Bethlehem from the Section II Class AA boys basketball playoffs Saturday at Hudson Valley Community College, but not before losing one of its key starters to a potentially season-ending injury.

Junior center Javion Ogunyemi dislocated his ankle early in the second quarter of the Flying Horses' 54-44 quarterfinal victory over Bethlehem. The game was delayed for more than 20 minutes as paramedics were called to transport Ogunyemi to the hospital.

FINAL SCORE

- Troy Flying Horses, 54
- Bethlehem Eagles, 44

Ogunyemi is expected to miss Thursday's Sectional semifinal against Shaker at the Times Union Center.

Troy (18-2) gathered itself after Ogunyemi's injury and pulled away from Bethlehem with a big third-quarter run. Trahmier Burrell

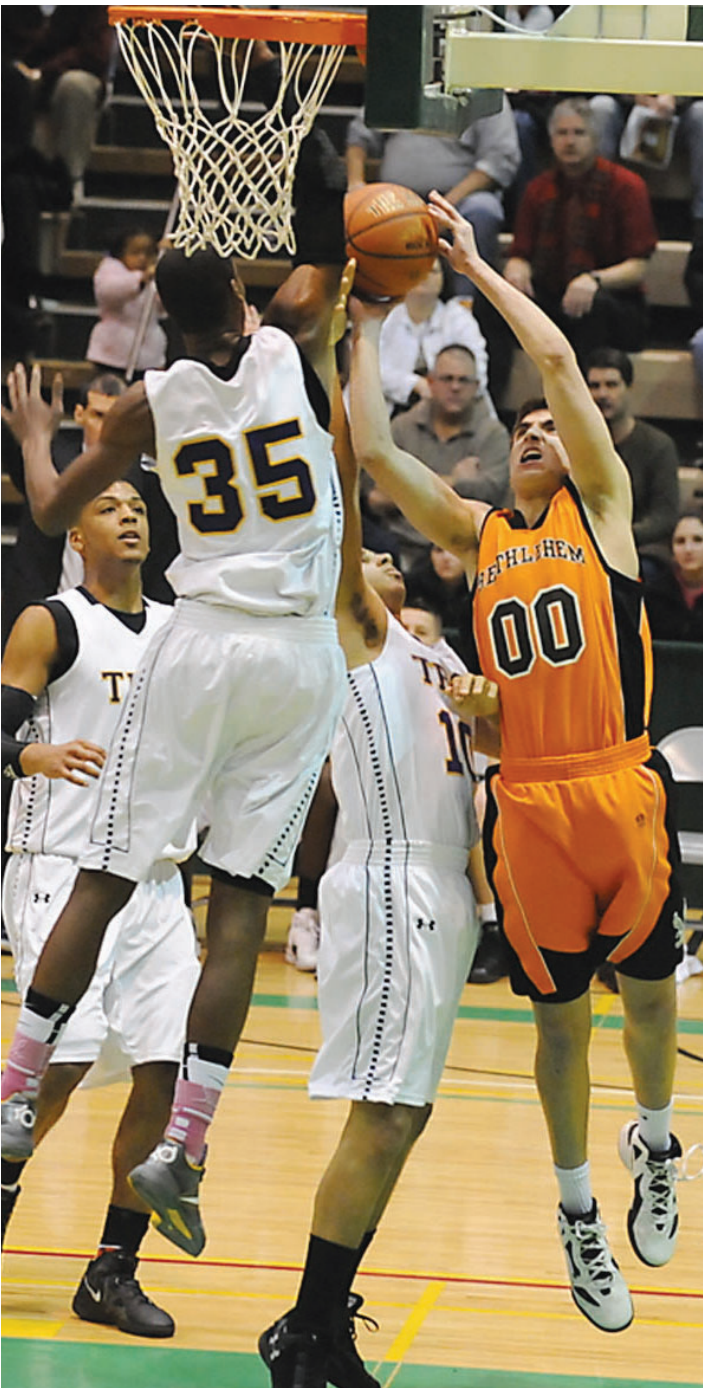
highlighted the spurt with a dunk that put the Flying Horses ahead 47-28.

The Eagles (13-7) made things interesting by scoring the first 13 points of the fourth quarter, but the Flying Horses held on for the 10-point victory.

Bethlehem advanced to the quarterfinal round for the first time under head coach A.G. Irons with last Tuesday's 68-49 victory over Albany in an opening round game.

The Eagles jumped out to a 20-8 lead in the first quarter against the Falcons (8-10), and they never looked back in posting the Sectional victory in front of the home fans in Delmar.

John Sica led a balanced Bethlehem attack with 20 points. Connor Morelli contributed 13 points.



Bethlehem's Matt O'Keefe (00) takes on Troy's Kareem Brown (35) and Khalil Paul (10) during Saturday's Class AA quarterfinal game at Hudson Valley Community College. Robert Goo/Spotlight

Soutiere reaches finals

RCS heavyweight places second at state tournament

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Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk heavyweight Alex Soutiere capped a strong stretch drive by placing second in the 285-pound weight class at last weekend's New York State High School Wrestling Championships at the Times Union Center.

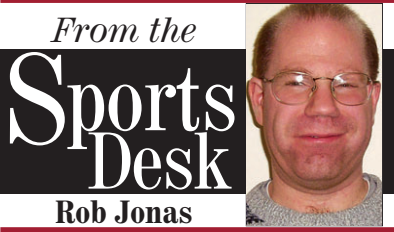
Soutiere reached the Division II (small school) championship round before being pinned by Beekmantown's Hayden Head 47 seconds into the third period.

Soutiere — who won the Section II title two weeks earlier — won his first two matches Friday to advance to Saturday's state semifinals. There, the junior defeated Holley's Kacee Sauer 5-3 to make it to the championship match against Head.

Soutiere took the lead after one period against Head, but the Section VII champion rallied in the second period and then pulled a move to pin Soutiere.

RCS was also represented at the state tournament by Jerome Gladney (106 pounds).

Emotions are to blame for player fight



Rob Jonas

several times to avoid an in-game fight.

In the post-game fight's wake, people have been quick to blame the players from both teams, the coaches and the referees. And in truth, all should take equal blame for what transpired — the players for getting out of control, the coaches for not getting their players under control more quickly and the referees for not keeping the physical play in check.

There is a caveat, though, and before I reveal it I want to make one thing clear: I am not condoning the actions by anybody involved. I am merely explaining why it happened.

The caveat is that it is difficult to manage emotions every waking second of every day. There isn't a single person among us who hasn't felt frustration or anger in the heat of a highly charged atmosphere and failed to

keep it in check. It happens whether or not we intend it to happen. That's what makes us human.

In the case of Saturday's game, this was a win-or-go-home scenario. There were seniors on both sides who did not want to see their hopes of winning a Section II title end on the HVCC court. Naturally, emotions were high before the opening tip-off, and it only got worse as the contact became harder and the fouls mounted.

Should the players have done a better job of checking themselves and keeping themselves in control? Yes. Should the coaches have done a better job of keeping their players in line? Yes. Should the referees have done a better job of controlling the level of physical play? Yes.

But we have to understand that these are all human beings, not robots. Emotions and decision-making skills have to be factored in, and in this case the emotions were too hot and the decision-making skills suffered as a result.

Hopefully, there will not be any more on-court incidents like the one that transpired Saturday between CBA and Shen.

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