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BC adopts \$88.2M budget

Spending plan will challenge tax cap

By MARCY VELTE
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After hearing comments from parents and residents late into the night, the Bethlehem Central school board voted to adopt a spending plan for the 2012-13

school year that challenges the state tax cap.

The adopted plan calls for \$88,203,000 in spending for the coming school year and a tax levy increase of 3.99 percent. The new tax levy would reduce the budget gap to \$3.8 million.

BC Superintendent Tom Douglas said the Board opted to adopt the budget during the

meeting on Tuesday, April 3, instead of the intended date of Monday, April 23, after members decided they would challenge the levy limit to minimize the number of cuts in next year's budget. To pass the budget in May, at least 60 percent of those voting will need to be in favor of the plan, instead of a simple majority. If the spending plan is voted down, the district

would have the option of revising it and putting it to a second vote.

"We've had community forums and budget workshops; we've listened to the feedback of the people who have been involved," said Douglas. "One thing we heard consistently is that a Bethlehem education is an excellent one the community would like to maintain."

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A golden moment



Keller Rush, 4, of Bethlehem finds one of the golden eggs hidden for the youngest age group at the annual Town of Bethlehem "Egg"stravaganza Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 7, in Elm Avenue Park. More pictures, page 3.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

This year's Dash looks to the past

Delmar race organizers seek vintage gear for 24th annual running

By MARCY VELTE
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With 23 years behind them, this year the organizers of the Delmar Dash are looking towards the past.

Marcia Adams and her husband Tom have only been directing the race for six years, so they said this year's run will be in homage to races past.

"Next year will be the 25th anniversary and we want to reflect upon that," said Co-Race Director Marcia Adams. "It started in 1988 and has always been one where we try to keep a sense of community. It's one of the town's main events."

As part of the event, organizers are asking runners to bring in Delmar Dash T-shirts from past races to be put on display. The person who brings in the oldest shirt will win a \$25 gift certificate to Fleet Feet in Colonie, but the shirt must have a date on it.

"We actually need people to bring them in because we don't have them," said Adams. She said no one kept the official shirts over the years, so she's hoping runners will have them stashed away somewhere.

For the past five years, Delmar Dash T-shirts have featured a robot created by local graphic artist Tom Kracker.

"I'd been running the race for years and eventually I asked how I could be of help," he said. Kracker soon volunteered to design the new race shirts.

Adams said they were looking for a character to put on the shirts that represented Delmar, but they couldn't

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YMCA breaks ground on lunch pavilion

Bethlehem branch's camps, members will make use of capital improvement

By MARCY VELTE
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After nearly three years of planning, the Bethlehem YMCA finally broke ground on a project to build a lunch pavilion for children participating in its summer camp program and members of the local branch.

At a ceremony held on Tuesday, April 3, Capital District YMCA officials, local politicians and members of the community came together to formally announce that

construction of the project would start within days. The goal is to have the pavilion complete before camp begins in June at the 14-acre property located at 900 Delaware Ave.

"This will allow the YMCA to further establish its programs within our community," said Bethlehem YMCA Executive Director Derek Martin. "It also allows us to better serve the campers coming through our doors everyday."

Last summer, about 150 campers per week attended the Bethlehem YMCA camp, which ran for nine weeks, said Martin.

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Shovels and helmets mark the spot where officials broke ground on the YMCA lunch pavilion on Tuesday, April 3.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

Sushi bar opens Lark Street location after three years in Delmar

Lee saved up his money and opened the first Shogun opened on Delaware Avenue in Delmar nearly three years ago in the Main Square Plaza.

“People will find the service and the food consistent for those who used to make the trek to the other location, but



"I think the demographic here demands it," Lee said. "We really paid attention to details and it's very suitable



Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

Lai said he thinks customers will appreciate the presentation and he was surprised how busy the restaurant was after only being open for one week. "I think

"It's too early to tell. Right now, all of our energy is going to the second one," he said.

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An eggs-cellent adventure

After re-scheduling due to poor weather, the annual Town of Bethlehem “Egg”stravaganza Easter egg hunt was held on Saturday, April 7, in Elm Avenue Park. Hundreds of eggs were hidden by the town’s Parks and Recreation Department for the event with dozens of children of all ages in attendance.

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Police Blotter

Police remove decades-old tank ordinance from Ravenna home

Coeymans police and the New York State Police bomb squad were called to a home in Ravena when the homeowner reported finding eight tank shells in the basement of his residence.

Sean Riley of 6 VanBuren Ave., contacted police after finding the 20mm tank shells in the rafters of his basement on Thursday, April 5 around 3 p.m.

“They were taken to be disposed of,” said Coeymans Police Department Investigator Gerald DeLuca. “They were found to be from the 1950s and there was the potential they were volatile.”

Police said they were called after Riley initially contacted the television show “Sons of Guns” to inquire about the value of the tank shells.

“He was told by the personnel from the show not to touch them and to contact police immediately,” said police.

DeLuca said Riley has

not lived in the house long and the shells were found hidden in the rafters when he was cleaning out the basement to run cable wires.

"The shells could have been there for an extended period of time, we do not know," said DeLuca.

Coeymans police and bomb squad personnel responded to the home and removed the shells without incident. Police said there was no need to evacuate any neighbors nor nearby homes.

DEC Rangers nab two for damaging forest

On Thursday, March 22, DEC rangers issued tickets to Nicholas Hale, 21, of Latham and Nicolas J. Schillinger of Rensselaer after their vehicles became stuck while operating illegally in the Taconic Ridge State Forest the day before.

according to information from the DEC.

Hale was issued four tickets for causing damage to state forest land (a violation that carries up to \$250 fine and/or up to five days in jail); illegal use of a motorized vehicle on state forest land (a violation that carries up to \$250 fine and/or up to five days in jail); failure to comply with posted signage (a violation that carries up to \$250 fine and/or up to five days in jail); and operating a vehicle out of class (a vehicle and traffic law violation which was the result of the defendant's three prior speeding convictions and could result in up to \$100 fine and/or up to 15 days in jail).

Schillinger was issued three tickets for causing damage to state forest land (a violation that carries up to \$250 fine and/or up to five days in jail); illegal use of a motorized vehicle on state forest land (a violation

that carries up to \$250 fine and/or up to five days in jail); and failure to comply with posted signage (a violation that carries up to \$250 fine and/or up to five days in jail).

According to the DEC, around 2:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, two vehicles became stuck while operating illegally in the Taconic Ridge State Forest on the Taconic Crest Trail in the Town of Stephentown) and the individuals called Rensselaer County 911 dispatch and requested assistance because they were lost and unable to get out of the woods. State Police, Rensselaer County Sheriff's deputies, local fire department personnel and DEC Forest Rangers all responded to the incident and the individuals were located by local volunteer fire department personnel and evacuated using fire department rescue vehicles, according to the DEC. The DEC said the investigation continues, significant resources were used to handle the incident and "additional enforcement" may be pending.

Friends of the
individuals who were

ticketed and were called to assist used three four-wheel drive Jeeps with winches to free the two stuck vehicles on Thursday afternoon and the DEC said there was significant damage to the private forest land and state forest land from that.

Arrests

- Two teenagers were arrested after allegedly stealing money from another youth in Bethlehem Cemetery last week.

Miguel Curet, 16, of 286 Kenwood Ave., was arrested by Bethlehem police after he and another teen (who was not identified because of age) allegedly attacked another youth while riding their bikes in the cemetery, police said. The victim told police that on Thursday, March 29, Curet and one of his friends "jumped" the victim. When on the ground, the victim was allegedly continually slapped by the two teens, who then "forcibly" stole \$5 from the victim, according to arrest records.

Curet was charged with robbery in the second degree. He was arraigned


and bail was set at \$25,000 cash or bond. The other assailant was also charged with robbery in the second degree. Both were taken to Albany County Juvenile Detention Center.

- A Saugerties woman was arrested after she allegedly wrote five bad checks at the Slingerlands Price Chopper on five different occasions, according to police.

Kim Hoffman, 53, of 3093 Route 9W Saugerties, was arrested by Bethlehem police on Saturday, March 24, after it was found she had written five bad checks to Price Chopper, police said. Bethlehem police said they worked with the Saugerties Police Department on the investigation.


Hoffman was charged with grand larceny in the fourth degree and scheming to defraud in the first degree, both felonies. She was held on \$10,000 cash bail or bond and was scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

- Guilderland police arrested Lawrence Kacprzak, 58, on Thursday, April 5 on charges of trademark counterfeiting in the second degree, a felony.



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Scotia Diner gets ready to move on

Owners plan to reopen at nearby former Kem Cleaners

By JOHN PURCELL
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The owners of the Scotia Diner were evicted from their longtime restaurant to make way for an apartment complex, but a vacant building just down the street could be the eatery's new home.

Aristoteles "Terry" Kyratzis, manager and chef for the Scotia Diner, presented a proposed site plan to the Scotia Planning Board on Monday, April 2, to renovate the former Kem Cleaners at 114 Mohawk Avenue. Developer Bruce Tanski gave an eviction notice Feb. 15, giving the business 30 days to leave.

Since leaving its 50-year-old location on Wednesday, March 21, a majority of the workers are eager for reopening at the new location, Kyratzis said.

"Everybody is supporting us, but some had to find new jobs," Kyratzis said. "Most of my employees are waiting for this to get started and they are willing to help us out."

In January 2011, the Planning Board approved Tanski's proposal to build a three-story apartment complex, which required demolishing the diner, the former Attanasio's Restaurant and three houses along Glen Avenue.

Village Mayor Kris Kastberg previously said while the lack of commercial space on the street level of the proposed complex does go against the norm for Mohawk Avenue, there was little recourse for the village to amend or stop the development.

The board on April 2 said there were aspects of the Scotia Diner's site plan that were missing and needed to be included. Before approving the plan, the board asked to see building elevations, detailed sign plans, proposed lighting specifications, proposed landscaping, exact dumpster locations and where plowed snow would be placed on site.

"There is too much missing information for us to approve it," board member Lisa Holst said.

The board was sympathetic with Kyratzis on workers being left idle and agreed to hold a special meeting Tuesday, April 17, to review the completed site plan. Kyratzis would then have to go before the Village Zoning Board the following week to apply for a zoning variance because the amount of parking spaces at the location isn't sufficient. Planning Board members expressed optimism the Zoning Board would grant the variance since it is a unique location.

The new space would nearly double the amount of seating offered at the diner from 56 to 100 seats. The inside of the restaurant is planned to have a more modern look while keeping some of the feel of the older location. Kyratzis said the counter from the old location was saved. He also plans to add some more menu items.

The rent at the new location would be "considerably much more," so Kyratzis said the dinner would need to attract more customers. He said seniors would be offered discounts and the diner is planning to offer a discount to local college students.

One man can change the world

By CHUCK SCHMITT

The writer is with the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany County.

Back in the 1850's, a young journalist and his wife left their home in Detroit for the Nebraska Territory. They settled and quickly set about beautifying their surroundings with flowers and trees. This man's name was Julius Sterling Morton. He soon became an editor and used his newspaper to teach people about agriculture and the importance of planting trees. Other settlers missed their native trees and soon began to realize the need for trees as windbreaks, for soil stabilization, as a source of fuel and building supplies.

J. Morton Sterling soon became secretary of the Nebraska's state board of agriculture, where he not only encouraged individuals but also civic groups and associations to become involved in the planting of trees. He proposed that a special day be set aside, dedicated to appreciating the importance of trees and for the planting of trees. On Jan. 4, 1872, at a meeting of the state board of agriculture, Morton proposed that this tree planting holiday be called "Arbor Day." The date to celebrate this first Arbor Day was set for April 10, 1872. A

prize was offered to the group or individual who planted the most trees on that day. It is estimated that over one million trees were planted that day.

Less than two years later on March 12, 1874, Nebraska Gov. Robert W. Furnas officially proclaimed Arbor Day, and it was again celebrated on April 10. This celebration was an amazing success with speeches, parades and the participation of more than 1,000 school children from all grades. Everyone was getting involved in the planting and care of trees. In 1885, Arbor Day became a legal holiday in Nebraska and the celebration date was permanently moved to April 22, to coincide with J. Sterling Morton's birthday.

Other states began to follow suit. Soon school children from across the Midwest became involved, and by 1882 the tradition had spread nationwide. Today, National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April. Each of the 50 states now celebrate with observances being timed to coincide with the weather most conducive to the planting of trees. Most states, including New York, still observe Arbor Day on the last Friday in April. Southern states, like Florida and Louisiana begin their observances as early as January. Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama observe Arbor



Former President Harry S. Truman visited the Governor's Mansion on April 25, 1958, and planted a sugar maple tree with former New York Gov. Averell Harriman in observance of Arbor Day. The tree is still there.

Submitted photo

"Each generation takes the earth as trustees"
- J. Sterling Morton

Day in February. In fact, Alabama celebrates the last full week in February! Not to be outdone, the great states of California, Maine, Massachusetts, Oklahoma and Oregon also celebrate for a full week. Other celebrations similar to Arbor Day

are now being held in many countries around the world. In Japan, Greening Week is celebrated; Israel has The New Year's Day of Trees; Yugoslavia celebrates The Reforestation Week; Iceland has a similar celebration called The Students' Afforestation Day; India has The National Festival of Tree Planting; Korea has The Tree-Loving week of Korea; and Australia also celebrates. Yes, one man can change the world. I think J. Sterling Morton would be proud.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

BC budget one to watch

This past week saw a wrinkle in what has become the traditional narrative of school budget season in the Bethlehem Central School District, and residents residing therein (and districts nearby) should take notice.

You can read all about the budget proposal in this week’s front-page story. What’s most important to most folks is the district is asking for a nearly 4 percent increase in the property tax levy, which is a full percent higher than allowed by the state tax cap.

The merits of the tax cap can be discussed at length, but it has undeniably changed the conversation at budget time in most school districts. This year, schools in the area are tending to start their budgeting by setting taxes to that maximum level then making whatever cuts or withdrawals from savings necessary to bring the numbers in line. BC is bucking that trend, but what remains to be seen is whether doing so will excite the ire or the understanding of taxpayers.

According to the district, the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000 would see an \$81 tax increase under next year’s budget, which doesn’t sound like a tall price to pay when considering the plan would keep a lot of people in their jobs and a lot of programs from the chopping block. It’s pretty close to a trip to the pumps these days.

However, what school districts rarely advertise in their press releases is the existing tax rate. Bethlehem Central didn’t, so we looked it up and found the owner of a \$100,000 house is paying just over \$2,000 in school taxes, whether that home is in New Scotland or Bethlehem. That’s 2 percent of the value of a home going to the school district every year.

That bill is more or less in line with what taxpayers in the Guilderland School District pay (depending on your town of residence) and generally a bit higher than what’s owed by residents in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, so it’s not like BC exists in some sort of tax bubble.

It’s still a lot of money, though, which is why it will be interesting to see what happens with this year’s budget vote in BC. Since this tax levy exceeds the state tax cap, at least 60 percent of those turning out to vote will have to approve of it, instead of a simple majority. This will undoubtedly be a much-watched vote for administrators in districts that cut deeper instead of challenging the cap.

For the past three years, the vote has passed by a roughly 66 percent margin, but what school administrators know is budgeting is as much a game of gauging popular sentiment at it is balancing dollars and cents. Will the tax cap serve as a trigger that swings public opinion?

Whether 60 percent of the community is supportive of this budget is something we’ll probably never know. In the past decade, the largest number of voters coming out for a BC school budget vote was in 2006 for a revote. Nearly 6,000 people turned out, which is still a pretty paltry number compared to the district’s population (and let’s note you do not have to be a registered voter to participate in this process, just a resident of the district).

If you were hoping to read an editorial that takes a stance on this budget, sorry to disappoint. Whether the extra money is a worthwhile request by the district is ultimately a subjective determination. What we’d ask is for people to realize the importance of this moment when it comes to the fiscal policy of the largest tax-levying entity in the immediate area, make a determination using the bounty of information in these pages and elsewhere and take five minutes to vote on May 15.

Pass or fail, the message a low turnout sends is residents don’t care about their taxes. And that’s a dangerous thought to promote.

Editorial

Revisit your finances this April

Peggy Penders

The writer is the communications director for the Better Business Bureau’s Upstate New York office.

This month marks National Financial Literacy Month and a good time to reassess your savings and spending patterns. The FINRA National Financial Capability Study recently looked at the spending and saving habits of Americans and came up with some startling information. The Better Business Bureau invites consumers to consider the following highlights from the study:

- Most Americans lack emergency savings or “rainy day” funds. Only 49 percent of survey respondents reported that they had set aside funds sufficient to cover expenses for three months in case of sickness, job loss, economic downturn or other emergency.
- The majority of Americans have not done any retirement planning. Only 42 percent of the FINRA survey respondents who weren’t retired said they had taken the time to calculate what they would need.
- Well below half of Americans have saved money for college. Only 41 percent of those who have financially dependent children have set money aside for college education.

To help you build a brighter future for yourself and your family, BBB recommends the following:

- Start calculating now. You are never too young to start planning for retirement. While individuals increasingly have to take responsibility for their financial security after retirement, the majority of Americans appear not to have done any retirement planning. Decisions about how much to save in order to afford a comfortable retirement require collecting information about several important

Point of View

variables (including Social Security and retirement plan benefits) and doing some, even rudimentary, calculations.

- Budget appropriately when it comes time to pay for a child’s education. It is widely reported that, over the past decade, tuition and fees at four-year public colleges and universities have increased more rapidly than they did during the 1980s or 1990s, rising by an average of nearly 5 percent each year (adjusted for inflation). With this trend unlikely to abate, an average American family with children can expect to dedicate a sizable share of their resources to paying college tuition.
- Manage your debt. One of the best ways to ensure a brighter financial future is to manage and eliminate costly debt. BBB offers “Managing Credit – Made Simpler,” an online learning tool for consumers and small business owners.
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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Teacher contracts, perks put district in a bind at budget time

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I am writing in response to your various reports and printed editorials pertaining to the Bethlehem School Budget. With all due respect to the quality reporting and the informational editorial that Dr. Douglas penned about the tax cap and the impact this budget will have on our children, why hasn't anyone taken a look at the big numbers, namely the \$66,000,000 in salaries and benefits paid to district employees.

During the last four years they have enjoyed rather plush raises, paid minimal increases for healthcare and benefited from significant

payments into retirement plans. The numbers are staggering when you consider how hard our economy has been hit. No one talks about that while hundreds of people were being laid off over the past two years, the members of the BCTA and BCUEA made minimal efforts to try and save their jobs.

Unless serious changes are made to these contracts our school is destined for destruction. After years of trimming fat, slashing the arts, athletics and even closing an elementary school, BC finds itself in a position where these next cuts will hit the core of what makes our school

the special place that it is. We are all guilty of letting things get to this point. We took the aid and used it to keep pace with the escalating contracts without even considering if these increases were reasonable. We find ourselves in a position where the well has run dry. Employees must feel entitled to these increases, that what is happening with our economy shouldn't be part of the discussion and that taking smaller raises or contributing more for their healthcare and retirements shouldn't be asked of them. We will never know because parents and taxpayers are not allowed to participate in the negotiations.

These increases will either bankrupt us or force the Board of Education to strip every last non-instructional program from the curriculum. Payments into retirement systems have skyrocketed from \$3,000,000 in 2009 to almost \$6,700,000. Add in healthcare costs and salary increases and the district will spend an additional \$3.5 million this year alone. To fund this, property taxes would need to increase by almost 7%.

Bethlehem already has one of the highest tax rates in the area, how much more do they want? We have seen the take,

take, take but where is the give? If nothing changes the biggest losers in this equation will be our children. The quality of the current educational experience will be gutted over the coming years, program by program, unless the pendulum starts swinging the other way. People on both sides of the money need to step back and understand that we are at the crossroads. The next step we take either sends us on the road to recovery and stability or heads us for a showdown with disaster. The only hope that exists is that the people with the power put the children, our future, first and restructure a system that is due for an overhaul.

Scott Bonanno
Glenmont

It's time to stop out-of-control spending

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Regarding the April 4 *Spotlight* story, "BC's budget situation frustrates parents", as a non-parent, I'm frustrated too. Frustrated with an average 4.93 % school tax increase for the last 10 years according to *The Spotlight*. And now some are proposing we challenge the state cap on school taxes to go beyond what is otherwise allowed.

The children of Bethlehem deserve a solid education in subjects essential to success. No one is suggesting elimination of history or math or science or other standard studies.

But when, in the middle of a budget crisis with a multi-million dollar deficit, the school district merely "considers" the elimination of the "fourth grade strings band", someone isn't getting the message. No reasonable person, parent or otherwise, can argue that a fourth grade strings band is an essential part of an education. The same can be said of Chinese Studies or buying Apple Computers rather than PCs. These are niceties, for sure. But essential? Hardly! And for those parents who feel they are vital, perhaps they should hold bake sales or otherwise arrange for funding these add on

activities.

Beyond curriculum, two parents were quoted as saying they were disappointed that teachers have thus far not stepped forward to take cuts this year. It was recently reported in the Times Union that the average teacher PENSION in NYS is \$82,000 a year. (That's right, pension, not salary.) Most working people will never see that as a salary, never mind as a pension. It would seem those parents make a good point.

The State of New York passed the budget cap to make a point: NY is number one in educational spending per pupil and

spending continues to balloon far beyond the rate of inflation. School taxes are out of control. This seems to be a message some have yet to understand.

Mike Malachowski
Delmar



Keep Delmar area pedestrian friendly

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As the weather becomes warmer and gas prices continue to rise, more Delmar residents are choosing to leave their cars in their driveways and walk to their destinations. On behalf of all pedestrians in town, I am making a to Bethlehem drivers: please pay attention and be aware of walkers. Recently, my daughter and I were crossing Delaware Avenue from Groesbeck Place at the crosswalk. We were lucky to have waited a couple of seconds after the "walk" light appeared and the beeping began, because soon after a car ran the red light, completely oblivious

to the fact that we were standing there waiting to cross. Most drivers do not blatantly ignore traffic laws as this driver did, but there have been many more occasions that we have tried to cross at the crosswalk on Elsmere Avenue (across from St. Stephen's Church) and cars have not stopped for us.

Walkers, please obey the pedestrian rules and utilize the crosswalks and drivers, please pay attention and be aware of your surroundings. This will ensure that Delmar is a pedestrian-friendly and safe town.

Jennifer Spore
Elsmere


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

Take a break with fun programs for all ages

The Guilderland Public Library has a fun-filled week of activities slated for spring break.

- Charlotte's Book Battle

In this morning of reading and activities, kids in Kindergarten through second grade will meet the 2012 Charlotte Award nominated books and pick a winner; it all happens on Wednesday, April 11, at 11 a.m. Register by calling 456-2400 x9 or sign-up the Youth Services Department.

- Peter and the Wolf: The Story, Before the Music!

On Thursday, April 12, at 2 p.m., Vanguard Volunteers from the Albany Symphony Orchestra will use fun, interactive activities to introduce children ages 4 through 7 to the story of Peter and the Wolf (in May, you might want to go to one of the orchestra's Tiny Tots performances to hear the music tell the story). Register by calling 456-2400 x9 or sign-up the Youth Services Department.

- Tween Creativity Week-Long Lab: Stupid Sock Creatures

It doesn't take much sewing skill to turn silly socks into a stupid sock creature, and we can prove it on Friday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Tweens in grades four and up can join us to create their own stupid sock creatures. Register by calling 456-2400 x 9 or sign-up the Youth Services Department.

See Smurfs on the 27th, not the 13th

They're little, they're blue, they're loose in our world, and they will be on the Helderberg Room's Big Screen on Friday, April 27 (and not on Friday the 13th!) So, on the 27th, we'll expect you! Bring your own blanket, and we'll supply the popcorn!

Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, please call the library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org.

Trio highlights women in jazz

Three area jazz artists highlight women's contributions to the world of jazz in Gals Who Play Jazz at the library this Sunday, April 15, at 2 p.m. Pianist Peg Delaney, bassist Linda Ellen Brown and vocalist Patti Melita have selected a program that includes women's contributions to the Great American Song Book. The trio will share interesting facts about the music and the plight of women in the world of jazz and popular music.

The performers are members of the American Federation of Musicians who met in the 1970s and have played in various and diverse musical ensembles through the years.

The concert marks Jazz Appreciation Month, a Smithsonian initiative begun eleven years ago and promoted locally each year by the Albany Musicians Association.



Gals Who Play Jazz will play at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, April 15, at 2 p.m.

Submitted photo

The festival comes to our library Thursday April 19 at 6:30pm with "Best Loved Stories" told by David Novak of North Carolina, Michael Parent of Maine and Valerie Tutson of Rhode Island.

Riverway story program

The Upper Hudson Library System's Riverway Storytelling Festival will get underway next week for the tenth year running.

Novak and Parent have received Circle of Excellence awards from the National Storytelling Network.

Adults, teens and children are welcome to the program, which is



sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Last chance to get trustee petition forms

Nominating petition forms are still 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. Pick up petition forms and information packets 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. next Monday, April 16.

Louise Grieco

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

Board of trustees has an open seat

There is an open five-year term seat on the Voorheesville Public Library Board of Trustees beginning July 1, 2012. Petition forms are available now at the library and must be returned by 5 p.m. April 16. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and residents of the Voorheesville Central School District.



is a special presentation for seniors, and will take place on Friday, April 20th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the community room. Kate Dudding and Alden (Joe) Doolittle will be telling tales to delight and entertain. The performance is free and open

to all community seniors. Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

Riverway Storytelling Festival is an annual event that brings the art of storytelling to communities via their libraries. Storytelling performances for all ages are held throughout the Capital District. Visit the Festival's website at <http://www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org/>

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Please note that some turtles such as snapping turtles can have strong bites. If you are not able to safely move the turtle, please call local animal control officers to assist you. When moving a turtle across the street, always move it in the direction it is headed, not back from where it came. Additionally, please do not relocate the turtle to another area even if that area has a stream. Turtles have good directional sense and have a specific location to which they are headed.

Please keep an eye out for the local turtles and take extra care when driving on winding, wooded roads where turtles tend to live. As always, seek veterinary care should you encounter an injured turtle. Please remember that it is illegal to rehabilitate injured wildlife unless you have a rehabilitator license or are a veterinarian.

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Wednesday, April 18
Exercise Class
Registration
9 a.m. Zumba
10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster
No Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, April 19
Exercise Class
Registration
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
9 a.m. Zumba
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure & Scheduled Legal & Medicaid Appts.
10 a.m. to noon Scheduled Food Stamp Appts.
10:30 a.m. Balance Class
1 p.m. Mahjongg
1:15 Pinochle
1 to 3 p.m. Medicare Presentation

Friday, April 20
Exercise Class
Registration
Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10:30 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

Movie of the month
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Monday, April 16
Exercise Class
Registration
Scheduled Shopping
10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
Noon Zumba
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Tuesday, April 17
Exercise Class
Registration



County Executive Dan McCoy announced that the City of Watervliet and City of Cohoes would be switching 911 dispatch services to the county on Tuesday, March 27. McCoy is leading a consolidation effort to create a centralized dispatch answering center for municipalities countywide to save taxpayers money and increase efficiency.

Submitted photo

County plans consolidation effort

Cohoes and Watervliet to transfer 911 answering duties to the county

By ALYSSA JUNG
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In an effort to provide "higher efficiency" and save taxpayer dollars, Albany County has announced the early results of a multi-year study of possible consolidation of dispatch and emergency services. On Tuesday, March 27, County Executive Dan McCoy announced the City of Watervliet and City of Cohoes would be turning 911 dispatch services over to the county.

"Watervliet and Cohoes residents are winning in two ways: they'll save money by consolidating dispatch services and get help faster in emergencies by having calls go directly to the county," said McCoy.

The study was performed through a Local Government Efficiency Grant the county applied

for in 2009. Mary Rozak, spokesperson for McCoy, said the study took a look at whether taxpayers were getting "a duplication of services" and how emergency services money was being spent in each municipality.

"Back then it was thought that when 911 was established ... if you have a dispatch with local employees they're best equipped to actually dispatch their own police, fire, EMS because they know the area and they know the people," said Rozak.

Rozak said the study disproved that theory.

"The study revealed that doesn't really apply anymore because there is new technology and we have all kinds of advances, better training and teams of people that we call integrated units," said Rozak.

Watervliet is already online and having 911 calls answered at the county dispatch center in the Village of Voorheesville. There was no loss of personnel because local employees were rolled over on to the county payroll, and Rozak said the city could save between \$150,000 and \$200,000 for the year.

Cohoes is scheduled to switch service over to the county in a few weeks

and could see savings between \$400,000 and \$650,000, said Rozak, and the county is not seeing any immediate cost increase as a result of consolidation.

"That's a pretty big savings (for those municipalities)," said Rozak. "At this point we are able to absorb that cost so at this point it isn't having a financial impact."

The county extended the consolidation offer to all 19 municipalities and is poised to announce additional partners in the "near future." Rozak said some towns or cities haven't yet warmed to the idea of consolidation.

"Often there's some hesitation because ... there is sometimes a mindset that says you want local people and there must be a benefit to having local people right there," said Rozak.

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple said the consolidation effort is a beneficial move.

"Our goal is to provide a high level of efficiency when answering and dispatching 911 calls while easing the burden on the county taxpayers. The transfer of function to the county will save time and money while not jeopardizing public safety," said Apple.

communities merge into the consolidation, Rozak said the county could potentially see additional expenses, but it would cross that bridge when the time comes.

"When you have more people contributing to one bill it's not going to cost anything more right now, but should we have to beef up and it costs more in the future, you're spreading out the amount of money that needs to be divided between participating communities," said Rozak.

Colonie Police Chief Steve Heider said the town is currently "excluded" from the consolidation but conversations have been had with the county and are ongoing.

"We're open to any negotiation with the county. We've cooperated with their study to date," said Heider. "I think they're trying to get some of the smaller towns and we haven't had those serious discussions yet but I think some new things are coming up."

Bethlehem Town Supervisor John Clarkson said the town is "looking at it" and has created an internal group made up of police IT staff and a budget advisory team to look at the possibility of consolidation.

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V'ville church celebrates 50 years

St. Matthew's started as mission of larger congregation

By MARCY VELTE
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For the past five decades, St. Matthew's Church of Voorheesville has worked to serve the local Roman Catholic community, but for years prior those in attendance worshipped as members of a different congregation.

This month, St. Matthew's parishioners celebrated the 50th anniversary of being granted their own congregation through the Catholic Church. To honor the occasion, various celebratory events have been planned into the month of June.

"I think like any anniversary, it's a nice opportunity to pause and look back at the blessing we received," said the Rev. Thomas Chevalier, the church's pastor. "It calls to mind all of the things we take for granted. It's true for us just like it would be for any family."

Until the year 1962, the Catholic community of Voorheesville worshipped as a mission church under St. Lucy's of Altamont, the nearest congregation.

"It was easier for this community to meet and have their own building, rather than travel to Altamont at the time," explained Nan Bonham, a St. Matthew's parishioner and member of the 50th anniversary committee.

But the Voorheesville community grew over time, and so did attendance at its local churches. Eventually the mission church that had once stood at the corner of Pleasant and Center Streets became too small. On April 7, 1962, Bishop William Scully established St. Matthew's as a parish.



This month, parishioners of St. Matthew's Church of Voorheesville celebrated the 50th anniversary of being granted their own congregation through the Catholic Church.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

"We're fortunate enough that the community has a family-oriented geography, unlike the city parishes where people move in and out all of the time. Members establish family ties here and we are able to provide good worship experiences."

Pastor Thomas Chevalier

"Voorheesville was given the opportunity to become a full-fledged parish and not be a mission parish any longer. This way they would have their own pastor with a rectory and have their own religious education classes," said Bonham.

The church and rectory now stands on Mountainview Street.

Chevalier said many parishes start as the missions of larger churches but are later designated as parishes when they reach maturity when "the greater church feels (the congregation) is now able to stand on their own."

Over the years the parish has continued to grow. In 1980, the church was renovated to include expansions under the direction of the Rev.

Arthur Toole, and one year later, Bishop Howard Hubbard rededicated the church. In 1996, a parish center was built to include office space, classrooms, a social hall and a new kitchen facility. Further additions were added in 2001.

The parish now serves about 900 families, according to Bonham.

"Our numbers have always been steady over the years," she said. "I think that to be a church for that many years and with the fact that we keep growing is quite a feat. Especially with so many churches closing and we are still growing."

Chevalier, the parish's sixth pastor, said he believes it's the parish's focus on faith formation in its young members that has kept the church alive.

He said many current members started as children and continued to attend the same church when starting their own families.

"We're fortunate enough that the community has a family-oriented geography, unlike the city parishes where people move in and out all of the time," he said. "Members establish family ties here and we are able to provide good worship experiences."

Chevalier said every parish depends on the generosity of its members to survive to be able to provide the things needed to build a lasting parish for themselves.

"We've always had members who have been able to do that, so we're lucky," he said.

The main anniversary celebration event will be held on Sunday, April 22, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Hubbard will give a special liturgy and a reception will follow in the parish hall.

To learn more, visit the church's website at www.stmatthewsvoorheesville.net.

IN BRIEF

Temple to show comedy

B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation in Albany will host a screening of "Leon the Pig Farmer," an irreverent 1992 comedy from the production company of "Monty Python"'s Eric Idle.

The film will be shown Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. at B'nai Sholom, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Admission: \$3 contribution.

"Leon the Pig Farmer" is considered a cult classic in Europe. The movie's zany story is set in motion when Leon Geller (the late Mark Frankel), a sensitive Jewish boy from London, accidentally learns that he is the product of artificial insemination. Leon's search for his biological parents leads him to the still more startling discovery of a sperm bank mix-up proving that he is the son of a Yorkshire pig farmer. The inevitable confusion results in a comic Jewish identity crisis.

"Leon the Pig Farmer" received the "International Critics' Prize" at the 1992 Venice Film Festival and was named "Best Film"

at the 1992 Edinburgh Film Festival. "Fresh and vastly amusing" is how the Chicago Tribune described it, while the Village Voice called it "insightful and witty."

For more information, contact the B'nai Sholom office at 518-482-5283 or e-mail office@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us.

Museum plans grand opening

The ALCO Heritage Museum will hold its grand opening on Sunday, June 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. at its new site at 1910 Maxon Road in Schenectady.

The ALCO Heritage Museum is dedicated to preserving the cultural and industrial history of Schenectady, in particular that history involving the American Locomotive Company and its antecedent, the Schenectady Locomotive Works.

Among the large historical artifacts on hand will be a M-47 Patton Tank and the 1909 Black Beast Automobile, both built by ALCO, and an operating Canadian Pacific Railroad locomotive.

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"No decisions as of yet but we're looking at it," said Clarkson. "It's really too early to get very specific but obviously a positive is, if we could get service that works there are, in many people's views, great potential for savings which is why we'd want to look at it. But we want to ensure that the service is acceptable and the systems work together."

Clarkson said he's talking to officials in Cohoes and Watervliet to see how the consolidation is working out for them so far. Bethlehem has 12 dispatchers and Clarkson said if a consolidation with

the county were to occur, he hopes most of those employees would transfer over to work under the county.

"We're not committed either way or another. We're open to it, we're actively looking at it, but we're not that far along yet," said Clarkson.

Creating a centralized, countywide dispatch center could also improve emergency efforts in the event of a large-scale event, said Rozak.

"When something happens on a larger scale you're not trying to get in touch with 19 separate dispatch systems. ... We're the one-stop shopping where everyone goes and also improves communication efforts," said Rozak.



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Porco's appeal options grow slim

Supreme Court will not hear appeal in Delmar murder case

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The country's highest court will not hear an appeal of Christopher Porco's murder conviction, greatly reducing the former Delmar resident's chances of an overturned verdict.

Albany County District Attorney David Soares announced on Monday, April 2, that the United States Supreme Court denied a petition to review the 2006 murder conviction. Porco, now 28, was found guilty of murdering his father and attempting to murder his mother inside their Brockley Street home in Delmar on Nov. 15, 2004.

In March 2010, the Second Department Appellate Division unanimously affirmed the guilty verdict, after an appeal was filed on Porco's behalf by his attorney, Terence L. Kindlon. The case was then accepted for review by the New York State Court of Appeals and was again affirmed in October 2011.

"At this time we would like to officially close our case against Christopher Porco," said Soares in a statement. "This defendant was found guilty after jury trial, and this case has been affirmed by both the Appellate Division and the New York State Court of Appeals. The U.S. Supreme Court declining to hear this case clearly shows that the evidence against this defendant was overwhelming and proved his guilt beyond any reasonable doubt, after a fair trial."

Kindlon said he will petition the court again



The United States Supreme Court denied a petition to review the murder conviction of Christopher Porco, shown walking into court with his mother in 2006.

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for a review of the case. He also said he intends to file a writ of habeas corpus application in a U.S. District Court in Albany to argue his client's conviction was a violation of federal law and should be overturned.

"This is basically a different approach to the review process," said Kindlon. "Simply stated, we feel duty bound to explore every avenue, and this is the next step in the line."

The appeal has centered on the fact the jury was allowed to hear testimony from police that Joan Porco, then badly injured, had identified Christopher as the assailant with a head nod in response to questions from police. By the time of the trial, Joan Porco claimed no memory of the evening and professed her son's innocence.

A lower court heard the same appeal months ago and ruled that while the "excited utterance"

should not have been admitted in the trial, the body of evidence against Porco was large enough it wouldn't have swayed the outcome.

Kindlon said that since Joan Porco had no memory of the night of the 2004 attack due to her extensive injuries, her son was denied his constitutional right to face his accuser. However, Assistant District Attorney Christopher Horn said the head nod is fair game because Joan Porco was available to testify at the trial.

The State Court of Appeals ruled in October 2011 that even if accepting the nod as evidence was constitutionally infirm, "any error was harmless beyond a reasonable doubt."

The court's ruling also cited "overwhelming evidence" that placed Porco at the family's home at the time the crimes were committed. That evidence included video recordings from traffic

cameras, which showed Porco driving from the University of Rochester, where he was attending school, to the Capital District hours before the crimes; the de-activation of the family's home alarm system shortly before the assault; and the testimony of a neighbor who said he saw Porco's yellow Jeep Wrangler leaving his parents' home close to 4 a.m. the morning of the attacks.

Porco is serving 46 years to life in state prison Clinton Correctional Facility in the Adirondacks.

Kindlon said "generally speaking," once the habeas corpus proceedings are brought to a conclusion, there would be no more appellate proceeding options available to Porco, effectively ending their chances to overturn the ruling. This process could take up to a year to conclude.

"We will do everything in our power to find a solution to this problem for our client," said Kindlon.

Coming together for Jasmine

Community rallies to support 4-year-old with brain cancer

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Chris Cole never dreamed his daughter, Jasmine, would develop brain cancer. But last January, she did. When the tumor was removed, he refused to imagine that it would grow back. But this January, it did.

"She was getting MRIs every three months and they were looking good, no new growth or anything and she was recovering nicely," said Cole, of Menands. "She started showing some signs of something in January so we took her to the emergency room... and her entire tumor had grown back."

News that the tumor was back hit Cole and his wife, Young, especially hard. Jasmine's September scan had been clean, which meant the tumor (initially diagnosed as a low grade brain tumor) grew back to its original size in less than three months.

"It's now a high grade tumor, a different type of cancer," said Cole.

Life has been hard for the Coles. Besides Jasmine, 4, they have a 2-year-old son, Sebastian.

"We have to (make sure) he doesn't feel left out or anything," said Cole.

With no family nearby (Young's family is in Korea and Cole's is in

Texas), the community has stepped up to fill that void and offer support.

On Saturday, April 14, some of Jasmine's preschool teachers are hosting a fundraiser to help with medical expenses. From 2 to 5 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, there will be a magician, reptile adventure company, a band, vendors, a toy and book sale and a silent auction.

"We thought having a fundraiser would help the family a bit and let them have a nice day," said Francesca Casaregola, an organizer.

Casaregola has known Jasmine since before she was diagnosed and said she's remained the same throughout it all.

"She's a very sweet, energetic little girl. She likes dolls and princesses and things like that," said Casaregola.

Cole said since she's so young, Jasmine doesn't really realize anything is wrong with her, and that's exactly how he likes it.

"I just want her to be a happy 4-year-old," said Cole.

Jasmine has gone through about five weeks of radiation and chemotherapy treatments. She's scheduled for another MRI in late April to monitor the tumor and Cole expects she'll begin another round of chemo depending what the scan shows.

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SPAC planning a season of enhancements

Venue rolling out big screen and other amenities, online and off

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The Saratoga Performing Arts Center's Board of Directors is hoping 2012 will be the year for two demographics to get their best SPAC experience: loyal patrons and those who have never been.

"I think we have a rather spectacular season. I think we will all make a fairly strong impression. We probably have as impressive a program this season as I've seen in many years," said Chairman William Duke at the opening of SPAC's Board of Directors spring meeting.

The board met on Thursday, March 29, at The Desmond Hotel to discuss financial and operational issues.

Duke, who is serving his final term as chairman after seven years in that role, then referenced studies done by the Philadelphia Orchestra that identified interaction with and education of audiences as elements of successful arts venues.

"All of the arts organizations I believe have felt the stress of what I refer to as the electronic revolution. What I'd like to point out is possibly the solution to some of the problems they've faced and that we face," he said.

Part of the solution is the addition of a 15-by-26-foot projection screen that will be placed in the theater. Audiences will see coming attractions, artist profiles and a behind-the-scenes look at performances.

According to Shane Williams-Ness, SPAC's director of development and marketing, the cost of the screen won't be reflected in ticket prices.

"Saratoga is a place where we can test, use it as a beta site and see if it works. The market up here loves the ballet, they



Work being done on SPAC's façade. New shield-shaped panels have been pre-fabricated and will be installed by May. Below, the area inside SPAC's Charlie Gate near the Hall of Springs entrance will be the location of the new Patron's Terrace.

love the orchestra, they're not as critical as in New York and we like to think that (SPACE President and Executive Director) Marcia (White) has a vision for this and this is something we don't see other venues doing and we know that we constantly have to change. And change before change happens, and be ahead of the curve," said Williams-Ness.

Williams-Ness is excited at the prospect of showing audiences shots of what it's really like to be behind the scenes, and during the performances, for close-up shots of musicians in an orchestra, for example.

"When it comes to this team at SPAC they see what an economic engine SPAC is and how important it is to keep it vibrant and different as a cultural icon," she said.

To keep vibrant, SPAC has become more engaged in social media and started pre-season electronic ticket sales in the last several years. The screen, in addition to a newly renovated façade, a redesigned Patron's Terrace and a new publicity



initiative - The Building of a Season - are all efforts to address the interaction and education of audiences.

The Building of a Season was discussed at the board's last meeting in December 2011. It is meant to give event-goers a look behind the scenes and provide a seamless transition into the off season. Each Thursday, components of the upcoming season are released on SPAC's website along with feature information on new artists or programs.

Duke indicated at

Thursday's meeting that The Building of a Season has been successful so far. In fact, this year off-season traffic to spac.org increased by 64 percent and its Facebook presence jumped by 112 percent. SPAC's membership stands at 2,294, which is 5 percent higher than last year. They hope to reach a target of 3,000 members over the rest of the season.

SPAC has also witnessed a 40 percent increase in pre-season ticket sales, but the figure does not include Live Nation events.

The board reports that ticket sales for Live Nation events have been strong with upcoming acts like Dave Matthews, The Beach Boys, Chicago and the Doobie Brothers.

Another part of SPAC, The Patron's Terrace established in 2007, has been redesigned to address wear and tear. The terrace is near the entrance to the Hall of Springs and construction of the new design is set to start in the coming weeks and will be completed in May. Landscape Architect Todd Smith of Mandy's Spring Nursery has contributed the design.

"Offering this benefit is a way of recognizing the support of our highest level members, whose giving accounts for 80 percent of our contributed revenue. It is also a major incentive for membership," White said.

To become a patron and use the terrace, a donation of \$1,400 per year for two people is required. There is no limit to how many times you can use the area (for ballet and orchestra programs only), and it includes wine, beer, hors d'oeuvres and chocolate fondue. Payments can be structured over time.

Many stakeholders benefit from a success season as SPAC, like artists, the community and area businesses. Williams-Ness says the board is very "mindful of that" and attributes success during the pre-season to a number of reasons.

"I like to think that it's because of having gone out earlier, a strong program, the economy and people wanting to get back to basics and think about the summer," she said.

SPAC's net assets are \$5.8 million. Last year, net assets stood at \$5.7 million. There are 74 corporate sponsors for the venue, an increase of 160 percent since 2005.

Starting at noon on Tuesday, May 15, tickets for SPAC events can be purchased at the box office or by phone.

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Ceremony remembers, honors suicide victims

Group to hold fifth event in Latham this May

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For those standing in the wake of a suicide, the loss of a loved one is indescribable. That's why Nathalie Evans and Family and Children's Service of the Capital Region are trying to promote healing, unity and break the stigma of suicide with a yearly Suicide Survivors Remembrance Ceremony.

"Anybody who's lost somebody to suicide is invited to attend. We honor the person who passed away," said Evans, chairwoman of the event's planning committee.

This year's event is the fifth running and will be held Sunday, May 6, in Latham. A large part of the event is a memorial video and book filled with pictures and tributes to the suicide victims. The deadline to be included is Friday, April 20.

"If you want to submit a photograph or poem or statement or saying, we'll include that in a memory book and video that we present at the ceremony and everybody gets to take home a copy," said Evans.

This is Evans' third year being involved in the Remembrance Ceremony. She lost her daughter and sister-in-law to suicide



Nathalie Evans holds a picture of her daughter, Wendy, whom she lost to suicide in 2005. Evans is chairwoman of the planning committee for the fifth Suicide Survivors Remembrance Ceremony.

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in the same year and after attending the first ceremony as a guest, decided she needed to contribute in a deeper way.

"I'm trying to reach more people. My ultimate goal is to have more deceased people represented. I'd like to see more families who are suffering from this devastating loss be able to represent their loved ones," said Evans.

When Evans' daughter took her life October 2005,

she was left to care for her grandson, who was then in third grade. The tragedy was hard on him back then and now at 15, he's still struggling to deal with the effects.

"He's seen many counselors. He doesn't talk about it and I can tell from some of his actions he's having trouble dealing with it," said Evans, who is trying to find a counselor who specializes in post-traumatic stress disorder.

She said part of her goal

for the ceremony is to help break the stigma attached to suicide and to spread awareness about it. Most people who have never gone through the tragedy are unable to understand what it's like and she said she's seen the callous comments people can make firsthand.

"I don't think people realize when they're talking how hurtful things can be that they say. Talking about a situation they've never been in before and have no clue of the pain," said Evans.

The first day her grandson returned to school after his mother's funeral, Evans said a classmate told him his mother "must not love him" or she "wouldn't have done that." She was floored.

"Nothing compares to a death by suicide," said Evans.

Kristi Beuth-Schilling is also a suicide survivor. She lost her husband to suicide in 2007 and shortly thereafter moved to Latham from Massachusetts to raise her three children.

"I saw an ad in a paper and decided to go (to the ceremony). I'm happy I did because it's a very good ceremony, very healing and surprising that not more people know about this, especially since there's not a lot around for suicide survivors," said Beuth-Schilling.

She said she attended support group after support group but didn't truly begin to heal until the Suicide Survivors Remembrance Ceremony. Now, she's on the committee.

"I wanted to become involved in the committee and maybe expand it and every year hopefully if we only get two or three more people and help one person, we're doing our job and giving them hope that life goes on after suicide," said Beuth-Schilling. "Even as horrible as it may be, you can build your life."

She is a shining example of that sentiment. It took years, but she was able to dig herself out of the deep hole of grief she found herself in, widowed at 38 and single mother to three young children.

"I was left in a mental, emotional, financial ruin," said Beuth-Schilling. "This group welcomed me with open arms. Everyone was caring and kind and offered help and opinions. They gave me a lot of encouragement and strength to go on for the year and I've come a long way with this group."

She was able to complete beauty school and is at the tail end of completing her bachelor's degree in social work. Soon, she'll start working toward her master's.

"In 2007, I never thought it would be

possible but anything's possible. Sometimes when you go through a tragedy it takes something like this to open your heart for that forgiveness to the person who did this," said Beuth-Schilling. "When your heart is open to that forgiveness the world looks different."

She said anyone affected by a suicide should attend the ceremony to see what it's all about. Because like her own story shows, survivors might never find healing unless they open themselves up to it.

"It's a great opportunity for people to share their story, a great opportunity for people to heal. Even if people lost someone to suicide and don't want to share their story, it's just a safe place everyone can come together, know you're not the only person who has gone through a suicide because you feel like you are," said Beuth-Schilling. "(We) remember the good things about our loved ones."

Anyone interested in being part of the memorial book and video can call Family and Children's Service of the Capital Region at 462-6531 or Evans at 813-4346 by April 20.

The Suicide Survivors Remembrance Ceremony is May 6 at the Carondelet Hospitality Center of St. Joseph's Provincial House at 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road in Latham.

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Weinberg is a German-born American diplomatic and military

historian noted for his studies in the history of World War II, including A World At Arms: A Global History of World War II (1994, 2005). As Jews in Nazi Germany, Weinberg and his family suffered increasing persecution and emigrated in 1938, first to the United Kingdom and then in 1941 to New York State. Weinberg became a U.S. citizen, served in the U.S. Army

during its occupation of Japan in 1946-1947, and returned to receive a B.A. in Social Studies from the State University of New York at Albany (class of '48). He received his MA and PhD in history from the University of Chicago. Weinberg currently is the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor Emeritus of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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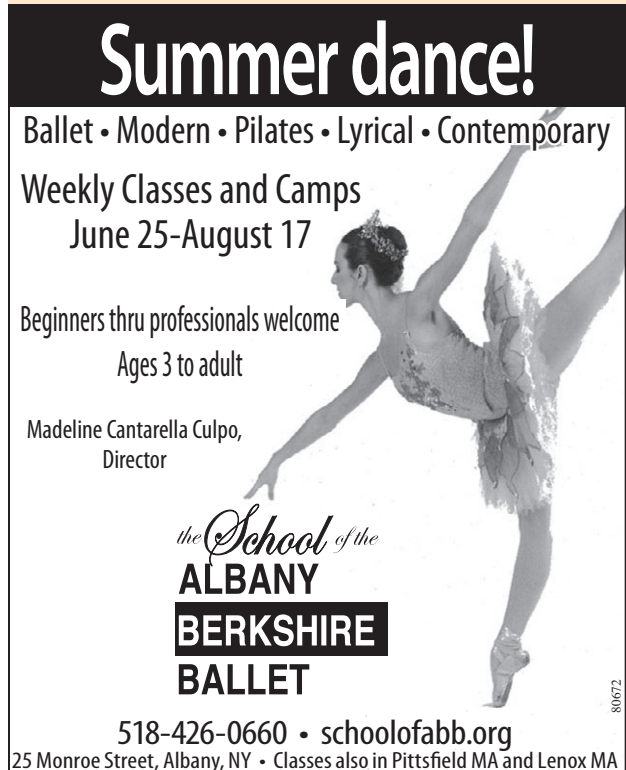
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40 years of Purple

Watervliet pub to mark its anniversary
By ALYSSA JUNG
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Forty years ago, the Purple Pub in Watervliet was a one-room bar with eight bar stools, some tables and a menu of sandwiches. Now, it has three dining rooms and an extensive menu of Italian and pub fare favorites that have

made the family-owned restaurant a community staple.
“The vision was basically a pub type fare, lighter food. We eventually went into a full size restaurant. We have pizza, spaghetti, chops, steak, seafood,” said co-owner Greg Rentz.
Rentz and his brother, Bob, started the restaurant in 1972. On April 15, the eatery will celebrate its 40th birthday with a week

of specials and events starting earlier in the week.
A lot can change in 40 years, but not at the Purple Pub. Aside from routine upgrades, the restaurant has stayed largely the same, from the recipes to the décor to the clientele. That consistency and hometown feel it creates are to thank for the loyal customer base.

“We have a lot of regulars that come in at least once a week. A lot of people that we do have were here as kids growing up and came in with their family and now that they’re older and have their own families, they’re coming back,” said Rentz. “People feel very comfortable with the staff that we have; they treat people like they’re family.”

Rentz said many servers know diners by name and can put in their “regular” orders right away.
“They know a lot of the people by names so the minute they come through they know what they usually have and can



Greg and Bob Rentz opened the Purple Pub in Watervliet in 1972. The restaurant is marking its 40th anniversary April 15.

Submitted photos

take care of them,” said Rentz.

When Rentz and his brother opened the doors in 1972, it only took about a year for them to see the impact they could have in the community. So, they worked with their parents Charlie and Libby to make the Cohoes Road joint the best it could be.

“My mother helped with recipes and doing the cooking,” said Rentz.

His mother used her own sauce recipe to add pasta and pizza to the menu. Eventually,



wings, salads and more sandwiches found their way on to the menu.

“I think it’s good food at a fair price,” said Rentz. “... Most of the food has remained the same. We do specials on a daily basis.”

The restaurant’s weeklong celebration kicks off on April 10

and 11 with customer appreciation days. Special offers will be available at the restaurant and on the Purple Pub Facebook page. For a full list of events check the Facebook page or www.purple-pub.com. The Purple Pub is located at 2 Cohoes Road in Watervliet.

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Welcoming spring with a flood of support

Mark Lansing Jr. and his son Parker celebrated the family restaurant's opening on Thursday, March 29.

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Spotlight



Jumpin' Jack's opens for season after suffering major damage from fall's tropical storms

By JOHN PURCELL
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Jack Burgers made a triumphant return to the Scotia riverside after some feared a summer tradition was washed up.

Last August, many Scotia residents flocked to an unfamiliar sight of

the Jumpin' Jack's Drive-In almost fully submerged by floodwaters. On Thursday, March 29, community members flocked to the familiar smell of burgers searing on a grill and the sound of milk shakes being swirled.

The eatery opened on time as usual, signaling summer's approach, but there was a deeper meaning behind the fanfare this year.

General Manager Mark Lansing Jr. recalled seeing Jumpin' Jack's after floodwaters threw picnic tables down the Mohawk River and garbage cans were pushed into the adjacent Collins Park.

Lansing, who is the son of the owner, said he had never seen floodwaters rise quite so high.

"It was incredible and devastating and scary, because this is my livelihood," Lansing said as he held his two-and-a-half-year-old son, Parker, up against his chest. "When my dad decides to retire I plan to take it over."

Lansing has worked at JJ's for more than 20 years, starting at 16 years old, so losing the restaurant would be heartbreaking.

"It is pretty much all I have done," Lansing said, "so I'd miss it, if we couldn't reopen I would really miss it."

He became emotional

and appeared to be holding back tears as he talked about employees helping clean up after the flood and later help with repairs and renovations.

"Everybody put in a lot of hard work," he said. "That crew is the reason we are open today."

He said workers are like a family, with some coming back each year for seven to 10 years. Many worker, he said, are very loyal because they could probably get a less demanding job that pays more.

"Most places you don't have that family-type feeling in a crew," he said. "We bicker and squabble, we have our differences, but when it comes down to it we are family."

Despite the needed repairs, he never had any doubt Jumpin' Jack's would reopen.

"There was never a doubt, it was just a matter of how much work it was going to take," he said. "We are all used to being here 12 hours a day, 60 hours a week sometimes, so if it was going to take that much work in the off season to come back from it then that's how it was going to be. ... Today was always going to be the day that were going to reopen."

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clean up, he said workers put in 800 man-hours, working 10- to 12-hour days. He said workers would leave sunburned, muddy and exhausted, but returned the following day.

County Legislator James Buhrmaster commended workers for restoring the restaurant.

“If you look back to those floods in Irene and saw the water within 6 inches of the top of this building, who could ever guess that Mark would have it back to where it is today,” Buhrmaster said. “This is one of the greatest stories here in Scotia-Glenville that we will ever see.”

County Legislator Cathy Gatta said coming to Jumpin’ Jack’s on opening day is a fond memory from her childhood.

“I’ve been a Glenville resident my whole life and just coming down here every year since being a kid on opening day really makes me happy that we are back here,” Gatta said. “Mark and his family pulled it through — life gave them lemons and he made Jack Burgers.”

Mansion said on Wednesday, March 28, Gov. Andrew Cuomo

said the big news was passing the state budget on time, but Tedisco said he interjected.

“I said, ‘No governor, tomorrow, the big news is Jumpin’ Jack’s opens up,’” Tedisco said. “There is a lot of mass transit in downstate New York ... but here in Scotia-Glenville what we say today is ‘subway.’”

Tedisco was referencing what all employees shout when they receive a tip from a customer. Within minutes of serving up food, “subway” was heard several times as customers showed their appreciation.

The first customer in line was Glenville resident Michael Vedder, who had waited to order a cheeseburger, onion rings and soda since 5:50 a.m.

“My parents took me and my father’s parents probably took him,” Vedder said. “This is my first opening day, first time (being) first in line.”

He said the restaurant being flooded and now reopening is what motivated him to get up early and wait in line.

“I had never done anything first ... and I wanted to be first at something,” he said.

Being the first in line does have some additional perks, though.

“It is really neat feeling,



A familiar rite of spring, Jumpin’ Jacks opened for business Thursday, March 29.

John Purcell/Spotlight

I have been on Channel 6, 9, 13, 10 and I haven’t been arrested,” he joked. “I was getting bored and cold and whatever and then all the cameras started coming and I was like, yeah, this is damn well worth it.”

The people directly behind him in line were 12-year-old Scotia residents Lizzy Kenific and Erica Young, who arrived at 7:13 a.m. Both were playing hooky from school.

“We just wanted to be the first person in line,”

Kenific said.

After the long wait, Kenific said she was ordering a hot dog and curly fries and Young said she was just getting some curly fries, or “twisters,” as they’re listed on the menu.

Lansing said he was excited to see people lined before the 11 a.m. opening, and the line only stretched longer and longer as the food was served.

“I think it is great ... people line up like they are getting tickets for a

“Mark and his family pulled it through. Life gave them lemons and he made Jack Burgers.”

– County Legislator and Glenville resident Cathy Gatta

concert ... that means we have fans, it is not just customers,” Lansing said. “It is nice that you know that you’re not just a business taking from people and making your money, but you are

making an impact and people actually care that you are around.”

Before cutting a ribbon to celebrate it’s reopening, Lansing had five words to say: “Let’s cook some Jack Burgers.”

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An entire town put to paper

Bethlehem historian to discuss and sign book

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Susan Leath stared at the wall of books about local towns and thought, "There needs to be a book about Bethlehem."

But that was more than an idle thought, as Leath was actually in a position to make it happen. In fact, Arcadia Publishing had emailed and asked her to put together a Bethlehem book.

At the time, Leath was fairly new to the position of Bethlehem historian. The idea of a book tempted her, but she just wasn't ready to tackle it.

That changed that day in Barnes and Noble. Leath's "Bethlehem (Images of America)" was published in the fall of 2011. Leath will talk about the book and more Sunday, April 15, at the Albany Institute of History and Art at 2 p.m.

After deciding she wanted to pursue the book, Leath got in touch with Arcadia, which asked her to send a proposal. She did, suggesting the book be broken down by hamlets. Arcadia signed off on the idea, and Leath got to work culling the 200 or so photos that would make up the book.

It wasn't as daunting as it might sound. "I didn't have to go out and shake the trees," she said.

That's because Leath already knew of a couple of very valuable resources. The

Town of Bethlehem, where Leath works full time in addition to her part-time duties as historian, has a photo archive, and Leath pulled about half of the book's photos from there. She got "another big chunk" from the Bethlehem Historical Association.

The remainder came from people she knew or from people who heard about the book and contacted her.

The photos' subject matter varies. "I wanted a good mix of people, places and things," Leath said.

She included some historic buildings that are still standing, such as the Adams Hotel near the Delmar Fire Department, and some that are long gone, such as the Abbey Hotel on River Road in Glenmont.

Every picture has a caption. Sometimes that information was included with the picture; other times Leath had to do some digging. She enjoyed the research. Leath studied anthropology in college and has always been interested in history. In fact, that

was what led her to pursue the historian position.

The earliest photos are from roughly the 1880s. The vast majority are from the early 1900s, with the cutoff being 1960 save for a few modern photos that show how some of the oldest houses in town look today.

Arcadia offered to scan the photos, but the idea of sending the originals through the mail made Leath "really uncomfortable," so she scanned them all herself.

Next, she mapped out how she wanted the book to be laid out.

"I did put real thought into how the pictures flowed," she said. For instance, pictures of schools were grouped together, as were pictures of churches and of agricultural scenes.

Leath called the rough draft of the book "my giant Word document." Because it was so large, the images were very low resolution.

So when Leath got a copy of the finished product, she was thrilled with the quality.

"It was like, this is really cool," she said. "The pictures look great."

The book was published in November and Leath has had a few speaking engage-

ments since then. Her appearance at the Albany Institute kicks off the 2012 spring lecture series. Leath said her talk will focus on "the story beyond the book" – things she's learned about the town over the years that didn't make it into print.

"People say, oh, this house was so haunted. This was a house of ill repute," she said. "But I can't prove it, so I can't put it in."

Leath doesn't have plans to put together a second book on Bethlehem, but she's open to the idea. After the first one was published, people called and told her about all the great old photos they had, she said, so there might be enough fodder for another book.

She receives royalties from the first book and is donating them all to the Bethlehem Historical Association.

"It just seemed like the right thing to do," she said.

"Bethlehem (Images of America)" costs \$21.95 and is available through major online booksellers as well as at a number of local bookstores. It is carried in the Albany Institute museum shop and Leath will sign copies after her talk, which is free with museum admission.

In conjunction with Leath's talk, Curator of History and Material Culture Dr. W. Douglas McCombs, will give a guided tour of the museum's new exhibition, Great, Strange and Rarely Seen at 3 p.m. The exhibit highlights little-known pieces in the museum's collection such as unusual clocks, human hair jewelry and a chronology on mirrors.



Lizzie Earl stands in front of the Conning home, which still stands on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

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Tending to history

Former nurse Susan McLane to talk about Titanic and life in Victorian times

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Sue McLane, The Victorian Lady, used to look after the health of her patients as a nurse, but now she’s making history come alive.

She and members of the Victorian Social Club will be giving a presentation on Sunday, April 18, at The Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission for the event is \$5, and light refreshments will be served.

Setting Sail on the Titanic will give the audience a glimpse into what it may have been like to be a passenger on an ocean liner in the early 1900s.

McLane’s first career was in nursing — critical and cardiac care to be exact. Then she “fell into” dealing antique furniture in the mid-1980s. But after seeing a Victorian era dress at an auction, she was so smitten with its details and the craftsmanship

with which it was made that she entered into its world – one where etiquette and ways of life were much different than those we know today.

“All of a sudden this gorgeous Victorian dress came up and I fell in love with it and I bought it. I started buying more and more of this antique clothing because nobody wanted it back in the 1980s. On occasion a theater group would come by and buy something, but really nobody was really giving it any due so I bought it,” she said.

She paid \$35 for that first of many dresses.

It wasn’t long after her dress encounter that people started asking her all sorts of questions about her purchases and requesting her to present what she knew to their various clubs and organization. Over the years, she dove into fashion history and subsequently what life would have been like, especially for the women who wore the dresses, in the 1800s and 1900s.

“I started doing little miniature fashion shows. Oftentimes I wouldn’t have people for my fashion shows,

I’d just have a dress form or two. And then I was wearing the outfits as well so that I would have several different examples of clothing to show. I understood then how you can get people interested in history by dressing in the period and recreating Victorian events. It really was my focus to get people interested in history,” she said.

A Schenectady native, McLane lived in New Hampshire until 1993 and then returned to the Capital District. She settled near Scotia where she opened an antique shop called Something Old, though it closed in 2000. She now lives in Johnstown and still does antique shows, however.

Over the years, her fashion shows developed into historical programs. Starting around 1991 she would give talk about 100 Years of Hats, for instance, to garden clubs and historical organizations. Her presentations were becoming popular and she was becoming well known as a dress collector. She has given presentations throughout the state and developed the walking tour for Ballston Spa in 2005,





Susan McLane serving tea and teaching etiquette during one of her classes on life in the Victorian era. She’ll be presenting a program on the Titanic at the Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa on Sunday, April 18.

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where she lived for five years.

“Nobody asked me to do it, I just came up with the idea,” she said.

McLane founded The Victorian Social Club in 1995. The club aims to get people involved with history, and some of the social etiquettes that surrounded the Victorian Era. She even teaches a 12-week course for children and uses tea parties as a teaching tool to provide a “hands on” experience.

“We’re losing the ability to be social and retain social skills,” she said of her motivation for teaching the course.

Another program is The Language of Flowers.

“I really focus on the secret meanings of flowers and how they were used in the Victorian Age,” she said.

McLane got interested in and ocean travel after she was contacted by costume designers in Hollywood who heard about her collection of dresses. She wound up sending many outfits and dresses to designers associated with the film “The Titanic.”

“I was contacted for some clothing for them to use in the movie which I’ve done for years. I sent out about 26 different outfits to the costumer that I worked with,” said McLane.

Unfortunately, her name does not appear in the movie credits. She does not recall exactly how much she earned for selling the goods, but indicated she made a profit.

“I don’t get to know what she’s (the costume designer) using until I go and see the film. So I had to go see the film to see what they used and what they did with the clothing. As I’m watching the film I’m thinking ‘This is really a Hollywood story. This really has not a lot to do with the truth of the Titanic disaster.’... As a historian I thought somebody had to do something about that. I made up my mind right then and there to create a program on ocean traveling in the 19th century,” she said.

She then started researching ocean travel in earnest and recalls “being disgusted” by the movie.

About six months after seeing the movie, she started presenting her findings and says that every time she does, she finds somebody in the audience has a personal connection to somebody who was on the vessel.

McLane won’t have to wait until her April 18 presentation to find that out. Anne Clothier, Brookside’s education director, has already connected the dots and is in the midst of researching the possibility that a South Corinth man named John Thompson may have been on the ill fated ship – and survived.

Clothier has known McLane for years and was bitten by the history bug after seeing her at one of her events when she was a teenager. McLane says that Clothier’s mom would drive her to

various events thereafter and eventually Clothier became a member of the Victorian Social Club.

“I heard about her Titanic Program, and with it being the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic...I thought there was an interesting tie with Saratoga and the local relevance. The whole mystery piqued my interest,” said Clothier.

According to Clothier, Thompson was recognized by some of his Corinthian neighbors in a May 7, 1912 clipping that appeared in The Saratogian about survivors of the Titanic with local ties.

Clothier estimates that Thompson was in his 30s or 40s at the time of the Titanic tragedy. She is still researching Thompson’s travels and hopes to reveal more about them in the near future.

McLane is the recipient of many awards for her work, including one from the Capital District Architectural Association, which drafted a proclamation in recognition of her research and educating the public. Since 1990 she has also sold garments to Ralph Lauren’s people and other fashion designers who look to vintage clothing for inspiration.

For more information on the April 18 presentation and others at Brookside, visit brooksidemuseum.org

For more information on McLane and her programs, call 736-2855.

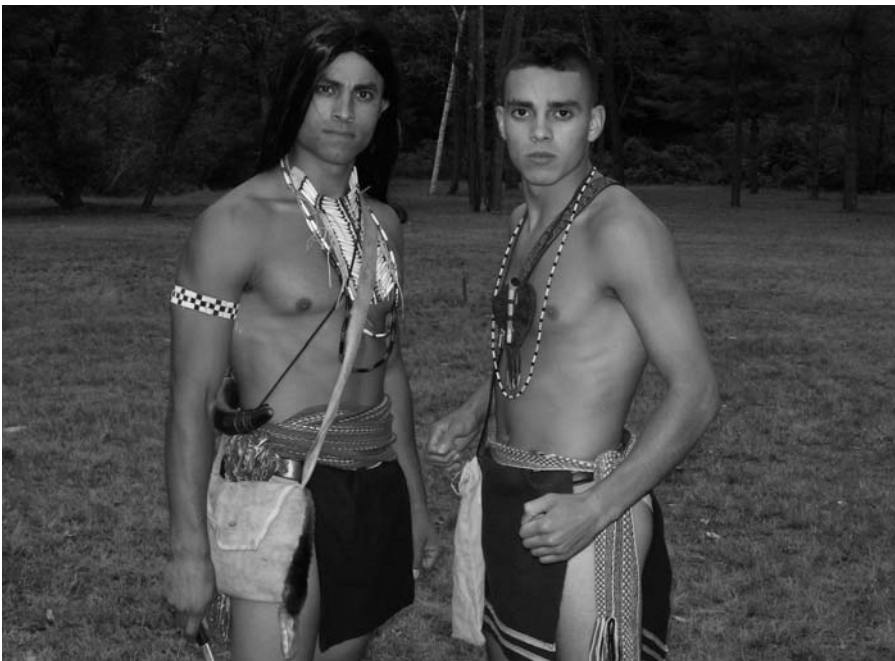
Milestones

Wagner, Jeffrey Alan

DELMAR — Jeffrey Alan Wagner, 22, passed suddenly March 17, 2012. Born in Albany, he is the son of Pamela Wagner and John A. Wagner (Lori), grandson of W. Robert and Irene Wagner. Jeff's passions were fast cars, motorcycles, hunting, fishing, snowmobiles and dirtbikes. He was a member of Sons of American Legion Post 1040. Besides his parents and grandparents, Jeff is survived by his "Little Angels" twin daughters, Kirstin and Katie, and his sister, Kristin. Also the one whose heart he promised to, Brianna Markel, and his best friend, Richie DeMatteo. Jeffrey was loved also by his many aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous friends. He was predeceased by his beloved cousin, Andrea Vadney and maternal grandparents, Thomas and Margaret Vadney. A prayers service will be held Friday 11 a.m. at the Durant Funeral Home, 741 Delaware Ave. Delmar. Friends may call Thursday 4- 8 p.m. Interment Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family wishes that contributions be made to Jeffrey's "Little Angel Fund" in c/o Capital Communications Federal Credit Union, 18 Computer Drive, Albany, NY 12205.

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A lasting honor

The Last of the Mohicans Outdoor Drama, Inc. was awarded the 2012 Excellence in Tourism Award for Cultural Heritage at the Empire State Tourism Conference at the Albany Marriott in Colonie on March 7. The theatrical production was selected for the award by the New York State Travel and Vacation Association in recognition of its efforts to expose visitors to New York State's unique cultural aspects, increase visitation to its community and stimulate the local economy. According to Conference Chairperson Suzanne Bixby, the Last of the Mohicans Outdoor Drama, Inc. was recognized by the judges because it supports the historic aspects of the Lake George region and is an interactive way of promoting American literature.

RIGHT: Steven O'Connor, producer of "The Last of the Mohicans" receives the award. TOP: Jonathan Hernandez, left, and Daniel Hernandez perform in "The Last of the Mohicans."



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Brain

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"It's rough seeing all the physical changes due to all the medicine she's taking and trying to make sure my daughter has everything she needs," said Cole.

Right after Jasmine's initial diagnosis in 2011, Cole lost his job. He's since found another but said it pays less and the health insurance isn't as

good, making medical expenses a struggle. The upcoming fundraiser will be a huge help, he said.

"We're just overwhelmed (by the community). We were basically devastated and didn't have any support up here and the way everybody is helping us out has just been amazing," said Cole. "I don't know what we would do without their help."

Cole said despite money being tight, he

and his wife are trying to give Jasmine as many experiences as possible.

"We're trying to ... make sure Jasmine gets to do a lot of fun things in case the worst happens," said Cole.

The family just returned from a vacation to Disney World, granted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Cole said Jasmine loves to fly and travel so the family is trying to plan excursions for every weekend.

"We're hoping that we

can maybe bring some of her family over from Korea to see her or go over there for a brief period of time so she can see the other half of her family," said Cole.

Everything rides on the April MRI, though.

"We were hoping obviously for signs of remission. If not, we're looking into clinical trials," said Cole.

The problem with clinical trials is that Jasmine has to go

through radiation and chemotherapy before she's eligible.

"You can only get clinical trials if you try the radiation and chemo first. Some new technology is emerging ... but none is in trials yet," said Cole. "We're hoping we can buy enough time to maybe see some results."

Admission to the fundraiser is \$5 per person. The Delmar Reformed Church is at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Volunteers sought for Canal Clean Sweep

Volunteer groups and individuals are invited to join the New York State Canal Corporation staff for the annual "Canal Clean Sweep," scheduled for the weekend of April 20-22.

The events along the 524-mile-long Canal system help celebrate Earth Day and prepare the canals for the 188th consecutive navigation season, scheduled to begin May 1, weather permitting.

Partners for the "Canal Clean Sweep" include the New York State Canal Corporation, the non-profit Parks & Trails New York, and the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. Last year more than 100 groups participated in the clean-up weekend.

Brian U. Stratton, director of the New York State Canal Corporation, said, "The Canal Clean Sweep is a great way for community groups and individuals to show their pride in our magnificent Canalway Trail system by pitching in with their neighbors."

Robin Dropkin, executive

director of Parks & Trails New York, said, "We are thrilled to see the tremendous response from Adopt-a-Trail groups, businesses, civic organizations, student groups, and other volunteers. The growth of this event shows that local pride in the Canal and Canalway Trail is high and the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well across the state."

For more information on the Seventh Annual Canal Clean Sweep, or to help coordinate an event in your community, please contact Elijah Yearick of Parks & Trails New York at (518) 434-1583 or email canalsweep@ptny.org. To register events online in your area, please visit Parks & Trails New York weblink <http://www.ptny.org/canalway/sweep/index.shtml>.

Individuals or groups interested in joining others in this cooperative clean-up effort should consult the Parks & Trails New York events list at <http://www.ptny.org/canalway/sweep/index.shtml>.

Renowned quartet to play at Saint Rose

On April 29, classical music lovers throughout the Capital Region will get to experience the excitement, as The College of Saint Rose presents the Borromeo String Quartet in concert.

The quartet will perform Sunday, April 29, at 3 p.m. in the Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry

Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany.

A presentation of Premiere Performances in association with Renaissance Musical Arts, tickets are \$35 and on sale now at www.strose.edu/concerts. For concert and ticket information, contact Sal Prizio at 337-4871 or concerts@strose.edu.

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The district will use \$1.7 million in reserve funds to balance the budget. In addition, more than 56 full-time-equivalent positions would be eliminated, 22 of them teaching positions.

According to Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe, if the new tax increase is approved by the public, reductions will fall midway into the tier two priority cuts established by the district. The previous plan would call for reductions through three of the four tiers.

The budget process largely consisted of the board holding discussions to prioritize spending cuts. At times, parents were vocal over saving athletics programs, special education assistance and “specials” in the elementary schools like art and music. Some parents were also upset over the possibility their children may have to walk longer distances to get to school.

The adopted spending plan calls for cuts to electives resulting in larger class sizes, phasing out the Chinese language program, reducing 20 percent of all clubs at the middle and high school levels and eliminating the gymnastics program. The district is also working on a plan to implement centralized bus stop locations, meaning some students in higher grade levels would need to walk farther to reach a bus stop.

The new plan would save most special education programs and positions, as well as nearly all athletic programs. Douglas said parents should remember the board passes a spending plan, not a line-by-line budget, and changes could happen occur up to and into the 2012-13 school year.

The proposed tax levy would mean a home assessed at \$100,000 would pay an additional \$81 per year. The district is recommending that residents use the new tax calculator

on the district’s website to determine how much they would pay based on the new tax levy increase.

Douglas commended the community and the Board of Education for “hard work throughout this difficult process.” He said he’s unsure of where the board would set the levy increase if the budget should fail the first time.

“Those are still discussions that need to be had,” Douglas said.

Over the last two years, more than 60 full-time positions have been reduced throughout the district. In addition, the Clarksville Elementary School was closed this school year, saving the district about \$840,670.

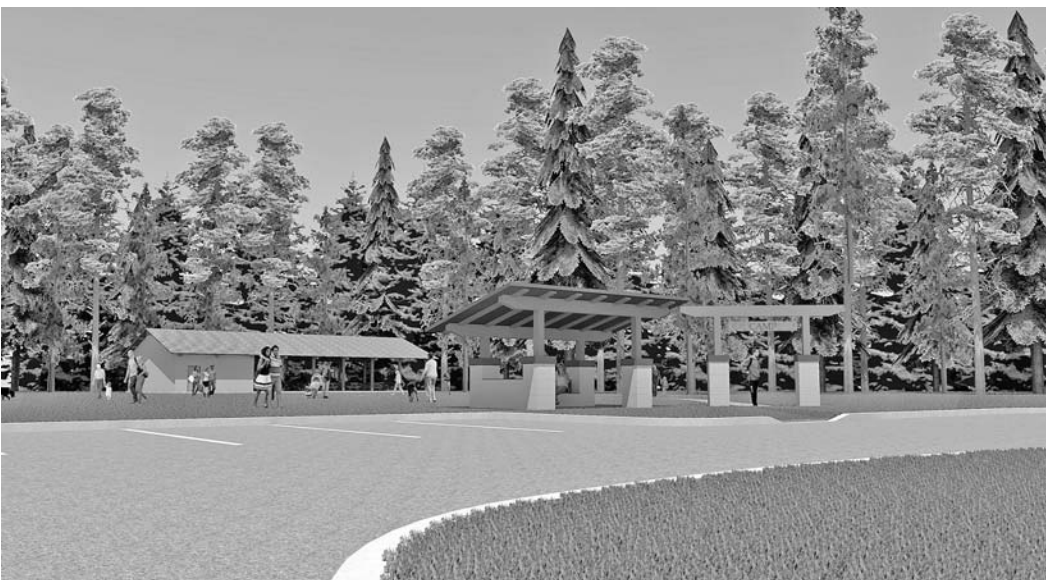
“We’ve used our reserves and we’ve tightened our belts,” said Board President Diane Giaccone Stever in a statement. “And at the end of the day we as a board feel it’s our responsibility to our students, parents and community to put forward to the public a budget that preserves the excellent educational experience Bethlehem Central schools are known for.”

Based on the past three years, the district estimated it would receive just \$380,000 of the \$798,000 the state has said would be given in aid for the 2012-13 school year.

Douglas said part of the reason the district is facing such a large gap in the coming year is that for the past three years Bethlehem Central schools paid back nearly \$12 million in state aid through the Gap Elimination Adjustment that he believes the district should have received.

“The aid we should have received would have staved off those 120 cuts, 60 from the last three years,” said Douglas. “Now we’re forced to cut about the same amount of positions in one year. If the state managed its budget and did not pass its gap elimination on to the school districts ... I would have about \$3.9 million and I wouldn’t have had to cut anything.”

This year’s vote will take place on May 15.



An artist's rendition of the new lunch pavilion at the Bethlehem YMCA.

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YMCA

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The 3,200-square-foot pavilion will include an eating area, room for activities, a food service area, bathrooms and storage space. A walking path and a utility road from the parking lot will also be built. The building will have water, sewer and electrical connections.

The entire project will cost \$490,000. About \$250,000 was obtained through grants, with \$115,000 coming from donations. The rest will be paid by the YMCA, but donations are still being accepted.

Martin said the pavilion is part of the Bethlehem branch’s capital campaign. The entire plan also includes the installation of activity fields, a welcome center and a playground, project totaling an additional \$150,000. Those plans will be completed as funds become available.

Martin said the pavilion

will be used exclusively for YMCA members and those who attend camp, but it can be rented out for use by corporations and the community for local functions during the off season.

“The hope is to have our ribbon cutting ceremony in June,” said Martin. “With the way the weather has been we’ve been fortunate and the back has been dry compared to years past, so we’re on our way.”

The pavilion will be located behind the YMCA building at the far end of the parking lot. Martin said the location was chosen to be midway between the trails used by campers and the main building.

“We thought that was the ideal location,” he said. “We’re going for that Adirondack feel. If you were back there and didn’t know you were right off Delaware Avenue you would feel like you were in the Adirondacks.”

David Brown, the president and CEO of The Capital District YMCA,

said he was proud of the Bethlehem branch for how it’s grown over the years. Brown said the pavilion project would not have been possible without the support of state Sen. Neil Breslin.

“The Y has been an important part of my life growing up, and now with the Y in Bethlehem,” said Breslin. “I remember those early projections that we were going to have somewhere around 900 members, well forget about that. This is such an integral part of our community and this pavilion will have such an impact on the kids of our surrounding communities, I’m just happy to have played a small part.”

Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson said the project is important in creating unity in the area.

“We just feel these projects will allow us to provide the level of service we think is expected of us in Bethlehem and the greater community,” said Martin.

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Drug abuse panel planned

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the Bethlehem Central community will hold a panel discussion on teen drug and alcohol abuse prevention Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem High School auditorium.

Parents, guardians and community members are invited to join the discussion. The panel will feature education, health, mental health and law enforcement professionals. Discussion to include prevention strategies, and school, health and legal issues surrounding drug and alcohol abuse.

The panel will be moderated by Jen Lewke, Channel 6 News. A question-and-answer period will follow and light refreshments will be available.

Vendors needed for dept. event

The North Bethlehem Fire Department Auxiliary located at 589 Russell Road in North Bethlehem will host its Spring Garage Sale on Saturday, April 24. The Auxiliary is seeking vendors of all types for used or new items to fill their spaces. The cost for an 8-foot table is \$17. For information call Lisa at 701-1027.

Pop Warner sets scholarship

The Guilderland Pop Warner Football Association is pleased to announce the annual scholarship awards have been increased from \$500 to \$1,000. The scholarship awards, in the amount of one thousand dollars per recipient, are presented by the Guilderland Pop Warner Football Association to graduating high school seniors who have embodied the spirit of Pop Warner and to support the next steps in their studies. Scholarships are intended to recognize alumni of both the GPW football and GPW cheer. The selections are made by the Guilderland Pop Warner Association Board of Directors based on criteria that included, but not limited to, academic achievement, scholastic

Shredding day set for April 14



The Town of Bethlehem will be holding a second annual Document Shredding and Paper Recycling event on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town Park, 261 Elm Avenue, Delmar. The event will be held rain or shine, and is free for all Town residents and businesses. 3N Document Destruction from Clifton Park will provide secure document shredding on site with their mobile shredder. For more information on Town recycling, please visit www.townofbethlehem.org, or contact Dan Rain at 439-4955 ext. 1510 or by email: recycle@townofbethlehem.org.

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and extracurricular involvement, athletics, community service and character, as exhibited during

QUILT sets meeting

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, April 13, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave, Delmar NY. The general meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.; doors open at 9:15. There is a \$5 visitor donation. General Meeting, Show and Share and Pat Cunningham will be lecturing and have a trunk show of breathtaking quilts. Pat is known as the Hand Applique Queen, so you are not going to want to miss this one! Stay for lunch then a movie. "A Day of Threadplay with Libby Lehman" will be shown at 12:30. There is no charge. The movie is 75 minutes. She covers potluck applique, sheer ribbon illusions and sheer fabric play. For information, call 393-2284 or check our website at www.quiltinc.org.

Civil War exhibit opens

On Sunday, April 15, from 1-3 p.m. The Civil War Exhibit will be opening at the New Scotland Historical Association Museum; Wyman Osterhout Community Center, Old New Salem Road, New Salem. For further information, please call Sandy Slingerland at 768-2462

'Eat Well' to be a weekly series

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will be repeating its popular new weight management series, Eat Well Your Weight, on Tuesday nights from 6:30- 8 pm at the extension office, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville. A free introductory session will be held on May 1, with the registration fee of \$50 due at the end of that session for those who wish to continue the six-week series. At the end of the last session on June 5, \$10

of the registration fee will be refunded. Pre-registration is required by calling Sandra at 765-3547 or emailing swv2@cornell.edu.

Spoon Dinner in Clarksville

On Saturday, April 14th, the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Auxiliary, will be having a "Spoon Dinner" from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Clarksville Firehouse, 2178 Tarrytown Road. The dinner will include Hot and Cold Dishes, Desserts and Beverages. The price will be .50 Cents a spoon. Desserts will vary in price. Take out will be available. For more info call 768-2320, 526-8721 or 768-2004.

Hunger Walk scheduled

The 32nd Annual Albany CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, May 6th. CROP Walks are community events designed to bring congregations, families, businesses, and service organizations together

to raise money to combat hunger at home and abroad. Last year's Walk saw more than 500 participants of all ages from some 50 different groups raise \$102,672. One quarter of that amount came back to our region to be distributed to food pantries and soup kitchens in Albany County. The remainder was used by international hunger fighting agencies for relief and development work in some 80 countries around the world. For more information, call the office of the Capital Area Council of Churches at 462-5450, or visit www.crowalk.org and follow the links to the Albany, NY CROP Walk.

Five Rivers gives award

The Friends of Five Rivers (Five Rivers Limited) is pleased to announce the annual Wendy Repass Suozzo Memorial Award that is granted each year to a graduating senior student at Bethlehem

Central High School. The award is being given in memory of Wendy Suozzo, a Bethlehem resident and lifelong educator with a strong love for nature and a deep interest in environmental issues. High School Senior Students who have an interest in environmental issues and/or environmental science should consider applying for this \$2,000 award. Applications, as well as the necessary qualifications, may be obtained from the following locations: the Five Rivers Visitor Center, the Friends of Five Rivers web site (www.friendsoffiverivers.org), the Bethlehem Central High School Guidance Office, or the BCHS website. Deadline for submission of the application is April 25.

Congregation holds screening

B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation in Albany will host a screening of "Leon the Pig Farmer," an irreverent 1992 comedy from the production company of "Monty Python"'s Eric Idle. The film will be shown Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. at B'nai Sholom, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Admission is \$3. For more information, contact the B'nai Sholom office at 518-482-5283 or e-mail office@bnaisholom.albany.ny.us.

Church holds outreach day

Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be holding a "Help Rebuild Schoharie Outreach Day" Saturday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Donated building supplies to help repair and rebuild homes in Schoharie will be accepted at that time in the church's parking lot at 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Monetary donations will be taken as well. Checks should be made out to Schoharie Recovery. They can be dropped off or mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran church. Go to www.blcdelmar.com or see the Facebook page for a detailed list of building supplies being collected.

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shall mail copy of process to 26 Teasdale Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The Reg. Agt. at such address upon Yusuf Dincer. Purpose: any lawful activities. 80088 (D) (April 11, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of LEHIGH GAS WHOLESALE LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/8/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/2/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80091 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bowery Member LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/8/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Krishna K. Mehta, Penthouse, 100 Ring Road, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: any lawful activity. 80092 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BUILDING EQUITY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/12/12. 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. 80096 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EYE D VISION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80094 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CAMA & CAMA, LLP. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/12/12. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLP, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80097 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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80102 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MILK DIARY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/13/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80103 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of HEPACO, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/19/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/13/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2711 Burch Drive, Charlotte, NC 28269, Attn: Legal Dept. 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. 80104 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Pyrrho Management, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/14/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: CSI, 1675 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80105 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206 (c) The name of the limited liability company is Learnimation, LLC. The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was March 14, 2002. The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to Sarah Manning 49 Oldox Road Delmar, NY 12054. The latest date upon which the company is required to be dissolved is March 8, 2201. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. 80116 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Pyrrho Global GP, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/14/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC:

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CSI, 1675 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80252 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Bou-lis LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/21/2012. 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. 80260 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Dor-on Enterprises LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/13/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80261 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Adv-antage Production LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/20/2012. 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. 80262 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Simplicity Protection, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/6/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 1/24/12. 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. TX address of LLC: 122 W. John Carpenter Fwy, 6th Fl., Irving, TX 75039. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful activity. 80266 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

JOHN MCGRATH, LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/21/12. Off. Loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 3904, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. 80272 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Jour-neys By Julie, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/16/12. 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 112 Masten Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: any lawful activities. 80274 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bay Marine, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/30/12. 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 Hillary S. Wagoner, 26 Brightonwood Rd., Glen-mont, NY 12077. Purpose:

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any lawful activities. 80275 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Od-yssey Partners, LLC. Ar-ticles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/22/12. 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, 8 Adams Avenue, Bayville, NY 11709. Purpose: engage in any lawful act or activity. 80278 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PINNERGY, LTD. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/20/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 12/31/05. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LP: 350 N. St. Paul St., Ste. 2900, Dallas, TX 75201. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80280 (D) (April 11, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of PINNERGY GP, L.L.C. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/20/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Tex-as (TX) on 7/25/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 350 N. St. Paul St., Ste. 2900, Dallas, TX 75201. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80281 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LARA'S MENAGERIE MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/12. Office loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80282 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of OBI IGBO RESCUE TEAM, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/12. 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. 80283 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LWF VENTURES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/02/2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be

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served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 680 Watkins Street, Brooklyn, New York 11212. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 80287 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: WORLD CLASS GYMNASTICS ADULT, LLC. Articles of Organi-zation were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 23, 2012. Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgr-ube, Esq., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 80290 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SOMESCENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80292 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TRIL-LION TECHNOLOGIES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/20/12. Of-fice location: Albany Coun-ty. 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. 80293 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Alur Financial LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/26/2012. 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. 80453 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Uni-versal Energy Source LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/22/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CSI, 1675 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Name/ address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80471 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation BFC Citipoint LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/26/2012. 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. 80455 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Ev-george LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/28/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty.

LEGAL NOTICE

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. 80456 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COM-PANY NAME: KATHRYN LAMONT TEAL, PLLC, Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 25, 2012. Office location: Albany County, 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 309, Albany, New York 12210. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon who process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the PLLC c/o Lynn M. Coles, Esq., Cioffi Slezak Wildgr-ube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: Professional services – attorney and counselor-at-law. 80458 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of R Marsac Consulting, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/12. Office location: Al-bany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 3/11/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the NJ address of LLC: The LLC, 30 Ramar St., Flanders, NJ 07836. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Dept. of Treasury, PO Box 302, Tren-ton, NJ 08646. Purpose: any lawful activity. 80465 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

1083 Brighton Beach Ave-nue, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/9/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 4012 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11224. General Purposes. 80467 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Pyrrho Capital Manage-ment, LP. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/14/12. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capital Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LP: c/o CSI, 1675 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Name/ address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80471 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

On February 28, 2012, Bethlehem Mobile Home Park, LLC, a limited liability company, filed articles of organization with the New York Secretary of State for the purpose of engaging in the purchase, ownership, leasing and development of real estate including, but not limited to, mobile home and manufactured home parks, and any other lawful business. The office of Beth-lehem Mobile Home Park, LLC is located in Albany County. The specified date of dissolution is December 31, 2062. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability com-pany upon whom process against it may be served,

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with any such process re-ceived by the Secretary of State to be mailed to Bethlehem Mobile Home Park, LLC , 14 Saybrook Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077. A registered agent upon whom process against the limited liability company may be served is Rose Watkins, mailed c/o Barney Square Apartments, 225 State Street, Suite 113, Schenectady, New York 12305. 80472 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Samu-el Thorpe LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/2/2012. 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. 80475 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Natu-ral Stone & Tile, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/2/2012. 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. 80476 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Am-bica III LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/29/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1579 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: all law-ful activities. 80477 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Yes Dental of NY, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/22/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1420 St. Nicholas Ave., NY, NY 10033. General Purposes. 80572 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PAEZ NY CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/3/12. 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. 80574 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GRADTIX, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/3/12. 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. 80575 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license 2147042, for beer, wine, and liquor has been applied for by Laystel Inc. to sell beer, wine, and li-quor at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Bever-age Control Law at 12 ½ Delaware Avenue Albany,

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NY 12210 for on premise consumption. 80443 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Slingerlands Fire District's Board of Fire Commis-sioners will accept bids for the purchase of a new utility vehicle. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Board of Fire Commissioners at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's office anytime after April 11th, 2012. The Bethle-hem Town Clerk's office is located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. All bids must be submitted to the Slinger-lands Fire District and will be publicly opened and read at the May 8th, 2012 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Slingerlands Firehouse located at 1520 New Scot-land Road, Slingerlands, New York. All bids must contain a non-collusion bid statement pursuant to Sec-tion 103-d of the General Municipal Law and the Fire District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 80573 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NO-TICE, TOWN OF BETHLE-HEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hear-ing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY, regarding a Subdivision Application, submitted by Michael & Lauren Perrotto, as shown on drawing entitled: Map of Proposed Subdivision St. No. 8 Delsmere Avenue, Lands of Michael & Lauren Perrotto, Lot Line Revis-ions St. No. 6 Delsmere Avenue & St. No. 8 Winding Road, Town of Bethlehem, dated February 15, 2012, prepared by Paul E. Hite, LLS, 230 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Docu-mentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to prop-erty owners within 200' of the proposed project. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. 80568 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Al-bany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 18, 2011 at 7:00p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Av-enue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an applica-tion by Daniel Sullivan, 65 Winne Road, Delmar for an area variance under Article XIII, Section 128-100, Side Yard Setback. Applicant wishes attach a one car ga-rage and breezeway to ex-isting dwelling that doesn't meet setback requirements. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals 80569 (D) (April 11, 2012)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing Two (2) new 2011 Ford Crown Vic-toria Police Interceptors for the use of said Town. Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of April, 2012 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. John Clarkson, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445

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Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and ad-dress of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIG-INAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submit-ted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Beth-lehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Pur-chasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any infor-malities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NANCY MOQUIN TOWN CLERK

Dated: April 5, 2012 80570 (D) (April 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS REHABILITATION OF WATER DISTRICT No. 1 DAM Sealed bids will be received by The Town Clerk at the Town of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054 until 3:00 p.m. on May 8, 2012, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. The work site is located in the Town of New Scotland, Albany County, New York; southeast of Wolf Hill Road near the intersection with Indian Ledge Road. The work includes providing all labor, materials, machin-ery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion the work shown on the plans and described in these speci-fications including, but not necessarily limited to the following: Removal of overburden and debris within the limits of work. Temporary cofferdam and dewatering system. Bedrock excavation within limits of new spillway. Construction of a spillway extension and right abut-ment wall. Installation of a low level outlet pipe through the existing dam. Repair or replacement of walkway handrail. Grading and placement of rip-rap and pavement. The work described above primarily will be performed within the Onesquehtaw Creek. The New York State Department of Environmen-tal Conservation has per-mitted work in the stream between June 15 and Sep-tember 30. Drawings and Specifica-tions may be examined at the office of CHA, III Win-ners Circle, Albany, New York and at the Town of Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Complete sets of the draw-ings, specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town of Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Del-mar, NY 12054 and CHA, III Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205, in ac-cordance with the Instruc-tions To Bidders. Contract Documents will be provided electronically on a compact disc (CD) in PDF format and may be obtained at no cost. Contractors that obtain Contract Documents from a source other than the Issuing Office must notify the Issuing Office in order to be placed on the official Plan Holders List, receive Addenda and other Bid correspondence. Bids received from Contractors other than those on the of-ficial Plan Holders list will not be accepted. All bids must be made on the official Bid Form or an exact copy by reproduction thereof and enclosed in a sealed envelope. The total base price bid includes a

The rainbow connection reaches Bethlehem



This rainbow appeared during last Wednesday’s Suburban Council softball game between Bethlehem and Guiderland in Delmar. Some unsettled weather moved in during the late afternoon, which led to dramatic skies but very little rain — so little that the game continued without a delay.

Justin Cummings/Spotlight

Dutchmen fend off Eagles Fisher’s run ends marathon

Dyer’s hat trick propels Guiderland in divisional battle
By SPORTS STAFF
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The Guiderland boys lacrosse team used a big second half to defeat Bethlehem 10-4 in last Thursday’s Suburban Council South Division game in Guiderland.

The Dutchmen (2-0 league, 3-1 overall) outscored the Eagles 6-1 in the second half to pull away for the victory.

Cody Dyer recorded a hat trick, while Connor Drislane contributed a goal and four assists for Guiderland. Patrick Wood and

Connor McLachlan each added two goals and two assists.

John Gosstola tallied three times, and Liam Christensen added three assists for Bethlehem (0-1, 0-2). Goaltender Dan Combs made 18 saves.

Guiderland began the week with a 13-3 victory over Columbia last Tuesday. The Dutchmen jumped out to a 5-1 lead in the first quarter, and they never looked back.

Dyer had another big game for Guiderland, as he led the way with four goals. Taylor Dubose and Stephen Polsinelli each contributed hat tricks, and Drislane added a goal and four assists.

Sean Kelly tallied twice, and goaltender Pat Buono stopped 13 shots for Columbia.

Elsewhere, the Voorheesville boys lacrosse team began its first season in the Wasaren League with a 7-3 loss to Cambridge last Thursday. The Indians took a 4-0 lead in the first quarter and fended off the Blackbirds the rest of the way to post the victory.

Bryant Gibbons struck for three goals, and Skyler Saunders chipped in with a goal and four assists for Cambridge. Goaltender Charles Hayes made eight saves.

Nick Jasinski, Pat Sweeney and Ben Wilson scored Voorheesville’s three goals, and goaltender Mike Baker stopped nine shots.

Voorheesville is off until April 17, when it hosts Greenwich.

Dutchmen edge Eagles in 10 innings for first win of season
By SPORTS STAFF
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The Guiderland baseball team needed extra innings to edge Bethlehem 3-2 in last Wednesday’s Suburban Council South Division game in Delmar.

Devin Fisher scored the winning run in the top of the 10th inning for the Dutchmen (1-1). Fisher also had two of Guiderland’s five hits in the game.

Mike Anziano collected two hits for Bethlehem (1-1), which played its second consecutive extra-innings game.

The Eagles went into 11 innings to defeat Averill Park 6-5 in last Monday’s season opener. Josh Peterson drove in the winning runs with a double in the

bottom of the 11th.

Guiderland entered its game against Bethlehem off a 10-5 loss to Columbia in last Monday’s opener. Tyler Hart and Jonas Godell each hit home runs for the Blue Devils (2-0).

Lewis Lima led the Dutchmen with a pair of hits.

In Colonial Council baseball action last week, Voorheesville started its season with victories over Watervliet and Fonda-Fultonville.

The Blackbirds eased past Watervliet 10-2 last Monday behind pitcher Kevin Connolly, who allowed four hits and struck out 13 batters.

Nico Church had four RBI, and Zach Childs drove in another three runs to

help the Blackbirds beat Watervliet.

Voorheesville followed up its performance against Watervliet with an 8-2 victory over Fonda last Wednesday. Mike Young doubled twice, singled and drove in four runs for the Blackbirds.

At the opposite end of the baseball spectrum from Voorheesville was Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk. The Indians fell to Mechanicville 12-4 last Monday and lost to Ichabod Crane 9-4 last Wednesday.

Denny Shields had a triple and two RBI for Ichabod Crane (2-0) in last Wednesday’s Colonial Council game. Mike Ferriero belted a two-run homer for RCS.

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Guilderland shuts down improved Bethlehem team

Lady Dutch used balanced attack to defeat the Lady Eagles in Suburban Council action

By MAUREEN KELLY
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The Guilderland girls lacrosse team used an explosive offense and stingy defense to defeat Bethlehem 12-2 in last Thursday's Suburban Council game in Delmar.

FINAL SCORE
• Guilderland Lady Dutch, 12
• Bethlehem Lady Eagles, 2

Seven players scored for the undefeated Lady Dutch, and goaltender Jessica Madsen stopped three of Bethlehem's eight shots.

"We stuck to our game plan and succeeded," said Guilderland coach Gary Chetnick. "We are being aggressive, going hard to the goal and making good decisions."

"This is pretty much just what we expected of (Guilderland)," said Bethlehem rookie coach Tee Ladouceur. "They've got a lot of depth, and (they) are

a good group of athletes."

Kendall Cietek, Kelly Camardo, Rebecca Golderman, Morgan Hardt and Shelby Iapocce each tallied two goals for the Lady Dutch. Ali Cardinal and Michaela Maybee also scored.

"We played well collectively. Everyone stepped up when they needed to," said Iapocce, a senior midfielder. "Today, we were really hungry to get to the ball. We were really focused, and our defense was there when they needed to be. There is always something new to learn. We must stay on our toes."

Tori McGrath scored both goals for Bethlehem, which dropped its record to 1-1 in Ladouceur's first season at the helm. Ladouceur graduated from Syracuse University last year after playing four seasons for the women's lacrosse team.

"This is a great group of girls that are hard working," said Ladouceur of her Lady Eagles roster. "If we lose, it's not going to be for lack of effort. This season, we will work on ourselves to be mentally tough. We must play as a unit of 12 and not as 12 individual players."



Guilderland's Ali Cardinal, 4, stops Bethlehem's Abbey Seymour during last Thursday's Suburban Council game in Delmar. The Lady Dutch used a tough defense to defeat the Lady Eagles 12-2 and improve their record to 3-0.
Robert Goo/Spotlight

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Switching gears to baseball, Bethlehem was probably grateful for having a week off prior to Wednesday's Suburban Council South Division game against Colonie. The Eagles were coming off back-to-back extra-inning games last week – a 6-5 victory over Averill Park in 11 innings last Monday, and a 3-2 loss to Guilderland in 10 innings last Wednesday. That's the equivalent of playing three high school games crammed into two days.

Bethlehem's back-to-back extra-inning games were part of a crazy week of Suburban Council baseball action, most of which involved BH-BL.

The defending state Class A champions fell victim to a late-game scoring blitz by Saratoga in a 15-10 loss last Monday. Then, the Spartans saw Shaker rally for an 11-10 victory last Wednesday. BH-BL had leads of 4-0 and 6-0 early in its first two games, only to give up those leads over the final four innings.

(Side note: I think these new composite bats high school baseball teams are using this year are a bit overrated in terms of keeping run production down. From the scores I've seen thus far, it looks like hitters are having no trouble driving the ball with the composite bats, which are supposed to mimic the impact that wood bats have on the ball.)

Finally, this weekend

marks the official start of the high school track and field invitational season. It begins Saturday with the annual Lions Invitational at Ballston Spa High School and the LaSalle/CBA Relay Meet at Christian Brothers Academy. From this point until the Eddy Meet May 19, there will be at least one major invitational meet per weekend.

The athlete everyone needs to see before she graduates is Colonie's Kyle Plante. The University of South Florida-bound senior is looking to add to her collection of state track titles in the dashes and hurdles, not to mention a Section II record or two as well.

If you can get to one of Colonie's meets this season, I'd highly recommend it.

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in the first inning on RBI hits by Pezze and Sammy Smaldone. Guilderland (1-1) got on the scoreboard in the top of the second on Morgan TenEyck's single, and Jess Peck tied the game at 2 in the third inning with a run-scoring double.

Bethlehem regained the lead in the bottom of

the third inning. Smaldone drove in one run with a single, and Shade added a second run with a bunt single to put the Lady Eagles ahead 4-2.

Guilderland battled back with two runs in the top of the fifth inning on RBI singles from Peck and Taylor TenEyck, but Bethlehem pitcher Meagan Sullivan settled down and kept the Lady Dutch off the scoreboard the rest of the afternoon.

"I was a little shaky in the beginning, and it was good to get it over with," said Sullivan, who finished with eight strikeouts in the complete-game victory. "I was missing the corners and it started creating problems, but my defense came through."

"I am very happy with this win," said Gentile. "We've known Guilderland for a long time. We know their players, and we know what they can do."

Eagles avenge loss to Dutch

Bose leads Bethlehem in rematch of 2011's Class A title match

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The Bethlehem boys tennis team avenged last year's loss to Guilderland in the Section II Class A title match by beating the Dutchmen 7-2 last Wednesday.

Rohin Bose was one of four Eagles to win their

singles matches in straight sets. Nick DeLuke, Jay Gu and Ben Sanders also posted straight-set victories.

Bethlehem swept the doubles matches to seal its victory over Guilderland. Drew Perry and Josh Dubey won at first doubles, while Ronald Shi and Nick Warren took their No. 2 doubles match in straight sets. Artem Timofeev and Michael DeBerry won their No. 3 doubles match.

The victory over Guilderland capped a strong opening week for Bethlehem. The Eagles downed Averill Park 9-0 last Monday and handled Scotia-Glenville 8-1 in last Tuesday's non-league match.

DeLuke, Gu and Sanders each own 3-0 records for Bethlehem, as do all three doubles teams. Bose, Nick Mashuta and Jimmy Ding have 2-1 records entering Wednesday's league match at Colonie.

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Defense leads Lady Dutch

The Guilderland girls lacrosse team shut down Bethlehem's offense in a 12-2 Suburban Council victory last Thursday in Delmar. Five players scored two goals to lead the Lady Dutch attack.

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Weekly poll

Which boys lacrosse player will wind up leading the Suburban Council in scoring?

- Joey Chiara (Shaker)
- Cody Dyer (Guilderland)
- Luke Goldstock (Niskayuna)
- Kyle Marr (Shenendehowa)

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

Last week's poll results:

Which Suburban Council baseball team has the best chance to win a Section II title?

- Shenendehowa 73%
- Shaker 16%
- Burnt Hills 5%
- Guilderland 5%
- Colonie 2%

Home run powers BC

Kitchen's two-run shot seals Lady Eagle's victory over Guilderland

By MAUREEN KELLY
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When Rebekah Kitchen made contact with the ball late in the fifth inning, she didn't know exactly where it went.

It wasn't until she was pulling into second base that the senior third-baseman saw the ball go over the fence and lift the Bethlehem Eagles to an 8-4 victory over visiting Guilderland Wednesday in a Suburban Council South Division softball game.

FINAL SCORE

- Bethlehem Lady Eagles, 8
- Guilderland Lady Dutch, 4

"The pitch was a little inside, and I just waited on it," said Kitchen of her home run. "I saw it go up in the air, but I thought the wind caught it up. It wasn't until I was going into second that

I saw it go out."

With the game tied at 4, Cassie Smith led off the fifth inning with a triple and scored on McKenzie Pezze's bunt single. Mikayla Shade then doubled deep to centerfield to drive in Pezze prior to Kitchen's two-run shot.

"We were going back-and-forth scoring," Bethlehem coach Karen Gentile said. "Both pitchers battled with the conditions. Then Kitchen got the bat on the ball, and we were able to break it open."

"We played a great game," said Guilderland coach Lou Marino. "They (Bethlehem) got a couple of breaks and one good swing. We will get them next time."

Bethlehem (2-0) took a 2-0 lead

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Bethlehem's Rebekah Kitchen, center, is congratulated by her teammates after hitting a home run in last Wednesday's Suburban Council game against Guilderland. Justin Cummings/Spotlight

It's Dash time again

Annual 5-mile race takes place Sunday in Delmar

By SPORTS STAFF
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The streets of Delmar will be filled with runners once again.

The annual Delmar Dash 5-mile road race takes place Sunday around the Bethlehem Central Middle School neighborhood.

Race organizer Marcia Adams said that this year's field will likely be smaller than last year, when more than 700 runners completed the course.

"Some people weren't sure if they would be back in time (from vacation)," said Adams.

Among those expected to run this year's Delmar Dash are former champions Chuck Terry and Emily Bryans.

Terry placed second to first-time Dasher Aaron Robertson, who claimed the men's title in a time of 25:07.

Bryans will be looking for a bit of redemption after having to pull out of last year's race at the 4-mile mark when she pulled a hamstring. Jodie Schoppmann won the women's title with a time of 28:06.

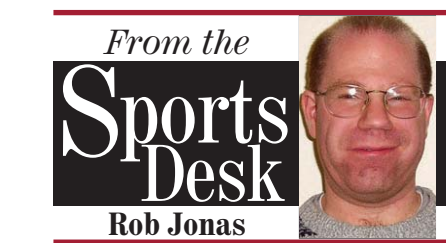
This could be a special Nisky lax team

First of all, let's congratulate the Union College hockey team. The Dutchmen may have lost to Ferris State in the national semifinals, but to get to the "Frozen Four" in the first place is quite an achievement for an NCAA Division I program that doesn't give out scholarships.

With Union packing up its skates until October, it's time to look outside and see what's going on with the spring sports season already in progress.

One early development that demands attention is the Niskayuna boys lacrosse team. By ending Jamesville-DeWitt's 45-game winning streak with last Saturday's 17-10 road victory, the Silver Warriors are beginning to look like a true state championship contender.

Let's start with the offense. Niskayuna has scored 47 goals in its first three games, two of which came against J-D (the defending state Class B champions) and Shenendehowa (the defending Section II Class A champions). Junior attacker Luke Goldstock (20 goals) is responsible for nearly half of that output, but he's getting plenty of help from the likes of Lucas Maloney, Tanner McIvor, Matt Sexton and Blake Pfohl.



Defensively, the Silver Warriors are getting solid play from goaltender Evan Quinn thus far. The junior made several key saves in the victory over J-D, as he did when Niskayuna beat Shen 15-10 in last Tuesday's Suburban Council opener at home.

The key going forward for Niskayuna will be whether Quinn and his defensemen can improve to the point where they limit quality opponents to less than 10 goals per game. If that happens, there is no limit to how far the Silver Warriors can go — especially at the rate they score goals.

Another boys lacrosse team to keep an eye on is Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. With last Thursday's 12-10 home victory against a good Shaker squad, the Spartans appear to be well on their way to becoming the competitive Suburban Council team coach Tom Schwan has been looking for.

BH-BL was in danger of blowing the whole game after Shaker rallied from a four-goal halftime deficit to tie the score at 9 midway through the fourth quarter. But the Spartans regained their form and controlled the final five minutes to pull out the two-goal victory.

Just the fact that BH-BL had a four-goal lead in the second half against a quality Suburban Council opponent such as Shaker is a step in the right direction. It shows that the Spartans have gained the skills and the confidence necessary to go toe-to-toe with the established programs in the league (BH-BL has only had varsity-level boys lacrosse for six years). And by thwarting Shaker's late rally, BH-BL also showed that it has the maturity to overcome a momentary lapse in discipline and performance to pull out a victory.

The Spartans may have their hands full dealing with the Niskayunas, Guilderlands and Shens of the Suburban Council, but they are also proving that league opponents are going to have their hands full when they face them. BH-BL appears well on its way to its first winning season in the league.

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