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A doggone good idea

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The Capital District Youth Chorale and a pianist from the Music Studio of Albany, below, perform at the 2010 Voices for Hope Children's Benefit Concert.

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Sing a hopeful song

Delmar church again hosts fundraiser for Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless

By MARCY VELTE
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For nearly 10 years, one local congregation has worked to support the Albany communities of Arbor Hill and Sheridan Hollow by helping to provide a refuge for the children of those neighborhoods when school is out.

The First United Methodist Church of Delmar has hosted the Voices of Hope Benefit Concert since 2003 as a member of the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. The concert raises funds for Interfaith's summer youth programs, which provide activities, field trips and healthy lunches to hundreds of children each year.

"These children would basically be wandering the streets if they didn't have a place to go," said Nan Rabinow, the church's office manager and an organizer of the event. "It really provides a safe haven for them."

At the end of the summer program, each child



is given a backpack full of school supplies for the coming school year. All of the items are donated through the work of the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless.

The concert is in its 17th year and features musicians from throughout the Capital District.

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Ex-fire official appeals

Howard Shafer calls decision of Selkirk department unfair, seeks reinstatement

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Former Selkirk Fire Department treasurer and volunteer firefighter Howard Shafer has filed an appeal in Albany County Court after he was ousted from the company in November.

Shafer, a Selkirk resident and former Albany County legislator, was charged with insubordination, violation of the department's code of conduct and going outside the chain of command before the department's Board of Commissioners and a hearing officer.

In the appeal, Shafer's lawyer argues his client was deprived of a fair hearing, most of the charges do not appear to be misconduct and the expulsion was not supported by substantial evidence.

"The charges are so minor or so petty it's amazing," said Shafer's attorney, Lawrence Schaefer.

Shafer was the subject of a disciplinary hearing before the department's Board of Fire Commissioners in September.

Selkirk Fire Department Co. 1 Chief Josh Therrien accused Shafer of refusing to follow the orders of superiors and of failing to turn over department equipment and records after he was taken off of active duty because of an injury.

The appeal argues Shafer, an

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GCSD draft budget restructures classes

Sports, clubs maintained; 30 employees face reduced hours

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Facing a deficit of nearly \$2.6 million, Guilderland Central School District Superintendent Marie Wiles presented her draft budget for the 2012-2013 school year at a special Board of Education meeting held on Thursday, March 1.

To close the gap, options suggested in the draft budget include switching the Farnsworth Middle School to an 8-hour day, reducing the number of class sections available to students

in the high school and increasing the number of sections art and music teachers instruct per day. The budget would also have an impact on close to 30 full-time equivalent positions, with some teachers and staff having hours cut, rather than their positions completely eliminated.

"I think the board and the community were certainly not happy with the need to make reductions, but they were pleased with the amount of information we presented and for providing our reasons for putting those items in the budget or not," said Wiles after the meeting.

The budget presented on March 1 was markedly different from the list of options

presented in February. Wiles said the options previously described came from department heads, who she charged to reduce \$750,000 at each level of education.

"We didn't need all of those reductions," she said. "We took the ones that restructured our leadership roles and because we took those, tried to stop arbitrary reductions."

Options not included in the budget but previously discussed were increasing class sizes for elementary students, eliminating foreign language and computer classes at the high school level and reverting to half-day kindergarten. Also, no coaching, media, or custodial positions are eliminated in the draft budget.

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Elsmere parents launch into fundraising

New playground would cost \$100k; grants and community support sought

By MARCY VELTE
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The Elsmere Elementary School PTA has officially begun the fundraising process to purchase a new playground for the school, and hope to get construction started in the summer of 2013.

Playground Committee Co-Vice Presidents Amy Cohen and Robyn Holstein first presented the plan at a PTA meeting in late January. Portions of the current playground are 20 years old and do not meet current safety guidelines, and there's only one play element available for children with disabilities.

In February, the PTA voted to begin fundraising for repairs and upgrades to the playground. The look and size of the playground will depend on how much money can be raised.

"It's been really nice to see all of the support forthcoming from the Elsmere community since this idea went public," said Cohen.

The group is now applying for grants and



The Elsmere Elementary School PTA has officially stated fundraising efforts for a new playground at the school. They hope to get construction under way on the \$100,000 project in the summer of 2013.

Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

seeking community support. Independent fundraisers will also be held. In the future, the PTA may ask for volunteers to aid in installing the playground to save money and would also be seeking donated services and materials, like cement and construction equipment.

Parents have been concerned about safety at the playground, and began researching what it would take to make repairs or upgrades to the facility. Some wooden retaining walls are rotting, a tire swing is broken and roped off and some equipment

does not meet safety guidelines.

District Operations and Maintenance Director Gregg Nolte said the district makes inspections and minor repairs to playgrounds each year, but sometimes equipment must be removed or roped off because the district does not have the money to replace it.

The tire swing has since been fixed by the district and a parent volunteered the services of his construction company to help replace the retaining walls and re-grade the land with new mulch.

"It's a really, really



"It's been really nice to see all of the support forthcoming from the Elsmere community since this idea went public."
— Amy Cohen, Playground Committee

wonderful outcome to show that the parents and school district can work together to actually get something done," said Holstein.

The group sent a letter home to parents seeking help with various fundraising projects.

Donation cans will soon be placed throughout town, and movie nights, fitness days and a hair cut benefit with Elsmere hairdresser Samara Bartula are all scheduled.

But the main fundraiser will be an Elsmere Community Family Day and Silent Auction in both June of 2012 and 2013. The event will be \$10 per family and include various family-friendly activities and a neighborhood walk.

The group is seeking items for the auction, screened T-shirts for the walk and help with printing flyers and banners.

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

An entirely new playground would cost about \$100,000. Holstein and Cohen said the plan is to raise \$25,000 from the school community, apply for \$65,000 in grants and

seek an additional \$10,000 in donations from local businesses and residents.

If the entire \$100,000 can't be raised, it would take \$50,000 to purchase new equipment for the upper playground, replace the large wooden structure and maintain the landscaping.

"Whatever money we raise by June of next year will go toward the equipment. We're not going to go into debt for a playground," said Holstein.

The group is also committed to preserving the character of the playground, including the trees integrated into the playground's aesthetics.

"This is a major concern of ours as well, and we will make every single effort possible to maintain the integrity of them," read a letter to parents.

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Bethlehem Lions and Senior Services provide File of Life program

By MARCY VELTE
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During medical emergencies, quick and accurate information is important to provide the proper care for patients, and it can mean the difference between life and death.

For the past five years, the Bethlehem Lions Club has been working with the town's Department of Senior Services to provide seniors with a small, plastic folder that holds all of their important medical documents. Called a File for Life, the red magnet can be placed on a person's refrigerator to be quickly seen by emergency medical personnel.

"It's important if a person can't respond to have everything in there that a doctor might need to know," said Director of Senior Services Joyce Becker.

The program enables medical personnel to learn a patient's medical history when the patient is unable

to communicate or forgets to mention an important fact in the stress of the moment.

The File for Life is an adaptation of a program called Vial for Life. At one time, seniors were given plastic tubes to place their medical documents in and were asked to keep them in the freezer.

"But EMS would arrive and (the vial) would be frozen into the freezer and they couldn't get it out. This is the newer redesign with the refrigerator magnet," said Lions Club President Dan Ryan.

In 2005, the town, Lions Club and Bethlehem Senior Projects banded together to honor community volunteer Lion Maynard "Red" Goyer for his dedication to the neighborhood. Since that time the Lions Club has donated more than \$5,000 toward the program, \$3,000 in this year alone.

Ryan said the club prides itself in being able to provide for a community need.

"We feel since we raise they money here, it should be spent here, too," said Ryan.

The plastic pocket



Bethlehem Lion's Club President Dan Ryan, right, with Karen Koster, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board member, left, holds a File of Life, along with Lion's Club member Mike Durant and Joyce Becker, Director of the Town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department.

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contains an insert to list all health problems, prescriptions, surgeries, allergies and other relevant information. The packet also comes with stickers to place on a window or door to notify EMS personnel that the resident has a packet inside.

"Most EMS professionals are trained

to look for these magnets, but we are also working to train our organizations locally," said Becker.

According to Becker, anyone of any age could find the red packets useful,

especially people with children old enough to be left on their own. Senior Services currently has 5,000 packets available to the public.

"It's good to have

"It's important if a person can't respond to have everything in there that a doctor might need to know."

— Joyce Becker, director of Senior Services

the information at your fingertips if you have to call an ambulance," she said. "It's not a cheap program to do but in terms of life it's important. If we help one person, we are happy."

File for Life magnets can be picked up at Town Hall. Those who may need help filling out the forms inside can set up an appointment with a senior services outreach coordinator.

For further information call Bethlehem Senior Services at 439-4955 extension 1169.

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Bethlehem teen in fatal hit-and-run out on bail

The Bethlehem teen accused of hitting a City of Albany man with his car last weekend, which resulted in his death, was released on bail on Friday, March 2.

Ian Eckhardt-Rigberg, 19, was released on \$75,000 bail after a hearing was requested by his lawyer, according to Cecilia Logue, a spokeswoman for the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

Eckhardt-Rigberg of 93 Fernbank Avenue, was charged with manslaughter in the 2nd degree in connection with the accident that killed Rozell Whitehead on Saturday, Feb. 25, according to Albany Police spokesman James Miller.

The Bethlehem teen was not granted bail after his arraignment earlier in the week and spent several days in jail before being released. Logue said

he was released under supervision of probation with the conditions that he not operate a motor vehicle, he surrender his passport, and that he has a curfew.

Whitehead, 53, was killed on Saturday while crossing Henry Johnson Boulevard near the intersection of Third Street at approximately 7:30 p.m. when he was struck by a 2007 Toyota Avalon being driven by Eckhardt-Rigberg, said Miller. After being struck, Whitehead was thrown up onto the hood of the car and hit the windshield before hitting the pavement. He was transported to Albany Medical Center where he was pronounced dead of multiple internal injuries, said Miller.

In a statement from State Police, the vehicle that struck Whitehead had been seen speeding at 75 mph in a 55 mph zone and was being pursued along Interstate 90 when it took the exit 6 off ramp. State Police 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 activate during the pursuit, according to police.

Miller said Eckhardt-Rigberg did not stop after hitting Whitehead and continued south on Henry Johnson.

Bethlehem Police spokesman Lt. Thomas Heffernan said the driver then showed up at the Bethlehem Police Station shortly after to report an accident and it was determined he was involved in the hit and run in Albany. He was turned over to Albany detectives.

Miller said Eckhardt-Rigberg was accompanied by his attorney on Tuesday to the Detective Division at South Station. He was booked and held overnight pending arraignment Wednesday morning in Albany City Court.

Eckhardt-Rigberg was also charged with felony leaving the scene of a personal injury auto accident resulting in death and several other traffic violations, according to police.

Voorheesville handyman faces theft charges

A Voorheesville man has been arrested by the Albany County Sheriff's Office for using his repairs business to gain access to the home or residents and steal their possessions.

Andrew Myers, 54, of 49A N. Main Street was charged with grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property, both felonies, according to police. He was also charged with two counts of petit larceny and possession of marijuana.

Police said Myers is self-employed and has been using his business "Handy Andy Home Improvements" as a way to "legitimately" gain access to the home of residents. When left unsupervised upon entry he would steal property and later pawn it for cash, said police

Myers was remanded to the Albany County

Correctional facility without bail.

Anyone who may have employed Myers or used Handy Andy Home Improvements and thinks possessions may have been stolen is asked to call the Albany County Sheriff's Tip Line at 655-7860.

Crash leads to DWI arrest

Guilderland police arrested a Poughkeepsie woman on DWI charges and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle after causing a motor vehicle accident on Western Avenue.

Police arrested Maria Tompkins, 48, of Hornbeck Road, Poughkeepsie on Friday, March 2, after they responded to a personal injury car accident at the corner of Western Avenue and Waverly Place at 3:45 p.m. Police soon determined the woman who caused the accident was intoxicated. Field testing administered at the scene led to her arrest, but she later refused a chemical test, said police.

Tompkins was driving with a conditional license, said police. She was charged with misdemeanor DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, a felony. Before being placed under arrest she was taken to St. Peters Hospital in Albany for treatment.

Tompkins was later arraigned and sent to Albany County Jail.

Other arrests

- Guilderland police arrested Christopher Stack, 17, on Thursday, March 1, on charges of criminal mischief in the 3rd degree, a felony.
- Guilderland police arrested Martin Merrill, 50, on Thursday, March 1, on charges of burglary in the 2nd degree. He was also charged with criminal mischief and criminal contempt, both misdemeanors.
- Colonie police arrested Ryan J. Dermody, 25, of 1493 Fox Hollow Road in Niskayuna on Wednesday, Feb. 22, and charged him with DWI, speeding and illegal signal parked.



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When the tread is worn, it's time to face de-feet

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

If only I had two left feet! I say this because shoe shopping would be so much easier. My left foot is not picky. It is strong, rarely aches and doesn't get ornery when trying on shoes. My left foot likes just about any boot, dress pump, sandal or sneaker.

"Feels great, buy them!" exclaims my left foot when I slip on a potential shoe.

"Not so fast," counters my right foot.

My right foot hates most shoes. It has a higher arch than the left foot and is constantly complaining. It says, "My toes are cramped" and "the tongue is chafing my skin" and "don't forget about that bunion."

The only shoes my right foot doesn't complain about are the sneakers I have been wearing for several years. These sneakers are beyond worn; they are falling apart. And while my right foot is happy, my right shin, calf, and knee have begun to revolt: "We are not getting any support," they scream.



So on a recent Friday afternoon I took my feet shopping.

"Do you need some help?" asked a young man shortly after I walked into the store. If we had been outside I would have thought he was a 16-year-old Boy Scout offering to help an old lady (me?) cross the street. I held back from replying, "Do you work here?" because obviously he did. Instead I explained that I desperately needed new sneakers and could not find a comfortable pair.

This wasn't always the case. I had worn the same brand and style of sneakers for decades. They were easy to find and I would buy two pair (buy one, get the second at half price!) and alternate between them. One year I not only got the second pair at a discount but I also got a pair of gel inserts for free! I took the entire purchase home and set it aside for the

customary "this is new I can't wear it right away" waiting period. Then one day I carried one of the new pairs to work and changed into them for a lunchtime walk. Only during my walk I found that the shoes did not feel right. Even my left foot was uncomfortable.

I couldn't believe that my feet and my trusted style of sneaker were no longer enjoying a good relationship. Why were my feet complaining about sneakers? It's not like they had heels or narrow toes like some of my dress shoes. I expect my feet to be picky about pumps (in my 20s if I found pumps or even flats that fit I'd buy the same style in black, navy, taupe and white), but sneakers are much more accommodating.

OK, I'll admit it: I feel betrayed by my aging, spreading, bunion-sprouting feet. It's possible my feet may also harbor some resentment toward me. I have not given much attention to foot maintenance. I have only had a single pedicure. And I don't moisturize my feet unless you count the anti-fungal cream I

sometimes rub between my toes. On the other hand, I've never worn a really high heels or shoes with super-pointy toes, so I think my feet should cut me some slack.

I used to think my right foot was wider than my left foot because shoes always feel tighter on my right foot. But a few years ago I went to a podiatrist and he explained that my right foot isn't wider, but it does have a higher arch and thus pushes up against the shoe differently from my other foot. That would have been helpful to know years ago, since I was always looking for shoes with extra arch support. Who knew that my right foot was plenty arched? All those years I was "overarching" my foot and causing it to feel even more squeezed.

Bottom line is that I needed assistance finding a pair of sneakers that fit. And this is how I ended up baring my sole (both soles, actually) to the young salesman at a

specialty sneaker shop. I was sitting in a chair and he was sitting on a cushioned stool with an angled front. It was like a flashback trip to Thom McAn's with my mother in the 1970s. Back then the workers wore suits and ties and were all older than me.

"Go ahead and take off your socks," said the current-day salesman clad in a T-shirt and basketball shorts. He picked up the foot-measuring contraption.

I felt a small wave of panic. Were my feet scaly? When was the last time I trimmed my toenails?

"I'm glad I recently clipped my nails," I said goofily as I removed my socks, "but you've probably seen all kinds of feet, right?"

I placed my foot in the device both in sitting and standing positions and he took measurements.

"OK, now I need you to roll up the bottom of your jeans." This was so

he could watch me walk up and down a path in the store and analyze what kind of foot support I needed.

I felt another wave of panic. Were my ankles involved in this process? When was the last time I shaved my legs?

"Uh, my feet turn in...I've got a pronation issue," I confessed before heading down the path.

The sales guy observed me walking, then disappeared to the back room. He returned with a stack of boxes and I tried on various pairs of sneakers, easily narrowing the choice to two finalists. I was going to use price as the tie breaker, but each pair cost an arm and a leg. If only I had extra arms and legs! I say this because then I would have bought both pairs. On the bright side, both my feet were happy about the ultimate selection. Hopefully they'll feel the same way after we've been to Zumba class.

IN BRIEF

H.I.L.L. begins spring semester

H.I.L.L. (The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning) will begin its 18th spring semester of university level courses, taught by local college faculty, for residents of Bethlehem and the greater Capital District on March 5.

Helen and Fred Adler founded H.I.L.L. in 1993, and it is an adjunct organization of the Bethlehem Central School District run by a committee of community

volunteers. Five courses of six sessions each are being offered for the spring semester. The course descriptions and registration form are available at <http://bcsd.k12.ny.us/HILL> or by calling 368-7029.

Appraisal event planned

On Sunday, March 11, from noon to 3 p.m. There will be a Mini Antique Road Show, hosted by the New Scotland Historical

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This is not an endorsement of Roy McDonald. We start off this way because some of what’s going to follow could be read as a defense of the state senator. But we don’t do endorsements. This is less about the senator from Saratoga and more about the utter absurdity of the political system. For the past week, announcements have been gushing forth from Republican committees in Saratoga County dropping any support for Sen. Roy McDonald, who’s up for reelection this year. In most instances, his deciding “yes” vote on the issue of gay marriage is cited, or at least strongly hinted at.

Editorial

What these political committees end up choosing is, frankly, very much their own business. If party leaders feel McDonald’s departure from the party stance on gay marriage is grounds to drum him out of office, then it’s their right to throw their support elsewhere. But what is simultaneously fascinating and vexing is that the line in the sand has finally been exposed. In New York, where holding state office is nearly as good as a guaranteed lifetime job, this is what gets a major party to swing the ax? No one was snubbed in the wake of the Senate’s 2009 leadership debacle that shut down state government and literally made New York the laughingstock of the entire country. Even after jeopardizing the very institution of the Senate, both parties backed the same horses and very little changed. And nobody has had to pack up and go home when the budget teeters on the brink of disaster year after year. Or when property taxes spiral ever upward and threaten constituents’ abilities to raise their families. Or when a nexus of mandates, fees and taxes choke business and industry to the point we have to pay companies billions to come here, while strangling our schools. No one is sacked when offensive and selfish redistricting lines are drawn up, or when they stonewall efforts to reform the state’s ineffective ethics policies so they can continue milking their elected offices for personal gain. And certainly no one loses their job when they spend more time locked in power struggles with the other party than doing the business of the people. This situation isn’t about Roy McDonald, or what he thinks about gay marriage. He may be a lot of things, including a decade-long veteran of this do-nothing statehouse, but if McDonald or any other politician were going to be run out of town on a rail, we’d hope it would be done to make way for leaders who can right the course of this ship, not because of a social issue that — to be perfectly frank — will not affect New Yorkers nearly as much as a bevy of other ongoing catastrophes. So we’ll take the actions of GOP leaders in Saratoga County as the signal that at long last, the political machine is ready and willing to reassess its policy of backing the same candidates year after disappointing year. Maybe they’ll look beyond a vote on one hot-button issue and to the whole of the slow-motion car wreck this legislature has become. Because if party leadership in New York really thinks this makes more of a difference than the real problems this state’s people face, then they’re even more out of touch than the politicians. And that’s saying something.

‘Charlotte’s Law,’ a road to safer highways

By JIM TEDISCO

The writer is a state assemblyman representing parts of Schenectady and Saratoga counties.

Unlike the right to be safe on New York’s roads, driving is not a right, it’s a privilege. That privilege comes with the obligation to respect the safety of others. Families have a right to know they and their loved ones will be protected from serial drunk and dangerous drivers who become human weapons when they get behind the wheel of a vehicle. That’s why Senator Hugh Farley (R,C,I-Niskayuna) and I have joined with advocates and families who lost loved ones to drunk and dangerous drivers to call for new legislation to help make our roads safer by permanently terminating the driver’s license privileges for serial drunk and dangerous drivers. Just recently, an individual who had 10 suspensions on his driver’s license, was indicted for aggravated vehicular homicide among other charges for being under the influence of drugs and running a red light when he struck and killed a 19-year-old woman in November 2011 as she walked across the street at the intersection of Erie Boulevard and State Street in Schenectady. Our measure (A.8934A/S.6496), would permanently terminate all driving privileges of an individual convicted of a combination of three or more of the following: a conviction for DWI/DUI; actions causing an accident where there is personal injury to another and the person is at fault; or vehicular manslaughter. Currently, there is no provision in state law that permanently terminates driving privileges for those who are chronic drunk, drugged and/or dangerous drivers. Anyone caught behind

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the wheel after their driver’s license privileges are permanently terminated would face long-term incarceration. This is a deterrent because under this law any time a designated incorrigible driver gets behind the wheel of a car after getting their license permanently terminated they would go to jail for years – no matter when or why they were stopped – unlike the present system where law enforcement has to catch a repeat offender driving drunk again. There have been far too many incidents in the Capital Region, and throughout the State, of fatal accidents involving persons who have had their driver’s license suspended and revoked multiple times. We need to break this cycle and better protect the public from these repeat offenders. This legislation makes it clear that a driver will face permanent consequences for their actions. Among other cases, the bill, known as “Charlotte’s Law,” was inspired by the family of Charlotte Gallo, a senior citizen from Schenectady, New York, who was killed by a truck failing to yield to a pedestrian near Proctor’s Theatre on January 2, 2010. Charlotte was leaving Proctors after a night of volunteering for the organization. The individual driving the truck had a long history of dangerous driving and had what a judge called an “appalling driving background.” We worked with Charlotte Gallo’s former daughter-in-law, Dr. Linda Rozell-Shannon to craft the bill. Dr. Rozell-Shannon is an expert on state law and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) policy regarding drunk and dangerous drivers having served as a policy analyst for

over 20 years for the New York State DMV. Under New York law, a third DWI/DWAI conviction is a Class D felony with a maximum fine of \$10,000 and up to 7 years in prison with a 1-year minimum driver’s license revocation. Charlotte’s Law, which would be the toughest of its kind in the nation, would keep the current prison term and fine but forever take away driver’s license privileges for serial drunk and dangerous drivers who have three strikes on their record. Up until now, a one-year license revocation has been the only action taken to prevent serial offenders from driving. Now, with Charlotte’s Law, their privilege to drive will be permanently terminated in New York State and our highways will be safer. The bill has received the endorsement of Doris Aiken, President of R.I.D. (Remove Intoxicated Drivers), a well-regarded advocate for tougher drunk driving laws. Albert Einstein said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Is it any surprise that serial drunk and dangerous drivers continue to wreak havoc and carnage on our streets when the state enables them to keep getting their driver’s licenses again and again? Addiction to drugs and alcohol is a difficult illness to overcome and those that suffer from it deserve help but our concern and compassion for them can’t override our obligation to keep chronic drunk and dangerous drivers off our highways. The message of this bill for serial drunk and dangerous drivers is clear: “three strikes and you’re out. You lose your driving privileges in New York State forever.”

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- No. 17%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

A thank you for continued support during the budget process

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I would like to thank the many members of our community who turned out for the Bethlehem Central School District Community Budget Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

About 140 people attended the forum at BCMS, and another 60 online. As a new superintendent in the district, I am truly heartened by this level of community involvement. For anyone who did not attend, the materials, discussion notes and survey results from our online forum are available on the district's website, www.bethlehemschools.org. There you will also find a number of other resources dedicated to our budget processes past and present, along with a few pages dedicated to understanding the state's new and complex purported "tax cap."

I commend them to

your attention, as it's the district's mission to be as open and transparent throughout this budget process.

No doubt, you have read in *The Spotlight* that we have a budget gap of more than \$4 million, assuming we would be able to raise the amount of taxes for which we would only need a simple majority. The cuts needed to bridge this will unquestionably affect programming and services in the district. Furthermore, if our budget is voted down twice, the new contingency rules will mandate the district to stay at the 2011-2012 tax levy amount. This will require the district to cut \$6 million from this budget.

Our task ahead is a difficult one and the choices before the district will affect the education of Bethlehem's students for years to

come. Please be involved in this process. Tell us what you value in the district and what you'd be willing to support with your tax dollars. Join us at the high school on March 7, 21 and 28 as we discuss possible reductions in the district and craft a budget that meets the needs of the students and the expectations of our constituents.

And please, whatever you do, join us at the polls on May 15.

Remember, these are our children, our taxes, our programs and this is our school district. In order to do what is right for our district, we need everyone's involvement.

Thank you,

Dr. Thomas Douglas
Superintendent of Schools

'Desolate landscape' no answer

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Absent from the town for three months, I returned to find chainsaws and graders at work on the property called Vista Technology Park. Gazing at the now desolate landscape, I wondered: how long will we continue to believe that we can slash and chop our way to prosperity and happiness.

Ron Berger
Delmar

Correction

In the Feb. 22 *Spotlight on Business* supplement, in the story, "CM Fox expands its local roots," the wrong address was provided for the company's website. CM Fox can be found on the web at www.cmfoxrealestate.com and be reached by phone at 861-7030. *The Spotlight* regrets the error.



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Keep the focus on education

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

In response to the recent article in the Times Union about some Bethlehem parents pushing for a bond vote to pay for school sports facility upgrades to get around the 2 percent tax cap on property taxes, I have to say sports are not what most taxpayers consider critically important to our children's education. When my children were involved with sports I didn't ask taxpayers to fund their karate, dancing, music or bowling lessons. I paid for my own family's entertainment.

The one time Bethlehem taxpayers voted down the school budget when the town went through its reassessment, the three most expensive sports were eliminated: hockey, gymnastics and cheerleading. The families that wanted these sports to continue did fundraisers, got donations and contributed their time. These sports were able to continue and eventually the taxpayer was on the hook again to fund them.

Class size is critically important and that may be an appropriate reason

to tax us more than the cap allows. Upgrading our sports facilities may very well be needed but is not worthy of a separate bond proposal to raise our already sky high school taxes beyond the long awaited cap. Our kid's quality education in Bethlehem is very important and sports have their place but basically are entertainment that should as much as possible be paid for by the athlete's families.

James Murray
Selkirk

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Mundo Nuevo performs at the Guilderland Public Library on March 11 at 2 p.m. Bandmates José Cruz, Walter Ramos, Fernando Gomes, and José Meléndez blend vocals with guitar, flute, bongó, and percussion.

Submitted photo



Library to host hot concert

Mundo Nuevo, a Latin quartet famed for its lively repertoire of Cuban, Puerto Rican, Dominican, and Brazilian music (with a dash of what they call “SalSinatra”), will heat things up at a Guilderland Public Library “Second Sunday Concert” on March 11 at 2 p.m.

The group has quite a following here in the Capital District and the surrounding area.

Are you curious to know what “SalSinatra” is? Come to the Library and find out. This is a free concert, open to all.

Call for candidates

What are you doing for your community? Do you volunteer your time to a local organization, or serve on a board? Perhaps you’re active in non-profit activities.

There is one organization in town that could really use your help. It serves the entire community, is open almost 70 hours a week, and lets you borrow – for free! – everything from DVDs, CDs and video games, to eBooks and the latest bestsellers.

It’s your library, of course, and it needs people who are interested in Guilderland’s future to serve on its Board of Trustees.

Three board seats



are up for election on Tuesday, May 15. To start the process, stop by the Library and pick up a Trustee Candidate Packet, or email the Library Director, Barbara Nichols Randall, at director@guilpl.org, and the packet can be emailed to you. For more information, call the director at 456-2400, ext. 13.

Digital Photo Forum

Come to the next Digital Photo Forum on Thursday, March 15, at 7 pm, and share in the discussions. It’s where area photographers gather to talk about their work and share information about how to improve their pictures.

Bring your camera, bring your work and bring your questions.

It happened in Rio

The next Family Movie Friday feature, at 7 p.m. on March 16, literally goes south. It’s the G-rated story of Blu, a domesticated macaw from a small town in Minnesota. He ends up in Rio de Janeiro, where he meets Jewel, a free-spirited force of nature if ever there were one. Comedic mayhem ensues. And it looks great on the

Helderberg Room’s Big Screen.

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Better Books Sale

March’s Better Book Sale in the Library starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 10. The sale lasts until 4 p.m., so you have loads of time to browse the great titles – fiction, nonfiction, cookbooks, kids’ books, all kinds of books – that are for sale at rock-bottom prices.

All proceeds from these sales go to support the many programs that have made the Library “Guilderland’s Gathering Place.”

Mark Curiale

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

Come take a library tour

Reacquaint yourself with your library and all it has to offer. Everyone is welcome to join a tour of the library this Saturday March 10 at 2pm. Learn where to find information about jobs and business, health and wellness, automobile purchase and repair. Find out where we keep our local history collection, biographies, graphic novels, large-print books, parent-teacher resources, mysteries, magazines and hot-off-the-press titles. See our study rooms and meeting rooms, Teen Space, Homework Center, public computers, puzzles and toys. Check out our extensive collection of DVDs and CDs. You may be surprised at the variety of resources here for you. And while you’re here, don’t miss our Staff and Trustee Art and Craft Show in the library lobby.



Petition forms available for trustee seats

Nominating petition forms are available for two vacancies on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees, one for a full term of 5 years, and one for a partial term of 1 year. Petition forms and information packets are available at the library information desk.

Petitions must contain at least 99 signatures of voters residing in Central School District No. 6 of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar by 5pm on April 16.

Elections will be held on Tuesday May 15 from

7am-9pm at Bethlehem Central High School.

Book Buddies

Kids in grade K-5 can find out about our Book Buddies program at an open house tomorrow, Thursday March 8 at 4:30pm. Drop in for snacks and stories. Book Buddies sessions are scheduled Thursdays at 4, 4:30, 5 and 5:30pm, March 15-April 26. Little Buddies read to Big Buddies—trained teen volunteers—to build reading skills and self-confidence. All reading levels are welcome. Call 439-9314 or stop by the youth services desk to sign up for one or several half-hour spots.

Louise Grieco

All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Parents, kids invited to workshops

Parent Child Workshop Series Mondays, March 12, 19, & 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 12th – Child Development with a Family Service Specialist from Albany County. March 19th – Nutrition with Sandra Varno from Cornell Cooperative Extension. March 26th – 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.

Lincoln and Liberty: Songs from the Time of Honest Abe

Sunday March 18 at 2 p.m The Lost Radio Rounders perform tunes that were popular in Abe Lincoln’s lifetime,

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Peg Delaney Trio to play at library

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 23rd, at 7:30 pm, join the trio for sophisticated piano jazz, drawing from

American, Latin and Brazilian influences. 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.

Special March 19 schedule

The library will close on March 19 from 1 to


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Senior chorus to sing at Town Hall

The Bethlehem Senior Chorus will present music for all to enjoy on Thursday, March 15, at the Bethlehem Town Hall at 1 p.m. The Bethlehem Senior Citizen social group is sponsoring the event.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with lunch on Saturday, March 17, at the V.F.W. Post #3185, 404 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. You will have a choice of sandwich including corned beef on rye, a Rachel (corned beef with coleslaw, or a Rueben (corned beef with sauerkraut). The cost is \$7.50, plus beverage cost. A bake sale will be held after lunch. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 10:45 and home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$3.00. Call 439-4955, ext. 1169 to make a reservation.

Do you like to play bridge? Come to St. Stephen's Church on Fridays from 11:30 am until 2:45 pm. Coffee, tea and cookies are served. Bring your own sandwich. Dues are \$1 each week. Call the Church at 439-3265 for more information. You can also play bridge at St. Stephen's in the evening on the fourth Friday of each month starting at 7:15. Call Wilma DeLucco for information about that game.

Monday, March 12
•Food Stamp and Medicaid

Senior Action



Town of Bethlehem

Assistance is offered by the Albany County Department of Social Services and the Legal Aid Society from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem Town hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make an appointment.

Tuesday, March 13
•Seniors in Motion A low level fun aerobic exercise class to music. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9-10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

Wednesday, March 14
•The Second Milers Club for retired men will meet at the Normanside Country Club at noon for lunch and a musical program, "Sea Chanteys" presented by Will Vail and Ron Tweedy. For more information, or to make a reservation, call John Alden, 475-1864.
•A.A.R.P. tax counseling will be available from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Town Hall. Call 439-4955,

ext. 1176, to make an appointment. Transportation can be arranged.

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

Thursday, March 15
•Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. We play mah jongg, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

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

Friday, March 16
•The Health and Wellness Program presents "Silver Sneakers" by Christine Brown, Bethlehem Are YMCA. Have fun while moving got music with variety of exercises designed to increase strength, range of motion, and activities for daily living. The program is held at the Bethlehem Town Hall from 1 to 2 p.m. Join us

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Free balance class slated for seniors

We will be holding a free, eight-week Balance Class in the Town Boardroom.

Dates: April 5 to May 24, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please call to register.

Monday, March 12
Scheduled Shopping
10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
Noon Zumba
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Tuesday, March 13
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
Noon St Patricks Day Luncheon @ Italian American Community Center

Wednesday, March 14
9 a.m. Zumba
9:30 a.m. AARP Defensive Driving @ Library
10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster
No Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR


1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, March 15
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
9 a.m. Zumba
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Medicaid, Blood Pressure and Scheduled Legal Appts.

12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle
7 p.m. GHS Musical "Hairspray"

Friday, March 16
Scheduled Shopping
9:30 a.m. AARP Defensive Driving @ Library
10 a.m. Painting
10:30 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

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Pine Bush Discovery Center has new leader

The Albany Pine Bush Reserve Commission has announced that there is a new director of the Discovery Center. Jeffrey Folmer has filled the vacancy and has big plans for the Pine Bush.

“It’s simply a ‘must-see’. I decided I must make it my personal mission to draw people here from near and far,” Folmer said of the Discovery Center in a statement.

Folmer, who holds a degree in environmental sciences, is no stranger to a leadership position. Among many others, he was formerly the director of development for The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield, Mass., and most recently served as the executive director of Ventfort Hall Mansion and the Gilded Age Museum in Lenox, Mass. As in the many other places he has led, Folmer hopes to achieve multifaceted growth throughout the Pine Bush.

“I plan to increase the number and scope of our programs, expand or enhance indoor and outdoor interpretive exhibits, increase revenue through a variety of approaches, work with the non-profit Friends of



Jeffrey Folmer

the Pine Bush Community and especially to be open to developing new ideas,” Folmer said.

The Pine Bush is known for its extensive population of rare plants and animals, perhaps most famously the Karner Blue butterfly, a federally endangered species, as well as its 18-mile trail system where anyone can run, walk, horseback ride, mountain bike or use any other non-motorized form of transportation.

The Discovery Center is a LEED Gold certified building meeting green building standards, and houses many exhibits and educational programs. The staff has led over 1,100 programs and hosted more than 50,000 visitors since it opened less than five years ago.

Senior transportation switch

CDTA takes over service in county

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Since CDTA ACCESS took over service arrangements for the Albany County Senior Transportation Program, seniors and town senior service departments across the county are having mixed reactions. “Our seniors don’t notice any difference at all because we’re still, to them, the person providing the transportation,” said Ed Neary, director of Colonie Senior Service Centers. “Our seniors aren’t noticing any difference.”

Neary said the switchover to the Capital District Transportation Authority from transportation company MTM has brought about a bit of manageable change to Colonie Senior Service Centers.

“Coordination is coming from behind the scenes and from our standpoint, that seems to be working seamlessly ... so far, so good,” said Neary.

Colonie seniors age 60 and over call the same number they’ve always called to set up a ride. Senior Services’ transportation director takes down the

information and sends it in a spreadsheet to CDTA, which loads it into its own system. According to Margo Janack, CDTA spokesperson, CDTA works with about seven transporters to arrange for senior trips, usually taxis.

“They tell us what their needs are, we will call around and see which transporter is able to work with them on it,” said Janack. “We’re basically the coordinator and scheduler of the trips.”

The Albany County Department for Aging pays CDTA a flat rate of \$319,000 for its service and reimburses senior service departments in towns within the county on a monthly basis.

That reimbursement rate has been an issue for Senior Services of Albany, which has eliminated individual rides for its members and now only provides group rides.

“Due to funding cuts in rate reimbursement, we don’t provide individual rides. We focus more on group rides to doctors offices, grocery shopping, senior centers,” said Donna Vancavage, spokesperson for Senior Services of Albany. “Groups can call our transportation department directly.”

Seniors in the City of Albany should now call CDTA at 437-5161 for individual rides. All transportation services are free of charge to seniors enrolled in the program.

Neary said Colonie

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– Margo Janack, CDTA spokesperson

Senior Services has been able to weather the lower reimbursement rate because it receives funding from the town, which makes up the difference.

“The cost nationally to provide (rides) is about \$17.50 a ride and our costs are pretty similar to that. That’s not what the county reimburses us. The county reimburses \$8.95 per ride,” said Neary.

Transportation services offered through the county’s program were previously handled by MTM, but contract negotiations lead to the Capital District Transportation Authority picking up service starting Jan. 1, 2012.

“CDTA is fully capable of providing the same number of rides, services and serving the same number of seniors as the previous provider,” said Mary Rozak, county spokesperson.

Some towns aren’t affected by the new agreement at all. The Town of Bethlehem offers its own senior transportation service funded by the town and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

“We are not related to the county. We provide transportation for residents of the town 60 and over,” said Joyce Becker, director of senior services in Bethlehem. “All drivers are volunteers.”

Janack the new arrangement was “good news” and would benefit senior citizens by providing extended hours of operation.

Transportation is available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with limited weekend transportation available from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Albany County seniors can call the CDTA number for rides to destinations like dialysis, medical appointments, adult day programs, pharmacies, congregate nutrition sites, senior centers and grocery stores, according to information from the county. Reservations can be made up to 14 days in advance but not later than 48 hours in advance and can be made via phone, email or fax.

To schedule a trip, seniors should call 437-5161, fax 453-8833 or email AlbanyCountyDFA@cdta.org. For questions about the transportation program, call the Department for Aging at 447-7198.

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Town to talk sustainability

Sustainable Bethlehem workshop will gather resident input

By MARCY VELTE
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A community workshop will be held by Sustainable Bethlehem to inform residents on the town's progress towards pedestrian and bicycle goals and the priority of reducing the Bethlehem's carbon footprint with more diverse means of transportation.

The workshop is a component of the town's Energy Management, Greenhouse Gas Inventory, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, which is funded through a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. The meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, and residents will be asked if the program should focus its efforts more on community education or engineering changes.

"We want to make the connection between how improving the ability for people to walk and bike around town will lead to reducing emissions and providing a healthier lifestyle," said Rob Leslie, the town's senior planner.

The program works in part with the town's Pathways to Homes, Hamlets and Healthy

Hearts Advisory Committee, or PaTHs 4 Bethlehem.

Leslie said the town established the Sustainable Bethlehem initiative and applied for the grant to look at ways to reduce emissions from the town's facilities and vehicles. The bicycle and pedestrian component stemmed from that original goal.

Portions of the grant money were used to hire a consultant to help with the project.

The town is now applying to become a pedestrian and bike friendly town. Bethlehem would then be rated and told what the town can do to make improvements. The consulting firm also helped identify potential pedestrian and bike products needed in town, and developed a sidewalk maintenance manual to help the town evaluate the condition of its sidewalks.

Leslie said the town's prior work includes establishing a bike and pedestrian priority network and creating a safety tip brochure for motorists, bikers and pedestrians.

"The network consists of roads we feel should accommodate pedestrian and bike travel," said Leslie. "It's like our blueprint and so any future investment on the town's part should be on one of those roadways identified."



"It's great to have this effort to bring together both existing efforts and new activities such as doing a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and reducing on those emissions over time," said Supervisor John Clarkson.

According to Clarkson, the issue of having safe areas to walk, run and bike is important to many of the town's residents and is a worthy subject when looking to sustainability in the town.

The town's newest bike pilot project will be presented at the workshop, as well as the recent work done by the PaTHs 4 Bethlehem Committee. The presentation will discuss how



A workshop by the Sustainable Bethlehem initiative will talk about the town's progress with making Bethlehem more bike and pedestrian friendly while reducing fossil fuels.

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the program contributes to the town's sustainability initiatives.

Workshop participants will be able to give responses at the meeting through a keypad-polling tool. Leslie said this would provide the

committee and town officials with immediate feedback to questions they might ask of residents.

The meeting will be held at Town Hall on Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

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Colonie preservationists join Bethlehem group

Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy absorbs the Mohawk River Community Partners

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Mohawk River Community Partners of Colonie (MRCP) has been around since 2004 pursuing the mission of revitalizing some 10 miles of waterfront in the town. But in recent years, it “lost momentum,” and member John Razzano said the group knew it needed to make a change.

“We weren’t growing so we felt we needed to merge with another group that had similar aims to us and was a much greater and stronger and longer lived organization,” said Razzano.

Now, MRCP has merged with the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC), a Slingerlands-based conservation group that stretches its preservation work to Schenectady and Montgomery counties as well as Albany County.

“It was a good way for their group to expand to northern Albany County because until then it was mostly in southern Albany,” said Razzano.

With the merge, MRCP is now considered a committee operating under the umbrella of MHLC, a private not-for-profit organization. Razzano serves as chairman of that committee and said he’s excited to get the ball rolling again.

“We’re intending to relaunch our efforts to reach out to the population

“A lot of people in Colonie don’t know much about us because we’re largely centered in Delmar, so we’re hoping to expand our work and do more land protection up in that area.”

— Jill Knapp, executive director of MHLC

in the Town of Colonie about projects we’d like to see for land protection and improvements along the waterfront area,” he said.

When it was still MRCP, the group had early successes to boast, like helping to formulate the town’s comprehensive plan, studying river silting and water chestnut removal, holding meetings to glean public input on planning

projects, securing grants to make safety improvements to the bike path, erecting kiosks to display environmental and historical information and holding several river festivals in partnership with the town and other organizations.

“We had a pretty strong corps of people trying to make people in the town aware of what’s going on and had a lot of accomplishments,” said Razzano. “We want to get back to the work we were doing for so many years. We’ve been quiet now for about four years; haven’t been as active as we’d like to be.”

Part of the reason for the lull in activity was the group’s loss of a few key members to retirement and a strained relationship with the town.

“We want to rebuild our relationship with the town and work closer with town officials on these projects again,” said Razzano.

The merge is not only beneficial to MRCP and Colonie. MHLC has plenty to gain, too.

“A lot of people in Colonie don’t know much about us because we’re largely centered in Delmar, so we’re hoping to expand our work and do more land protection up in that area,” said Jill Knapp, executive director of MHLC.

Knapp said MHLC would be able to provide some additional staff and volunteer support to MRCP to buoy their efforts.

“This expands the capacity of both organizations and consolidated energy and resources will increase the efficiency of both,” said Knapp, adding this is the first time MHLC has merged with another organization.

Razzano said there are a few key projects he’d like to tackle in Colonie, the largest of which is revitalizing the site of the old water treatment

plant at River Road and developing a park.

“The building will be torn down in May. ... The water tanks have to remain because they’re still in use but the land will be graded,” said Razzano. “There are plans for a passive recreational nature park that will be a much more attractive way to introduce people to the Town of Colonie who are coming from that (westerly) direction.”

He said he’s hoping residents of the town will “get excited” about the waterfront park and want to get involved.

MHLC is celebrating its 20th anniversary and has protected 2,500 acres of land during its lifespan. It is currently working on a project to protect a habitat near Indian Ladder Farms. It performs its preservation work—which focuses on watersheds, wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, hiking and biking trails, working landscapes and cultural lands—by owning and managing land and working with landowners to ensure their lands are protected.



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Malta businessman recognized as top solar installer

NYSERDA gives award to Terry Moag of The Radiant Store

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Solar power is becoming an attractive way to offset energy costs, and one local businessman knows his way around the rays.

Terry Moag, president of The Radiant Store in Malta, was recently recognized for his work and achievements in the area of solar energy by the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), receiving an Outstanding Achievement award in the group's Solar Thermal Program.

The Solar Thermal Program started in 2010, and since then Moag and his crews have installed 50 systems that have displaced 264,000 kWh of electricity. Prior to starting his business, Moag worked for 17 years in the mechanical contracting field installing HVAC equipment, specializing in radiant heating.

Moag opened The Radiant Store in 2005.

"In the beginning there really wasn't much of a market here in the U.S. Then in 2005-06 when oil prices went upward and people wanted energy relief, suddenly I got on the radar. It was very interesting. In the last five years the market has grown respectively," he said.

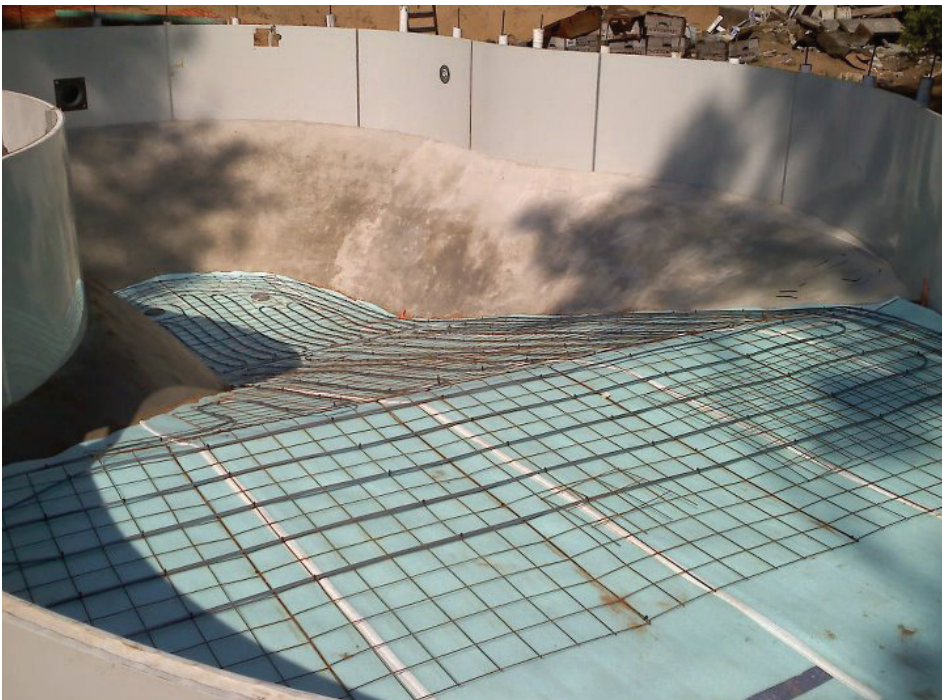
That growth is reflected in sales at his business. Moag reported that he went from virtually zero dollars — and through a lot of his savings — to \$2 million in revenues in the last half-decade. Now he employs 10 people during his peak seasons.

Solar installations done by The Radiant Store are about evenly split between commercial and residential projects.

"As a rule, thermal technology involves a pretty broad spectrum. There is breaking technology on collecting infrared light to produce heat and processing that heat to make use of it. The technology has a lot of applied functions," Moag said.

Many of the installations he does are for heating hot water. Traditionally, a hot water heater can make up roughly 14 percent of a home's total energy bill. In many cases, a solar system can replace the need for the electric hot water heater.

Moag also does energy audits for homes and businesses and can inform those customers about what can be done to reduce energy costs. He credits NYSERDA with



LEFT: Application of solar for a swimming pool.
ABOVE: Solar panels installed on a roof.

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"There has been an increase in PV installations since prices for them came down and are now more affordable."

**– Dayle Zatlin,
assistant director of
communications for
NYSERDA**

cooking applications are also ways that solar has been used.

"Statewide, solar installations of PV Applications in 2011 were 713 residential, 505 commercial, and 110 nonprofit. The grand total is 1,328 installations," said Zatlin.

The top counties for installing solar projects in

2011 were Erie, Dutchess, Queens and Westchester. Surprisingly, Queens accounted for one of the counties with the most overall, in part because of the number of roofs available.

Applications for the NYSERDA program will continue to be accepted through 2015. For more information

on the program, contact NYSERDA.

Outside of work, Moag said, "I spend my downtime working out at the YMCA and I am a licensed fly fishing guide. My passion outside of work is finding a cure for Juvenile diabetes, my son Ryan was diagnosed at age 10. I am an active supporter of the Juvenile diabetes foundation."

Moag's son has been an inspiration to him.

"He is definitely been

the greatest positive influence on my life watching him deal with injecting insulin 10 times a day, countless blood sugar highs and lows while still maintaining his grades in school and being an athlete. He is quite an inspiration and I think of his courage and determination to fight his disease when I feel like giving up. He has taught me a lot of valuable lessons about what is important in life," he said.

being great to work with.

There are different types of solar applications, but the most common are PV, or photovoltaic, and account for a majority of the installations done by The Radiant Store. PV systems generate electricity by converting solar radiation into direct current electricity.

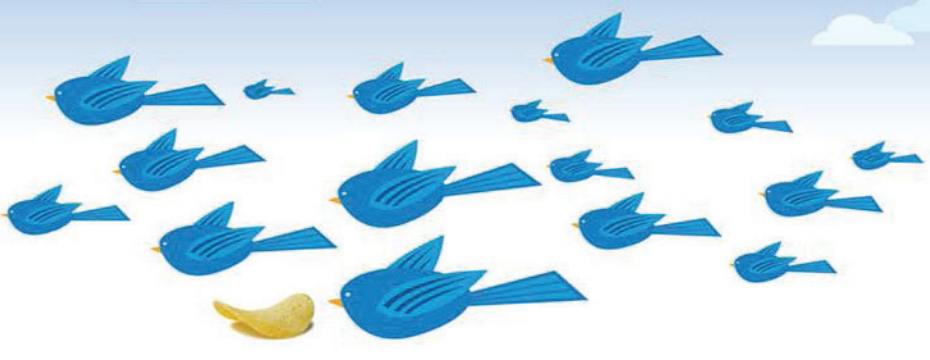
"There has been an increase in PV installations since prices for them came down and are now more affordable. The number of installers has also grown," said Dayle Zatlin, assistant director of communications for NYSERDA.

Costs vary according to the size of the system and the electricity usage of the home, but an average cost for a homeowner to install a 4-kilowatt solar electric system is around \$24,000, Zatlin estimates.

"After factoring in assistance from the NYSERDA program as well as federal and state tax credits, the cost for the homeowner would come down to around \$9,000," she said.

The Solar Thermal Program has a bankroll of \$25 million. There is a cap of \$4,000 in aid for residential sites and \$25,000 for non-residential sites.

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Prelude to a play

NYC Ballet dancer to visit Saratoga Springs High School English classes

By JULIE-CUSHINE-RIGG
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The language William Shakespeare so eloquently used in his plays, while beautiful, can be a little difficult to understand, especially to high school English classes. During two such classes at the Saratoga Springs High School, students who will be studying Shakespeare's work "Romeo and Juliet" in the spring will approach the Bard's work in a different way.

New York City Ballet dancer Andrew Scordato will be visiting the school on March 7 to discuss elements common to both the dance and theatrical versions of "Romeo and Juliet," among others, through a presentation entitled "Mambo, Murder and Misguided Love." During the presentation, Scordato and the students will compare and contrast storylines, characters, sets and the use of mime in ballet as a prelude to studying Shakespeare's writing in the coming weeks.

"It's a tough language to get a hold on. This is a great way to introduce the students to it, through something that is not language. 'West Side Story' is the modern version of the play, which he'll also talk about," said math teacher Mary Anne Fantauzzi of Scordato's upcoming visit.

The dancer is no stranger to

"The emotions of the characters are evident in the movements of the dancers."

– English teacher Amy Totino

the area, having given workout classes at a nearby gym in the past and of course through his performances with the ballet at SPAC. The high school is only one of Scordato's stops during his upcoming Spa City visit. Other points on Scordato's Saratoga map while he's in town include the National Museum of Dance and Skidmore College.

"This is his vacation time and he's choosing to spend it in Saratoga. He's great with the kids and it exposes them to the repertoire at SPAC. When they go see a production there, there's now more of a connection to 'Romeo and Juliet' and it's an enticement for them to go to school too," said Fantauzzi.

"Romeo and Juliet" will be one of the performances the New York City Ballet gives during its yearly residency at SPAC this summer.

Fantauzzi has been teaching math for 30 years, and pitched the idea of having Scordato visit English classes to the teachers last year.

English teacher Amy Totino,

who has been in the English department at the school for 13 years, thought the idea was terrific.

"It is important for the students to see how such a classical story can be interpreted in many artistic genres. Also, because of multiple learning styles, there may be students who 'get' movement more than words," said Totino. "For them to see the translation of 'Romeo and Juliet' as dance may make all the difference in their comprehension. For all of the students it will be a memorable and concrete connection that will enhance their learning and their memories of the play."

As far as how exactly the dancer will convey elements common to both artistic expressions, Totino said she hadn't seen the presentation yet, but said she has many ideas on how it could be done in the class. "The emotions of the characters are evident in the movements of the dancers. I feel that characterization is the most powerful connection between the text and the dance," she said.

Scordato said of his upcoming go at teaching the classes, "I'm very excited to be doing the classes. It's time that we really get kids into the different art forms, recently it seems like there's been a lessening of arts in the schools. I hadn't really seen myself doing this, but I've always enjoyed teaching (dance) and figured why not. I think it'll be a lot of fun and I



Andrew Scordato, a dancer with the NYC Ballet, will be visiting Saratoga Springs High School on March 7.

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look forward to it," he said.

About how he intends to translate dance to language, he said, "During the dance you have to tell a story with your body and carry your weight differently and there's a differentiation in posture."

Scenes and common threads between the play and "West Side Story" that will likely be discussed will include the ballroom/dance at the gym, the balcony/fire escape and fight/fencing scenes, according to Fantauzzi.

A bit of experience with reality in the ballet comes in the form of real swords.

"The dancers use real swords in the fencing scene. They're dulled, but they're real," Fantauzzi said.

That element alone may draw some interesting reality from the dancer and will most likely get the students interested on some level if they aren't already.

"If some of the students can't get through the language of the play easily, now there's another way for them to do that through Andrew's presentation," said Fantauzzi.

Scordato will be presenting in blocks three and four of classes taught by Michael Katz, Anne Kauth and Johanna Friedman in the High School's Teaching Auditorium.

In October 2005, Scordato became an apprentice with the New York City Ballet, and in July 2006, he joined the Company as a member of the corps de ballet.



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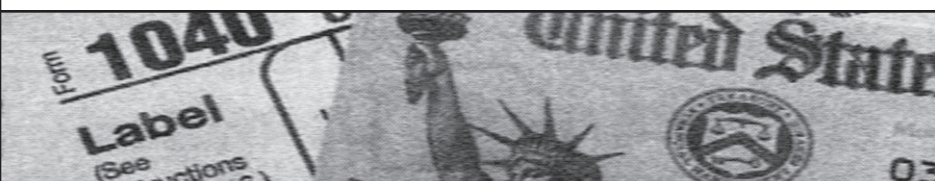
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A political pastime

Scotia man to talk about book detailing Truman's 1948 election victory

By JOHN PURCELL
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Headlines on the 2012 presidential election are already in focus, but a Scotia man's book revisits the iconic and erroneous 1948 Chicago Daily Tribune headline, "DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN."

Author David Pietrusza is looking back at how Harry Truman's unlikely upset can change public perception on modern history.

Award-winning author Pietrusza, 62, will speak at the Mabee Farm Historic Site's George E. Franchere Education Center on Sunday, March 18, at 3 p.m., about his book "1948: Harry Truman's Improbable Victory and the Year that Transformed America." The free program features Pietrusza sharing some of the backstage events resulting in Truman's victory, which are detailed in his book published last October.

The event is also the

first in a speaker series partnership between the Schenectady County Historical Society and Schenectady County Public Library.

Karen Bradley, reference and adult programming librarian for the County Library, said Pietrusza has extensive knowledge on presidential election history.

"He really has just a wide, varied background on things related to our presidents," Bradley said. "I think this would have fairly broad appeal, particularly this year when we are in an election year."

Bradley said many people probably remember the iconic photo of Truman holding up the earlier misprinted edition of the Tribune, which is the book's cover, but Pietrusza can tell "the true story" behind it.

"It is a very interesting juncture in our history where the post-war world starts to take shape," Pietrusza said. "You are also looking back a lot to see how things are going

to shape up after the New Deal."

Researching and writing about presidential elections has long interested Pietrusza.

"I guess I started this as a kid really. There were fewer presidential elections to cover then, but I was always fascinated," he said. "The elections are

the great milestones on how they get in. ... They encapsulate these moments in time and they have the conflict and drama."

Searching and going through archives of information is something he enjoyed about writing the book. He tries to pick out information other historians ignored, but still played key roles in the election outcome.

"There is a lot of stuff in the papers of that time that the historians tend to ignore," he said. "There were some wonderful writers and columnists out there ... they were very good at telling folks what was going on."

Discovering odd, often unknown, stories also is interesting to him and he incorporates it into his book.

"You can sometimes drag in or revive the stories that were known then and tell something that people don't know," he said, "because if I am spending 400 pages telling you what you already know then I am wasting your time and my time."

One odd story in the book is tied to Richard Nixon's investigation into Alger Hiss, who Nixon believed had been Soviet spy. Nixon, as a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, uncovered incriminating documents on Hiss, leading to a perjury conviction.

Pietrusza also tells the story of a woman who was a tutor at a Russian embassy in New York who decided to escape.

"She tries to escape and runs away to a farm and Soviet agents grab her and bring her back," he said, "and there are ordinary people that are just trying to get her free, just ordinary people trying to have a lawsuit to be able to go into the embassy ...



Scotia resident and author David Pietrusza has an upcoming talk planned for Sunday, March 18, at the Mabee Farm Historic Site's George E. Franchere Education Center.

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she hears about this on the radio and says 'people care about me,' ... and she jumps out the third floor window onto the concrete to escape."

The woman ultimately survived and Pietrusza said it shows the "human cost" of communism the country was up against.

Also, he strives to create portraits of important characters surrounding the election campaign. When one of the characters then does something significant, he said people can now better understand the decision, so it is "not just strangers doing something."

Framing the story in captivating and logical

structure, he said, was one of the most challenging aspects of writing the book.

"You have got to form it into almost like a song or something with a rhythm to it," he said. "You are dealing with very large amounts of data and it is easy to get lost in all that. You got to bring it to where it is meaningful to the readers."

The Internet, while readily providing massive amounts information, can also lead researchers easily onto detours, he said, which don't always add to the story. Doing a lot of "self editing" to only include important or interesting information for readers is key so readers don't get lost, he said.

As far as the current election, he isn't readily offering any predictions, although he does see a comparison to the Dewey-Truman battle.

"A lot of people have compared this election to 1948 with Barack Obama going against the congress quite a bit and pointing fingers at the congress," he said.

Truman similarly battled congress and went as far to call congress "the do nothing congress," he said.

Outside of the political realm, Pietrusza has done a lot of work surrounding the American pastime of baseball.

He sees baseball being similar to political campaigns, because both are pieces of competitive Americana. Also, historic issues surrounding baseball have transcended the ballpark.

"They are competitions and you can't tell the score without a scorecard," he said.

The Open Door Bookstore will be holding a book sale and signing after the program at the Mabee Farm Education Center. There is also a 20 percent discount on the book if it's ordered before Tuesday, March 13. To order a copy, call The Open Door at 346-2719. Books will also be sold at full price the day of the program.

For information on Pietrusza and his other works, visit his website at www.davidpietrusza.com.

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Summer's pesky pet-loving parasites persist

A mild winter means pet owners must stay vigilant for fleas and ticks

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Typical winter weather gives pet owners a few months of respite between having to look for and treat unpleasant and unwelcome hitchhikers: fleas and ticks. That is, if a winter is in fact a winter.

The Capital District has been enjoying mild temperatures this year, with 40-degree days being a regular occurrence, and that means many area veterinarians and pet owners are seeing more cases of the summertime pests.

“Last summer after Hurricane Irene there was an explosion of fleas and mosquitoes. That (weather) really set the bugs off,” said Dr. Carrie O’Loughlin, veterinarian at Delmar Animal Hospital.

The rain, warmth and leftover moisture have been ideal conditions for fleas, ticks and the occasional mosquito. Fleas are mostly just pesky, but if ingested by your pet can lead to tapeworms.

“If your dog has tapeworm you’ll see what look like grains of rice on your dog’s coat near the hindquarters,” said Dr. Lexi Becker, veterinarian with The Animal Hospital in Slingerlands. Tapeworm is treated with a one-dose medication available from a veterinarian.

Deer ticks carry the more troublesome Lyme disease, anaplasmosis and ehrlichia. Lyme disease has been present in this area, though there hasn’t been much of a concern about anaplasmosis or ehrlichia (both bacterial infections) here until the last several years. According to O’Loughlin, anaplasmosis especially is on the rise in this region.

Lyme disease can cause a bull’s-eye pattern rash on humans, but on dogs it usually does not take on that manifestation. For dogs, there will be swelling at the joints, and O’Loughlin says infected canines might “show signs of lethargy or lameness. It will almost seem like a dog has broken a leg, it can be that sore.”

But if your dog is of a high energy breed, his or her lack of energy may be only slight, and your only indication of Lyme disease. Altogether, symptoms can

“Normally during the winter, we’ll see maybe one or two cases of fleas but this year it’s probably five cases a day.”

—Dr. Lexi Becker, veterinarian with The Animal Hospital in Slingerlands

be very vague.

“Lyme disease is bacterial, like strep throat, you can get it over and over again,” said O’Loughlin. She advised that you get your pet vaccinated every year for the disease, and said that’s is about 80 to 85 percent effective.

During most winters, flea cases are few and far between, but again this year is an exception to the rule.

“We’ve seen a huge increase in the number of animals with fleas. Normally during the winter, we’ll see maybe one



Dr. Carrie O’Loughlin of Delmar Animal Hospital stands by the assortment of treatments for pet parasites. O’Loughlin said the mild winter has provided little relief from fleas and ticks.

Julie Cushine-Rigg/Spotlight

the tiny animals through shorter fur.

How can you tell if your dog or cat has fleas if the little buggers head for the hills, or fur, as it were? A simple way, according to O’Loughlin, is to look on their stomachs. If you see little black specks that look like dirt, collect a few specks on a piece of white paper, add a drop of water to them and if they turn red, your pet has fleas. If they turn brown or stay black and just make mud, then you’ve got plain old dirt. The red is actually the flea excrement and is mostly blood that the fleas have ingested from your furry family member.

Both O’Loughlin and Becker have seen dogs with deer ticks in addition to fleas. If you do find a tick, which can look like a little black speck or small black bead when engorged with blood, it is recommended that you remove it promptly without crushing it, then disinfect the site of the bite, collect the tick in a zip-lock bag and see your veterinarian.



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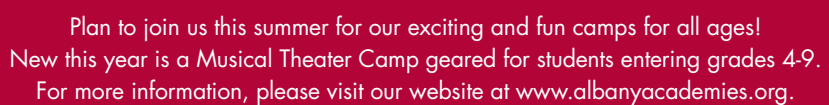
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Entertainment in the Spotlight

By **JACQUELINE M. DOMIN**
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Union College professor Chad Orzel writes a blog about physics. But if there's such a thing as a typical science blog, Orzel's is not it. He tackles complex subjects with a mix of humor and plain language.

One of his favorite devices is to explain physics through conversations with his dog. A few years ago, Orzel posted an exchange the two had after Emmy, a mutt, was sniffing the floor around Orzel's feet.

"What are you doing down there?" he asked.

"I'm looking for steak!" she said.

Orzel told the dog it was a futile search; he'd never eaten steak at his computer, let alone dropped some on the floor.

But Emmy argued that Orzel had eaten steak, and he sometimes ate at his computer. "Therefore, it's possible that you dropped steak on the floor. And according to Everett's Many Worlds Interpretation of quantum mechanics, that means that you did drop steak on the floor. Which means I just need to find it," she said.

That novel approach caught the attention of other bloggers, and the post wound up being linked on boingboing.net, a group blogging site. Some 50,000 people looked at the post, including a literary agent who contacted Orzel and said he thought the whole "talking physics with my dog" concept would make a great book.

"I said, 'Really?'" Orzel said.

Yes, really. The exchange sparked "How to Teach Physics to Your Dog," a book that Orzel released in 2010. It's been translated into 10 languages and has done particularly well in the United Kingdom, where a friend recently sent Orzell a picture of a best-seller rack at a bookstore in London's Heathrow Airport featuring his book.

Now comes his second effort, "How to Teach Relativity to Your Dog," which Orzel will sign at Open Door Bookstore in Schenectady on Saturday, March 10.

The whole idea of talking science with a dog took root because a lot of scientific theories "confound our everyday intuition," Orzel said. And that makes it hard for people to "get into it."

Dogs, on the other hand, don't have any preconceived notions. If a pile of dog treats appeared in his living room out of thin air, Orzel said, "I'd probably think it was a little freaky."

Emmy, on the other hand, "would be vindicated because it's what she always wanted," he said.

Einstein's theory of relativity is particularly hard for people to grasp, he said. In



A RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL IDEA

Union prof, dog collaborate on second book about physics

short, it holds that all motion is relative. Orzel cited the technology used in global positioning systems as an example. Atomic clocks in satellites that send signals to the GPS devices in people's cars run a little slow. If they weren't corrected, drivers would wind up a few kilometers from their destinations. But because engineers understand relativity, they built in corrections, allowing for the devices to accurately deliver people where they're going.

Relativity actually isn't Orzel's specialty. His research focuses on using lasers to cool samples of atoms to super-cold temperatures and then studying what happens when the atoms collide.

"I'm not a particle physicist," he said. "I don't use relativity all the time. I had to learn a little to get my degrees. I got to learn a whole lot more about how these things work while I was writing the book."

Orzel has always been interested in science. According to family lore, when

he was in kindergarten, someone asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. He replied, "A paleontologist or a marine biologist."

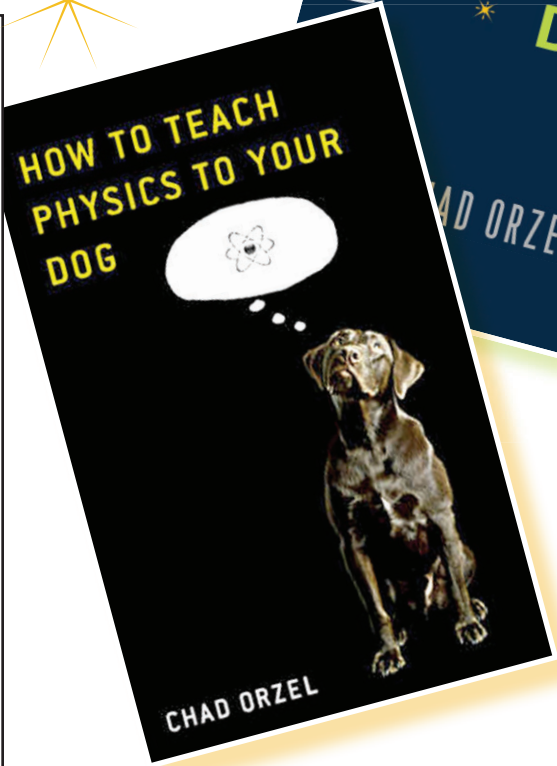
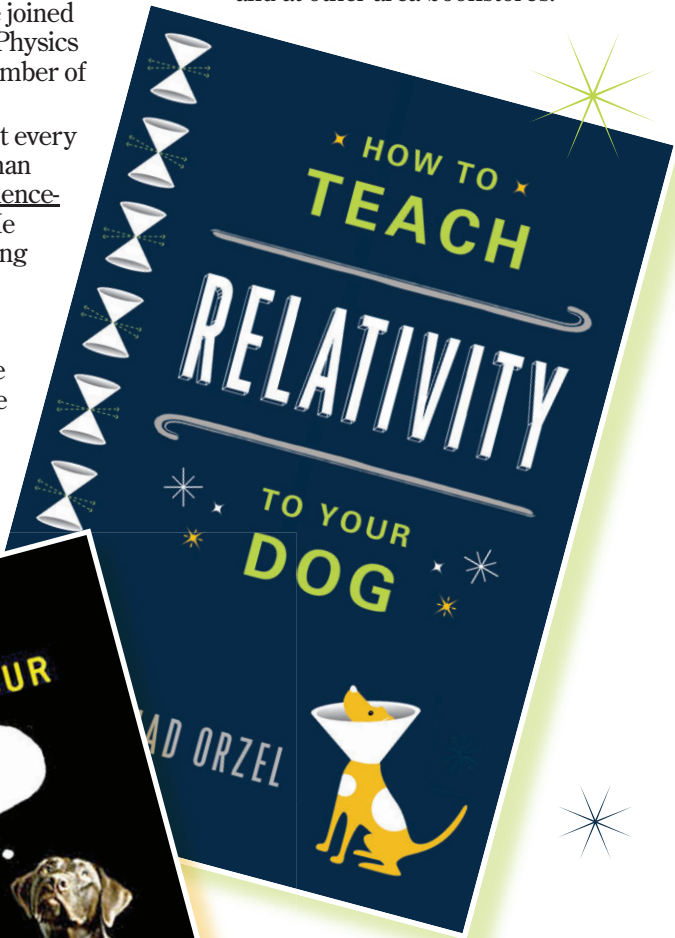
Instead, a physics class in high school really captivated him. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Williams College in 1993 and his Ph.D. in chemical physics from the University of Maryland in 1999. He joined Union's Department of Physics and Astronomy in September of 2001.

Orzel blogs just about every day (sometimes more than once a day) at <http://scienceblogs.com/principles>. He takes pride in approaching physics and science in a way that might capture the attention of people who would otherwise be uninterested in an area he calls "just really cool."

He's not sure if there are more books in his future.

"I'll have to talk it over with the dog," he said.

Orzel will be at Open Door Bookstore, 128 Jay St., from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Copies of his book, which retails for \$16.99, will be available. It's also sold on amazon.com and at other area bookstores.



Above: Orzel will sign "How to Teach Relativity to Your Dog" at Open Door Bookstore in Schenectady on Saturday, March 10.

Left: Orzel wrote "How to Teach Physics to Your Dog" after a literary agent suggested he write a book.



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- Forewarn
- Rhyme scheme
- Swit's TV costar
- Horse with an easy gallop
- Burpee buy
- Feds
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- Worker
- Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Tardy
- Seafarer
- Walt Disney's middle name
- Magnavox rival
- Pass on
- Sawbuck
- Driller's gp.
- Ginger ____
- Hebrew prophet Amos
- Until
- Lakers' league, for short
- Flair

- Winona, of *Reality Bites*
- Mischievous one
- Toast starter
- Microsoft prod.
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- Joan of Arc
- Door lock
- ____ *Rae*
- Royal Crown Cola brand
- Thus
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- Baseball's Cabell

DOWN

- Porkpie, for one
- Poor box donation
- Think tank output
- Criminal underworld
- Divvy up
- Slip-on shoe
- Beowulf*, e.g.
- Casino city
- Senator Lott
- On the beach
- Wall Street pessimist

- Yield
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- Uproar
- California cager
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- Irish poet
- LBJ's successor
- Fore's opposite
- Justice Fortas
- Resort lake
- Old world charm
- Ben Bradlee, e.g.
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Milestones



Samantha Michyeta and Matthew Toth

Toth, Michyeta engaged to wed

Helen and Raymond Toth of Latham, NY, are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Matthew to Samantha Michyeta of Riverside, IL. Samantha is the daughter of Andrew and Melinda Michyeta of Riverside, IL.

The happy couple will exchange marriage vows on Saturday, July 28, 2012, at Starved Rock park in Utica, IL. Samantha and Matthew are currently residing in their condo in Chicago, IL.

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Timothy Lee Tobin and Lauren Ashely Tuscano

Tuscano, Tobin to exchange vows

Tod and Betsy Tobin, Delmar, NY, would like to announce the engagement of their son Timothy Lee Tobin to Lauren Ashely Tuscano, daughter of John and Gail Tuscano, Ft. Myers, FL (formerly of Huntington, NY). Lauren graduated from Our Lady of Mercy Academy, H.S. in Syosset, NY. Lauren received a B.A. in Business Administration from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Lauren currently works as a Sales Manager for Abbott Laboratories. Timothy graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar, NY. Timothy received his B.A. in Communications from Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY. Timothy is a Marketing Manager for Live Nation, Saratoga Springs, NY. The couple have planned their wedding for September 22, 2012.

Marcia (Petricca) and James Morrow

Morrows mark 50 years

James and Marcia (Petricca) Morrow of Scotia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 2, 2011 with a renewal of their vows and a surprise dinner. The reception and dancing was hosted by their children and grandchildren at Riverstone Manor. The couple were married in North Canaan,

CT on December 2, 1961. James is a graduate of Mont Pleasant High School. He is a custodian for Scotia-Glenville High School. He and Marcia enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren and attending their events. Marcia is a graduate of Scotia-Glenville High School. She was a bus driver for Scotia-Glenville Central Schools. She retired in 2001 with 35 years of service. She also enjoys photography, gardening and crafts.

Their children are Debbie Morrow Borden (Daniel) of Burnt Hills and James Morrow of Saratoga Springs. Their grandchildren are Jack and Jenna Morrow of Saratoga Springs and Danielle Borden of Burnt Hills.

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Stephen King and Rachel Bellizzi

Bellizzi, King to wed

Mrs. Kimberly Bellizzi of Delmar announces the engagement of her daughter, Rachel Bellizzi, to Stephen King. Rachel, also the daughter of the late Bob Bellizzi, graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and The College of Saint Rose. She is a kindergarten teacher. Stephen, son

of Roger and Cynthia of Lewes, DE, graduated from Cornwall Central High School and The College of Saint Rose. He is a communications specialist for Capital Region BOCES. The couple plans to wed in July 2012 in the chapel on the college campus where they met.

Hemina Venezia

GLENMONT - Hermina (Mina) Venezia, 90, died February 25, 2012. She was born in Passaic, NJ on February 17, 1922 to Cecelia and Mathias Schweighardt. On February 22, 1952 she married Sam Venezia and they spent the next 60 years together. Her biggest joy was her family, but Mina also enjoyed gardening and collecting antiques. She spent many years running her antique shop, The Nosey Goose, in Burnt Hills before moving to Glenmont in October, 2000.

She will be missed by her loving husband, Sam, her sons, Frank (Valerie) of Glenmont, NY and Thomas (Lori) of Bloomfield, CT, and her granddaughters, Jessica, Jill, Emily and Bridget. She also left behind her sisters, Kay Reay and Mary Ellen Zahorian, her brother-in-law and

sister-in-law, Joe and Ele Venezia and several nieces and nephews. Mina was predeceased by her siblings, Joseph Schweighardt, Cecelia Schweighardt and Millicent Walder. A private memorial service honoring Mina will be held for the family at Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar and she will be interred at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in memory of Mina to The Alzheimer's Center of Albany Med., 47 New Scotland Ave, Mail Code 65, Albany, NY 12208 or The Alzheimer's Association of NENY, 4 Pine West Plaza, Suite 405, Albany, NY 12205. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit Mina's memorial page at applebeefuneralhome.com

Joan Noella Brownell Bogardus

Joan Noella Brownell Bogardus, died on Friday, February 24th at Albany Medical Center surrounded by love and family. Joan was a talented and dedicated RN; Specializing in Hospice Care. "It is like a birthing process" (Joani would say) "helping my patients enter into another life."

Joan's passions were gardening, quilting and needlepoint and superb cooking for family and friends. Her buoyant personality, love of life and gift for hospitality leave treasured memories with all who knew her. Joan is survived by husband David "Bear" Bogardus, devoted daughter Kayti Aviano and her partner, Lisa; identical twin sister, Janet Brownell; many cousins, nieces, nephews; grand nieces and nephews and step-son Richard Bogardus. Joan was predeceased by her brother, Douglas Brownell and step-son, Jeffrey Bogardus. A celebration of Joani's Life will take place on Saturday, March 3rd between 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements by Meyers Funeral Home, Ltd.

Song

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It was held at another location before the Delmar congregation picked up the event.

Rabinow said the First United Methodist Church of Delmar has had an ongoing relationship with the Interfaith Partnership for more than 15 years, often providing meals at local shelters and raising funds for its various programs.

“For our church, one of the major components of our mission is community outreach,” said Rabinow. “Everything we do is with that vision in mind, and (hosting the concert) was a natural fit for us.”

She said the goal is to raise \$3,000 at this year’s event to beat what was raised for the youth program at the 2011 concert.

Each day, the Interfaith Partnership’s Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center serves 70 to 115 individuals and families, while their Emergency Shelter served more than 400 people in 2011. About 86 percent of the individuals served are between 18 and 29 years old, with the average length of stay being 22 days.

The Chancel Choir of Delmar Methodist, The Capital District Youth Chorale and the Mendelssohn Club of Albany will all perform this year, including opera duets by Kara Cornell and Vedrana Kalas and pieces by advanced pianists from the Music Studio of Albany.

What: The 17th Annual Voices for Hope Children’s Benefit Concert
Where: The First United Methodist Church of Delmar
When: Sunday, March 11, 4 p.m.
Why: To benefit the Interfaith Partnership of the Homeless
Cost: Free (Donations greatly encouraged)

Joe Farrell, director of music for the Chancel Choir, said the groups are proud to be able to contribute to the Albany community through their music.

“They are using something they do well and have a gift for to give back,” he said, adding the concert is especially important for the children who participate.

“They are doing something for people other than themselves,” he said.

Rabinow agreed. “We want to encourage our youth to think about others,” she said. “We want them to feel connected with the children they’re helping and continue to pay it forward.”

According to Rabinow, the benefit concert has become especially popular in the few years since the Fox television show “Glee” debuted. She said singing groups are becoming fashionable again and attendance has grown “exponentially” in recent years, with hundreds in attendance.

“And I think it’s in part because of the quality of our program,” she said.

The Capital District Youth Chorale is an award-winning group of 106 singers in its 29th year of existence. It consists of three ensembles of

students from 4th grade to high school seniors.

In comparison, The Mendelssohn Club is a 103-year-old tradition in the Capital District with a chorus of 65 male-voice singers. The group is “dedicated to preserving and presenting male choral music.” The Music Studio is one of the oldest music schools in the area that begins by teaching the fundamentals to its students.

Each year, the Norm Elfeldt Award is also presented at the concert. Named after a parishioner who worked tirelessly to give back to the community, the award is presented annually to a hardworking Interfaith Partnership volunteer.

Ferne Horn will be presented with the 2012 award for her work delivering donated baked goods on a weekly basis to those in need, collecting food donations and finding items on the wish lists of IPH clients.

The concert will be held on Sunday, March 11, at 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. Admittance is free, but donations for the youth summer program will be accepted and are greatly appreciated.

For more information call 434-8021 or visit www.interfaithpartnership.com

Fire

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11-year veteran of the department, was in good standing with the department and upon beginning his job as treasurer, quickly found issues and problems with the record keeping from past treasurers. According to the court documents, Therrien said Shafer immediately “did a pretty good job assessing what was wrong,” and all treasury materials were returned when Shafer was asked to leave.

The appeal states Shafer was not given a fair and impartial trial in accordance with the fire district’s bylaws because Joe Keller, the past chairman of the departments Board of Commissioners, is the father-in-law of the hearing officer, and that relationship created a conflict of interest.

Shafer’s attorney said the majority of the charges against his client were not misconduct issues. He referenced charges like using all capital letters in department emails, “pestering” Therrien for the mail and raising issues with salting of the parking lots. Shafer asserts the capitalizations were to emphasize certain statements in emails. He also needed the mail to pay bills on time and wanted to make the parking lot safe for

pedestrians, he said. “The charges in the present case do not involve monetary loss, larceny, bribery or sabotage,” the appeal reads. “Indeed, as discussed above, the charges include facts as petty as the fact Mr. Shafer used capital letters in emails.”

In the appeal, Shafer alleges other members of the Selkirk Fire Department have engaged in “significant misconduct which went completely undisciplined.”

Shafer testified to an incident where strippers were brought into the firehouse, “resulting in a fight which had to be broken up by police,” a fireman drinking while driving and crashing a fire company vehicle into a pole and an incident where a fireman pulled someone over using their blue lights.

“None of these incidents warranted any formal discipline by Commissioner Joseph Keller, yet Mr. Shafer’s alleged misconduct warrants expulsion. That fact demonstrates that Mr. Shafer was treated unfairly and unequally,” reads the appeal.

The evidence of these alleged incidents offered up in the appeal is Shafer’s own testimony at the September disciplinary hearing.

Shafer slipped on black ice at the station in

January of 2011 and injured his shoulder. A worker’s compensation claim stated the injury would require surgery, but Shafer acquired a doctor’s note clearing him for active duty. The matter apparently resulted in disagreement between Shafer and Therrien that went on chiefly through emails.

Therrien described Shafer’s emails as “harassment” at the hearing. Shafer responded he was merely “passionate about the issue of safety and the department’s policy on injuries.”

Shafer’s appeal argues the hearing conclusions are not supported by substantial evidence and Therrien’s testimony is not enough to result in expulsion.

Shafer is seeking to be reinstated within company and to the position of treasurer. He is also asking the Board of Fire Commissioners declare it “abused its discretion and acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner” when expelling him.

John Ciavardoni, an attorney for the Board of Fire Commissioners, said “the board doesn’t comment on personnel matters or pending litigation.”

Howard Shafer could not be reached for comment.

The matter is to be heard in an Albany County court on March 16.

Spotlight on Poetry

Haiku Sequence
by Dahl Quarray

last season’s garden
just re-emerged from
the soil
a palette’s promise

shore waves sculpt
beaches
time etches grooves in
old skin
summer shapes
autumn

summer rainbows loan
colors to leaves of fall

trees
winter remembers
snow melts on my
tongue
I sip my Starbucks latté
the seasons pass on


Here is a haiku sequence referencing the four seasons. Each one flows beautifully to the next, starting with spring and ending with winter. These haiku can be found in the author’s latest venture in publishing: Haiku for Seasons.

Dahl Quarray, e-mail: dahlquarray@nycap.rr.com, is a pseudonym of Delmar author Norman Cohen. He recently published three books, “Beyond the Sky-and-Water Line,” “Fables by jambbal,” and “Short Stories and Tall Tales.”

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Your Community in The Spotlight

College tour stops in Delmar

The Ithaca College Choir Spring Tour 2012 will be making its first stop at BCHS on Wednesday, March 14.

Under the guidance of conductor Ithaca College Choir Director and conductor Dr. Lawrence Doeblar, the college students will be working with high school music students during the day and will be presenting a free concert at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar the evening of March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

BCHS alumni Alex Canovas and Ithaca College senior, son of Bernardo Canovas and Janet Griffin-Canovas of Delmar, is a vocal performance major and member of the IC Choir, comprised of 50 students. As luck would have it, Alex's brother, Nicholas, a junior, is also in the high school choir and will be working side by side with big brother and the other college choir students.

"I'm thrilled to be coming back to BCHS and working with not only the music students, but with Jason Dashew and David Norman, two amazing music teachers at the high school that I was privileged to have as teachers during my years at BCHS. It's also wonderful to know that two different communities that I have been a close part of will come together and share in the language of music," stated Alex.

The evening concert will include IC Choir singing with the BCHS choir students.

DCO presents March concert

The Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Vincent Bonafede, will present a March Concert on Monday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church (386 Delaware Ave., Delmar). The concert, which will include classical selections and movie music, is free and open to the public. The concert will also feature the premiere of an original composition, "City Streets," written for the Orchestra by Conductor Vincent Bonafede.

For more information about the Orchestra, please visit the DCO website, www.delmarcommunityorchestra.com.

Principal in the hat for Read Across America



Slingerlands Elementary School Principal Heidi Bonacquist reads "The Cat in The Hat" to Mrs. McCaffery's first grade and Mrs. Clarkson's fifth grade classes on Friday, March 2, as part of the Read Across America festivities that coincided with the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss.

Submitted photo

Friends to hold spring book sale

The Friends of the Castleton Public Library will hold a spring book sale on Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the upstairs Programming Room of the Castleton Public Library. In preparation for this event, the Friends of the Castleton Public Library are accepting donations of books in very good condition, as well as DVDs and CDs. Donations can be placed in the back hallway of the Library/Village Hall (85 South Main Street, Castleton). All donations are greatly appreciated.

Hypnotists show for Mifgash

Hypnotist/comedian Ronnie Baras will be performing at a fundraising event to benefit Mifgash, the Capital District's Hebrew High School, at 6 p.m., Sunday, March 11, at Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Ave.

The first Orthodox Jew to headline at a Las Vegas hotel (The Venetian), Baras has been performing throughout the country and internationally for over ten years. He is a certified hypnotherapist

and makes a point to entertain his audiences without embarrassing his subjects. That is one reason he is called "The Kosher Hypnotist"-- a name also appropriate because of the Jewish-flavored skits he has developed for his "Borscht Belt" area performances.

Light kosher refreshments and hamentashen will be available for purchase before and after the March 11 performance. Kosher Passover wines, discounted 15 percent, will also be available to order at the show. Admission is \$5 for students, \$10 for adults, \$18 per couple and \$25 per family.

Talk highlights religion, civility

A presentation by Dr. James C. Davis entitled "Civility, Politics, Religion. Can These Three Get Along?" will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church (585 Delaware Ave., Delmar).

Dr. Davis is associate professor of religion at Middlebury College, teaching in the areas of Christian thought, American religious history and ethics. His

previously published book, "In Defense of Civility, How Religion Can Unite America on Seven Moral Issues That Divide Us," will be available that night.

This community forum of topics facing us today is open to the public at no charge. Call the church for more information at 439-9252.

QUILT general meeting set

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, March 9 at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave, Delmar. The general meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.; doors open at 9:15.

There is a \$5 visitor donation. General Meeting, Show & Share, Annual Birthday Party (cake and punch will be served) and Service Project Work. For information, call 393-2284 or visit the website at www.quiltinc.org.

Purim event at Normanside

Bethlehem Chabad's annual Purim celebration will be held on Thursday, March 8, at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar with a 1950s theme.

Come dressed up in a

themed costume. There will be an elaborate burger bar with all the trimmings, live game show and a chance to win prizes. Also, there will be a separate program for children with many different activities and a costume masquerade. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, and \$36 per family, for more information, call 439-8280.

GCSD students in 'Hairspray'

The Guilderland Players of Guilderland High School are pleased to present their spring musical, "Hairspray." The show follows the life and times of Tracy Turnblad, a girl with big hair and a kind heart, who teaches 1962 Baltimore a thing or two about integration after landing a spot on a local TV dance show.

Performances are on March 15, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. and March 18 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices for all shows are \$10 for center, \$7 for immediately off-center, and \$5 for wing seating.

Tickets may be requested by calling the Guilderland High School Box Office at 861-8591, ext. 6202. In your message, please include

the date, ticket choice and number of tickets with your request. Also be sure to leave a phone number or email address so we may confirm your order. The Box Office will be open at the High School from 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for in-person requests and for pickup of ticket orders.

Food, Fellowship luncheon

The New Baltimore Reformed Church 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, including corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots with pistachio ice cream for dessert. Hilary Schrauf and George Ward will play Celtic music.

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. 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.

Farnsworth offers 'Fiddler'

The Farnsworth Middle School student theater group, FMS MASK, is pleased to present the timeless musical "Fiddler on the Roof Jr." in a three-performance run, March 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and March 11 at 2 p.m. All performances are in the Farnsworth Middle School Cafetorium, located at 6072 State Farm Road in Guilderland.

Tickets for all performances are \$8. Tickets are available at Farnsworth Middle School and can be reserved by contacting Shannon O'Mahony at 465-6010, ext. 3241 or omahonys@guilderlandschools.org. Tickets are based on reserved seating.

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Trio

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5 p.m. During this time, staff will be training to become recertified in CPR and first aid skills.

What's new

• Adult fiction

“Catch Me” by Lisa Gardner

“Defending Jacob” by William Landay

“Friends Like Us” by Lauren Fox

“I’ve Got Your Number”

Action

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for lunch beforehand, cost on your own, at the Windowbox Café. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make lunch

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• Seniors in Motion A low level fun aerobic exercise class to music. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per

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Notice of Formation of UNITED WEB SOLUTION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/6/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79002 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of EASTWOOD TRADING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79003 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of UNITED KITCHEN & VENTILATION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79004 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of ALDERTON REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/13/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79005 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of MICDEE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/18/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79006 (D) (March 7, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BARRERA HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/11/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose:

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Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT BROADWAY VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79008 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of USA TAX PREP PLUS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79009 (D) (March 7, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Coeymans Recycling Center, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 6, 2012. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 494 Western Turnpike, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 79010 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Theodoraki LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/19/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79012 (D) (March 7, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Dean Investments Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 60 Chimney Ridge Dr., Morristown, NJ 07960. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 79015 (D) (March 7, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.) The name of the LP is Guilderland Partners of Albany, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership was filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/12/2012. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served and a copy shall be mailed to 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. 79016 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of BSC Administration LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/11. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1400 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 400, Houston, TX 77056. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79017 (D) (March 7, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (March 7, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Phoenix Healthcare LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/18/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 6/15/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. FL address of LLC: 610 Sycamore St., Ste. 240, Celebration, FL 34747. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of State, PO Box 6327, Tallahassee, FL 32314. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79019 (D) (March 7, 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) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of HOUNDSTOOTH BY SPOT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79021 (D) (March 7, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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Purpose: all lawful activities. 79022 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of MIMIMOSA 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) (March 7, 2012)

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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) (March 7, 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) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Susan Campeas MD PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/23/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Cntral Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79030 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Seligman and Patrick, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/23/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79201 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Prime Property Protection LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/11. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 79202 (D) (March 7, 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

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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) (March 7, 2012)

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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) (March 7, 2012)

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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) (March 7, 2012)

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Aleksandr Tolmach LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/12/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 81 Baltic Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314. General Purposes. 79219 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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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) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LA VILLETTE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79222 (D) (March 7, 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

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Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79224 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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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) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of formation of Masala Mama LLC. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State (NYSS) on 12/2/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, Albany NY 12207. NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 79229 (D) (March 7, 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) (March 7, 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) (March 7, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is 11 Peel Street, Selkirk, NY 12158. 79276 (D) (March 7, 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) (March 7, 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) (March 7, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1736 Western Ave., LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 3, 2012. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC: 129 Kennewyck Circle, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 79282 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of YZES REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/4/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Schwartz, 207 Wallabout St., Brooklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79283 (D) (March 7, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of L J J LENDING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/6/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79284 (D) (March 7, 2012)

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THE DONOVAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of The Donovan Technology Group, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on October 18, 2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 73 Darroch Road, Delmar, NY

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“We want to preserve programming as best as we can and that means we need to be creative with how we employ people and maximize all the time available to us from our staff,” said Wiles.

The district’s mantra during this budget season has been to look at the changes as a restructuring of the education process to become better prepared for future budget cycles.

Many of the decisions were based on a decline in enrollment over the last decade and a loss of interest in some elective

subjects among older students, according to Neil Sanders, the district’s assistant superintendent for business.

Wiles said there are still questions from parents about the impact of the schedule change at the high school and if it will have a negative effect on their child’s education.

“Questions will continue to be asked and we will address them,” said Wiles. “I think that these changes preserve other opportunities for students and the few items we had to cut I think proves that.”

No sports programs are affected in the draft budget and no art or music classes were eliminated,

including the fourth grade band and orchestra programs.

“We looked at our structure to use staff more efficiently,” said Wiles. “I know it’s hard to let go of the way we have done things as part of our tutorial but by doing so we preserve more of other things. If we look at time and enrollments needs differently, we are not taking away other opportunities.”

The budget gap has narrowed since the community conversation held by the district in January. The previous gap estimate had been \$3.3 million, but Wiles said contributions to the teacher’s retirement

system were less then previously estimated.

However, the new state property tax cap will still hold Guilderland to increasing the tax levy by 2.5 percent without a supermajority of voters overriding the cap.

“We need to position ourselves for the long haul,” said Wiles. “I really think with these changes we will be in a better place years from now.”

There will be several meetings to modify to proposal before the budget goes to the voters in May.

To see the full presentation for the meeting, visit the district’s website.

Old Songs to host music circle

Old Songs, Inc. will host the sixth annual Women’s Music Circle, an interactive day of music for women on Saturday, March 24, at 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, with facilitators Molly Andrews, Peggy Lynn and Fré Atlast.

A full day of musical participation is planned, beginning with 9:30 a.m. registration. The day will start with Power of the Drum at 10, led by Hudson Valley drummer Fré Atlast. Following a lunch social, Lynn will present Writing Women’s Lives at 1:15.

Sharing some of her own Adirondack ballads, Lynn will discuss the process of turning the stories of women into song and the need for bringing these stories to the fore.

At 2:45, Andrews will present Why Sing a Ballad?, sharing her personal experience as a singer of old songs and encouraging participants to explore rich ballad traditions. A participative Song Circle will be close the

Registration for the day is \$45. Call Old Songs at 765-2815 or visit www.oldsongs.org for tickets.

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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)
(March 7, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Mav-eric 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)
(March 7, 2012)

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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)
(March 7, 2012)

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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. 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)
(March 7, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)
The name of the LLC is KIMBERLY II OF LATHAM, LLC.

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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)
(March 7, 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)
(March 7, 2012)

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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)
(March 7, 2012)

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY
INDEX NO. 690/11
AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC, WELLS FARGO FOOTHILL INC. AS SE-CURED PARTY, Plaintiff,
Plaintiff designates SCHENECTADY County as the place of trial.
-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,
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LIAM E. SCHROEDER, FRANK M. PUTORTI, JR. PC, CAPITAL ONE BANK, LVNV FUNDING LLC, PALLSADES COLLECTION LLC, CALVARY PORTFOLIO SERVICES LLC, HEIDI QUINN AS POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MURIEL SCHROEDER, IF DECEASED, LISA SKIFFINGTON AS POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MURIEL SCHROEDER, IF DECEASED, SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
The address of the real property is 2361 HARRISON AVENUE, SCHE-NECTADY, NY
Defendants.

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Dated: December 14, 2011
Garden City, New York
STAGG, TERENCE, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: Lisa M. Confusione
401 Franklin Avenue
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(516) 812-4500
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(March 7, 2012)

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(March 7, 2012)

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(March 7, 2012)

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Public Notice
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: the next general Village Election for the Village of Voorheesville will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 PM. The polling place will be the Voorheesville Fire House, located at 12 Altamont Road in said Village.
The names and addresses of all those who have been duly nominated and the office and term of such office for which they are nominated are:
Trustee, to fill vacant term expiring in 2015
Brett J. Hotaling, 2 Circle Drive, Voorheesville, NY
Linda Pasquali
Election Chairperson
79665 (D)
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more for a school district to run than other team sports.

“We already have the equipment,” said Gansle. “You have to pay the coaches and for the judges, but that’s like every other sport. There are some occasional maintenance costs, too.”

Whether gymnastics can survive the school district budget process depends on how committed those districts are to keeping the sport going. Goodknight said that she’s been assured

that Guilderland will continue to fund her team in 2012-13, but with a new athletic director coming in this fall following Wayne Bertrand’s retirement, she doesn’t know what the future holds.

“I know my program is safe for now. It’s already been budgeted into our district,” said Goodknight.

The future also seems to be set at Shaker and Saratoga, where girls gymnastics has been a fully-funded sport for decades. Bethlehem will be looking at gymnastics and the rest of the athletic department at a public budget workshop scheduled for March 28.

What happens to high school girls gymnastics beyond the 2012-13 school year will be up to what school district budgets allow, but the coaches are determined to make sure it doesn’t disappear.

“We’re going to do our best to keep our sport going,” said Smarro.

In other weekend sports developments, congratulations go out to Colonie’s Kyle Plante for winning her third state indoor track title in the girls 300-meter dash. Plante is undefeated in her three attempts at winning the 300 dash, and she only relinquished her crown last year because she

focused on another event. You don’t see dominance like that by one athlete in an event very often.

Albany Academy’s Manny Pollard was another athlete who maintained dominance in an event over the weekend. Pollard won his second consecutive diving title at the New York State Boys Swimming Championships in Buffalo with a score of 503.10. The score paled in comparison to his record-setting 635.75, but Pollard was still head and shoulders above the rest of the field.

Finally, the Colonie girls and Scotia-Glenville boys basketball teams will face three of New York’s finest

players in this weekend’s regional finals at Hudson Valley Community College. Colonie meets Connecticut-bound senior Breanna Stewart and her Cicero-North Syracuse Northstars in the Class AA regionals, while Scotia-Glenville must

contend with Syracuse-bound Dajuan Coleman, Wake Forest-bound Tyler Cavanaugh and the rest of the four-time defending state champion Jamesville-DeWitt Red Rams. Congratulations, and good luck.

Lednev finishes fourth

Bethlehem’s Alex Lednev concluded his season by finishing fourth among public school division swimmers in the boys 200-yard individual medley at Saturday’s state meet at Erie Community College in Buffalo.

Lednev swam a time of 1:55.66 to earn a spot among the top four public school swimmers in the event. Lednev’s time was good for sixth in the Federation standings.

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Watervliet fends off RCS in Class B semifinal

Demand's 26 points help Cannoneers advance to title game

By MAUREEN KELLY
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Ailayia Demand knew just what to do to help earn her Watervliet team a trip to the Section II Class B championship game.

The 5-foot-5 junior scored 26 points to lead the Cannoneers to a 49-43 victory over Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk in Saturday's semifinal game at Hudson Valley Community College.

Top-seeded Watervliet came out firing and took a quick 9-0 lead, but RCS battled back and led 12-10 after the first quarter.

"I think we started

celebrating a little too early," said Watervliet coach Gordie Johnson. "Ravena is a very good team, and going in we knew they would be tough."

The fourth-seeded Lady Indians increased their lead to 24-18 at halftime led by Samantha Randio, who scored 10 of her team-high 18 points in the first 16 minutes.

Watervliet came out ready to run after the intermission, though. The Cannoneers outscored RCS 14-8 in the third quarter to take a 33-32 lead, with Demand scoring 12 of her 26 points in that stretch.

"We stopped playing defense and gave up easy baskets (in the first half),"

Demand said. "We had to regroup, and we did. We knew they weren't going to let down. Everybody wants to win. No one wants to go home. It's a 32-minute game, and we had to keep up the intensity and composure."

A three-point basket by Katlyn Murray gave Watervliet a 43-36 lead with 3:21 left in the fourth quarter, but RCS didn't quit. A basket by Randio got the Lady Indians within four points with 49 seconds left before time ran out.

Lashona Tolliver added 14 points for Watervliet, which advanced to Tuesday's Class B Sectional final against Tamarac at Hudson Valley Community College.

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second half after collecting her fourth foul with 3:09 left in the third quarter.

"Sarah Madden is a very good player, and when she went to the bench with her fourth foul that helped us," said Chapko.

"You can't take a 6-foot, 1-inch girl who's one of the top players on the court out of the game and expect to win," said Baron.

At the time of Madden's fourth foul, Voorheesville was clinging to a 16-15 lead. By the time Madden returned in the fourth quarter, Hoosic Valley was in front 27-22, and the Blackbirds never got closer than three points the rest of the night.

Part of Voorheesville's problems involved holding on to the ball. Hoosic Valley forced the Blackbirds into 23 turnovers with its full-court press and aggressive half-court defense.

Foul shooting was another issue. While Hoosic Valley made 10 of its 12 shots from the charity stripe, Voorheesville made slightly more than half of its free throws (6-for-11).

"Those are the little things that can hurt you,

but at the end of the day you have to be able to make your shots," said Baron.

Anderson contributed eight points, and Whitney Kugler added seven points for Hoosic Valley, which reached last year's state semifinals in Class B. Madden paced Voorheesville – last year's state Class C final four participant – with seven points.

The Blackbirds reached the finals by beating Maple Hill 59-49 last Saturday at

Stillwater High School.

Voorheesville scored nearly as many points in the second quarter against Maple Hill as it did in the entire game against Hoosic Valley. The Blackbirds outscored the Wildcats 21-14 in that stretch to take a 34-27 halftime lead, and they never relinquished their advantage after that.

Anna Feller scored 18 points, and Jennifer Cillis contributed 17 points for Voorheesville. Aubrey Racz led Maple Hill with 19 points.



Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Olivia Vosburgh drives past a Watervliet defender during Saturday's Section II Class B semifinal game.
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Indians fall in semifinals

A late rally by Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk fell short as Waterbury prevailed 49-43 in Saturday's Section II Class B girls basketball semifinal game at Hudson Valley Community College.

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Weekly poll

Which boys lacrosse team will win the Section II Class A title this spring?

- Shenendehowa
- Niskayuna
- Guilderland
- Shaker
- Colonie

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Last week's poll results:

Who is the top Capital District winter sports athlete?

- Alex Lednev (Bethlehem swimming) 52%
- Eric Egan (Shaker/Colonie hockey) 48%
- Nick Gallo (Schalmont wrestling) 0%
- Alex Luse (Saratoga hockey) 0%



Voorheesville's Jillian Clark tries to block Whitney Kugler's inbounds pass during Friday's Section II Class C championship game against Hoosic Valley at Hudson Valley Community College. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Defenses shine in C final

Hoosic Valley forces V'ville into 23 turnovers in eight-point victory

By ROB JONAS
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Hoosic Valley and Voorheesville put on a defensive clinic in Friday's Section II Class C girls basketball championship game at Hudson Valley Community College.

Neither team shot the ball well, but Hoosic Valley did just enough at the offensive end to defeat Voorheesville 36-28 in a battle between the defending Class B and C Sectional champions.

"The problem is when both teams play great defense, it comes down to which person hits their shots," said Voorheesville coach Robert Baron.

In Hoosic Valley's case, it was

FINAL SCORE

- Hoosic Valley Indians, 36
- Voorheesville Blackbirds, 28

guards Cassidy Chapko and Morgan Anderson who came through in the clutch. Anderson drained a key three-pointer in the third quarter to put the Lady Indians ahead 18-

"We knew if we kept playing our defense and kept pushing the ball, we'd win the game," said Chapko, who earned tournament MVP honors with a 14-point performance.

In terms of playing to their strengths, both teams struggled. Hoosic Valley — one of the top three-point shooting teams in Section II — made only four of its 27 attempts from behind the arc, while Voorheesville couldn't use its height advantage up front thanks to early foul trouble against senior forward Sarah Madden.

Madden sat out much of the

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Gymnastics holding on in tough times

Shaker High School hosted the New York State Girls Gymnastics Championships Saturday.

How much longer Section II will be participating in the sport is anyone's guess.

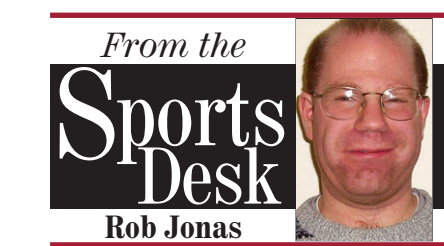
The section lost a team prior to this season when Shenendehowa suspended its program, leaving the area with four high school gymnastics teams — Shaker, Guilderland, Bethlehem and Saratoga Springs.

State girls gymnastics chairwoman Marbry Gansle — Shaker's long time head coach — said that the sport she loves is in danger of disappearing completely from area high schools.

"I think it's dying out like our boys programs," said Gansle. "A few sections have lost a team, and a few sections have gained a team. So, the overall numbers across the state are about the same. We were one of the sections that lost a team."

The few schools that have gymnastics programs are still seeing strong numbers in terms of participants, according to Guilderland coach Brenda Goodknight.

"Even though it doesn't seem popular by the number of schools participating,



it's still a popular sport," said Goodknight. "We've had to cut people from the team, and I know Saratoga had to make cuts, too."

"We're trying to maintain that interest this season," said Saratoga coach Deb Smarro. "I carried 20 girls on my team this year, and I believe Guilderland carried 15 girls on its team."

The issue that could hurt the sport's future in this region is school district budgets. With less money coming from the state and a desire to keep tax rates reasonable, school districts are faced with the prospect of cutting programs. If only four schools are competing in girls gymnastics, the possibility is that those districts may decide to cut funding to the sport because the participation numbers are low. Bethlehem once did cut funding to its gymnastics team, only to have the parents



Guilderland's Hailey Marini competes in the floor exercise at Saturday's New York State Girls Gymnastics Championships at Shaker High School. Guilderland is one of four Section II high schools that still offer a varsity gymnastics program. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

save the program by raising the money to keep it going.

Gansle said that gymnastics costs no

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Crawford claims state title

Bethlehem runner earns boys 600-meter public school crown

By SPORTS STAFF
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Bethlehem's Matt Crawford earned the public school division title in the boys 600-meter race at Saturday's New York State Indoor Track and Field Championships at Cornell University.

Crawford edged Colonie's Giancarlo Sainato by 0.09 seconds for the public school title. Crawford finished with a time of 1:20.62, while Sainato settled for second place with a time of 1:20.71. Strymar Livingston of Columbus High School in New York City won the Federation title with a time of 1:20.02.

Guilderland's Joseph Cornell was part of the Section II sprint medley relay team that placed second in the intersectional race with a time of 8:57.40. Shenendehowa's Will Marois, Bishop Gibbons' Matt Lange and Broadalbin-Perth's Austin Becker were the other runners on the Section II team.

Three other area athletes won state titles — Saratoga's Spencer Patterson (boys 1,600), Colonie's Kyle Plante (girls 300 dash) and Shen's Maddesen Weekes (girls pole vault).