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Both sides say Clarksville deal close

As budget vote looms, BC still looking to leverage two empty buildings

By MARCY VELTE
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After nearly four months of negotiations, a deal may soon be struck to use Clarksville Elementary School as a substation

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BC is in contract negotiations with its teachers union.

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for the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

Undersheriff William Cox has been overseeing the negotiations for the sheriff's office. Sheriff

Craig Apple said he was told "minor modifications" to the lease agreement are being made between attorneys, but the contract is "close to a done deal."

"We both are very eager to move this along," said Apple.

Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Tom Douglas also agreed that the deal was close to being finalized.

An initial proposal agreement unveiled at a Dec. 21 meeting of the Board of Education said the district would collect \$210,000 from the county over the life of a five-year agreement. The payments would increase by \$6,000 each year, starting at \$30,000 for the first year of use, or \$2,500 per month. It is not known

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Getting green at Five Rivers



In celebration of Earth Day, state Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens (foreground, in white) and volunteers planted evergreen saplings on Saturday, April 21, at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Bethlehem. The event was just one of the dozens of celebrations of Earth Day held around the Capital District.

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Breslin will seek ninth term

New lines bring Troy, Rensselaer into senator's election plans

By MARCY VELTE
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Although many believed he too would retire after three local state lawmakers announced they would not be seeking another term, Sen. Neil Breslin will be running for reelection. But this year, he will do so in a new district.

The announcement was formally made at an event held in front of the Capitol steps on Thursday, April 19, in the presence of nearly 50 supporters. Currently representing the 46th Senate District, Breslin, D-Bethlehem, has held his Senate position since 1996. If reelected, he would represent Bethlehem, Colonie and the Cities of Albany, Troy and Rensselaer, all in the newly created 44th Senate District.

Breslin, who will turn 70 in June, said he is ready to kick-off another campaign season, even if it could be his last.

"I think I'm more energized then I have been in 10 or 12 years," he said after the event. "I'm probably in better health than I've been and I just look forward to it. I've been in the majority and there are just so many issues like education and health care that I want to help resolve before I leave."

Breslin said he originally ran for office to better assist the disenfranchised and the thought of continuing his efforts has kept him motivated over the years.

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Community Care makes the move

Space still available at corner of Delaware and Elsmere

By MARCY VELTE
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After two years of planning and construction, the new Delaware Avenue Health Park is officially open for business.

On Friday, April 13, employees of Community Care Physicians began moving into their new offices on the first floor and three days later the facility was open for patient care.

"We are excited to finish renovations and move into a location where we can better serve our patients," said Gene Fine, director of operations at Community Care Physicians. "Consolidating into one building allows Community Care to create another location in the Capital Region that serves as a one-stop shop for patients."

Originally slated to open over the summer, the new 48,000-square-foot facility sits where the old CVS building once stood and cost nearly \$13 million.

Fine said major systems within the old building were starting to fail, like the heat

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Community Care Physicians recently moved into a new building at the corner of Elsmere and Delaware avenues that used to be home to a vacant structure.

Jon Wittmann/Spotlight

A place to play, piece by piece

Local librarians say Lego clubs a positive trend

By MARCY VELTE
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The inspiration to read can be found in unusual places, but incentives to get children to visit the library are being found in fun and creative ways.

Lego clubs are being formed in libraries across the county and the Bethlehem Public Library is looking to start its own group for area children to participate in over the summer.

“A lot of libraries have been starting up these clubs and now we’re trying to get in on it because the kids seem to love it,” said Cathy Brenner, the Bethlehem Public Library’s services librarian.

Brenner said the library “isn’t just about books.” The building also acts a community center for children when school isn’t in session, so new programs are constantly being thought up to keep kids interested.

“We have a Pokemon Club now because a young boy walked up to me and said they liked one,” she said. “The library is a safe place for them to meet with friends and enjoy each other’s company.”

The club is run different ways at different libraries. Some have a theme or challenge at each meeting, where participants are asked to build a certain item or thing within the allotted time. Others use the time to allow the kids to free build, while some ask the kids to get into groups and work together as a team.

The William K. Sanford Town of Colonie Library and the Guilderland Public Library have both had Lego clubs since 2009.

“They get to meet new friends, plus they learn to work together and how to negotiate because we have limited pieces,” said Ann Marie Cicchinelli, Colonie library’s Youth Services librarian. “They learn social skills.”

Cicchinelli said her club started with challenges each meeting, but eventually coordinators learned their children just wanted to be able to play freely. They have since encouraged club members to get creative with

their constructions. The children are then asked to explain what they built to help with their public speaking and narrative skills.

“The scenes they create are very imaginative,” she said.

Debbie Sternklar, youth services librarian for the Guilderland Public Library said their club works similarly.

“I also try to get them to write a bit,” she said. “I ask them to name their creation and write a short description telling about its features.”

Sometimes members are given special assignments to complete at home that are then put on display for other club members to see. Sternklar said because this year was the year of the dragon under Chinese New Year traditions, the children were asked to build a dragon and bring it in to show.

The two women said the clubs have lead to some children getting interested in reading. Both libraries have invested in Lego books like the Bionicle series, based off of a Lego toy line. There are also Lego easy-reader books available and books about how to build better Lego creations on a professional scale.

The Guilderland library also has a Wii console for children to play Lego video games while they wait their turn to build.

“It brings a different group of kids to the library to get involved,” said Sternklar. “It’s kids who aren’t just book worms, but are more active.”

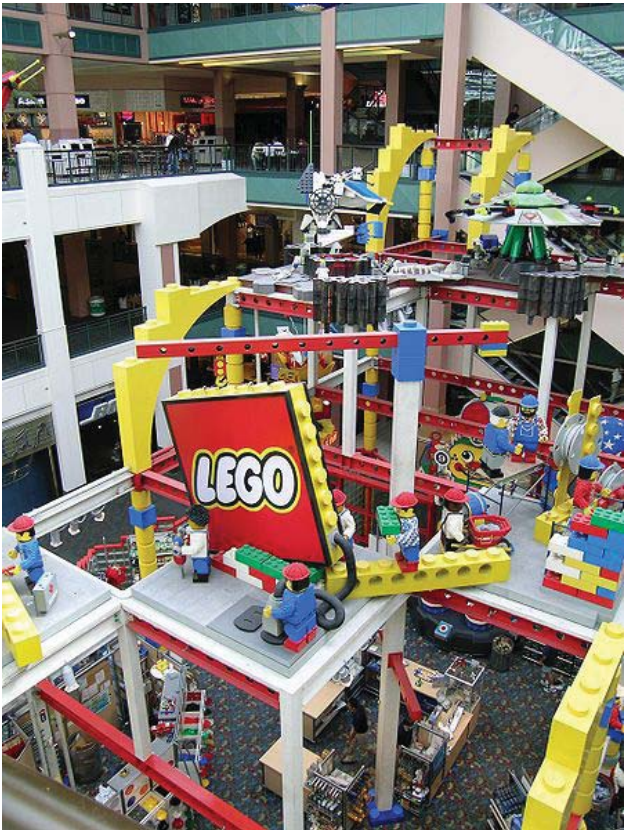
And sometimes, special speakers are asked to visit.

Sternklar said William Leue, a retired GE software engineer who now makes Albany landscapes out of Lego, visited the Guilderland club last year.

“The children loved it,” she said. “He explained to them all of the things you have to think about when recreating buildings or landmarks on a professional level.”

Brenner said it is still unknown when or how many times the Bethlehem club will meet. It will depend on interest and how much they get in donations to start the club.

The library is currently seeking donations of gently



A Lego masterpiece at the Mall of America. The Bethlehem Public Library will join other local libraries in offering a Lego program for youngsters to build their own creations along with their peers.

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used Lego pieces to get the club started because the toys and the themed kits are expensive. More details will be available closer to summer break.

The Guilderland and Colonie libraries are also seeking Lego donations to keep their clubs in stock. Both Sternklar and Cicchinelli said the club is easy to maintain after the initial investment of Lego pieces and storage bins, but pieces can easily be lost and replenishments are needed.

“Such a simple idea really does have a positive effect on the development of these kids,” said Sternklar.

Meeting times differ for each club. To learn more, visit their websites at www.guilpl.org or www.colonie.org/library.

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Mock crash seeks to ‘STOP-DWI’

Demonstration shows students the perils of drunk driving

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She was lying dead still on the grass. The wind, especially gusty on the afternoon of Friday, April 20, teased hair loose from her ponytail and sunlight streamed through the tree above her, shining a natural spotlight on her blood spattered white T-shirt and denim shorts.

The silence was shattered by wailing police sirens and a blonde young girl’s piercing scream as she stumbled from a wrecked red car and dropped to her knees beside her motionless friend.

It seemed like a scene from a bad horror movie or action flick but it was actually a recreation of a very real scenario that drunk driving can create. Organized by the Albany Police Department, Albany County Sheriff’s Office, Albany County Paramedics, Albany County Coroner and the Albany Fire Department, it was staged at The Albany Academies as part of the Albany County STOP-DWI Program to coincide with upcoming prom and

graduation festivities. “It gives them a visual effect, brings their classmates as potential victims and they see the consequences a little better,” said Lt. Kerry B. Thompson, STOP-DWI program administrator. “(They) see everything develop in its entirety.”

The elaborate recreation played out in front of groups of high school students craning to see behind bright yellow crime scene tape. To make it as realistic as possible, nothing was spared.

There were two cars with their front ends smashed in and student occupants smeared in blood and moaning in “pain.” Two Albany police cars screeched to a stop, followed by ambulances, a fire truck and sheriff’s deputies. Paramedics worked the scene as a driver, presumably “intoxicated,” performed field sobriety tests and was eventually cuffed and ushered into the back of a police car. A Med-Flight helicopter landed in a field across the way.

At the end, the girl in denim shorts who lay still on the ground was covered in a white sheet, zipped into a maroon body bag and loaded into the trunk of the county coroner’s

black SUV. “We try to bring something creative, diverse, eclectic each year to keep the students’ interest and send a message in a different way,” said Patti DeVost, who facilitated the demonstration. “This mock is the first.”

Thompson said the STOP-DWI program stages the demonstrations upon request and while this is the only one so far this year, there can be as many as six.

“Sometimes districts do them on their own with their own resources but we assist any school that would like to do them,” said Thompson.

DeVost said she was looking for something out of the ordinary to really drive the message home. Last year, a panel of speakers shared stories with students and the year before the school screened a film.

“I think you never know how completely successful it is. We base it on student feedback,” said DeVost, a counselor and director for the center of teaching and learning.

Letting students ask questions is an important

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High school students at The Albany Academies viewed an anti-DWI demonstration on Friday, April 20, just in time for prom and graduation season.
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Bethlehem DWI arrest stems from underage sale sweep

Two employees of local businesses were arrested during an underage drinking initiative performed by State Police in Albany County over the weekend.

Police said 11 bars, convenience and liquor stores were visited on Friday, April 20, as part of an undercover volunteer investigation to see if local businesses serve alcohol to underage patrons.

Albany resident Robert Griego, 28, was arrested for serving alcohol to a minor, police said. He is an employee of the Hess Mart on New Scotland Road in Bethlehem. Also arrested was Imtiaz Javed, 39, of Niskayuna, an employee of the Westmere Sunoco in Guilderland. Both men were charged with unlawfully dealing with a minor, a misdemeanor.

Businesses that are in violation of underage drinking laws are referred to the state Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, said police.

Also arrested during the investigation was Nancy London, 61, of Delmar. Police said London was witnessed leaving a liquor store in Delmar Plaza visibly intoxicated. She allegedly entered her vehicle, started the engine, and was placing the vehicle into gear when undercover police officers stopped her from leaving.

She was charged with driving while intoxicated and was allegedly found to have a blood alcohol level twice the legal limit.

District Beginnings in Berlin around 9 a.m. Monday, April 16, but a 3-year-old child did not get off the bus and was not noticed by Ramm or Kottackal. The bus sat in a lot in Menands from 10 a.m. until about 12:45 p.m. when Kottackal returned to the bus and noticed the child strapped in her car seat, according to police.

The child was treated for mild dehydration at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, said police.

identified a suspicious package “destined” for Hogan and confirmed the presence of illegal drugs with the assistance of a K9 from the Rensselaer County Sheriff’s Department, after which the package was found to contain marijuana weighing 2 lbs 3 ounces.

The package was mailed from a fake address in California and an investigation revealed that it was one of 12 similar deliveries made to Hogan in the last four months, with all packages mailed from Fresno or Sacramento, Calif., according to police.

Police: 3-year-old left alone on bus for hours

A bus driver was arrested after leaving a 3-year-old child unattended for nearly three hours on a day when temperatures topped 90 degrees, according to State Police.

Eric Ramm, 31, of Cohoes, the bus driver, and Thomas Kottackal, 59, of Albany, a monitor, were arrested on Tuesday, April 17, and charged with endangering the welfare of a child, according to police reports.

According to police, the bus dropped several students off at Capital

Posted drugs lead to arrest

Colonie police arrested a man on drug and weapon charges on Wednesday, April 18, following a joint investigation with U.S. Postal Inspectors, according to police.

Patrick J. Hogan, 30, of 7 Van Buren Ave. in Colonie, was charged with criminal possession of marijuana in the second degree, a felony, and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, a misdemeanor.

According to police, U.S. postal inspectors

U.S. postal inspectors and Colonie police delivered the package to Hogan’s residence and then executed a search warrant for the residence, which uncovered a shotgun illegally possessed by Hogan due to a prior criminal conviction, and an inoperable sawed-off shotgun, according to police.

Hogan was remanded to Albany County Correctional Facility without bail.

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Let slip the pests of spring: it's black fly season

Spring. Its coming every year triggers ecstatic emotions in even the most curmudgeonly, with singing birds, budding plants and cool sun swept days.

I personally have a real affinity for spring because of that wonderful explosion of life and the hearkening of long summer days to come. At the same time, spring usually brings with it rains, mud and chilling nighttime temperatures — and even more dishearteningly, it portends what could well be argued is the bane of every outdoors lover in the wider northeast: black fly season.

Those familiar with this phenomenon probably cringed at that phrase. In forested areas of the northern United States, especially the northeast, black fly season is sometimes referred to as the fifth season, because the insect's presence makes such a massive impact that it shifts the pace of everyday living. I'm thoroughly convinced that if not for the black fly, majestic wilderness in Michigan, New York and Canada would likely be overrun and spoiled if these pests did not



ON THE TRAIL
Charles Wiff

make being outdoors just shy of unbearable from May to July.

We know plenty of things about the black fly beyond its capacity for torment. The creature is known by other names, most commonly buffalo gnat or turkey gnat. In the wild, it's more commonly referred to by words that cannot in good conscious be printed here.

They hatch every spring in great swarms from rivers where eggs were laid in the fall. Unlike mosquitoes, who favor still water as breeding grounds, black flies incubate in moving water, where they scoop up tiny particles of passing food before hatching and moving on to the main course.

What's particularly astonishing about the black fly isn't its brief lifespan (four to six weeks in most cases) or its habits, but instead its sheer numbers. Millions and billions of the buggers roam the wilds of the northeast every year, and each can fly up to 10 miles in search of a blood

"...like an angry mob, the black flies actually increase in number throughout the day as you pass by and they catch a scent. Every hike takes on the characteristics of a zombie survival film as hikers dash through the woods with a pack of bloodthirsty parasites at their heels."

meal. As a testament to their numbers, they amazingly have been known to cause death in livestock not through their bites, but by flocking to the nasal passages in such numbers they suffocate the animal.

That sounds like the stuff of urban legend, but anyone who's familiar with black flies will believe it. Like unwanted houseguests, they stalk out any entryway, no matter how small, and cozy up under bandanas, in boots and socks and around waistlines. Their bites swell up to welt many times the size of the diminutive insect.

That would make them not much worse than other biting insects, but attracted by carbon dioxide, black flies ecstatically congregate

around the head and bathe themselves in human sweat. They fly in droves up nostrils, skip across lips and lounge inside of ear canals. Being outside on a particularly buggy day is like emerging one's head in a bucket of sand. Sand that bites.

Applying even the strongest of insect repellants is like pouring gasoline on a fire. Pure 100 percent DEET seems to only act as a stimulant and fuels their bloodlust. If it wasn't for a hiker's screams of agony as the repellent works its way into cuts and bites, you'd no doubt be able to hear the high-pitched laughter of the black flies as they dive bomb into eyeballs.

There are about as many homemade remedies for black fly

repellant as there are actual insects every season. Most of these were thought up by hikers as practical jokes to see what horrible things their friends would be willing to spread on their bodies to make the misery stop. Probably the only definite black fly deterrent is a flamethrower.

But maybe the worst part about black fly season is the timing. Just as the landscape is emerging from the winter and temperatures are rising to a pleasant-but-not-too-hot level, they arrive in droves. You want nothing more than to stroll about in shorts and a light shirt, but doing so invites misery. It's not unusual to see expeditions roaming a sunny spring day dressed as if ready to step onto the surface of the moon.

Military-grade ordinance aside, the only halfway decent method to avoid black flies is to outrun them, which is why in May and June hikers often find themselves back at the trailhead bruised, bloody and exhausted, but two hours ahead of schedule. But like an angry mob, the black

flies actually increase in number throughout the day as you pass by and they catch a scent. Every hike takes on the characteristics of a zombie survival film as hikers dash through the woods with a pack of bloodthirsty parasites at their heels.

Here's the good news, though: a lack of heavy snow this season should keep black fly levels a bit lower. Less snowmelt means less running water for the bug's eggs to incubate in. There will probably be more standing water about, which will mean mosquitoes will be having a field day.

And the mosquito is quite deserving of its own treatise.

It's not all gloom and doom, though. Despite taking on the properties of a tropical jungle, spring is an extraordinary time to be in the woods, as the landscape renews itself after a long winter. Pick a nice day or two and take a walk. Just don't forget the head net.

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Take a look, it's in a book

Being in the newspaper business, we tend to enjoy seeing the written word getting a proper boost of attention.

Never mind the best way to get most people interested in a good book is to make it into a movie. Let's ignore the fact Angry Birds has taken the place of the paperback in waiting rooms across America. We look at our communities and find there's still hope for a literate tomorrow.

It's fairly easy and popular to bemoan the slow death of the written word in today's society. Text messaging, Twitter and the now-quaint email have been replacing the demand for clarity with that of speed and brevity, with predictable results.

Editorial

This has seemingly not only produced a generation with only a tenuous grasp on grammar and spelling, but one that values quick and immediate gratification over substance. Yet when it comes to writing, efficacy is not the only measure of worth.

It took F. Scott Fitzgerald nearly three years to write the fairly short book "The Great Gatsby," for example, and a great deal longer for it to be recognized as a modern masterpiece. In contrast, the most popular titles on bookshelves today are written for children or young adults and are churned out on a seemingly annual basis. They are not without value, however.

We can hope the swelling resurgence of the book as a relevant part of popular culture will help to instill our youth with the capacity and desire to read and even to write. It has never been easier for lovers of either activity to embrace their passions than it is today. Old barriers have been torn down to open the path between would-be authors and would-be audiences. It's truly an exciting time for the industry and craft as a whole.

That's why we entreat parents whose children have that passion for reading (and most do at one time or another) to nurture that desire. There are many, many things vying for the attention of youngsters these days, and many of them are much more flashy and immediately satisfying than reading a book. At the same time, we'd argue few provide such great opportunity for intellectual growth than that which is found in electronic or paper pages.

And if you need more proof that reading is in vogue, look no further than the Albany Children's Book Festival, which is being presented by the Albany Academies this coming weekend. You can find all the details on page 21, but with more than 70 authors set to be in attendance (including Gregory Maguire, the author of "Wicked) you're not likely to find a better way to tangibly connect your children with the world of reading.

We're pretty curious about reading habits in this new, digital world of ours, so if you'd like to tell us how much time you spend each day with the written word (whether it's on a computer, tablet, phone or even paper) head to our website and let us know in the weekly poll. You can also get some reading done while you're there.

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All atwitter about Twitter

By JON WITTMANN

The author is a senior at Bethlehem Central High School and has been interning at The Spotlight.

At this point, there really is no doubt that Twitter is here to stay. What was once considered a fad is now logging 11 new users per second and sending out more than 33 billion tweets per day worldwide. In 2007, the site was worth \$5 million; by 2010 it was worth \$200 million, not quite the growth expected of a "flash in the pan."

The fact Twitter's popularity has grown exponentially in such a short time has, naturally, caused controversy regarding the reliability of the information provided via the service. Many people think Twitter should not be a source of news for the public, and should not be used by journalists. I, however, believe the opposite.

Twitter is an extremely relevant form of technology for journalists, as well as for firsthand accounts of goings on around the world. It offers an opportunity for them to give short, to the point updates on a developing story, many times from on location.

Most everyone is acquainted with the Arab Spring, a revolution throughout the Middle East that was fueled in part by Twitter. In Libya for example, during the week before the protests began, only 122,319 tweets were published, but in the first week alone, 1.3 million tweets were sent out to the world.

Twitter is mainly a mobile form of social networking, capable of being updated from any phone with Internet or application ability, so people can provide on-the-fly updates to their followers from any location. This allowed for tweets to be sent out in the midst of gunfire and

Point of View

bombings during the conflict in Libya, as well as from peaceful protests in Egypt.

This is a different form of journalism than ever before. It is a constantly updated cycle that never sleeps, and is often written by the masses, allowing stories to morph and change over time, which has its positives and negatives. Readers can no longer blindly trust anything that they read, but on the other hand it will force a new kind of media literacy and reader responsibility.

Since the Internet came into vogue, it has become increasingly easier for false news to be disseminated to the public, so the idea of media literacy is not a new one. For example, if I'm reading an article and I see the source is a blog, I know that I must be careful regarding the authenticity of my source. The same can be said with Twitter, if the source is a user named @joeshmoe (run with it!) I won't trust that nearly as much as @BBC or @CNN.

The idea of filtering your news shouldn't be a shock, so why can't Twitter be a news source? Countless people think the fact it is used on the major news networks as a source is some sort of fallacy, but why? Many claim inaccuracy, but can you imagine the BBC or CNN posting random tweets willy-nilly with no sort of fact checking? I can't either.

In reality, the editors of the news world thoroughly vet the information received from Twitter in order to ensure accuracy.

According to Michael Skoler, the vice president of

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interactive media for Public Radio International, "The new journalism must be a journalism of partnership."

I could not agree more. By no means should Twitter replace newspapers, news websites and the like, if I thought that, my editor definitely wouldn't have let me do this. One hundred and forty characters is not enough to develop a news story, perhaps only to direct one's interest to an outside website or supply an update for a developing story, but there will always be a need for longer and more complete news stories.

Essentially, my point with this column is to instill the idea Twitter is not a synonym for "unreliable." Next time you see a tweet as a source, consider the fact that it is an extremely useful tool not only in the newsroom but also for firsthand accounts of news events that are happening around the world. The immediacy of Twitter has led to a world that is much more connected than ever before — whether that in and of itself is a good thing is for you to decide.

Weekly poll

How much time do you spend reading in a typical day?

Log on to www.spotlightnews.com to cast your vote.

Last week's poll results:

"What's the best thing about spring in the Capital District?"

- A walk in the park 25%
- Getting soft serve ice cream 50%
- Outdoor festivals and event 25%
- I don't like spring 0%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

BC school budget plays by the rules

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
We'd like to take the time to clear up some inaccuracies in the letter to The Spotlight written by Fred DiMaggio.

In his letter, the author states that "the Bethlehem administration and unions have opted for a 4.6 percent pay raise, while laying off teachers and cutting needed programs." This is not the case.

An increase of \$92,030 in the Administrative line in the proposed budget comes in part from a loss of state aid, namely Education Jobs Funding. The district has had to give back \$12 million dollars in aid over the past three years through the Gap Elimination

Adjustment so that the state legislature could balance its books on the back of public education.

We should also point out that the district budgeted for only the salary increases mandated by the Triborough Amendment, passed by those same Republicans and Democrats in the New York state legislature. Contract negotiations are underway, with all parties extremely sensitive to the financial challenges the district and community face. We should also note that all of the district's bargaining units have either made concessions, deferments or taken freezes over the past three years.

The characterization of the district not abiding by a "2% tax cap" is misleading and we'd hate for the author or anyone else to think we are somehow out of compliance with a mythical tax cap. The much-touted two percent "tax cap" does not restrict any proposed tax levy increase to 2 percent. The law determines what level of support is needed for a budget to pass. Under the law, if the district had proposed a tax levy of \$58.6 million, or a 2.94 percent increase, the budget

would only need a simple majority to pass. After cutting \$3.8 million, the Board decided on a tax levy of \$59.2 million, or a 3.99 percent increase, in order to preserve some programming. At 3.99 percent, the budget proposes an increase of \$81 per \$100,000 of assessed value, versus an increase of \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value that would have been levied at 2.94 percent. But that \$20 difference now requires a supermajority to pass under the new tax levy legislation.

The only true "cap" would be implemented if the budget is voted down twice: the new contingency rules would mandate the district to stay at the 2011-2012 tax levy amount of \$56.9 million. That zero percent increase would require more than \$6 million in cuts or reductions.

We agree with the author, however, when he says that the district's approach to budgeting "couldn't be more out of step with the public sector."

That much is true. We actually develop the budget in public and invite the community to participate. Our budget is not developed by three men in a room, nor voted

on in the dead of night. The legislative body that has the ultimate power over the proposed school budget is comprised of the people of Bethlehem and New Scotland who will be affected by it. This budget is the result of months of open and transparent dialogue with the community. It represents the feedback given to us by those who were part of the budget process and reflects their desire to balance fiscal responsibility with what they deem an excellent Bethlehem education.

It was state politics that got us into this morass of "2 percent tax caps" that are not caps - and more politicking is not the solution we need to get out of it.

When you vote on May 15, and we sincerely hope that you do, please bear in mind that participation in next year's budgeting process begins the following day. We feel this proposed budget is part of a sound, long-term fiscal plan for the future of Bethlehem schools, and we hope you'll be part of the process.

Dr. Thomas Douglas
BC Superintendent of Schools

Diane Giacone Stever
President, Bethlehem Board of Education

Give thanks for great service in Delmar

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

My New Year's Resolution was to stop complaining about the haters and thank the good and helpful people I come across each day. It has had an interesting effect, as I find myself writing many more thank you notes! And the snotty service is quickly replaced in my brain by the smiling, friendly service.

I really want to thank Joseph at the Delmar Post Office. For years I have been going in there, and he is always friendly, upbeat and usually ready to joke around a bit. He never seems overwhelmed, no

matter how long the line and unhappy the faces! Everyone in the Post Office is friendly and helpful, but Joseph remembers to bring his personality to work!

I also want to thank Mindy at the Hess Station. I have seen her go out of her way to help patrons in need. She is always smiling and friendly, even if it is snowing and miserable. She challenges you daily with her trivia.

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Jennifer Bull
Delmar

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What is ringworm?

Contrary to what the name implies, ringworm is actually a fungus called a dermatophyte. The relatives of this fungus cause athlete's foot and jock itch. The spores of this fungus survive very well in the environment and are able to contaminate irritated skin. It is thought that spores can remain in the environment for up to one and a half years. In most cases of ringworm exposure no clinical disease occurs. Individuals with weakened immune systems such as those under stress, in pregnancy, of young or old age, with concurrent illness or on immune suppressive medications are especially prone to catching clinical ringworm. The same carries true for non-human animals. You are able to catch ringworm from your dog or cat and vice versa.

Ringworm lesions are often shaped like a ring and they are itchy, red and scaly. There is

often hairloss associated with the lesions. They can occur anywhere on the body and the lesions tend to enlarge and spread if left untreated. Your veterinarian will examine any suspicious lesion and perform a fungal culture to determine if it is truly ringworm.

Treatment for ringworm typically includes topical and oral medications. It can take weeks to months for infection to clear completely. However, some infections can clear up without intervention. Thorough cleaning of the environment is imperative during this time in order to eliminate the spores as leftover spores can cause another infection.

Ringworm can be a very frustrating disease to treat but in most cases it goes away without much difficulty. Always seek out advice from your physician if you suspect you may have contracted ringworm.

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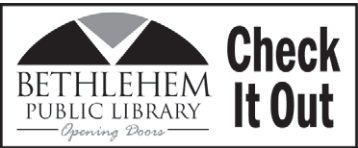


Program examines the mystery of the mummies

Two 21st Dynasty (1085-945 BCE) mummies and parts of their coffins have been on continuous view at the Albany Institute of History and Art since they were purchased from the Cairo Museum in 1909. Join us Saturday, May 5, at 2 p.m. for GE Presents: the Mystery of the Albany Mummies — an introduction to a special exhibition coming to AIHA in September of next year.

One of the Institute’s coffins was made for Ankhefenmut, a sculptor and priest in the Temple of Mut three thousand years ago. New research has revealed that his mummy cover and coffin lid are in the collections of London’s British Museum and Vienna’s Kunsthistorisches Museum. The 2013 exhibition will reunite the coffin pieces for the first time in a hundred years and bring over 200 ancient Egyptian objects to Albany from collections around the world. The exhibit will also explore how elements of ancient Egyptian culture have since inspired art, architecture, graphic design, literature, tourism, movies and more.

At our preview program, AIHA staff will use images of art and artifacts to share what they have learned about how Egyptians lived, worked and played 3,000 years ago. Then you can join a discussion about what you want to know about mummies and ancient Egypt. Your input



will help AIHA plan the 2013 exhibition. The program is appropriate for school-age children through adult. Each attendee will be given a free pass to the Albany Institute, valid through December 2013.

GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies has been funded by General Electric and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency. The exhibition’s curator is Dr. Peter Lacovara, senior curator of ancient Egyptian, Nubian and Near Eastern art at Emory University’s Michael C. Carlos Museum. He lives in Albany and has worked with AIHA for the past six years.

Autism program tomorrow

Parents, caregivers and other interested adults in the community are invited to “Mealtime and Children with Autism” at the library tomorrow, Thursday April 26 at 7pm. Kristin Knapp-Ines, Ph.D. will address various eating problems found in children with autism spectrum disorders. The focus of her presentation will be on behavioral and environmental issues around eating, and successful research-based strategies for

coping with these issues. Knapp-Ines is a licensed clinical psychologist and board-certified behavior analyst.

Library to host event for summer reading program

Bethlehem Public Library will host a “Summer Reading at New York Libraries” press event on Thursday May 10 at 2:30 p.m. NYS Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education Jeffrey W. Cannell, State Senator Neil Breslin, State Assemblyman Steven McLaughlin, and other state and local officials will be present. This year’s New York State Teen Video Challenge winner will also be announced, and the winning video will be shown.

The library is the first of five in the state to host “Summer Reading at New York Libraries” press events this spring, at the behest of the NYS Office of Cultural Education. The event is open to the public. The library is located at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

After dinner books

Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m.
The Sisters Brothers by Patrick DeWitt. New members welcome.

Andy Morse-the Music Man

Thursday, May 10, 4 p.m.
Singing, dancing, free books and other

giveaways kick off the library’s summer reading program. All ages. Supported by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Paws to Read

Fridays, May 11-25, 4 and 4:30 p.m.
Bring a few favorite stories to read aloud to a gentle dog who loves to listen. Grade 1-5. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

Angry Birds Live!

Friday, May 11, 3 p.m.
Can’t stop playing Angry Birds on your phone? Try it out life-size! Grade 6-12.

Bethlehem Public Library Board

Monday, May 14, 6 and 6:30 p.m.
Library budget presentation at 6 p.m. General meeting at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.

Pajama-rama

Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m. Bethlehem Public Library
Stories and songs before bedtime for children up to age 6 and families.

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.

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club and the organizers of the Delmar Dash wish to thank the residents of Delmar, the Bethlehem Police Department and Public Works and the EMTs for their assistance with this year’s race. We especially like to thank our corporate sponsors, Bryant Asset and Spotlight Newspapers, vendors and our many volunteers who made this race possible.

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Budget proposal online

The Library’s 2012-2013 budget proposal is available at the Library and on the Library website, www.rcscommunitylibrary.org. Using August 2011 assessments and equalization rates, the proposed increase is

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four cents per \$1,000. The Director and Board of Trustees will present the budget at the annual

Budget Hearing, Tuesday, May 1, at 6 p.m. in the RCS HS Library.
On Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m., the Board of Trustees will host an open question session at the Library. Candidates for the Board will be present. The budget newsletter and summer calendar will be mailed during the first week of May.

Computer classes at the library

Learn something new this month with a library computer class. Small class size allows for individualized attention, so you will get your questions answered! Classes fill quickly, so reserve your spot today.

- Celebrate Mom or Dad with an eCard: Help celebrate all Mom or Dad have given with a custom e-Card. Through this class, you will be able to experiment with safe internet sites that will allow you to send custom greetings for Mother’s Day Sunday, May 13, or Father’s Day, Sunday, June 17.
- Tuesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, May 2, at 11 a.m.
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Tickets are available in the Senior Office from April 10-May 8. The cost is \$18 per person.

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Remember to indicate your luncheon choice and if transportation is needed.

Movie of the month

“The Tree of Life” will be shown Thursday, April 26, at 10:30 a.m. in the Town Hall Courtroom. It stars Sean Penn, Brad Pitt, and Jessica Chastain. It was written and directed by Terrence Malick.

The film examines the meaning of life through a man’s memories of growing up in 1950s Texas, interspersed with imagery of the origins of the universe. It is rated PG-13; 139 minutes. Please call to register and feel free to bring a snack.

Town of Guilderland

SENIOR CALENDAR

Monday, April 30

Scheduled Shopping

10:30 OsteoBusters

10:30 Sr. Fitness

12:00 Zumba

1:30 OsteoBusters

Tuesday, May 1

9:00 OsteoBusters

11:30 Luncheon: Swiss Steak or Cold Plate

12:30 Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, May 2

9:00 Zumba

10:30 OsteoBuster

10:30 Sr. Fitness

11:00 Men’s Presentation on Hydrofracking @ Pizza Gram

1:00 Needlecraft

1:30 OsteoBusters

Thursday, May 3

Scheduled Shopping

9:00 OsteoBusters

9:00 Zumba

10:30 Balance Class

1:00 Mahjongg

1:15 Pinochle

Friday, May 4

Scheduled Shopping

10:00 Painting

10:30 Bridge

1:00 Quilting

Have you made plans to attend the “Molasses Creek” concert on Sunday, April 29, at 3 p.m., at the Delmar Reformed Church? The program will benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry and the Emergency Heating Fund. Molasses Creek is an acoustical group that features elegant harmonies, blazing instruments, and a quirky sense of humor. You will enjoy this show. The suggested donation is \$15, checks payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. We will also have supper at Panera Bread in Glenmont following the concert, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange transportation, which will leave Town Hall at about 1:45 p.m. Home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$3.

“Meals ... Music and More!” will take place on Tuesday, May 1, at 1 p.m. at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 38 Church Road, Selkirk. Lunch will include herb roasted chicken, rice lilac, broccoli and dessert. Tommy Ippolito will perform on the accordion. The suggested meal contribution is \$2.50 for seniors and \$5 for those under age 60. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation and to arrange transportation.

The Berne Volunteer Fire Company and Fire

Senior Action

Town of Bethlehem

Auxiliary will sponsor a roast beef dinner on Sunday, May 6, at noon at the Berne Fire Department. The cost is \$10 at the door. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange transportation which will leave Town Hall at about 10:30 a.m. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Tuesday, May 1

Seniors in Motion

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

Wednesday, May 2

Senior Discussion

Group targets current events, human interest stories and reminisces about eh past. Join Jane Sanders, LMSW, from 10:30 am to noon in Room 107 at Bethlehem Ton Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to arrange transportation.

- Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770
 - Senior grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, and South Bethlehem. For reservations, call 439-5770
- Friday, May 4
- Senior grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770
- For information on the above or a list of additional activities, call the Bethlehem Senior Services Office at 439-4955, ext. 1176.
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Save the date for an outdoors concert Meet the author

Make sure you mark your calendar for a very special outdoor concert at the Guilderland Public Library on Sunday, May 6, at 2 p.m. The University at Albany Chamber Singers, under the direction of David Griggs-Janower, will present the first in the Library's 2012 series of the Jean Marie Cole Concerts in the Garden.

Mr. Griggs-Janower conducts this group of 27 singers of whom eight are voice majors, one is a piano major, two are general music majors, and the rest are from other disciplines. They share a love of singing, and of communicating with their audiences.

We are fortunate to have this group perform at the Library; they've already done seven performances this season throughout New York, and are scheduled for several more performances in upstate and Montreal.

This semester the UA Chamber Singers have explored repertory from the early and late Baroque period through compositions and arrangement written in this century, with a clear bias toward tonal, tuneful music on beautiful poetry. Much of the repertory for this GPL performances come from living American composers, and the texts often speak about love. In addition the Chamber

Singers will perform works from Scotland, Canada and South Africa, and several African-American spirituals. As a special treat, a few of the senior voice majors will present a song each from their senior recitals.

David Griggs-Janower, a Guilderland resident for over 20 years, has been teaching at the University at Albany since 1981, where he conducts the Chamber Singers and the large, town-gown University Chorale, and teaches a variety of music courses. G-J is the Founding Conductor and Artistic Director of Albany Pro Musica and has been a guest conductor of the Albany Symphony, Guilderland HS, Niskayuna HS, Williams College, Skidmore College, the Mendelssohn Club of Albany, and at several NY All-County festivals.

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David Griggs-Janower will conduct the UAlbany Chamber Singers at free, outdoor concert at the Guilderland Library on Sunday, May 6.

ours – in fact, smack dab in the middle of Central Park. It's a fun frolic that has a lot of fun with the concept of being barely a foot high in Midtown. This movie is rated PG; the free popcorn is rated great!

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Mark Curiale

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

David Pietrusza will be at the library April 25 at 7 p.m. to discuss his book, 1948: Harry Truman's Improbable Victory and the Year that Transformed America. He gives a lively analysis of the campaign leading up to Truman's surprise victory over Republican Thomas E. Dewey and brings the issues, colorful personalities, and controversies of this period to life. davidpietrusza.com

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Maura Lynch

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touch with old friends, children or colleagues online. This class is your opportunity to get up to speed in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Tuesday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, May 9, at 11 a.m.

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Youth jobs program record use

Slim job prospects means high interest in Bethlehem's Y.E.S. service

By MARCY VELTE
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Obtaining a summer job is a teenage rite of passage, but working outside of school is increasingly becoming a necessity as children must earn their own spending money or even contribute to the family themselves.

Unfortunately for enterprising teens, since the start of the recession in 2008 entry-level jobs are hard to come by, but a program through the Town of Bethlehem is working to help.

"A lot of people out there are taking jobs below their skill level so it's causing problems for the younger workers," said Rachel Promutico, the town's Youth Employment Services director. "Our program partners those

looking for work to be done with those who want to do it."

According to Parks and Recreation Department Administrator Nan Lanahan, whose office oversees Y.E.S., the program began in the 1970s during another recession when it was hard for local teenagers to find jobs over the summer break. The thought was to find job opportunities that were age appropriate by getting residents to list the types or work that needed doing. Teens who joined the program would then be matched with employers.

"It was probably one of the only ways for kids to get jobs at that time," said Lanahan.

Over the years, the town added summer park jobs and local business owners were allowed to add their jobs to the list as well.

The program works in a similar way today, with residents between the ages of 14 and 21

filling out a form to enter the program. The jobs are then posted on a forum and interested participants can make references to the jobs they like.

Promutico said participation has been on the rise in the last five years.

She said in 2008, 141 youths participated in the program in order to find jobs. By the next year, 375 people were using the program and this year the number is up to nearly 700 youths. Part of the uptick in participation may be word of mouth, but the majority is likely out of necessity.

According to a recent study by the United States Department of Labor, 4.1 million people between the ages of 16 and 24 were unemployed in July of 2011. That figure is down from 4.4 million in July of 2010 when unemployment was at an all time high for that age group since 1944.

"Kids need help

to find work now," Promutico said.

Although local jobs are still scarce, the program helped to fill nearly 200 positions last year.

Residents who need assistance with chores like housework, yard work, shoveling, babysitting, animal care or handyman work can call the program with job listings. Business owners who have entry-level work available can also call.

However, Lanahan said the program merely provides matching services. It is not guaranteed the youth will get a job and employers must do interviews or screenings on their own.

"We try to follow up and make sure the employer is satisfied," she said. "It usually works out, but we can suspend a student from the program if need be."

Lanahan said the program has continued for so long out of need.

"The program is important because of how hard our economy has made it to obtain a job," she said. "It's just another avenue to make those connections."

Ms. McFerran goes to Albany



Megan McFerran of Delmar was among the 54 high school students from throughout the state selected to attend the statewide League of Women Voters' 2012 Students Inside Albany Conference. The intensive four-day training experience immersed students in the process by which public policy is proposed, enacted and changed in the New York State and gave them the tools they can use to influence and affect this process. While in Albany the students heard from a variety of speakers including elected officials, journalists, good government organizations, and LWV experts on varying topics from lobbying to an overview of NYS government, from transparency in government to the role of media in politics, and much more. McFerran is an 11th grader at Bethlehem Central High School, and is pictured here with Barbara Bartoletti, NYS League of Women Voters' legislative director.

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An opportunity for bonding

Menands market closes in on opening day

Historical Association holds programs for fathers and sons

By MARCY VELTE
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A new event by the Bethlehem Historical Society is all about promoting father-son bonding.

The first ever “Dads and Lads Day” will be held at the Cedar Hill Red School House in Selkirk on Sunday, April 29. The day will be filled with adventurous and educational activities for fathers and sons to enjoy together.

“We wanted to start doing activities to get kids away from their iPods and video games, and doing things with their hands,” said Robert Mulligan, a coordinator of the event with the Bethlehem

Historical Society.

Mulligan said the idea came about because last year the society held an old-fashioned tea for little girls and their mothers, and they were encouraged to bring their dolls. The girls were taught about etiquette and shown antique toys while munching on tea and biscuits.

“The girls loved it, but I thought what about gender equality?” he said. “We should do something for the boys.”

Mulligan said he enlisted many of his own friends to help with many of the demonstrations and activities.

There will be games like the one created by John Rigley of Guilderland based on the classic novel “Moby Dick.” The children will act as Captain Ahab’s

crew as they search the seven seas for the elusive white whale. There is also “Shove Ha’ Penny,” an 18th century tavern game.

Other activities include learning about the beavers using the Bethlehem Nature Preserve as their home, lessons about the Native American Algonquin tribe and demonstrations by the Tricity Paranormal Society. “Sailors” from the USS Slater will also be on hand to talk about the escort destroyer moored in the port of Albany.

Mulligan said although the event is geared towards fathers and sons to promote spending quality time together, anyone is welcome to attend.

“There are kids who don’t have dads so we don’t want to exclude them, and I think even little girls will enjoy themselves because this may not be the kind of thing they’re use to doing. It will give them the chance to experience new things,” he said.

The first “Dads and Lads Day” will be held on Sunday, April 29 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Red School House in Selkirk. Children ages 8 to 12 years old are encouraged to attend.

The Farmers Market in Menands will be open on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and in conjunction with opening day is the third annual Community Garage Sale. Fresh flowers and gardening plants straight from the growers are already available, and soon produce will be rolling in as well.

The Farmers Market in Menands is the only market of its kind in the country that has been owned and operated by the farmer for the farmer for 79 years. In 2010, the USDA declared the Farmers Market in Menands a regional food hub: a centrally located facility with a business management structure facilitating the aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, and/or marketing of locally produced food products.

The wholesalers at the market include A.J. Rinella, Black Horse Produce, D. Brickman, Decker’s Produce, Pray’s Farmers Market, and others. The wholesalers are permanent tenants of the market and buy directly from the farmers, allowing farmers an opportunity to sell in bulk



not only to each other, but to the residing wholesalers at the market as well.

If you are interested in buying plants, produce, and more, directly from local growers and farmers stop by the market any Saturday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. during the season. Take advantage of the opportunity to speak directly to the growers about how to best care for the plants you are purchasing. Talk to farmers about the variety of ways to cook and prepare the food you are buying that they have grown right on their local farms.

The Saturday Retail Market runs May through October. There is also a wholesale market on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The wholesale market

involves farmers from all across the region meeting on the square to sell in bulk directly to retailers, consumers, local restaurants, shops, food processors, and more.

Below is the complete Special Events date list for the 2012 market season: May 5: Community Garage Sale; June 23: Battle of the Berries; July 28: Corny Day; Aug. 11: Spotlight Newspaper’s Family Day; Aug. 18: Tomatoes by the Thousand; Sept. 15: Fall Harvest; Oct. 13: Days of the Jack-O-Lantern.

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DWI

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part of any anti-DWI presentation, said DeVost, so on Friday students were also attending an assembly.

It will “allow the time to ask questions, talk to actual victims, go over statistics,” said DeVost.

DeVost said she knows in the end, the school doesn’t have control over what decisions students may or may not make, but it’s still important to do what it can to prevent predicaments like the mock crash from occurring.

“When talking to youth and spending time with them you learn about all the pressures they’re faced with, choices they have to make, stresses they’re under and not just related to academics ... we need to prepare them not only on how to study and do well but face life challenges,” said DeVost. “We are proactive in our approach every year to give them positive ways to handle difficult situations.”

The Albany Academies also target underage drinking by giving students breathalyzer tests before dances.



The mock scene was part of Albany County STOP-DWI program and was put on by the Albany Police Department, Albany County Sheriff’s Office, Albany County Paramedics, Albany County Coroner and Albany Fire Department.

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

“We minimize risk and send the message that safety is a priority and it has seemed to work very well,” said DeVost. “Students are very responsive and we have not had any issues. They’re respecting the use of breath tests at the dances.”

Closer to the end of the year, students will have yet another anti-drinking activity when they don fatal vision goggles and drive golf carts.

“(It shows) how it would feel to be intoxicated and how it takes you off your equilibrium and what it would be like if they were asked to do certain (sobriety) tests,” said

DeVost. “They haven’t experienced that firsthand.”

Taking an open approach to drunk and distracted driving goes hand-in-hand with The Albany Academies’ mission.

“They spend most of their day with us and ultimately, what affects them on the outside will affect them in school and their academics and our institution looks at the whole child,” said DeVost. “It’s part of growing up and we want to best prepare them for that.”

On Friday afternoon, it seemed like DeVost had accomplished her goal in at least a small way, as one boy in the audience turned to his friend and said, “Be above the influence.”

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Farmers denounce labor law changes

Department of Labor regulation would keep minors from some family farm work

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Family owned farms are a part of life for many Upstate communities. Albany County alone is home to about 400 farms, and surrounding counties are even richer with farmland. Around 99 percent of them are family owned. For generations, farmers have passed down skills and knowledge to their children.

That story could change under proposed regulations from the U.S. Department of Labor aimed at minors who work on farms. On Thursday, April 12, the New York Farm Bureau held a press conference in Albany to address the proposal.

At the core of the proposed regulation are restrictions on what kind of work children under the age of 18 will be able to do. Farming advocates say they're overly restrictive.

"We're here today to

talk about the impact of a federal regulation that's being proposed by the U.S. Secretary of Labor. ... The impact of this proposal is two-fold. One, it changes the way the hazardous occupations orders are currently structured for our family farms," said Julie Suarez, New York Farm Bureau's director of public policy.

"The hazardous occupations orders have been changed around to prohibit the ability of a minor working on a farm to do very simple tasks. They can't for instance use a wheelbarrow, they can't use anything that can hoist or lift an object, they cannot load or unload a truck ... they can't lift a flat (of plants). ... This issue is of extreme importance to New York's family farms."

When contacted, a Department of Labor spokesperson would not issue a statement, but said some of the claims outlined by the Farm Bureau, such as minors not being allowed to use hoses or screwdrivers, are "false." The new regulations are aimed



Julie Suarez, New York Farm Bureau's director of public policy, spoke against proposed changes to labor laws that would keep minors from performing some jobs on family farms.

Julie Cushine-Rigg/Spotlight

at keeping minors safe from workplace injuries.

The department has extended the comment period on the changes and has to date received over 10,000 comments.

Many family farms have formed corporate structures to protect their assets. Under the new regulations, a child of a farmer who has a corporate structure would not be able to work on the farm or perform simple tasks on the farm.

A portion of text from the new rules, first presented in September, reads in part, "The proposed agricultural revisions would impact only hired farm workers and in no way compromise the statutory child labor parental exemption involving children working on farms owned or operated by their parents."

Congressman Bill Owens, D-Plattsburgh, talked about the restriction of minors working on their family farms at the Thursday press conference, relaying a personal story. He had heard from an 11-year-old boy who was concerned that he would no longer be able to work on his family's farm. In response to the boy's concern, and others, Owens asked the secretary of labor to reexamine some of the provisions.

"We asked that they address a couple of issues. One, to make sure the children could in fact work on the

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Farms

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farms and make sure that the definition of a family farm include ... corporations, but also related folks (adjoining farms owned by a large family). This rule would prohibit the child working on various farms. We want to make sure that they're still able to do that," said Owens.

"It shows a lack of understanding on the part of the government about what's happening on the ground. Clearly we want to make sure the children work in safe environments, but the number of injuries has been declining... We really should be moving toward sensible regulatory structures," Owens continued.

Sarah Gordon Avery grew up on Gordon Farms, her family farm in Knox, helping out from the time she was about 11 years old. She feels that some of the newly proposed rules have their place for safety reasons while others seem to make more broad prohibitions and could be written to promote safety through proper supervision and training.

"Kids shouldn't

"... with supervision and assistance, farm kids and junior summer help contribute greatly to small family farms' survival."

Farmer Sarah Gordon Avery

be allowed to do certain things alone; working in a small pen with a jumpy cow is dangerous. However, with supervision and assistance, farm kids and junior summer help contribute greatly to small family farms' survival," she said.

Gordon Avery added that she spent a lot of time tractors as a teenager, but also received proper tractor training.

"Perhaps requiring a junior tractor operator's certificate could help promote safety rather than banning everyone under the age of 16 from operating a tractor. I worry that the absolute prohibitions the new rules propose will make it hard for farmers to find summer help that can substantively contribute to farmers' operations. ... The new rules also inhibit young farmers from being able to learn the skills they will need as future farmers to sustain the dwindling family farm population," she said.

"Family farms depend on help from the family. It also taught me a lot of life skills besides those specific to farming, like work ethic, the importance of exercise, business management, environmental systems science and food awareness."

Part of the DOL's proposal includes a restriction that minors would not be able to work with animals for educational purposes, such as showing their prize calf at a county fair.

Frank Gaspirini, vice president for the National Council of Agricultural Employers, said his group is also concerned.

"The real potential impact is still with family farms. From the comments we continue to see and hear, although many groups have expressed concern, those involved in animal agriculture have been most vocal in opposition because they appear to be faced

with almost all the proposed restrictions, and because of the longtime importance of showing, breeding, raising, stewardship issues that have been so traditionally a part of the life of dairy, beef, sheep, swine, horse and other livestock farmers," said Gaspirini.

There has been no timeframe set for when the next step in the proposal process will happen or when the proposed regulations, if passed, would potentially take effect.

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Breslin

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Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson was at the event to lend his support. Clarkson called the senator one of his “heroes,” who he often turns to for advice in his new position with the town.

“I hope to be working on a mandate relief agenda for Albany that I think he could be a big help with,” said Clarkson about how he hopes Breslin could help Bethlehem. “And as he spoke about, he’s very concerned about education, which is not my job, but everyone in Bethlehem is concerned with it and it’s a very serious issue for us.”

Colonie Supervisor



State Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Bethlehem, formally announces his run for reelection in the newly created 44th Senate District at an event held before the Capitol steps on Thursday, April 19.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

Paula Mahan said she was happy to endorse Breslin for another year, explaining how she feels he’s “done a wonderful job” for her residents.

“We’ve always worked really well together and we look forward to the next term,” she said.

At the event, Albany County Democratic



Committee Chairman Matthew Clyne and Rensselaer County Democratic Committee Chairman Tom Wade each gave Breslin a nod of approval, as did Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings and Troy Mayor Lou Rosamila. Notably absent was Albany County Executive Dan McCoy.

No other Democrat has formally announced

intentions to primary Breslin, but the name of Shawn Morse, chairman of the Albany County Legislature, is being bandied about as a potential challenger.

Morse has said he is focusing his efforts on his current position in the legislature, even though he began fundraising last month. An event at the beginning of March

netted him thousands in donations and as of January, the Friends of Shawn Morse had more than \$11,500 in their coffer. Morse did not return calls for comment.

Breslin said he is unsure of who his opponents will be or if he will have one at all.

“I can’t control that,” he said. “If I do, I do and if I don’t, I don’t.”

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



The songs you know by a composer you don't

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Clifton Park's Not So Common Players present 'JERRY'S GIRLS'

Chances are, even if the name Jerry Herman doesn't ring a bell, you know some of his songs.

That's the idea behind "Jerry's Girls," a musical revue being staged by Not So Common Players, a community theater group in Clifton Park.

"You're going to leave there humming more than one song," director Tom Heckert said.

Herman is a composer and lyricist – a "musical theater icon," according to Heckert. He was the driving force behind "Mame," "Hello Dolly!" and "La Cage Aux Folles," among others. "Jerry's Girls" celebrates the "cream of the crop" of songs from those shows, Heckert said.

A musical theater veteran with more than 30 years experience, Donna Hatch has seen a number of Herman's plays. That helped shape her ideas as the choreographer for "Jerry's Girls," but her imagination played an even bigger role.

"I listen to songs and have a vision," she said.

Hatch didn't have long to impart that vision to the five women who do the dancing and singing in "Jerry's Girls." Because it was substituted at the last minute for a production that fell through, "Jerry's Girls" had to come together quickly.

Luckily, "We all worked really well together," said Kerry Hagner, who is one of the women in the ensemble.

Like Hatch, Hagner got into theater at an early age, appearing in high school and college musical productions. "I've always sung," she said. "(Theater) is something I kind of fell into."

After college graduation, though, Hagner fell away from theater. She just moved to the Capital District about a year ago, and she thought getting back into theater would be a good way to meet people. She originally auditioned for "Pippin," and when that was canceled due to casting issues and "Jerry's Girls" took its place, Hagner figured she'd give that a go, too.

She's seen a number of Herman's shows, but she's a newcomer to "Jerry's Girls." That's not necessarily a bad thing, since she's coming at it with a fresh perspective.

"We do our own thing a little bit," she said.

One thing she did take away from having seen some of Herman's work is that he portrays women as strong characters, which is the inspiration for the show's title.

Hagner is pregnant, so her return to the stage will be short lived, but she's looking forward to taking on more roles once she settles into motherhood. She'd love to do more with Not So Common Players, a rarity in community theater in that it's entirely funded by the town, enabling it to offer free performances.

Hatch has hooked up with Not So Common Players twice before. She started her theater career with Schenectady Light Opera Company and became friendly with John and Sally Burke, who are heavily involved these days with Not So Common Players. When they were looking for a choreographer, they asked Hatch if she'd be interested.

"They knew my reputation and they've seen my work," she said. "They were very excited to have me on board."

Kerry Hagner, Erika Hebert, Maria Pflagl, Corie Rowe, Jessie Zweigenth are starring in "Jerry's Girls," showing Thursday to Saturday, April 26 to 29, at Shenendehowa High School East Little Theater. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.



The feeling was mutual. Even without the hectic schedule that led up to opening night of "Jerry's Girls" last weekend – the bass player wasn't able to attend any rehearsals – Hatch was blown away by how everything came together.

"They really pulled it off," she said. "They did a fabulous job."

Hatch choreographed "Jerry's Girls" once before. That production had 15 women in the ensemble. Doing it with just five posed some challenges. The show relies heavily on costume changes, and since there aren't many women to swap on and off stage, that means they had to get in and out of costume quickly.

"It's breakneck speed," Hatch said. "One girl has literally four seconds to change."

Even so, there was a nice flow to the songs, with each standing alone and telling its own story.

"It's a good time," Heckert said. "There's dancing, there's costumes. It's just a fun night."

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JERRY'S GIRLS

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Your Community in The Spotlight

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Class of 1982 planning reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1982 is planning a fall 2012 reunion and is seeking contact information for its classmates.

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FMS bbq and garage sale set

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Continuing education



On Saturday, March 24, eighteen members of the Guilderland Elementary School teaching community participated in professional development opportunities either as presenters or participants at the 53rd Annual Hudson Mohawk Valley Area Math Conference or the 82nd Saturday Reunion of the Reading and Writing Project (www.readingandwritingproject.com) at Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. All 18 Guilderland Elementary professionals have met in small groups to share their experiences, and have already begun to implement what they’ve learned at their Saturday sessions in their own classrooms of eager learners.

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Plant swap and sale scheduled

The New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet, will be holding their annual Plant Swap and Sale on Saturday, May 12, from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Complimentary coffee will be available inside and there will be a bake sale on premises with Mothers’ Day treats available for purchase as well as wholesome church-made dog biscuits.

Master Gardeners will be on hand for soil testing, helpful gardening information and advice.

All proceeds will go to support the church’s ministries and we look forward to having you join us.

Get ready to swing dance

The First Friday Capital Swing Dance will be held Friday, May 4, from 8:30-11:30 p.m., at the Albany Elks Club, 25 South Allen St.

Music will be by

the George Gee Swing Orchestra. Admission, including 7:30 beginner lesson, is \$15; \$12 for DFO members; \$10 seniors/students. Find more information at www.danceflurry.org/swing.

DA candidate holds forum

Lee Kindlon, district attorney candidate, will outline his vision for the Albany County District Attorney’s office in light of the issues facing the county Sunday, April 29, from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany.

For more information go to www.albanyuu.org, call 463-7135 or email administrator@albanyuu.org.

Chamber hosts solar seminar

The Bethlehem Chamber is teaming up with Appolo Heating, Inc. in Delmar, for an informational lunch presentation, Thursday, April 26, at noon, on solar

energy. Find out how Appolo Heating, Inc. went green with a switch to solar energy and how they can help you do the same.

Meet the staff of Appolo Heating, Inc. in Delmar; find out how using solar energy can assist you with your business or home, and take a tour to see the solar panels in action!

Stop in for this informational lunch presentation and find out ways to make the transition more affordable through state and federal funding.

This presentation is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are preferred by calling the Bethlehem Chamber office at 518-439-0512.

For more information on the Bethlehem Chamber and other upcoming events please visit the Chamber website at www.bethlehemchamber.com or call the Bethlehem Chamber office at 518-439-0512.

Take a wildflower walk

Save the PineBush is holding a spring wildflower walk Saturday, April 28, at 9 a.m.

Participants are asked to meet at the Discovery Center Parking lot, east side of Route 155 opposite the beginning of Old State Road

Walk leader will be Amy Reilly. For more information, call 382 - 7802.

Save the Pinebush is shifting its three alternating months for flower walks back earlier to keep up with the warming trend overall. Trends over time need to be paid attention to. There will be opportunity for advice , questions, and discussion concerning northerly shifting of flora and fauna.

Earthquake talk planned

When you see the word earthquake, you probably don’t associate that with the Capital District. The Clarksville Historical Society will host a program on Wednesday, May 2 by Dr. Chuck Ver Straeten about earthquakes in the local hilltowns in the Helderbergs.

Since 1980, there have been 90 minor earthquakes

in the Helderbergs – including 24 separate tremors over a 5 day period last August. All of the Helderberg earthquakes, which occurred beneath the towns of Berne and Knox, have been relatively small, and only rarely felt or heard. The actual sites of the earthquakes, caused by rocks sliding past each other along rock faults, occur between 3 to 15 miles below the surface. One of the stronger quakes, with a magnitude of 3.0, occurred around 9 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2009. Shaking, which was felt throughout the region from Greenville to Schoharie, Ballston Spa, and north of Troy, was accompanied in the nearby area by a loud, extended “boom.”

Dr. Chuck Ver Straeten is a geologist at the New York State Museum and resident of the Helderbergs.

Come to the Clarksville Community Church, at 7 p.m. and find out about this phenomenon occurring right here in our back yard. For more information call 768-2417.

Historical painting to be discussed

On Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., “Historical Painting and Its Challenges” will be presented by Len Tantillo, at the New Scotland Historical Association, Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem. This program is free and open to the public. For further information call 765-3125.

Mr. Tantillo grew up in a small historical town in upstate New York. He has a degree in architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design. He is an architect, historical and an incredibly talented painter. He is able to paint with the look and feel of the particular time and place of the area he is portraying. His major influences were luminist painters from the 19th century and the great American illustrators from the early 20th century.

This is a free program and open to the public. It is held at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem, NY.

The museum will be open at 7 p.m. For more information, call 765-3125.

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Milestones

Fournier, Frugis marry

Jim and Dolores Fournier, Selkirk, NY, are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kristina Marie Fournier to Brian John Frugis, Jr., son of Brian and Susann Frugis of Pequannock, NJ.

The bride received her Bachelor's Degree from SUNY Plattsburgh in Elementary Education and her Master's Degree from The College of St. Rose and is currently employed as a reading teacher for East Greenbush Central

School District. The groom received his Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers University in Atmospheric Science and is employed as a meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

The wedding took place at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Albany, followed by a reception at The Century House in Latham. After a honeymoon in Hawaii and Las Vegas, Mr. and Mrs. Frugis make their home in Voorheesville.

Osterhouts mark 70 years

Walter and Doris Osterhout of Eisenhower Court, Colonie, celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary with a dinner party followed by an open house with family, friends and neighbors. The dinner party was given by their children and spouses – David and Diane Simons of Plainville, Connecticut; Dean and Karen Osterhout of Latham; and Ray and Denise Palmer of Scotia.

Walter and Doris were

married on January 17th 1942 at the Stanford United Methodist Church in Schenectady.

The former Doris Miller graduated from Mount Pleasant High School and was a homemaker. Her husband Walter graduated from Nott Terrace High School and was employed by the New York Telephone Company. They have six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A special thank-you note

On March 17, 2012, our lives were changed forever when we lost Jeff, our son, brother, nephew, grandson, father and love like no other. As we endured the first few moments of our lives as we never would have imagined, we are thankful to all of our friends and family who were, and continue to be, by our side. Uncle Joe and Brian, words will never express the comfort you provided at a time when comfort did not exist. Richie, you are one of a kind! Thank you for always being there, we will be connected forever. To all of Jeff's friends, Thank you for being more like family, especially, SteveO, Jason, Steve, Calvin, "Dad" Sam, Rob and Greg.

We are grateful everyday to have all of you in our lives and we are proud to call



you family. We continue to be overwhelmed by the support of all of the people who have reached out to us during this time. Jeff, your little angels, Katie and Kirstin, will forever be our reminder of all of the wonderful pieces of you! May you watch over all of us until we see you again.

Love,
Pam, Kristin, and
Brianna

Albany Children's Book Festival to feature 70 authors

By JON WITTMAN
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Now in its fourth year, the Albany Children's Book Festival is bigger than ever, with 70 authors scheduled to sign autographs and sell their books and more on the waiting list.

"The venue actually can't accommodate for the amount of authors who signed up," said Ann Wendth, an organizer of the event.

The festival started in 2008, with only 23 authors present; but the event has caught on and there are many authors traveling from different areas to come to the festival.

"Our whole goal is to promote literacy in children and young readers," said Wendth, who went on to discuss the event's strong community ties. "Albany Academy is just the host of the festival. It's really a community event, not a fundraiser for our school."

The festival will have many different activities for both parents and children alike to enjoy, including

Gregory Maguire, author of "Wicked," as the keynote speaker. There will also be a juggler, many workshops for all ages and numerous book readings (a schedule of these is available on the website).

"We want it to feel like a real festival," said Wendth, regarding the wealth of activities at the event. Also present will be the Betty's Cupcakes truck and a wood fired pizza truck as well.

For the past two years, Keenan Boscoe, a 9th-grader at the Albany Academy, has participated in the book festival's book writing competition, to great success. Two years ago, he won the contest and last year, he came in second place with his reworking of the classic tale "The Three Little Pigs." His book, "The Wee Little Pigs," which he published himself, involves the famous trio of pigs participating in a sandcastle building contest, but after they entered separately and failed to succeed, the pigs realize they need to work together. Boscoe will be one of the authors appearing at the festival this year.



The Albany Children's Book Festival will be held Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 140 Academy Road, Albany. Seventy authors will be at the event, including keynote speaker Gregory Maguire, author of "Wicked."

"It's pretty rewarding, you get a little publicity and I can imagine writing a really good story with a real publisher in the future," said Boscoe. "It wasn't that hard. The whole book rhymes, which was definitely the hardest part."

Maguire, famed author of Wicked (it was the inspiration for the Broadway play of the same name), will present a talk entitled "Pencil to Paper, Inspiring our Kids to Become Wicked Good Writers," and afterward there will be a "Breakfast Panel" including four well-known children's book authors and a

moderator to discuss the topic, as well as a light continental breakfast for a fee of \$10. The authors, Coleen Murtagh Paratore, Dr. Peter DeWitt, Jarrett J. Krosoczka and Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich will discuss while Dr. Ellen Cole, herself a renowned psychologist and author, will moderate.

The Albany Children's Book Festival provides a day of fun for the whole family and will surely get everyone present excited to read. Information about the day is available on the festival's website, www.albanychildrensbookfestival.com.

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if those terms will end up in the final agreement.

The Clarksville Elementary building has been closed since the summer of 2011 after the district shuttered the school due to declining enrollment and budgetary needs. The district would save about \$23,800 in utility costs from renting the building, since those would eventually be the responsibility of the county.

BC Operations and Maintenance Director Gregg Nolte said teachers and staff who worked in the building were relocated over the summer. Left over equipment and furniture was moved over the winter into three classrooms and five small storage areas, since the sheriff's office would not be using the entire building.

"The facility fits really well into the programs and office space they want to have," said Nolte. "Any changes they do, we will be involved in. And they understand it is our intent to possibly open (the school) up again someday."

Apple said the Albany County Sheriff's Office recently received a grant through the Department of Homeland Security for several upgrades to the building. The money will

be used to install a fence, several cameras and an additional generator so the substation can stay in operation in emergency situations.

"Residents shouldn't worry though," Apple said. "We won't transfer it into some huge police looking building. A lot of the work people won't even notice."

Apple said his hope is to move into the facility by June, with the possibility of paying the district some extra rent to be able to install the new security system and do infrastructure work in May.

Since the building would also house the New Scotland Justice Court, Apple said the town also hopes the deal is finalized soon.

"I'm extremely optimistic," he said.

90 Adams still on market

The district has also closed its administrative building at 90 Adams St. in Delmar and put it up on the market.

Nolte said by "mothballing" the building — a term for turning off the facility's power and reducing the heat — about \$22,800 will be saved from his operating budget next school year. The district will continue to do

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BC, teachers in negotiations

Last deal included three years worth of concessions

By MARCY VELTE
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Representatives of the Bethlehem Central Teacher's Association and the school district are renegotiating a contract agreement to replace the one set to expire in June. Both sides said the hope is to find savings for the district in the face of declining state aid, while neither was willing to discuss details of the negotiations.

Last year, the union agreed upon a partial pay freeze for the 2011-12 school year, with members not receiving their contractual raise for 70 percent of the year. That was in addition to changes negotiated in 2009, when it was agreed the existing 2006 contract would be extended until June 2012 with different concessions in each school year.

"Actually, for the last three years we have made contractual changes," said BCTA President David Rounds. "People only talk about last year, but in all three cases we voted to make changes to save the district money."

According to Rounds,

"I know a lot of people criticize collective bargaining but I think it works well for Bethlehem Central. In the past several years we have been able to save the district money and once again communication with the district has been very positive and productive."

BCTA President David Rounds

the savings from last year's concession saved almost \$1.2 million, while deferrals and fringe benefit reductions from the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years saved the district an additional \$1 million.

Rounds said that money was never paid back to teachers and that the only condition placed on the concessions "was that it be used to maintain programs for the students."

"We wanted to try to maintain what the school district has always been able to offer the children of Bethlehem and that's a quality education," said Rounds. "At this point I would say ... I know a lot of people criticize collective bargaining but I think it works well for Bethlehem Central. In the past several years we have been able to save the

meetings, who then report back to the board.

Rounds said similar representatives sit in for the BCTA, but the tentative contract that's been put forth by the union is "essentially a concessionary contract."

"Our most recent proposal would save more than (the previous \$2.2 million given back) over the life of the new agreement in comparison to what would need to be budgeted if an agreement is not reached," he said, adding union representatives feel the proposed contract is fair and responsible, and if accepted would be beneficial to district and its students.

There was no word on how close the two parties were to an agreement. If the new contact is accepted by the district, union members would still have to approve the contract amendment by a two-thirds majority.

If the sides fail to come to an agreement through the ongoing negotiations, then under state law the existing contract would remain in effect until an agreement is reached. The existing 2006 contract terms call for an average 3.23 percent salary increase per year, not including "step" increases for years on the job.

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Notice of Qualification of Iron Energy LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/2/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 9/26/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 5000 Bee Cave Road, Ste. 106, Austin, TX 78746. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, PO Box 12887, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 79933 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of LEHIGH GAS—OHIO, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/16/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. 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. 79934 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Driftwood Hospitality Management II, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/7/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 10 E. 40th St., 10th Fl., NY, NY 10016, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 79935 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of MEL's BISTRO LLC. Art. Of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/27/12. 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 26 Teasdale Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The Reg. Agt. at such address upon Yusuf Dincer. Purpose: any lawful activities. 80088 (D) (April 25, 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 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Bowery Member LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/8/12. Of-

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fice 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 25, 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 25, 2012)

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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 25, 2012)

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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 LLP 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 25, 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. 80102 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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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 25, 2012)

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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.

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80104 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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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 25, 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 25, 2012)

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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: 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 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Boulis 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 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Dorron 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 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Advantage 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 25, 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 25, 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 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of Journeys 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 25, 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., Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful activities. 80275 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Odyssey Partners, LLC. Articles 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 25, 2012)

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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

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with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80280 (D) (April 25, 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 Texas (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 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LARA'S MENAGERIE MANAGEMENT, 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. 80282 (D) (April 25, 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 25, 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 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 25, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: WORLD CLASS GYMNASTICS ADULT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 23, 2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 80290 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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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.

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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 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of TRILLION TECHNOLOGIES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80293 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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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 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Universal 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 The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80454 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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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 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Evgeorge LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/28/2012. 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. 80456 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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 Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: Professional services – attorney and counselor-at-law. 80458 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of R Marsac Consulting, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with

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Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/12. Office location: Albany 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, Trenton, NJ 08646. Purpose: any lawful activity. 80465 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

1083 Brighton Beach Avenue, 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 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Pyrrho Capital Management, 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 Capitol 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 25, 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 Bethlehem 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 company upon whom process against it may be served, with any such process received 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 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Samuel 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 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Natural 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.

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Purpose: all lawful activities. 80476 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Am-bica III LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: 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 lawful activities. 80477 (D) (April 25, 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 25, 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 25, 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 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BUD-DHA TEA HOUSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/4/12. 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, 69 N. Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80580 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PE-RUZZI CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/4/12. 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. 80581 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of A-Z PARTY RENTALS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/6/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80583 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 205 207 8TH AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80584 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 70 7TH AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80585 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 128 TODT HILL ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80586 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 201 AND 203 BUTLER STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80587 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 400 5TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80588 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JCJ HOLDINGS OF N.Y. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/19/12. 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, 43 Willow Lane, Delanson, NY 12053. Purpose: any lawful activity. 80589 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Livingston Rentals, LLC Arts. of Org. filed under sec 203 of the LLC Law with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on April 3, 2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So

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Lake Ave Box 13, Albany, NY 12208 Purpose: any lawful activity. 80591 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Third Arbor Hill, LLC Arts. of Org. filed under sec 203 of the LLC Law with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on April 3, 2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave Box 13, Albany, NY 12208 Purpose: any lawful activity. 80592 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gutches West LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/2/12. Of-fice location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 80593 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LU-MINOUS REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80798 (D) (April 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 343 GNR REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80799 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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DAGON ENTERPRISES, LLC Notice of formation of DAGON ENTERPRISES, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 4/3/12. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 911 Central Avenue, #105, Albany, New York 12206. The purposes of the LLC are to acquire, own, hold, improve, manage and operate the real property known as 80, 84 and 88 North Williams Street, in the Village and Town of Whitehall, New York (the "Property") and to acquire, own, hold, improve, manage and operate the real property known as 7 -9 North Main Street in the Village and Town of Whitehall, known as Whitehall Marina (the "Property 2"). 80801 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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ROETTENKILL ASSOCI-ATES, LLC Notice of formation of ROETTENKILL AS-

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SOCIATES, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 4/6/12. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 911 Central Avenue, #105, Albany, New York 12206. The purposes of the LLC are to join with Bay Marine, LLC and create a joint business venture known as Dagon Enterprises, LLC and to accomplish any lawful business which at any time shall appear conducive to or expedient for the protection or benefit of the Limited Liability Company. 80802 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of formation of OHD-SOUTHEND III, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 3/30/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I. David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 80803 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Eye Care Enterprises, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 4/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 49 North Street, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 80812 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of GLADSTONE HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80821 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of FABE FOODS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80820 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of BRISBANE VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80822 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of BEKDAS WATCH COMPANY, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/6/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 12/5/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. NJ address of LLC: 321 Rt.3 W, Paramus, NJ 07652. Arts. Of Org. filed with the NJ Secy. Of State, 33 W. State St., Trenton, NY 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 80823 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Olympe LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/10/2012. 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. 80824 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Corey W. Hunter, M.D. PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/13/2012. 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. 80825 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of American Senior Benefits, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/11/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Ohio (OH) on 5/25/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. Principal office of LLC: 2504 Armatrading, Cedar Park, TX 78613. Arts. of Org. filed with OH Secy. of State, 180 East Broad St., 16th Fl., Columbus, OH 43215. Purpose: any lawful activity 80827 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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INVITATION TO BID 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY Renovations and Additions to Slingerlands Fire Station No. 1

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Slingerlands Fire District intends to renovate and build an addition to the Slingerlands Fire Station No. 1 located in Slingerlands, NY 12159 and is seeking sealed bids for: Contract No. 1 –GCC Contract No. 2 – MCC Contract No. 3 – PC Contract No. 4 - EC

This is a public work project and all coordination of work will be the responsibility of the Construction Manager. Sealed bids will be accepted at Slingerlands Fire Station No. 1, 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY, until 3:00 p.m. local time only on the day of the bid opening. No bid will be accepted any time before 9:00 a.m. on this date. The public bid opening will commence at 3:15 p.m. local time on May 11, 2012 at Slingerlands Fire Station No. 1. The Slingerlands Fire District will award the bid at the District meeting at 7:30 p.m. on May 16, 2012.

Each sealed enclosure containing a bid is to be endorsed on the outside with the name, address and telephone number of the bidder and is to state that it contains a bid for the

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Slingerlands Fire District, 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY Renovations and Additions to Slingerlands Fire Station No. 1 as well as indicate which Contract is being bid. Bid security in the form of a 5% bid bond issued by an acceptable surety or a bank or certified check payable to the Slingerlands Fire District is required. Bids must be in accordance with the terms, conditions, specifications and other bid documents for the project and must remain good for forty-five (45) days. Bidding Documents are available for inspection at following locations: MLB Construction Services, LLC, One Stone Break Road, Malta, NY 12020, (518) 289-1371 Eastern Contractors Association, Inc., 6 Airline Drive, Colonie, NY 12205, (518) 869-0961 Bidding Documents may be obtained from: Northco Products, Inc., 12 Walker Way, Albany, NY 12205, (518) 869-6056 Documents may be obtained 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. local time commencing April 18, 2012. A deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set of bid documents. Checks are to be payable to the Slingerlands Fire District. This deposit will be returned to all bona fide plan holders who return bid documents in good condition within ten (10) days of receipt of Bids. Documents must be returned to contact listed below. If the Contractor wishes to have the bid documents shipped, they must provide UPS account #, a Federal Express account #, or a non-refundable check made out to the printer for the cost of shipping.

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Stephen Bishop MLB Construction Services, LLC One Stone Break Road Malta, NY 12020 Phone: (518) 289-1371 Fax: (518) 289-1652 80808 (D) (April 25, 2012)

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2012-2013 Budget for the Bethlehem Central School District shall be held at the Bethlehem Central High School located at 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Prevailing Time. The budget will be available for review commencing on April 25, 2012 at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School and the High School of the District. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the election of

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candidates to the Bethlehem Central School Board of Education and the budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine on the following items:

PROPOSITION #1 To adopt the annual budget of the Bethlehem Central School District for the fiscal year 2012-2013 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District. PROPOSITION #2 To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2015 to succeed Lynne Lenhardt and Charmaine Wijeyesinghe, whose terms expire on June 30, 2012. PROPOSITION #3 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library be authorized to expend for the operation of such library for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, the sum of \$3,913,041 and that the Board of Education of Bethlehem Central School District of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, County of Albany, New York, be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor. PROPOSITION #4 To elect two (2) trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library, one (1) for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2017 and one (1) for a one yer term commencing on July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2013. PROPOSITION #5 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, is hereby authorized to (1) acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$660,000 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, (2) expend such sums for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$660,000, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement at a principal amount not to exceed \$660,000 to acquire such vehicles. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York. The election and budget vote shall be by voting machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2012-2013 school year, exclusive of public monies, and Basic STAR exemption impact report may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School, the High School of the District, the School District Website and the Bethlehem Public Library between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and also at said District Election.

Move

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and air conditioning, before it was decided a new building was in order.

“How long do you keep repairing before you replace? The lease was up and we needed to replace the building in its entirety, so that’s what was done,” he said.

Fine called the new building “absolutely beautiful,” especially the new lobby area which will provide integrated services for all of the practices and specialties housed within the building.

“We about doubled the size of our previous space,” said Fine. “We’ve made it a lot larger so it can accommodate our valued patients, as well as the staff and their needs.”

Community Care Physicians in Delmar has 70 employees and includes several primary care practices, an urgent

care facility, a lab and a radiology center, with audiology, podiatry and physical therapy specialists. The new facility also includes a fitness workout center.

“The intent is to encourage wellness for a healthier, extended lifespan, that’s why we are including the gym in our new facilities,” said Fine.

The fitness center will be available free to patients and staff during business hours. Patients will need to sign up for the service and will then be given a card to swipe to gain access to the workout center.

The old community care building is still occupied. The rest of the move is expected to take place in stages with the final move to be completed in early fall 2012.

The old 15,000-square-foot building will then be torn down and the vacant space will be used for parking, new landscaping and for stormwater

management purposes, according to Michael Morelli, the director of economic development and planning for the Town of Bethlehem.

The building’s top floor is currently empty. Fine said additional clinical space is available in that area and developers are seeking out tenants.

“To see how it worked out from a piece of paper to reality is wonderful,” said Fine. “We love that employees in the old building could watch it go up from their windows. It means more.”

The new facility was designed by BBL Construction Services, with Carrow Real Estate managing the health park.

Fine said the new facility is now large enough to accommodate Bethlehem’s growing population.

“Our staff has a vested interest in the community and we want the people of Bethlehem to be taken care of,” he said.



Among other amenities, patients and employees of Community Care Physicians can now take advantage of a gym at the practice’s new offices at the corner of Elsmere and Delaware Avenues in Bethlehem.

Jon Wittmann/Spotlight

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upkeep on the building, as well as security and fire monitoring until the building is sold.

Only the offices for the superintendent and assistant superintendent currently remain in the building. All of the business staff were moved in December into an underused area overlooking the high school library.

Nolte said renovations began over the summer in the high school to convert the space into six offices and a meeting room. Construction has since started on the offices for the two superintendents, who will now be located in

the high school’s B Wing. The hope is to move them into their new space over the summer.

“The new space is a good fit for them,” said Nolte, adding that between the new superintendent’s offices and the new offices above the library, the space is nearly the same as that of 90 Adams at 6,800 square feet.

Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe said the former administration building is listed at \$650,000. If it is sold, Nolte said another \$8,500 would be saved annually from his budget.

If the building is sold before or within the 2012-13 school year, it would be up to the board to decide how the

funds will be used.

“We could use it to reduce the amount of planned usage from the fund balance within the 2012 - 13 budget of \$1.75 million —the savings account we tap into — or opt to put it into tax reduction reserves for next year, or some combo of the two,” said Kehoe.

Douglas said there is no current plan for what to do with the money if the 90 Adams building is sold or if a deal is reached to lease Clarksville Elementary. Money from neither transaction was counted for in the budget.

“Either way, that money will go back to help this budget or future budgets,” said Douglas. How remains to be determined by the board.”

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AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library shall be filed with the District Clerk at the District Clerk’s office at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, not later than April 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least Ninety Nine (99) qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the

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candidate. A copy of such petitions may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk in the Bethlehem Central School District during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is

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to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2012. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13, 2012, and on the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the In-

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spector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Edu-

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cation Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address as per School District Policy 2120.2.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be

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submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Bethlehem Central School on or before April 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least Two Hundred Forty Seven (247) of the qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain or place before the voters any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or

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any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition or any proposition which must be included in this notice of the annual meeting and was not received at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

Date: Delmar, New York

March 28, 2012

Judith E. Kehoe

District Clerk

Bethlehem Central School District

80832 (D)

(April 25, 2012)

Plainsmen pull away from Eagles

Despite a slow start, the Shenendehowa boys lacrosse team continued its string of Suburban Council victories by defeating Bethlehem 17-9 Thursday night.

Mike Jenkins had four goals and five assists, and Kyle Marr added four goals for the Plainsmen (5-1 league, 5-2 overall).

Bethlehem (1-5, 1-6) led 4-3 late in the first quarter before Joe Romano struck for a pair of goals to put Shen ahead to stay.

Brian Rogers tallied the first and last goals of the second quarter to help Shen extend its lead. Jenkins scored twice, and Marr added one as the Plainsmen built an 11-6 halftime advantage.

Bethlehem refused to go away. Brad Bettinger and Liam Christensen scored in the first minute of the third quarter to cut Shen's lead to 11-8. The Eagles ran out of steam after that flurry, though.

"We played a pretty solid game tonight," said Bethlehem coach David Rounds.

— Maureen Kelly

Side by side to the finish line



Bethlehem's Connor Armbruster, left, battles Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Griffith Eddy during the final lap of the Sean French Memorial 1,600-meter race at last Saturday's Albright Invitational at Albany Academy. Armbruster edged Eddy by two-tenths of a second for third place with a time of 4:40.0.

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Eagles ease past Albright Invitational competition

Duguid, Crawford and Seiler come up big for Bethlehem

By SPORTS STAFF
jonasr@spotlightnews.com

The Bethlehem boys track and field team won its second invitational title of the season.

The Eagles compiled five victories to take first place at Albany Academy's Albright Invitational last Saturday. Bethlehem finished with 139 points, 62 points ahead of runner-up LaSalle.

Drew Duguid led the Eagles with a victory in the long jump and a second-place finish in the triple jump. Duguid leapt 20 feet, 5.5 inches to win the long jump and had a distance of 44 feet, 0.75 inches in the triple jump.

Matt Crawford, Max Seiler and Parker Ruetz also had individual victories for

Bethlehem. Crawford won the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.0 seconds, while Seiler claimed the 200 dash title with a time of 23.9 seconds. Ruetz took first place in the discus with a throw of 138 feet, 6 inches.

Seiler ran the anchor leg of Bethlehem's first-place 400-meter relay team. The quartet of Seiler, Jan Jenko, Ryan Greenman and Jeremy Shuman finished with a winning time of 44.5 seconds.

The Bethlehem girls team hosted its annual Lady Eagles Invitational last Saturday. Shaker won the large school division title with 129 points, followed by Guilderland in second place with 95 points and Bethlehem in third place with 85 points.

Catalena Diamente (high jump) and Kendra Lizzotte (pole vault) had wins for Guilderland.



Bethlehem's Matt Crawford, second from right, fends off LaSalle's Josh Landy, left, to win the boys 400-meter dash at last Saturday's Albright Invitational at Albany Academy.
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Spotlight on Sports

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BC boys win second invy title

The Bethlehem boys track and field team cruised to a first-place finish at last Saturday's Albright Invitational at Albany Academy. The Eagles finished with 139 points to take first place in the 11-team field.

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Weekly poll

Who is the best boys lacrosse goaltender in the Suburban Council?

- Lucas Carter (BH-BL)
- Dan Comber (Bethlehem)
- Brednan Deady (Colonie)
- Sean Klim (Guilderland)
- Evan Quinn (Niskayuna)

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

Last week's poll results:

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

- Tori McGrath 39%
- Kim Carr 25%
- Kendall Cietek 25%
- Kayla Treanor 11%
- Lauren Smith 0%

Errors cost Eagles

Shen takes advantage of nine Bethlehem miscues in key league victory

By ROB JONAS
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Bethlehem's offense couldn't bail out its defense in last Friday's Suburban Council softball showdown against Shenendehowa.

The Lady Eagles committed nine errors and dug themselves an 11-run hole before losing to the Plainswomen 13-8 in Delmar. "Defensively we are really struggling right now, and the kids know that," said Bethlehem coach Karen Gentile. "It's the part of our game that we need to work on."

Things fell apart for Bethlehem in the top of the third inning. The Lady Eagles had several defensive miscues, which allowed Shen (6-0 league, 8-0 overall) to score five runs. The Plainswomen then added three runs in each of the next two innings to extend their lead to 11-0.

"He (Shen coach Dan D'Amboise) had them running," said Gentile. "We probably had three misplayed balls that they took advantage of."

Even without the errors, Shen's hitters were on target against Bethlehem pitcher Meagan Sullivan. The Plainswomen compiled 15 hits, with Katie O'Gorman and Melissa Morgan leading the way with multiple run-scoring drives. Amanda Auguston added a solo home run in the top



Bethlehem shortstop Carrie Maniccia closes in on a fly ball during last Friday's Suburban Council game against Shen. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

of the fifth inning.

Bethlehem (4-2, 4-2) scored its eight runs in the final three innings, but it was too late to catch Shen.

Home runs helped the Lady Eagles close the gap. Catcher Sammy Smaldone cranked two homers, and Sullivan added a solo

shot against Shen starting pitcher Erika Daigle.

"(D'Amboise) said to me that nobody hit his pitcher like we did," said Gentile.

The loss dropped Bethlehem into a second-place tie with Guilderland in the Suburban Council South Division.

Offense propels G'land

Lady Dutch scores early and often against Shaker

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The Guilderland softball team improved its Suburban Council record to 4-2 by beating Shaker 9-6 last Friday.

The Lady Dutch (6-3 overall) jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning and added four more runs over the next three innings to build an 8-1 lead. Guilderland's advantage grew to 9-2 before Shaker scored four times in the top of the seventh inning.

Tori Greco tripled, singled and scored two runs for Guilderland. Pitcher Mallor Harrigan struck out 11 Shaker batters and helped her own cause with a double and a single. Abi Peck added two singles and two RBI.

Erica Vallecorsa had two doubles, a single and two RBI for Shaker.

The Lady Dutch entered last Friday's game against Shaker off an 8-6 victory over Niskayuna last Wednesday.

Gabby Marino's solo home run was one of six extra-base hits for Guilderland. Kiley DeCastro added two doubles.

All six North Division teams are tough

Sux games into the Suburban Council baseball season, and the North Division is a jumbled mess.

Shenendehowa and Shaker are tied for first place with 5-1 league records, but below them is a four-way tie for third place between Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Ballston Spa, Niskayuna and Saratoga Springs — all of whom have 3-3 records.

Naturally, this won't last the whole season. The Suburban Council has a way of weeding out the strong from the weak, although in this case weak might be a relative term. After all, it would be difficult to call an improved Ballston Spa squad weak when it owns a 5-4 victory over South Division co-leader Columbia.

So, how will the wacky North Division finish? I'll take a stab at predicting the outcome.

Shaker and Shen should battle to the wire for the divisional title. Both teams feature solid pitching and potent offenses, so they should stay above the rest of the pack. As for who wins it, I'll give Shen a slight edge because they have a more experienced lineup. That's the only advantage the Plainsmen have over the Blue Bison, though. Just below the top two, I'll place BH-BL in

third. The Spartans had a couple of tough-luck losses to Shaker and Saratoga at the start of the season where they blew early leads, but they seem to have turned things around since then, especially in the pitching department. I think they will separate themselves a bit from the rest of the pack they're currently tied with.

I'm torn between picking Niskayuna and Saratoga for fourth place. Saratoga has cooled off from a hot start to its season, while Niskayuna has been quietly plugging along. If Saratoga can regain its early season form, I think the Blue Streaks will finish ahead of Niskayuna in the standings.

Ballston Spa will bring up the rear once again, but this is the best team that the Saratoga County school has had in several years. The Scotties should be in contention for a .500 finish, which would be their ticket



to make the Section II Class AA playoffs. I think they will come up a bit short of the mark, but they will make plenty of noise before the season is over.

Given how much parity there is within the Suburban Council, these predictions could easily be way off. But I think there is enough evidence through the first six games that indicates how the North Division should shake out after the 16th league game is played.

Elsewhere, the Guilderland girls lacrosse team (8-0) gained a clear advantage in the Suburban Council title race by beating Niskayuna (6-1) 12-8 and Shaker (5-1) 12-6 last week. In both games, the Lady Dutch limited their opponents to two goals in the second half, which helped them pull away.

This is not to say that Shaker or Niskayuna couldn't beat Guilderland in a rematch. All three teams have balanced attacks. But as long as Guilderland's defense is playing as well as it has through its first eight games, it will be difficult for Niskayuna or Shaker to catch the Lady Dutch.

Finally, we should all be grateful we don't live in western New York. Six inches of snow on April 23 would have been too much to bear.