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Saint Thomas the Apostle eighth-grader Brennan Buhr will compete in the National Geographic Society New York State Geographic Bee on Friday, March 30.

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Drumming up interest

Mark Shepard combines drums, stories and songs to entertain audiences of all ages. He'll be at the Bethlehem Public Library for St. Patrick's Day.

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A showstopper

Colonie third-grader Dillan Tidd brought his cousin, professional wrestler Kevin McDonald, to talk to his classmates during gym class last week.

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Budget gap could impact busing

Board considers changes to walking distance, closing middle school pool

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In an effort to close a \$4.2 million budget gap, Bethlehem Central School officials announced the first proposed 2012-13 budget cuts at a workshop held during a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, March 7.

The focus of the night was on possible reductions to the district's transportation services and cutbacks to the Operations and Maintenance Department. If all of the considered reductions for the two departments were enacted, the district would stand to save nearly \$1.4 million, but some of the proposals did not sit well with parents and district employees.

"Don't just look at this as a dollar and cents thing, because you're looking way wrong," said district bus driver John Pittz. "You have to pay

attention to the safety of these children."

Reduction proposals for the transportation budget include creating more centralized bus stops for students, eliminating three part-time driver positions, eliminating a supervisor position, no longer having a late bus for middle school or high school students and reducing the spare fleet of buses by four.

If enough reductions cannot be agreed upon or the budget is not passed, there is a proposal to increase the walking distance for

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Cornerstones of the community



Seveal local residents were recognized at the 34th annual Community Awards ceremony at the American Legion in Delmar on Monday, March 5.

TOP: Members of the Elsmere Fire Company "A" with Captain John Zboray, the EFD award recipient.

ABOVE RIGHT: Delmar Firefighter Cory Dutcher and Delmar Fire Chief Dan Ryan.

ABOVE LEFT: Janet Burns, Fire Police Lt. A. Robert Burns and Selkirk Fire District Chief William Asprion.

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Book looks back at New Scotland

Current, former residents contribute stories

By MARCY VELTE
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History books may help future generations learn the facts about the past, but memories are much more personal.

That was the thinking of members of the New

Scotland Historical Association when they created their book "Times of Ours Lives: New Scotland Memories." So popular that it is now in its second printing, the book contains dozens of stories from before 1970 written by previous and current New Scotland residents.

"They are such real stories about real life," said book organizer Peg Dorgan, a New Scotland Historical Association member.

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McCoy: County short on cash

Managing costs, borrowing, nursing home's future key points of speech

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Albany County is running out of money and its government is "fractured" but County Executive Dan McCoy in his first State of the County address said he had plans to "provide the leadership necessary" to make it healthy again.

"I need the cooperation of the leaders of all 19 municipalities, all 39 members of the county legislature and most importantly, you, my fellow citizens," said McCoy in his Monday, March 5, speech.

McCoy said he was committed to finding a way for the county to tighten its belt while maintaining core services. Among the biggest hurdles blocking that goal are unfunded mandates, he said, but it's hoped relief is on the horizon.

"We have received some good news on the state level with the Medicaid redesign team appointed by Gov. (Andrew) Cuomo calling for a state cap on expenditures. This is a step in the right direction and limits growth for 2013 that we can build into our next budget," said McCoy.

This year's county budget sits at about \$560 million and holds an 8.7 percent property tax increase. McCoy said Medicaid costs make up about \$63 million,

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Take a seat for Voorheesville students

Dollars for Scholars fundraiser features decorated benches

By MARCY VELTE
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One local organization has found a way to turn the unique, stylized work of local artists into functional pieces for the home, all while raising money for the education of local students.

For the first year, the Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars program will host “Sittin’ Pretty: Seat for Scholars,” an auction of benches decorated by local artists to benefit a series of scholarships presented to Voorheesville High School seniors. The auction will be a part of the group’s annual chocolate and wine pairing event.

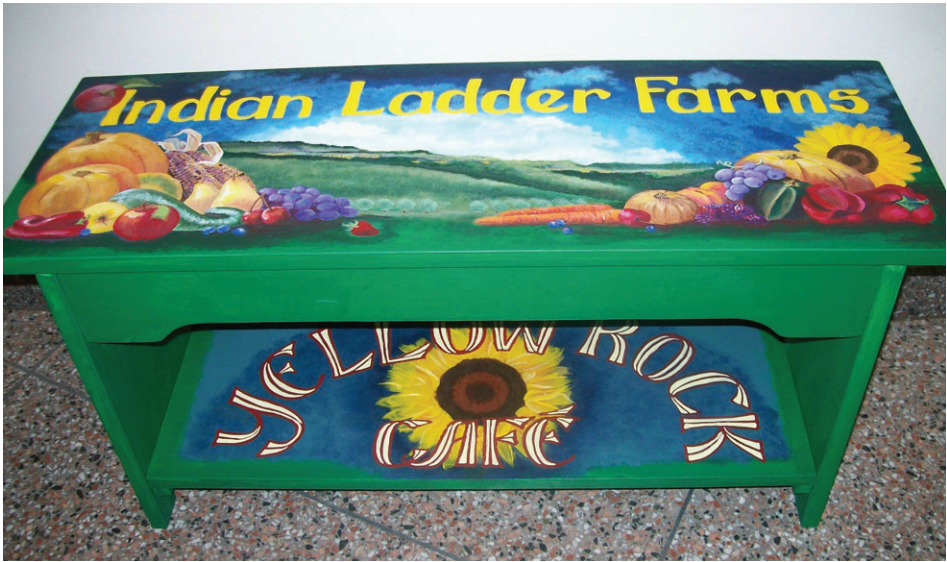
“We had originally wanted to do the fundraiser using chairs, but when we saw the benches we thought they could be incorporated more easily into people’s homes,” said event coordinator Karen Finnessey.

The fundraiser is similar to the one that produced the large painted



Benches have been decorated by local artists and will be auctioned off to benefit the Voorheesville Dollars for Scholar program.

Submitted photos



Voorheesville DFS Chocolate and Wine Fundraiser with “Sittin’ Pretty” Charity Auction

- When: Saturday, March 24, from 7 to 10 p.m.
- Where: St. Matthew’s Church, Voorheesville
- Cost: \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door
- Minimum bid of \$75 on all benches.

Saratoga racehorses that can be found throughout the Spa City. The cost of each bench was sponsored by a local business owner, but the twist is those who bid on the benches will be able to keep them. All of the proceeds will then go toward the scholarships presented to seniors at the end of the year.

There are a total of 12 benches. Each is painted

by a different artist with a design of their own creation.

“You can really see how much time has been put into (each bench),” said Linda Pasquali, who is also helping plan the event. “I think they are very proud of their work.”

Diane Wozniak, a local watercolor artist who is known for her scenes of Voorheesville, helped

recruit her artistically-talented friends to join the project. Other contributors include Annie Brill, Judy Douglas, Dory Joy, Cathy Laccetti, Denise Mason, Gail Michalak, Laura Morrill, Alison Swanson, Deborah Van Zink and Patrick Von Dell.

Students from the high school’s Portrait Prep class designed the last bench.

“We left it to the artist to do what they want with it,” said Pasquali. “You can see the artist’s style come out in each one and when they are lined up next to each other, you really realize how unique they are.”

The Voorheesville Dollars for Scholars program awards 15 or

more \$750 scholarships each year.

According to Finnessey, each student must apply to win and is scored blindly using a point system so those evaluating the application do not know the name of the student. Good grades, community service and school involvement earn students extra points, as does volunteering to participate in Dollars for Scholars fundraising events.

“This is a nice opportunity for kids to get a nice sized scholarship,” she said. “It could be used to buy books. I think these awards are of a more significant amount than others presented at the end of the year.”

The bench auction,

which will be hosted by Voorheesville Elementary School Principal Thomas Reardon, will take the place of the silent auction usually held during the group’s annual chocolate and wine pairing event. The price (\$12 in advance, \$15 at the door), includes unlimited trips to the dessert buffet and wine pairings. Student pianists Rebecca Barron and Erin Gannon will provide live music.

There will be a minimum bid of \$75 per bench. The benches can be viewed before the event at local businesses throughout Voorheesville.

“This is a great and fun way to support the continuing education of our students,” said Finnessey.

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BC students are tapping their inner actors

Tap (and song) is back with production of 'Anything Goes'

By MARCY VELTE
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Audiences will be sure to “get a kick” out of this year’s Bethlehem High School musical.

All of the deceit, romance and comedy of the Stage 700 production by Guy Bolton and P.J. Wodehouse takes place aboard the S.S. America as the Bethlehem cast presents “Anything Goes.”

“Danielle Vincent, the choreographer, has long wanted to do ‘Anything Goes’ and in honor of the impending birth of her daughter Dulcinea, we dedicated this ‘Anything Goes,’” said Director James Yeara. “Plus, I loved the Sutton Foster starring vehicle currently on Broadway.”

Set in the 1930s with music and lyrics by Cole Porter, the production is about a Wall Street stockbroker who secretly falls in love with a New York City heiress. To steal the girl’s heart away from her betrothed, the young man stows away on an ocean liner headed London and, to escape



Bethlehem students rehearse “Anything Goes,” which they will perform at the high school March 29 to 31 and April 1.

capture, must change his identity throughout the show.

“‘Anything Goes’ will make you laugh, make you want to sing and will get you up on your feet to dance long into the night,” said Yeara. “In fact, we’ve been warned that we may have to put up special tap dance and fox trot areas in the parking lot.”

The show includes more than 100 cast and crewmembers and took months to produce.

Yeara said the show’s “silliness and joie de vivre”

fits the talent of this year’s cast nicely.

Senior Ian Dembling plays lead Billy Crocker, out to win the love of debutant Hope Harcourt.

“Billy Crocker is quite a character and that’s what I like about him,” said Dembling. “He’s kind of the heartthrob of New York City basically and he’s in love. And what do you do when you’re in love? You do things irrationally.”

By playing Crocker, Dembling was given the chance to enhance the breadth of his acting skills.

Since the protagonist is always attempting to evade capture, he is in disguise throughout most of the production.

Francesca DiGiorgio, a junior, plays Crocker’s love interest.

“I like the fact that she’s got that ingénue,” said DiGiorgio of her character. “You know, she’s got that innocence, that glow to her that not a lot of the other characters in the show have. She’s kind of young and has been tossed into this world of aristocratic culture. She’s expected to go and marry

this wealthy man who she doesn’t really love, which is Billy.”

Yeara raved about his cast and the unique choreography created by Vincent.

“Bethlehem is blessed year after year with very talented students and despite being told that ‘Bethlehem kids can’t tap,’ Danielle Vincent will show the grumblers to be wrong,” he said.

Vincent said she’s waited years to direct the dancing for “Anything Goes” because it is a tap show and she has a tap background. She was actually surprised by the amount of students who auditioned with tapping skills.

“There were girls who came and said ‘I’m not a singer, I’m not an actor, but I can dance and I want to be a part of the show,’” she said. “So it’s nice that it pulls people in who normally wouldn’t do this sort of thing.”

Mary Allendorph, who plays an Evangelist-turned-nightclub-singer, said the audience will love the show because the production is colorful and each character has a different, relatable personality.

“And the music is great,” she said. “This

year in particular, with the ensemble, we sound really great.”

According to Yeara, “Anything Goes” has been overhauled at least three times since it was first produced in 1934 and although some of the jokes are older, it is still popular.

“‘Anything Goes’ was a Tony Award winner just last year and is still packing the house on Broadway,” he said.

Seamus Barrett, who plays Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, the fiancé of Hope Harcourt, said he likes performing the classic comedy of the early Broadway shows because in recent years the shows the troupe produced were newer, like “Seussical the Musical.”

“I think the audience is going to walk away with an experience they’ve never seen at Stage 700 before,” he said.

Show times are March 29, 30 and 31 at 7 p.m. and April 1 at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem High School auditorium. Tickets go on sale Thursday, March 15 and cost \$8 for seniors, students and military personnel, and \$10 for adults.

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Police Blotter

Police: Pair found with heroin, crack after Thruway traffic stop

Two people were arrested for possession of heroin and crack cocaine after being stopped on the Thruway by State Police in the Town of Bethlehem.



Larry Freeman



Teshon Traynham

Police said the vehicle was stopped on Tuesday, March 6, at around 2:30 p.m. on I-87. Larry Freeman, 62, of Albany was driving the car and Teshon Traynham, 40, of Troy was his passenger.

Troopers searched the vehicle with the assistance of the Albany Police K-9 Unit and allegedly found 6.1 grams of crack cocaine and 50 small heroin packets.

Police said Freeman and Traynham were both charged with fourth degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and seventh degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor.

The pair were arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail pending further court action.

Guilty plea in rape of 10-year-old

A Berne man has pleaded guilty to felony sexual assault charges against a child, according to the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

Adam Croote, 23, pleaded guilty to one count of predatory sexual assault against a child, a felony. He now faces up to 25 years to life in prison, according to the District Attorney David Soares.

Croote was arrested on June 20, 2011, on charges of raping a 10-year-old girl he was babysitting for a family friend. He was also accused of attempted murder, according to police.

"During the course of assault, he began strangling her because the girl was screaming. He tried to snap her neck twice violently," said Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple in a previous interview.

Police said Croote's victim continued to fight back during the attack and he fled the scene when it was over. Croote was already a level 2 sex offender (out of three levels) stemming from a Massachusetts conviction for forcible sexual contact. That case did not involve a minor, according to police.

According to the District Attorney's Office, the guilty plea will full satisfy all previous charges presented against Croote. He will remain in Albany County jail until his sentencing on Friday, April 27.

Charges against BC worker dropped

Husband takes responsibility for possession

By MARCY VELTE
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Charges have been dropped for a Bethlehem Central School District staff member who was arrested for drug possession in January after her husband took responsibility for the crime, according to court documents.

School psychologist Maria Mangini was arrested along with her husband, Brian Mangini, on Wednesday, Jan. 4, after it was learned they were in possession of a large quantity of marijuana in their home, according to Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple.

The investigation began after a BC student was found with a small amount of drugs on school property. The school notified police, who questioned the girl about where she obtained the drugs.

According to Town of New Scotland court documents, the girl was hired to babysit for the Clarksville couple nearly

two years ago. According to her statement, on one occasion she was watching the couple's two children and needed a blender. When she couldn't find the appliance in the kitchen, one of the children suggested the babysitter check the attic.

When checking the attic, she did not find the blender but said she smelled the strong stench of marijuana, according to court documents. She continued searching for the cause of the smell and found a large quantity of the drug inside a dresser in the attic. She told police she then took some for herself.

"In the past two years while babysitting I have seen large amounts of marijuana in the same location," she told police in her statement.

After the girl was found in possession of the drug at school and arraigned, the Sheriff's Office then worked with the school district to obtain a warrant to search the Clarksville home. The student's name was not released because of her age.

According to court

documents, 3 ounces of marijuana was found in the attic along with a scale, seven pipes, two "water bongs," and two smaller containers filled with marijuana.

Mangini and her husband, both 41, were originally charged with criminal possession of marijuana in the fourth degree and endangering the welfare of a child, both misdemeanors.

According to the documents, all charges against Maria Mangini were dropped because her husband took full responsibility for the marijuana.

"The defendant affirms she had no knowledge of the marijuana," read the documents.

Brian Mangini, who is an employee of the Blue Sky Music store in Bethlehem, was ordered to pay a \$400 fine and complete 100 hours of community service by July 1.

The school district placed Maria Mangini on paid administrative leave after the arrest. According to the school district, she remains on leave.

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Advice for 2012 — Plant food!

By SUE PEZZOLLA

Perhaps I am on a ‘Michael Pollan high’ but if asked this year about advice for gardeners, I am going ‘Pollan’ all the way and tell people to plant food. If Michael says to eat more plants, then I will say, plant more food plants.

It is a win-win situation plus Michele Obama would agree, we should all be planting more of what we need to eat. Call it a kitchen garden, a victory garden, or just your veg patch but please do plant some of what you will eat this year. If you are new to growing vegetables and you have backyard space, bring in a half a cup of soil (from 6” down) to your local Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) office to have it tested for the pH level. Horticulture staff or a Master Gardener will explain to you the results of the test and give you advice about what to add to the soil should the pH level be too high or too low to

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Take a seat for the Guilderland Chamber

The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 40th year, and as a way to extend the celebration to the community there will be a community-wide art project that will span the Town of Guilderland.

The project, dubbed “Three Chairs for Guilderland” will involve the Chamber selling Adirondack chairs to businesses and individuals for them to decorate, in a program similar to the “Pigtacular” event held six years ago. The primary difference is the utilization of chairs as opposed to 4-foot tall pigs.

“I saw (the idea) in Ballston Spa a few years ago and thought it was really cool, so when our 40th year came around, the Chamber thought it would be a good idea,” said Kathy Burbank, the president of the Chamber, in reference to a similar event held by the Ballston Spa Business and Professionals Association that saw great success.

The participants can choose to decorate the chairs themselves, or the Chamber will pair them up with one of a number of volunteer artists who have signed on to help.

The chairs will be displayed from June until Labor Day, and the event will conclude with an auction, with all proceeds going towards certain Guilderland athletics and PTAs.

Chairs can be purchased for \$100 unassembled, or \$130 fully assembled, and they will be exhibited in such places as Stuyvesant Plaza, Crossgates Mall, as well as at the Art in the Park event in Altamont, where a large number will be displayed. All of the locations of the decorated chairs will be mapped out on the event’s website, www.3chairsforguilderland.com, so the public can see their locations.

-Jon Wittmann

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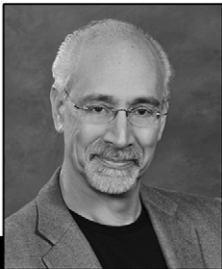
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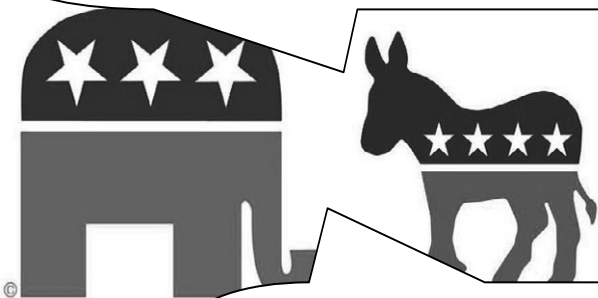
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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Keep it simple, Albany

Life is full of divergences, but these days in New York they're rarely as pronounced as when it comes to opinions on the public and private worlds. One man's working class bread is seen by another as bourgeois cake.

So goes the story of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's push to add a Tier 6 to the state retirement system. While it remains to be seen whether there will be a true showdown on the proposal, the mere idea is certainly sparking a lot of vitriolic debate.

It's being painted as an attack on New York's working class by union-backed advertising campaigns. At the same time, proponents of the change characterize the pension system as antiquated, mismanaged and unfair to private-world taxpayers, few of whom have retirement plans with guaranteed benefits.

We could go back and forth like this for weeks. Few workers in the private sector enjoy struggling with tax bills to support a floundering pension system that seems inequitable to them. And for many state employees, Tier 6 and Tier 5 before it are seen as punishments for a recession that was not the fault of workers. Both are right. But ultimately, these costs have put stranglehold on the state's finances.

The biggest part of Tier 6 is making a move from a defined benefit system (a guaranteed pension) to a 401(k)-like system. State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, the sole trustee of the state's \$140 billion pension fund, is against it and on the record saying offering state workers a 401(k) option is the wrong move, because it's not intended to be a rock-solid retirement option like a defined benefit plan.

Well, that's true. What's also true is millions of private sector employees make it work by making their own smart investments. Let New York follow the lead of the private sector and give workers more control of their benefits instead of trying to play the part of the wise father, handing out allowances.

What makes this a particularly weighty point is a recent report by the Independent Democratic Conference that found fees paid to investment firms for management of the pension fund ballooned by 163 percent over the past five years. The state pays hundreds of millions in fees to Wall Street that it could avoid by instead giving employees their money in another form.

It would be a lot simpler to cut down on this burden, and simplification is something badly needed in this retirement system.

Rather than piling one tier atop another, New York's leaders need to revise the Triborough Amendment, which among other things requires governments (including towns and schools) to continue honoring an existing contract after it expires and a new one is not yet reached. This means it's not uncommon for contract negotiations to be drawn out for months and years, which makes it tough for either side to make realistic plans.

And if nothing else out of the Tier 6 plan is adopted, the state must close overtime loopholes that allow some state workers to greatly increase their salaries in their final years on the job by taking massive amounts of overtime hours, and then collecting a pension payout much larger than that allowed by base salary.

This last scheme has bilked the taxpayer out of untold millions. And it's one that can easily be fixed if the political will to do so existed in Albany.

Editorial

Eating disorders are lifelong battles

By KARLI TAYLOR

The writer is a vice president at Best Fitness. March is National Nutrition Month, and the first week of March also marked National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

I am fitness professional. I am a certified personal trainer. I teach, train and certify personal trainers. I am the VP of sales for a chain of health clubs in the Northeast. I am a Spinning® instructor. I am a marathon runner. I am anorexic.

Though considered to be "recovered", I will be the first to tell you that it never really goes away. I will never be "better". I will never be "normal". The whisper in the back of my head that tells me to check out my mid-section in the mirror is constant. The wave of panic that washes over me when I walk into a dinner party or a restaurant where I know I'm about to overeat still occurs occasionally. The scale still taunts me some mornings and the food in my refrigerator calls to me in the middle of the night like it once did.

But that whisper used to be a scream. That wave of panic wasn't intermittent, it was relentless. The number on that scale would dictate my mood for the entire day or until the next time I stepped on it, an hour after the first, in hopes that something would've changed.

Every day I woke up in fear. I was afraid, not of the heart palpitations that were a regular occurrence nor of the fainting spells that were happening more and more frequently, but of the calories I was going to have to resist that day and more importantly, the ones I couldn't.

I fantasized about being "normal". In my mind, normal was eating a bowl of cereal without having a panic attack. Normal was showering with the lights on. Normal was

Point of View

wearing shorts when it was 100 degrees outside. Normal was thinking about anything other than food at any point during any day. I was not normal. I was a 20-year-old woman in a 12-year-old boys body.

I'm not sharing this story so you can look at me and say "wow, she used to be that unhealthy?" nor am I looking for a sympathetic hug or a congratulatory pat on the back.

I'm sharing this in the hopes that it might reach someone who is going through something similar. I wish that I had known that I wasn't alone, as it might have helped me turn down the volume earlier.

I'm sharing this because maybe as you are reading this you are thinking of someone who is struggling with a similar issue. I want to shed some light on the fact that it is not something that your friend or family member can "snap out of" and by telling them to "just eat" you are driving them deeper into the lie that is quickly becoming their life. They may not be ready to accept help. They may push you away and you

Make your point

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

Do you have a hobby or cause you feel passionate about? We'd love to share it with our readers.

Do you have information you think others would benefit from hearing about? Let us know.

Point of View submissions should be around 700 words and can be submitted via email to news@spotlightnews.com with "POV" in the subject line. They can also be mailed to The Spotlight at P.O. Box 100, Delmar, NY 12054.

may lose them as a friend if you approach them about their issue. They may lose everything if you don't.

I want to assure those who are suffering as well as those who are watching someone suffer that it can get better. It will get better. It will never go away, but it will force you to become stronger than you have ever imagined. Looking back, the cliché that whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger holds so true to life. Anorexia almost took my life, but almost only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades. Instead, in the end, anorexia made me who I am today, and I am thankful.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

BEAT Team seeking sponsorship Preventing unwanted animals requires cooperative solution

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

We are the BEAT Team. Members of this team are school bus drivers and attendants. BEAT stands for Bethlehem Education Awareness Team, an inspiration of the Bethlehem Central Transportation Department in 1996. Every day we witness crucial situations why school bus safety must be taught in schools.

We have a website, www.BEATeam.org, to better share our activities and curriculum. The website is a great way to see Buster the school bus robot and the team in action and to see who our supporters are. We don't do this alone.

We need sponsors to continue our cause. In the past we have built school bus sets for our skits such as "BULLY ON THE BUS" performed by the students in each elementary school.

Many of the student's questions go unanswered until the day when BEAT, with Buster center stage, gives them a safe place to speak out.

The BEAT team is seeking community support to help us continue our cause. We hope providing this chance to donate brings not only tax deduction incentives to businesses and individuals in our community, but also spur our common mindfulness in traffic situations when school buses are right there in front of us delivering their precious cargo.

*Ellen Driscoll
Bethlehem Education Awareness Team*

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The recent incident involving two abandoned, sick puppies brought to the Schenectady Police made for sensational reporting. However, the news accounts failed to identify the unfortunate dynamic that lead to this incident - too many unwanted and uncared for dogs and cats.

Secondly, New York State law is clear in placing responsibility for stray or discarded dogs on municipalities. In the absence of an animal control officer, the police department is legally obligated to take custody of the animal and to provide veterinary care until it can be safely transported to the city designated shelter.

Thirdly, Schenectady has no contract with any shelter and has depended on private humane organizations like the over-burdened Animal Protective Foundation. APF can hardly be blamed for finally being reluctant to admit animals without a formal arrangement with the city.

It is inaccurate to say the pups were "abandoned as the city is the organization legally responsible for them in the first place. Schenectady collects money specifically designated to provide these services through issuance of dog licenses. We should insist that the city use these revenues for their intended purpose.

The long-term solution is a comprehensive plan for municipalities and animal organizations to work together. Through coordinated spay/neuter initiatives as well as enactment and enforcement of ownership regulations, these incidents can be avoided. As a first step, we need to define where we are, what resources we have, what redundancies are present, and what our unmet needs are.

The Humane Society of the Capital Region is in the process of compiling data for the first comprehensive study in our community - to guide policy and direct resources in the future. The report is expected to be published in the spring.

*Kathlene Thiel,
President, Humane Society of the Capital Region*

Got news?

Spotlight Newspapers welcomes announcements of programs or events occurring in our coverage area.

All events must be open to the public and announcements should contain the date, time, location and cost (if any) of the event, along with contact information. Announcements are published space and time permitting.

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The days when we sent sons to war

There was a time when the nation sent its young sons to war, and Michael Aikey, director of the New York State Military Museum, will speak about this at the Guilderland Public Library on Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m.

More than 170 New York children under age 15 fought in the Union Army during the Civil War; the total number of children under age 17 who served from the North was over 33,000. One notable case is that of Gustav Schurmann, who, on June 26, 1861, enlisted in the 40th New York Volunteer Infantry with his father. Gustav mustered out at the end of the Civil War as a sergeant ... at age 15.

Aikey is an authority on military history. He has served the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) as the director of the New York State Military History Task Force, librarian/archivist. He's been the Museum/Research Center's director since 2002.



Gustav Schurmann, shortly after enlisting in the Union Army in 1861. At the end of the war, he was a 15-year-old sergeant.

Courtesy of William B. Styple

Dealing with back pain

Being told you need back surgery can be a frightening experience. Find out what's really ☐ **War** **Page 9**

Pi Day Party a formula for fun

Hold the dessert—stop by the library instead at 7 tonight for our second annual Pi Day Party (3.14—get it?). We've got games, puzzles, prizes, raffles, music, math fun and more. Best of all, our pie contest requires your discriminating taste. Last year there were about two dozen pies to sample, so come with a sweet appetite. This is a great family event for all ages. We promise constant fun, so don't be square—be there!

Hunger games

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to 12 this Friday, March 16, at 3 p.m. Will you survive? What skills will you master? Which district will win? Demonstrate your skills and trivia knowledge for prizes. This event anticipates the movie release of The Hunger Games, based on the book by Suzanne Collins.

St. Patrick's Day program

Join us for a wee bit o' fun this Saturday March 17 at 10:30am. Mark Shepard

presents Mysts and Magick, songs and stories from Ireland. He plays bodhran, bones, spoons and whistles; you play fairy bells, wind wands, rainsticks and more in this participatory story and song session for all ages. Shepard is a master teaching artist with the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.

Petition forms available

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 5 p.m. on April 16.

Louise Grieco

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Digital download open house

On Friday, March 23, from 3 to 6 p.m., drop in and learn how to borrow free ebooks and audiobooks

from the library's Overdrive collection. Bring your own Nook, Kindle or Apple device, or sample the library's Nook Color, Nook Touch, iPad, iPod Touch, Kindle Touch and Literati ereaders. Small group sessions will start every half hour.

Barbara Vink

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Word clouds for kids

Celebrate National Poetry month by creating your own word cloud artwork at the library. A word cloud is an image built from graphically combined words. Kids ages 8 to 12

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will choose from poetry, tweets, school reports or other written text of their choice. Using computer software on the library's computers, each child will create a word cloud in which the more times a word is used, the bigger the word becomes. Check out the word cloud on the library website at www.rcscommunitylibrary.org. Register by phone (756-2053) or email (info@rcscommunitylibrary.org)

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going on by coming to "Dealing with Back Pain" at the Guilderland Public Library on Tuesday, March 20, at 6 pm.

Pain specialist Luanne Kuntz, PT, DPT, MEd, who is Albany Medical Center's director of physical therapy, will address the

causes of back pain, and discuss both the surgical and non-surgical options available for treating it. No registration required.

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.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with lunch

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.

The always popular musical, "Fiddler on the Roof" is being staged by the Schenectady Light Opera, 427 Franklin Street in Schenectady, on Sunday, March 25. The cost is \$25.00, payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about noon. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$5.00. Call 439-4955, ext. 1169 to make a reservation

Join us for dinner out at the Department of Culinary Arts and Tourism of Schenectady County Community College on Tuesday, March 27 at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$25,



payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Dinner will include spinach salad with orange slices, red onions and poppy seed vinaigrette, followed by roast loin of pork with Dijon mushroom, garlic and spring onions, glazed baby carrots, and duchesse potatoes; salmon wellington wrapped in puff pastry with sautéed spinach and rice; or a vegetarian option of seasonal vegetables in crepes with tomato coulis, vegetables and potatoes. Dessert will be strawberry whipped cream cake with fresh berries and whipped cream. Call 439-4955, ext. 1169 to make a reservation. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Tuesday, March 20

• 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 21

• H.E.A.P. Application Assistance will be available at the Bethlehem Town Hall, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, for those on fixed or lower incomes who need help with heating bills. Call 439-4955, ext. 1173 to make an appointment. Glenmont and Selkirk residents can go to Choices in Faith Plaza on Rt. 9W in Ravena. Call 756-8650 to make an appointment.

• A.A.R.P. tax counseling will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 22

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

join others for lunch if you wish.

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

Friday, March 23

• The Health and Wellness Program presents "How to Work with Health Care Professionals" by Linda Borowski. You improve the lines of communication and help you prepare for your medical appointments. The program is held at the Bethlehem Town Hall from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Join us for lunch beforehand, cost on your own, at the Windowbox Café. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make lunch reservations.

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

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

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. board member

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This information session is sponsored by the NYS Office for the Aging, Albany County Department for the Aging and Senior Services of Albany.

Movie of the month

“Moneyball”

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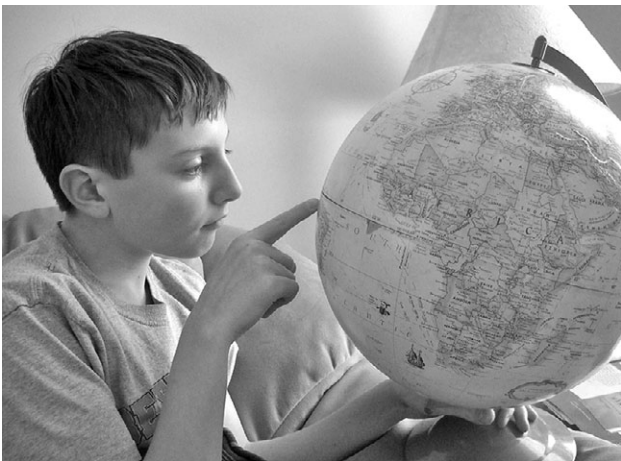
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Wednesday, March 21
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10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster
No Sr. Fitness
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1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, March 22
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9 a.m. Zumba
1 p.m. Mahjongg
1:15 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, March 23
Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10:30 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting



Brennan Buhr of Saint Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar practices for the National Geographic Society New York State Geographic Bee on Friday, March 30. It’s the second time he’s reached the state level of the competition.

Submitted photo

Student has knack for maps

One Saint Thomas the Apostle School student will soon be using his ability to name the world’s capitals to compete for a stab at \$25,000.

Eighth-grader Brennan Buhr will compete in the National Geographic Society New York State Geographic Bee on Friday, March 30, after winning the bee put on by his school. He then placed in the top 100 on a competition qualifier exam.

This will be Buhr’s second time reaching the state level of the competition, which is held at the New York State Museum in Albany.

“Last year I had the flu on the day of the state bee and couldn’t compete,” said Buhr in a statement. “I feel very fortunate to be invited to the state bee for the second year in a row.”

Contestants will need to answer general geography questions on topics such as climate, population, ocean current and manufactured goods, ancient cities, global positioning and current events.

Saint Thomas teacher Theresa Heilsberg said the school hasn’t sent a student to the state level since the 1980s and it has now sent someone three years in a row. Buhr’s best

friend, American Gaylord, competed at the state level in 2010.

“We are so proud of Brennan,” Heilsberg said.

The state winner will receive \$100, the “Complete National Geographic” on DVD, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent New York State in the National competition in May. The overall winner will get a \$25,000, a lifetime membership to the National Geographic Society and an all-expense paid trip to the Galapagos Islands.

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The survey says ... region is growing

43 percent of local businesses reported an increase in sales last year

By ALYSSA JUNG
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A good chunk of Capital District businesses experienced growth in 2011 and the rest of 2012 is expected to bring a repeat of that trend, according to a Business Climate Survey conducted annually by Marvin and Company, P.C. and the University of Albany School of Business.

According to the survey, released Tuesday, Feb. 28, nearly half of local employers are forecasting business growth in 2012 and 95 percent expect employment levels to either increase or remain stable.

Of the 2,300 Albany-

Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce members, 45.4 percent said overall business increased in 2011, with 30.1 percent saying it remained stable and 24.5 percent saying it decreased.

"Obviously, we've gone through a couple years of a really downturned economy and a lot of businesses in 2009 and 2010 had really scaled back on expenses, many through attrition, lost staff, froze salaries, to really survive the recession," said Mark Eagan, president of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce. "What we heard is because they were so lean and business started to grow, they were able to experience up to the bottom line."

Business in Saratoga also increased in 2011,

with 49.5 percent of members in the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce recording an increase in business and 48.9 percent of members in the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County reporting an increase.

"I'm excited that business is beginning to pick up around here and I attribute it to the overall strength of the Capital Region in general," said Pete Bardunias, president and CEO of the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County. "This is a healthy area, as well as increased activity due to the tech park and work being done to bring new manufacturing opportunities to this region."

GlobalFoundries nearing a factory opening and other companies and organizations seeing

opportunities and moving into the area are some reasons Bardunias said he thinks 58.1 percent of his members expect business to increase in 2012 and why 53.5 percent said they expect the Capital Region's economy as a whole to prosper in the next several years.

"It's like a snowball, it just keeps growing and growing," said Bardunias.

Bardunias said in 2011, chamber membership was up 4 percent and in just the first two months of 2012, membership has already increased 2.5 percent. Thriving businesses also helps the chamber function better, he said.

"We are really excited about where the chamber's headed. When members are doing well, it means they participate more, they're more eager to try more programs

and new things," said Bardunias.

Colonie Chamber of Commerce members seem a bit warier about 2011 and 2012, according to the survey. In 2011, 37.8 percent of businesses recorded an increase in business while 37.9 percent recorded a decrease and 24.3 percent said business remained stable.

Tom Nolte, president of the Colonie Chamber of Commerce, said based on what he's hearing from his members, the challenges are starting to ease, but they're still there.

"We represent a majority of small- to medium-size businesses. ... They're starting to see that light at the end of the tunnel but with that they've had to make some tough decisions over the past few years,"

said Nolte.

Still, 46 percent believe their business would increase in 2012, something Nolte said is possible because of how they've adjusted business practices.

"I think for a lot of them, it's really made them run their business smarter and look at every single aspect of their business, which you have to do as small businessperson anyway," said Nolte.

For the second time in only 17 years, Capital District businesses ranked the national economy ahead of rising health care costs as their primary business concern.

"I think across the board, the top four concerns were pretty universal, locally and

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Albany County comptroller addresses gas prices

Conners calls for transparency at the pump by posting gas taxes

By ALYSSA JUNG
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A breakdown of state, federal and local gas taxes could be your reading material next time you fill up, if Albany County Comptroller Michael Conners gets his way.

Conners held a press conference at the Stewart's on Broadway in Menands on Thursday, March 8, to highlight three efforts he said would combat rising gas prices.

"Have the state Legislature have pricing transparency at the pump. I'm not asking to have wholesale prices. That'd be asking too much. All I want to see happen is to have federal, state and



Albany County Comptroller Michael Conners held a press conference at Stewart's in Menands on Thursday, March 8, to talk about ways to combat rising gas prices.

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

local taxes there," said Conners. "If you know what you're paying in taxes on a gallon of gas, you're far more likely to call your assemblyperson and senator to do something about it."

There are about 67 cents worth of taxes

included in a \$4 gallon of gas sold in New York.

Shawn Morse, chairman of the Albany County legislature, said price transparency was broached at the county level a couple years ago, but it's really the state Legislature that can make it happen.

"I plan on writing a letter

to the state Legislature asking them to look at allowing transparency at every gas station," said Morse.

Morse said it's helpful for drivers to know where their money goes so they can ask the right questions.

"When they're looking at the price of gasoline, is gas hurting us because taxes are too high, because somebody's gouging us at the pumps? Is it because millionaire speculators are waging millions of dollars back and forth on what the price of gas would be? Transparency would be good for people," said Morse.

Posting the tax breakdown won't necessarily halt the spike in price, though, said Morse.

"I don't know if it will change the price of gas. I don't know if it will have any effect at all on the price, but it certainly will allow you to know where to direct your questions," said Morse.

Conners also called

for more regulation of energy speculators, who he said are largely to blame for increased prices at the pump. In the Capital Region, gas is nearing \$4 a gallon and according to Conners, it's not uncommon to see prices of \$5 or even \$6 at other places in the country.

"People think Stewart's is making a bundle, but that's not it. The people that are driving the prices of your gasoline up are the people at New York Mercantile Exchange," said Conners. "Prices aren't going up because there's a lack of fuel, they're being driven up by energy speculators."

Conners reached out to Congressman Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, for support.

"We cannot keep mindlessly handing billions of tax breaks to big oil companies that don't need it, while they and Wall Street speculators are raking in record profits at our expense," said Tonko in a statement.

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Building bridges

Saratoga Bridges works with developmentally disabled to provide opportunities

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Up until just a couple of generations ago, many people with developmental disabilities lived exclusively in institutions or hospitals. Today, it's a much different story, thanks in no small part to the efforts of groups dedicated to giving opportunities to these individuals.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness month, but for groups like Saratoga Bridges, advocacy is a year-round project. Still, Bridges is using March as a way to highlight its mission.

"Our staff members are always looking for places where we can help out in the community. We're committed to ensuring that our individuals are in the community and our goal is to have them be productive and respected," said Bridges communications specialist Pamela Polacsek. "We have people helping in nursing homes, delivering mail for example, and at fire

"Seeing people's development is amazing and it gives them a chance to show off their skills. It's tremendously rewarding."

– Lena Benvenuto, art coordinator at Creative Endeavors

stations and churches doing some cleaning."

Saratoga Bridges was founded in 1953 by parents of children with developmental disabilities who wanted them to have opportunities within the community to fulfill their goals and dreams. Today, Saratoga Bridges offers services to over 800 individuals and families, including day habilitation, employment opportunities and legislative advocacy, and presents opportunities by networking with businesses and other organizations in Saratoga County, including food pantries, Habitat for Humanity, nursing homes, fire stations and churches – to



ABOVE: Sarah Baker, an art student at Creative Endeavors, shows one of her paintings "The Fish and the Mermaid."

RIGHT: Sarah Baker (right) and Lena Benvenuto, art coordinator with Creative Endeavors, posing with "The Mysterious Romance" which won Baker a Voice! award in 2011 at an art show in Otsego.

Julie Cushine-Rigg/Spotlight



name only a few.

Raising awareness during March is only part of the Bridges mission.

"The celebration (during March) provides the ability to put a face to those with disabilities. Having a developmental disability is not a deep dark secret anymore. Those days are long gone," said Polacsek. "We believe in our philosophy that every day is full of possibilities and to enrich each of those individuals' lives."

Sarah Baker is 27 years old, and she is developmentally disabled due to injuries from an automobile accident that

occurred when she was 17. Before the accident, she was involved in music, taking piano and flute lessons.

She may not remember playing those instruments or her love of music, but the influences of art in her life are still very much present. This affinity she has for art is seen especially when she's in the art studio at 49 Front St. in Ballston Spa at Creative Endeavors. Her long road to relearning how to walk, talk

and move has granted her the ability to participate in many things in an active way.

Creative Endeavors is one of those many services and programs offered by Saratoga Bridges, giving the disabled the chance to partake in the creative arts.

On a sunny Monday morning, Baker and Lena Benvenuto, art coordinator

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Matson will perform a recital of works by Fauré, Gounod, Puccini, Strauss and more on Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. She will be accompanied by pianist Starr Norman. Matson will also participate in The Singer’s Life, an informal talk conducted in an “Inside the Actors Studio” inspired format, on Friday, April 13, at 3 p.m. UAlbany’s voice coach, Frances Wittmann, will host the interview, which will focus on the singer’s life, achievements and career goals. Both events will take place in the Recital Hall.

Originally from Millis, Mass., Matson is an active performer of opera, oratorio and art song. She holds a master’s in voice performance and literature from The Eastman School of Music and a bachelor of music in voice performance, from Florida State



Amanda Matson

University. Matson’s various performance experiences include covering the role of Nannetta in Verdi’s Falstaff with the Florida State Opera and performing as Gretel in Hansel and Gretel with the FSU Opera Outreach program. While at Eastman, she performed the role of Hanna Glawari in the Eastman Opera Theatre production of The Merry Widow and as Governess in Britten’s The Turn of the Screw.

Tickets for the concert are \$8 for the public and \$4 for students, seniors & UAlbany faculty/staff and may be purchased through the Performing Arts Center Box Office. Admission for The Singer’s Life on April 13 is free. For more information, call the box office at 442-3997.



Albany County Comptroller Michael Conners wants to see tax breakdowns like this posted at gas stations.

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

Gas

(From Page 12)

The comptroller’s office will be conducting a study on using greener fuel for Albany County vehicles, something Conners said Albany County Legislature Chairman Shawn Morse requested.

“We’ll be doing a study to look at all green fuels for Albany County’s fleet,” said Conners. “It’s a way to save money, a way to protect our environment and it’s an intelligent energy policy step at the local level.”

Conners said Albany County spent more than \$1 million in 2011 on fuel for its vehicle fleet, and if those vehicles had run on natural gas it would have saved taxpayers about \$600,000.

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Survey
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probably on a national level ... taxes, government regulations, national economy and healthcare costs,” said Nolte.

Eagan said he thinks the Capital District is better positioned to weather the struggling national economy and even grow when compared to other areas of the state and country.

“Our unemployment numbers never got very

high. Our region is not just dependent on private sector jobs ... so we were fortunate enough to have private sector business growth,” said Eagan. “As we look ahead and ways we continue to diversify our economy and grow our technology sector, we’re better positioned ... for sustainable growth.”

The Business Climate Survey has been distributed to Capital District chambers for 26 years and is equally helpful to them as it is to the public, said Nolte.

“This is a very

important tool for us at the chamber because we utilize this survey to put together programming because it speaks to us on what’s on our members’ minds, what’s important to them,” said Nolte.

According to the total survey area, 43.6 percent of respondents characterized the Capital Region’s economy as recovering, 44.8 percent expected it to prosper in the next several years and 43.1 percent recorded an increase in business.

Bridges
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at Creative Endeavors, sat down to talk about Baker’s painting during one of the twice-weekly classes she takes at the center.

“I like the colors and using the paints. It’s a lot of fun,” Baker said. Her work includes a lot of vibrant colors, swirls, tendrils and movement.

Benvenuto has been with Saratoga Bridges for almost five years,

and has been at Creative Endeavors for three. The art is not meant to be as a therapy, she said, though it is therapeutic in and of itself, but rather the goal is for artistic expression and just being creative.

“Seeing people’s development is amazing and it gives them a chance to show off their skills. It’s tremendously rewarding. We also do a lot of shows in public places,” said Benvenuto, adding that exhibitions help in raising awareness of the abilities of disabled individuals to the

community.

Baker is a young woman full of character and spirit, and that is very much reflected in what she’s done in the past several years. According to Polacsek, Baker has graduated from Bridges to taking classes at Skidmore College and spend time volunteering with many community businesses and organizations including Meals on Wheels, HOPE (Homes for Orphaned Pests Exist), Saratoga County Animal Shelter and Adopt a Soldier.

“She has a great sense of humor, is one smart cookie and has come a long, long way in her recovery,” said Baker’s Day Program Instructor Jacqueline Reulet.

Baker’s painting “The Mysterious Romance” won her a Voice! Jurors Award in 2011. The show was juried art exhibition of work celebrating the creative voices of artists with intellectual and/or other developmental disabilities from across New York State.

Saratoga Bridges holds fundraisers and other events all year long. For a list of them, and more information about the services the organization offers, visit saratogaarc.org

One upcoming event is a limited raffle of 300 tickets for \$100 each to the first major golf tournament of 2012 at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga., on April 4 and 5. The drawing will be held on March 12.



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Hope

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She’s got such a positive attitude and she just oozes a genuineness and enthusiasm,” she added.

Many support groups exist for cancer patients. What Morahan does through Floyd Warriors provides support in a bit of a different way. Those things that don’t get done if a parent is too tired — like the dishes, cleaning, laundry and cooking — can be major obstacles when cancer is involved. That’s where Floyd Warriors comes in, providing resources and networking to help families when it comes to

those day-to-day things that need to get done. She named the organization in reference to the band Pink Floyd, whose album “The Wall” she equates to the battle people fight against cancer.

Project Easter Bunny is but one of the many services that Morahan and her organization networks to provide. She also works to have meals delivered to families and with Simplifying Lives, which offers house cleaning. Everything she does centers around her mission statement, which is “Dinner is Done, Dishes are Clean and the Kids are OK!”

“What Lisa provides is a compliment to the medical

care. It’s holistic, not just about the body, but what the spirit needs as well,” said Streifert.

To donate or help with Project Easter Bunny, bring unopened candy and brand new small toys to donate to the following locations between March 12 and 26: The CR Wood Center in Glens Falls Hospital, G. Willikers Toys in Saratoga, The Paddocks of Saratoga, The YMCA of West Ave in Saratoga (no candy at this location, only healthy treats), The Malta Community Center, Bella Rouge at Clifton Park Center and The Hope Club in Latham. For additional information visit: www.floydwarriors.com or call 429-0461.



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Entertainment in the Spotlight

Mark Shepard performs for a class of school children.

The drums of storytelling

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Mark Shepard's unique brand of song and narrative coming to Bethlehem Library

Below: Shepard tackles diversity and tolerance in his show "Beyond The Borders."

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ark Shepard has been making music for the better part of three decades. About 20 years ago, he took his songwriting skills in a new direction.

Shepard was a new dad, and he started writing songs for his kids and blending them with the stories he read to them at night. He started to think that maybe

he could make a living putting on programs for children.

At the time, Shepard was living in Connecticut. He's a recent transplant to the Capital District, thanks to a "beautiful woman," and he's just starting to take his program around the region. He'll be at the Bethlehem Public Library on Saturday, March 17, for a St. Patrick's Day-themed program called

Mysts and Magick, billed as a participatory story and song session for all ages.

"I do a lot of different things," he said. "I combine drums, songs and stories of Ireland."

While the theme of his shows changes based on the event, drums are a constant. Shepard traces that back to an early program he did with inner-city kids who had "the attention span of a gnat."

The preschool teachers in charge wanted Shepard to entertain the class for an hour. Just a few minutes in, he felt like he'd already lost the audience.

"My songs, which they didn't know, weren't working," he said.

Shepard had been fooling around with drums a lot, and he'd found a "cool and spooky" sound that he called the "woo-woo sound." Staring at a class of disinterested toddlers, he grabbed his drum and started making the sound.

"I suddenly had something they wanted to hear more of," he said.

From then on, the drum has been a central part of his program.

He also weaves folktales and original stories into his presentations. One of his mainstays is the story of Abiyoyo by folk singer Pete Seeger. Abiyoyo was a monster who ate the animals in a small farming

town. One day, a boy played his ukulele while he sang a song about Abiyoyo. The monster had never heard a song about himself and started to dance. He eventually got tired and fell down, and the boy's father seized upon the moment to wave his magic wand, making the monster disappear.

The story as Seeger wrote it takes about 20 minutes to tell, Shepard said. But, needing to keep small kids entertained as he does, Shepard was able to stretch it to a half hour in his early days. Now? He can make it last for a solid hour, adding other characters and all kinds of instrumental flair.

Shepard said his shows are entertaining for adults as well as children. "No matter what I do, I'm going to get people's attention," he said.

He's not a big fan of morals, but there are usually lessons woven into his program. He finds his stories and other inspiration at the library, where he looks in the folk tale section for any stories that have drums or passages where he could add sound effects. He uses a story from Celtic folklore, for instance, about "silkie seal folk" who are seals in the sea but take on human form on land. When he tells the story, he calls up someone from the audience to play an ocean drum.

Shepard performs

around the country, with recent stops including Pittsburgh and Massachusetts. A number of years ago, he had a show in Arkansas and got snowed in for the weekend. Someone told him to check out the nearby Unity Church, and Shepard, who was raised in a Christian home, really liked how the church was "so open-minded." He found a Unity Church in Albany and often performs there.

He landed the Bethlehem library gig through a library showcase

he put together last winter. He's lived in Schenectady for about a year and is excited about booking more local shows.

"I have barely begun to get a hold in the Capital Region," he said.

He encouraged people to check out his website, drumsongstory.com, where they can download a free copy of his CD, a \$15 value.

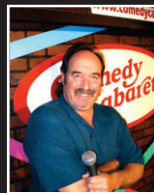
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or 77.2 percent of the tax levy, which works out to be a year-to-year growth of about \$1.5 million. Cuomo's Medicaid cap would limit that growth to \$1 million.

Pension costs and welfare are also big-ticket issues affecting the county's ability to operate within a leaner budget, said McCoy.

"(Pension costs) add up to \$23 million or 14.3 percent of the tax levy," said McCoy. "Public assistance accounts for 10 percent of the tax levy, and that's for temporary assistance and safety net with early intervention and preschool education, adding up to 8 percent of the tax levy. Our 'I owe you's' are adding up."

McCoy addressed the "elephant in the room," the Albany County Nursing Home, and laid out four choices for the future of that facility.

"Keep running things the way they are, which means we build a new facility and run it. We professionalize with an outside management company. We are exploring the option of a public benefit corporation. Public-private partnership — transfer the license to a qualified third party," said McCoy.

McCoy said his support of the nursing home would "never waiver" and he had numbers to present to the legislature in the coming weeks about what the cost and impact of each option would be.

Michael Breslin, McCoy's predecessor, attempted to tackle the nursing home issue several times during the final years of his administration. Each time he pushed for selling or privatizing the nursing home, he was rebuffed by a Legislature staunchly in favor of keeping the facility under county control. McCoy was the chairman of the Legislature before being elected as county executive last year.

McCoy said he is in talks with leaders of local community colleges to make sure taxpayer money is spent effectively. He said Albany County taxpayers are responsible for \$11 million in community college tuition, \$9 million of which goes to Hudson Valley Community College.

"The Rensselaer County Legislature has capped what it pays Hudson Valley at \$3.2 million. I've met with HVCC and they've told me they will not give us a break on our payments," said McCoy.

The key is to partner with other community colleges and to consider regionalizing community colleges or creating an Albany County Community College, he said.

"We will explore every option," said McCoy.

The county's financial future is grim, he said, especially with the loss of sales tax and interest in earnings revenue from 2008-10.

"We have two issues at play—a structural deficit in 2012 and a potential gap going into the 2013 budget," said

McCoy. "The reality is the county is close to running out of money. We need to borrow to keep the cash flowing. ... This means we're spending more money than we're taking in and as you can see, it's not a pretty picture."

Business is instrumental in generating tax revenue and McCoy said he has plans to pursue economic development by "creating an incubator at 112 State St." that will provide local entrepreneurs with the free space, phones and other tools to concentrate on making a new business work.

"We will be able to do this by partnering with area businesses, including Tech Valley Communications, who has agreed to supply the necessary telephone and Internet lines," said McCoy.

Much of the work to revive Albany County finances and government lies in the future, but McCoy said there are some things achieved in the first two months of 2012 that are steps in the right direction.

"We are working on the consolidation of departmental administrative functions to create efficiencies, starting with the departments of health and mental health," said McCoy. "We have changed some of our billing practices and collected over \$600,000 by doing this."

McCoy said he had plans to use grant money to establish a countywide Domestic Violence Court to help local courts and establish consistency.

Milestones

Rita D. Mallery

DELMAR – Rita D. Mallery, 69, of Delmar, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, March 4, 2012 surrounded by her loving family.

Born in McKeesport, PA on December 13, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Alvin J. and Laura B. (Thompson) Davis. Rita was proud to have worked for the NYS Division of Tourism where she served as the Director of Domestic Tourism prior to her retirement. Previously, she served as the Executive Assistant to the President and CEO and Secretary to the Board of Directors at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Rita's passionate volunteer work included the American Heart



Association, where she received the Art Goodrum Award for Highest Individual Revenue Receipts from 1995 to 1997 and was selected as their Volunteer of the Year in 1995 and 1996, and the American Cancer Society, where she had the highest individual revenue raised for 1994 and 1995 and was selected as their "Walker of the Year". She also served on the board of directors of the Empire State Youth Orchestra, and volunteered extensively for the Empire State Games and Double "H" Hole in the Woods Ranch.

She is survived by her best friend and loving husband of 47 years, Jerry M. Mallery; daughters, Susan E. Mallery (Joseph Heroux) of Delmar, Kristin M. Murray (Darren) of Danvers, MA and Jennifer L. Whitcomb (Wade) of Valencia, CA; six grandchildren, Kyle and Ryan Starr, Matthew and

Jack Murray and Eli and Kate Whitcomb; siblings, Harry Davis (Marilyn), Donna Bolas (James) and John Davis (Kathy) and a countless number of close friends and colleagues. In addition to her parents, Rita was predeceased by a brother, Robert Davis.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Thursday, March 8th from 3 to 8 pm at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 9th at 10:00 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Pl., Delmar. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery. Those who wish may send a remembrance in her name to the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Rd., Albany, NY 12211 or the Double "H" Hole in the Woods Ranch, 97 Hidden Valley Rd, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846.

Five Rivers plans nature programs

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center has several upcoming programs planned.

The center will hold a children's introduction to birds and bird life on Tuesday, April 10 at 10 a.m.

At this indoor/outdoor program, center naturalists will discuss concepts in bird anatomy, behavior, identification and conservation which parent and child can build upon in their own yard or park.

Participants will study

birds at the center's feeders from indoors then venture out along center trails for a little field work. Simple but effective backyard bird conservation strategies will be discussed.

This program is free of charge, but enrollment is limited. Parents and children must accompany each other. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity. In the event of unfavorable weather, the entire workshop will be conducted indoors. Call 475-0291 by Monday, April 2, to register or for more

information.

Five Rivers will conduct a program on the natural history of frogs, toads and salamanders will on Saturday, April 7, at 2 p.m.

During this program, naturalists at Five Rivers will discuss the lifestyles and ecological role of common amphibians, followed by an outdoor foray in search of these creatures.

The program, geared for young and old alike, is open to the public free of charge. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity. In the event of severe weather, this program may be canceled.

On Saturday, April 7, the center will hold a program on the natural history of the eastern coyote at 10 a.m.


This program begins indoors, with naturalists at Five Rivers discussing the lifestyle and ecological role of New York's "top dog" using taxidermy specimens, skulls and pelts. Afterwards, they will lead participants along center trails to search for tracks, scat and other signs of coyote activity.

The program, geared for young and old alike, is open to the public free of charge. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity.

Call the center at 475-0291 for more information.

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students up to the New York State maximum of two miles, which would save the district up to \$600,000.

Superintendent Thomas Douglas said this is a measure that the board can pass anytime it chooses and does not have to be voted on by the public, but board members said the idea is low on its list of priorities given it would affect elementary and middle school students.

Last year, voters approved extending the walking distance around the high school from one-half-mile to a full mile. There was a discussion about making the switch at the middle school, but that proposal was dropped.

Chief Budget and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe said the change would affect about 20 bus drivers in some way. Though the board can extend walking distances to the state maximum whenever it pleases, any changes under the maximum would be subject to voter referendum.

But Douglas warned, "convenience and cost will not go hand in hand any longer."

He added that some positions will need to be cut this budget cycle because the district can no longer put off purchasing

needed equipment.

"This is the problem that the district has... a long-term record of deferment," said Douglas, who took office in January. "Sooner or later you're going to have to make cuts in other areas than defer your equipment or defer some of your purchases. And I hate to say that because it's human versus material, but the business of the school has to still go forward."

The proposal to eliminate all late buses was also deemed a low-priority cut, because boards members said some students would be unable to get extra help in subjects and it would limit their ability to participate in after school activities.

Bethlehem Central is facing a \$4.2 million budget gap for the 2012-2013 school year. The district had previously estimated a \$4.4 million gap, which figures in the use of \$1.7 million of savings and the maximum tax hike, but Kehoe said the district could now raise the tax levy by 2.94 percent and still meet the tax cap requirements. It had originally been figured that the levy could be raised just 2.72 percent for Bethlehem.

Proposed reductions to the Operations and Maintenance Department include the loss of a custodian and a supervisor, deferring equipment and supply purchases, eliminating

"Convenience and cost will not go hand in hand any longer."

Superintendent Thomas Douglas

requested projects in various buildings and closing the middle school pool. The district would also save money if it were able to sell the building at 90 Adams Place, or lease Clarksville Elementary School to the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

Closing the pool is considered a low priority given concerns middle school children would lose the opportunity for swimming lessons in gym class. The pools closure would save the district a proposed \$25,000.

Facilities and Operations Director Gregg Nolte said position reductions are "not his choice," but considering the economic climate his department would have to make do.

Before the workshop began, two freshman students, Annie Furman and Madeline Hagan,

spoke out in favor of a communal bus stop proposal. They said they were willing to walk the extra distance if it meant classes would be saved. The two girls also gave the board a petition with nearly 250 student signatures.

"Under the current bus system most students are dropped off at or near their house, and this is not something I'm opposed to," said Furman. "But this seems like an inefficient practice, not only in terms of time but also in regards to fuel and the number of buses needed."

The board asked Transportation Director Alfred Karam for an estimate within the next week on how much could be saved by the idea, though Kehoe believed it would only amount to several thousand dollars versus plans to change the

walking distance.

At the start of the 2010-11 school year, a new bus route plan that consolidated stops for 5,500 students was met with well over 1,000 complaints. Parents were mostly concerned about their children's safety as they were walking, officials said at the time,

and the switches didn't result in a large savings. The number of bus stops was increased a short time later.

The next budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the high school library and will focus on special education, athletics and revenue.



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Dogs and cats should not take Ibuprofen, Naproxen or other over the counter non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications. At low doses these medications can cause stomach and intestinal ulcerations. At higher doses, kidney damage will occur and this is often irreversible. Clinical signs range from vomiting and diarrhea, lethargy and inappetence to increased thirst and urination, weakness and seizures.

Tylenol is not a good pain medication for dogs or cats as it can cause liver failure. At higher doses it can cause kidney damage as well. Initial clinical signs of liver damage include depression, weakness, difficulty breathing, vomiting, swelling of the paws and face and muddy colored gums.

Seek veterinary advice if you suspect that your dog or cat has ingested any over the counter anti-inflammatory medications or analgesics as it may be necessary to remove the toxin from their system. Sometimes these cases require hospitalization for a few days. The prognosis after toxin ingestion is more favorable when caught early.

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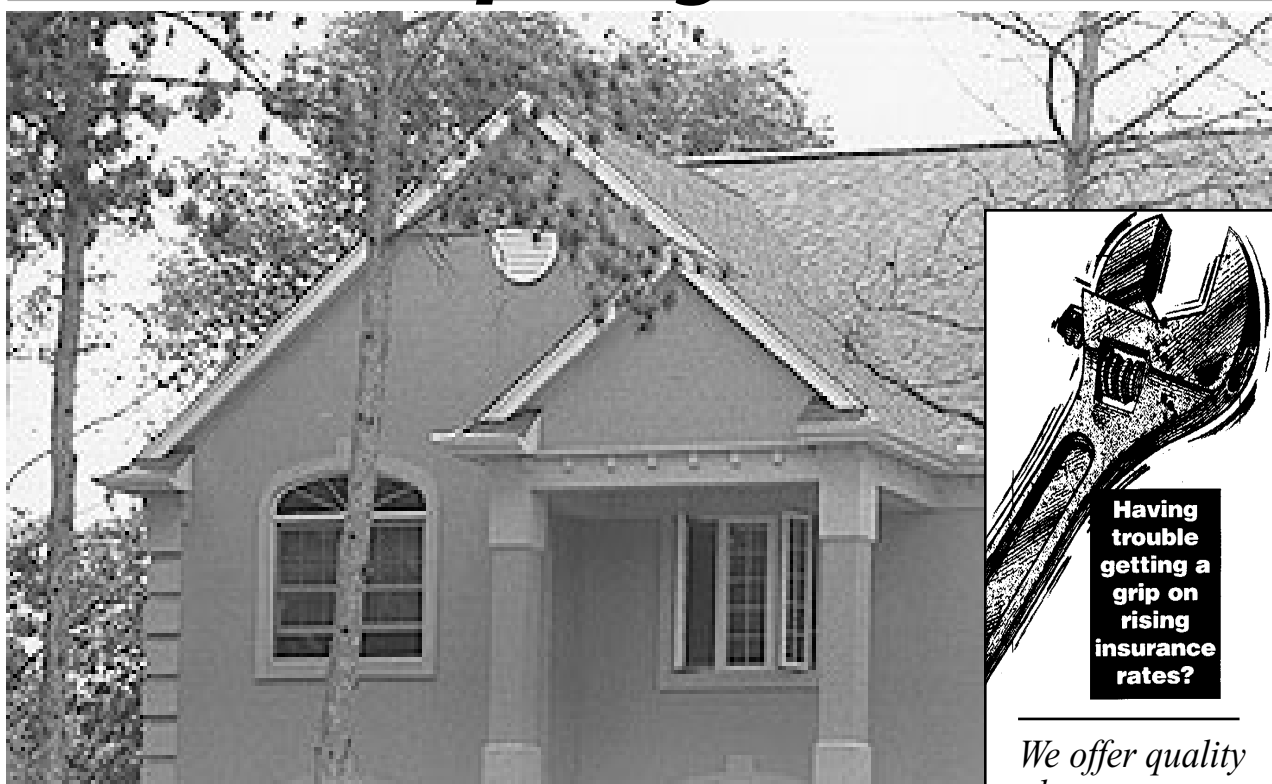
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Kiwanis holds Altamont brunch

On Sunday, March 25, there will be a pancake brunch/maple festival from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. featuring all you can eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, ice cream, beverages and real maple syrup. Free maple syrup farm tours (maps at Firehouse), crafts, pony rides (\$3), bunnies, petting zoo and raffle. The cost for adults is \$8, children under 12 are \$4 and children under 5 are free. Sponsored by the Helderberg Kiwanis, Knox Fire House 2198 Berne-Altamont Road, Knox. For more information call 872-1895

Concert features mountain women

Old Songs brings together two mountain women in concert on Saturday, March 24: West Virginia singer and multi-instrumentalist Molly Andrews and Adirondack singer/songwriter Peggy Lynn. The program takes place at 8 p.m. at Old Songs, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under and may be purchased at the door or by calling Old Songs at 765-2815.

Program on weight issues

On March 16, come to the Guilderland Family Chiropractic office located at 2558 Western Ave. Dr. Thanasi Sarris, will be hosting an overview of the hows and whys of long-term weight management and overall health. Seating is limited to the first 15 callers. Call 456-3100 for more information.

Church serves up clam chowder

The New Baltimore Reformed Church, located at the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet, will offer New England Clam Chowder for sale by the quart, served with 4 packets of oyster crackers, ideal for a group up to 4.

Made fresh on site with chopped sea clams, diced potato, celery, onion and traditional seasonings, simmered in a tasty, creamy broth, each quart will be available for pick-

BC wins big in Odyssey of the Mind competition



Three Odyssey of the Mind teams from Bethlehem Central schools took first place in their respective divisions at the Region 7 Odyssey of the Mind competition at Shenendehowa High School on Saturday, March 3. The Slingerlands Elementary team took 1st place in Problem No. 1, Division 1; the Eagle Elementary Team took 1st place in Problem No. 3, Division 1; and the Hamagrael Elementary team took 1st place in Problem No. 5, Division 1. These teams will move on to compete in the State Odyssey Competition on March 31 at Binghamton University after taking first place in their respective divisions. The Bethlehem Central School District had eight teams participate in the regional competition, including a team of second graders from Glenmont; a team of fourth graders from Eagle; a team of fifth graders from Hamagrael; two teams of fifth graders and one team of fourth graders from Slingerlands; and two teams of sixth graders from Bethlehem Central Middle School.

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up on a first-come, first served basis between 4 and 6 p.m. on Friday, March 30. Donation per quart is \$8. Pre-orders are preferred. Call 756-8764.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville (68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville) will hold a St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 17, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the church’s Social Hall.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for those under 12. Takeout is also available. Reservations can be made by contacting the church by email at office@fumcv.org or by phone at 765-2895.

Program on Lyme Disease

The Capital Region Chapter of the Empire State Lyme Disease Association will present a talk by Dr. Ronald Stram on Saturday, March 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Guilderland Public

Library.

Dr. Stram will speak to the challenges of treating patients who suffer from Lyme disease and/or the co-infections and the benefits of an integrative approach. Victims of tick-borne diseases often find themselves plagued by a variety of disabilities common in long-term TBD infections. Frequently misdiagnosed and mistreated, victims of Lyme disease or the co-infections often suffer multi-system afflictions. Dr. Stram’s practice sees many Lyme patients, and he will discuss his integrative approach to this growing problem.

The Guilderland Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, contact felicit44@aol.com.

Church holds potluck

The Glenmont Community Church will have a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 18.

Line dance lessons by Rockin’ Rich and Danci Nanci will follow. All are welcomed and a donation is the only cost. The church is located at 1 Chapel Lane in Glenmont. Bring a dish to share and wear green because it is a St. Patty’s Day celebration. Call Nancy at 756-0511 for more information.

‘A Walk Through Jewish Traditions’

On Sunday, March 25, beginning at 12 noon, Jessie Kerr-Whitt, Jewish Educator of Temple Concord, Syracuse, will be leading a “Walk Through the Jewish Traditions” in the Fellowship Hall of the New Baltimore Reformed Church, located at the corner of Church Street and Route 144 in the hamlet.

This event will also feature a luncheon of traditional foods. We are most fortunate to have Ms. Kerr-Whitt join us once again as many will remember her expertise, knowledge and interesting presentation

when she led a Family Learning Passover Seder last year. To participate in this memorable afternoon of food, music and stories, reservations can be made by calling the church at 756-8764 or Darleen Westervelt at 756-8962 no later than Wednesday, March 21. Additional information will be available at those numbers as well.

Radio Rounders play village

The Lost Radio Rounders will play “Lincoln and Liberty: Songs from the Time of Honest Abe” at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville.

“Lincoln and Liberty” is an all-acoustic survey of songs from across Lincoln’s lifetime, featuring Civil War anthems of the North and South, Stephen Foster classics, campaign songs, railroad chants, Gold Rush shouts, jubilees, spirituals, memorial ballads and more – including almost forgotten

parodies of popular songs of the day.

It is the perfect way to honor the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War, and the program will be offered as part of the library’s “Hearts Touched With Fire: Making Sense of The Civil War” project.

For the past five years, Lost Radio Rounders, the duo of Tom Lindsay and Michael Eck, have been wowing crowds across the region with “Lincoln and Liberty” as well as with programs like “The Gospel Train,” “Carl Sandburg’s American Songbag,” “Wildwood Flower: Songs of The Original Carter Family” and “American Favorite Ballads: Songs from Folkways.” Lindsay (a schoolteacher) and Eck (a nationally recognized music critic) bring the same level of research and passion to the sounds of the Lincoln era that they do to their work on other topics, offering a selection of tunes guaranteed to please while providing rich historical context.

For more information about Lost Radio Rounders, as well as photos, sound samples and videos, visit www.lostradiorounders.com or call 432-6634.

Legion to hold Polish Supper

The Sons and Auxiliary of Voorheesville American Legion Post No. 1493 is sponsoring a Polish Supper on March 24, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., at the American Legion Post in Voorheesville.

The menu will include goslumbki, pierogies, kielbasa, kapusta, barszcz (beet soup) and dessert. For adults the price is \$12, for children (6-12) it will be \$6 and children under 5 are free. Pay at the door.

Fair Trade presentation

On Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at the College of St. Rose, there will be a Fair Trade presentation by Tamara Stenn, Adjunct Professor of Integrative Studies, Fair Trade, Management & Economics at Keene State College, Brattleboro, Vermont. Tamara is also director of the Fair Trade knitting company KUSIKUY - www.kusikuy.com - and will have items to sell.

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Festival showcases plays by Saint Rose students

The College of Saint Rose Drama Program presents an evening of scenes from original one-act plays written by Saint Rose graduate students.

“Graduate Playwrights’ Festival of Scenes” will be performed Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the Saint Rose Campus Theatre, 996A Madison Ave. (located behind 1000 Madison Ave.), Albany.

Admission is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and there are no reservations. Theatergoers should plan to arrive well before curtain time. For information, e-mail kraussk@strose.edu or phone 454-5242.

This evening of scenes will feature original work by students currently enrolled in “Playscript Writing: Theory and Practice,” a graduate-level English course.

The plays, along with their authors and hometowns, are as follows:

- “What is Left Unsaid,” Genevieve Aldi, Johnstown
- “Breakfast-ential,” Tim Branfalt, Albany
- “Morning After,” Santanya Sharpe, Albany
- “First Time Caller,” Samson Dikeman, Altamont
- “Pinball,” Robert McHugh, Albany
- “Christmas on River Road,” Molly Wellman, Rensselaer
- “Service Industry,” Molly Trumpler, Altamont


Saint Rose undergraduate Chris Lovell will direct the evening’s performance. Dr. Kenneth Krauss is the producer.



Derby winners

Bethlehem Cub Scout Pack 232 held the Pinewood Derby at Bethlehem Town Hall on Saturday, March 3. Nearly 35 Cub Scouts and their families took part in the event. First place went to Trey Yarwood, middle; second place to Spencer Yarwood, right; and third place to Matthew Perry, left. Also shown is Cub Scout volunteer Dan Vincelette, who emceed the day’s races. Perry and his pack painted their cars with pink ribbons to honor those stricken with breast cancer. Perry collected money at the race and donated \$100 to the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

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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 14, 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 14, 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 14, 2012)

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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 14, 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

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purpose of the PLLC is to own, operate and manage a psychological consulting services company, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the PLLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is 11 Peel Street, Selkirk, NY 12158. 79276 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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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 14, 2012)

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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 14, 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 14, 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 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of L J J LENDING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/6/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79284 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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THE DONOVAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization

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of The Donovan Technology Group, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on October 18, 2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 73 Darroch Road, Delmar, NY 12054. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Ryan T. Donovan Address: 5 Clinton Square Albany, New York 12207 79286 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Maveric Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 1/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Eric Vinogradov, 2501 South Ocean Drive, Apt. 711, Hollywood, FL 33019. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79298 (D) (March 14, 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 14, 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 14, 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. 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 14, 2012)

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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 14, 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 14, 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 SECURED 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, CRISTEL I. McGUIRE, WILLIAM E. SCHROEDER, FRANK M. PUTORTI, JR. PC, CAPITAL ONE BANK, LVNV FUNDING LLC, PALISADES COLLECTION LLC, CALVARY PORTFOLIO SERVICES LLC, HEIDI QUINN AS POSSIBLE 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, SCHENECTADY, NY Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the amended complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff=s attorney(s) within 20 days after service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or 30 days after service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the tax lien holder who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment

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may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the tax lien holder will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (TAX LIEN HOLDER) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: December 14, 2011 Garden City, New York STAGG, TERENCE, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff By: Lisa M. Confusione 401 Franklin Avenue Garden City, NY 11530 (516) 812-4500 Schedule A All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Schenectady, State of New York, known and designated as Section 48.83, Block 2, Lot 32 on the Schenectady County Tax Assessment Map. Premises known as 2361 Harrison Avenue, Schenectady, New York. 79308 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Twenty Five Elk Street Properties LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/18/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 25 Elk Street, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 79518 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Medication Management Services, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 25 Parkwyn Dr., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2110. 79523 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation 220 APT. LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/15/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79525 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation LDL Events, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/3/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79526 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Rosemina LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/13/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose:

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all lawful activities. 79527 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of EMPIRE HOLDINGS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/15/12 using the fictitious name of DP HOLDINGS I LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/23/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 79528 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of JOHANNA C DESIGNS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/15/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79529 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of HOME FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79531 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME FRIENDLY EARTH LANDSCAPING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/6/11. Office location Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Friendly Earth Landscaping LLC, 224 Newport Court, PO Box 4, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose for any lawful purpose 79535 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of LINDA DEKKERS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/1/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 207 W.16 St. #1, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 79537 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Ramen Champion USA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/14/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 170 Broadway, 4th Fl., NY, NY 10038. General Purposes. 79647 (D) (March 14, 2012)

Book

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The historical association had previously released a local history book on New Scotland through Arcadia Publishing. Dorgan said the book was popular, but didn’t tell the personal tales of residents or convey the emotions behind them.

The group then advertised for people to write about their favorite New Scotland memories to contribute to the book. Some stories are not of great length but all are important, according to Dorgan.

“They take you back to what it was like to live here in those days,” said Dorgan. “For young people, it might be about stuff their grandparents talked about and for people my



Peg Dorgan with the New Scotland Historical Association’s newest book, “Times of Ours Lives: New Scotland Memories.”
Marcy Velte/Spotlight

age it helps you re-live the life you had.”

Some contributions

include stories about the 1959 Voorheesville fire, long-gone buildings, “school antics and of leisure-time activities before computers and cell phones.”

New Scotland Historical Association Chairwomen Ethie Moak wrote several stories for the book. One memory was of attending second grade in a two-room building that had been converted from an old horse wagon shed on Maple Avenue in Voorheesville.

“Snakes use to come up out of holes in floor in the bathroom of the girls room,” she said. “We still talk about it every reunion.”

Judy Kimes of Clarksville contributed several stories as well. One was about how she obtained her pet duck Wilbur who continued to live for years on her family’s farm.

Kimes said her father

raised chickens and had an egg route. On Easter, many of the families in Albany would by pets for their children on Easter like baby chicks, rabbits and ducklings. Soon they realized having such pets in an apartment complex wasn’t the best of ideas, and they needed to get rid of them.

“Wilbur was an Easter rescue. We adopted him,” she said. “Of course we were surprised some time later when he turned out to be a girl. We found out because he started laying eggs, but we never changed the name.”

Kimes said she wanted to contribute because she enjoyed that period of her life and she wanted to pass on what she remembered. “Plus, I like hearing other people’s memories as well.”

Dorgan said the book could

be used as a teaching tool in local schools, but did warn memories can be faulty, so readers should beware.

Since its first publishing in May 2011, nearly 400 books have been sold. Because of its popularity the historical association is again taking orders for a second publishing of the book. Dorgan also said the group received so many stories and got such good feedback, they have enough to put together a second book.

All of the profits from the book will help the raise funds for the historical society, but Dorgan said “the money is really not what’s important.”

“It’s more about sharing the stories,” she said.

Books cost \$20 and are available at the New Scotland Town Hall and Museum.

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Notice of Qualification of Great White Directional Services LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/13/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Oklahoma (OK) on 12/15/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. OK address of LLC: 14201 Caliber Drive, Ste. 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73134. Arts. of Org. filed with OK Secy. of State, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Rm. 101, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79651 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of WD GLOBAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/23/12. 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. 79654 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of ROI PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/22/12. 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. 79655 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of CEG CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/9/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79656 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of ALBANY PAYROLL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/7/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be

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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. Purpose: any lawful activity. 79657 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of INRE SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/29/10. 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. 79658 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of formation Three Smiles Kitchen, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/22/12. Off. Loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 18 Wexford Rd, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79660 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Kleenby LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/24/2012. 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. 79669 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: NESTOR TORRES CONTRACTING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/12. Office location: Schenectady 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, 1060 Helderberg Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12306. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 79670 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CONTEMPO AFFORDABLE FASHIONS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed

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with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/12. Office location: Schenectady 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, 1702 Chrisher Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 79671 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LA VILLETTE INVESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/29/12. 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. 79673 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Case Funding Associates, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/28/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 244 5th Ave., Ste 284 NY, NY 10001-7604. General Purposes. 79674 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT 9TH AVE. VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/1/12. 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. 79675 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of ABOVE & BEYOND PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/1/12. 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. 79676 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/07/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Nissim Seliktar, 47-28 37th St., 3rd Fl., Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79677 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Bayport LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/07/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Jahangir Yaghoobian, 31 Bayport Lane North, Great Neck, NY 11023. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79678 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 19 Rabbit Run, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/07/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o HHC Co., LLC, 23 Old Kings Hgwy South, PO Box 4004, Darien, CT 06820-4004. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 75007 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Eco-Energy Transportation, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/8/11. 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: National Registered Agents, Inc., 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. 75010 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of CST TAX ADVISORS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1330 Ave. of Americas, Level 23, NY, NY 10019 . Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation Aero Luggage LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/5/2012. 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. 75019 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Icon Design Build LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/1/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79913 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Stoneage LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/1/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79914 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 47-52 43RD STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79915 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 51-46 MANILLA STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79916 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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50 MANILLA STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 79917 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Onondaga, Cortland and Madison Counties, as Administrative Participant under the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services, which organizes a municipal cooperative pursuant to Article 5-G of the New York General Municipal Law among municipal corporations ("Participants") on behalf of itself and the participating members, collectively as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC"), issues these Request for Bids (each a "RFB") for retail electricity and gas supply and other energy services, in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, for supply commencing May 1, 2012.
Name of Bids: NYSMEC – Electricity, RFB-212-48; and NYSMEC - Natural Gas RFB-212-49
Bid Opening: March 26, 2012, 2:00 P.M., at the Conference Room in the Henry Center Administrative Building at Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, 6820 Thompson Road, Syracuse, NY 13211
Anticipated Date of Award: April 12, 2012
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Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:00p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by R. J. Corman Railroad Company/10 Speeder Road, area variances, under Article XIII, Section 128-100, front yard setback requirements.
Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
79926 (D) (March 14, 2012)

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couldn’t resist the idea.

“The kids get something to aspire to, and it creates a buzz in the community,” said Tarullo.

McDonald didn’t hold back anything during his talk. He showed the kids his scars from four knee surgeries and talked about the time he tore his right bicep in a pro match. He told them about how pro bouts are choreographed so that the fake moves look real enough to be believable for a live audience and how long rehearsals would go.

“It’s a different game when you enter that ring,” said McDonald. “Once your back hits the mat, that’s when reality sets in.”

Tarullo said it was important that the

kids learned about what a professional athlete has to go through, even if the sport’s outcome is predetermined as it is with pro wrestling.

“Their dietary needs are very important for kids to understand, and their workout needs are very important for kids to understand,” said Tarullo, who spent three seasons as a lineman with the Dallas Cowboys before coming back to Colonie to coach football and wrestling.

McDonald has been living that life for more than a decade now. He started training to become a pro wrestler in his teens, and even though he left the WWE – pro wrestling’s most well-known touring circuit – several years ago, he’s still active performing and organizing events.

“When I stop loving it, I’ll stop doing it,” said McDonald. “In the meantime as long as I still love it, I’ll keep going.”

The knee surgeries that took McDonald off the WWE circuit turned out to be a blessing in disguise. McDonald said he didn’t enjoy his two-year stay in the circuit.

“It’s a very political locker room,” said McDonald. “It’s a lot of cliques and who you knows. You have to convert to their ways and know the right people (to move up).”

Today, McDonald can focus on putting on a great show for the pro wrestling fans who come to his matches.

“Once I finally healed up from all of my injuries ... once my body felt good again, that’s when the smile returned to my face,” said McDonald. “That’s where it’s from. What you see is what you get with me. That’s when it’s fun.”

And if he can cause a few third graders’ jaws to drop in the process, that’s just fine with McDonald.

Lednev named
Sectional all-star

By SPORTS STAFF
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Bethlehem’s Alex Lednev was named a first-team all-star by the Section II boys swimming and diving coaches.

Lednev won the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breast-stroke at last month’s Section II championships. He also received the most outstanding performer and scholar-athlete awards at Sectionals.

Lednev’s Bethlehem teammate, Gunnar Zemerling, was an honorable mention in the Section II all-star awards.

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Junior Eagles win league championship



The Bethlehem Basketball Club's fifth-grade boys team won the Capital District Youth Basketball League title March 5. It was the latest championship for the Junior Eagles, who also claimed titles at the Averill Park Tip-off, the CDYBL Martin Luther King Jr. and the Glens Falls Shoot Out tournaments. The team is, from left, (front) Justin Barnes, Dermot McDonough, Evan MacTavish, Caleb Federman, Andrew Luntz and Michael Mullen; and (back) Camron vonWedel, Michael Ortale, Eric Salo, Saiyvn Wesley and Sam Lane, Jerry Jennings.

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in three years that the ECAC regular season champion has made it past the quarterfinal round of the league tournament. Union lost to Colgate in last year's quarterfinal series, and Brown knocked off Yale in 2010. At least, there were no surprises this year.

Even if Union should lose in the semifinals, I still believe that the Dutchmen will make the NCAA Tournament field for the second consecutive year. After all, they made it that far last year despite being ousted in the quarterfinals by the league's last-place team. I think repeating as Cleary Cup champions and reaching the semifinals should be enough to put them in the field again.

As for RPI, I think coach Seth Appert should be commended for getting the Engineers to turn their season around — at least, on the road. RPI won seven of its previous nine games away from Troy before Union dispatched the Engineers last weekend. Now if Appert can get his team to start winning home games next year, maybe the Engineers will be a contender for the league title.

Finally, a piece of advice to all of you who are filling out your NCAA basketball tournament brackets: Don't pick Kentucky to win it all. Coach John Calipari has never won a national title, and I doubt he will this year.

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Bethlehem team wins league title

The Bethlehem Basketball Club's fifth-grade travel team won the Capital District Youth Basketball League title with a March 5 victory. It's the fourth title for the team, which also won tournaments in Averill Park and Glens Falls this season.

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Weekly poll

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

- Niskayuna
- Guilderland
- Shaker
- Saratoga
- Bethlehem

Go to www.spotlightnews.com and click on sports to cast your vote.

Last week's poll results:

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

- Colonie 67%
- Shenendehowa 18%
- Niskayuna 10%
- Guilderland 2%
- Shaker 2%



Professional wrestler Kevin McDonald, left, plays with his cousin, Dillan Tidd (red shirt), during a gym class at Colonie's Forest Park Elementary School last Tuesday. *Rob Jonas/Spotlight*

Wrestler goes to school

Elementary school student brings his cousin to meet his classmates

By ROB JONAS
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If they handed out grades for show and tell, Dillan Tidd might have gotten an A+ last Tuesday. The Forest Park Elementary School third grader brought his cousin, professional wrestler Kevin McDonald, to talk to his classmates during gym class. Just the sight of the 6-foot,

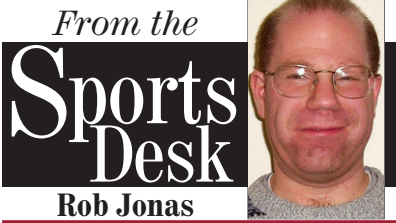
6-inch former WWE wrestler was enough to cause Tidd's classmates' jaws to hit the floor. But once McDonald – whose wrestling name is Kevin Mitchell – began to talk to the kids, they sat transfixed as he told them about his life as a pro wrestler. "I knew it was just a warming-up process," said McDonald. "Once they got to know me for a couple of minutes, they warmed up to me." McDonald didn't stop with just talking to the kids. He also played with them during gym

class in a hybrid game that gym teacher Matt Tarullo came up with where the kids used koosh balls to knock over a series of bowling pins set up at either end of the floor and stepped in the way to prevent the pins from being knocked over. The idea to bring McDonald into school started when he came up from Florida for a two-day visit. Tidd asked Tarullo if McDonald could visit the school. A former state high school champion wrestler in his own right, Tarullo

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Cannata quietly keeps on winning

Quick, can you name the only current University at Albany coach to guide a team to four NCAA Division I tournament appearances? It's not football coach Bob Ford. It's not men's basketball coach Will Brown. And it's not girls volleyball coach MJ Engstrom. It's softball coach Chris Cannata. If that name sounds familiar to Voorheesvillians, it should. Cannata coached the town's high school softball team to a state tournament appearance before joining the UAlbany staff in 1994. Cannata's success has continued since then. She posted her 500th career victory last weekend when UAlbany defeated Campbell 2-1 at the Adidas Invitational in South Carolina. Her Great Danes are the defending America East Tournament champions – a title they've also held in 2005, 2006 and 2007. UAlbany has also won three league regular season titles since 2000, when the program moved up to the NCAA Division I level. Want more proof of how good a coach Cannata is? She's only had three losing seasons since 1995. UAlbany has had 10 30-win seasons, including a program-best 38 victories in 2009 and didn't make the NCAA



Tournament field. Naturally any good coach will say that the success comes from the players, and Cannata has had her share. The interesting thing is that some of those players came from the Capital District including Columbia High School graduate Casey Halloran, who holds the team records for career victories (73), complete games (68) and innings pitched (650.2) and is second in strikeouts (595). Shenendehowa grad Michelle Connors was another UAlbany standout with 156 hits and 117 runs scored in her career, both of which rank among the top 10 players in program history. Ultimately, though, it's Cannata's coaching and recruiting that has elevated UAlbany into permanent elite status in America East. And that's something that other UAlbany programs can only aspire to.

Speaking of other UAlbany programs, congratulations to the women's basketball team after beating UMBC 69-61 in Saturday's America East Tournament championship game at SEFCU Arena. To go from six wins to 23 wins and an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament in three years is an amazing turnaround. Meanwhile, the UAlbany men's basketball team gets to continue its season this week in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament. I don't know how many of you are familiar with the CIT (as it's also known), but apparently it's a postseason tournament for teams that can't qualify for the NIT, which is a tournament for teams that didn't qualify for the NCAA Tournament. Still, it's better than sitting at home in March. One team that is still fighting for an NCAA Tournament berth is the Union College Skating Dutchmen. Union knocked off RPI in two games to win its ECAC hockey tournament quarterfinal series and earn a trip to Atlantic City for this weekend's final four. Not only will this be Union's first berth in the semifinals, but it's also the first time

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Two Eagles make list

League coaches select Vincent, Parente for All-CDHSHL team

By SPORTS STAFF
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Bethlehem's Sam Vincent and Nicholas Parente were named to the All-CDHSHL team by the Capital District High School Hockey League coaches. Vincent, a senior forward, scored 16 goals and added 16 assists for the Eagles, who finished third in the Division I standings. Parente, a senior defender, contributed two goals and 14 assists.

Senior forward John Gosstola was a second-team all-league selection. Gosstola led Bethlehem with 21 goals and 33 points this season.

Guilderland/Mohonasen's Ryan Ghizzoni and Andrew Mundweiler received honorable mention recognition from the league's coaches.

Ghizzoni, a senior forward, had 11 goals and six assists for the Dutch Warriors. Mundweiler, a senior forward, added nine goals and 10 assists.

Saratoga's Alex Luse was selected as the CDHSHL player of the year, and Niskayuna/Schenectady's Peter Mrazik was the top goaltender.