

Promoting peace

Bethlehem Central Middle School teacher Bill Reilly launched the Global Coalition Project after witnessing the attacks on the World Trade Center. See Page 3.



Nature ride

A bike ride from Pine Hollow Arboretum to Landis Arboretum and back is designed to bring attention to all they have to offer. See Page 22.



Alone at the top

The Guilderland boys lacrosse team moved into sole possession of first place in the Suburban Council South Division with a pair of victories last week. See Page 36.

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Getting ready to read

State's annual summer library promotion initiative
kicks off in Bethlehem

By MARCY VELTE
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In its continued effort to promote education outside of the classroom, the state has announced the beginning of this year's summer reading initiative in libraries throughout New York.

Each year, the New York State Library system selects different themes to help promote summer reading amongst children and teens when school is in recess. At a Capital District kick-off event held on Thursday, May 10, at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar, state officials announced the themes for this year's "Summer Reading at New York Libraries" program.

The state library system has asked children to "Dream Big — Read" this summer, while teens have been invited to "Own the Night." The hope is to have 1.8 million children and teens visiting the state's libraries during the summer season by 2017.

"I urge young people and their parents to commit themselves to summer reading," said state Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education Jeffrey Cannell. "It can have a very

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State officials, including state Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education Jeffrey Cannell, above, announced the themes for this year's "Summer Reading at New York Libraries" program Thursday, May 10, at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar.

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Early budget forecast bleak

Bethlehem's budget gap
to run up to \$3.5M

By MARCY VELTE
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The Town of Bethlehem is facing a possible \$3.5 million budget gap for the coming year once the Selkirk Cogen energy plant goes back on the tax rolls.

Town Comptroller Mike Cohen and Supervisor John Clarkson presented a town budget projection for 2013 during the Wednesday, May 9, Town Board meeting. Cohen said the loss of the decades-old Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement, set to expire in December, will cost the town between \$1.5 and \$1.7 million in revenue for next year.

"The reason is simply we are facing a very difficult budget year," said Clarkson on why the Town is releasing a budget projection (not a proposal) so early in the year. "We have had some difficult budget years in the recent past, but this (gap) is much larger..."

The loss of the PILOT will result in an estimated 4 percent revenue decline for next year. The town is also expecting 3.4 percent expenditure increase over the current budget.

Members of the budget committee previously said unlike with current

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Bethlehem cop found guilty of felony

Often vocal Chris Hughes
could face seven years
in prison

By MARCY VELTE
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An Albany County jury found a Bethlehem police officer guilty on Wednesday, May 9, of possessing a fake identification card in order to purchase a retired police officer badge.

Christopher Hughes, 40, of Feura Bush, was found guilty of criminal possession of a forged instrument, a felony. He is set to be sentenced on June 26, by which time Hughes' lawyer, Robert

Molloy, said they would decide whether to appeal the decision. He could face up to seven years in prison.

"Our stance was and has been that officer Hughes did not have knowledge that that retirement card was fake or fraudulent and he did not use it to deceive anybody," said Molloy after the verdict was read.

Albany County Assistant District Attorney Linda Griggs maintained throughout the three-day trial that Hughes "took matters into his own hands" when attempting to obtain the badge.

"Christopher Hughes was not entitled to a retired police badge

because he was not retired," she said.

Hughes was arrested for the incident in October of 2011. Police said Hughes submitted a forged police retirement identification card to Galls, a Kentucky-based company that sells equipment, supplies and clothing for emergency responders. The company also processes badges and identifications. Hughes provided the card in order to have a police retirement badge processed.

Hughes is an officer in the Bethlehem Police Department but has been off active duty on □ Cop Page 27



Bethlehem police officer Christopher Hughes was recently found guilty of criminal possession of a forged instrument, a felony.

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Sewing the seeds of hope

Delmar man organizes machine collection for overseas donation

By MARCY VELTE
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Somewhere in their homes, most people have an old and unwanted sewing machine.

Maybe the old machine has been passed down through generations of seamstresses, quilting is a forgotten hobby or the machine was an undesired gift. Delmar resident Charlie Hughes is now working to collect these old machines to help provide a better life for impoverished people around the world.

“People do one of two things,” said Hughes, “They throw out their old machines (instead of donating it) because they have a nice new one or they have an old one they refuse to get rid of because it has emotional value. I’m also guilty of this. I have a machine in my cellar that belonged to my late wife’s mother, but it’s still functional and workable so I’m finally going to give it away.”

Since 1999 the not-for-profit organization Pedals for Progress has collected old sewing machines to help provide people in need with a self-sustaining occupation. The group also collects old bicycles to be donated to developing counties where they are still needed for transportation.

Altogether, Pedals for Progress has collected and distributed over 130,000 bicycles in its 20-year history. Last year, Hughes collected 200 bikes through the help of the congregation of St. Vincent de Paul in Albany. Those bikes were sent to the East African country of Tanzania.

The bikes and often the sewing machines aren’t actually given away to people. They have to be purchased from a local agency distributing the items at market price. This serves not only to stimulate the local economy but also to strengthen the groups Pedals for Progress works with because those who pay for the items value them more.

“We say the bikes allow someone to get to a job, while with sewing machines provide the job,” said Beverly Merchant, a spokeswoman for the Pedals for Progress organization of New Jersey.

Merchant said collecting old sewing machines is harder than collecting old bikes. The group is looking for portable sewing machines in working condition that are electric. The older, manual pedal machines will sometimes be taken if they are in prime condition.

“There are fewer in our country that are in working condition,” she said. “With the bikes, people overseas can repair them, while a lot of times the sewing machines people need to have parts.”



Pedals for Progress collects old sewing machines that are in working condition in order to help overseas families make a living.

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Hughes, who has been volunteering with Pedals for Progress for eight years, said learning the sewing skill or trade is important in developing countries where there are often not stores for people to shop in. Also most of the children are required to wear uniforms to go to school and without a store or someone to make the uniform, they cannot attend.

Merchant agreed. “Home sewing businesses are important because most people

can’t afford a professionally made uniform,” she said.

The organization has now sent nearly 2,000 sewing machines to 13 different countries.

A consortium of Albany churches, including St. Vincent de Paul, All Saints Catholic Church and the Parish of Mater Christi, are now working through Hughes to hopefully collect 100 sewing machines this summer. On two Saturdays, June 2 and 16, from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m., the machines can be brought to St. Vincent de Paul on Madison Avenue in Albany. A \$10 donation is requested to cover shipping costs to other countries. A truck will then arrive to bring all of the machines to the organization’s headquarters in New Jersey.

“These donations will truly help better the lives of thousands,” said Merchant.

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Long-distance dedication

BC-led program connects students from across the globe to educate, help

By MARCY VELTE
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Eleven years ago, Bethlehem Central Middle School teacher Bill Reilly was on the Hudson River aboard the Half Moon replica ship with a handful of his students witnessing the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

In shock, it was there he realized educators around the world needed to come together to teach tolerance to avoid future acts of violence.

“Instead of reaching across the world with guns and bombs, I decided we needed to reach across the world with education and understanding,” he said.

Not long afterwards, through the help of the school district and other members of the community, Reilly began the Global Coalition Project. It is an organization that promotes peace, education and understanding between students around the world.

About 25 schools and 500 students from around the world participate in the program. About 118 of those students each year are the sixth-grade social studies students from BC Middle School. The students exchange

“It’s amazing what sixth-graders can accomplish when they work together.”

– Bethlehem Central Middle School teacher Bill Reilly

emails and packages back and forth, collaborate on projects, exchange artwork and chat via webcam.

Reilly said the project helps the students learn about different cultures and become more familiar with the world outside of their comfort zone. The Global Coalition is also weaved into their social studies lesson plans through a “Have and Have Not” unit. BC students learn how a third of the world’s population lives on less than \$1 a day, and that children in many parts of the world are unable to attend school because of the cost.

“They (the students) start realizing about socio-economic differences,” said Reilly. “We then give them projects to help impact the world for the better. It’s a great way for them to start to become global leaders.”

The organization recently began a global micro-lending bank that has helped nearly 100



The painting above is by a 12-year-old orphan from Jinja, Uganda.

people from around the world start a small business. Reilly said his students are in charge of vetting the applications of those who apply for a \$25 loan. Then they pick the businesses they feel will succeed and are in charge of making sure the loan gets repaid.

The start-up money for the banking project was donated by the Casey family of Bethlehem.

Reilly said, “It’s amazing what sixth-graders can accomplish when they work together.”

Throughout the year, the social studies classes also collect the artwork sent to them from the various schools in the Global Coalition. At the end of each year the artwork is then auctioned off and the proceeds are donated to an



ABOVE: A rose drawing is from a student at St. Marks Secondary School in New Delhi India. LEFT: The apple still life portrait is by a high school student from Zlatoust, Russia.

Submitted photos

area in need. This year the proceeds will go to the not-for-profit organization The Giving Circle in Saratoga where they will assist the group in building a school in a poor Ugandan village.

The auction will feature 100 pieces of art from 11 different countries this year. The hope is to raise about \$3,000.

“Kids from around the world have contributed their art to help our cause,” said Reilly. “The fact is most of these students come from places where they are so poor they would never have been able to contribute themselves, but by sending it to us they can help raise the money. Some of it even goes back into their communities.”

The International Children’s

Art Auction is being held on Thursday, May 17, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School Library Media Center. The art preview will be held from 6:30 to 7 p.m. with the auction from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a \$2 admission fee, which includes light refreshments and string performances during the art preview.

Reilly said 50 to 100 people attend each year, many of whom specifically collect a certain genre of children’s art.

“We have some really stunning art. Some of the stuff from students in Russia looks professional and would look really nice on someone’s wall,” said Reilly.

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Route 20 crash ties up traffic



Traffic was at a standstill eastbound on Route 20 in Guilderland the morning of Friday, May 11, when an 18-wheeler collided with a sedan at the access road to Interstate 87 northbound.

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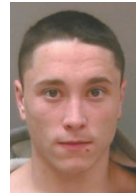
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Colonie teen faces drug charges

A Colonie teenager was arrested by State Police on drug charges following a four-month undercover investigation.

Robert P. Maciong, 16, of 2 Sharon Drive in Colonie was arrested on Wednesday, May 2, and charged with two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree (possession with intent to sell) and one count of criminal possession of marijuana in the fifth degree, following the execution of an early morning search warrant at his residence, said police.

Police seized quantities of Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA or “Molly”) cocaine and marijuana, along with currency believed to be the proceeds of illegal narcotics sales, said police. The undercover investigation was conducted by the State Police Community Narcotics Enforcement Team and the Colonie Police Department.



Robert P. Maciong

Swift arrest in bank robbery

Colonie police made a swift arrest in a Tuesday, May 1, bank robbery.

Brian D. Sweeney, 36, of 1579 Central Ave. Room 220 was arrested and charged with robbery in the third degree, a felony, and petit larceny, a misdemeanor, for allegedly robbing Citizen’s Bank in Northway Mall on Tuesday afternoon, according to police.



Brian D. Sweeney

At 1:44 p.m. on Tuesday, Colonie police were called to the Citizen’s Bank at 1440 Central Ave. for a reported robbery. There were no customers in the bank when Sweeney entered the bank and handed the teller a note announcing a robbery, said police. Sweeney was given \$500 and he then fled on foot, said police.

Responding officers, a Colonie police K-9 unit and a New York State Police helicopter began searching for Sweeney and at 3:08 p.m., an officer observed Sweeney exiting the woods at the southwestern corner of the intersection of Central Avenue and Wolf Road and took him into custody, recovering \$400 of the stolen money, said police.

Stolen handgun surfaces in brawl arrest

Following a fight that broke out early Saturday, May 6, police arrested a 19-year-old for possessing a stolen gun.



Domonique Earle

Just after midnight on Saturday, an Albany police officer on patrol pulled up to a “large fight” at Clinton Avenue and Ontario Streets, according to police. As police attempted to break up the fight, a person involved told police one subject in the fight had a gun.

While investigating the incident, police spoke with Domonique Earle, 19, of Third Street in Albany, and allegedly found a stolen 9mm handgun in her purse. Police said the handgun was reported stolen on March 2 in the Town of Rotterdam.

Earle was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree and criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree.

She was arraigned Saturday, May 6, morning in Albany City Court and remanded to the Albany County jail.

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It's never too late to make date – salad

By CAROLINE BARRETT

On April 16, I was driving my car home from work. It was going to be a usual kind of night; piano practicing, dinner to be made, homework to be done. I drove on through traffic, eager to be home. I'm always happy to be going home to my family at the end of a long day. So there I was, driving and thinking about all that had to be done on a Monday evening, when a thought struck me. It was April 16. Six days past April 10. I had forgotten our wedding anniversary. Paul had forgotten our anniversary. We had forgotten our anniversary.

I dug through my purse and dialed Paul. "Good grief!" I cried to him. "I can't believe we didn't remember." On our anniversary there was no candlelit dinner. No night away together in a cozy inn, no cards or gifts. Our anniversary had passed, a day like any other. And we didn't acknowledge it in any way.

Paul and I were married on April 10, 1999. It was a cold and drizzly evening in Syracuse. We invited all of our friends and family to a huge old inn, lit hundreds of candles, opened lots of bottles of wine, and celebrated. While the rain pelted the windows, we gathered around fireplaces, danced to our favorite band and

let the wine flow. There were tables filled with food in every room. I couldn't decide on one wedding cake so we ordered chocolates, tarts and other sweet things to eat. At midnight, the staff brought out rolls and carved up beef for tenderloin sandwiches. I didn't want the night to end. When an elderly friend of ours left that night, she pulled me aside. She took my hands in her own and said, "There was real love felt here in this room tonight." Her eyes filled with tears as she said this and she hugged me. Perhaps she thought of her own wedding, some 50 years before.

As the years go on, memories of that night have faded. It's become a little blurry, all of it. But that woman's words have stayed with me. I remember the dress she wore, the way her husband stood by, nodding his head and smiling as she spoke.

Paul and I decided that even though we forgot the day of our anniversary, it was still worth celebrating. Thirteen years and five days of being married deserves recognition. So we planned a day together. We would take the day off from work, drive to Hudson and tour Olana. The plan was to leave after kids stepped on the bus, and be home before dinner.

I was so excited for

Our Daily Plate

Caroline Barrett



our day together. Paul and I have long wanted to visit Olana, Frederick Church's estate in Hudson. Built in 1870 and copying the styles of architecture and design he and his wife saw on their travels to the Middle East, the house sits on 250 acres. I dreamed of us walking, slowing, through the rooms, admiring the intricate tiles and beautiful colors. We would listen to the tour guide. This we could do, of course, because we wouldn't have children in tow.

After the tour, we would take a long and leisurely walk through the wooded grounds, taking in the views of the Catskill Mountains. From the highest point of the property we would see the Hudson River as it makes its winding way toward the Atlantic. Yes, I dreamed.

Only, it was not meant to be. On the day we planned our getaway, I woke feeling dizzy and hot. These minor discomforts gave way to shivers and chills and aches. I spent the day in bed, not at Olana, frolicking with my

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love on the landscaped grounds. Paul might tell you that he wasn't planning on frolicking anyway. But as I lay in bed, hot and cold and sick and feeling very sorry for myself, I was sad for all the frolicking I imagined we would have done.

Paul checked on me, made cups of tea and heated up soup as I lay in bed that day. It wasn't exactly a page from a storybook romance. The next day, I felt better. And we were back to work, back to schedules, back to the life we lead everyday. Olana, sitting high atop that hill down in Hudson, had to wait.

We'll do it another day, I told myself. But the days are short and schedules are greedy. They eat up our

Spiced Rice and Date Salad

A warm weather dish inspired, like Frederick Church was, by the culture of the Middle East. The turmeric in this dish turns the rice a lovely shade of yellow.

- 2 cups cooked green lentils
- 1 1/2 cups cooked basmati rice
- 1/2 cup chopped dates
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricots
- 3/4 cup toasted and chopped almonds
- 1 small shallot, minced
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- juice of 1 lemon
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- sea salt and black pepper, to taste

Combine the lentils with the rice, dates, apricots and almonds, In a small glass bowl, whisk together the oil, lemon juice and spices. Pour over the lentil mixture and stir gently. Taste and adjust seasonings. Marinate for a few hours. Best the next day.

time and still ask for more. Now, a month later, we still have not gone to Olana. We haven't made our dreamy, romantic day trip, but we have enjoyed each other's company. We have sat together over steamy cups of coffee, spread mulch in our garden and

taken our dog for a long walk on the rail trail. Once, a few nights ago, we sat together, all five of us, at the dinner table. Zoe talked loudly about her upcoming birthday. Lucy was planning on making a

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Program all about the right Choices

By KIM McHUGH

The author is a volunteer with the Choices 301 anti-DWI program. She resides in Glenmont with her husband and children.

Back in 2009, I read an article in the Times Union about a man named Ed Frank. He had been at the Albany-Saratoga Speedway and spoke to Ed Biittig, Sr. Ed Biittig wrote an article about his turns in life and meeting up with Ed Frank and Choices 301.

I checked out the website of Choices 301 and dropped a note to Ed Frank to tell him to continue the good work. I briefly explained how my daughter, Jacqueline, had died in an accident due to speed back in 2007 and that he should keep spreading the word on safe driving. Shortly after that, Ed contacted me and left a voice mail. He explained in a little more detail about Choices 301 and asked if I wanted to come and speak to a group that was showing up the next week. I didn't hesitate to call back and say yes. I still don't hesitate to this day.

Choices 301 came about as the result of Ed Frank and his son, Ed Jr. Ed Jr. was a policeman, like his father, and they loved the stock car racing. Ed Jr. wanted young people to know that speed belonged on the racetrack, not on the highway. Unfortunately, cancer took the life of Ed Jr. four months after he was diagnosed. Ed Sr. carries his message at Choices 301 now.

April through June is the busiest time. Each time I am there, I listen and watch as Ed explains why he runs this program. He takes young people around the room to explain the shoes (a collection to represent victims of drunk driving), the pieces of cars, and the photographs (some very graphic). Each time I am there, I notice something I did not before. Each time I

Point of View

am there, I hope that at least ONE of those students will listen and take something back with them to keep them safe.

Some speakers at Choices 301 have been there since the beginning. Others have come and gone. It is an amazing place with an amazing message. "You are the choices you make." I reiterate the message many times. When I speak, I tell of my daughter's accident, the day of the accident and how our family has continued on. Some days are harder than others to speak. A speaker could be an alcoholic, a former drug user, an inmate at the county jail, a policeman, a victim of drunk driving or a family member.

I have listened to a man named Dean who has been through the system because of drugs. He has bounced back and now works with the system to help others. Kids relate to him as he is from a small, local community and tells it like it is. There's no holding back for Dean. I have listened to a woman named Linda who lost her daughter over 20 years ago when she was hit by a drunk driver. Linda expresses her sadness at how much her daughter is missed and how much she did not get to accomplish. I have listened to Ed Biittig tell his story of being an alcoholic and what it did to him and his family. I have listened to an inmate who is in jail from a drunken driving charge and hasn't seen his kids in months. I have listened to a man in a wheelchair that lost his legs in an accident when he was hit by a drunk driver. I have seen State Troopers come with a rollover vehicle to simulate

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what happens in an accident when you don't have your seatbelt on.

To some people, this may seem brutal to present to groups of high school teenagers. But today's teens have seen much more than many of us have just by watching television, or viewing things on the Internet. It's an "in-your-face" approach but it gets their attention. It's reality. Ed asks us all whether we want to continue to speak, as to whether we think we're doing the right thing by showing them the pictures and letting them listen. They need to see this from a reality point – not from a television show that makes it look neat and clean.

There are many hands in the molding of Choices 301 but Ed Frank is the artist. He had the vision and he and his wife, Shirley, continue to press on each day to bring their safety message to others. I encourage you to visit www.choices301.com to see what a message of safety looks like.

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Thanks for supporting team

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

We would like to thank the Bethlehem community for its assistance to the Bethlehem High School History Bowl Team. As a result of the generosity of the community members who made purchases at our bake sales, and the assistance of the Bethlehem Central Community Foundation, we were able to send 12 students to compete in the National History Bee and Bowl Competition in

Washington, D.C. on April 28. It was exciting to join over 100 teams from around the country (and even a team from Guam) in testing our mastery of history. The setting of the matches added to the excitement, as many were held in embassies or historic sites around the District of Columbia. Both the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams advanced beyond the first round of the competition to the contention round, and

the J.V. team advanced from there to the final 16-team elimination bracket, seeded seventh.

We are already looking forward to next year's competition.

James Barriere, Rafael Castro, Jonah Goldberg, Satjiv Kanwar, Sam Levitt, Kartik Ramkumar, Max Rosenberg, Asher Salik, Tom Sheridan, Chad Turner, Ben Weinstein, Eric Wolfsberg

Democrats need democracy

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Democratic Party Committee Chair Matthew Clyne's predictably hostile response (*Spotlight* 5/9/12) to the recent emergence of the Bethlehem Reform Democrats gives ample reasons for why this group is so necessary. As chair of a party with the name "democratic" in its title, he seems to be chronically allergic to attempts to get the party to live up to its name. To begin with, he accuses a group asking for transparency in decision-

making as engaging in "self-promotion." Perhaps in the world in which he operates, reform is indeed "a code word for self-promotion," but it is precisely this world that it appears the Reform Democrats are challenging. Not leaving well enough alone, Clyne follows up his first statement with the claim that he is in the business of electing Democrats, not pursuing reform, and "anyone who is not in sync with that mission isn't an asset to the party." In claiming that electing Democrats is somehow opposed to "reform," Clyne may have revealed, perhaps, a bit more than he intended—that office seeking trumps political programs. Last but not least, Clyne maintains

that meetings of the Democratic Committee have to remain secret because they are devoted to tactics and strategy. Well, given that Democratic voters have three times repudiated the candidates for town supervisor who have emerged from this process and done so by rather large majorities, one might suggest that a more open Democratic committee might also provide better strategies, better tactics and better candidates. In short, it would seem with a chair who regards "democracy" as an irritant to normal business, it is remarkable that a group like Bethlehem Reform Democrats hasn't appeared sooner.

*Peter Breiner
Delmar*

Town committee already open to those willing and committed

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I have been a Democratic committeeman in the Town of Bethlehem since 1987. I have seen many "reform" Democrats come and go on the town committee. Some leave because they are consumed with just one issue, and don't have long-term interest. Many leave because they don't care for the grunt work of politics — carrying petitions door to door, making phone calls, raising money and, back in the '80s and '90s, taking a beating from the

Republicans.

But those of us who have persevered know this — the Democratic Party in the Town of Bethlehem is open to all who have an interest in doing the work. Don't tell me the door isn't open. I've been at the meetings, and dissent is not suppressed — it's part of the fabric of the Democratic Party.

Indeed, in 2009, Sam Messina showed up and asked to be the Democratic candidate for a second term on the Town Board.

I nominated him, and he got some votes. I'm still a member in good standing.

2012 is a general election year and even a Town Board race. I personally welcome anyone who wants to break a sweat and carry our message and our literature door to door. I've been doing it for 25 years, and I hope to match our finest member — World War II vet Frank Murphy — and do it for 25 more.

*Jim Kelly
Delmar*

Get involved in your party

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As long-time Democrats and regular voters, for many years we have proudly supported Democrats running for office in Bethlehem. Recently, we've had the uncomfortable feeling that our party needs to work harder at listening to its members and encouraging broad and diverse participation in the political process. The citizens of the town have twice elected good candidates for supervisor who were not the Democratic Committee's choice. With serious issues facing Bethlehem, we need more candidates and elected officials who will focus on the town's best interests, engage in open and respectful discussion of issues and work constructively towards solutions.

Like us, many Democrats may not know how the slate of local candidates is chosen and how to get involved in that process. Unless there is a primary, the Bethlehem Town Democratic Committee picks candidates. A new

group, Bethlehem Reform Democrats, is working to encourage ordinary Democratic voters to serve on the Democratic Committee and support a more open and cooperative approach to governing. For more information, visit bethlehem-reform-democrats.org.

There are two committee persons for each of 31 election districts within the Town of Bethlehem. Their responsibilities combine grassroots community organizing with participation in Democratic Party decision-making: attending town and county Democratic Committee meetings; obtaining voter signatures on nominating petitions; assisting with campaign and get out the vote efforts; attending and promoting fundraisers; and most of all, listening to their neighbors' concerns and bringing them to the town and county committees.

Gathering signatures in June is a key step in becoming a committee member. Usually between 10 and 30 signatures are

required from registered Democrats in your election district. If one or two people in an election district submit valid petitions, they become committee members. If more than two submit petitions, their names are placed on the Sept. 11 Democratic primary ballot as candidates for committee person, and the highest vote-getters are elected for the two year term.

But these elections are rare. Usually there is no contest. And if no one gathers petition signatures in a particular district, the current committee leaders pick its committee members.

This is an opportunity for regular voters to get involved. If you support openness, real community representation, respect, cooperation and a bottom-up, issue-driven process for the Bethlehem Town Democratic Committee, please consider getting involved as a Democratic committee person.

*John and Peggy Sherman
Slingerlands*



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So give your kids a new view on the world; pick up a Playaway View next time you're at the library.

Public briefing on proposed expansion

The Board of Trustees of the Guilderland Public Library will hold a public briefing on the library's proposed expansion at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 23, in the library's Helderberg Room.

This meeting is open to the public, and is intended to address any questions you may have after reading the Important Information on the Guilderland Public Library's Upcoming Building Referendum brochure you've received in the mail. After the presentation, members of the board and the director will host a question-and-answer session.

Wildlife biologist speaks about getting that perfect photo

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.

Mark Curiale

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

Library, schools partner for Healthy Kids Week

Once again we're partnering with the Bethlehem Central School District to celebrate kids and health. School age kids in grade K-5 and their families can stop by at the library every day next week and participate in activities to foster healthy minds and bodies. Here's what's on the calendar:

- Monday, May 21, at 4 p.m., Family Tai Chi: Kick off the week with tai chi taught by Lorraine Noval of the Asian Arts Group in Albany. Tai chi is an ancient and gentle martial art well known for its health benefits. Wear comfortable clothes.

- Tuesday, May 22, at 4 p.m., Family Yoga: Stretch and breathe your way to health with Krista Spohr



of Breathing Room in Delmar. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel.

- Wednesday and Thursday, May 23 to 24, at 3:30 p.m., Activity Table: Join us in our Children's Place for a variety of healthy hands-on happenings.

- Friday, May 25, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Decathlon: Stop by anytime to tackle 10 challenges that exercise the mind and body. Prizes for all who complete the course!

- Teens can get involved as well. On Monday, May 21, from 6 to 7:30

p.m., a special Healthy Teen Time will get you moving with Wii sports and DDR. Healthy snacks will be available for the munching.

Jazz series finale

The life and music of jazz saxophonist John Coltrane will be highlighted at our final Jazzy Listening Party tomorrow evening, Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m. Librarian and practicing musician Michael Farley will facilitate the conversation and play classic recordings.

Santa Lucia Brothers

Friday, June 1, 1 p.m.
Joe and Dennis play and sing easy-listening tunes from the 1920s through the 1980s. Supported

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Time Out for Tales

Saturdays, June 2 to 30, 11 a.m.

Stories, songs and activities for children up to age 6 and families.

Pajama-rama

Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m.
Stories and songs before bedtime for children up to age 6 and families.

Louise Grieco

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

Drop in for a digital download open house

The Voorheesville Public Library will host a digital download open house on Thursday, June 21, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Drop in and learn about the library's digital ebook and audiobook collection from Overdrive. Small group sessions will start every half hour. Bring your own Nook, Kindle, iPod Touch or iPad for hands on help with downloading library ebooks and audiobooks. You may also sample the library's Nook Color, Nook Touch, iPad,



iPod Touch, Kindle Touch, Kindle Keyboard, and Literati e-readers.

Holiday hours

In observance of Memorial Day, the library will be closed Saturday the 26th, Sunday the 27th, and Monday May 28th. We will reopen at 10 a.m. Tuesday May 29.

Summer reading

This year's theme – Dream Big! Online registration begins Monday June 4. Mrs. Laiosa and Mrs. Brown have lots planned, so get ready to read and have some fun. Keep an eye on our website for more details at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Barbara Vink

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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

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

those who attend the Tuesday Luncheon Program, special events, and selected trips. To register, please make an appointment with the Senior Office.

On Wednesday, June 13, seniors are invited to a lobster feast with "In the Still of the Night," a doo-wop group, at the Log Cabin Banquet House. The cost for lunch, show and bus is \$61. Departure at 10 a.m. Brown Coach bus from 20-Mall Parking

Garage. Return: approx. 5:30. BBQ Chicken and Ribs are also served, for non-lobster eaters! You can mail or drop off payment Guilderland Town Hall Senior Office 5209 Western Tpk Altamont, NY 12009

Monday, May 21
Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Aerobics
9:30 AARP Driving Class @ Library
10:30 OsteoBusters
10:30 Sr. Fitness
12:00 Zumba
1:30 OsteoBusters

Tuesday, May 22
No Programs Town Hall Grievance Day

Wednesday, May 23
9:00 Zumba
9:30 AARP Driving Class @ Library
10:30 OsteoBuster
10:30 Sr. Fitness
1:00 Needlecraft
1:30 OsteoBusters

Thursday, May 24
Scheduled Shopping
9:00 OsteoBusters
10:30 Movie: "Iron Lady"
10:30 Balance Class
1:00 Mahjongg
1:15 Pinochle

Friday, May 25
Scheduled Shopping
10:00 Painting
10:30 Bridge
1:00 Quilting



Niskayuna eighth graders Rose Parisi (far right) and Olivia Kim, co-presidents of the local Medical Youth Alliance, deliver "Think, Don't Drink" cards to Felthousen's Florist in Schenectady.

Submitted photo

Enjoy some music for all occasions

Santa Lucia will present "Music for All Occasions" at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, June 1, at 1 p.m. We will have lunch before the program at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands, coat on your own. No reservation is need for the program only. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to join us for lunch. Transportation will leave Town Hall at about 11:00 am. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$3.

Reserve your seat now for "Nunsense" on Sunday, June 3, at the Mac-Haydn Theater in Chatham. This hilarious musical has entertained audiences for years. We will have dinner after the show at the Winding Brook Country Club. The cost for dinner

Senior Action Town of Bethlehem

and show is \$41 payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Call 439-4599, ext. 1176, to make a reservation. Transportation will leave Town Hall at about noon. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$10.

Tuesday, May 22
• Seniors in Motion, a low level fun aerobic exercise class set to music, will be held at Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9-10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

Wednesday, May 23
• Caregivers Support Group, a discussion for those caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia will be held at the Town Hall from 10:30 to noon.
• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

Thursday, May 24
• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 a.m. 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 25
• 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

Students urged to stop and think about drinking

Area campaign focuses on preventing teen drinking at prom

By JOHN PURCELL
purcellj@spotlightnews.com

Students picking up their corsage for prom might notice a friendly reminder urging them to make responsible decisions.

The Alliance with the Medical Society of the State of New York is launching its annual "Think, Don't Drink" campaign to heighten awareness among teens about the dangers of underage drinking. The Schenectady County

Alliance chapter is distributing the cards urging students not to drink to local florists and schools to give to students. The campaign is timed to coincide with proms and graduations held countywide.

Cheryl Stier, co-president of the Medical Alliance, said feedback on the program has been "extremely positive" since the campaign was started seven years ago.

"It is a visible reminder for kids to really think about the consequences of drinking," Stier said. "We have been told by the high schools in

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video with her friends and was talking about it, excitedly. Elliot gave us a report on a science project from school. His class created compost, and each was given an earthworm for their bag of compost. He told us proudly how he named his worm “Mr. and Mrs. Squiggle”.

“Oh, I thought you said there was just one worm?” I asked.

Conversation stopped. They all looked at me, mouths agape.

“Mom.” Elliot said, slowly. “They are worms. Worms, you know? Every worm is a Mr. and a Mrs.”

And they laughed. It’s the sound you want at your dinner table. Voices and laughter among the clinking of forks and glasses. I looked at Paul just then, catching his eye. He smiled at me. It was his warm, sweet, blue-eyed

smile. I knew, in that smile, how much he loves me. How it didn’t matter if we went out for dinner, or exchanged gifts or went away for the day.

What mattered was right there, sitting at our dinner table. What matters is our family; happy, healthy and together. So right now I’d like to say happy anniversary to my husband. We didn’t celebrate it in a conventional way. Instead, we celebrate it every day that we are together and raising our family. Happy Anniversary, Paul. Happy thirteen years, one month and 4 days. I look forward to the many more years, months and days to come.

Caroline Barrett is the mother of three food loving children and the wife of one grateful husband. They live together with their menagerie of pets in the Hudson Valley. Follow their adventures on her blog, www.ourdailyplate.com.

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Schenectady County that they look forward to the card every year.”

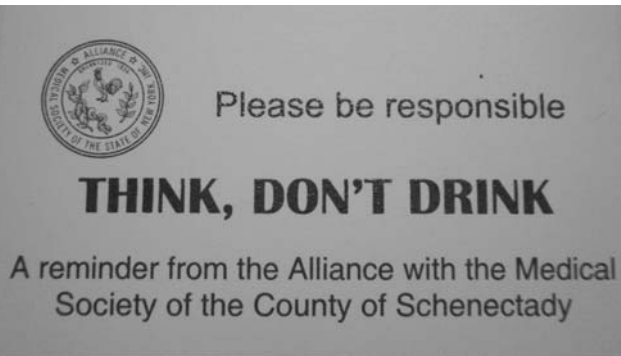
Stier, a Niskayuna resident, said schools rely on the message to reinforce and support efforts to prevent underage drinking. She said sometimes it only takes a visible reminder for a teen to change his or her mind.

“Underage drinking is a problem no matter what community you are discussing and I think education and awareness is probably the first step in beginning to deal with underage drinking,” Stier said.

There are also some younger students in Niskayuna leading the push for responsible decisions, too.

Niskayuna eighth graders Rose Parisi and Olivia Kin are the first co-presidents of the youth chapter of the Medical Alliance. This is the first year youth alliances were created across the country.

“We think it is important to raise awareness about health and making sure people understand the dangers of substance abuse,” Parisi said. “We also want teens



Cards distributed by the Alliance with the Medical Society of the State of New York urge students to make responsible decisions around prom and graduation season. This year, youth-led alliances are participating in the effort.

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to think and act responsibly.”

The “Think, Don’t Drink” campaign is one of the activities the group has taken part in this year. Parisi and Kim also helped distribute the cards to local florists. The state Alliance also partnered with Price Chopper to distribute cards to florists in its stores.

This year, over 10,000 cards will be distributed statewide through the partnership with the Golub Corporation, and an additional 12,000 cards will be distributed to secondary schools and florists in communities statewide.

According to the Alliance, studies show 72 percent of teens have consumed alcohol by the end of high school and 37 percent have consumed alcohol by the end of eighth grade. Also, around 5,000 people under the age of 21 die as

a result of underage drinking, according to the Alliance.

“The teenagers going to prom will see the card and think about their actions on prom,” Parisi said.

The group meets one or two times a month at the school and has about 15 active members. At the meetings, the members develop project ideas for volunteer efforts.

Another project the group took on was raising funds for The Quest for Grace Foundation to provide foster parents with items for children. Through collecting bottles and cans it raised \$400 and also donated 29 pairs of pajamas.

“Through this process we have met a lot of people and been able to help a lot of people in the community and it is really rewarding to us,” Kim said.

Larry Gillooley,

director of physical education, health education and athletic departments at the Niskayuna Central School District, said it is important for teens to understand the consequences and dangers of drinking.

Gillooley said it is important to give students as many reminders as possible.

“We pass out a card to every student who buys a bid to the prom,” Gillooley said.

He said the school has its share of students that violate school codes for using alcohol and the district takes appropriate action to address the situations.

“Niskayuna does take it serious and those who do break the Student Code of Conduct or Athletic Code of Conduct we hold them to the intent of the code,” he said.

He added the district has held many community forums on the topic and has had exhibits showing the effects of drinking and driving. He said reaching kids earlier is important, too, because the message seems to be more effective.

Also, when the message doesn’t come from an adult it is more successful.

“When it is done by peers it seems more of an impact than when adults are saying it,” he said.

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Schalmont students find comfort in helping others

Quillows donated to children at Ronald McDonald House

By JOHN PURCELL
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When a child arrives at the Ronald McDonald House in Albany they might feel far from home, but Schalmont students are trying to make their stay a little more comfortable and welcoming.

The Schalmont Middle School's Handicrafters Unite Giving Security (HUGS) Club donated 20 quillows to the Ronald McDonald House on Monday, May 7. The 14 club members crafted the quillows, which is a quilt with a pocket at one end allowing for it to transform into a pillow.

Dan Burns, board member of the Ronald McDonald House, attended a reception to receive the donations on behalf of the organization and thanked the students for their efforts.

"I think it is great each of you are involved in an activity that are supporting the community," Burns said to the students.

Children from all over the state come to the house, which consists of two Victorian homes providing 16 rooms. Each family is given a room with its own bathroom and phone while a child



The Schalmont Middle School HUGS Club donated 20 quillows they made to the Ronald McDonald House in Albany on Monday, May 7.

John Purcell/Spotlight

is undergoing treatment at Albany Medical Center.

"The idea is to make kids feel at home," Burns said. "These quillows are fabulous because it helps children who may have arrived at the Ronald House not expecting to be there."

He said the quillows allow the children to have something that shows somebody cares about them and then they can take it home with them after leaving.

Diane Babin, HUGS Club advisor and home and careers teacher, said the club normally makes around 14 quillows to donate, but this year the group was able to exceed her expectations.

"You guys worked really hard this year and I am very pleased," Babin said before awarding student with certificates.

Babin, who has advised the club for 11 years, said the students select where the quillows are donated

and she likes having a representative come in to accept them. Two former teachers started the club in the fall of 2000.

"I think they see the value of it," Babin said. "Because we have the organization come and pick up the quillows they found out a little bit more on where they are going and how they are going to be used. It gives it a more personal touch."

She said it is important for students to have an

opportunity to volunteer their time. Some club members are now high school seniors and stuck with the club after leaving middle school.

"They get to look beyond themselves," Babin said. "It is important for them to see beyond, that there are people that do have needs and they have a talent that can meet those needs."

It also allows her to connect with students in a different way than what

can be done through a classroom setting, she said.

"I see the students in a different light," Babin said. "It is more relaxing than working with them in a class. I get to know them much better."

Abby Malone, a seventh grader, said she enjoys doing community service and has volunteered for the Ronald McDonald House outside of the club.

Hannah List, a fellow seventh grader, said it feels good kids are being comforted with the quillows she made.

There is one family from Iraq currently staying at the home because one of children is seriously ill. Burns said families from "all over the world" come to the home because the Albany Medical Center offers specialized operations and procedures. The Home is located on South Lake Avenue a short distance from Albany Medical Center.

"It is a little United Nations type of place," Burns said.

Mason Brown said he moved to the school district this year and looked into joining clubs to help make friends.

The only problem was he also is on the modified football team and it met at the same time as the club, so he would alternate going to each.



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Some sobering statistics

Shenendehowa Community Coalition finds one in three seniors binge drink

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Thirty-one percent of high school seniors in the Shenendehowa Central School District engage in binge drinking, well above the national average of 22 percent.

That's according to a study conducted by the Shenendehowa Community Coalition. The study, which began last year and is still ongoing, is examining aspects of teen alcohol use, including where teens get and drink alcohol and the consequences of their actions. A similar, smaller study was conducted by the coalition in 2008. Last week, the group shared some of their findings thus far.

According to Evan Williamson, the Shenendehowa Community Coalition coordinator, the study is being done with the help of a Prevention First-NY! SPF-SIG (Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant) federal grant received by the coalition last year. The \$800,000 grant is for three years.

"The first step was to collect data, and that was done through community surveys of adults in the area and focus groups of kids and adults," said Williamson.

Student surveys were given in physical education classes over two days last year to approximately 500 teens at each grade level in the high school.

In addition to student surveys, approximately 1,100 community surveys were received from businesses and organizations like the YMCA.

Surveys were also made available throughout the community at libraries and through the School News Notification System.

While surveys supplied data, focus groups revealed the "more anecdotal" information, according to Williamson. Focus groups mirrored information given in the surveys, most importantly calling attention to where teens are drinking.

"Kids in the focus groups reaffirmed what the survey said, that drinking in the Shenendehowa area happens at home with parental knowledge or not," said Williamson.

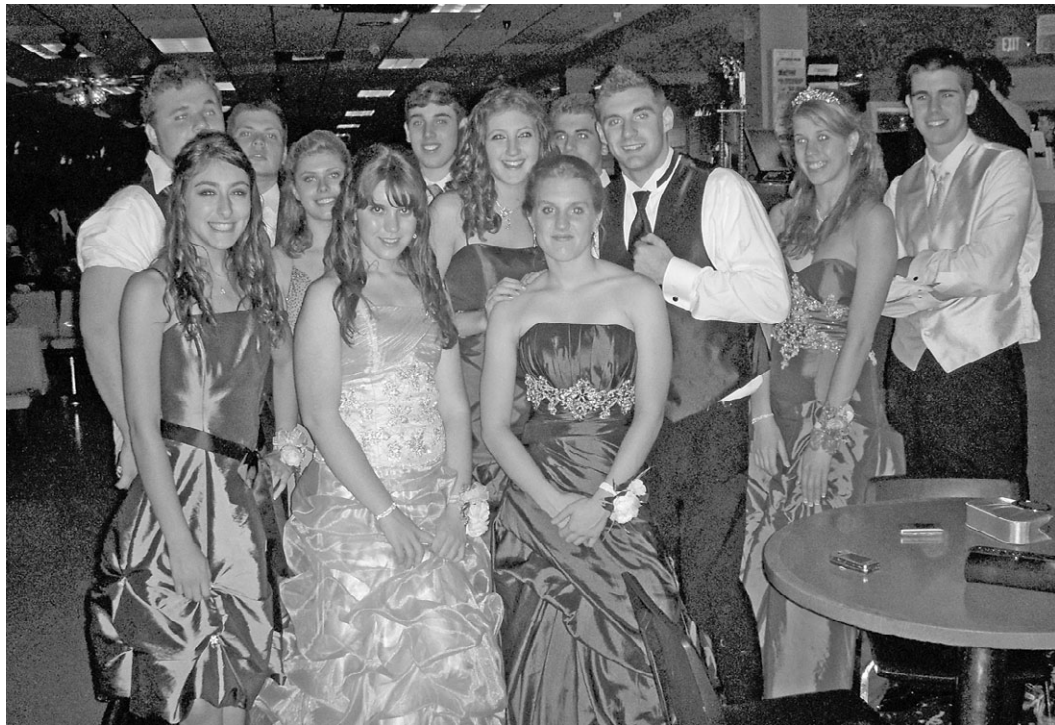
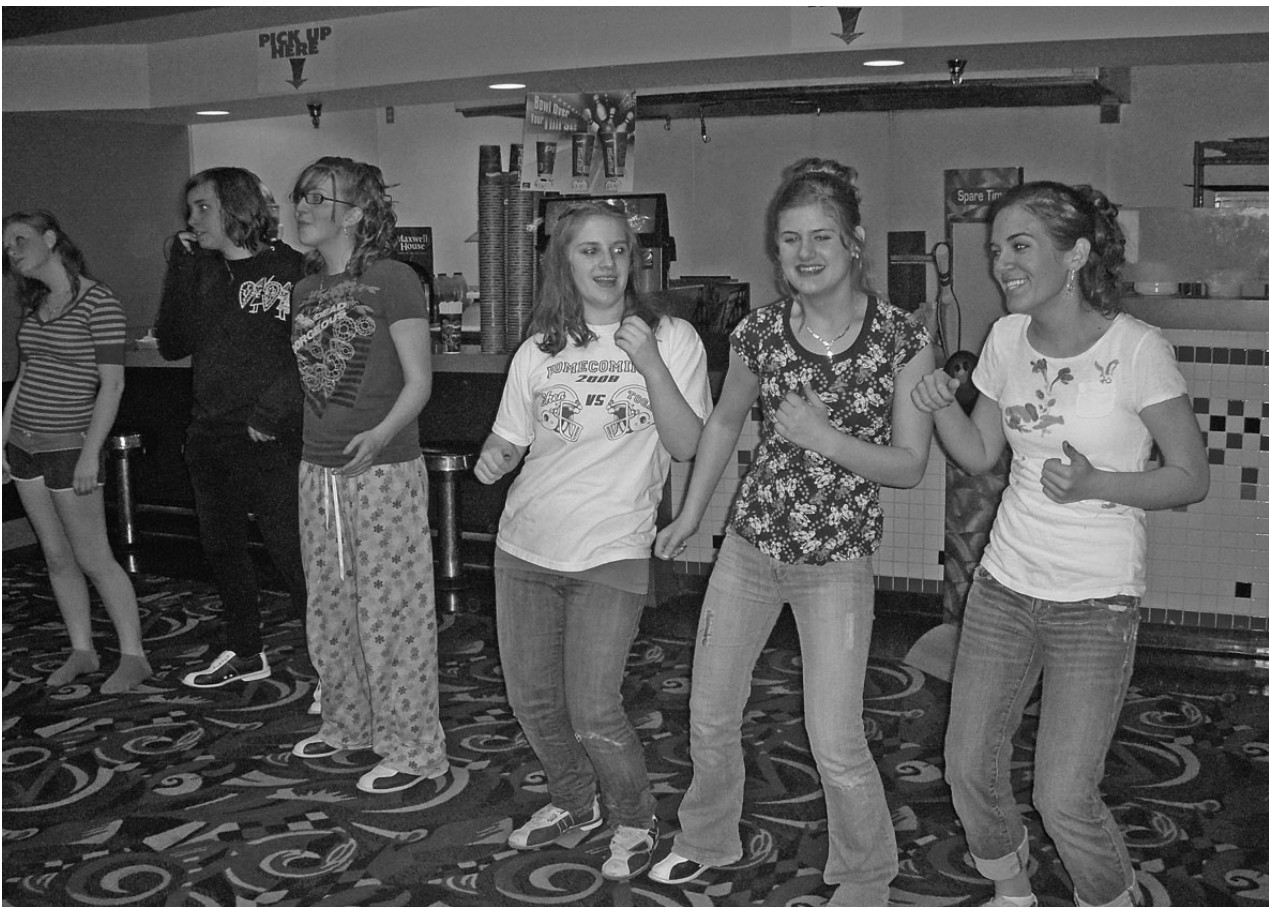
He added one of the most common ways teens get alcohol is through a friend or acquaintance over 21.

According to study results, 48 percent of juniors and seniors reported having gotten alcohol at a party, 41 percent from an acquaintance older than 21, and 33 percent obtained alcohol in a home without parental permission.

The Coalition also

"Know that you can go somewhere where there's going to be people who are going to be having fun and who are going to be safe."

— Andy Gilpin, director of program services at CAPTAIN



Shen students enjoy an After Prom Party hosted by CAPTAIN. The parties have been a tradition for 28 years and are billed as a safe way for students to celebrate.

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found 27 percent of juniors and seniors and 10 percent of freshmen and sophomores consume alcohol at public events.

Williamson said the Coalition is looking at the numbers with an eye toward improving them.

"The findings were very encouraging. We can look at our data from 2008 compared to 2011 and say that our numbers are down overall and that's fantastic," he said.

He added public

awareness is likely the reason for the decline.

"Public awareness especially in the school district has risen thanks in part to this collaboration. We're lucky to experience the partnership that we do have with the school district," Williamson said.

Some ways awareness is promoted through the school includes poster campaigns and messages to parents.

Shenendehowa High School Principal Don Flynt has been working with the Prevention Council for the last decade and said the study was important to not only get to the cause of the issues, but also to "ameliorate the issues."

"Knowledge is power. Hopefully we've given them power to make better decisions. ... The coalition has done a great job in bringing groups and resources together," he said.

Those better decisions are helped along by events like After Prom parties hosted by CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services.

Andy Gilpin, director of program services at CAPTAIN, said they have been offering the parties for 28 years that have taken many forms, including bowling parties or trips to the mall. This year, both the junior and senior parties will be held at the YMCA following the proms from midnight to 3 a.m.

The parties were one of the first objectives of CAPTAIN, providing a "positive alternative" to kids for after prom.

"The parents know and the students know

that from 12 to 3 that they're going to be in a safe environment. ... We're really taking an active way to try and stop underage drinking," said Gilpin.

"Know that you can go somewhere where there's going to be people who are going to be having fun and who are going to be safe," Gilpin said as a message to kids thinking about attending the party.

The Shenendehowa Community Coalition was established in 2006 operates under the larger organization of The Substance Abuse Prevention Council, widely known as The Prevention Council in Saratoga Springs. Their mission is to reduce and prevent risky behaviors among youth such as substance abuse by forming community partnerships.

The coalition is made up of 50 members and includes personnel from the Shenendehowa Central School District, parents, business owners, students and CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, among others. Similar coalitions also exist for Saratoga and are also being formed in Galway and South Glens Falls.



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IN BRIEF

Parrot group to meet at G'land library

The Capital Region Parrot Society will meet Saturday, June 9, at 1 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library's Normanskill Room.

Concetta Ferragamo, the Northeast Regional Director from the American Federation of Aviculture will discuss the AFA and its mission. Concetta will also share her knowledge about parrots and will provide some insights into nonprofit organizations.

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Writers to read at Bethlehem library

The Delmar Writers Group will present its annual reading at the Bethlehem Library on Sunday, May 20, from 2-4 p.m. The public is invited to attend in the library's community room. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

Thirteen local writers will read prose and poetry. Three poets, Linda Sonia Miller, Paul Amidon and Mimi Moriarity, will read poems to echo the theme, mood or image of the prose pieces.

Church hosts Victorian high tea

The New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on the corner of Church Street and Route 144 will be hosting a Victorian High Tea on Saturday, June 9, at 4 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 756-8764 by June 1. Period costume, garden party dress and hats are optional. A photo setting will be available. Free will donations will be accepted.

Rotterdam DPW head resigns amid probe

Sexual harassment investigation is ongoing, position could remain vacant or part time

By JOHN PURCELL
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Rotterdam Public Works Coordinator Michael Griesemer has resigned from his position after claims of sexual harassment from a female subordinate spurred the town to open an investigation.

Former Department of Public Works clerk Vicky Carrieri filed a notice of claim against the Town of Rotterdam in February that accuses Griesemer of recurring acts of sexual harassment and creating a hostile work environment through intimidation and threats. Carrieri claims "unwanted sexual advances" and "ongoing harassment" began shortly after she started working for the town in 2005. She is seeking economic injuries from alleged incidents occurring from August 2005 to present day.

Griesemer submitted a one-sentence resignation letter to Town Clerk Diane Marco on the morning of Friday, April 20, stating his departure.

Town Supervisor Harry Buffardi said he was expecting Griesemer to resign and it didn't come as a surprise.

"I was familiar with the investigation that led up to this, and I knew he was anxious to get out of the process," Buffardi said about Griesemer's resignation.

Buffardi said the town is continuing to look into the allegations and

it is being "extensively investigated." Buffardi said he was looking into "some other issues" before the notice of claim was filed.

When asked if Griesemer's resignation came under pressure from town officials, Buffardi declined comment.

The Spotlight acquired the notice of claim and resignation letter from the town through the Freedom of Information Law.

"Griesemer, acting within the scope of employment ... engaged in an extreme and outrageous course of conduct, well outside the bounds of human decency, which intentionally caused (Carrieri) to endure severe emotional distress," the claim reads. "Griesemer repeatedly made unwanted sexual advances towards (Carrieri), demanded and/or coerced (Carrieri) into performing sexual acts on him, made sexually explicit, inappropriate gestures and statements directed at (Carrieri), and exposed himself to (Carrieri) throughout the course of

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— Rotterdam Supervisor Harry Buffardi on Griesemer's resignation

her employment."

The claim also alleges Griesemer would persistently engage in "retaliatory conduct" when his sexual advances were refused by Carrieri, which allegedly led to a hostile work environment. Carrieri also claims he applied "harsher rules" to her and refused to address her concerns about being required to perform duties outside her scope of employment.

Also, Carrieri claims Griesemer discouraged her from reporting such conduct alleged to have occurred.

"Griesemer threatened or otherwise intimidated (Carrieri) to deter her from reporting his egregious conduct by threatening to make derogatory remarks about her to harm her reputation and credibility,

threatening to lie if she reported him, and making statements that, upon information and belief, were intended to give (Carrieri) the impression that if she reported him she would be moved to another Department or otherwise suffer adverse consequences in her employment including, but not limited to, termination," the claim reads.

The town redacted segments from the notice of claim, such as any mention of Griesemer or Carrieri and alleged dates of incidents.

Joseph Dougherty, Carrieri's attorney, confirmed various information redacted by the town. Dougherty declined further comment and said the notice of claim "speaks for itself."

New York State Open Meetings Law permits government agencies to withhold records if a disclosure would result in an "unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" and allows omission of identifying details if the records are made available.

According to Robert Freeman, executive director for the state Committee on Open Government, if the notice of claim "ripens" into a lawsuit, with papers filed in the court, the information would be publically available without redactions.

Now, with Griesemer's position vacant, Buffardi said he would prefer to see it remain empty, or at the most filled part

time. Buffardi said the town is discussing ways to streamline operations and services.

"We are certainly restructuring the Department of Public Works and I would like not to hire a full-time coordinator," Buffardi said. "Money has a lot to do with that issue, too."



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Bethlehem ethics code changes still under review

No action taken after lengthy discussion

By MARCY VELTE
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At its latest meeting, the Bethlehem Town Board once again vetted the proposed changes to the town ethics code put forth by a citizen's advisory committee formed at the beginning of the year.

On Wednesday, May 9, members of the Town Board spent time asking members of the advisory committee questions about the proposed code changes. Committee co-chairman John Hudacs said although the group would be happy to justify the proposed changes,

they were merely suggestions and any true changes would need to be agreed upon amongst members of the Town Board.

“We hope to redirect this code back (to town staff) to be put into local law format for adoption at the next board meeting or the one after that,” said Town Supervisor John Clarkson.

The advisory group began its charge by using the state comptroller's model ethics code for municipalities, which was then adapted to fit Bethlehem's needs. It also studied the ethics codes of surrounding suburban communities.

The group suggested
implementing a

five-member ethics board with a limited investigative ability depending on resources. The proposed code also called for a limit of no more than two people from one political party on the board and no one who holds an officer position within a political party.

Town Board members questioned the need for five members and wondered if allegations that were deemed to be unfounded could be stopped at the ethics board instead of being brought to the Town Board, since those allegations could potentially go public. Councilwoman Joann Dawson asked why someone with an official

position within a political party would be barred from the ethics board when he or she worked hard to put Town Board members into their seats.

Members of the advisory group said most local municipalities have a five-member ethics board and if the Town Board wished, unfounded ethics allegations could stop with the ethics board.

“Our original thought was to promote transparency,” said Hudacs.

Recommended changes to the code itself include prohibiting the accepting 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 using 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 and a financial disclosure recommendation for Town Board members at the request of the ethics board.

Dawson asked what power the town had to stop a former official from taking a job with a private company. Hudacs said the town could decide to no longer do business with that company. Dawson said she didn't feel the town should attempt to overreach.

The Town Board discussed several potential changes to the draft code. The changes will eventually have to be placed into a local law to be released before a public hearing.

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Rexford guardsman saves injured cat from road

Rescue group to hold garage sale to help pay veterinary bills

By JOHN PURCELL
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One man simply couldn't leave an injured cat lying in the middle of the road outside of his home, but as a result he now faces veterinary bills totaling more than \$3,000.

"I picked him up and he was still alive," Luke Chiarenda said about the cat he named Nails.

Chiarenda, a full-time member of the Army National Guard, said he was leaving his Rexford home on his way to work when he noticed the cat in the road in front of his home.

"I don't feel it was right not to give him a fair chance, you wouldn't do that to a human being," Chiarenda said.

Chiarenda wasn't sure if the cat would even make it through the night, appearing to have been hit by a car, but Nails remained strong and pulled through. Chiarenda then decided to take him to a veterinarian the next morning for initial emergency treatment.



Guilderhaven, Inc., will hold a garage sale to help pay the veterinarian bills a Rexford man has acquired after finding Nails the cat in the road in front of his home.

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There were several injuries identified after Nail's initial treatment, including one leg with a broken joint, another leg with the ball connecting to the hip coming out and some minor head injuries.

"He was pretty banged up," Chiarenda said.

Pretty soon the bills started piling up for a cat that wasn't even his, but he continued with all necessary treatment

to get Nails back on his paws. Nails is on track to recover from his injuries.

"The hard part for me was that I wouldn't have asked for money if it was my cat in the first place," he said.

Chiarenda said his aunt first reached out to him about getting in contact with Altamont-based Guilderhaven, Inc., which is a nonprofit organization formed in 2001 to help the animal

community.

Sue Green, a board member of Guilderhaven, said she was moved by his story and the group offered to help him pay off veterinary bills.

"We just feel he has done a lot, maybe we can help a little," Green said.

Green said the group had been looking to hold a garage sale to help raise funds for the organization, but Chiarenda's situation spurred them into action.

"It motivated us to pull it together so we can help

pay off some of the bill that was left," Green said.

The garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1097 Manas Drive in Rotterdam, which is located near Mohonasen High School.

Guilderhaven offers a variety of services and assistance, including providing food, transportation, medical intervention, facilitating spay and neuter clinics and providing financial assistance. The group has helped place animals from private homes and rescue groups of animals. It has also done educational outreach with schools and produced an educational coloring book.

"We seem to be a very unique organization and there don't seem to be many others in New York State," Green said. "Because we also help pay people's bills, the word sort of gets around."

She said the group paid 31 separate veterinarian bills last year, which has also led the group to do more fundraising.

"We find that because of what we do we need to be doing a few more fundraisers than we normally do, which is

one to two a year," Green said.

She said yard sales are a good fundraising avenue because the group is able to talk to people about what it does.

"Yard sales are always fun," she said. "You tend to meet a lot of really friendly people and they tell you all about their pets and we have a really good time."

Chiarenda said he hopes the event helps raise awareness of the group, too.

"Hopefully there will be a grassroots movement to make these things aware for both donations and availability for people that really need it," he said.

After finding the cat, he said he canvassed the neighborhood and put an advertisement in the newspaper, but he has never found an owner. He was planning to put the cat up for adoption, but now his family is planning to adopt Nails.

He said the veterinarians were the ones who suggested he adopt the cat.

"A lot of people have told us our family has gone above and beyond what people what normally would do," he said.



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Young writer wins American Flag Essay Contest

Spa City student advances to state competition

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Olivia Grace Ralbovsky has been writing for most of her life, but at 11, she's getting recognized for it earlier than most.

She took first place (and \$100) in the local round of the New York State Flag Essay Contest hosted by the Saratoga Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This is the second year the statewide competition has been held through the Saratoga Chapter.

Ralbovsky entered the contest as an option in her fifth-grade English class at Caroline Street Elementary School in Saratoga Springs.

Many essay contests focus on facts, comparisons or experiences. This contest focused on feelings and asked young writers to express what the flag of the United States of America means to them.

Part of Ralbovsky's essay reads, "Whenever I look at the American flag I know that my hopes and dreams are greater than anything. When I see the flag standing before me I feel I can make a change ... I think of all the veterans, and important people that did good deeds, people I look up to."



Olivia Grace Ralbovsky

"I was very proud. ... I meant every word in that essay, and it was true and meaningful to me. ... I was very happy," she said of her win. Her essay now advances to the state level of the competition.

The contest was offered by the Daughters of the American Revolution to perpetuate the importance of the flag. The overall mission of the nationwide group and the local chapter is to promote history, education, preservation and citizenship.

"The topic on the essay never changes...approximately 50 per year reach statewide judging," said Denise Doring VanBuren, the organization's state regent.

The Saratoga chapter was formed in 1894, has about 70 members and is one of 131 in the state. It is involved with the community, taking part in Fourth of July celebrations at the Battlefield, among many other events.

Statewide, there are approximately 7,000 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The national chapter formed in 1890 and there are 168,000 members across the country. Applicants must prove their lineage back to a Revolutionary War soldier.

Corrine Scirocco, regent for the Saratoga chapter, has been with the organization for 10 years and said there are many options to prove lineage.

"There's all kinds of ways, like the census. I have seven ancestors; anybody younger will need more. You can have a cousin or an aunt or somebody else (to link back to)," said Scirocco.

Gloria Waldron Hukle has been a member of the Fort Crailo chapter in Rensselaer for five years and has attended many events hosted by the Saratoga chapter.

"I think that the DAR is a fabulous opportunity for women to be involved and make a difference. ... This is not your grandmother's DAR. This is an organization of women who are involved in many community events and affairs, they're dedicated to historical preservation. ... It's a lot more than proving out your lineage," said Hukle.

The chapter offered the contest to fifth- and sixth-grade public, private, parochial and home schooled students in the Saratoga, Shenendehowa and Corinth school districts. Last year the contest yielded over 100 entries, but this year that fell quite a bit. Eight

entries were received by the Saratoga chapter, and about 50 were turned in statewide.

"Some of the children wrote lovely essays, but not 'What it means to me.' ... Olivia looked at the flag and felt empowered," said Linda Lewis, the Saratoga chapter's corresponding secretary.

"That's the first contest she's entered, and she's got a very strong interest in writing. She's writing stories all of the time," said Olivia's mother, Suzanne Ralbovsky. She also said that Olivia writes on a variety of things including stories about her dog Louis, girls her own age, and some mysteries. She added that her teacher, Alison Robbins, is "pretty inspiring."

"You could tell that it was written from Olivia's point of view. ... She felt strongly about it and I think that showed through. ... I think it's important to offer it as an option rather than a requirement," said Robbins.

Robbins also said being able to connect with the topic usually gets students to write more meaningful essays.

"She has great ideas, and really seems to enjoy writing. I'm excited that she took the opportunity," she said.

"I love to write so I was very interested in it. I'm proud of myself for doing that. ... The flag, it really makes me feel hope ... it's representative of our state and the union and the revolution, it's a part of the Union, it's a part of me," Ralbovsky said.

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‘Driving hammered will get you nailed’

Student’s anti-DWI design wins billboard contest

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Emily Himmelwright has a message about the dangers of drinking and driving — “driving hammered will get you nailed” — and every time motorists drive by the corner of Fermac Street in Colonie, it’s relayed loud and clear.

“I figured driving hammered would get you nailed because no matter what if you’re drunk and you’re driving you’re probably going to get caught,” said Himmelwright, a senior at Colonie Central High School.

Himmelwright is a student in the school’s digital merchandising and design class and she created the winning design in a contest hosted by the art department and Lamar Graphics. As a prize, her creation was turned into a billboard that towers over Central Avenue.

“I can’t even begin to explain how excited I am right now,” said Himmelwright, speaking before classmates, family members and teachers at an unveiling Thursday, May 3. “It’s crazy seeing something go from a computer screen to something this big.”

The billboard shows a green car impaled with a giant

nail, flanked by red and white lettering. She said she wanted something simple that would touch viewers immediately.

“I wanted something ... they didn’t really have to think about,” said Himmelwright, who will attend Rochester Institute of Technology for art in the fall. “I just wanted something people would think about and hopefully think about the choices that they make before they actually go and make them.”

According to Chuck Deweese, assistant commissioner of Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Traffic Safety Committee, about 1,400 people are killed in drunk driving accidents in New York each year.

“I love the message. ... The stuff that comes from a teen’s imagination is really impressive,” said Deweese.

The contest was a joint effort between the digital merchandising and design class — a new course at the high school — and the digital photography class. Students from both classes visited Choices 301 in Altamont for inspiration.

“We took pictures ... of the pictures of crashes and coffins and wheelchairs and just anything we could do to help out and incorporate,” said Jen Senke, a digital photography student.

Students participated

in anti-DWI activities and demonstrations, viewed images from actual crashes and heard from local people who lost a loved one to a drunk driver.

“I took away a lot, mostly to think about what you’re doing and how others may react to it and definitely consider everybody’s lives,” said Kate Churchill, another photography student.

Himmelwright’s design might have a prominent roadside home but the 19 other entries have been displayed around the high school to make an impact, too.

“Hopefully that message can expand beyond even this great billboard and pass the word that this is a choice that you make,” said Justin Defazzio, who teaches the digital merchandising and design class.

Lamar Graphics paid for the cost of the billboard art, a \$1,700 pricetag, and donated billboard space for four weeks, something that typically costs businesses \$6,300 to rent.

“It’s such an important campaign and these teens have such creative minds it was our way of giving back,” said Matt Duddy, Lamar vice president and general manager.

Digital photography teacher Christine Festin said the billboard sends another message besides not to drink



Emily Himmelwright and her classmates stand in front of the billboard bearing Himmelwright’s anti-DWI message.

Alyssa Jung/Spotlight

and drive.

“We want the community to recognize that Colonie High School does good things and this is one of them. We also want people to realize how art impacts the world and this is another attempt at doing that,” said Festin.

Festin said she saw the students react on a deeper level throughout the entire project and thought they handled the sensitive subject matter well.

“They’ve learned a great lesson. ... I think it really brought up their emotions and their emotions were important to put into this project and to

see it can happen to people they know,” said Festin. “It put that emotional spin on it because often teenagers think it can’t happen to them and it can and we want to keep them safe.”

Albany County Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner-Richter was also on hand to commend students for taking a stand.

“We certainly want the word to get out before we have any cases coming to our courts,” said Tanner-Richter.

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Finance in the Spotlight

How the communication revolution is changing business: An interview with Dr. Debra Jasper and Betsy Hubbard

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While running a print journalism program at Ohio State, Dr. Debra Jasper said she “saw the handwriting on the wall, and realized it wasn’t handwriting anymore.”

Leaders in every field, she realized, had to adapt to the digital age.

So she and her colleague, Betsy Hubbard, launched the first digital media fellowship for journalists in the nation in 2006—and worked with reporters from CNN, 60 Minutes, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and other top newsrooms.

Four years later, they started their own company, Mindset Digital, a social media consulting firm that helps businesses and nonprofits use powerful new social media channels to capture attention. Today they have worked with thousands of leaders from around the world, from the KeyBank C-Suite to the Ukrainian Council of Ministers.

As keynote speakers for the 2012 Key4Women series, they will help business leaders from Alaska to Florida better understand the “New Realities: Three Communications Shifts Today’s Business Leaders Can’t Afford to Ignore.” Here they share their thoughts about the need to rethink everything businesses do—from how they post on Facebook to how they deliver sales presentations.

Heather Ford: Your presentation is about the shift in the way people communicate today. Can you talk about why this new digital landscape matters to the business world?

Jasper and Hubbard: There are a lot of ways for businesses to get their message out today—there are dozens of channels from Pinterest to Twitter. The question is, how do we get the message in? How do we get people to slow down and tune into what we have to say? You need more than new tools, you need to think in new ways. One out of nine people on earth now have a Facebook account. As we spend more time online, our expectations are changing. We want good information and we want it fast.

HF: What you’re talking about is the power of now. People want what they want, when they want it, and exactly the way they

want it. It’s the “there’s an app for that” mentality. How can businesses manage this?

J+H: Most people know about the importance of social media, but they don’t quite know how to use it in smart ways. We help organizations assess their digital footprint; learn how to effectively harness the power of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other key channels; and understand why customer expectations are dramatically changing and how to meet those expectations.

HF: What would you say to the skeptic, those who are resistant to the idea of social media as a business tool?

J+H: When used in the right ways, social media is an incredible outreach tool to connect with customers and clients. But businesses need to realize this space truly is about connections, not commercials. You’ll be surprised by how much you can learn about what your customers really want from you and think of you.

HF: So how do businesses integrate social media into their marketing toolbox? There’s only so much time, so much money and schedules are already overloaded.

J+H: There is a learning curve. That’s true of anything you do for the first time. Our advice is to not do it all at once. Be thoughtful about the social media space. Choose a particular channel, like Twitter or Facebook, and do it well. Develop a strategy. Ask: “who is my audience?” Then define your message and create a response plan. You are creating a community. And if you build it and they come and say things you don’t like, you need to know how to respond.

HF: How measurable is social media as a tactic?

J+H: Social media is great because it is affordable and measurable. Likes, fans, friends...all of those things are there for you to track. You can also track comments, retweets, and link sharing.

HF: I often hear business owners and leaders say, “Social media is great, it’s just not right for my business.” Either that or they do not understand social media and cannot imagine how it can help their business. In your experience, is there a particular business that benefits more from social media than others?

J+H: This is about building relationships and communicating with and engaging others. Everyone in business needs to build and strengthen relationships with customers and clients.

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Heather Ford

Develop a social media strategy for your business

Dr. Debra Jasper and Betsy Hubbard, founders of Mindset Digital, are the keynote speakers at the Eleventh Annual Key4Women Forum and will lead a session on, “The New Realities: Three Communications Shifts Today’s Business Leaders Can’t Afford to Ignore,” on June 8 at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia. They offer the following advice for businesses looking to integrate social media in their marketing strategy.

1. Always remember, social media is about connections, not commercials. You must create content that spurs conversations and fosters relationships.
2. Have a plan. You are creating a community, so know your audience, your message and your approach to responding when customers and clients and weigh in.
3. Think twice, post once. Everyone in your organization needs to understand that these channels are powerful and have a lasting impact on your company.

Jasper and Hubbard also say businesses of any size should consider getting training on how to effectively use social media. “Anyone involved with social media needs to understand that these spaces represent your brand. They can have a huge impact on a business,” Hubbard said.

Developing expertise can help businesses grow and can also help them learn how to avert a crisis and enhance relationships through quick responses to complaints and complements. After all, Jasper said, social media is a real-time environment, and businesses need to be able to respond in real time. Leaders need to understand hashtags, the backchannel and apps, for example, and how to leverage the right technologies for their firms. If you have ques-

tions, you can reach jasper at jasper@mindsetdigital.com or find out more at www.mindsetdigital.com

Here are three things you should ask when hiring a social media consulting firm:

What have they done? What is their professional background?

What social media channels have they worked with? How can they demonstrate their expertise?

Who are they working with? What kind of clients do they have?

If training isn’t in your budget, there are many books, websites and college training classes available that can help prepare you for success. However you choose to get up to speed, it’s critical to leverage the social media space. After all, that’s where your customers are spending their time.

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Nine Albany County volunteers honored

Work with children, seniors, inmates recognized

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Mara Papa has spent a lot of time thinking of others, volunteering to serve lunch every Monday and Thursday to needy families at the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany for more than 25 years. But on Monday, May 7, it was all about her for a change.

Papa was one of nine Albany County residents recognized by County Executive Dan McCoy for their volunteerism and presented with a 2012 Volunteer Award.

“If you think about it at a time when this next generation is looking up to baseball players, football players, stars as to who should be leading their country, it’s the people in front of me they should be looking up to,” said McCoy at a morning ceremony in the Cahill Room at the county offices at 112 State St.

Volunteers don’t just give back to the people they’re serving, said Tom Scarff, a staff member in McCoy’s office, they actually help keep the county running.

“We have the cream of the crop here today, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars to various organizations

dealing with people who are either needy or people who need them,” said Scarff, who emceed the event. “It’s money in the bank for the organization, money in the bank for Albany County, and thank God for you because we have no money in the bank in Albany County.”

Ronald Vincent, Marlene Barton, Hugh Langley and Kenneth Walker have spent countless hours ministering to inmates at the Albany County Correctional Facility. Assistant Public Defender Jeff Richards shared his own experience with those four volunteers and how he witnessed the results of their service firsthand.

“It’s a difficult job, some of the people are distraught, they’re troubled, they’re chemically addicted, sometimes there are mental health issues. ... I had a difficult time dealing with the emotional aspect of my clients’ predicaments,” said Richards. “(The ministers) manage to instill hope and faith on my clients.”

Richards said the transformation he sees in clients he refers to the volunteer ministers is remarkable.

“Somehow, someway, miraculously they get this man laughing and joking and smiling again and it’s just amazing to see it happen,” said Richards.

Norman Fancher has



Nine Albany County residents were presented with a 2012 County Executive’s Volunteer Award on Monday, May 7. Volunteers were recognized for doing everything from serving meals to needy families to ministering to inmates at the county jail.

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dedicated hundreds of hours to a different kind of Albany County clientele: kids. This year, he contributed 715 volunteer hours to the Seniors Teaching And Reaching Out to Students (STARS) program, helping students in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District with homework and working in classrooms. Fancher has been a STARS fixture since 2004 along with his wife.

Also recognized was Patricia McNamara, who has volunteered with the Albany

Medical Center Surgical Waiting Area Amenities Station since 2004, sometimes molding her work schedule around volunteer hours she promised to dedicate at the hospital thrift shop and blood drives.

Martha Oden is one of about 50 volunteers in the senior services department in the Town of New Scotland but stood out because she calls the office every morning asking how to help. Last year, she contacted 1,300 seniors to help coordinate rides for the town’s transportation program and

this year has already helped more than 300.

Barbara Zittel was honored for volunteering with the Albany County Medical Reserve Corps since 2007, where she helped increase efficiency during emergencies.

“Volunteers provide a generous gift to the communities and organizations they serve,” said McCoy. “We can’t put a price on the time, energy, skill and dedication that each and every one of these individuals provides to the people of Albany County.”

3rd Annual BOL Picnic

Sunday, June 10, 2012
1:00pm-6:00pm
Lanthier’s Grove
4 Dunsbach Ferry Rd.
Cohoes, NY 12047

2012 Picnic Highlights

- All-You-Can-Eat Buffet
- Ice Cream & Shaved Ice
- Gift Card Pull
- Yankees vs. Red Sox Raffle
- Horseshoes & Bocce
- Volleyball & Game Room
- Celebrity Softball Game will be from 3:00 to 5:00pm.
- \$100 donation to play.
- Participants will receive a picnic ticket & a t-shirt.

Join us for the 3rd Annual Building on Love fundraising picnic! Thanks to your help, Building on Love raised over \$18,000 at last year’s picnic to help aid families of sick children. This year’s picnic will feature a new location, new games, and much, much more!! Bring your family, friends and co-workers for a day of fun!
~ Rain or shine ~

TICKETS
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Advance reservations required
Call 237-3778 or download the form at www.buildingonlove.org.

Purchase by June 1st and be entered to win Yankees vs Red Sox tickets!



Building on Love Inc., a 501(c) 3 charitable organization, is dedicated to supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities chapters and the families they serve. Working in conjunction with the staff at several Ronald McDonald Houses including Albany (NY), Building on Love provides financial support to families in need due to the impact of the serious illness of their child. Building on Love also provides direct financial support for the previously mentioned Ronald McDonald House programs. Priority is given to projects that enhance the quality of care provided to families at Ronald McDonald Houses and/or projects that expand the number of programs and/or services. Building on Love has no employees and relies on its board and team of volunteers to fulfill its mission.

Your ticket price will go to helping families like The Harris Family:

Dear Friends and Supporters of Building on Love,

Our son, Jacob Harris, is a 17 year old High School senior. He has spent the last 5 1/2 months in the hospital waiting for a heart transplant. He is currently on VAD (ventricular assist devices) to keep him alive.

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.

The Harris Family
Randy, Rebecca, and Jacob Harris
(*excerpt from actual letter)

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Morse eyes Breslin’s Senate seat

Cohoes Dem to take a shot at redrawn 44th District

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Albany County Legislature Chairman Shawn Morse wants Sen. Neil Breslin’s Senate seat. Morse, D-Cohoes, announced his run for the newly redrawn 44th Senate District on Wednesday, May 2.

“I think it’s time we have some change,” said Morse. “As a legislator I’m watching as county government is eroded from unfunded mandates, which are programs created by state senators and assemblyman.”

Morse pinned unfunded mandates at the top of his issues list, saying they’re the key to lowering property taxes and improving residents’ way of life.

“The American dream has eroded away. People are living on the edge, people are losing their homes,” said Morse. “I think it’s quite simple. Unfunded mandates are what’s eroding our ability to have some type of control over property tax.”

Breslin, who has represented the 46th Senate District since 1996, announced his reelection campaign on April 19 and has already garnered

support from Congressman Michael McNulty, Albany County Democratic Committee Chairman Matt Clyne, Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings, Assemblymen Ron Canestrari, Jack McEneny and Bob Reilly, among others. U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand threw her support behind him with her May 3 endorsement.

The 44th Senate District Breslin and Morse are vying to represent was redrawn and includes Bethlehem, Colonie and the Cities of Albany, Troy and Rensselaer.

“Neil comes from a family dedicated to service. He is a real leader in our community and the New York State Senate. The Capital Region and the people of New York State know they can count on Neil Breslin to stand up for true Democratic values on key issues such as health care, education and workers’ right,” said Gillibrand in a statement.

But Morse said he thinks constituents can better count on him to get the job done.

“I think what sets me apart is I’m out here on the streets fighting every day to find solutions to the problems. ... I think that my opponent has been up at the Senate for a long time

and I think when you’re away from people for a long time you lose touch with what’s really happening,” said Morse.



Shawn Morse

people” and he wants to bring that muscle to the state level.

“It’s time for someone to go up to the state and yell, scream, kick, fight and do whatever they have to do until someone listens and helps fix the problems and I’m going to be the one to go up there and deliver that message loud and clear,” said Morse.

He said he wants to restore the quantity and quality of services taxpayers get for their money.

“When they walk out the door, someone’s there to pick up the trash and potholes don’t swallow your car and snow is removed from your street and the fire department has enough people to protect your life; all those services are what matter most to people,” said Morse. “What happened is we’re paying more and

getting far less.”

Morse said he also wants power in the Senate to be evened out.

“I think they’ve spent a lot of time embarrassing us when they grapple over who’s going to be the most powerful person in the Senate and leave the little guy brushed aside,” said Morse. “It’s all about the people; it’s their turn to elect someone, it’s their turn to find some relief.”

With the Primary Election not until September, Morse is hitting the streets.

“I’m going to get out there and knock on doors all across this county of Albany and Rensselaer and deliver the message that there’s hope, that it’s their turn to put someone in office that’s going to be there for them and we’re going to work hard ... until the job is done,” said Morse.

Meanwhile, Breslin said having an opponent won’t change how he approaches his campaign or service.

“I tend to work very hard for every election. I don’t think it’ll change what I do, I’ll continue to work hard,” said Breslin. “I’ll do what I’ve done in the past, which is to protect working men and women, support education that’s fair and also have healthcare available for all.”

IN BRIEF

Swing dance scheduled

A First Friday Capital Swing Dance will be held Friday, June 1, from 8:30-11:30 p.m. at the Albany Elks Club, 25 South Allen St. Music will be by the Don Young Mix.

The costs, which includes a 7:30 p.m. beginner lesson is \$15; \$12 for DFO members; and \$10 for seniors and students \$10. Directions and more information can be found at www.danceflurry.org/swing.

German club hosts Bierfest

On Saturday, May 19, the German-American Club of Albany will be hosting an evening of German food and drink at its 32 Cherry St., Albany, location. Doors to the German Bierfest will open at 5 p.m.

German Lagers, Pilsners, Bocks, and Hefeweizens will be available. Dinner served at 6 p.m. Dinner choices are German goulash or chicken cacciatore and vegetable at \$20/person. Salad and dessert are included.

Live music will be provided by Herb Liebenhagen. Walk-ins are

welcome for live music and dancing at \$6 per person. For reservations, call 489-0831 or 265-6102. All events are open to the public.

School presents Greenfest

The Bethlehem Children’s School’s annual Greenfest celebration will be held 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Money raised will be directed to the school’s scholarship fund, as well as for the general support of the school.

The school, located at 12 Fisher Boulevard in Slingerlands, will be welcoming local civic leaders, providing entertainment throughout the day, hosting food and arts vendors – including a number of fair trade vendors, selling seeds packaged by the school’s students and seedlings grown by students and their families, offering workshops on a variety of “green” topics, and there will be a wide variety of other activities for people of all ages.

An admission donation of \$5 for individuals and \$10 per family is requested, as well as a non-perishable food item.

For more information, call, 478-0024 or visit, www.bethlehemchildrens.school.org.



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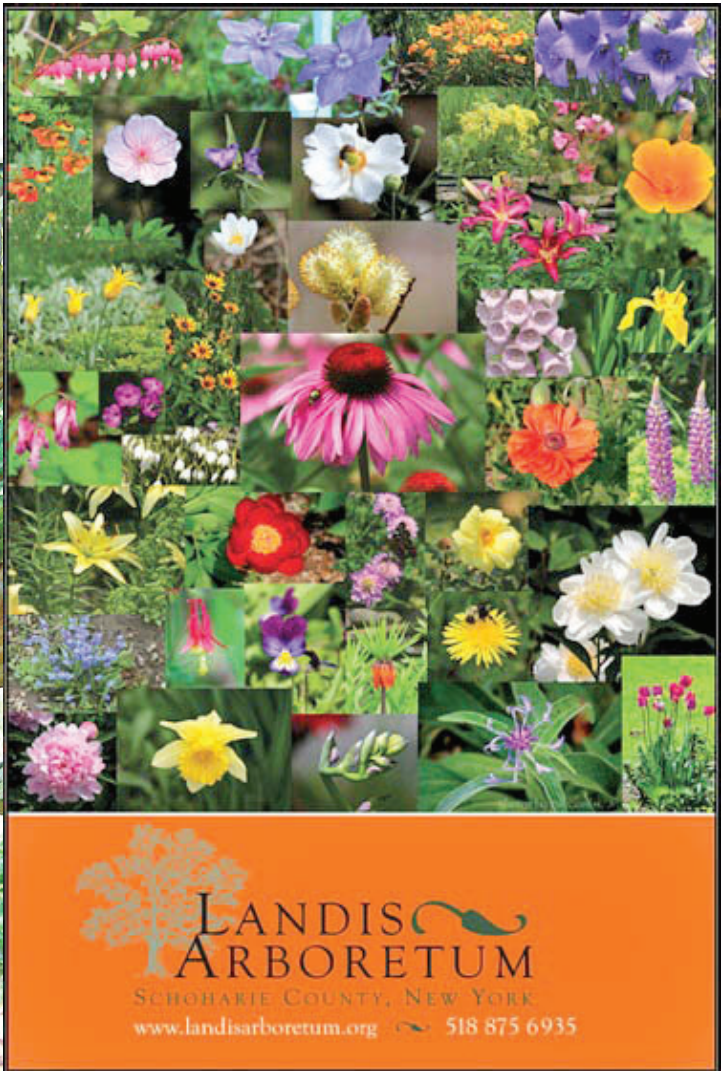


Entertainment in the Spotlight

Below: Many trees in the Pine Hollow Arboretum are close to 100 years old. Right: A poster by Bill Combs Jr. captures some of the natural wonders at Landis Arboretum.



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petal pushers

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN,
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When Fred Breglia learned about the International Society of Arboriculture's Tour de Trees, he thought it'd be a great concept to replicate locally.

The Tour de Trees is a weeklong bike ride that serves as the largest non-governmental source of funding for tree research and education in America. It raises awareness of proper planting and pruning of trees, as well as soil amendment and irrigation techniques.

Those issues struck a chord with Breglia, who is a certified arborist and executive director of the Landis Arboretum in Esperance, which covers nearly 550 acres in both Schoharie and Montgomery counties. Breglia envisioned a Capital District bike ride like the Tour de Trees that would help bring attention not just to tree planting, but to all the arboretum had to offer.

The idea, Breglia said,

"just kind of sat there." But it got a big push in recent months thanks to Paul Winkeller, a board member at the Pine Hollow Arboretum in Slingerlands.

Winkeller, it turned out, had his own idea for a tree-themed bike ride. Landis Arboretum, he said, is much more established than Pine Hollow, so he was keen on fostering a good working relationship between the two. A bike ride from one arboretum to the other and back – about 75 miles – could be a good way to bring the arboretums together as well as educate the public about them.

So Winkeller, an avid road biker, got in touch with Breglia, a mountain biker.

"He just jumped on the idea," Winkeller said.

The inaugural Capital Region Arboretum-to-Arboretum Bike Ride is slated for Saturday, May 19, at 9 a.m. The ride will be sanctioned by the Mohawk Hudson Cycling Club, which works out great for the arboretums, Winkeller said, because they don't have to worry

about things like liability insurance.

If the ride is a success, the groups hope to hold future rides that will include a fundraising component. But for this initial ride, the emphasis is on awareness and just having a good time.

The ride will kick off at 9 at the Pine Hollow office, 16 Maple Ave. Winkeller stressed that "it's not a race, it's a ride."

"It's not going to be fast," he said. "I'm not a kid."

He has no idea how many riders to expect, but there will surely be a crowd at Landis, which will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of its Signature Plant, Book, Bake and Artisan Sale.

"It will be kind of a spectacle," Breglia said. "There are literally thousands and thousands of plants for sale. It's our busiest visitation day of the year."

In addition to plants, the sale, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both May 19 and 20, features gardening books, nature-related arts and crafts, and homemade baked

goods. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Anything that riders buy during the break at Landis – which will also include a short "halftime ceremony" – will be driven back to Pine Hollow, where it can be picked up after the ride.

Although the bike ride is free, riders are welcome to make donations to the arboretums, which are nonprofit organizations that can always make good use of extra funds.

"Donated money is our lifeblood," Breglia said, noting that the cost of electricity, plowing and other necessities "just eats up our money."

The arboretum would like money to put toward improving its horticulture collection, Breglia said. Landis has 40 acres that are developed with plantings of trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials from around the world. The rest of the property features more than eight miles of trails, natural areas, woodlands and wetlands.

Pine Hollow, meanwhile, covers 25 acres of Eastern

White Pine forest. The arboretum's board emphasizes educational programs, and that's what additional money would help fund. Winkeller said the arboretum is working with local school districts to bring students out to arboretum to teach them about science and nature, an endeavor he feels is particularly important given the sedentary lifestyle of a lot of children today.

"Young kids don't get out into nature much," he said.

Anyone interested in taking part in the bike ride can contact Winkeller at winkp@nycap.rr.com. Visitors to both arboretums are always encouraged. For more information, visit www.landisarboretum.org or www.pinehollowarboretum.com.

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THE FARNSWORTH INVENTION

Aaron Sorkin’s play about two Americans in 1929 racing to invent television, presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, May 11-13 and 18-20, shows Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m., adults \$15, students with ID \$10. Information, 462-1297.

GOD OF CARNAGE

Recent Tony Award-winning comedy, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through May 27, shows Tuesdays through Sundays, call for times, \$20-\$60. Information, 445-7469.

HAIR

Famous musical about young adults in the Vietnam War era, presented by C-R Productions, Cohoes Music Hall, May 10-13 and 18-20, shows 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, \$25-\$35. Information, 237-5858.

HAIRSPRAY

Popular movie and Broadway musical, presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, 427 Franklin St., Schenect-

dy, May 11-13 and 17-20, shows 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$22-\$28. Information, (877) 350-7378.

JUST CHILLIN’

Comedy about six mis-matched co-workers hiding out in a cooler to escape a lunatic, presented by Hilltowns Players, Helderberg Lutheran Church, Berne, May 11, 7:30 p.m.. Information, 872-9835. Also, Westerlo Town Hall, May 12, 7:30 p.m., adults \$10. children 6-17 \$5, children 5 and under free. Information, 797-9289.

THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE

Neil Simon comedy, presented by The Stillwater Players Among Others, Inc., All Saints on the Hudson Parish Center, 881 Hudson Ave., Stillwater, May 11-13 and 18-19, \$35 includes dinner, \$30 seniors/ veterans, \$20 show only. Information, 290-0019.

THE REAL THING

Tom Stoppard’s comedy, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, May 9-13, shows 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, \$15. Information, 382-2081.

THE WHIPPING MAN

Matthew Lopez’s award-winning play about three men at a crossroads following the Civil War, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through May 12, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday, \$22. Information, 877-7529.

Music

GARY BERNADINI

Singer-songwriter, May 11, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

AMY COLLINS

Playing a mix of Celtic blues, modern folk and originals, May 11, 7 p.m., O’Briens Public House, 443 Fifth Ave., Troy. Information, 874-4521.

JOHN DEMONT & ERIC ERKKINEN

Two great acoustic guitar players, May 11, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

CHANDLER TRAVID THREE-O

Irreverant singer-songwriter, with opening act Pete LaBonne, May 11, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$18, door price \$20. Information, 583-0022.

3 QUARTER NORTH

Americana/bluegrass band, May 12, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

MATT DUFFEE

Capital District singer-songwriter, May 12, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

PHIL OCHS SONG NIGHT

Regional folk artists cover songs written by Ochs, May 12, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$18. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

JON POUSETTE-DART

Roots/country/folk singer-songwriter, with opening act Marc Douglas Berardo, May 12, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$22, door price \$24. Information, 583-0022.

HONEY DEW DROPS

Special Mother’s Day show with husband-and-wife duo, May 13, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$18 includes coffee, dessert and show. Information, 583-0022.

RAY WYLIE HUBBARD

Legendary Texas songwriter, May 14, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$17. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

NEW YORKERS AGAINST FRACKING

Special concert featuring Natalie Merchant, Citizen Cope, The Felice Brothers, Joan Osborne, Tracy Bonham, Toshi Reagon, Dan Zanes, The Horse Flies, Medeski, Martin & Wood and more, hosted by Mark Ruffalo and Melissa Leo, May 15, 7 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, general admission \$40, VIP admission \$150. Information, 473-1845.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, May 11, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

“SHUT UP, SIT DOWN & EAT”

Special show presented by Comedy Works, 8 p.m. May 12 and 2 p.m. May 13, The State Room, 142 State St., Albany, \$59.95. Information, (877) 565-3849 or 275-6897.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

“Focus on Nature XII,” through Dec. 31; “Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany,” permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

“Mohawk Hudson Regional Invitational 2012,” through June 9, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4755.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

“First in the Hearts of His Countrymen: George Washington,” through May 20; “A Gather of Glass,” through June 17; “Great, Strange, and Rarely Seen: Objects from the Vault,” through Aug. 26; “Recent Acquisitions,” through Sept. 23; plus “The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art” and exhibits on Hudson River School painting. American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

Installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 463-3726.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

“The Threads of Time,” through Jan. 31, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa.

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

“Harry Orlyk: Late Light Leaving,” through May 23, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

“Tails & Terpsichore” through Nov. 24, 2013; “En Pointel!” through Nov. 18; “Eleo Pomare: The Man, The Artist, The Maker of Artists,” through Nov. 18; “American Ballet Theatre: Then & Now,” through Nov. 18; 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

SAMUELS

“True Grit,” featuring Sue Clark’s photographs of the Old West, through May 31, 258 Alplaus Ave., Alplaus, open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Information, www.suephotography.com.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

“The Syracuse Mile,” featuring two of the central New York’s famous stock cars; plus ongoing exhibits including “East of Detroit” and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

“FETCH! Lab” and “Fueling the Future,” ongoing; Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

SPA FINE ART

Featuring new works by Ken Orton, 376 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-2411.

SORELLE GALLERY

“Terra Firma,” through May 30, Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Albany. Information, 482-2000.

HYDE COLLECTION

“Toulouse-Lautrec & Company: Prints from the Belle Epoque,” through May 27, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

“Clark Remix,” through Jan. 1, 2014; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

“Kidspace: Under the Sea,” through May 28; “Invisible Cities,” through Feb. 4; “Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective,” ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

“Rising from the Sea: The Art of Jay Hall Connaway,” through May 27; “Mark Adams and Beth Van Hoesen: Life Observed Up Close,” through June 24; plus “Arkell’s Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People,” ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS

Holding auditions for fall production of “Man of LaMancha,” 2 p.m. June 3 and

6 p.m. June 4. Information, 231-4400 or 877-5648.

ALTAMONT ART IN THE PARKS

Seeking artists and craftspeople to participate in annual show June 2, Orsini and Schilling parks, Altamont. Information, www.desolationroadstudios.com.

BALLSTON SPA COMMUNITY BAND

Openings in several sections, especially percussion, rehearsals Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Ballston Spa High School. Information, 580-1037.

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

Women’s singing group entering its 99th year, practices held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 765-4536.

THE CHORALIERS

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.

CAPITALAND CHORUS

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 Orlando and Western avenues, Albany. Information, 785-3567.

TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

Auditioning professional dancers by appointment at Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 75 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 306-4173.

ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Group meets four times a year and holds an annual show, promotes and encourages the medium of pastel through exhibitions, education and comradery in the medium. Information, 793-9350.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

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Capital District welcomes presidential visit

Obama says nanotech key to economic recovery

By ALYSSA JUNG
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According to President Barack Obama, job creation is key to a full economic revival.

On a Tuesday, May 8, visit to Albany, the president said the Capital District is doing everything right to make economic success happen sooner rather than later.

"The reason I came here today is because this school and community represents the future of our economy," said Obama.

Standing under bright lights in NanoFab X, a \$365 million computer chip manufacturing lab still under construction at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, Obama praised the high tech work being done there and deemed it a valuable part of the nation's future progress and a model for the rest of the country.

"Right now, some of the most advanced manufacturing work in America is being done right here in our state of New York. Cutting edge businesses from all over the world are deciding to build here and hire here," said Obama.

Obama said the education, training and production that occurs at the region's nanotech hub is paramount to keeping jobs in the country instead of overseas. He said ramping up the workforce domestically is something that needs to happen for

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– President Barack Obama

the economy to not only recover, but thrive.

"There are steps we can take as a nation to make it easier for companies to grow and to hire; to create platforms of success," said Obama. "Everything from giving more people the chance to get the right training and education to supporting new research projects in science and technology."

Obama joined Gov. Andrew Cuomo for a tour of the college prior to his speech. He viewed a computer chip manufacturing clean room and chatted with college scientists who showed him the tools used to make silicon chip wafers.

This is a "make or break moment for America's middle class," he said, and there's "no excuse for inaction," so he announced a to-do list for Congress and urged citizens to contact their legislators to



President Obama touted high-tech growth in his visit to the Capital District Tuesday, May 8.
Photos by Marcy Vette/Spotlight

plead for action.

"It's about the size of a Post-It note, so every member of Congress should have time to read it," said Obama, breaking into a grin at audience laughter. "Hopefully they can check things off the list, like when Michelle gives me a list, I check it off."

No. 1 on the list, which is posted at www.whitehouse.gov, is to "reward American jobs and eliminate tax incentives to ship jobs overseas." Obama proposed passing legislation that gives companies a 20 percent tax credit on the cost of moving operations back to the U.S. He said Congress should pay for the credit by eliminating the tax breaks for sending business abroad that are currently in place.

"What we need to do now is to make it easier for companies to do the right thing, and one place to start is our tax rates. At the moment, companies get tax breaks for moving factories, jobs, profits overseas," said Obama. "Meanwhile, companies that choose to stay here

are getting hit with one of the highest tax rates in the world, and that doesn't make sense."

That to-do list goal shouldn't be hard to accomplish, he said, because thanks to advances in technology, it's actually becoming more advantageous to manufacture in the U.S.

"Now, it's getting more expensive to do business in places like China; wages are going up, shipping costs are going up. Meanwhile American workers are getting more and more efficient (and) companies located here are becoming more and more competitive," said Obama.

He pointed to GlobalFoundries in Malta, the location he was originally scheduled to tour and speak at, as a shining example of attracting cutting-edge business and keeping jobs in the community.

"Companies like IBM, GlobalFoundries could decide to pack up and move elsewhere but chose to stay in Upstate New York because it made more sense to build here," said Obama.



Gov. Andrew Cuomo joined President Obama on a tour of the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering Tuesday, May 8, before speaking to the crowd about the region's future in high-tech industries.

Congressman Chris Gibson, R-Kinderhook, who represents the 20th District, which includes Saratoga County, said Obama's visit speaks to the work being done locally. He also agreed with the president's call for bipartisan support to get things done.

"I think leaders in both parties should work together to move our country forward, grow the economy, create jobs, work toward a balanced budget," said Gibson. "I call on leaders of both parties to take on those goals and help move our country forward."

Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson said the NanoCollege and GloFo doesn't "have the space for everything" so he's hoping the Vista Technology Park will pick up the slack and find its own place in the nanotech world.

"We're hoping that Vista can really benefit from that and pick up a lot of their technology business," said Clarkson. "It's good to have the president's attention to the tech industry."

Another "task" Obama put before Congress is to "invest in a new hire tax credit for small businesses," which would give a 10 percent income tax credit to firms that create new jobs or increase wages this year.

"We should make it easier for them to succeed," he said.

Colonie Supervisor Paula Mahan said the town is doing its part in commercial growth.

"In our economic development plan, we have been working on bringing spinoff companies from GlobalFoundries and jobs to this area, and we have had some businesses that have already settled in Colonie that are technology-based and preparing for the future," said Mahan, who met Obama when he landed at Albany International Airport just after 11 a.m.

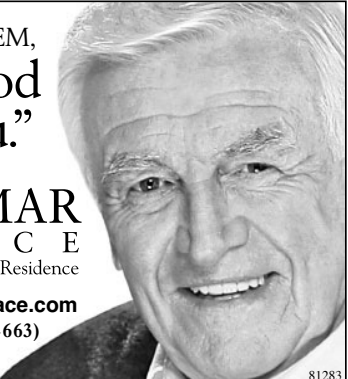
Obama also challenged Congress to "cut red tape" in the mortgage market to help homeowners refinance, invest in affordable clean energy and create a Veterans Job Corps to help veterans from Afghanistan and Iraq get jobs.

"Of course it's not enough just to give them the list, we've also got to get them started crossing things off the list," said Obama.

Obama spent a few minutes shaking hands with crowd members and VIP guests before heading back to the airport just before 2 p.m. and boarding Air Force One for his flight home.


– Marcy Vette contributed to this report

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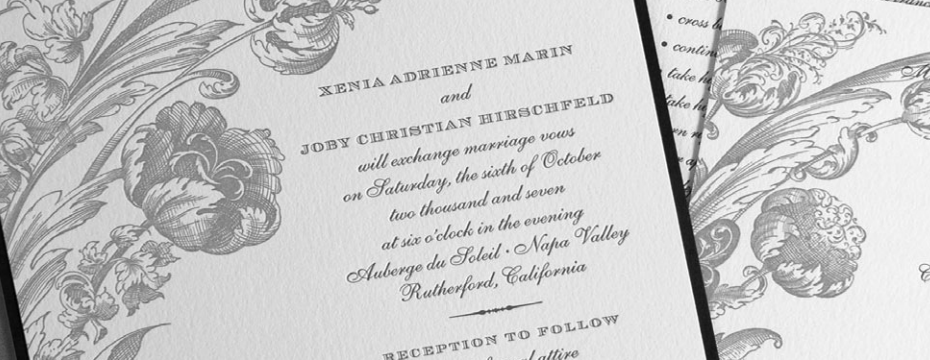
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Feura Bush Library holds sale

The Feura Bush Neighborhood Library, which is sponsored by the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association, will be participating in the hamlet wide garage sale by holding a large book sale on Saturday, May 26. Maps, breakfast and lunch will be available in front of the Jerusalem Reformed Church.

They will be selling books starting Friday, May 25, through Monday, May 28 at 38 Unionville-Feura Bush Road, Feura Bush. Sale hours on Friday, Saturday and Monday will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Extension holds education day

Rain or shine, the Albany County Cornell University Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners will hold a Garden Education Day, Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Memorial Garden at the Extension building, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville.

Annual, perennial, herb and vegetable plants along with annual hanging baskets, container gardens and small trees will be offered for sale. Related garden products such as hand tools, kneelers and T-shirts will also be available for purchase.

Proceeds will be used to develop and maintain public gardens in Albany and surrounding areas. In addition, Master Gardeners will conduct gardening demos, soil pH tests and tours of the Memorial Garden. Master Gardeners will also be on hand to answer gardening questions.

Gently used items will be for sale in the Trash to Treasure area, which opens at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments including beverages and home baked items will be available for sale as well.

Homespun barn dance

DanceFlurry Organization will be sponsoring a homespun barn dance on Saturday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Octagon Barn, 588 Middle Road in Knox. Music will be by Tamarack and simple dances such as folk, square and contra from the

Town turns out for collection day



Bethlehem residents brought unwanted items to the Spring Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Day on Saturday, May 5, at the town Highway Garage on Elm Avenue. The collections are held twice a year and offer residents the opportunity to safely dispose of common hazardous materials that cannot be placed in the trash as well as old electronics. The fall event will be held Sept. 22.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

United States and around the world will be taught to every age and ability. Suggested donations are \$2 for children and \$5 for adults. For more information, call 482-9255 or visit www.danceflurry.org/homespun-barn-dance.

Hike led through Pine Bush

There will be a hike on Saturday, May 19, starting at 9 a.m. at the Pine Bush Discovery Center led by Andy Arthur, John Wolcott, Tom and Helen Romano.

Participants will meet in the parking lot of the Discovery Center and will end up at the Western Pine Bush near the expanded Study Area boundaries. For further information, call 465-8930.

HILL to hold string concert

H.I.L.L. (The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning) will present “Non Piu Mesta” (No More Sadness) a concert for violin and guitar featuring the works of Weill, Hubay, Chopin and

others performed by Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz and Sten Isachsen.

The concert will take place on Thursday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. It is free and open to the public.

H.I.L.L. is an adjunct organization of the Bethlehem Central School District run by a committee of community volunteers.

Dem group to hold meeting

The Bethlehem Reform Democrats will hold an informational meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, May 22, at 7 p.m. The group is advocating for change in the town Democratic Party. For more information, visit www.bethlehem-reform-democrats.org or find the group on Facebook.

Friends organize Springfest

The Voorheesville Friends of Music is pleased to announce the return of Springfest, an outdoor music festival that will be held at the Clayton

A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

At Springfest, live entertainment will be provided by several local bands featuring current Voorheesville students, faculty and alumni. The bands will share an outdoor stage near the football field with the scenic Helderberg Mountains as a backdrop and music production sponsored by Live Sound Inc. The afternoon will be capped off with a performance by a well-known local musician and fan favorite, singer/songwriter/band director Brian Kaplan.

The original Springfest, which took place in May 2010, was conceived of and organized by Therese Miranda, past president of the Voorheesville Friends of Music. Therese envisioned a venue where local bands could showcase their talents for the enjoyment of the community. An outpouring of donations from the community in memory of Therese and the generous support of so many others whose lives were touched by her, will fund this event and enable the Friends of Music to offer free

admission.

Springfest is from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 20. Admission is free. Onsite concessions will be available, no outside food or beverages are permitted.

Take a hike at Thacher Park

John Boyd Thacher State Park is offering a special event as a part of New York Heritage Weekend, May 19 and 20. New York Heritage Weekend will showcase the Empire State to residents and visitors alike and will help kick off the summer tourism season. Heritage Weekend events include special programs, discounted or free of charge, or any event that celebrates national, state or local heritage.

On Saturday, May 19, local historian Tim Albright will present a “Chronicles of Thacher Park” History Hike. Learn about the bygone times of the Indian Ladder Region while strolling the panoramic cliff top trail. You’ll feel like a time traveler as you hear tales of the area and stories of former residents. Meet at the Upper Overlook

parking area at 9 a.m. and walk to Hailes Cave. Walk is approximately 1 to 1.5 miles, and will last until approximately 11 a.m. Participants may continue to walk or return to their vehicles after the walk. Appropriate footwear for hiking is suggested. Binoculars may be helpful. No fee.

Writers group holds reading

The Delmar Writers Group will present its annual reading at the Bethlehem Library on Sunday, May 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend in the library’s community room. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served.

Thirteen local writers will read prose and poetry. Three poets, Linda Sonia Miller, Paul Amidon and Mimi Moriarity, will read poems to echo the theme, mood or image of the prose pieces, giving the audience a way to reflect on the prose pieces read.

Free screenings on Thursday

The Cancer Services Programs of Albany and Rensselaer Counties are teaming up with American Cancer Society and St. Peter’s Health Care Partners to provide free cancer screenings to men and women. The free screenings offered will be mammograms and Pap tests for women ages 40 and older and colorectal screening for men and women ages 50 and older. Free screenings for uninsured residents are provided through the Cancer Services Program year round at St. Peter’s Health Partners, facilities across the Capital Region and in every county in New York State.

If you live in Albany or Rensselaer County and would like to make an appointment, call 454-4013. If you live outside Albany County, call the Cancer Services Program at 1-866-422-CANCER (2262) to find a screening near you.

The next screening event will be held Thursday, May 17, from 3 to 7 p.m. at St. Peter’s Health Care Services - Breast Center, at 317 South Manning Blvd. - Suite 305, Albany.

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PILOT contracts, the Selkirk Cogen contract was negotiated for a 20-year period based on projected future energy costs. Over that time, the Town has been receiving what was essentially the share of the payments meant to go to Albany County and the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District. Those two municipalities will now receive their full shares.

When Selkirk Cogen is placed back on the tax roll, 80 percent of all property taxes will go to the RCS School District while the town, the county and special districts will need to split up the remaining 20 percent.

“I do want to say again that Selkirk Cogen is a model business within the community, they provide energy, they are

not the enemy here,” said Clarkson.

Because of the huge loss, the formula used under the state tax cap law would allow the town to potentially raise the tax levy by up to 22.8 percent. If the Board did decide to raise the levy to the maximum allowable limit, taxes would be raised \$65 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The town would still be facing a \$1.2 million gap even with that tax hike.

“But nobody here is proposing that big of an increase,” Clarkson said.

According to Cohen and Clarkson, the town is now looking to “restructure” expenditures by leaving vacant positions unfilled, consolidating some town services and renegotiating contracts to result in savings for the town. The budget advisory group is brainstorming additional savings ideas.

“I do want to say it is not their job, the

citizen’s advisory group, to close our gap for us,” said Clarkson. “That is fundamentally something only the board and I can do and moreover we want to do it with consensus from the community.”

The supervisor also said the town is in negotiations with two of three public safety unions, but one has yet to come to the table. More specifics about the negotiations are expected to be known by the fall budget presentation.

Towns throughout Albany County are concerned about a potential proposal by County Executive Dan McCoy for a “cap” on county sales tax. Cohen said Bethlehem depends heavily on its share of the sales tax and a “cap” could result in an additional loss of \$1 million for the town.

Cohen said the town receives about \$10 million annually through county sales tax revenue and in

some ways the loss of an additional \$1 million is more worrying than the losses from the PILOT.

When asked about the prospect, McCoy said in an email that unfunded mandates leave the county “no choice” but to look for ways to increase its revenue to offset the impact on county property taxes.

“Albany County must consider changing the sales tax distribution formula to help offset the increases in unfunded mandates. The current 60-40 split is generous by comparison to other counties across New York State. Some counties keep all the sales tax while others keep even larger portions than Albany County,” he said.

Clarkson said Town Board members will do everything possible to preserve the quality of town services for residents while taking the steps needed to balance the budget.

School plans Greenfest

The Bethlehem Children’s School’s annual Greenfest celebration is Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds benefit the school’s scholarship fund.

The school will welcome local civic leaders, provide entertainment throughout the day, host food and arts vendors, including a number of fair trade vendors selling seeds packaged by the school’s students and seedlings grown by students and their families, offer workshops on a variety of “green” topics, and offer a wide variety of other activities for people of all ages.

A new feature of Greenfest is a green car showcase with the support of area automobile dealers, and the school plans to have a number of area non-profit organizations on hand with informational displays. There will be a large silent auction table,

a green tag sale (gently-used, quality items) and a book, CD and DVD sale. A 50/50 raffle will be held.

At 1 p.m. the school will be hosting a special program, the highlight of which will be the dedication of its recently completed greenhouse, the walls of which are made from recycled two-liter soda bottles.

An admission donation of \$5 for individuals and \$10 per family is requested. Along with that, visitors are asked to contribute a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food pantry.

The school is located at 12 Fisher Boulevard in Slingerlands.

For more information, call the school at 478-0024, write the director, Ralph Fahnstock, at dpodbcs@hotmail.org, or visit the school’s website, www.bethlehemchildrensschool.org.

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disability leave since 2009. He was taken off duty shortly after bringing forth accusations that Chief Louis Corsi used a racial slur in a taped phone conversation and has been a sometimes vocal detractor of the town and Police Department ever since. He filed a lawsuit against the town and Corsi in 2010 seeking to wipe disciplinary actions from his record.

The prosecution told

the jury Hughes had wanted the badge because it was a “matter of pride” to obtain one after leaving active duty. Griggs also argued the badge could be used to identify oneself as a former police officer if pulled over. The defense said a retirement badge was simply a “novelty.”

“Would an average person walking down the street know the police badge of a retired officer is a novelty?” Griggs asked the jury.

A representative from Galls took the stand, as did a representative from Linstar, a company in

Buffalo that has made the identifications cards for the Bethlehem Police Department since 2008. The latter witness said there were minor differences in the retired identification card Hughes submitted in order to obtain the badge when compared to the ones issued to the town’s police force, such as the font.

Hughes never obtained the badge, according to Griggs, because Galls has implemented a security process in which the superior of the person attempting to gain a badge is notified

for verification purposes. When Hughes did not receive the badge in a certain amount of time, the Galls representative said he called the company repeatedly. A recording of one such call was submitted into evidence for the jury to hear.

“I think the jury ruled fairly,” said Griggs. “It was a short case, but it was straightforward. I really don’t know what else they could have done to arrive at their conclusion.”

Bethlehem police Chief Louis Corsi took the stand, as did Deputy

Chief Timothy Beebe, who helped investigate the incident.

Albany County District Attorney David Soares said the charges brought up against Hughes were serious and the punishment should reflect the act.

“Companies like Galls make very specific equipment for law enforcement officers and we don’t want to make light of the effort Hughes put into creating a perk he no longer had the privilege of having,” Soares said.

Hughes was released until the time of his

sentencing under the supervision of the Albany County Department of Probation.

Because of the felony conviction, Bethlehem Town Attorney James Potter said the Police Department could now terminate Hughes as an employee under section 141 of the town code. He had been set to collect a full salary until retirement age while under disability status. Records indicate he was paid a salary of \$67,529 in 2011.

Hughes could not immediately be reached for comment.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Universal Energy Source LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/22/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80454 (D) (May 16, 2012)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Ev-george LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/28/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80456 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of R Marsac Consulting, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/5/12. Office location: 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 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

1083 Brighton Beach Avenue, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/9/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. 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 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Pyrrho Capital Management, LP. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/9/12. Off. loc.: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/14/12. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LP: c/o CSI, 1675 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Name/ address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 80471 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

On February 28, 2012, Bethlehem Mobile Home Park, LLC, a limited liability company, filed articles of organization with the New York Secretary of State for the purpose of engaging in the purchase, ownership, leasing and development of real estate including, but not limited to, mobile home and manufactured home parks, and any other lawful business. The office of Bethlehem Mobile Home Park, LLC is located in Albany County. The specified date of dissolution is December 31, 2062. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served, with any such process received by the Secretary of State to be mailed to Bethlehem Mobile Home Park, LLC , 14 Saybrook Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077. A registered agent upon whom process against the limited liability company may be served is Rose Watkins, mailed c/o Barney Square Apartments, 225 State Street, Suite 113, Schenectady, New York 12305. 80472 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Samuel Thorpe LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/2/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80475 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Natural Stone & Tile, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/2/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80476 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Yes Dental of NY, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/22/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. 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 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PAEZ NY CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/3/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80574 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GRADTIX, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/3/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80575 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BUD-DHA TEA HOUSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/4/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 69 N. Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80580 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PERUZZI 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 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 205 207 8TH AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80584 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 70 7TH AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80585 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 128 TODT HILL ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80586 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 201 AND 203 BUTLER STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80587 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 400 5TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80588 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JCJ HOLDINGS OF N.Y. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/19/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 43 Willow Lane, Delanson, NY 12053. Purpose: any lawful activity. 80589 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Livingston Rentals, LLC Arts. of Org. filed under sec 203 of the LLC Law with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on April 3, 2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave Box 13, Albany, NY 12208 Purpose: any lawful activity. 80591 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Third Arbor Hill, LLC Arts. of Org. filed under sec 203 of the LLC Law with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on April 3, 2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 So Lake Ave Box 13, Albany, NY 12208 Purpose: any lawful activity. 80592 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gutches West LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/2/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation Sys-

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tem, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 80593 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LUMINOUS REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80798 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 343 GNR REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80799 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 16, 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 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of OHD-SOUTHEND III, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 3/30/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I. David Swawite, 40 Bea-

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ver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 80803 (D) (May 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 16, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 16, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of FABE FOODS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80820 (D) (May 16, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of BRISBANE VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80822 (D) (May 16, 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. NJ address of LLC: 321 Rt.3 W, Paramus, NJ 07652. Arts. Of Org. filed with the NJ Secy. Of State, 33 W. State St., Trenton, NY 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. 80823 (D) (May 16, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Olympe LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/10/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 80824 (D) (May 16, 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 16, 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 16, 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 16, 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 16, 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 16, 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 16, 2012)

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transformational power and it can become a lifetime obsession. Believe me, I know.”

The announcement was the first of five to be held around the state. The New York State Library funds the annual promotional materials while local libraries are asked to create their own programming and reading lists to accompany the theme.

Both state Sen. Neil Breslin and Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin attended the event to show their support of the summer reading program.

“I’m the son of a teacher,” said Breslin. “Back when I was growing up we didn’t have summer reading programs, but I certainly had a mother who was very vigilant to make sure we participated in our own reading program. But that doesn’t cure society. That doesn’t cure the sons and daughters of a single working



A display at the Bethlehem Public Lbrary touts the upcoming summer reading program.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

mom, and all types of different situations.”

He said this program can help instill a love of reading in children from all backgrounds.

Bethlehem Public Library Director Geoff Kirkpatrick said it has been a challenge in recent years to get teens to come to the

library. According to circulation rates from last year, teen books had the second lowest loan rate, just barely beating out magazine loans.

Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson joked that although today’s youths are more likely to be reading their favorite

novel on a Kindle or iPad rather than an actual book, “the fundamental activity is the understanding of language, the crafting of thoughts, and the understanding of thoughts from others.”

Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Tom Douglas agreed, adding how most standardized tests now rely on strong reading comprehension skills.

“The old phrase ‘reading is fundamental’ still holds true,” he said.

To attract teens back to the library, Kirkpatrick said libraries are now asking for teen volunteers to help tutor or read to younger children during the summer months. The Bethlehem library is also providing teens with advance copies of books that haven’t been published yet to take home, if they are willing to write a review to be placed on the library’s website. So far, 160 local teens have signed up to participate in the summer program at the Bethlehem library.

Timothy Burke, Upper Hudson Library System executive director, said the majority of this year’s summer programs for children will focus on lessons about outer space. He also said the “Own the Night” theme for teens will focus on empowerment.

“I would like to thank (Breslin and McLaughlin) for thinking libraries are a smart investment of taxpayer money,” he said.

The event closed with a brief memorial for children’s author Maurice Sendak, who died on Tuesday, May 8. The 83-year-old was famous for his artwork and stories in books like “Where the Wild Things Are” and “In the Night Kitchen.”

“I know his character and books touched my life,” said Kirkpatrick, adding that Sendak will live on through his work.

A short student video was also shown that promoted the summer program’s “Own the Night” theme.

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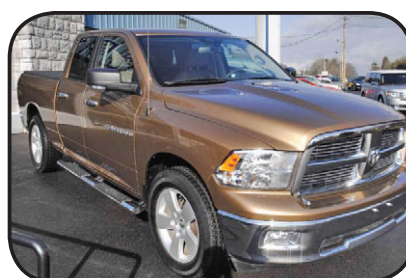
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Guilderland's Cody Dyer, left, surveys the Bethlehem defense around the goal during last Wednesday's Suburban Council South Division game in Delmar.

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Dutch

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their loss to Guilderland by beating Colonie 8-7 last Friday. Bethlehem outscored Colonie (3-8, 3-11) 5-3 in the second half to earn its second Suburban Council victory of the season.

Christensen and John Gosstola paced the Eagles with three goals and

two assists apiece, and goaltender Dan Comber made 14 saves.

Mike Metzger led Colonie with a hat trick and two assists. Elijah Crago also scored three goals, and goaltender Brendan Deedy stopped 15 shots.

Bethlehem and Guilderland close out the regular season Thursday. Bethlehem hosts Columbia, while Guilderland visits Colonie.

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one they had against Guilderland in order to make the Class AA playoffs. After Monday's scheduled game against Colonie (8-5, 10-7), they meet Mohonasen Wednesday and close out the regular season Friday against Suburban Council South Division leader Columbia.

More than one loss in that stretch will knock Bethlehem out of the

playoff picture.

If nothing else, Helm has been impressed with the way his team has fought its way back into the race for a Sectional playoff berth.

"With our backs against the wall, the guys have really responded well," said Helm.

And if Bethlehem makes the playoff field, Helm said he believes his team can make a run at the Sectional title. "There isn't a dominant team that I can point to this year," he said.

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Guilderland prepares for softball playoffs



Guided by pitcher Mallory Harrigan, the Guilderland softball team has qualified for the Section II Class AA playoffs. The Lady Dutch have an 8-5 Suburban Council record entering the final week of the season.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Lady Dutch win in Queensbury

Guilderland edges Bethlehem for girls team championship

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Guilderland girls track and field team edged Bethlehem for first place at Saturday's Queensbury Invitational.

The Lady Dutch took the team title with 125.111 points, eight points ahead of runner-up Bethlehem.

Guilderland was especially strong in the pole vault, where Kendra Lizzotte led a top-three sweep for the Lady Dutch by clearing the bar at 11 feet, 1 inch. Jaclyn Levy was second after clearing the bar at 10 feet in fewer attempts than teammate Alicia Switzer, who placed third.

Emily Burns and Anna Pickett each won distance races for Guilderland.

Burns finished first in the 1,500-meter race with a time of 4:46.03, while Pickett won the 3,000 with a time of 10:43.34.

Abby Marco contributed a victory for Guilderland in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:05.23, and Catalena Diamante won the high jump by clearing the bar at 5 feet, 2 inches.

Bethlehem's best performances were in the relays, where the Lady Eagles won one event and placed second in the other two. The victory came in the 1,600 relay, where the team of Carolyn Wagner, Shannon Haggerty, Heidi Bai and Samantha Taillon finished with a time of 4:11.78.

Lindsay Cheu contributed a victory in the 800-meter run for Bethlehem with a time of 2:21.78. Nicolette Lukacs (100 dash), Jackie Kearney (200

dash), Grace Smith (high jump) and Vicky Buehler (triple jump) added second-place performances.

On the boys' side, Bethlehem placed fourth in the team standings at the Queensbury Invitational with 59.5 points. Saratoga claimed the team title with 134.5 points.

Dylan Languth and Brian Greenberg led the Eagles with second place finishes in the long and triple jumps, respectively.

Voorheesville's Vinnie Saccocio was the lone local athlete to win a boys event in Queensbury. Saccocio claimed the pole vault title by clearing the bar at 13 feet. Saccocio's teammate, Tim Stewart, placed third in the high jump by clearing the bar at 6 feet.

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Lady Dutch make the grade

Despite recent losses to Bethlehem and Columbia, the Guilderland softball team is assured of a berth in the Section II Class AA playoffs thanks to an 8-5 Suburban Council record entering the final week of the season.

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Weekly poll

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

- Nicole Beardsley (BH-BL)
- Morgan Hardt (Guilderland)
- Lauren Smith (Shaker)
- Kayla Treanor (Niskayuna)
- Kelly Wall (Shen)

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Last week's poll results:

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

- Trevor Hiss 52%
- Luke Goldstock 36%
- Stephen Farrell 10%
- Mike Jenkins 2%
- Dan Comber 0%



Bethlehem's Sam Vincent, center, takes a shot on Guilderland goaltender Sean Klim during last Wednesday's Suburban Council game in Delmar. Klim made 25 saves in the Dutchmen's 8-4 win. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Dutch move into lead

Wins over Shaker and Bethlehem catapult Guilderland into first place

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Guilderland boys lacrosse team moved past Shaker by beating the Blue Bison 9-6 in last Friday's Suburban Council South Division showdown. The Dutchmen (9-3 league, 10-5 overall) outscored the Blue Bison 4-1 in the second half to pull away for their sixth consecutive Suburban Council victory. Taylor Dubose had a hat trick,

and Patrick Wood contributed two goals and two assists for Guilderland. Stephen Polsinelli and Connor Drislane tallied the other Dutchmen goals, and goaltender Sean Klim stopped 13 of the 19 shots he faced. Matt Wood and Stephen Rehfuß each scored two goals, and netminder Aiden Snyder had 19 saves for Shaker (8-3, 10-4). Guilderland entered Friday's showdown off a hotly contested 8-4 victory over Bethlehem last Wednesday in Delmar. The Dutchmen didn't pull away from the Eagles (2-10, 4-11) until the fourth quarter,

when they closed the game with three unanswered goals. At the other end of the field, Bethlehem fired 29 shots at Klim, but the senior goaltender was up to the challenge as he made 25 saves. Cody Dyer had three goals and three assists for Guilderland, which held a 4-3 halftime lead. Wood and Drislane each contributed two goals and an assist. Brad Bettinger tallied twice, and Liam Christensen added a pair of assists for Bethlehem. The Eagles bounced back from **Dutch Page 34**

Wild finish on tap in Council

Things are a lot more interesting the Suburban Council baseball world these days. With its four-game winning streak entering Monday's action, Bethlehem (6-7 league) has added its name to the long list of league teams that have a shot at making the Section II Class AA playoff field. Six teams have already clinched Sectional berths — Columbia (11-2), Shenendehowa (10-3), Shaker (9-4), Niskayuna (8-5), Colonie (8-5) and Guilderland (8-5). With Bethlehem in the mix, there could be seven Suburban Council teams involved in the Class AA playoffs. Where they all might be seeded will be the more interesting question. Columbia has the inside track for the Suburban Council's top seed, but a loss or two could open the door for Shen to gain the No. 1 seed. Shaker, though, could still win the Suburban Council North Division title should Shen falter down the stretch. Then, you have a cluttered

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middle section with Niskayuna, Colonie and Guilderland. One of those three teams will emerge as the No. 4 seed this week, which would put them in position to play the spoiler in the Class AA quarterfinals. And any of those three teams could do it. The hottest team in the league could be Bethlehem, though. With wins over Niskayuna, Shaker and Guilderland over the last two weeks, the Eagles proved they have the capability to beat anyone. They could be a scary team for anyone to face, should they make the playoffs. The nice thing is all of the contenders have opportunities to meet each other before the

regular season ends Friday. Bethlehem meets Colonie and Columbia this week, while Shen and Shaker face off Wednesday in what could be the game that decides the Suburban Council North Division title. Colonie has the toughest schedule to close out the season. After facing Bethlehem Monday, the Garnet Raiders finish with games against Columbia and Guilderland. However the Suburban Council standings get sorted out, the one thing area high school baseball fans can count on is the teams that advance to the Class AA playoffs will be battle tested. One other high school baseball note: The Colonial Council could produce three Sectional champions this spring. Lansingburgh will be a leading contender in Class A, while Schalmont, Fonda and Albany Academy all have the potential to win the Class B title. Voorheesville should be one of the top seeds in Class C.

Playoffs within grasp

Winning streak puts Bethlehem back into Sectional picture

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Two weeks ago, the Bethlehem baseball team was staring at the possibility of missing the Section II Class AA playoffs. Entering Monday's Suburban Council South Division game against Colonie, the Eagles (6-7 league, 7-8 overall) were back in contention for a playoff berth — thanks to a four-game winning streak that moved them within a game of the .500 mark they need to qualify for Sectionals. "It's amazing what a little confidence can do," said Bethlehem coach Rob Helm. The teams Bethlehem has defeated in its winning streak aren't lightweights, either. Among the Eagles' victims are three teams that have clinched playoff berths — Niskayuna, Shaker and Guilderland. Helm said the key to the win streak has been at the plate, where the Eagles are starting to string hits together. "We've always had the pitching. We just couldn't get the hitting going," said Helm. "The last few games, we've started to score some runs." Junior outfielder Eric Mueller has been the catalyst for Bethlehem's recent offensive improvement since his return from a wrist injury at the start of the season. In the Eagles' most recent victory — an 11-2 win at Guilderland last Thursday — Mueller drove in four runs with four hits, including a home run. "Mueller is starting to swing the bat, and he's starting to feel better," said Helm. "Everybody else on the team has seen this, and they're motivated to do the same thing." Pitcher Will Aldam continues to shine for Bethlehem. Against Guilderland, the junior allowed four hits in a complete-game performance and lowered his earned run average to 1.30. The Eagles will need more efforts like the **Grasp Page 34**