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Albany Academy hosted the fourth annual Children's Book Festival on April 28.

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Sharing his Story

Long-time astronaut Story Musgrave will talk at Proctors Theater on Saturday, May 12.

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In a groove

The Guilderland girls lacrosse team stayed unbeaten with a 19-4 win over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake last Thursday.

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The Friendship Singers are still going strong after 30 years.

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Still singin', still friends

Friendship Singers celebrate 30 years of entertainment

By MARCY VELTE
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In the spring of 1982, the music director at the United Community Methodist Church in Slingerlands thought it would be nice to have some of the women who participated in the congregation's choir offer singing performances for the community.

Rhonda Ballou started by gathering a small group of women and they began practicing and offering free performances at schools and nursing homes. Thirty years later, the Friendship Singers are still in business and sharing their love of music with the Bethlehem community.

"The first performances were formal," said Stephanie Bollam, 68,

the only original group member still singing with the Friendship Singers. "We wore long black skirts and white blouses ... and sang conventional music out of our black books."

Bollam said the group soon realized the reserved approach wasn't working and children weren't receptive to the older music. They ditched the traditional attire for slacks and focused on performing concerts for a more targeted audience at nursing homes and assisted living centers.

Over the years, the women introduced costumes and more upbeat music like show tunes and pop. When Muriel Welch joined the group in the mid-1980s, she convinced the lady singers their act was in need of some dance moves and choreography was added. Although Welch passed away two years ago, local choreographer Dick Feldman now puts together the dance routines.

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Unions reach deals

Teachers, principals groups still must ratify agreements, savings said to total \$2.7 million

By MARCY VELTE
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Contract negotiations between the Bethlehem Central Teacher's Association, the Bethlehem Principal's Association and the school district have come to a close.

The district announced on Friday, May 4, new labor agreements were reached to replace the contracts set to expire in June. The unions will have two weeks to review the contracts before they are voted on by members.

"The Bethlehem school community has pulled together to preserve the excellence of a Bethlehem education in these difficult financial times," said BC spokesman Bill DeVoe in a statement.

The BCTA contract would result in \$2.7 million in savings over four years through a restructuring in salary scale and health insurance contributions, according to the district and union President David Rounds.

Exact details on the contract will not be available until the agreement has been introduced to union members.

Last year, the union agreed upon a partial pay freeze for the 2011-12 school year, with members

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Dem splinter group wants change

Bethlehem reformers cite transparency, recent election performances

By MARCY VELTE
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A group of Bethlehem Democrats is hoping to change the direction of the party within the town.

The Bethlehem Reform Democrats group was formed this year out of frustration with the current party and its nomination process. Members say the point is "not to form a new party, but to be proud of and participate in" the current Democratic Party in Bethlehem.

Resident Ted Smith, a Democrat and the group's spokesperson, said the group's creation was four years in the making, starting with the election of former Supervisor Sam Messina.

"We were upset by the outcome of the supervisor's race at a time when the candidate lost to someone who isn't really a Republican," said Smith. "Heads spin again two years later when the Democratic primary challenger put forward is rejected. It raised eyebrows though the neighborhood."

Messina, an Independent endorsed on the Republican line, won the election against former Supervisor Jack Cunningham in 2009. The party also lost in 2011, when Councilman

Kyle Kotary lost a primary and then the general election to current Supervisor John Clarkson. Some Democrats were discouraged by a Republican endorsement of Kotary.

According to the Reform group, some feel the party is disconnected from the town's actual Democratic residents. Smith said with elections coming up, more town residents began talking about what they wanted out of the party this year. At the initial meeting of the Bethlehem Reform Democrats, more than 50 people were in attendance.

"We took the plunge," said Smith. "I think we hit a nerve."

Smith said the group has no interest other

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Bethlehem Restaurant Week is back

More than a dozen eateries to offer \$20.12 meals

By MARCY VELTE
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For the second time, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will be partnering with local eateries to present Bethlehem Restaurant week.

The event is designed to highlight some of the area's newest restaurants while attracting those from outside the community to enjoy Bethlehem's local cuisine. Fourteen restaurants are participating, from the Delaware Avenue neighborhood in Albany to establishments in Coeymans and Clarksville.

"We have a great selection of restaurants in town and we wanted to once again do something to promote them," said Chamber President Jennifer Kilcoyne. "I think we had a great turnout as far as participation and the restaurants, so there will also be a great selection available."

Diners will be given a selection of different appetizers, entrees and desserts to choose from at each restaurant to make a three-course meal for \$20.21.

Kilcoyne said the event is for more than just Bethlehem residents, but for food enthusiasts throughout the greater Capital District.

"I think the people that don't live in the area, think Bethlehem businesses are just for the



The second Bethlehem Restaurant Week is taking place from Monday, May 14 to Sunday, May 20. Diners can get a three-course meal at a local eatery for \$20.21. One of the participating restaurants is the new Milestone Restaurant in Glenmont co-owned and operated by chef Michael Mastrantuono.

Submitted photos

Bethlehem residents," she said. "But we have a growing economy here and I think Bethlehem's businesses should be spotlighted just like the other areas that hold restaurant weeks."

Michael Mastrantuono, co-owner and executive chef of Milestone Restaurant, said because of the season he will be using fresh and local produce in his restaurant week dishes.

"That's been our philosophy from the beginning," said Mastrantuono, whose Glenmont restaurant opened in October. "We want to emphasize the importance of eating local foods to help sustain



community agriculture."

His menu will feature grilled eggplant bruschetta, seafood risotto and fresh strawberry tarts.

Mastrantuono said the restaurant has been busy since it opened seven months ago, mostly because of the "wide spectrum" of food available.

"People can come in and have a burger and a beer at the bar or sit down and have scallops and wine," he said. "But a lot of people haven't tried us yet and our aim is to entice some new clientele."

Also participating in the event is Leo Ashiq, manager of both Shalimar Indian restaurant and the new Manama Grille in Elsmere's Hannaford Plaza.



"This is the opportunity for the Capital District to try a new restaurant at a great price and support our local businesses."

– Jennifer Kilcoyne
president, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

"We look forward to showcasing these fine restaurants during our upcoming restaurant week," said Kilcoyne. "This is the opportunity for the Capital District to try a new restaurant at a great price and support our local businesses."

Bethlehem Restaurant Week is Monday, May 14, through Friday, May 20. For the full list of participating restaurants and their menus, visit www.bestofbethlehem.com.

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Girls take charge of their worlds

Program helps Shaker Junior High girls build leadership, confidence

By ALYSSA JUNG
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At Shaker Junior High School, a group of girls have spent the school year turning into little leaders, together.

“We tried to work on our confidence and our teamwork and working well together,” said Remaz Omer, an 8th-grader.

Omer is a member of Girls Take Charge, a program in collaboration with Shaker High School that helps empower girls through frank discussions and group bonding activities.

“I got involved with Girls Take Charge because I wanted to build on my leadership skills and become a stronger role model in the community and in my school,” said Omer.

What ups the girl power factor is that high school girls create all the content, from the topics to the way they’re tackled. This year, the girls explored overcoming obstacles, being a role model, leadership, communication, public



Girls Take Charge paired junior high school girls with high school girls to talk about leadership, confidence and other topics. They’d meet as a group throughout the year and recently heard from women in the community about their life experiences.

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speaking, body image and boys and relationships.

“We just do a lot of the legwork and facilitating of some things but the high school girls develop the topics and come up with their lesson plans for each week,” said Stacey Angell, a counselor and co-advisor of the group.

Tulsi Patel, also in eighth grade, joined to become a better role model, too. She said the Girls Take Charge approach worked.

“What we did was really useful because they tried

to get everyone involved with it so it was good and I think everyone got to learn,” said Patel.

Each session started with ice breaker games to knock down walls and foster communication.

“We had one ... where we would tie one of our legs together and try to jump over hoops with them to really emphasize teamwork and communication,” said Patel. “Those are two really important skills you need.”

Angell said she saw

the junior high girls grow throughout the year, individually and as a group.

“I think they came away with an understanding that they’re not alone in some of the things that they struggle with and they came away with a more positive outlook because they’re being able to talk about the problems they’re all going through,” said Angell.

Getting advice coming from high school girls

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Firing up the grill



Gretchen Geurtze (left) and Elisa Peters of Geurtze Bar-B-Q in Selkirk served chicken to customers at Bethlehem’s first outdoor farmers market of the season on Tuesday, May 1. The market will run through the summer every Tuesday afternoon in the parking lot of First United Methodist Church, located at 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

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Police Blotter

Former after-school worker faces child porn charges

A 20-year-old Albany man who spent time working at several elementary school afterschool programs and volunteered at the William K. Sanford Library was arrested on child pornography charges on Thursday, May 3.

Brian K. Oatman-Gaitan of 6 Crammond St. in Albany was charged with one count of possessing a sexual performance by a child, a felony, and was remanded to Albany County Jail without bail, according to Colonie police.

The arrest stems from a monthlong investigation carried out by Colonie police, Albany County District Attorney's Office and New York State Police Computer Crimes Unit, which culminated in the execution of a search

warrant at Oatman-Gaitan's residence Thursday. Police said several computers and media storage devices were recovered that contained child pornography and the devices are in the process of being examined.

Lt. Robert Winn of the Colonie Police Department said it would take time for the Computer Crimes Unit to comb through the seized devices but said they contained "quite a large quantity" of both video and still photo child pornography.

Winn said the police department was tipped off by an acquaintance of Oatman-Gaitman who had conversations and online contact with him that referenced child pornography images.

Winn said the subjects in the images were of elementary school age but so far none of the children appear to be local.

"If we discover images of local people the investigation will shift to identify them but all the stuff we've seen so far has been downloaded from the internet; mostly overseas, commercially produced," said Winn.

Oatman-Gaitan was employed by the Colonie Youth Center where he worked at afterschool programs at Southgate School, Loudonville School and Saddlewood School. He was fired in January for reasons not related to the investigation, said police. He also volunteered at the library during anime classes. Police said the investigation revealed Oatman-Gaitan "may have surreptitiously photographed children" while on the job but stressed that it was in a "non-criminal manner" and "there is no information to suggest that (he) had any inappropriate physical contact with any victims."

Still, police are urging parents to speak with their children and report any suspicious or illegal contact Oatman-Gaitan may have had with their children.

"We're urging parents to have that ... good touch bad touch conversation. Also to remind kids that even adults in positions of authority and trust, if they ask a child to do something they're not comfortable with or feel is inappropriate it's OK to say 'no', it's OK to tell another parent, your own parent, the police," said Winn.

According to an email blast sent to parents in the South Colonie School District, Oatman-Gaitan was employed for 10 months during a period that included April 2011 through June 2011 and September 2011 through January 2012. The district said Oatman-Gaitan only worked with children in the after-school program, which is about 56 students.

"The CYC informs us that Mr. Oatman had undergone fingerprinting, reference checks and provided a criminal history statement as well as being cleared to work with children through the Statewide Central Register Database prior to employment," read the email.

Anyone who believes that they or their children have had suspicious or illegal contact with Oatman-Gaitan are being urged to call Colonie investigators at 783-2754.

High speeds lead to arrest

A Charlton man was observed by state police driving at a speed of nearly 170 mph on the thruway in the Village of Ravena on Tuesday, May 2, before being arrested in a town 50 miles from where he was first noticed.

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I’ve been retired for about a year and it’s everything everyone has told me it would be. My life is busier now than when I was a full time teacher. I am doing things I really want to do and things I look forward to doing. I’m writing, taking classes, volunteering, helping with grandchildren, going to lunch with friends and catching an occasional matinee. But, I have a confession to make. Some days I sit and watch old movies or classic TV shows. I’m often in Mayberry with Andy, Barney and Aunt Bee, laughing at Sophia saying, “Picture it...Sicily 1936,” and enjoying Rob and Laura Petrie doing a dance routine. Sometimes I avoid doing housework by chuckling at Charles Nelson Reilly on Match Game or remembering Dick Clark once hosted \$100,000 Pyramid.

These times of escape into old TV could be pure joy were it not for a huge pet peeve (oxymoron) I have. It’s the commercials. I have watched repeated ads for walk- in bathtubs, life insurance, hearing aids, arthritis medications, stool softeners, wills done online, Hoverounds, and those emergency doodads you can wear around your

By MAGGIE WHELAN

neck so the EMT can respond quickly should you fall and “cannot get up.” I don’t mind watching them occasionally but they are repeated again and again sometimes during the same show.

I commented to my husband, “Hey, I know I’m retired but I’m not old. Why do I have to keep seeing these same commercials?” His comment, “Maybe you ARE old,” didn’t help.

Well, recently my life has taken a turn that has me basically incapacitated for abrief time. I had knee surgery. Originally, I was supposed to be on crutches for a couple of days but when I woke up from the anesthesia, I discovered that the surgery was more extensive than anticipated and I cannot bear weight on my right leg for six weeks. My home is now equipped with a walker, crutches, wheelchair, braces, and a commode. Being a person who is a born caregiver, this has not gone well for me. I hate asking for help and being dependent on other people for my basic needs. I have a loving husband and attentive children so I

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know I will come through this ordeal fine, but I don’t have to like it.

I especially don’t have to like that today I could use a walk-in shower, stool softeners (They don’t make you go, they just make it easier to go), and a Hoveround.

The Hoveround commercial promises that you can “see the world” and even shows some customers perched on the edge of the Grand Canyon. I can hardly get to the bathroom safely. If you order a Hoveround today, you can even get a free collapsible grabber. I could really use that! I will have a lot of time on my hands so I will research what that thing is called that you can wear around your neck to call for the EMT, the fire department or the police. The woman on TV insists she doesn’t

need it but I agree with her daughter and recommend we all find out about it, just in case. We have discussed for years our need to have a will so now maybe I can check out that website I keep hearing about. After all it’s obvious to me that I am not getting any younger.

My attitude is changing. Now I can watch all my favorite shows and gain some valuable information at the same time. Why did it have to take such a dramatic life event to make me a more sensitive person? I still have a month of recovery but at least I have something to look forward to! I can’t wait to receive the collapsible grabber!

The writer is a Slingerlands resident and frequent contributor to Spotlight Newspapers.

Spring rummage sale set

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, at 405 Washington Ave. (corner of Washington and Robin Street), Albany, will be holding a spring rummage sale Friday, May 11, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For sale will be gently used and in workable condition small kitchen appliances, dishes, glassware, flatware, linens and bedding.

There is street parking on Western Ave., Robin Street and West Ave.

Entrance to the sale is from the West Street entrance. There will be signs, and it is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

For more information contact www.albanyuu.org or 463-7135 or administrator@albanyuu.org.

Team Hope Walk planned

The Albany NY / Western MA / Southern VT Affiliate of the Huntington’s Disease Society of America (HDSA) and Guilderland Key Club are raising awareness about this devastating genetic neurological disease through their community

Team Hope Walk on June 1 at the University at Albany. This will be their second event, the first one, which took place in fall of 2010, raised over \$11,000 for HDSA.

All proceeds support HDSA’s fight to improve the lives of people affected by HD and their families. Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the walk kick-off begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be Crazy Herb’s Texas BBQ, hair extensions provided by Austin’s School of Spa Technology, a raffle, live music, vendors and more.

Huntington’s disease (HD) is a devastating, hereditary, degenerative brain disorder that results in a loss of cognitive, behavioral and physical control, and for which, presently, there is no cure. HD slowly diminishes the affected individual’s ability to walk, think, talk and reason.

To volunteer or support the Team Hope Walk, please contact Marcella Junco at (518)426-3470 or email albanyhdsa@gmail.com. You can also register online at <http://www.firstgiving.com/hdsa-ne/thwguilderland> to participate in the event. This site allows you to create an individual fundraising page to help you seek sponsors as well.

Blotter

(From Page 4)

According to police, a state trooper attempted to stop the motorcycle as it slowed for traffic, but the man allegedly refused to stop. Police were able to obtain a description of the operator and the license plate number of the Suzuki motorcycle driven by Nikkolaus McCarthy, 25. Police said the trooper terminated the pursuit

due to the speed, but the motorcycle’s description was given out on the air and other troopers clocked its speed at various locations at 150 and 170 mph.

Police said McCarthy was finally stopped 20 minutes later after traveling 50 miles. He had slowed due to traffic in the Town of New Paltz. McCarthy was pulled over and arrested. When McCarthy was informed how fast he was going by police, he said the bike could go “well over 190 mph.”

McCarthy was charged with fleeing police in the third degree, reckless driving, speeding, and operating a motor vehicle out of class because he did not have a motorcycle license. He was arraigned in the Village of Ravena Court and remanded to the Albany County

Correctional Facility on \$20,000 bail.

Other arrests

- A Selkirk man was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he drove into a ditch on his motorcycle in Glenmont, police said.

Anthony Theodore

Teriele II was charged with driving while intoxicated and several traffic violations when police were called to Route 9 in Glenmont for a motorcycle accident on Wednesday, May 2, around 9 p.m. Police said when they arrived on scene Teriele was found in a ditch complaining of back, hip, and leg pain.

When police asked Teriele if he had been drinking he told police yes because he was distraught over the loss of a friend. When police asked how much he had drank, Teriele responded with “a lot.” He was transported to Albany Medical Center and will appear in court at a later date.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Let them know you care

Let’s get straight to the point: we hope very much you get out and vote on your school budget Tuesday, May 15.

School budget votes traditionally see terrible voter turnout. Yet school taxes traditionally make up 70 or 80 percent of a homeowner’s property tax bill, one of the top issues with homeowners in the Upstate region.

Perhaps the reason is voters only get a choice to vote “yes” or “no” on the budget. That’s not a great choice for something that can spur so many conflicting emotions and opinions. But if you care even a whit about your community, taxes or kids, it’s no excuse to stay home.

This vote is of importance because it’s the first year school districts have been drafting their budgets under the state property tax cap. Not only will the rate of passage be watched carefully at the Capitol, but schools have again made cuts to their budgets and in some cases these were deeper than what might have been done without the cap. How our schools are run and funded is in a state of flux, and budget votes provide one of the few tangible measures of public opinion. Join in.

Voters will also decide on various propositions to buy buses and the like, as well as elect their representatives on school boards.

With the fever pitch of the conversation about school budgets right now, you’d think people would be clamoring to get on their board of education and effect some change. You’d be wrong.

Seemingly every spring (and much more so this year) we hear from dozens of members of our communities about how the school districts are forcing people out of their homes and destroying the fabric of society. Budget forums usually draw crowds and in some communities run deep into the night as the public questions a proposed budget and the cognitive faculties of administrators and school board members. Tempers have flared, fingers have been pointed and members of communities have turned against one another.

Yet in the four districts this paper will be distributed in, there are just 14 people running for 11 school board seats (many of them incumbents). In Bethlehem Central, where the debate has been particularly intense, the incumbents are uncontested.

No one is stepping up to run for these seats, not even the folks who lambast the decisions being made. Perhaps they take a look at the anger that’s being directed at school boards and think twice about running for the thankless job. At any rate, cries of “vote them out,” warranted or not, are going to fall flat because while we all are bonkers about complaining, stepping in and rolling up the sleeves proves to be quite another matter.

So this year, prove that our communities can do more than whine and fight. Please take a moment to turn to page 10 and see where you can vote on your budget this Tuesday. And then please take just a few minutes to do so, if only to show you care.

Editorial

Caring should be a way of life

By AMANDA TRAN

The author is a senior at South Colonie High School who has been interning at The Spotlight. She plans to attend Canisius College to study animal behavior, ecology and conservation.

“Caring is our way of life.”

That motto of Key Club was the first thing I heard the president say when I joined Key Club. Being the oldest and largest service program for high school students, Kiwanis Educates Youth is an organization that is led by students that learn leadership by serving others and donating their time to help those in need.

Locally and internationally, Key Club is composed of students who value acts of kindness and ways to serve not only the community, but the world as well. After three years of involvement, it is safe to say that Key Club has definitely made me who I am today.

Through meeting many new and interesting people, attending the annual Leadership Training Conference and volunteering at countless events, Key Club has helped me grasp the idea that just a group of people can truly make a difference.

My friend was the one who urged me to come to a meeting and the first thing I asked was if we made keys of some sort. She just laughed and said that wasn’t the first time she’s heard that.

I didn’t take Key Club as a serious group because it was run by the students, my own peers. I thought, how could just a handful of people no older than 18 lead a group of over 100 members? That was when I learned my first lesson: never underestimate the power a person has when they have the support of others around them.

It wasn’t until my

Point of View

first Leadership Training Conference in 2010 that I realized how big and important this club was to the whole community. I learned that there are people out there who care and want to make a difference in the lives of others. It was amazing to watch students from various high schools throughout New York showcase their passion and dedication to their communities. Although some were more involved than others, seeing students care such a tremendous amount about their community inspired me to do the same.

We’ve done many community services such as car washes, making ziti for senior citizen dinners, bottle drives, fundraisers, collections and making blankets for children at the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center.

My favorite project was how we got our teachers and staff involved in our weekly fundraiser. It was called “dress down Fridays,” and each department donated a dollar to participate in dressing in the given theme for that week. The department or office that raised the most money would receive a “box of joe” the following Monday.

Some of the organizations and groups the proceeds went to include Crisis Chat, March of Dimes, Heifier, leukemia, KPTC, muscular dystrophy and the Heart Association. This fundraiser was a great way to raise awareness to certain issues and by involving the teachers and staff of the high school, makes it all the more enjoyable and easier to raise

Make your point

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

money for organizations.

To me, Key Club isn’t just a group of students who share a common goal but rather a family looking to better serve their community one step at a time. Even though it’s my senior year and I’m sad to leave, I’m grateful for all of my experiences Key Club has given me. I have met many wonderful people who have dedicated so much time and effort into service projects for charities and organizations worldwide. The students dedicated to Key Club are absolutely remarkable for the things they do with not much recognition.

As vice president of South Colonie High’s Key Club, I am honored to say that I was lucky to be a part of a group with such dedication to service. If a group like Key Club can make a positive impact on its community, then other communities can make an even bigger impact on the world. To me, caring should be everyone’s way of life.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Find another use for gasification site

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
The Bethlehem Town Board on April 25 heard a proposal by a firm called RST to develop a trash disposal facility in Glenmont on the tract of land along Route 144 between the Normans Kill and the PSEG electric generating facility.
Though the waste disposal technology is called “gasification”, the process nevertheless burns garbage, as does incineration.
This facility would bring in municipal solid waste (MSW or garbage) from out of the area by rail, barge and by truck to the site for processing. The presenters mentioned the possibility of 100-car unit

garbage trains.
Waste incineration plants, including those plants with the most modern state-of-the-art air pollution controls, create and release into the air we breathe types of chemical compounds known as dioxins and furans, as well as countless other toxic chemical compounds in the form of ultra-fine particles (particles measured in thousandths of millimeters). These toxic particles are too small to be filtered and are so small they easily pass through and defeat our body’s defense systems including our skin, our blood-brain barrier and placental barriers. Some of these toxic substances

form compounds similar to human hormones that our bodily systems cannot recognize as foreign objects. Therefore, they can cause all kinds of bodily dysfunction such as lung diseases, cancers, heart diseases and birth defects in developing fetuses.
This site has for too long been unused and could benefit the Capital Region and its residents. And there are ways to do that without the human and other environmental hazards of burning garbage. One use would be to develop a large-scale composting facility for organic wastes, such as food scraps from restaurants and households.
Another use would be to develop a “resource recovery park” where items unwanted by some people would be made available for re-use, and where the materials of other items are recycled. A resource recovery park could also include a composting facility. In some composting facilities, the heat, which is a natural by-product of composting, is captured and used to heat water. The heated water can then be put to a

beneficial use. Facilities of this nature exist in other parts of the United States, most notably in California.
An additional beneficial facility which could be located on the site would be an anaerobic digester. This type of device also turns organic wastes, such as food wastes, into methane gas. The gas is then used to power electric generators or to operate motor vehicles.
According to the EPA, recycling and composting organic wastes, (food scraps, yard waste and tree trimmings) create many more times the jobs that burning municipal solid waste creates. And, according to the EPA, recycling saves four to five times as much energy as burning MSW creates.
Rather than burning garbage, the Glenmont site can be put to much better uses which will produce many more jobs and which will have a very positive impact rather than a deleterious impact. I hope Bethlehem town officials will come to the same conclusion.

Tim Truscott
Albany

Reform Dems welcome interest


Editor, *The Spotlight*:
As the organizing committee of the newly formed Bethlehem Reform Democrats, we would like to thank the more than 50 people who attended the initial meeting on Monday April 23. The members of the organizing committee very much appreciated the suggestions and support offered there.
As discussed that day, the goal is to bring about a more democratic town committee that directly engages the energy, talents, interests and concerns of all Democrats in Bethlehem. It is important to recognize this effort is solely aimed at working within the

Democratic Party in Bethlehem to broaden involvement and engender a more open process, not to create a separate party.
In the weeks to come we will be reaching out to those who provided us with email addresses, and we encourage anyone interested to contact our group via email: bethlehem-reformdemocrats@gmail.com. Information regarding upcoming meetings will be publicized and all are welcome to attend.
Ted Smith, Pam Robbins, Lisa Gordon, Jim Garry
Bethlehem Reform Democrats Organizing Committee

Kudos to young poet

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
What a pleasure to read in your poetry column this week such an engaging and image-filled poem by a high school student from our region! The opportunity for authors of all genres to be published is so remote that to afford exposure of this kind in your publication must be

applauded, especially on behalf of an aspiring young writer such as Taylor Tewksbury. Kudos to you and to Mimi Moriarty for attracting and selecting this delightfully mirthful poem and, of course, to you, Taylor, for writing it.
Norman Cohen
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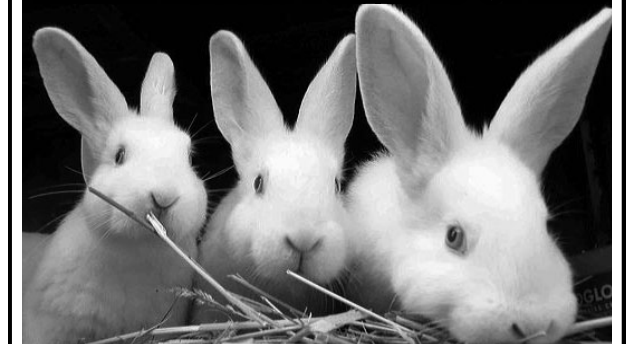
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Head to the polls to vote on budget

The library's proposed budget is up for vote on Tuesday, May 15, and polls – at your local elementary school – are open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.

To get information on the library's budget, please see your copy of the library's newsletter that arrived in your mail early the week of May 6. Or you can go to www.guilpl.org/budget; while there, check out the Library Value Calculator.

If you have any questions on the budget, contact Library Director Barbara Nichols Randall at 456-2400.

Photographing wildlife

Wildlife biologist and Times Union columnist Bill Danielson will share his considerable expertise about making great photographs at 7 pm on Thursday, May 17, at the Guilderland Public Library's Digital Photo Forum.

Danielson has been a professional photographer since 1998. He'll have photos to show and tips to share.

If you've never attended
the Digital Photo Forum,

now's a great time to start. Whether you're a novice or have some experience, there's always something to learn at these get-togethers. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. All are welcome to bring photos to share and questions to ask.

Mother's Day concert

Celebrate Mother's Day with a special performance by pianist and Guilderland native Patricia Keyes, as she performs works by Franz Liszt, at the Guilderland Public Library on Sunday, May 13, at 2 p.m.

Keyes is an artist in residence at Middlebury College in Vermont. Her career has included concerts in England and Italy and throughout the United States as both a soloist and chamber musician.

Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, call the library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org. The Guilderland Public Library is at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the library's website at www.guilpl.org. Follow the Library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib).

Event embraces summer reading



Timothy Burke will offer remarks. This year's New York State Teen Video Challenge winner will also be announced, and the winning video will be shown. The public is welcome to attend.

Following this event, Andy Morse the Music Man will help us kick off our own Summer Reading Program at 4pm on the library green (indoors if it rains). Kids and families are invited for singing, dancing, popcorn and giveaways. In addition, each guest will receive a free book—a summer reading “teaser” to get things going.

Our 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.

Bethlehem library closed Memorial Day weekend

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed Saturday to Monday, May 26 to 28, for the Memorial Day weekend. Regular hours resume Monday, May 29, at 9 a.m. Access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Library budget presentation

A reminder that the library's proposed budget will be presented to the public on Monday May

14 at 6pm in the library board room. The vote will be held Tuesday May 15, 7am-9pm at Bethlehem Central High School. Two seats on the library board will be on the ballot: one for a full term of five years and one for a partial term of one year.

View the proposed budget in the May/June issue of the library newsletter, footnotes. Links to the budget and board candidate profile can be found on our home page atwww.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

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.

Digital download open house slated



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Civil War film series

On May 6 at 2 p.m., our film series concludes with a focus on the military trial of Mary Surratt, a civilian accused of aiding

John Wilkes Booth in
Lincoln's assassination.

Kids' stuff

Our regularly scheduled children's programming continues this month.

Preschool Storytimes on Tuesdays and Fridays; Babygartens on Thursdays, May 3 and 17 and Toddler Town on Thursdays May 10 and 24. All programs start at 10:15 a.m. No registration

necessary. Call the library or visit our website for more information www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Barbara Vink

- All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2791 or visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

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Seniors' art on display

The Town of Guilderland Senior Artists League will be exhibiting their work at the Guilderland Public Library during the month of June. You are invited to the opening reception of the exhibit on Sunday, June 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library at 2228 Western Avenue. Refreshments will add to the festivities.

Transportation service

The Town of Guilderland provides transportation service to medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, and area shopping centers such as Wal-Mart. Bus service is also given to those who attend the Tuesday Luncheon Program, special events, and selected trips. To register, please make

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

an appointment with the Senior Office.

Monday, May 14

Scheduled Shopping
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Tuesday, May 15

9 a.m. OsteoBusters
Noon Fashion Show
Luncheon at Crossgates Restaurant

Wednesday, May 16

9 a.m. Zumba
10:30 a.m.

OsteoBuster
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, May 17

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure & Scheduled Legal & Medicaid Appts.
10-12 Scheduled Food Stamp Appts.
10:15 Art & Culture Trip to Stone Fort Museum
10:30 a.m. Balance Class
1 p.m. Mahjongg
1:15 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, May 18

Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10:30 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

Celebrate 30 years of Friendship

You will not want to miss the 30th anniversary performance of the Friendship Singers on Friday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. "Still Singin' and Swingin'" will include such favorites as "In the Mood," "All That Jazz," "Mr. Sandman," and a Cohan salute. A voluntary donation will be taken to benefit the Bethlehem Senior Emergency Assistance Fund. Make donation checks payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. We will have supper at Panera Bread before the concert, cost on your own. Transportation will leave Town Hall at about 4:30 pm. Home pick up can be arranged. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation.

Go back in time with us to the Vietnam Era as portrayed in Cohoes Music Hall's "Hair". This funny and provocative show will be on Saturday, May 12 at 3 p.m., cost: \$26 payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 1:30 p.m. Home pick up can be arranged. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Monday, May 14

Food Stamp and Medicaid Assistance



Town of Bethlehem

Representatives from the Legal Aid Society and the Albany County Department of Social Services will be at Town Hall from 10:00 am to noon to answer Medicaid and food stamp questions and help with applications. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make appointment.

Tuesday, May 15

Bethlehem Central School Budget and Bethlehem Public Library/Trustee Vote Transportation to the Bethlehem Central High School is available in the morning. Call 439-5770 to make a reservation.

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 16

Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North

Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770

Thursday, May 17

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

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

Friday, May 18

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

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

Wilma DeLucco,
Bethlehem Senior Projects,
Inc. Board Member

Albany Insitute to show Rose's portraits

The Albany Institute of History & Art will present the first museum exhibition and catalogue of portrait paintings by Stephanie Rose. "The Eternal Return I Stephanie Rose Portraits" will feature 23 portraits of poets, novelists, art critics, filmmakers, photographers, performers, art collectors and philanthropists.

Installed in three museum galleries (1,250 square feet), it will be on view from Aug. 26 to Jan. 27. The reception will be on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Best-known for her large-scale, painterly abstractions Rose began painting a series of portraits in 1996. The exhibition will be accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue with

essays by Elizabeth C. Baker, Carter Ratcliff, and James K. Kettlewell, with a foreword by the Albany Institute's deputy director and chief curator, Tammis K. Groft.

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Few speak up on eve of 2012-13 school budget vote

BC's school budget one of few to challenge tax cap

By MARCY VELTE
veltem@spotlightnews.com

After weeks of debate between Bethlehem Central school officials, parents and students regarding the 2012-13 school year budget, the final public hearing on the spending plan before the May 15 vote saw sparse attendance.

On Wednesday, May 2, the district once again briefed those in attendance about the \$88,203,000 spending plan adopted by the Board of Education last month. Board members decided to challenge the state tax cap to minimize the number of cuts in next year's budget, and residents will vote on a 3.99 percent levy increase.

The new tax levy would reduce the budget gap to \$3.8 million and \$1.7 million in reserve funds would also be used to balance the budget. Under the tax cap law, for the budget to pass at least 60 percent of those voting will need to be in favor of the plan instead of a simple majority. If the spending plan is voted down the district would have the option of revising it and putting it to a second vote.

"This board is putting forth a proposal which they feel will move

forward with all of the tools at their disposal," said Superintendent Tom Douglas.

If the budget is approved by the public, reductions will fall midway into the second tier of a four-tier list of cuts established by the district. However, more than 56 full-time-equivalent positions could be eliminated, 22 of them teaching positions.

According to Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe, the estimated tax rate increase is 3.72 percent for Bethlehem residents and 0.59 percent for New Scotland residents.

The estimated tax rate increase would mean a home in Bethlehem assessed at \$100,000 would pay an additional \$75 per year for and in New Scotland, \$12. The district is recommending residents use the new tax calculator on the district's website to determine how much they would pay based on the new tax levy increase.

Four people rose from the audience at Wednesday's meeting to speak on the budget.

"I wish I could tell you I support the budget, unfortunately I really don't," said parent Scott Bonanno after thanking the board members for their hard work. "I see the 3.99 percent not as an undoable number ... but I think the problem is there's no solution for



next year and there's no solution for the year beyond that."

Board member Caitlin Navarro said she understands people are unhappy about the situation, but she would caution residents about letting the budget fail because going to a lower contingency would just mean additional budget cuts and more jobs lost.

If the budget is voted down twice, Kehoe said the district would need to make \$6 million in additional cuts.

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

students in higher grade levels would need to walk farther to reach a bus stop.

One woman asked why the district did not list the cost of all of the state unfunded mandates schools are required to provide.

"The community knows each year those mandates are increased and we have to absorb those costs," she said.

Douglas said the mandates are usually the hardest for districts to implement and pay for, and said this year three more mandates have been added including C.P.R. instruction and how to prevent childhood abduction. The superintendent said a report out of Suffolk County estimated state unfunded mandates equal about 18 to 20 percent of a municipality's budget.

"The problem is unfunded mandates can be seen two ways," he

said. "We can say they're unfunded mandates, but the state can say that's why we give you state aid so therefore we are funding them. So that's the point and counterpoint, however we know the reality. They keep giving us state aid, but they keep giving us requirements, too."

When Bonanno asked if a municipality had ever challenged the mandates, Douglas said some have begun to talk about it. The problem is if the district refused to implement the mandates, the state could remove the school board and deny state aid.

"I don't think 3.99 percent is a bad number... but we're at the line in the sand," said Bonanno. "Anything beyond this next year we're going to be directly cutting into the fabric of what this school is all about."

Voting will take place at the BC high school gym from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

More local budgets by the numbers ...

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District

- Proposed budget: \$41.7 million
- Proposed levy increase: 6.8 percent
- Budget gap: \$3 million
- Spending reduction over current year: 1.7 percent

Voting will take place at the RCS High School gym from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Guilderland Central School District

- Proposed budget: \$89.2 million
- Proposed levy increase: 2.2 percent
- Budget gap: \$2.6 million
- Spending increase over current year: 0.34 percent

Voting will take place at all five elementary school buildings from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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the pH, the cellular components, bacterial content, the protein level and if there are crystals. A urine culture, which must be obtained in a sterile manner by your veterinarian, allows us to determine the type of bacteria present and which antibiotic will be the most appropriate.

If your pet has a bacterial UTI an antibiotic will be prescribed. Make sure to give the entire course of antibiotics as discontinuing the antibiotic prematurely may lead to a recurrent infection or a resistant bacterial population. After finishing the antibiotic it is important to have a urine culture performed to ensure that the infection is no longer present. Persistence or recurrence of infection may indicate that there is an underlying issue.

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Town committee calls for ethics overhaul

Sweeping changes to Bethlehem's policies called for

By MARCY VELTE
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Bethlehem's newly created Ethics Advisory Committee established at the beginning of Supervisor John Clarkson's administration was asked to present its proposed changes to the town's ethics code at a recent Town Board meeting.

On Wednesday, April 25, Ethics Advisory Committee Co-chairmen Kevin Crawford and John Hudacs presented the groups recommendations, which mostly follow those established by the state Comptroller's Office.

"We all have great respect and great appreciation for the individuals who are involved in the governance and the operation of this town," said Hudacs of the Ethics Advisory Committee. "We're individuals who have an interest and experience in public integrity and public ethics."

The group started by using the state comptroller's model ethics code for municipalities,

which was then adapted to fit Bethlehem's needs. They also studied the ethics codes of surrounding suburban communities.

Crawford said the committee's first recommendation is to replace the three-member Town Ethics Board with a five-member body in order to make a quorum. No more than two members from one political party could be on the board. Terms would be staggered and no member of the Town Board would be included on the Ethics Board in order for it to remain independent.

According to Crawford, the Ethics Board would work to provide information and advice to town officials and employees upon request. The group's proposal also gives the Ethics Board the right to investigate complaints.

"This is something new," said Crawford. "That's not something in the model code proposed by the state comptroller and that's not something proposed by a lot of other codes of ethics that you'll see in communities around the state."

Some members of the group wondered if the

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**– John Hudacs,
committee co-chairman**

board would have the resources and capacity to investigate complaints in a fair way, but members eventually felt it was too important to leave the Ethics Board without an investigative function.

Recommended changes to the code itself include prohibiting the accepting of gifts of any kind with a few exceptions like ceremonial plaques, prohibiting knowingly using the position of a public figure for personal gain and prohibiting use of municipal resources for personal use. Children of town officials would no longer be allowed to work for the town under the recommended code, even in seasonal positions.

Another recommendation would restrict town officials from seeking employment with companies that do business with the town for up to one year after

they leave that position. The committee also recommended a recusal requirement for Town Board members who have private involvement with companies seeking contracts with the town.

The group said the changes to the code were meant to provide clear and uniform guidance to town officers and employees to "ensure honest and ethical behavior."

Councilwoman Joann Dawson said she appreciated the hard work of the advisory committee but said more time is needed to vet the recommendations.

"The recommendations are very wide and complex and I want to take the time to go through the lines and consider their purpose for this town code," she said.

She questioned how the town could prevent

former town officials from seeking out a job with a company that does business with the town after they've left office.

Councilman Kyle Kotary agreed, and also wondered why a hiring block would be put on only the children of town officials, asking why spouses and other family members were not included.

Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn and Councilman

George Lenhardt were both wary of the investigative duties proposed for the Ethics Board and wondered if there were certain steps that need to be followed to exonerate an accused official with the public if the accusations have no merit.

The changes to the ethics law will likely be discussed again at the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, May 9.

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Top chefs ready to face off in benefit competition

Chef Challenge to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Albany and Saratoga are well known as area hotspots for fine dining. Soon, one city will reign supreme after a friendly competition in a Chef Challenge. Proceeds from the event will support Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Capital Region.

Organizers are hopeful that holding the event in Saratoga Springs will give Big Brothers Big Sisters more of a presence in Saratoga County. The event also gives the group a chance to explore a different kind of fundraiser, in addition to their popular galas and Bowl for Kids' Sake.

Chefs A.J. Jaypal of The Brown Derby Restaurant in Albany and John Ireland of Panza's Restaurant in Saratoga will display their culinary skills on Thursday, May 10, at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Saratoga Springs at 25 Lake Ave. from 6 to 9 p.m. General reservations are \$50 per person and \$100 per person for honorary committee reservations. The winning chef will be awarded a silver spatula.

"It's a really exciting, fresh new idea, it's definitely not your typical gala," said Sabrina Houser, chief executive officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters. The idea originated with Board of Directors member Jay Goodman and has been in the works for about a year.

Big Brothers Big Sisters connects youths facing adversity from ages 6 to 16 with adult mentors in their communities. Around 98 percent of the children connected with the organization come from single parent households or a family where one parent is incarcerated. The highest need is in finding matches for boys. About 40 percent of matches are made in

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— Sabrina Houser,
chief executive officer for
Big Brothers Big Sisters

Albany County and 20 percent each are made in Schenectady, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties.

"A Big (mentor) provides honestly just a positive adult friend in a child's life. ... By having a Big, these children are 75 percent more likely to get a four year degree as opposed to without having a mentor," said Houser.

Kids with mentors are also more likely to avoid delinquency and substance abuse, she added.

Last year over 500 matches were made in the Capital Region and it is expected that number will grow to more than 600 by the end of this year. The cost is \$200 to support one match for one year.

Event planner for Big Brothers Big Sisters Jami Thompson expects the event to draw between 150 and 200 guests. The hotel can accommodate 190.

"The response has been great ... it's really important to us that the community is aware that Saratoga County does have children in need of mentors and support," said Thompson.

Over 50 matches were made in Saratoga County last year and the organization would like to make more.

Guests of the event will also be voting in the People's Choice Award for their favorite restaurant. Samplings of dishes from several eateries will be ready for the voting. A chef from the winning restaurant will be slated to compete against this year's Chef Challenge winner next year.

Judges for the challenge



Big Brother Big Sisters connects youths facing adversity from ages 6 to 16 with adult mentors in their communities, such as Tyreik and his Big Brother Chad, pictured here.

Submitted photos

are Steve Barnes of the Times Union, John Sconzo of Slow Food Saratoga Region and Jasper Alexander of Hattie's Restaurant in Saratoga.

The chefs will have to wait until the day of the challenge to find out what they'll be cooking, but they will be able to bring three stock items of their choosing. Similar to the show "Iron Chef," the competition will focus on one main ingredient and chefs will have one hour to make an appetizer, entrée and dessert.

Both Jaypal and Ireland are recognized within the network of area chefs as being at the top of the culinary scene and for participating in events that benefit local organizations.

"When Big Brothers Big Sisters called me I said, 'Let's do it, it's for fun and friendship and it's for a good cause,'" said Jaypal.

He also suggested that organizers tap into the Saratoga Farmers Market, which is across the street from where the challenge will take place.

"It's also a chance to educate



Chefs John Ireland of Panza's Restaurant in Saratoga (above left) and A.J. Jaypal of The Brown Derby Restaurant in Albany (above right) will display their culinary skills on Thursday, May 10, at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Saratoga Springs, in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Capital Region's Chef Challenge.

about local food," said Jaypal.

"The challenge is for a good cause, and a good thing for everyone. ... This will be an amazing competition and it'll be rewarding and a lot of fun," said Ireland.

Ireland and Jaypal also offered up tips for home cooks.

"Keep things simple and don't overthink it, cooking is about intuition," said Ireland.

Jaypal said, "Always plan out your menu before you cook and cook with the seasons."

For more information on Big Brothers Big Sisters or the Chef Challenge, log on to bbbs.org.

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ShopRite opens Albany location

Company's second Capital District store is off to a roaring start

By ALYSSA JUNG
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ShopRite in Albany opened on Thursday, April 26, and according to spokesman Tom Urtz, the Central Avenue location is greater than the sum of its parts.

“We received a lot of comments from consumers that they liked different elements of the shopping experience in different places,” said Urtz. “They said ‘if you can incorporate all the different things into one store’ it would create a destination for them.”

That means the Capital District’s second ShopRite has plenty of local products, fresh produce and customer service that values the customer.

“Customer service is something that (sets) us apart so we set out with our training and the way we went about hiring our associates to impress upon them the importance of service and product knowledge,” said Urtz.

The new 65,000-square-foot location is employing about 500 people.

Construction on the Albany

“The Capital Region seemed like a good fit for the type of offering we were bringing.”

— Tom Urtz,
ShopRite spokesman

location began right around the time the region’s first ShopRite opened in Niskayuna in October. There are two more stores scheduled to open in the near future, with a Slingerlands location slated for a fall ribbon cutting and another site in Colonie in the works.

“The thought was that our stores had gone as far north as Hudson and we saw this as the next logical strategic area for our growth,” said Urtz. “The Capital Region seemed like a good fit for the type of offering we were bringing.”

The Albany ShopRite’s opening day was a success, said Urtz, with the only hiccup being an overload of traffic.

“The day went very well, very smooth,” said Urtz. “A lot of concerns were brought to our attention in regard to traffic but we had a good working plan with the City of Albany and the



ShopRite of Albany drew crowds at its grand opening on Thursday, April 26. Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings helped cut the ribbon for the new store.

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

Albany Police Department.”

Urtz said customers were impressed and “taken aback” with the interior of the store.

“Inside the building, people were very excited and quite taken aback with the whole first aisle, the décor, lighting, layout,” said Urtz.

With the Niskayuna store serving as a sort of springboard, Urtz said the supermarket chain took note of the public’s gravitation to the “shop from home” feature and built upon it.

“(Customers) wanted more of a dedicated area where they were picking up their groceries so we built an enclosure on the side of the Albany store where customers pull in separate from the parking field,” said Urtz.

ShopRite offers a fresh bakery, fresh meats and seafood, a salad bar, prepared foods, a full-service floral department, a pharmacy and ethnic and international food selections. The store has a registered dietitian on site to help shoppers make healthy choices or shop for a specific diet. There’s also a Wi-Fi lounge and charging stations for electric cars in front of the store.

“We want to thank the Capital Region for welcoming us to

Albany and we look forward to bringing the same level of customer service, variety, value and low prices to this new location on Central Avenue,” said Dave Figurelli, president and chief operating officer of ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc. in a statement. “We look forward to partnering with the community to become your neighborhood ShopRite.”

At the Thursday ribbon cutting, ShopRite presented checks for \$2,500 to Blessed Sacrament Church and Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region as part of the ShopRite Partners in Caring Fund.

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Learn to talk to your dog to keep the peace

Local trainer to teach canine body language

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The American Veterinary Association estimates about 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs each year, and roughly 800,000 of those bites require medical attention. But according to Diane Blackman, a dog trainer for 15 years, some of those could be easily prevented if people know how to read a dog's body language.

"Dog's don't lie, so if they're telling you they need more space, honor that. If they're telling you to come in, then go in," said Blackman.

Blackman owns All Dawgs Training Services in Latham, where she helps owners get a handle on dogs who could benefit from a little extra discipline. She said

learning to communicate with dogs is simple and in honor of National Dog Bite Prevention Week (May 20 to 26), she's holding a free presentation at the Pine Hills Branch Library in Albany on Thursday, May 10, to share some tips.

"I would definitely encourage people to come out. The more you learn the more you'll be able to have a positive experience with your dog," said Blackman.

Blackman said all dogs speak the same language, regardless of the breed. That means a sweet golden retriever and a dominant pitbull are equally easy to read once you know what to look for.

Stress signals can convey positive or negative emotions, so it's important to know what to look for to distinguish between the two, she said.

If a dog is seeking more "social distance" or space,

"Dog's don't lie, so if they're telling you they need more space, honor that. If they're telling you to come in, then go in."

– Diane Blackman, dog trainer

they might have pinned back ears, their tail could be tucked, they might yawn, lick their lips, curl their teeth or "freeze" which is where their whole body goes still and they get what Blackman called "whale eyes."

"The head and body don't move together so you can see the sharp distinction between the pupil and the rest of the

eye," said Blackman.

Once people learn the signs, going to public places with their pet is more carefree and fun, she said.

"Once people learn the signs they can go out and go to the dog park or vet office where there's multiple dogs and start listening to what they're saying immediately," said Blackman.

Sara Chauvot learned canine body language when she brought her rescue dog, Monty, to All Dawgs Training Services to reign in his boundless energy.

"I have a beagle mix. ... I don't know what he's mixed with, just a lot of energy," said Chauvot. "We signed him up right away for dog training."

It took Chauvot two training sites before she found what she was looking for at All Dawgs.

"(Blackman) just totally gets that training has to be about the owner as well and some things have to be modified," said Chauvot.

Chauvot is getting ready to take Monty to his third class and already she said she sees a huge improvement in his behavior.

"That first class he would not sit, he was biting at the leash and demanding attention, trying to play and goof off, rolling around in circles, trying to get at other dogs in the class, he was just a general nuisance," said Chauvot. "Now we go to a class and he sits, behaves, I can listen to what he's saying."

She said Monty's better behavior and knowing canine body language has made walks and excursions a more pleasant experience.

"I have a dog that

listens to me now. I have a dog that I can actually take for a walk," said Chauvot.

Blackman offers one-on-one and group training sessions. The most common reason owners seek dog training is because their family manners are poor.

"So they sit, are not jumping on counters, not jumping on people, basic commands, walking on a loose leash, not barking," said Blackman.

She also prepares dogs to be therapy dogs and offers advanced classes on different dog sports.

"This has just become a passion of mine. I love working with dogs, I love working with owners," said Blackman.

Blackman will be at the Pine Hills Branch Library on May 10 at 7 p.m. The presentation will be one hour and cover verbal and non-verbal signals dogs give off to communicate nervousness, excitement or fear. For more information about All Dawgs Training Services visit www.alldawgstraining.com.

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The Food and Fellowship luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 9, from noon-2 p.m. at the New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet.

The program will feature a presentation of Zumba Gold with Julie Padilla as well as a Silver Sneakers presentation by Cheryl Sheridan.

This luncheon is open to all members of the community. Reservations are encouraged. Call the church office at 756-8764 and leave your name, contact number and the number of reservations you are making. If you require transportation, leave that information as well. Dining space is limited to 60 seats. Free will offerings are accepted to help defray the food costs.

G'land Chamber checks out websites

The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce First Friday Breakfast on June 1 will feature web designer Roger Lipera to discuss what is wrong and what is right with websites. Learn tips to help your site become better and more effective. Breakfast is from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Chamber offices at 2050 Western Ave. The cost is \$5 members, \$10, non-members.

Clifton Park boy named this year's Heart Hero

American Heart Association to hold annual walk May 12

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Approximately 36,000 babies are born every year with a heart defect, making it the most common congenital birth defect.

The James family in Clifton Park knows this statistic all too well. Their 3-year-old son Jack is this year's American Heart Association's Heart Hero. He was born with transposition of the great vessels, a condition that required surgery. Thanks in part to research supported by the association, his doctors were able to operate on him when he was just five days old. He was in the hospital for 12 days.

Jack will be honored at this year's Capital Region Heart Walk on Saturday, May 12, at The Crossings in Colonie. Registration starts at 9 a.m. for either a one-mile or three-mile walk. Participants can walk solo or form teams ahead of time. An estimated 1,500 walkers are expected to turn out for the event.

This will be the James family's third walk.

The Heart Hero program has been around for 10 years, and a hero is honored at both the spring and fall walks. This year's North Country Heart Walk will take place on Oct. 20 in Saratoga.

"It's a community event and a great cause," said Jeff Levy, NBT Bank's Capital Region president and volunteer chair of the 2012 Capital Region Heart Walk. NBT will have 25 walkers participating in the walk.

"We'll all be walking to raise money to fund cardiac research, and to see that we could have a direct impact on Jack's life and others like him is truly

"The goal of the Heart Walk is to raise money that helps fund research to let people live longer, healthier lives, and seeing someone who was born with a congenital heart defect reminds people of where their money is going."

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Association

inspiring," Levy said.

"By naming a Heart Hero, we remind people that heart disease can strike anyone, anytime. Nobody expects their newborn child to have heart disease," said Katherine McCarthy, senior regional director of communications for the American Heart Association. "The goal of the Heart Walk is to raise money that helps fund research to let people live longer, healthier lives, and seeing someone who was born with a congenital heart defect reminds people of where their money is going."

Monies raised by the association are put to use in many ways. About 20 percent is spent on research, 44 percent on public health education and 14 percent goes to professional training and education. The local chapter is funding a little more than \$800,000 in research projects.

Raising awareness of heart disease is one of the reasons the James

family has been involved with the walks. Shannon and her husband Matthew had no indication before Jack was born that there was anything wrong with his heart. His condition was rare and is difficult for doctors to find before birth — unless they're looking for it specifically.

Having been through Jack's surgery and was "literally minute to minute," said Shannon James. After his recovery, his parents looked to connect with other families with similar experiences through the heart walk and the association. There are groups for the whole family that meet regularly on a social basis.

"I'll never forget what it was like seeing him after open heart surgery.

They (other families) really understand. And it's good for Jack too," said Shannon.

She also said that Jack knows he has "a special heart" and he benefits from the camaraderie of other kids who have them. He's a normal young boy, she said, and doesn't take a lot of time to stop for anything. That includes being a Heart Hero.

"I'm excited and I'm going to be on stage!" he said.

Jack will soon be a big brother. Shannon says that through this pregnancy (she's due any day) she and her doctors have been vigilant in paying attention to the baby's heart.

"We definitely know the heart inside and out now," she said.



From left: Shannon, Jack and Matt James. Jack is this year's American Heart Association's Heart Hero.

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walk where participants can get free screening for blood pressure and information on heart disease. CDPHP will also be sponsoring a Take the Pledge Card, where walkers are asked to commit to walking 30 minutes every day.

For more information on the walk, log on to capitalregionheartwalk.org.

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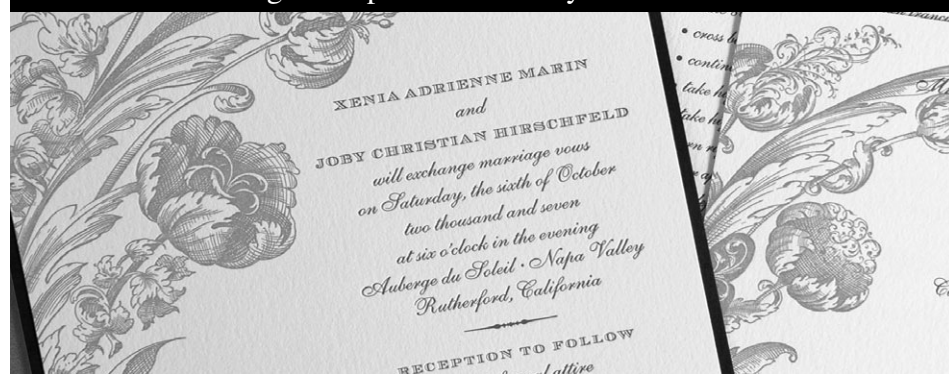


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☐ **Still**

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Starting in the spring, the Friendship Singers practice twice a week, but sessions are now held at the Delmar Reformed Church. Marie Little, a former music teacher, now heads up the group with Linda Drew as their accompanist and Bill Reusswig on the drums.

“We realized that ... for the groups we were singing to in the nursing homes and assisted living facilities, the audience indisputably love the familiar pop and show tunes and the movement,” said Bollam. “The flip side is we have to put down

the books and memorize the music. We can't move around and hold our books but we know it is a much better performance and it is more fun for us as well."

Songs in their act include numbers like "Mr. Sandman," "Ballin' the Jack" and "All that Jazz" from the hit musical Chicago.

Member Ann Treadway, 75, said although most of the members are older women, they are still very active and take pleasure in what they do.

“We enjoy singing and enjoy being with each other,” said the Elsmere resident, a member of the group since 1999. The group currently has 14 singers.

Treadway said she feels the group has endured because of how much fun the group has when they're together. "And people can see that," she said.

The Friendship Singers will be holding a free concert in celebration of their 30th anniversary called "Still Singin' and Swingin' after 30 Years." It will be held at the Delmar Reformed Church on Friday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the Bethlehem Senior Services organization.

"The goal was always to give performances for those who could benefit from them the most," said Bollam. "And I think they appreciate our visits."

☐ **Change**

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than being loyal Bethlehem Democrats and they are not looking to form their own political party or create a separate line on the ballot. Group members want more say in the current party and a more transparent process.

According to Smith, he and several other members of the group have served on the town's Democratic Committee in the past and didn't like what they observed.

“The current system lacks openness, transparency and participation from Democrats,” he said. “This is what we want to address. Some members of the group expressed observations on the way decisions were being made and this is why there is a high level of interest in making this a different Democratic Party to reflect a 21st century Democratic process.”

Smith said group members thought the committee did a poor job of informing the public when meetings would be held and the process of selecting candidates is often handled behind closed doors. The group hopes committee

reforms will result in a better local Democratic Party.

Bethlehem Democratic Committee Chairman Matthew Clyne said he is skeptical of the group's motives.

“When people talk about reform it’s usually a code for self promotion,” said Clyne, who has been the party’s town chairman since 1990. “If people are really interested in reform, we (the party) are in the business of electing candidates, anyone not in sync with that mission isn’t an asset to the party.”

Clyne said committee meetings are closed to the public for a reason. Meetings are where political strategy is discussed and the party doesn't want the public to know "what their game plan is."

He said in past years it has been a struggle to get people to volunteer with the party and it is only in recent years that people have expressed interest in becoming involved.

"Our committee and our party has always been open," he said. "Anyone can ask to get involved but I don't see anyone of these people at fundraisers or asking to volunteer with us, so I'm skeptical."

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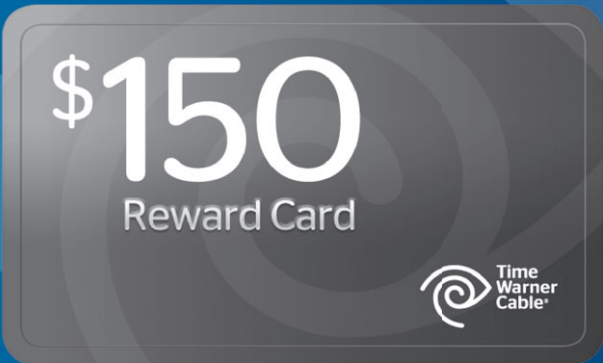


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New farm regs withdrawn

Recently proposed the Department of Labor regulations limiting the roles of minors working on farms have been withdrawn as of April 26.

Farmer advocacy groups came out against the rules, saying they would have negatively affected family farms in Upstate New York.

Congressman Chris Gibson, R-Kinderhook, fought the proposed rules in part by writing a letter to the labor secretary asking the rule to be modified or withdrawn. He said he had consulted with many farmers on his Agriculture Advisory Committee as well as those in his district. The issue was also discussed at the U.S. House of Representatives

Agriculture Committee field hearing in Saranac Lake in March.

Agriculture advocates rejoiced in the decision.

“Make no mistake — this is a major victory for New York’s farm families and their strong grassroots activism,” said Dean Norton, president of the New York Farm Bureau, in a statement. “The agricultural community in our state and across the nation saw this proposal clearly for what it was – a blatant regulatory overreach by Washington, D.C. . United in this common cause tens of thousands of negative comments and letters flooded Congress and USDOL,

and as a result we were victorious.”

The New York Farm Bureau said DOL Secretary Jilda Solis finally “saw the light” recognizing that family farms are important to “our economy and our rural way of life, and that we simply can’t afford to jeopardize their future.”

“New York Farm Bureau looks forward to working with USDOL on its proposed youth education safety initiative. Hopefully, this offer to work collaboratively represents a change at USDOL that will demonstrate that they want to work with us and not against us,” said Norton.

Red Cross offers baby-sitter training

The American Red Cross Northeastern New York Region (ARCNENY) is offering Babysitter’s Training to help provide local kids between the ages of 11 and 15 with the knowledge and skills they need to care for young children.

The babysitter course teaches young people how to care for infants and children, handle emergencies such as injuries and accidents, stay safe, recognize safety and hygiene issues, and communicate with parents. Students receive materials that are useful both during the course and when they start babysitting, including a compact emergency reference guide, an interactive CD-ROM and an electronic babysitting client organizer.

“According to a Red Cross survey, parents have more confidence in hiring a Red Cross-trained babysitter to care for their children,” said Caroline Boardman, communications director for ARCNENY.

“They prefer hiring a sitter who has taken the class and knows what to do when caring for their children.”

Join the American Red Cross for a Babysitter’s Training Course. All training courses are held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (unless otherwise specified) and include a lunch break.

Students should dress comfortably and bring a pen or pencil and lunch.

Training courses will be held throughout the region on the following dates:

•June 2: NENY Red Cross, 33 Everett Road, Albany

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Walk raises \$85,000

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More than 700 people walked in support of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation at the Crossings in Colonie on Saturday, May 5, raising more than \$85,000 to support research and mission critical programs for two diseases that have no known cause or cure.

Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis is the nation's largest walk devoted to raising funds and awareness for painful digestive diseases.

This year's walk honored two local children:

14-year-old Emily Borges of Guilderland and 5-year-old Kenny Smith of Fonda. Emily has been battling Crohn's disease since she was 10 and Kenny since he was only a year old.

"I am hopeful that one day there will be a cure, it will be a brighter future for me, Kenny and others with these diseases," said Emily. "What we go through is tough, but the support from the community really helps me and everyone living with Crohn's and Colitis."

For more information, contact Linda Winston at lwinston@ccfa.org or call 608-5069.



More than 700 walkers start the 5k walk to raise awareness and funds for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Upstate Northeastern NY at the Crossings in Colonie on Saturday, May 5.

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Musgrave is in demand as a speaker and consultant nowadays.



Story Musgrave took part in six space flights during his 30 years with NASA.

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a fascinating STORY

Veteran astronaut to speak at Proctors

Story Musgrave wasn't much for sitting in a classroom.

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Stockbridge, Mass., Musgrave liked being busy, being active, being useful. He drove trucks and tractors when he was just 10 years old. He could fix the machines himself by the time he was 13.

So really, high school never had much of a shot.

"I had a real life," Musgrave said recently of his decision to drop out. "I was enthralled with nature and work on the farm. I was more excited about that than school."

Education is a funny thing, though. Turns out the classroom isn't the only place to learn. After a tour of duty with the Marines, Musgrave enrolled at Syracuse University, having earned his GED while in the service. He earned a mathematics degree, and in the years that followed, he added seven advanced degrees to his resume. He was a computer programmer, a trauma surgeon, a professor and an astronaut, helping to launch America's space program.

The key, Musgrave said, was that he studied subjects that were hands-on, offering lessons beyond lectures.

"Medical school was not sitting around reading books," he said. "You have labs and you have patients."

And Musgrave realized that education could take him places, places far beyond his family's dairy farm.

"I saw where it was going," he said. "It was going somewhere. It was building a life."

By all accounts, Musgrave's enjoyed a fascinating life. Now 76, he shows no signs of slowing down. He teaches. He does consulting

work for a dizzying array of companies. He's also in demand as a public speaker. That last role will bring him to the Capital District on Saturday, May 12, when he visits Proctors Theater in Schenectady.

Listen to Musgrave that night, or any time he talks, and you'll still hear traces of the restless kid he once was. Musgrave professes to have "no idea" why he pursued some of the paths he did; they simply captured his interest. Why did he go to Syracuse?

"I really don't know," he said.

A friend recommended the school – odd, Musgrave said, since the friend was a Penn State alum. But being a high school dropout, even one with a GED, wasn't an easy sell in the admissions office, so his acceptance at Syracuse and his buddy's persuasion was enough to get him to enroll.

"It really worked out," Musgrave said. "I had a very good tour there."

Musgrave studied math and statistics – another decision he doesn't have much

explanation for – and landed a job as a mathematician at Eastman Kodak after graduation. He left there for UCLA to study for a master's degree in business. This was the late 1950s, when computers were still in their infancy. They captured Musgrave's imagination, and from there he learned about artificial intelligence. That made him curious about the body's nervous system. So next he earned a chemistry degree, which let him apply to medical school.

Musgrave went to medical school at Columbia and then interned at the University of Kentucky's hospital. But once again, he changed paths.

Having developed a love for flying – he first flew solo at 16 and served as an aircraft mechanic with the Marines – Musgrave was fascinated by an article that said NASA and the National Academy of Sciences were looking to hire scientist-astronauts who would also be trained as military jet pilots.

"I said, 'that's me.' That was the window," he said.

He left the internship and instead turned his attention to aerospace physiology, earning a master's degree in the field. In 1967, he was accepted to NASA's second class of scientist-astronauts.

Musgrave flew on six spaceflights. He doesn't really wax nostalgic about it, saying he liked "looking out the window" and "the freedom." He was the lead spacewalker on the Hubble Telescope repair mission, a

designation he attributes to his upbringing.

"I was a farm kid," he said. "I fixed things on the farm. That's why they asked me to fix the telescope. You don't learn that from books and computers."

All told, Musgrave spent a total of 1,281 hours, 59 minutes and 22 seconds in space before leaving NASA in 1997. These days, his home base is Florida, but Musgrave estimates he spends about 70 percent of his time on the road. It's not uncommon for him to give a talk at a company and then be invited back as a consultant, he said. His client list includes Dell, Apple and Disney, among many others.

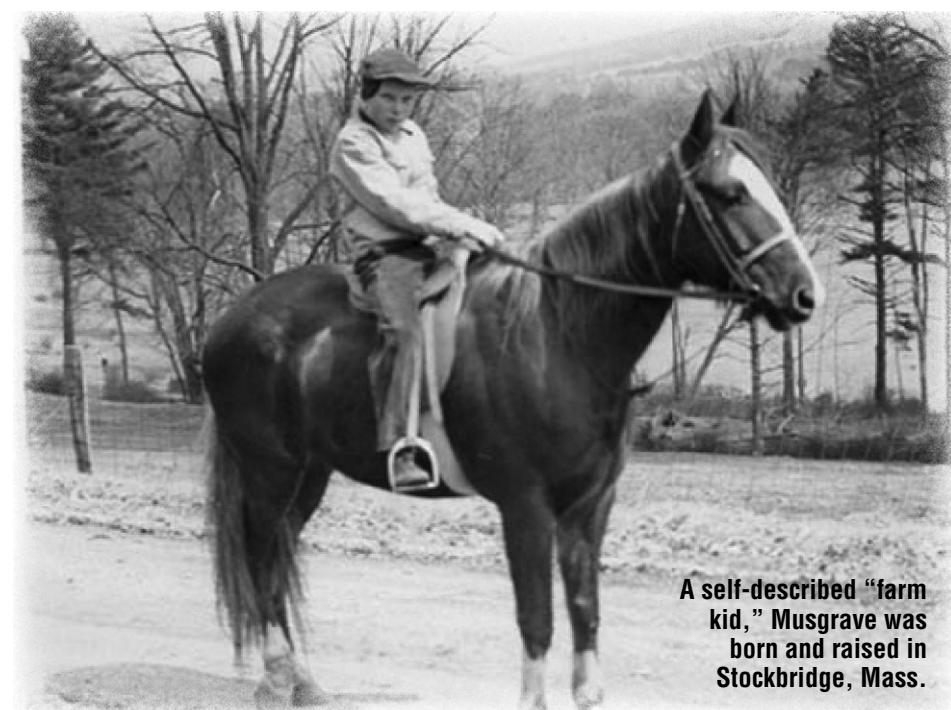
His presentations are not just about telling his story, he said. He strives to also learn about the people and places he visits. After all these years, his thirst for knowledge is still strong.

Being on the road, though, does pose one significant drawback. Musgrave had seven kids of his own, including a daughter named Story who is just 6 years old.

"She's a joyful little thing," Musgrave said. "She's the light of my life."

And what do you know? She's a farm kid, too. Musgrave's home outside Orlando is on a 140-acre farm where he grows palm trees.

Musgrave will speak at Proctors at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$20, or \$10 for students. For more information, visit www.proctors.org.



A self-described "farm kid," Musgrave was born and raised in Stockbridge, Mass.

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Musical group looking for singers of all abilities, performs concerts at Christmas and in the spring, pieces are familiar and fun to sing, no auditions are necessary, practices are 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Saint Clares’ Chapel, McClellan Street, Schenectady.

ETUDE CLUB

Looking for women interested in vocal and instrumental performance, meetings held the first Thursday of every month. Information, 374-5536.

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

Ongoing rehearsals for its winter concert, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park, no auditions required to join. Information, 371-6681.

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Openings for all voice parts for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of Orlanso and Western avenues, Albany. Information, 785-3567.

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Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 813-4299 or e-mail delmarcommunityorchestra@gmail.com.

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Several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

Arts and Entertainment

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Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Weekly Crossword

Zoo Story

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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ACROSS

- 1 Poland’s second-largest city
5 Work crew
10 Flushing stadium
14 Butter sub.
15 Squirreled-away item?
16 Walden, e.g.
17 Farming prefix
18 Topps bubble gum kid
20 Hindu chants
22 Reared up
23 Repaired boots
25 Member of *The A-Team*
26 Chunky
29 City in a Glenn Miller tune
34 Wall Street plunges
36 Comedian Carvey
37 Limb
38 Skeptic’s retort
39 Vaulted
41 Oscar-winning musical of 1958
42 Babe
43 E. ____ bacteria
44 Biblical landfall
46 One who solves this crossword?

- 49 Utopias
50 Mama has a couple
51 November birthstone
53 Hitchhike
56 42 Across, to Algonquians
60 It meanders through Mississippi
64 Fortright
65 Nabokov novel
66 Conjure up
67 New Zealander
68 A snap
69 Like holes in the ozone layer
70 Dispatch

DOWN

- 1 Arable soil
2 Gymnast Korbut
3 *Jurassic Park* actress
4 Luis Valdez musical
5 Scheming group
6 The Cars singer Ric
7 *New Yorker* cartoonist Chast
8 Expert
9 ____-cone
10 Greek city-state
11 Ramada rival, for short

- 12 Outfielder Slaughter
13 *Zip-____Doo-Dah*
19 Vibe
21 Campus military gp.
24 Arp or Ernst, e.g.
25 Devilfish
26 ‘72 Olympic hero
27 No-no
28 ____ a customer
30 Once around the track
31 The Congo, today
32 Big wind instrument
33 Excludes
35 Trudges
40 Yale alum
41 Holy Toledo!
43 Lounge band
45 Harvest
47 Smelling of citrus
48 Kansas capital
52 Peeling tool
53 Use an IBM Selectric
54 Mandlikova, of tennis
55 Israeli automatics
57 Andy Taylor’s son
58 Stitched
59 Oklahoma city
61 Memb. of congress
62 St. ____ of Chartres
63 U. of Tennessee athlete

Your Community in The Spotlight

History hike for Heritage Weekend

On Saturday May 19, from 9 to 11 a.m., historian Tim Albright will lead a History Hike and teach about the bygone times of the Indian Ladder Region while strolling the panoramic cliff top trail. Learn about the history of the area and hear stories of some of the former residents. At 9 a.m., participants will meet at the Thatcher Park Upper Overlook parking area and walk to Hailes Cave, about one and a half mile away. Participants may continue or return to their vehicles after the walk.

Appropriate footwear for hiking is suggested and binoculars may be brought along. There is no fee for the hike. To register and for more information about the hike, call the park office at 872-1237 or visit www.nysparks.com for information on parks programs.

Clematis Garden Club plant sale

The Clematis Garden Club is hosting its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to noon or until the plants are sold. The sale will be held at Bryant’s Square Shopping Center, Greenville, in front of the Just A Buck Store. The club members will have a large variety of easy to grow perennials, annuals, grasses, vegetables, indoor plants and some hardscape items. The plants are offered at a reasonable price and the sale is open to the public. For further information, call Carol Boyd at 966-5249

DCO presents concert

The Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Vincent Bonafede, will present a Spring Concert on Monday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The concert, which will include classical selections by Liszt, Gounod, and Telemann, is free and open to the public.

BC competes in National Science Bowl



Members of the Bethlehem Central High School Science Bowl team concentrate on mapping out a magnetic field in the first round of the high school division team challenge competition at the U.S. Department of Energy National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. on Friday, April 27.

Submitted photo

For more information about the Orchestra, visit the DCO website, www.delmarcommunity-orchestra.com.

Learn to camp at Five Rivers

A hands-on clinic on how to go tent camping will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m.

At this interactive primer, Center naturalists will show and tell everything you need to know to have a successful and enjoyable tent camping experience. Participants will help select a site, pitch a tent, set up a dining fly, collect firewood, and more. This clinic will discuss basic equipment, safety, hygiene and wildlife pests, as well as best places to go tent camping.

This program is open to the public free of charge but space is limited. Call the Center at 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, May 23.

In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled.

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is a designated New York State Watchable Wildlife site, where wildlife viewing opportunities abound. Learn more by visiting “Watchable Wildlife” at www.dec.ny.gov.

Plant sale perfect for Mother’s Day

The Guilderland Elementary School PTA Mother’s Day Plant Sale is Thursday, May 10, and Friday, May 11, in the cafeteria during all lunch periods. Packs of annuals will be available for \$1.75 per pack with a \$7 maximum purchase. Please note, these are updated prices for 2012. The GES website may reflect old information.

Flower purchases on Thursday are reserved for children only to allow them first choice. Keep in mind the children will be transporting their flowers home on the bus. This is not a PTA fundraiser. Any extra flowers will be donated to the Garden Club.

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc to meet

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, May 11, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The general meeting starts at 9:45 a.m., doors open at 9:15. There is a \$5 visitor donation.

The program includes a general meeting, show and share and a lecture: Machine Quilting for Today’s Quilts with Sue Nickels.

For information, call 393-2284 or check www.quiltinc.org.

Send in your photos for grad wall

The Bethlehem Central Graduation Celebration Photo Wall is coming together, but the organizers need help. The night of the senior celebration the hallway in the high school gets wallpapered with pictures of the graduates. The kids love looking at pictures of themselves and their friends on the wall.

The organizers need group photos of seniors with friends\classmates taken at any age/grade

level K-12.

Print them as an 8x10 so there is one photo per sheet of plain printer paper (not glossy or photo paper). Printed photos can be dropped off at the high school main office or sent to 58 Greenock Road, Delmar, 12054. Pictures will be not be returned.

The submission deadline is June 1. If you have any questions, contact Liz Dole at ldole@nycap.rr.com

Swap out your own plants

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

Do you have plants that have become too big for their space? Then this is the place to be on May 12. You are invited to share your excesses with those in need. Whether it is your reliable and colorful Day Lilies, your ever expanding Iris clumps, or a mound of Hardy Geranium that needs

thinning, plant swapping is the way to share your over abundance with those just starting out or planning a new perennial bed. Please bring your healthy plants to swap and pick out new favorites to take home from our diverse and unexpected variety. Plant swapping is free!

There will also be a small selection of annuals as well as handmade birdhouses for sale. Complimentary coffee and danishes will also be available. Master Gardeners will be on hand for soil testing, helpful gardening information and advice.

All proceeds will go to support the church’s ministries.

Hiking safety to be shown at Five Rivers

A presentation on hiking and backpacking safety will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m.

At this indoor program, DEC Forest Ranger Karen Glesmann will discuss basic equipment, tips on map reading, how not to get lost—and what to do if you do and other expert advice about safety on the trail. Come prepared to ask questions. Scout groups are welcome.

This program is open to the public free of charge but space is limited. Call the center at 475-0291 by Wednesday, May 23, to register or for more information.

Annual blood drive set

A blood drive will be held Saturday, May 12, at Helderberg Reform Church, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This will be the 16th annual drive in memory of Kenneth Rivers. Call the church office at 861-8031 for an appointment or Roc’sanna at 861-7453. Walk ins are also welcome.

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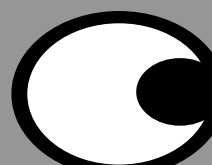
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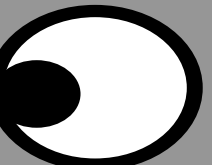
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The Living Resources Foundation will honor a pair of business and community leaders who have demonstrated an extended history of support and encouragement for individuals with disabilities during the annual Bishop Howard J. Hubbard Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 18. The event

will take place at 11:30 a.m. at the Empire Room of the Albany Marriott. James H. Riccardi and Drue Sanders Custom Jewelers will be recognized for their service to Living Resources with the Bishop Howard J. Hubbard Award during the luncheon. Both honorees represent exemplary service to the mission

of the Living Resources community, which is to provide life-enhancing services to more than 1,200 individuals with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries in the Capital Region. Riccardi passed away in December 2011. His wife, Gayla, will be accepting the in memoriam award on his behalf.

The award is named after Living Resources founder and first board president, Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany.

“Jim and Drue are an inspiration to each of our community members with their tireless advocacy, generosity and substantial impact over the years on the lives of individuals challenged by disabilities,” said Fredrick W. Erlich, CEO of Living Resources. “We look forward to honoring them with this special award and our profound thanks, and to demonstrate that although Jim is sorely missed, he remains forever in the hearts of our community.”

Tickets to the Bishop Howard J. Hubbard Awards Luncheon are \$65 per person. Reservations are required and should be received no later than May 11. To reserve tickets, call Joan Meyer at 218-0000, ext. 5330.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the scholarship fund of the Living Resources College Experience Program at the College of Saint Rose. The College Experience Program offers students challenged with developmental disabilities the opportunity to experience college life and equips them with the skills to live independently, to secure employment and to pursue higher education.

Milestones

Ronald L. Whiteman

Glenmont - Ronald L. Whiteman, 77, died Sunday, April 29, 2012 at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in



Hudson, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Mildred (Goes)

Whiteman. He graduated from Cossackie Athens High School and attended Cornell University. Mr. Whiteman began his career at Agway in their sales training program. He later worked for Sun Oil for ten years and joined Marshalls Garage in Ravena for 18 years where he was sales manager. Mr. Whiteman was a long time member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church where he also served as Elder and President. He belonged to the Albany Yacht Club for 30 years and served as Commodore for five years. He was an active boater and numerous trips along the Hudson River and Lake Champlain as Captain of the “Macadamia”.

He is survived by

his wife Ethel (Kleinke) Whiteman, brothers, Brian (Mary Margaret) Whiteman and David (Patty) Whiteman, all of Athens, NY; his special godson, Adam Biszick and his canine companion, Sabrina.

Affectionately known as “Uncle Ron” to many young people, he is also survived by four generations of nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express a special thank you to the staff at St. Peter's Hospital, Dr. Robert Kelleher and to Rev. David Nuss for their care and concern.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 3, 2012 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Relatives and friends were invited.

Those who wish may send memorial contributions to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 75 Whitehall Rd., Albany, NY 12209 or to the Capital City Rescue Mission, 259 South Pearl St, Albany, NY 12202. Online condolences may be offered at www.danielkeeneanfuneralhome.com

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raises 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.

According to 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.

"I thought that in the end, through negotiations, the two sides came up with a contract that was responsible to taxpayers and the needs of the school district," said Rounds. "And at the same time, it maintains a professional working relationship for the staff."

According to the district, the current proposals and past union concessions will have saved BC schools more than \$5 million over eight years.

The BPA also agreed to a contract

with savings in "health care contributions and administrative costs" over a three-year span.

"Our members have always sought to support the district, its students and community," said BPA President Heidi Bonacquist in a news release. "That's why we took a true salary freeze last year, and why we have agreed to this contract that assists the district financially and ensures a quality education for all the children in our community."

BC Superintendent Tom Douglas said although the savings in administrative costs may not seem substantial, there are only 12 members in the BC principal's union and "knowing we are on stable ground for the foreseeable future allows the district some much-needed peace of mind."

Douglas in the past had called the negotiations "positive" and respectful.

"It shows that everyone understands what's at stake here," Board of Education President Diane Giaccone Stever said in a statement. She offered gratitude to all employees on behalf of the board.

"When it comes down to it, we're all here for one reason, the kids," she said.

Rounds said the agreement could still impact the 2012-2013 budget in the future once it is finalized.

"The salaries teachers will receive next year are considerably lower than what the district budgeted for so it could lead to returning some of the positions slated to be removed," he said.

According to Rounds, the teacher union members are expected to vote on the contract on May 21. He anticipates it will pass.

"The actions by these two groups are prime examples of shared sacrifice," Douglas said in a statement. "We have made many painful cuts and reductions during this budget process, but you can't cut your way to excellence. The work conducted by parties on both sides of the table will help us maintain Bethlehem's record of being among the top districts in the state."

The public will vote on the 2012-13 school year budget on Tuesday, May 15.

Final mission for fighter jets

Two of the three newly acquired aircraft of the Empire State Aerosciences Museum in Glenville took an unlikely trip to reach their destination on Monday, April 30. As most people were sleeping, at around 1 a.m. the aircrafts steadily cruised out onto the streets of Schenectady before crossing Freemans Bridge into their new hometown of Glenville.

The planes traveled up the Erie Barge Canal from New York City, where the aircraft were kept at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. The aircraft were docked across from the Waters Edge Lighthouse Restaurant & Inn in Glenville before being moved by a crane to an open lot across from the ALCO Heritage Museum.



The three aircraft include a Supermarine Scimitar twin engine Naval Fighter, F-03D-2 Douglas Skynight and a Russian designed MIG-15. Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

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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) (May 9, 2012)

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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) (May 9, 2012)

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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) (May 9, 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 with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80280 (D) (May 9, 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) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LARA'S MENAGERIE MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/12. Office loca-

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tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80282 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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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) (May 9, 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) (May 9, 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. 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) (May 9, 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) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of R Marsac Consulting, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/12. Office location: 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) (May 9, 2012)

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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) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Pyrrho Capital Management, LP. App. for Auth. filed

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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) (May 9, 2012)

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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) (May 9, 2012)

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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) (May 9, 2012)

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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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80476 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Ambica III LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/29/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1579 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80477 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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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) (May 9, 2012)

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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) (May 9, 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) (May 9, 2012)

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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 Lake Ave Box 13, Albany, NY 12208 Purpose: any lawful activity. 80591 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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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) (May 9, 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) (May 9, 2012)

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ROETTENKILL ASSOCIATES, LLC Notice of formation of ROETTENKILL ASSOCIATES, 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) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of formation of OHD-SOUTHEIND 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.

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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) (May 9, 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) (May 9, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (May 9, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (May 9, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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. 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, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 80823 (D) (May 9, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (May 9, 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) (May 9, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (May 9, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the limited liability company is RJM Development, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on April 13, 2012.
3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.
4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: 524A Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.
5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in any business purposes permitted by law. 80994 (D) (May 9, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CLOS THALES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/17/12. 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. 80995 (D) (May 9, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ONE PEAR PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/17/12. 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. 80996 (D) (May 9, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of OHD-VETERANS TROY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 4/18/2012. 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. 80999 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of SHEPHERD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/23/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81000 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Articles of Organization of DCyr Realty, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 23, 2012, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 160 Witter Road, Altamont, New York 12009, which is the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 81005 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation 23-67 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/20/2012. 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. 81006 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Inward Unfold Design LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/23/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81007 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Adhara New York, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/16/2012. 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. 81008 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of LOVESICK LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/9/12. Fictitious name in NY State: LOVESICK MOVIE LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/4/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 9159 Delano Street, Unit 9901, Naples, FL 34113. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 81114 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 3/23/12. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 24 Mercer St., Albany, NY 12203. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. 81115 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Sechrist Travel, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/25/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 29 West 148th St., 6F, New York, NY 10037. For any legal purpose. 81119 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of JOEY YAP RESEARCH INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/26/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81120 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of AM-ERISHIELD, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/23/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81121 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Pyramid Financial Solutions, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/18/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Indiana (IN) on 6/28/06. 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. IN address of LLC: 3603 E. Raymond St., Indianapolis, IN 46203. Arts. of Org. filed with IN Secy. of State, 302 W. Washington St., Room E018, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activity. 81124 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION of CST TAX ADVISORS LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/23/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 1330 Ave. of Americas, Level 23, NY, NY 10019. DE address of LLC: 1201 N. Orange St. #732. Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St. Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 81130 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC").

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Name of LLC: Retirement & Benefit Partners of Central New York, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 30, 2012. LLC office location: 10 Gales Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: 10 Gales Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC shall be member-managed. 81132 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Kind Family, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/18/12. 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 7 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 81134 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of KVD-licious Konfexionz, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/12/12. 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 6 Jeanette St., Albany, NY 12209. Purpose: any lawful activities. 81135 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Qual. of I Will Survive, LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/13/12. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 12/28/11. SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to 274 Madison Ave., Ste. 801, NY, NY 10016. DE off. addr.: NRAI, 160 Greentree Dr., Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp.: any lawful activities. 81136 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Qual. of DUDAY, LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/10/12. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 3/7/12. SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. DE off. addr.: NRAI, 160 Greentree Dr., Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp.: any lawful activities. 81137 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Compound Strategies Group LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/16/2012. Off. Loc.: Schenectady Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1243 Waters Road, Scotia, NY 12302. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81138 (D) (May 9, 2012)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)
May 9, 2012 - Date of publication
New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)
38-40 State Street
Albany, New York 12207

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(518) 402-3392
On or about May 17, 2012, the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990, in accordance with section 288 (42 U.S.C. 12838), to undertake a project known as HOME Down Payment Assistance, for purposes of down payment assistance and closing costs provided to 12 low-income households to purchase one-to-four unit existing structures on unidentified scattered sites throughout Albany County. This is a home buyer program that uses HOME funds for downpayment assistance that may include purchase of properties that require rehabilitation of the property after the sale. Repairs to the home may include roofs, furnace replacement, septic system repairs, electrical and plumbing. If site disturbance is necessary during these activities, it will not be of previously undisturbed ground. The activities proposed are Categorically Excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at: Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, Inc. 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Barbara H. Wigzell, RA, Director, Environmental Analysis Unit, NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York, 12207. All comments received by May 16, 2012 will be considered by HTFC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.
RELEASE OF FUNDS
HTFC certifies to HUD that Ms. Barbara H. Wigzell, RA in her capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows HTFC to use Program funds.
OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and HTFC's certification received by June 1, 2012 or for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of HTFC; (b) HTFC has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Director of Community Planning and Development U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 26 Federal Plaza New York, New York 10278-0068

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Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Ms. Barbara H. Wigzell, RA
Certifying Officer
81117 (D)
(May 9, 2012)

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BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
This Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the following:
SURPLUS VEHICLES FOR SALE
Bids will be received until 2 PM on May 30, 2012 at Bethlehem Central School District, Transportation Department, 82 Van Dyke Rd, Delmar, New York 12054, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Details of items to be sold on an "as is" basis are available at the same office or by calling 439-3830. Bid forms may be obtained by calling the Transportation Department. Surplus vehicles may be inspected between the hours of 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM Mon-Fri until May 24, 2012. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening.
Board of Education
District Clerk

81125 (D)
(May 9, 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 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,

Girls

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who represent what they'll eventually become made a big difference in the junior high schoolers opening up, said Angell.

"Having those high school role models tell them they went through the same thing and they survived I think is really strong for them," said Angell.

Omer said her comfort level allowed her to get more out of the program.

"I felt pretty comfortable in the group

since we all knew each other and I think it came to me naturally because we're so comfortable with each other and got along together," said Omer. "I have a little bit of trouble with confidence but ... it kind of built on to our confidence and gave us skills to be better role models in our community."

The girls recently spent an afternoon with well-known leaders from the community for a panel discussion and group work. Benita Zahn from WNYT, Paula Mahan, Town of Colonie supervisor, Dr. Fatemah Shadi, a scientist and Dr. Shannon O'Neill,

director of women's studies at Siena College were among the visitors.

"They talked about public speaking and how it was a big impact on their community," said Omer.

Patel said hearing women they all know and look up to talk about their own struggles and offer advice was eye-opening.

"They talked about how you may not be certain with what you may do in life in the future but if you work hard ... you'll be able to do it," said Patel. "It was really helpful because these are people we all look up to ... and it was

really cool seeing someone there talking to you one-on-one about their life experience."

Omer and Patel said they'd recommend other girls join Girls Take Charge.

"It really helps you out. I think it made a really big impact on me confidence-wise ... and I feel like if I really put forward my best effort I can really make a change in my community,"

said Omer.

Angell said the program also helps ease the transition from middle school to high school.

"For our 8th-graders, it's nice for them to feel connections to the high school so next year there's girls in the hallway they've gotten to know, so it makes the transition to high school safer and more secure for those kids," said Angell.

It also made an impact on the older girls running the group.

"I think in any position when you are teaching somebody else something you get a heightened sense of awareness and I think it was good for (the high school girls) to work with those junior high girls and remember those obstacles they've faced and overcome," said Angell.

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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

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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 ex-

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cept 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.

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)

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qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the 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 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

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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 Inspector 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 elec-

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tion to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education 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 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

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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 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

81126 (D)

(May 9, 2012)



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Eagles rack up relay wins

Distance medley team sets school and meet record

By SPORTS STAFF
jonasr@spotlightnews.com

The Bethlehem boys track and field team picked up 10 victories at last Saturday's George Muse Relays in Glens Falls.

The Eagles' top performance came in the distance medley relay, where the team of Steve Booker, Mike Fast, Matt Crawford and Luke Carpinello set a school and meet record with its first-place time of 10:25.92.

Drwe Duguid and Jake Abbuhl anchored three winning Bethlehem field relay teams. Duguid, Abbuhl and Adrian Bergere won the high jump relay, and the team of Duguid, Abbuhl and Brian Greenberg finished first in the long jump and triple jump relays.

Dan Robenson and Ben Young helped two Bethlehem freshman relay teams earn victories. Robenson and Young teamed up with Liam Martenz and Hassan Beesley to win the freshman sprint medley relay in a time of 4:01.2. They then joined Connor Kimmy and Dan Ference to win the freshman 400 relay with a

time of 47.4 seconds.

The 1,600- and 6,400-meter relay teams also picked up victories for Bethlehem. The 1,600 relay team of Crawford, Carpinello, Scott Misler-Ferguson and Max Seiler won with a time of 3:32.81, and the 6,400 relay team of Tom Quackenbush, Noah Bell, Keith Machabee and Chris Shaw took first place with a time of 19:10.9.

Bethlehem's 800-meter relay team of Nkosi Boulware, Jeremy Shuman, Ryan Greenman and Jan Jenko won with a time of 1:34.4, while its discus relay team of Parker Ruetz, John Carswell and Nick Mellett took first place.

In other track and field action, the Guilderland girls team placed fourth at last Saturday's Colonie Relays. The Lady Dutch finished with 73 points, four points behind third-place Shenendehowa.

Guilderland's lone victory came in the high jump relay where the team of Catalena Diamante, Tessa Buckey and Gabby Delbene won by clearing a combined bar height of 14 feet, 8 inches.

The Lady Dutch had four second-place finishes, highlighted by Emily Burns' runner-up performance in the 2,000-meter steeplechase.

Burns made a late move around Holy Names' Jacqueline Willsey to place second with a time of 7:26.9. Berne-Knox-Westerlo's Courtney Tedeschi won the steeplechase title with a time of 7:25.9.

Guilderland also placed second in the distance medley relay, the pole vault relay and the discus relay. Shen won both the distance medley relay and the pole vault relay.

Voorheesville traveled to the Fonda Relays last Saturday, where its girls high jump relay team of Ashley Bates and Denise Schultz picked up a victory. Bates and Schultz cleared a combined bar height of 9 feet, 4 inches to win the event.

The track and field season continues this weekend with invitationals in Johnstown and Queensbury. The Suburban Council meets take place May 15 and 16.

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When this ordeal began, Jacob's dad, Randy, and I had been staying at a hotel. Even with the hospital discount it was still \$54.00 a night plus food and laundry, etc. A friend of Randy's suggested we contact the nearby Ronald McDonald House to see if they had a room. Thankfully, they did and suggested we speak to the Ronald McDonald House about a foundation called "Building on Love."

Building on Love had agreed to pay off our hotel bill and provided additional financial support to assist us with other bills that have piled up since Jacob became sick.

Our family is usually on the giving end. We are not used to being the ones in need. The kindness and generosity from Building on Love it has allowed our family to focus on Jacob and his recovery. We cannot thank you enough.

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Track action heats up

The Guilderland girls track team placed fourth at the Colonie Relays last Saturday, while the Bethlehem boys team turned in several first place finishes at the George Muse Relays in Glens Falls. The track and field season is in its final two weeks before Sectionals.

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Weekly poll

Which boys lacrosse player should be the Suburban Council's MVP?

- Dan Comber (Bethlehem)
- Stephen Farrell (Shaker)
- Luke Goldstock (Niskayuna)
- Trevor Hiss (BH-BL)
- Mike Jenkins (Shen)

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

Last week's poll results:

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

- Asa Goldstock 77%
- Anne Morrison 21%
- Lauren Huck 2%
- Lexie Ball 1%
- Logan Wollaber 0%



Guilderland's Shelby Iapocce (24) dodges through traffic during last Thursday's Suburban Council game against Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. The unbeaten Lady Dutch eased past the Spartans 19-3. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Lady Dutch on target

Chatnik is pleased with team's progress entering final week

By ROB JONAS
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The Guilderland girls lacrosse team has the No. 1 seed for the Section II Class A playoffs all but sewn up, but don't expect the Lady Dutch to let up.

Entering Monday's home game against Columbia, Guilderland is the lone remaining undefeated team in the Suburban Council.

The Lady Dutch have a 12-0 league record and a 14-0 overall mark, one game ahead of second-place Shaker.

"I like where we're at right now," said Guilderland coach Gary Chatnik. "The offense is playing well, and the defense is playing well."

The Lady Dutch still remember what happened last year, though. They entered Sectionals as the top seed and the four-time defending Class A champion, but they lost to Niskayuna 15-14 in a wild final.

"We found out the hard way

last year what happens if you're not at the top of your game," said Chatnik. "There are a lot of good teams out there."

So far, Guilderland has handled every challenge the Suburban Council has thrown at it. The Lady Dutch's closest league game was a 12-8 victory over Niskayuna April 17, which was followed with a 12-6 win against Shaker two days later. Nearly every other league victory has been by double digits.

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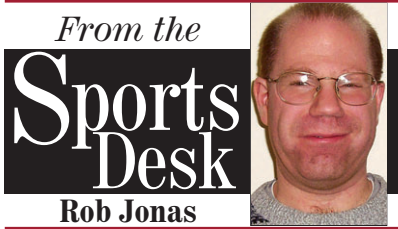
Another money mistake for NYRA

The New York Racing Association has another major problem to deal with.

The state's Racing and Wagering Board issued a preliminary report last week stating that the non-profit organization that operates Saratoga, Aqueduct and Belmont had knowingly taken a bigger share of "exotic bets" (i.e. trifectas and superfectas) than the state allowed for a 15-month period between September 2010 and December 2011. That led to nearly \$8.5 million dollars being withheld from bettors.

As a result of that preliminary report, NYRA's board of directors fired president Charlie Hayward and senior vice president Patrick Kehoe last Friday.

According to the Racing and Wagering Board's preliminary report, the 1 percent discrepancy began when NYRA failed to change its "takeout rate" (the amount off every bet that the organization keeps) from 26 percent to 25 percent when the board lowered the permissible level to 25 percent. Documents obtained by the Racing and Wagering Board showed Hayward was aware of the discrepancy, but neither Hayward nor NYRA did anything about it until the board learned of it last December.



The question is, what happened to the extra money NYRA kept during that 15-month period? Was it used to keep the organization running, or did someone pocket the money?

For those of you who have forgotten, NYRA hasn't exactly been good with money in the last decade. The organization filed for bankruptcy in November 2006 and only came out of it in 2008 after reaching a settlement with the state. NYRA gave up any right to claim the land Saratoga, Aqueduct and Belmont sit on to the state, and in return the state canceled the debt NYRA owed to it. The state also loaned NYRA \$105 million so it could pay off \$80 million in non-state debt and have \$25 million left over to keep operating.

It didn't take long for NYRA to get into

financial trouble again. The state had to issue a \$25 million emergency loan to the organization in May 2010 to prevent NYRA from shutting down. Two months later, the state comptroller's office issued a report stating NYRA's financial problems stemmed from failing to reduce operating expenses until February 2010 – four months before it asked the state for the loan – and relying on a yet-to-be-opened casino at Aqueduct for additional revenues from video lottery terminals. The Aqueduct VLTs began operating in October 2011 after several years of delays.

Now, NYRA is being accused of withholding money that it should have paid out to bettors. The discrepancy is minor, but the amount is major.

With that in mind, I must once again wonder why NYRA is running any race tracks in New York. Is the state Racing and Wagering Board – as well as the smaller Franchise Oversight Board – so afraid of what might happen if an outside contractor runs Saratoga, Aqueduct and Belmont that it would rather have an organization that has gone through bankruptcy once and nearly

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Eagles surprise Bison

Aldam and Miller combine on two-hitter for Bethlehem

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Bethlehem baseball team pulled off its biggest victory of the season by edging defending Section II Class AA champion Shaker 2-1 in last Friday's Suburban Council game in Delmar.

Pitchers Will Aldam and David Miller combined on a two-hitter for the Eagles (4-7 league, 5-9 overall). Shaker's lone run came in the top of the first inning.

Brendan Behan contributed a double for Bethlehem, which has won its last three Suburban Council games after starting the season 1-7 in the league.

Eric Egan doubled for Shaker (8-3, 11-3), which entered the game in sole possession of first place in the Suburban Council North Division.

The Eagles entered last Friday's game against Shaker off a 6-4 victory at Niskayuna last Wednesday.

Behan belted a home run, and Josh Peterson doubled for Bethlehem, which led 5-0 after three innings. Garrett Whitley singled three times for Niskayuna.