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Vista projects get tax breaks

Cunningham speaks out against abatements, two applications delayed

By MARCY VELTE
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Bethlehem's Industrial Development Agency has approved tax breaks for two medical office buildings proposed to be built within the Vista Technology Park in Slingerlands.

At an IDA meeting held on Friday, June 22, members reviewed the applications submitted by developers before granting

tier II abatements to both projects. A public hearing had been held earlier in the month to give residents an opportunity to comment. Two community members spoke out against the tax breaks, including Chris Kidera, co-chairwoman of the town's Budget Advisory Committee.

Originally, abatements had been asked for four projects within the park. At the meeting, developers said they would like more time before the IDA considers the applications for two buildings that would house retail businesses. They were removed from the meeting's agenda and will be considered at a later date.

Mike Morelli, director of Economic Development and Planning for the town, said plans for Vista call for just 20 percent of space within the park to be filled by retail-like businesses. The remainder of the site's space will be reserved for professional office buildings and technology users.

"The code itself allows (a 70-30 percent ratio,) but the Town Board felt the primary goal of the Vista project was as an office park, ideally with technology-based businesses," said Morelli.

IDA members said a precedent had been set for granting medical buildings tier II tax

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A trail of entertainment



Musicians, storytellers, jugglers and more came together on the Heldeberg-Hudson Rail Trail for "Fairy Tales and Fireflies: A Solstice Celebration" on Wednesday, June 20. More photos, page 13.

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Petrol station plans tweaked

Owner has been pitching ideas to Glenmont since 2006

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The owner of land that houses a small Petrol gas station on Route 9W in Glenmont is hoping to further develop the area.

A proposal went before the town's Development Planning Committee on Thursday, June 21. Paul Nelson is looking to expand the gas station to include a larger, 3,000-square-foot building with a convenience store inside. The project also calls for new fuel islands to be installed.

A diesel fuel station for larger trucks would be located at the side of the building with a larger parking area for those vehicles. Somewhere on the property, the project also calls for a 2,415-square-foot fast food restaurant to be built.

Bill Dow, the station's current manager, said the hope is to have both the convenience store and the restaurant open 24 hours to be available to truckers. He said most likely, truckers would not be parking in the lot overnight because they usually park in the Walmart parking lot.

The plan was presented by Rob Osterhoudt and Jim Gillespie of Bohler Engineering.

"We do not meet the canopy setback requirements for 100-foot along 9W, but we are improving what is there today," said Osterhoudt. "So, we understand that a variance would be needed there."

Projects at the site have been put before the town for years. In 2006, Cafua Management Company had sought to place a Dunkin' Donuts on the property north of the gas station. The town asked the developer to eliminate curbs cuts in the plan and install a service road. The project did not go forward.

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Town Board rolls back meeting time

Bethlehem leaders say lengthy sessions exclude public

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Town Board has decided to move the start time of its meetings back to 6 p.m.

At a meeting on Wednesday, June 13, members voted to move the start of meetings back to the earlier time slot because recent meetings have been ending far later than usual. The start time of meetings was changed to from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the beginning of Supervisor John Clarkson's tenure after several citizens complained about not having time to make the beginning of the meetings because of work.

Recently, few people other than the board members themselves and town staff have been staying to witness the end of meetings, some of which have adjourned after 11 p.m. Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn said he was concerned citizens were unable to voice their concerns about town matters not on the agenda if they do not stay.

"I am certainly accountable for putting a lot of things on the budget and yet when I ask myself, are there things we would not put on there, really there isn't anything," said Clarkson. "Looking toward the schedule for the summer I want to spend a great deal of time going through some big picture budget issues, which I think is necessary and appropriate to do in public. It does take time, there's no doubt."

Councilman George Lenhardt said he was fine with whatever decision the board came to, but added he understands how some younger residents with families would want

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Turning pens into profit

Glenville 11-year-old's handiwork goes from hobby to moneymaker

By JOHN PURCELL
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Parents: the next time your kids want to take up a new hobby, you may be able to think of it as a business proposal.

That's what happened to the Williams family, at least. Anna Williams was 8 years old when she decided the craft of pen making was something she wanted to explore. Her father, Michael, had shown her short video clip online about a teenage boy who was making pens and then selling the handmade writing tools.

"I only showed her 'cause I thought it was interesting and he was a young kid ... not because I was expecting her to do it," Michael Williams said.

Now 11, Anna Williams has been making hand-turned pens for a year-and-a-half, using a lathe to turn wood and tools to carve out the design. Although her interest hasn't waned, it took some time to convince her parents to purchase a lathe and the needed supplies.

"I wanted to do it, so I

kind of begged my dad for hours and hours and he still refused," she said.

Two years of persistence paid off, because once her father said "maybe" she knew she had persevered after being shot down for so long.

Her father bought her a lathe for around \$130 and before he knew it she was asking for more pen kits. Originally, she had no intention to start her own businesses, but the door was opened after she was offered money for a pen.

Michael Williams said he set up a website, pensink.com, for his daughter to share her hobby with family and friends. It was also a way for people to purchase a pen by cash or check. Then the website attracted a customer from across the globe.

"Her order from Australia is when we realized it feels like we have a little business here," he said. "It really kind of went from a hobby and moved into a business."

From there, Pens Ink became a reality and now receives orders from all over the world, including from Russia and India. Anna Williams has taught herself along the way and learned the craft through

trial and error.

"I like everything about owning a business," she said.

She is also the youngest member of The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County, joining in February after her business became profitable.

She enjoys going to mixers the Chamber hosts, although at first she was a little reluctant to meet with professionals who were much older and taller than her.

"I am a kid and I am kind of looking up to them, literally," she said. "I like going to mixers and meeting new people."

Even though she tries to be as professional as fellow Chamber members, she said sometimes she just "doesn't want to be" and wants to be a kid, but she keeps her composure.

Being a business owner at such a young age does have its challenges.

"It is hard to juggle everything," she said. "It is kind of cool and weird and a little scary at times."

She is graduating from the fifth grade at Glencliff Elementary School this year and balancing school, friends, Pens Ink and other hobbies and interest isn't the easiest task. The experience she is gaining



Anna Williams, an 11-year-old of Glenville, turns wood on a lathe to finely carve out one of her handmade pens (inset).

Submitted photos

is worth the effort to her, though.

"It is definitely worth having a business because of the experience," she said.

She said most of her friends are "very supportive," but sometimes they don't adjust to it as easily.

"Even your best friends are sometimes going to be intimidated by what you do," she said.

All of her profits have mostly gone towards buying more inventory, but Williams is eyeing an iPad or a similar device to help her stay organized and take better pictures.

Once she saves up

enough money, she said she wants to donate to charities.

On a suggestion from a customer, she expanded her craft and started making wine stoppers. She admits it was an odd proposition at first, but she found wine stoppers to offer more artistic freedom than pens did.

"People are going to want it and I can make it," she said. "Wine stoppers are so fun to make, because they are freehand."

She said she wants to continue with the business, but she hasn't looked into what she wants to do when she is "grown up." She half joked if her business

expands too much more, she would need to hire some employees.

"This is just me getting noticed, so it could just lead onto something different," she said.

Michael Williams said his daughter has always been adventurous and wanted to try new things.

"She has a lot of interests and a lot of energy ... sometimes it is kind of hard keeping up with her," he said. "I'm just glad I listened to her. It took me two years, but I'm glad I gave her a shot."

For information on Anna William's products or to purchase an item, visit pensink.com.



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Work to begin on New Scotland Rail Trail section

New Scotland portion of trail targeted for late summer opening

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After months of negotiations, Albany County Officials have come to an agreement with the Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy to open another section of the county Rail Trail.

Through a partnership with the Town of New Scotland, the Village of Voorheesville, Albany County and the Conservancy, a 2.4-mile section of the trail is scheduled to be opened toward the end of the summer. The work will be completed by the Friends of the Rail Trail group and other members of the community, so public funds will not be used.

“It’s been a long time coming,” said County Executive Dan McCoy at a press event on Friday, June 22, near the New Scotland entrance to the trail at the corner of Talon Road and Upper Font Grove Road. “I look forward to getting the full 10 miles of the trail opened up eventually, but it’s going to be more partnerships like this (that make it happen.)”

The actual corridor for the Albany County Rail Trail was purchased in 2010, but the project has been in the works for nearly seven years. The

funds were not available to complete the work needed to open the full path after the land was purchased. Last summer, a 1.8-mile section of the trail was opened in Bethlehem through volunteer work and donated funds.

The official plans call for paving the entire trail to meet federal grant standards to become a commuter trail. For now, repairs and upgrades will be made so pedestrians will be able to use the additional section of the trail. The county had previously secured a \$2 million grant for trail work, but according to volunteer and licensed landscape architect Scott Lewendon, after the grant application was filed, additional costs were found, bringing the cost to \$8 million. To get the newest section of the trial opened to pedestrians, \$7,000 would be needed to make repairs and install safety railings.

In May, the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation awarded the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy a \$10,000 grant to help open the next section of the trail within Voorheesville and the Town of New Scotland. Members of the group said they gave the money because the rail trail has an important recreational use in the community.

The funding will mostly be used to purchase materials needed for safety

improvements, including decking and railing over Vly Creek. Protective chain-link fencing will also be welded onto the bridge spanning Route 155.

Jill Knapp, executive director of the Conservancy, said the group would take over liability for the newest section, much like they did for the section opened last year in Bethlehem.

“We are really happy to be able to start on this 2.4-mile section this summer,” said Knapp. “We truly hope that next year we can see progress on opening a section in the City of Albany.”

The high cost of repairing or replacing eight bridges along the trail has been cited as a major hurdle to getting the entire trail opened.

“This is a very happy day for the residents of the Town of New Scotland,” said Town Supervisor Thomas Dolin. “We’re all look forward to the day when we can get on our bikes and ride into downtown Albany.”

Voorheesville Mayor Robert Conway said the process of opening the newest section of the Rail Trail is a “prime example of governments working together for a community benefit.”

Parks & Trails New York, a leading nature advocacy group, has been involved in the county Rail Trail project since the ‘90s.



Albany County Executive Dan McCoy announces work will begin to spruce up a 2.4-mile section of the Albany County Rail Trail, along with New Scotland Town Supervisor Tom Dolin, Voorheesville Mayor Rob Conway, Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy Executive Director Jill Knapp, and other public officials.

Max Mirabile/Spotlight

Project Director Martin Daley said each time a next section of the trail is opened, he sees a longtime vision becoming a reality.

“I grew up in the City Of Albany, so I’d ride my bike out here when I was a teenager and see the corridor and hear rumors

about this someday becoming a trail,” he said. “It’s a real special moment for me to come out and see how close we are to making this happen and tell my young son he might be able to enjoy this in much the same way I dreamed it would happen.”

Volunteers are still needed for the project. Work will begin on Saturday, June 23, and continue through the summer. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy at 436-6346.

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Fundraiser items stolen Route 9 accident delays traffic

The annual golf tournament put on each year by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post in Bethlehem suffered a minor setback after door prizes for the tournament were stolen out of the event organizer's car. The fundraiser benefits local World War II veterans.

John Rees, chairman of the event, said he was parked at the American Legion Post on West Poplar Drive when all of the prizes were stolen from his car. The event went on as planned on Monday, June 25, and several local businesses stepped forward to donate new prizes.

Each year, the golf tournament raises about \$3,000 to help send World War II veterans to see

the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. through the Honor Flight Network.

Bethlehem police could not immediately be reached for comment.

Drug bust on Thruway nets three

A traffic violation led to three drug arrests in the Town of Bethlehem, according to State Police.

Herberto Nadal Osorio, of Amsterdam, was arrested after being pulled over while driving on the Thruway in Bethlehem. Also arrested were his two passengers. Police allege Osorio, along with Christopher J. Vazquez, of Schenectady and Jose H. Ramirez, of

Puerto Rico, were found to be in possession of 41.5 grams of cocaine, 1,050 decks of heroin and 5 grams of marijuana.

All three were charged with three counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance and Vazquez was also charged with unlawful possession of marijuana. They were arraigned in the Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail with no bail.

Man, 14-year-old charged in prostitution case

A Utica man was arrested by Colonie police just after midnight on Friday, June 22, for promoting prostitution of a 14-year-old girl, according to police.

Around 12:33 a.m. on Friday, officers stopped a vehicle in the lot of the Days Inn at 1606 Central Ave. after observing the vehicle and its occupants acting suspiciously in the lot of the Super 8 Motel at 1579 Central Ave., according to police.

Police found that Darren N. Bostick, 27, of Utica was involved in prostitution activities that involved him profiting from and employing a 14-year-old female, said police.



A truck hauling construction equipment went off the road on Route 9W around 11 a.m. Saturday, June 23, just south of Capital Cities Imports. No injuries were reported. Bethlehem police shut down the road in both directions, from Beacon Road to Wimple Road for approximately 35 minutes.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Bostick was charged with promoting prostitution in the second degree, a felony, and endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor, according to police.

Police discovered the 14-year-old female was a runaway from Saint Anne's Institute in Albany and she tried to conceal her identity by providing false names to officers, said police.

Bostick was arraigned in Colonie Town Court and remanded to Albany County Correctional

Facility in lieu of \$25,000 bail and his case was referred to the Albany County District Attorney for further court action, said police.

The 14-year-old female was turned over to the Capital District Secure Juvenile Detention Facility on a juvenile delinquency charge that, if she were an adult, would constitute criminal impersonation and prostitution, according to police.

Police: Man hid drugs, needle in sneaker

A Latham man was arrested after trying to smuggle drugs into

prison, according to Albany County Sheriff's Office.

Elliot Vasquez, 44, of 315 Colonie St., was charged with promoting prison contraband in the first degree, a felony, and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, a misdemeanor, after he was found with a hypodermic needle and a quantity of heroin hidden in his sneaker while being processed into Albany County Correctional Facility for a parole violation, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Vasquez was arraigned in the Town of Colonie court and remanded back to jail without bail.

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Feeling out of pace in the South

I've come up with a sure-fire solution to beat the Upstate New York heat: Head to New Orleans for a couple days.

That's what I did earlier this month, and I can honestly say the impact of the recent heat wave was greatly reduced after swimming through the Crescent City's humidity. The air is so thick there (how thick is it?) when you order gumbo, they just give you an empty bowl and a spoon (zing!).

The Big Easy was only one stop on a whirlwind road trip aimed at taking in as much as possible in as quick a time as practical. So three friends and myself loaded up the car and departed for adventure.

What we found was another country at our doorstep. Having spent a portion of my childhood in the South, I knew vaguely what to expect, but I was still amazed at how things a few hundred miles away can be so different, yet so very much the same.

Us Northerners who associate the South with burning crosses and the television show "Cops" would probably be surprised at how similar a lot of the landscape is. Wearing a shirt soaked in sweat is treated a bit more cavalierly, though.

But things are undeniably different, starting with the people. It's tempting to call Southerners nicer than Northerners, but that isn't necessarily the case. It's that the speed of life is more kindly, and it's evident in everything, first and foremost speech. To the Northerly-attuned ear, hearing a true Southerner ask, "How are y'all today?" seems to take only slightly longer than it took the continents to drift into their current positions. It does give you time to ponder the question, though.

"How am I? Well, it's hotter than the surface of the sun and my lunch just winked at me. But I'm on vacation and that's grand. Quite the quandary. Funny word, quandary. Where does it come from? I wonder how it sounds in a southern drawl. Maybe I should ask this fellow to say it."

By the time you've thought all this over the



ON THE TRAIL
Charles Wiff

word "y'all" will be nearly spoken and you will have forgotten the question. So 15 minutes later you simply respond with "fine."

The speed of speech translates to other everyday activities. There's less reckless speeding on the roads (many of which have 70 mph speed limits, thank you very much) and you're not assaulted by a cavalcade of car horns if your pedal isn't on the floor 0.05 seconds after the light turns green. Cars also stop for pedestrians waiting to cross the street, which for us was like watching an alien spaceship land — we weren't quite sure what was going on or how to respond.

You get the sense people don't even know how to rush (or more accurately, don't care to know) and by extension you don't see on every corner a person with a bulging forehead vein screaming into a cell phone. After a while, you get to wondering exactly why we're all in such a blasted hurry up here. It might be some long-ingrained response to the winters, some dormant instinct that clicks on and makes us want to can preserves and chop wood at a frenetic pace before the first freeze.

With all this traveling (our ambitious agenda no doubt due to Northern

blood) I'm glad we had the chance to get outdoors for a day in the Great Smoky Mountains. This ridge of peaks is surrounded by a half-million acres of national park less than an hour off the highway and home to jutting precipices, tumbling waterfalls and giant salamanders.

I enjoy all those things and am happy to report the forests there to be lush and inviting, at least on a sunny, 75-degree day. We got started early from a motel off the highway and headed into the park through what I was assuming was the small City of Gatlinburg.

If Lake George is the gateway that welcomes you to the Adirondacks, Gatlinburg is the cannon that blasts you into the Smokies. As we drove, the mountains loomed up ahead bold and proud, but rather than the expected outfitters shops and bed and breakfasts, we drove through Six Flags Outdoors™.

If you could plant pine trees in Las Vegas and shrink it down about 50 percent, you might get something like Gatlinburg. All I know is in one afternoon, you could easily play a round of miniature golf, mine your own fake gemstones, buy a Jesus Saves T-shirt and take in a dinner play involving the Hatfield-McCoy feud (apparently a quarter-century murderfest works up the appetite). At one point we passed a replica on the Titanic and the Chrysler Building (complete with

If you could plant pine trees in Las Vegas and shrink it down about 50 percent, you might get something like Gatlinburg.

King Kong hanging off of it) within a quarter-mile of one another.

Near the end of this amusement park, I realized there was an actual amusement park just outside Gatlinburg: Dollywood, founded and owned by country music superstar Dolly Parton.

I don't remember every element of Gatlinburg because in some traumatic situations the brain is actually capable of shutting down higher functions to block images that might be damaging to the psyche.

Once we rolled through the gauntlet, though, we found the Smokies to be a place of wonder. We hiked to a waterfall, saw salamander, explored historic shacks and drove to the top of Clingman's Dome, the highest peak in the Smokies and third-

highest point east of the Mississippi. Another half-mile up a trail brought us to an observatory tower with majestic views and the opportunity to straddle the Tennessee/South Carolina border.

It's amazing what you can accomplish in a car. It would have taken us days to hike this course. But we probably would have had a much different experience. First of all, the Smokies are crowded. Through just May of this year, the park saw 2.7 million visitors. And almost all of them seem to stick mostly to their cars, stopping here and there to snap photos and feed potato chips to squirrels.

But trailheads that lead to anything distant (including the Georgia-to-Maine Appalachian Trail) had only a few cars even on a red-letter day for hiking. So I'm hoping one day I'll get the chance to return to those forests and do some real exploring on two legs rather than four wheels. And maybe next time, I'll take a hint from the locals and take it slow.

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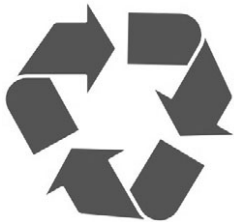
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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Oh, the ways you'll fail

We here at *The Spotlight* would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to the members of the Class of 2012. Those graduating high school mostly did so this past week, and it has been several weeks since colleges held commencement ceremonies.

Graduation is a momentous occasion in any young person's life (or for an old person, for that matter). It also offers up an opportunity for well wishers to heap on advice about the future being in plastics and whatnot. We could not stand to pass that up.

So let us speak directly to the recent grads now. You've spent the vast majority of your life being groomed for success by those who care to make sure you start life on the best footing possible: your parents, your teachers, siblings and even your friends. You've probably worked hard to perform at your highest level and by extension, make those who have invested in your future proud.

Which is something you should do, of course. But as you step out into the world or bid the nest farewell for college studies, try to keep in mind that despite all your preparation, studying, the help you've received and the practice you've put in, you're destined to fail.

At least at some point, that is. Some of you have probably learned this important lesson by now, but many of you have not. There is a lot of importance put on success in our society and that bar seems to keep being moved back to a younger and younger age to breed a Hunger Games-esque level of competition and expectations in our schools. So the abundance and regularity of failure is a life lesson that tends to be obscured pretty readily these days.

You're pretty much guaranteed to screw up now and again, sometimes in a big way. It might just adversely impact your grades, or a mistake could drastically impact the course of your life. The important thing is to learn something from every fall, get up and do better the next time.

Pretty clichéd advice, to be sure, maybe even worthy of an eye roll from our younger readers. But consider how much failure many of the greatest successes had to wade through.

Thomas Edison is quoted as saying, "If I find 10,000 ways something won't work, I haven't failed. I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward." And he lived that principle, basing his search for a better light bulb on a trial and error process that was undeniably inefficient and ham-fisted — but it worked.

J.K. Rowling, the author of the unimaginably successful Harry Potter series (and who is probably more well known than Edison as this point), was destitute when she sold her first Potter manuscript — after having it turned down 12 times. A few years later and she's worth something like \$1 billion. It's fair to say the world would be a different place if Rowling had hung it up after a dozen rejections.

The list rolls on and on: Henry Ford (who was looked at as an abject failure at 40, before he invented the Model T), Babe Ruth (who was better known for striking out before he broke the home run record), Dr. Seuss (whose first book was rejected 27 times) and leaders the like of Dick Cheney, Winston Churchill and Harry Truman (all of whom either flunked out or dropped out of school at some point).

The point to all this is to illustrate the importance of continued growth along with the relative unimportance of figuring it all out right away. Take the time to try new things and find out your place in the world and remember: failure is more than an option. It's a requirement.

Editorial

Unusual garden structures add interest

By SUE PEZZOLLA

The writer is a community educator with the Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension.

If you are searching for an addition to your garden that is a step up from the ho-hum gnome or plaque, look to the past for inspiration. The grand gardens of the world reveal several items that might work in your outdoor space. If you have a large garden area, consider the pergola. A room without walls, the pergola can be attached to another structure or free standing. It is used to create an outdoor room and to separate areas of the garden. It offers the opportunity to introduce the vertical dimension with vines or climbing roses so the garden extends overhead, providing shade below.

The arbor and the trellis also add the vertical but for large areas, the scale and drama of the pergola is a better fit.

The obelisk is an upright garden feature that can mark an entrance to a garden area, form the middle of a formal bed or "parterre" or it can stand within a border for architectural interest especially in the winter. Dating back to Egyptian times, the obelisk was originally fashioned

Point of View

of huge blocks of stone formed into upright pointed shafts that flanked the entrance to the temples. Today our obelisks bask in the sunshine of the mixed border and are made of metal or wood. Small versions are made to sit on top of large pots to support vines.

Hedges are often used to block a view or to create a space within a garden but in a small space a "fedge" or a "wattle" may be the perfect answer. A fedge is a hybrid of a fence and a hedge. It starts with some type of framework over which a climbing plant is grown. The results are faster than planting a hedge and the height is easier to control. The idea is to have the framework covered by the plant material. In England, the fedge is enjoying a revival as a living willow sculpture. Willow cuttings are used as decorative fencing, arbors and such and as the willow roots and grows leaves, it becomes a living fence or whatever the gardener needs it to be but always it is a marriage of the practical and the

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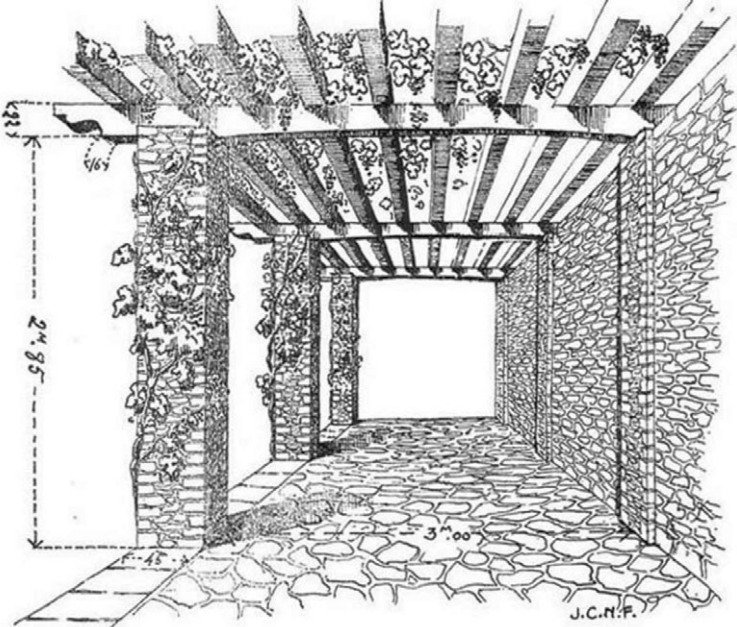
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ornamental.

Lastly, if your garden area is naturalized or informal, the "wattle" fence may work for you. This type of fence is meant to be a natural fence section that screens off an area or provides a division. It is hand made of woven green wood and one or two sections only are constructed. The terminology is again British as the wattle-and-daub was used as a woven fence technique to form the panels of walls for thatched cottages. The woven sections were packed with mud and mortar and smoothed out to a solid finish. A wattle fence might be a fun project for those lazy days of summer!

For more information on these features, looks to the following resources:

www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/design/projects/plantsupports_pergola; www.epa.gov/greenacres/wildones/handbk/wo27fence.html; www.mgovens.freeseve.co.uk; www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/egypt/explor/luxor.html; www.simplywillow.co.uk; David Stevens. "The Garden Design Sourcebook, The Essential Guide to Garden Materials and Structures," Conran Octopus Press.



Weekly poll

What's the best way to beat summer heat?

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Last week's poll results:

"How much would you be willing to pay to keep your town services intact?"

- Nothing. Cut anything to keep taxes down: 69%
- Zero to 2 percent tax hike : 15%
- 2 to 4 percent tax hike: 8%
- 4 to 8 percent tax hike: 4%
- Whatever's necessary to avoid cuts: 3%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Candidate's government experience Colonial Acres is above par should be considered an asset

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

In his recent letter, Mr. Carter expressed a number of complaints about Bethlehem politics. I applaud him for urging voters to be less apathetic. However I disagree with Mr. Carter regarding his suggestion that "retired state bureaucrats" have little to offer.

Although I have experience as a small rental property owner, as an employee of a private utility company and as a board member of a real estate development corporation, it is precisely my experience working for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) that most qualifies me to run for Bethlehem Town Board.

As senior project manager at NYSEDA I managed and oversaw projects that enabled NYS companies and small businesses to survive, thrive and create jobs through energy technology innovation and conservation. I was the NYSEDA team leader in our successful effort to collaborate with several state and local governmental agencies to keep Beech Nut and several hundred jobs from

leaving New York after the terrible Canajoharie flood. Working with researchers at Cornell, I was able to help create a viable vegetable production business outside Ithaca based on Cornell greenhouse expertise and funding I was able to gather from several public and private entities. This facility still produces lettuce that is sold under the Finger Lakes Fresh brand locally in Price Chopper stores and elsewhere in upstate New York. In another NYSEDA greenhouse agriculture project, I helped facilitate the expansion of Shushan Valley Hydro Farm. In other instances, I have worked with small and early stage start up companies, including Environmental C&C, Inc in Scotia, that are developing innovative energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

While NYSEDA funding was important, these companies also benefited from the non-financial support and advice I was able to offer based on my work with many diverse companies and technologies at NYSEDA and my own private sector experience. In addition, as cofounder of

SustainNYSEDA I helped stimulate sustainability measures affecting internal operations of NYSEDA that achieved a variety of energy, water and solid waste reductions while also saving the organization over \$100,000.

I hope to take the expertise and knowledge I developed over 25 years of working for sustainable economic development and energy innovation in the state and use it for the benefit of our local community. Regardless of where individuals may have developed and honed their skills - in the home, educational institutions, the private sector, non-profit organizations, the military, and yes, even in government agencies - everyone should be encouraged to contribute their particular expertise towards solving the very difficult challenges Bethlehem faces. It is the voter's job to become educated about and assess the value of each candidate's experience and commitments for service in public office.

William Reinhardt
Slingerlands
Candidate, Bethlehem
Town Board

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Since 1998, the (Colonial Acres Golf) Course has been in environmental programs such as Audubon International, Governor Pataki's Pollution Prevention and Unit, EPA Performance Track, and NYS Environmental Leaders, to help in maintaining an environmental co-existent property while reducing maintenance costs. In 1997 the course spent just over \$10,000 in fertilizers, plants protectants and Category III pesticides. This was when the course was at a 70 percent synthetic pesticide to a 30 percent biological-natural organic-plant protectant product use. Since that time the

products used have been reversed to a 90 percent biological-natural organic base-plant protectant and 10 percent synthetic pesticide product use.

Since 1997 product costs have increased 52 percent. Over the last 4 years the course has averaged a \$2,800 savings per year. Other savings of note are a reduction in turf care by naturalizing 3 acres of in play areas which have led to an annual savings of \$1,053. A reduction in energy use has also been in place and our NYSEL goal was achieved this past year with a reduction from 10,408 kWh to 7,823 kWh use. This was in result to a reduction in irrigation use, which is 100 percent runoff water, over

a 4-year period by running the pumps less and an improved heating system in the maintenance shop. These are just a few of the on going environmental projects that go on at the course.

So it is not Audubon, or EPA or NYSE Environmental Leaders programs that has hurt us. It has been a lack of amenities such as bathrooms and a few minor adjustments that can help us get out of last year's loss. Remember last year there were 77 days of rain that equaled out to 33" of rainfall.

I've been in the golf course maintenance all my life. I can't remember a season weather-wise as

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Bus trip to Beantown

Boston is always a blast, but never more than in the summer when the marketplaces are thriving with wares from all over. You can "leave the driving to us," and spend a day in "America's Walking City" by going on our Saturday, August 18 bus trip. We will leave from the library parking lot at 7 a.m., get dropped off in the Quincy Market area, and be picked up near the market at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Proceeds help underwrite library programs not funded by taxpayer dollars. This event is cosponsored by the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce and the Library. Reservation deadline is Monday, July 16. Reserve your seats online at the Chamber website, www.guilderlandchamber.com For more information, call Erika Gauthier at 518 456-6611, or e-mail egauthier@

guilderlandchamber.com

Happy Independence Day!

Since summer is here, so are summer hours. Through July and August, the library will be closed on Sundays. The library's summer hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday: closed.

For more information on the library's operating hours and holidays, please visit www.guilpl.org/hours.

They're baaa-aaack!

They've become a tradition. They have regular fans. They're fun, exciting, and children have actually dozed off while watching them! They're Family Movie Fridays at the Guilderland Public Library.

This summer, we have an all-fun line-up beginning with a furry trio of chipmunks who get "chip-wrecked" in the course of the Friday, July 6 feature. This movie is rated "G", and, like the entire series, begin at 7 pm. Free popcorn? Of course. Air conditioning, too.

We cannot give you the titles of the movies in this news release, but we can give you the dates and a fair idea of what's showing:

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Start summer on the write foot

Young authors are invited to develop their writing skills this summer with a variety of library workshops. Write a book with My Writing Project or Young Writer's Workshop. Potential screenwriters will prefer my.media.project's video orientation. Already have something you want to "publish"? eBook Creator participants will convert their chosen work into an ebook.

There are two sessions of each program.

MY WRITING PROJECT: Two-week workshops for budding writers age 7 to 9. Create handwritten, sewn books. Mondays and Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m.

YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP: children age 9 and up write, illustrate and bind their own hard-cover books during three-week workshops. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

MY.MEDIA.PROJECT: Three-week program in which participants age 9 and up create a storyboard and script that is converted to a video with the guidance of Library staff. Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m., or Thursdays, 11 a.m. to noon.

eBOOK CREATOR: Writers ages 9 and up will learn how to convert words and illustrations of an original story into eBook format in just two sessions. Monday and Tuesday afternoon, 2 to 3 p.m.

Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email from info@rcscommunitylibrary.org with child's name, age, phone number, and preferred session.

Museum passes

Planning a few day trips this summer? Let the library help keep the cost down with a family museum pass. Most passes provide free admission for two adults and two children. The USS Slater and the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute passes are currently available. Passes for the Schenectady Museum & Planetarium, as well as MassMoCA, are on order and should arrive any day.

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Summer tech classes

Play it again, Sam. This summer, librarian Bryan Rowzee offers a re-play of the most popular adult computer classes of the year. Classes are offered in July and August, so choose the session that fits your schedule best. Class size is small, allowing for plenty of individualized attention.

Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email from info@rcscommunitylibrary.org to register.

FILES AND FOLDERS: Learn how to create, save, delete and find your files. Tips on choosing memorable names for your documents and projects. We'll also use folders to get and stay organized.

Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 11, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug 15, 11 a.m.

BEGINNING INTERNET: Learn how to navigate the web in this beginner's class. Understand what the address bar is, how to type in a url, and add a page to your favorites. Mouse skills required.

Tuesday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug 21, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug 22, 11 a.m.

BEGINNING MICROSOFT WORD: Learn to create quality documents like letters, business cards, agendas and more with tips and templates. You will become

more comfortable with editing and sharing your written thoughts at home or at work.

Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER: In this class, we will review turning the computer on and off, using the keyboard and mouse, changing the date and time and personalizing the screen to help you find those handy programs that are hiding "somewhere" on your new computer

Tuesday, Aug 7, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.

Library hours

The library will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, and will remain closed on July 4 to observe Independence Day. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, July 5th at 10 a.m.

Beginning July 7, the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays through the end of August.

What's new

- Adult fiction
 - "First, Best and Only" by Barbara Delinsky
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Summer reading in full swing

The library's a busy place, now that the school year is done. Signups for our Summer Reading Program are mounting. Dream Big—Read is the theme for kids from preschool through elementary school; Own the Night sums up the summer for teens in grade 6 and up. Empowerment through reading is the message.

A full schedule of special events for all ages is on the calendar; learn more in the July/August edition of our newsletter, footnotes, mailed last week to all households in the school district. You'll also find copies in the library and a PDF on our website, www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Reporting for prizes at the library begins next Monday July 2; reporting hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to noon, 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays 2 to 4 p.m. School-age kids and teens can keep an online reading log. Beginning July 2 we're also running a Big Words contest for grades K-5. Get the details online at www.bplkids.org.

Entry forms for our annual summer bookmark



contest are available in the library and online at www.bplkids.org and www.bplteens.org.

Summer buddies
Our summer edition of Book Buddies also begins next Monday July 2. Little Buddies (kids in grade K-5) read to Big Buddies (our great teen volunteers) to build reading skills and self-confidence. All reading levels are welcome. Spots are assigned first-come, first-served. Sessions are Mondays at 10 and 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 2 and 3 p.m., and last 30 to 45 minutes.

Announcements
Beginning July 2, an additional meeting room for small public gatherings (4-8 people) will be available to library users. Ask a librarian for more information.

A reminder that we are closed on Sundays in July and August, and that we will be closed next Wednesday July 4 for the Independence Day

holiday. Have a safe and fun Fourth.

Paws to read: Dog days of summer
Fridays, July 13 to 27, 10 and 10:30 a.m.
Bring a few favorite stories to read aloud to a gentle dog who loves to listen. Grades one to five. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

Balletone
Friday, July 13, 10 a.m.
Dance with Gail Tassarotti of Albany Dance Fitness. Wear comfortable clothing. Age 6 and up with family.

Minecraft get-together
Monday, July 16, 1 to 4 p.m.
Call 439-9314 to sign up. Grade 4 and up.

Intro to improv
Monday, July 16, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Terrie Gifford of The Inside Edge leads this workshop for teens in grade 6 and up. Call 439-9314 to sign up. Performance at 8pm is open to the public. Sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Friends of the Library
Monday, July 16, 7 p.m.
Board meeting. Open to the public.

Fancy Nancy sees stars
Tuesday, July 17, 2:30 p.m.
All ages are invited to this star-studded fancy event.

Read 2 me
Wednesdays, July 18 to 25, 10:30 a.m.
Teens read to tots up to age 6. Parents are required to stay with their children.

Kindergarten boot camp
Wednesday, July 18, 1:30 p.m.
Practice kindergarten skills in a circuit training exercise. For children entering kindergarten only, with adult.

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.

Nook eReaders have arrived

The library's new Nook eReaders have arrived and will be ready for check out on Monday July 9. Each eReader has a theme and comes pre-loaded with popular eBooks selected by our librarians. Adults can choose fiction, romance/sci-fi/fantasy, nonfiction or mystery. For kids, there's fiction, nonfiction, picture books, chapter books and young adult books. Beginning readers can read or listen to the books on the Nook. Nooks may be checked out by Voorheesville patrons for two weeks.

Dream Big, Read!
Summer reading has begun! Monday July 9 at 7 p.m it's the Kick-off with Jim Snack, magician. "Dreams are Magic" is just the way to start out our summer reading program. Anyone who loves magic will enjoy the Capital District's premier magician! There is no sign-up or tickets, but remember that when the community room

is filled, we must close the doors. Come early, take the time to choose books for your reading, get help signing up online for our program, and read together while you wait.

Concert series
Summer also means our annual Together at Twilight concert series. July 11 at 6:30 join us as we welcome GeoTrio - A Caribbean world music trio featuring Crispin Catricala on guitar, Dave Casner on vibraphone and Brian Melick on percussion. This is a family friendly concert that will have everyone clapping their hands and swaying to the jazzy music beat. Rain or shine.

Barbara Vink

- All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is at 51 School Road,

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July 13: Goosepimply [TV Y7]
July 20: The Adventures of Tin2 [PG]
July 27: Where the Wild Things Will One Day be Able to Say They Were [PG]
August 3: The Madcap Uppets [PG]
August 10: Xarol Eht [PG]

Mark Curiale

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Spend the day at the park to celebrate Independence Day

Celebrate July 4 at the Elm Avenue Park. At 11 a.m., Boy Scout Troop 58 will read the Declaration of Independence, present colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem. From noon to 4 p.m., there will be food, fun and festivities. Bring a chair or a blanket.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is offering The Savvy Caregiver Program, a free, five-week course for those caring for a family member with Alzheimer's disease or other forms dementia. Enhance your care giving skills and learn coping strategies. The course is sponsored by Eddy Alzheimer's Services and will be held at the church, 85 Elm Avenue, Delmar, on Wednesdays, July 11 through Aug. 8. Call 867-4999, ext. 209 or email Jamie.mott@alz.org to register.

The farmers markets are open in Delmar. You can get fresh vegetables



and fruits at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Avenue on Tuesday afternoons, and at the Bethlehem Middle School on Kenwood Avenue on Saturday mornings.

The Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides transportation to Town residents, who are age 60 and older, to medical, dental, and other appointments; grocery stores; and numerous social and recreational programs. Call 439-5770 to make reservations. Our Social Workers are available to provide assistance with insurance, housing concerns, and health and income programs. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an outreach appointment.

Tuesday, July 3

•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, July 4

•Town Hall closed for

Independence Day

Thursday, July 5

•Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. We play mah jongg, bingo and pinocle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for more information.

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

Friday, July 6

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

•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.

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

Get help with home repairs

The Albany County Rural Housing Alliance has been awarded the 2011-2012 NYS RESTORE Program for all areas of Albany County with the exception of the city of Albany.

This program is to help senior homeowners, 60 years of age and above, with emergency home repairs to a lifetime maximum amount of \$7500 per individual property. Some examples of the repairs that are allowed under this program are: roof repairs, replacement of hot water heaters, accessibility modifications, electrical, plumbing, unsafe steps and handrails, etc. The 2012 income limits for this program are 80% of the Albany County Median Income. For a household of one person this is \$43,750

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and for a household of two this is \$50,000.

Applications are available in the Senior Office.

In the city of Albany the program administrator is the South End Improvement Corporation that can be reached at 436-8777.

Monday, July 2

Scheduled Shopping
No Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Osteo Busters
No Sr. Fitness
1:30 a.m. Osteo Busters

Tuesday, July 3

9 a.m. OsteoBusters
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: BBQ Beef or Cold Plate
12:30 a.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day
Town Hall Closed

Thursday, July 5

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
9:45 a.m. men's trip to WMHT
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1:15 p.m. Pinocle

Friday, July 6

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

Acres

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bad as 2011. The previous 3 years we either turned a profit or broke even. Things are looking better this year. I was told that March and April were good months for the course.

There isn't much out there that's self sustaining. That's why there is taxes. The Town of Bethlehem is one of the best base amenity towns around. The truth is the town has a great road system and clean streets because of the Highway Department, a very sound water and sewer infrastructure because of the DPW, and the broad recreational activities and quality parks of the

Parks and Rec Dept. All this puts Bethlehem above and beyond so many other towns.

Just know that it's not just an average golf course in an average town with average people. It is a town that is above the norm because of the variety of great things here. The golf course is one of the highest environmental award winning golf courses in the U.S. and has won over 12 National and State Awards. Including Pataki's Pollution Prevention Award and the National EPA P-Track Outreach Award. The only golf course ever to win these. It has been written about in 25 different articles including National Parks and Rec Magazine, Golf Digest, and Wall Street Journal.

Last year was tough for

all courses not just ours. My crew and myself are working hard to reverse this. You might be saying to yourself that all this is to keep my crews and my jobs and you've got a point. But all this is still the truth.

Let me make one thing clear. If closing the golf course saves the Town of Bethlehem and peoples' jobs and eases the taxpayer's burden than I can't argue against it. It would be selfish and wrong for me to do that and that's not my way. I just hope there is a better way somewhere, somehow, that we can keep it all including the ice rink for people to enjoy. I am sorry for the down year last year. Thank you for your time and take care.

*Patrick Blum
Colonial Acres Golf Course Superintendent*

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Yes, but as the summer months approach, it is important to realize that heatstroke is a real possibility for our furry friends. Dogs are at a higher risk for overheating as they depend on rapid air exchange via panting as their primary means of heat dissipation. Heat stroke happens when heat production occurs at a higher rate than heat dissipation. This frequently happens when our companions are left in the car or in the hot sun without access to shade or water and if they are exercised heavily in hot weather. Brachycephalic breeds or breeds with a short nose such as, bulldogs, boxers, pugs and Boston terriers are at a higher risk for heat stroke. Additionally, dogs with airway disease such as laryngeal paralysis or collapsing trachea are at a higher risk for overheating.

The first signs of heat stroke are excessive panting, restlessness and hypersalivation. Often times your pet will have bright red gums. Signs of worsening condition include vomiting, diarrhea,

lethargy, loss of consciousness, seizures, and potentially death.

If you suspect that your dog is experiencing heat stroke, remove them from the hot environment and contact your veterinarian right away. Begin cooling them with tepid but not very cold water. Extreme cold can exacerbate internal damage from the heat by causing constriction of peripheral blood vessels preventing the dissipation of heat from the body's core. Offer your dog cool water but do not force them to drink it if they are not willing.

Heat stroke can be a life threatening condition and needs to be addressed immediately. Here are some important points to remember. It only takes a few minutes in a hot car for a dog to experience potentially life threatening and irreversible effects. Even if your dog appears to be normal after cooling, it is recommended that further testing be performed as internal damage may not be evident immediately.

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Southern social trend hits points north

New venue in Spa City paints an evening out in whole new light

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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If you like new experiences or having a good time, there's a new business in Saratoga Springs that's aimed to tap your inner artist and even send you away with an original work of art — yours.

The Saratoga Paint and Sip Studio at 80 Henry St. is part art studio, part social scene, and has been open for about a month. Their grand opening was on Saturday, June 16, and was host to nearly 100 painters.

"If you've never picked up a paint brush since the third grade, this is what you need to do because it's very therapeutic and relaxing. It's an alternative night out as opposed to going to dinner and a movie and it's a great first date," said Saratoga Sip and Paint's owner Catherine Hover.

Hover, 25, is from New Orleans and holds a bachelor's degree in fashion merchandising. She and her husband, Mark, relocated to Spa City last year for his



Some recent guests at Saratoga's Paint and Sip Studio show off their talents during a class in painting.

work with a consulting business.

No prior art experience is required to take part in a class at the studio and the supplies are all provided. All ages are welcome and the cost for one class is \$38 per painter. Classes run from two to three hours.

The "supplies" go beyond paint and brushes, though, and include soft drinks, beer or wine and appetizers. A local artist will instruct the class in

painting their 16-by-20-inch canvases. Acrylic paints are used, which dry by the end of a class. Studio space for up to 40 painters is available and you can join a session as an individual or in a group.

You can also choose the subject of your art by browsing an online gallery at saratogapaintandsip.com.

"It's an all-around good time, as long as you're brave enough to come

in and try it out you're guaranteed to have a decent time," said Hover.

According to Hover, this type of social and art studio is popular in the south and elsewhere.

"I was kind of shocked that there wasn't already one in place in Saratoga, an artsy, creative town," said Hover.

She also said her overall philosophy comes from artist Bob Ross, the popular public television

painter who was known for saying that there are no mistakes in painting, only "happy accidents." The sentiment is also painted on the Paint and Sip studio wall.

Artist and instructor for the studio, Kendra Farstad said, "It is my hope that people come into the studio and check their fear and inhibition at the door. This is a fun night out, if people are too hung up on perfection they might miss the experience Paint and Sip provides. We want to provide an easy-going atmosphere where people can come and create something all their own and leave feeling good about it."

Hover drew much of her inspiration for her business from Palettes and Pairings located near Seattle, Wash. As far as the social studios being present in the northeast, she said she is aware of one in Rochester and one in Boston.

So far, Hover said that people are "impressed with their painting abilities" and that they are happy to bring home a piece of art that "is worthy of their wall."

Return visitor Jill Reynolds of Saratoga has been to Hover's studio twice. The first

visit was with some co-workers from the Saratoga Saddlery.

"It was great for group dynamics and everybody kind of got to know each other and talk outside of work," said Reynolds. The group of around 20 chose to paint cowboy boots and a hat, and some of the paintings now hang on the walls at Saratoga Saddlery.

Her second trip to the studio was with extended family. She had been at her "wit's end" trying to come up with entertainment for almost a dozen family members who were visiting her from out of town. Saratoga Sip and Paint was the perfect answer.

"Everybody had a ball, from the third-grader to the grandparents," said Reynolds. She added they all want to go back when they're in town again.

The studio accommodates girls nights out, reunions, birthdays and private parties.

Open paint (without an instructor) is held daily from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and costs \$25 per canvas. Walk-ins may be able to join a class, though registration is encouraged.

For more information on the studio or to register for a class, visit saratogasipandpaint.com.

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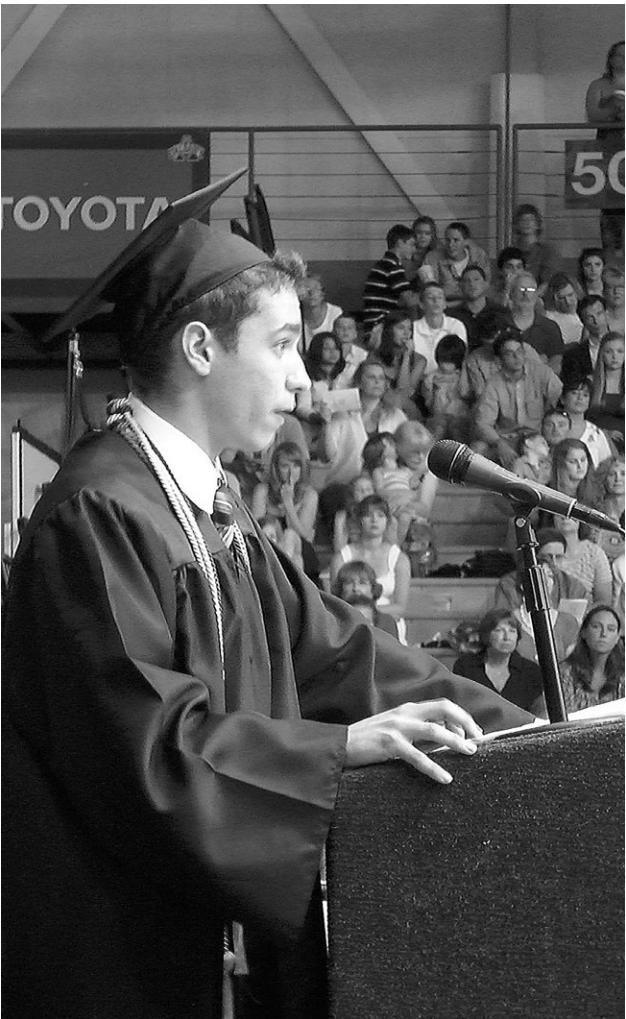
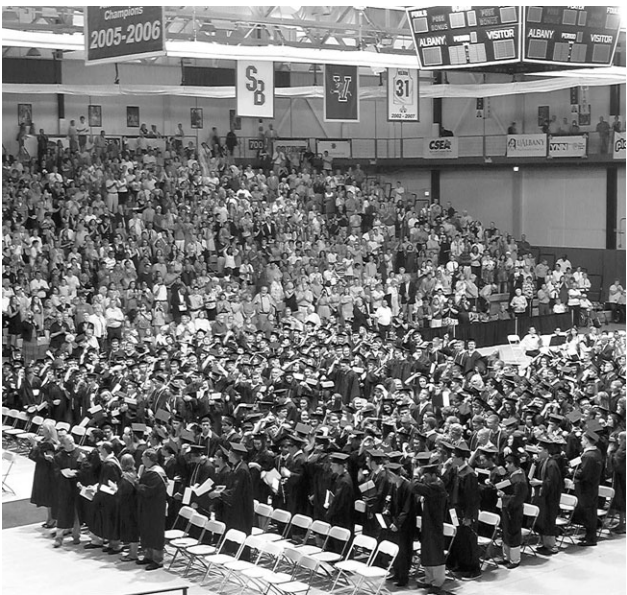
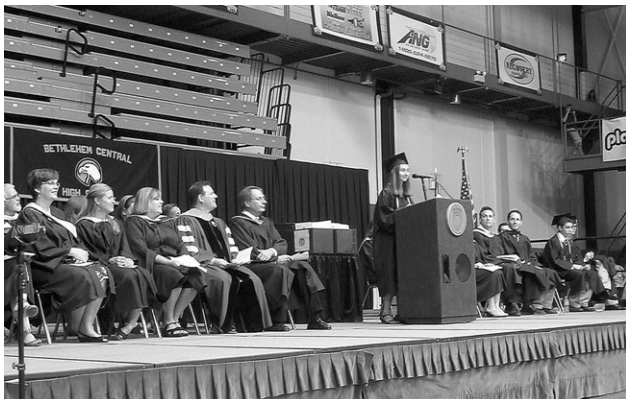
Bethlehem Central High School Class of 2012



A farewell and new beginnings

Bethlehem Central High School celebrated its 78th commencement exercises for the Class of 2012 on Friday, June 22. The ceremony was held at University at Albany's SEFCU Arena, where nearly 400 students graduated. Principal Charles Abba opened the ceremony by welcoming the student's family and friends. The graduation marked his last with the Bethlehem Central School District, as he announced his retirement earlier in the year. Assistant Principal Scott Landry will take over the position. This was also the first BC graduation for new Superintendent of Schools Thomas Douglas. Student speeches were presented by Abigail Ladd Bierman, Lucas Carpinello, and Class President Connor Rohan.

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George Melas and his son, Jesse, enjoy the solstice celebration with some homemade music alongside Dave Roy and his son, Chris.



ABOVE: An arts and crafts station toward the end of the trail was set up to entertain younger trail walkers.



RIGHT: From left, Janet Schleich (Lola), Brien Downes (Sadie) and Ru Kaur (Rubik) enjoy a walk along the trail with their friendly canines.



Joyce Cockerham plays flute for those walking under the bridge.

A good time on the trail



A Fairy Tales and Fireflies Solstice Celebration was held the evening of Wednesday, June 20, along the Heldeberg-Hudson Rail Trail, between Adams Street at Hudson Avenue in Delmar and Fireman's Park, Slingerlands. The free event, coordinated by the Friends of the Rail Trail, a committee of the Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy, featured musicians, storytelling, The Critter Patrol, history, refreshments, crafts for children, fireflies and other natural wonders.

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Yellow dot marks the spot

Sheriffs distribute free medical information kits

By ALYSSA JUNG
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A simple yellow dot on the rear driver's side window of Capital District cars could make the job of first responders a little easier when they arrive at the scene of an emergency.

The New York State Sheriffs' Association and a group of local sheriffs from around the region introduced the Yellow Dot program on Wednesday, June 13. The free program is designed to help first responders "provide life-saving medical attention during the first 'golden hour' after a crash or other emergency" by putting victim medical information right at their fingertips.

The Yellow Dot kit is placed in the glove compartment of vehicles and contains medical information and a recent photo of the driver. A Yellow Dot decal on the rear window will alert first responders to the medical information card inside.

"When someone can not verbally respond to our deputies, reading the

Yellow Dot card could save lives by giving our first responders vital medical information," said Rensselaer County Sheriff Jack Mahar.

The statewide program is funded by the New York State Sheriffs' Association, a not-for-profit corporation that assists sheriffs in "the efficient and effective delivery of sheriffs' services to the public." The Yellow dot program originated in Connecticut 10 years ago, where it's been successful.

Capital District residents can have a kit mailed to their door by ordering online at www.nysheriffs.org/yellowdot. Local sheriffs' offices also have kits for pick-up.

"I have a pile of them here and people are calling and either picking them up or I'm having deputies drop them off," said Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple.

Apple said the Yellow Dot initiative is a "simple program" and a "simple public service" Capital District sheriffs couldn't turn down.

"When we were introduced to this a couple weeks ago and looked through some kits, we're like 'This would be a great thing,'" said

Apple. "There's really no negative to the program, only positive."

The medical information card lists basic contact information, blood type, preferred doctor, preferred hospital, any medication being taken and any medical conditions or allergies. Apple said there's no confidential or sensitive information that could pose the risk of identity theft or other problem should the card be stolen. Cards should be filled out in pencil to allow for medical changes.

Apple said the card can also be useful outside of the car, too.

"You can also do it for your house, put it on your door, put the card in the freezer — have one card for each person in the family," said Apple.

First responders always worry about unknown medical conditions when arriving at the scene of an accident or other emergency, especially if the victim is unable to communicate, said Apple. Simple decisions like which hospital to transport them to could be critical.

"The first responder will have immediate access to any types of medication



Representatives from the New York State Sheriffs' Association and local Capital District sheriffs introduced the Yellow Dot program on Wednesday, June 13. From left are Greene County Sheriff Greg Seeley, Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith, Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple and Schenectady County Sheriff Dominic Dagastino. Submitted photos



firehouse and we went door to door dropping these vials off but I haven't seen anything in a long time," said Apple.

So, will Apple stick a Yellow Dot to the back of his own car?

"That's a good question. I hadn't thought about it. I probably will and I guarantee my mom will," said Apple.

that person may be on and their treating physician, the preferred hospital and ... they may have to alter the method of treatment they're doing to make sure there's no adverse effect," said Apple.

Apple said there is no program like Yellow Dot and it's something the community sorely needs. "Growing up there was a Vial of Life program we did in Bethlehem. My father was involved in the

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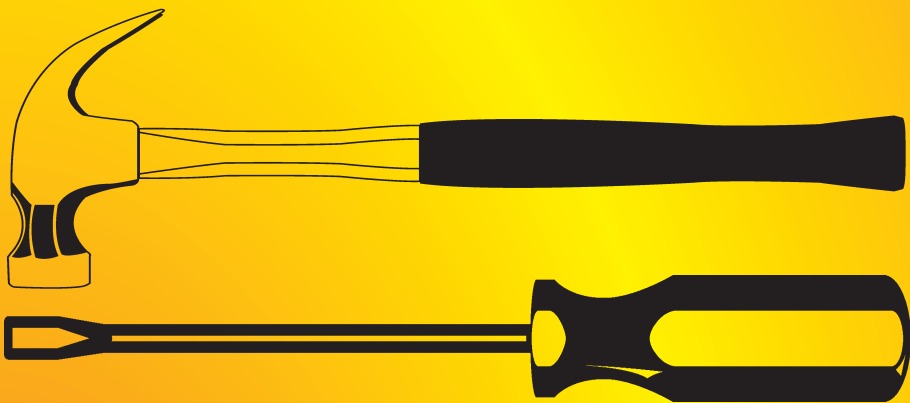
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Parks get involved in outdoor hide-and-seek hobby

State's first ever Geocache Challenge taking place over the summer

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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You might not believe it, but there are hundreds of people scouring the landscape of Upstate New York every weekend on a search for hidden treasure.

What they find are not doubloons or jewels, but those who have successful geocaching trips are nonetheless rewarded. Geocaching has been around for over a decade and has been described by many as “a high-tech treasure hunt.”

“It’s a free and easy hobby,” said Matt Monahan of Hoosick Falls, who has been geocaching for six years and has found over 3,700 caches. He is a member of the New York Capital Region Geocachers.

To help get folks acquainted with geocaching, state parks in the Capital District are hosting an inaugural Geocache Challenge. The challenge started Memorial Day weekend and will be wrapping up on Veterans Day.

Eleven parks and

historic sites are participating in the challenge and there are 44 caches to be found, along with drawings for prizes for anyone who finds 35 or more geocaches.

“It’s all about attracting people and getting them out to the parks and appreciating what’s there,” said Carla Francis, assistant environmental educator at Saratoga Spa State Park.

Participating parks include Saratoga Spa State Park, Thacher State Park and Mine Kill State Park in Schoharie County. Many of the parks will also be holding geocache workshops. Saratoga Spa State Park will give a workshop on Sunday, June 24, at 3 p.m.

The idea for the challenge came from Ashley Drum, a park naturalist at Mine Kill State Park.

“My parents are avid geocachers who have been into the sport for just over two years. They are always telling me about the interesting places they’ve been to ... We thought it would be a great way to get patrons into the parks by doing a geocache challenge,” said Drum.

Geocaching involves finding hidden items by way of global positions



ABOVE: A typical container for a geocache is waterproof, holds trinkets and perhaps a short note to the finder along with a register.

LEFT: Amie Adsit, of Hoosick Falls is excited upon finding a cache.

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system coordinates. People can look up caches via sites like geocaching.com then head out into the field to locate them, almost always with the help of a handheld GPS unit. The website figures there are more than one million geocaches worldwide.

Here in the northeast there are several geocaching clubs, including the New York Capital Region Geocachers, with over 200 members, and Blue Line Geocachers which is focused in and around the Adirondack Park.

The Capital Region Geocachers hold various events throughout the year, including an annual

picnic.

“People will go everywhere from around Lake George down to Kingston ... The group is actually fairly active,” said Monahan. “It’s a great family activity.”

He also said that there is now a merit badge in the Boy Scouts for geocaching.

Cache containers usually contain trinkets and a logbook for the finder to record their find. Hiding spots range from out in the open to cleverly hidden and can be from a short walk up to several miles deep into a park or wilderness.

“Containers need to be waterproof. Common ones include ammunition containers. They’re not

supposed to be buried, they can be up high or under rocks and can also be hidden in a city,” said Francis.

According to Monahan, caches are also generally rated on a scale of difficulty from one to five. He’s found some interesting caches and said the rule is that if you take an item from the cache, the finder is to “trade up or trade even.”

“The most interesting one I found had a really ornate carved salt and pepper shaker. A lot of them have kids toys like rubber duckies,” he said.

Drum’s parents get out quite a bit in search of caches.

“They go out almost every weekend and often on weekdays. They get email updates on new caches, and have been known to get up and out the door as soon as a new one is listed nearby to get the “first to find” recognition,” said Drum.

She said visitors to Mine Kill State Park are enjoying the searches.

“So far, two people have found all 44 of the caches... We have offered several ‘Learn to Geocache’ workshops which have been fun for kids and adults alike.”

For more information on geocaching, visit geocaching.com. For more on the challenge, visit nysparks.com.



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Summer days and starry nights

Fresh Air Fund needs host families to give kids a break from city life

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Do you ever notice how many stars are out on a summer night?

A lot of kids who travel to the Capital District from New York City through the Fresh Air Fund every summer do. They rarely have the luxury of seeing them Downstate.

“In New York City, it’s never dark, so kids have never seen stars. It sounds sort of basic but...,” said Fresh Air Fund’s Executive Director, Jenny Morgenthau.

Since 1877, the Fresh Air Fund’s Friendly Town Program has been giving children ages 8 to 18 the chance to get away from their urban surroundings. Every year, they pair thousands of children from disadvantaged communities in the five boroughs to host families in 13 states and parts of Canada.

The nearby Capital District remains one of the most popular locations for hosting. There is no cost to the child or the host family for participating.

Up to 3,000 kids from the city also have the opportunity to stay at camps located in Fishkill. Even so, there are never enough hosts to accommodate all the roughly 4,100 kids who would like some time away from the city.

The fund is still seeking host families for the remainder of this summer. Families can host one or two-week time

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— JoAnn Sterner,
Fresh Air Fund host

periods from late June through mid-August. According to Morgenthau, around two-thirds of the kids who visit are invited back to the same family.

“It’s a very special program, and people get very attached,” said Morgenthau.

Brian and JoAnn Sterner of Saratoga Springs will be hosting Randy, who is from the Bronx, for the second time this summer.

“I was drawn to the simplicity of opening your heart and home,” JoAnn Sterner said. “As much as we are offering the city kids an opportunity, they have so much to offer to our families as well. Randy taught us how to appreciate the little things in life. We turned off the computer and enjoyed the outdoors.”

The process of hosting begins with an interview between the host family and an area coordinator. In Saratoga County, that somebody is Patty



Carter and Dayna Sterner of Saratoga shared their summer with Randy, who hails from The Bronx.
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LeRoy.

“I tell people they’re just like our kids, but from different locations,” said LeRoy, who has been hosting children since 1967.

She encourages children of the host family to take part in the interview. That way she can get to know the whole family a little better and help make good matches. She added if any issues do arise during the summer, help from the fund is a phone call away.

LeRoy still keeps in touch with one of the children her family hosted, Jerry Bobe. He’s 39 now and still visits the family from time to time.

“I remember what a sweet little boy he was. When he visits now, one of his favorite things to do is to have barbeques and sit out on the deck,” she said. She also said that Bobe and members of the family have shared conversations “about

life” into the early morning hours in recent years.

LeRoy’s daughter Tricia Barkman has fond memories of hosting kids while she was growing up and can’t remember a time when they didn’t host at least one child every summer. She is now the Schenectady area coordinator for the Fresh Air Fund.

Barkman advised host families to “have rules and enjoy the whole process.”

After a match is made and background checks of the host families are completed, contact by phone is made between the host family and the child’s family.

“Have fun and think of the parents,” said Barkman. Oftentimes the children come from single-family homes and live in less than desirable parts of the city.

Morgenthau said the greatest need is for finding

host families for children from 9 to 12, particularly boys.

“Everybody always asks for a little girl,” she said.

As far as activities go, she said swimming remains a favorite and as well as “making new friends.”

“This is real basic stuff. One of the things we emphasize with the host families is to do things you normally do with their own children. From playing in the backyard to baseball, regular activities are a big deal,” said Morgenthau.

By far, one of the top activities is to just sit and look at the stars at night.

“The kids are always amazed at the stars,” she said.

For more information on The Fresh Air Fund, visit freshair.org. For information on hosting a child in Saratoga County, call Patty LeRoy at 885-9505.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Above & Below: The 13th Albany County Militia, based at the Stillwater Blockhouse, offers a glimpse of life in the late 1700s.

History on the Hudson

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Stillwater-based 13th Albany County Militia hosts free 'living history' weekend

A little more than a decade ago, the Stillwater Blockhouse, a replica of an 18th century blockhouse, opened in a park on the Hudson River. Some folks around town thought it would be fun to have re-enactors at the site, but re-enactors tend to go to bigger sites where there's a market for costumes and other period memorabilia. That got Phil Colarusso thinking. He'd never done any kind of re-enacting, but maybe he could start. He's big on local history, and he had a couple of buddies who were, too. So the 13th Albany County Militia was born, featuring Colarusso and three friends.

Today, there are about 20 active re-enactors. Colarusso, 65, still takes part, and he's joined by men and women of all ages. "You get the women, you get the husbands, you get the kids," he said.

Based at the blockhouse, the re-enactors put on a few free shows each year, emphasizing family fun. One of their largest "living history" events is slated for

Saturday and Sunday, June 30 and July 1, in honor of the upcoming Independence Day holiday. There will be musket firings and canon demonstrations. The Declaration of Independence will be read. Kids can try on period clothing and everyone can churn butter.

Colarusso suggests people make a day of it; the encampment runs starts at 10 a.m. Saturday and runs all day. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Families can bring a picnic and spread a blanket on the ground.

"This is the place to come with six kids and not pay for anything," Colarusso said. "Let the kids have a good time. We try to make it fun. It's all a learning experience."

Re-enacting has been a learning experience for Colarusso. When he first decided to give it a shot, he visited other local historic sites to see what was going on there. He talked to seasoned re-enactors. He learned as much as he could about the blockhouse and the time period it represents.

Generally speaking, blockhouses were single structures that served

as forts. The Stillwater Blockhouse was built in 1927, mimicking a blockhouse used during the French and Indian War. It was made from original timbers of the Neilson Farm, which stood on the land that later became Saratoga National Historical Park.

The blockhouse served as a visitor center and museum at the park for nearly 50 years. When a new visitor center was built, the blockhouse was donated to the Town of Stillwater in 1975. In 1999, it was moved to the park on the river, and it serves as a museum of local history, entertaining visitors Friday to Sunday.

Colarusso and his fellow re-enactors aim to complement the offerings by offering an authentic glimpse of what life was like back then. Women, for example, do the cooking, make candles and mend clothes. Because food was rationed and in short supply, there wasn't always much for the women to cook, as the re-enactors explain in talks with visitors.

"If times got really bad, they ate their shoes," Colarusso said. "They

cooked their shoes and ate the leather. They'd be running around with wool rags on their feet."

"Back then, it was bad," he said.

His knowledge of the time period comes from books and the Internet and his visits to other historic sites. He admits that learning about life in the 1700s is an inexact science, with authors offering differing accounts and some facts lost to time.

"You do the best you can with your history because, let's face it, we didn't live then," he said.

All in all, he thinks the

re-enactors do a great job giving people a snapshot of days gone by and a chance to actually see and touch things like old-time medical tools.

"You get a chance to hold history in your hand," he said. "As little as it may be, it's still American history."

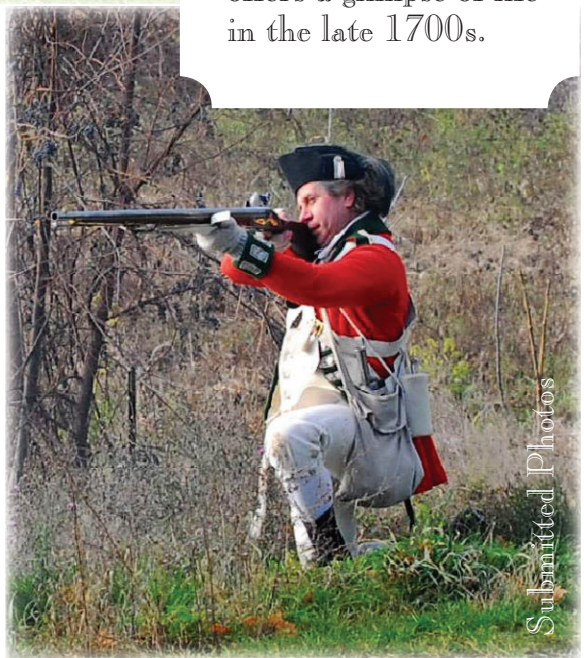
Tents will dot the park for the weekend encampment. There will be fife and bagpipe music, and women will demonstrate Dutch oven cooking. Kids can do a little writing with turkey quills and learn a drill with a wooden musket. In return for their "work," they'll get some souvenir

money to take home.

The reading of the Declaration of Independence is slated for Saturday at noon. There will be musket firing and canon demonstrations at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's schedule features musket drills for the children, Colonial period clothing demonstrations for children and musket firing.

In September, the re-enactors will take part in Heritage Weekend, and a salute to veterans is planned for November. The blockhouse is on Hudson Avenue in Stillwater.



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Irish folk legends, June 29, 8 p.m., Capital District Irish-American Center, 375 Ontario St., Albany, \$30. Information, 331-6116.

ANONYMOUS FIGG LEAFS

Original acoustic folk, June 30, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

THE CUPCAKES

Superstar trio featuring Lyn Hardy, Janice Kollar and Elly Winiger, June 30, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, day of show \$18. Information, 583-0022.

JEFFREY T.

Original songs and country/folk covers, June 30, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

MOONSHINE HOLLER

Old time Americana, July 1, 6:30 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

PIERRE BENSUSAN

Acclaimed guitarist, July 1 7 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$22, day of show \$24. Information, 583-0022.

LOCAL BLUES NIGHT

Featuring top three finishers of an area blues competition, Alive at Five concert series, July 5, 5 p.m., Riverfront Park, Albany, free. Information, 434-2032.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, June 29, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

COMEDY WORKS

Chris Rich and Erick James headline, June 29 and 30, 9 p.m., Best Western, 200 Wolf Road, Colonie; June 30, 7:30 p.m., Starting Gate Restaurant, 12 Ballston Ave., Saratoga Springs; advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Information, (877) 565-3849 or 275-6897.

Family

THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER

Fairy tale comes to the stage, presented by Mac-Haydn Children's Theatre, 1925 Route 203, Chatham, June 29 through July 7, shows Fridays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., \$10. Information, 392-9292.

MADANG AND SOUND

Traditional Korean music and performing arts, June 30, 7 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, adults \$15, children \$10. Information, 473-1845.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Best of SUNY Student Art Exhibition," through Sept. 3; "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 INSTITUTE OF ART

"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.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"Surface and Light," through July 14, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4755.

ARTS CENTER OF THE CAPITAL REGION

"Fence Salon," through July 15, 265 River St., Troy. Information, 273-0552.

BROADWAY ART CENTER

"Seasons of Change: Photographs by Neil Sergott," through June 30; Arcade Building, 488 Broadway, Albany. Information, 732-4224.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"Discovering Lake Desolation," through July 27; "The Threads of Time," through Jan. 31; 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa.

MORNINGSIDE GALLERY

"Seasons," recent oil paintings by Audrey Romano exploring the beauty and diversity of the seasons, through July 31; Newton Plaza, 588 New Loudon Road, Latham. Information, 783-8763.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Tails & Terpischore" 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.

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.

UPSTATE ARTISTS GUILD

"Salon Des Refuses," through June 29; 47 Lark St., Albany. Information, 426-3501.

UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM

"Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region," a juried exhibition, through Sept. 8; University at Albany, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. Information, 442-4035.

HYDE COLLECTION

"Stephen Knapp: New Light" and "Tiffany Glass: Painting with Color and Light," through Sept. 16; 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Through Shen-kan: Sterling Clark in China" and "Then & Now: Photographs of Northern China," through Sept. 16; "Unearthed: Recent Archaeological Discoveries from Northern China," through Oct. 21; "Clark Remix," through Jan. 1, 2014; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

"Sanford Biggers: The Cartogrtapher's Conumdrum," through Oct. 30; "Michael Oatman: All Utopias Fell," through Nov. 4; "Anna Betbeze: New Work," through Nov. 5; "Making Room: The Space Between Two & Three Dimensions," Through Jan. 2; "Invisible Cities," through Feb. 4; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

HOME MADE THEATRE

Holding open auditions for its October production of "9 to 5: The Musical," July 9, 6 p.m., New York State Parks Administration Building, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, seeking male actors only during this audition. Information, 587-4427.

AJKUN BALLET THEATRE

Seeking young dancers pre-kindergarten to young teens to perform alongside the company in its summer production of "Don Quixote," rehearsals and performances will run from July 30 through Aug. 11 at The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information, artisticstaff@ajkun-bt.org.

SARATOGA ARTISANS AND CRAFTERS' MARKET

Accepting applications for local artists and crafters to be vendors at new market at High Rock Pavillions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 27, must have state tax ID and general liability insurance. Information, 461-4893.

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 Orlanso 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

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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.

Weekly Crossword

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ACROSS

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- Fumble
- Wets one's line
- Indy 500 racer
- Attic window view
- Aimée, of *La Dolce Vita*
- Glum bird?
- Manuscript reader
- Kitties
- What chuck is
- Gents
- Bird alliance?
- Word with ghost or boom
- European autos
- Crib contents
- Actress Peeples
- Out loud
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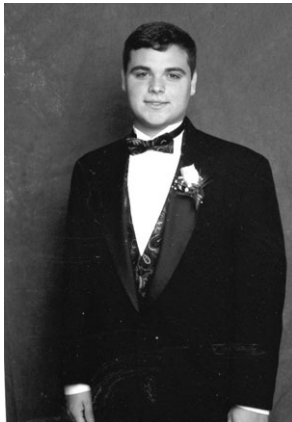
- Novelist Tyler
- Freckled Little Rascal
- Play opener
- With A, urban migratory bird?
- Commencement
- Spock's captain
- North Carolina college
- States of mind
- Stone, et al.
- Chicago's Sandberg

DOWN

- '80s movie/song/TV series
- Exasperated
- ___ *Marlene*
- Part of a spaghetti dish
- Edict
- Hearty cheer
- Ab ___: from inception
- Filthy lucre
- Minidish alternative
- Coronate
- Any day now
- Toothpaste holder
- The ___ the limit

- Silent Night*, et al.
- Aden native
- False front
- Dough
- Belgian battle site
- Super keen!
- Pyle, of sitcoms
- University of Illinois city
- ___ a million
- Novelist Cather
- Like some congestion
- Chomped
- Young Turk
- Leonardo da ___
- Bore, on the farm
- Eats between meals
- Vegas contraptions
- A bit of chemistry?
- Host Jay
- Africa's Burkina ___
- Aleutian isle
- Well-lubricated
- Glowing gas
- Serf
- Barrister's topper
- Valued rock

Milestones



Brian Grandy

Grandy named to President's List

Brian Grandy of Selkirk was recently named to the President's List at Hudson Valley Community College. Each fall and spring term, the college's President List honors those students who have a term grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0.

Brian Grandy is in the Alcohol and Drug Counseling program at the Troy college. Brian earned a 3.8 for the 2012 spring semester.

Brian is the son of Diane and George Grandy of Selkirk, NY.

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Rob Osterhoudt of Bohler Engineering talks about plans to expand a Petrol gas station on Route 9W in Glenmont. Paul Nelson is looking to expand the gas station to include a larger, 3,000-square-foot building with a convenience store inside. The project also calls for new fuel islands to be installed.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight



Plans

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A similar plan to develop the gas station was put forward in 2009, but the town felt the state Department of Transportation would not approve it because wetland studies had not been done. The town was also concerned about traffic flow because its Route 9W Corridor Study showed that portion of the road was reaching capacity. A 2011 proposal differed in that it only called for the Petrol property to be redeveloped with access roads connecting to other properties.

DPC members had issues with both the 2011 plan and the current proposal. The committee does not have approval authority, but offers suggestions on projects before they go to the town's planning and zoning boards.

The current plan calls for three curb cuts with two right-in/right-

out accesses and one entrance at a traffic light. The committee said it would be best to eliminate one curb cut. Members also had issues with traffic flow for the site because cars and larger trucks may intersect as cars attempt to go through the restaurant's drive-through. They suggested moving the restaurant farther from the convenience store and past the wetland area, saving the area for a future project.

"There's going to have to be some more internal circulation because it's zoned general commercial," said Mike Morelli, Bethlehem director of Economic Planning and Development. "Because if and when the economy improves, you're going to have more office and retail space on the adjacent site, so we're trying to come up with a more master plan."

Gillespie said the property owner might not back down on the curb cut issue because it took a lot

to convince him to install certain landscaping and right-in/right-out entrances.

The committee recommended developers speak with the state DOT about traffic flow and the entrances into the site, update its wetland study and approach the town for a variance to the setback requirements.

Bohler Engineering is also representing Price Chopper in a project to install a new drive-through pharmacy window at its Glenmont store. The DPC said there might be issues with the close proximity of drive-through and entrance into the parking lot. Members said it could cause confusion for drivers and developers may need to eliminate parking spaces from the plans. The elimination of more parking spaces could result in not having enough spaces for a plaza of that size under the town code.

Both projects are expected to appear before the Planning Board a later date.

Time

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to have dinner before attending the meeting.

Clarkson said he felt even if the time were changed, the meetings might still go on late because discussion may expand to fill the time.

Kuhn said if meetings were going to be on the longer side, for instance four hours, it would be better to hold them from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. because it would allow for greater participation from the public.

"I don't think anyone is really functioning at their best after 10 p.m. or certainly after 11 p.m.," he said. "The other issue, and primary issue, is the public's ability to participate in these meetings."

Kuhn said the meeting length is a "powerful deterrent" for people to stay to comment on non-agenda items, which is always the last item on the agenda.

Councilwoman Joann Dawson said the Town Board gave the new start time a six-month trial and it didn't help its goal of encouraging more public participation. She said because of that, the start time should be changed back to 6 p.m.

Councilman Kyle Kotary suggested changing the format of public comment periods so residents would not have to wait until the end of the meetings to be heard. Clarkson said he would be happy to make that change.

Town Board meetings will start at 6 p.m. beginning with the July 11 regular meeting.

Tax

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abatement consideration.

The approved deals include sales tax and mortgage recording tax abatements, along with a 50 percent abatement off the applicant's property taxes in the first year. This declines by 5 percent per year for 10 years until the property is fully on the tax rolls.

One of the buildings

would be a single floor structure of 6,000 square feet that would house the medical practice of Dr. Lev Barats from Community Care Professionals. The building is a Columbia Development project that is being overseen by Thomas Keaney, a former employee of BBL Construction, the company hired to build the Vista Technology Park.

The business would relocate 10 existing jobs and add four jobs,

according to Keaney, with \$1.5 million in private investments. The abatement would grant \$120,000 in incentives and \$130,000 in payments in lieu of taxes would be received over 10 years. The lease for the practice would be for 15 years.

The second building would be 15,000 square feet with two stories. It would house Cornea Consultants, an eye care and vision corrections practice with offices currently in Slingerlands. The business would retain nine jobs with the potential to add one. The project would also add a possible \$1 million equipment investment for the practice. The abatement would grant \$351,000 in incentives and \$134,000 in payments in lieu of taxes would be received over 10 years.

"As we said before, the doctor would like to stay here," said Stephen Reilly, a partner with Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna, on behalf of Albany Enterprises. "He has lost his lease through no fault of his own... He would like to stay, but the IDA benefits are an extremely important factor."

Morelli said construction of the ShopRite grocery store and two banks within Vista are continuing on schedule. Those projects were granted tier I abatement status, considered an advanced agreement with applicants obtaining 100 percent abatement on property taxes for the first two years of the 12-year agreements.

After the proposals were first announced, Town Board candidate Jack Cunningham released a statement condemning

the tax breaks and calling for greater oversight of the IDA.

"Tax abatements are designed to attract desirable business and attract economic growth," said Cunningham in a statement. "Abatements for real estate establishments are uncommon, and providing abatements to companies that are already slated to move to the office park as well as retail businesses that will compete with existing retail in our town is ridiculous."

IDA board member Pat Bulgaro asked a Friday's meeting if it was possible to rescind retail abatements.

Thomas Connolly, counsel to the IDA, said because developers are relying on the tax breaks in order to build, reneging on any deals could result in a lawsuit.

"I think you're getting into a risky area," he said.

Contracts stipulate the IDA can terminate the PILOT agreement with developers if businesses do not meet 80 percent of the promised employment rates.

Morelli said some of the projects slated for Vista may still need to appear before the town's Planning Board.

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Your Community in The Spotlight

Fire department bottle drive

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department Auxilliary will hold a bottle drive on Saturday, June 30, from 8 a.m. until noon, at 12 Altamont Road in Voorheesville. Proceeds from the drive will go to fund the Auxilliary's community activities.

Adirondack photographer featured

The New York State Education Department will host an exhibition that features the work of Seneca Ray Stoddard. Stoddard was a photographer who captured post-Civil War life in the Adirondacks, how people came to live there and how they influenced life in the Adirondacks. The exhibition Seneca Ray Stoddard: Capturing the Adirondacks features over 100 of Stoddard's Adirondack scenes, including his images of the Statue of Liberty, from Friday, June 29 through Feb. 24 in the Crossroads Gallery at the NYS Museum on Madison Avenue in Albany.

New Scotland summer camp programs

New Scotland begins its first summer camp program Monday, July 25, and programs will continue throughout the summer until Aug. 10. Programs are hosted for children ages 3 and up and include an American Red Cross Babysitting course for children 11 and up on July 20; Adventures in Art from June 25 through June 29 for children in kindergarten through grade 3; and a Monday and Wednesday Summer Park Program July 2 through Aug. 8 for grades 1 through 4. The summer camp will also offer coed sports for all ages. Non-Residents pay additional \$5 per camp program. For more information and a full program list, visit www.townofnewscotland.com, or call Teresa or Pat @ 475-0385.

Overeaters group location change

A long existing Saturday morning meeting of Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is moving from the Albany VA Hospital to the

Mio Vino cuts the ribbon in Altamont



Mio Vino Wine Bar and Bistro in Altamont celebrated its opening and its finished new patio area with a grand opening/ribbon cutting Thursday, June 21. There were food samplings, gift cards to the first 50 people, and a DJ. Among those at the ribbon cutting were Guilderland Chamber of Commerce members, Altamont Mayor Jim Gaughan and Guilderland Town Board member Brian Forte.

Submitted photo

Delmar Reformed Church on Saturday, July 7. This meeting is designated a beginners meeting to help introduce newcomers to the OA program of recovery. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. The Delmar Reformed Church is located 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Parking is available behind the church. Use the rear entrance.

New Baltimore farmers market

On Saturday, June 30, the New Baltimore farmers market at Cecil Hallock (District 2) Park on Route 54 will feature the following vendors:

Good Day Honey selling hand made candles and soaps as well as locally produced honey and maple sugar; Susie's Climax Creations selling jelly and preserves as well as garlic scapes and mushrooms; Heavenly Breads by the New Baltimore Reformed Church; Eck's Farms Produce who expect to have squash, green onions, garlic scapes, lettuces and more; Crimson Valley Nursery with day lilies, blueberry bushes, arctic

willow bushes, astilbes, young Japanese Maples and more; and Becky's Veggies, which will have spinach and other greens. The New Baltimore farmers market runs from 9 a.m. until noon and features ample parking and free coffee.

Count butterflies at Five Rivers

A catch-and-release census of butterflies will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, July 7, at 2 p.m. During this citizen science survey, Center naturalists lead participants along trails, assessing the number of species and number of individual butterflies encountered. The census, which has been held for 16 consecutive years, builds a scientific record which helps to monitor butterfly populations over the long term.

The program is open to the public free of charge, but space is limited. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291

to register by Tuesday, July 3. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be cancelled.

JCC lectures conclusion

The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center will conclude the 2012 Jules and Paula Stein Live and Learn Lecture – Lunch Series on Thursday, July 12, at 5 p.m. with Michael Harrison's lecture, Israel and Its Image in the American Media: A Complicated Message. A kosher dinner follows the lecture. Harrison will address the radio industry and the problems Israel faces in getting an accurate image across to the American public via the media. Harrison will also speak about his close encounters with Israel's top leaders and the efforts the country is making to connect with Americans in a fair and positive way.

Harrison is editor and publisher of Talkers magazine, the leading trade publication in the talk radio and television industries, which he founded in 1990.

He is widely recognized as one of the leading authorities on radio and public opinion. He appears as a regularly featured contributor on a number of nationally syndicated radio shows. He has advised presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush on their relationships with talk media, has served as a bridge between Israel and the American talk show media and was a media advisor to the Conference of Major Jewish Organizations and the Israeli government.

Cost for this lecture-meal is \$13 for a JCC member and \$14 for a guest. Prepaid reservations are required in the Albany JCC's senior adult office. To make reservations, call 438-6651, ext 112, or email ClaireS@saajc.org.

Poets in the Park

Poets in the Park will be celebrating over 20 years of poetry in July at the Robert Burns statue in Washington Park, Albany. The series was started in 1989 by the late Tom Nattell and is now run by Albany poet and photographer Dan Wilcox. This year,

the readings will be on Saturdays July 7, 14, 21 and 28. The 2012 readings include Adrianna Delgado and Howard Kogan on July 7; Donald Lev and Don Levy on July 14; Women Poets of Willett St.: Sylvia Barnard and Carolee Sherwood on July 21; and Kevin Peterson and Tenesha Smith on July 28. The readings begin at 7 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Donations are accepted. The series is co-sponsored by the Hudson Valley Writers Guild. For more information about the Guild visit the website www.hvwg.org. The Robert Burns statue is located near where Henry Johnson Blvd. passes through Washington Park and crosses Hudson Ave. Seating will not be provided. Rain site for each event is the Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany. For more information contact Dan Wilcox, at dxlx@earthlink.net, or 482-0262.

Summer museum classes for kids

Registration is now available for the Summer Art Programs for kids by The Albany Institute of History & Arts. From Tuesday, June 26, through August, a different art program per week will be offered to children ages 3 to 11. The "Tute for Tots," specifically designed for children ages 3 to 5, allows them to explore the basic elements of design, including shape, line, pattern and texture, and will be held each Friday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for 10 weeks. This program is \$8 for non AIHA members and \$6 for members.

Children ages 6 to 11 may partake in Artful Mornings. In the three-day programs, children will use the museum's summer exhibitions as inspiration as they learn techniques such as molding, casting, reverse painting, jewelry making, printmaking, mixed media collage, pottery and sculpture. Workshops for this program meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to noon, each week alternating between age groups of 6 to 8 and 9 to 11. For all three days, the program is \$60 for non AIHA members, and \$45 for members.

For more information about both programs, visit www.albanyinstitute.org, call 463-4478, ext. 405, or email collinsb@albanyinstitute.org.

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Notice of Formation World of Gray Swans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/27/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o World of Gray Swans LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81565 (D) (June 27, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Spex Advisory Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/21/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81568 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Bakshi Family LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/21/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81698 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Paul Andrew Design, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/21/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81699 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of YOFI REALTY 70 STEUBEN STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/22/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81700 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Megabombshwartz Production, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with SSNY 5/23/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail

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process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81702 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation: RAM Ventures, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/01/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 523 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: For all lawful activities. 81705 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Coeymans Crushing Center, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 22, 2012. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 40 Riverview Drive, Coeymans, NY 12045. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 81707 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

HOWARD ALBANY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/25/12. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Eagle-Riverview Group Inc., 1 Civic Center Plaza, Ste. 500, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 52 Howard St., Albany, NY 81708 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Muscle Wall Holdings, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/22/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 12/8/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 800 Brazos, Ste. 400, Austin, TX 78701. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Ste. 400, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 81709 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LW DESIGN GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/24/12. 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. 81713 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PrudentLender LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/23/12. 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 Lemery Greisler LLC, 50 Beaver St., 2nd Fl., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 81714 (D) (June 27, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 894 HART REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/29/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81715 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Myers Environmental Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/30/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 705 Stephens Place Guilderland, NY 12303-5265. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 81716 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: Retirement & Benefit Partners of Albany, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on May 24, 2012. LLC office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to: 10 Gailes Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC shall be member-managed. 81717 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MARKETING SAMURAI LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/31/12. 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. 81718 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). NAME: Crafts And Coins, LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/10/2012. Office location: (Albany) County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, (Matthew Bertolino 11 Marion Avenue Albany, NY 12203). Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 81720 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LAUNCESTON LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/31/12. 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. 81721 (D) (June 27, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of DEVONPORT GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/31/12. 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. 81722 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 211 BAY 11 STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/1/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81724 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Seven B, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 5/30/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, One Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 81725 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Oreolu Properties LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/24/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO Box 66082, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful activities. 81839 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Zamir Realty, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/3/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Jonathan Roshanzamir, 38 W. 32nd St., Ste. 500, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. 81840 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Frontier Utilities New York LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/24/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/4/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 333 Clay St., Ste. 4060, Houston, TX 77002. DE address of LLC: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 81841 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Kelman Transport,

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LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/6/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, One Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 81844 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GCO REAL ESTATE CONSULTANTS & MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/4/12. 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. 81847 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Chiset LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/1/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81856 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THE ROCKEBILT GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/6/12. 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. 81857 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Best-BuyTickets.com LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/13/12. 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, Attn: Diane Sequin, 26 Farnam Place, Colonie, NY 12295. Purpose: any lawful activity. 81864 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Eat Albany, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on June 6th, 2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail svc. of process to: 586 Madison Ave., Apt. 1, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful activities. 81866 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 10 SAVOY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/6/12. 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. 81867 (D) (June 27, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of JAY S. ROSENTHAL BUILDING LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/5/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 6/4/12. 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. NV address of LLC: c/o 10 Bodie Dr., Carson City, NV 89706. The registered agent is: ISL, Inc. at the same address. Arts. Of Org. filed with the NV Secy. Of State, 204 N. Carson St. #4, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activity. 81869 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ANC CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/8/12. 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. 81876 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DNA OUTDOOR LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81878 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

SPICEWOOD, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SPICEWOOD, LLC FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NY, ALBANY CO, 5/21/12. SSNY IS DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST LLC MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO: 159 DELAWARE AVENUE #114 DELMAR NY 12054. ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. 82012 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation No.7 Restaurant LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. 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. 82037 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Plaza Sub LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. 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. 82038 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Greenpoint Sub LLC Arts. of Org.

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filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. 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. 82039 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Ace Sub LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. 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. 82040 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation NC Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. 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. 82041 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Ambiance Wine LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/11/2012. 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. 82042 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Coral Software LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/12/2012. 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. 82043 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DALE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/13/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82046 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EN-EXT INTERNET CONSULTANCY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/15/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82048 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SHINING DENTAL PLLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/15/12. Office location: Albany County.

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SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O The LLC, 142-09 60th Ave., Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: to engage in the practice of Dentistry. 82049 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WSNH Consulting, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 06/08/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 33 Swift Rd., Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82050 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of SIGMA FOODS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in DE on 8/5/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82052 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Delta Land Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 30, 2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 6216, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 82053 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NPT REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/14/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82055 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of B & Y EQUITY PARTNER, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82097 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of B & Y RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent

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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. 82098 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of B & Y HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82099 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RE EVENT CONSULTANTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/19/12. 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. 82107 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Monroe Carmen Fraser (Plaintiff) Against Claude P. Bennett (Defendant)

Summons with Notice Plaintiff resides at City of Rochester County of Monrow

Action for a Divorce To the above named Defendant You are hereby summoned to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below. James McCann Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 9 Genesee Street Avon, New York 14414 (585)-226-2040 Dated: April 17, 2012

Notice: The nature of this action is to obtain a judgment of divorce dissolving the marriage between the parties on the grounds that they relationship between husband and wife has broken down irretrievably for more than six months.

The relief sought is; A judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the plaintiff dissolving forever the bonds of matrimony between the parties in this action.

Custody of Zhane Bennett, Zackrie Bennett and Marquise Bennett

Support for Zhane Bennett, Zackrie Bennett and Marquise Bennett

Possession of the marital residence

Equitable distribution of marital property

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC ORDERS (D.R.L. 236)

PURSUANT TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW § 236 Part B, Section 2, as added by Chapter 72 of the Laws of 2009, both you and your spouse (the parties) are bound by the following AUTOMATIC ORDERS, which shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the action unless terminated, modified or amended by further order of the court or upon written agreement between the parties:

(1)Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or by order of the court, any property (including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, cash accounts, stocks, mutual funds, bank accounts, cars and boats) individually or jointly held by the parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

(2)Neither party shall transfer, encumber, assign, remove, withdraw or in any way dispose of any tax deferred funds, stocks or other assets held in any individual retirement accounts, 401K accounts, profit sharing plans, Keogh accounts, or any other pension or retirement account, and the parties shall further refrain from applying for or requesting the payment of retirement benefits or annuity payments of any kind, without the consent of the other party in writing, or upon further order of the court.

(3)Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts hereafter, including, but not limited to further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit cards, except in the usual course of business or for customary or usual household expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.

(4)Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

(5)Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowners and renters insurance policies in full force and effect. 81861 (ALL) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH THE TOWN CLERK Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany for the year 2012, has been completed and verified by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy was filed in the office of the Town Clerk, on the 1st day of July 2012, where the same will remain open to the public for inspection until the 1st day of October 2012. Dated this 1st day of July 2012.

LEGAL NOTICE

Patricia C. McVee, IAO Assessor Town of Bethlehem 82091 (D) (June 27, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted on the 20th day of June, 2012 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Bethlehem Central School District, Bethlehem, New York is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of the law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. /s/Judith .Kehoe

District Clerk The following is a summary of said resolution: The title of the resolution is: "BOND RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 20, 2012 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (1)AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$660,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL VEHICLES AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$660,000, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND (2)AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT AS AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF FINANCING SAID ACQUISITION. The resolution, among other things, authorized the Bethlehem Central School District, Bethlehem, New York (the "School District") to acquire certain school vehicles (the "Purpose") as such vehicles were generally described in the resolution and as they were generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the School District at the School District meeting duly held on May 15, 2012.

The estimated maximum cost of the Purpose is not to exceed \$660,000. The resolution authorized the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$660,000 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law"). The period of probable usefulness of the specific objects or purposes for which the bonds authorized by the resolution are authorized to be issued is five (5) years, within the limitation of Section 11.00(a)(29) of the Law. The resolution also authorized the School District to finance the Purpose by entering into an installment purchase contract as defined in Section 109-b of the General Municipal Law. The resolution summarized hereby is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the School District Business Office located at 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. 82105 (D) (June 27, 2012)

Bethlehem's tradition of tennis excellence extends to the junior varsity level



The Bethlehem boys junior varsity tennis team finished the 2012 season with an 11-1 record. Led by coach Scott George, the team included Max Dembling, Matt Monas, Kevin Gu, David Kalmer, Evan Davis, Jake Sanders, Max Burman, Eric Chang, Satjiv Kanwar, Adrian Bryant, Jamie Levine, Kevin Chang, Frederick Gray, Thomas Li, Jeremy Falk, Noah Falk, Max Rosenberg, Ronald Genaway, Harrison Wang, Mike O'Donnell, Steven Dias, Kaiho Cui, Bowen Chen and Erik Nimmer. *Submitted photo*

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Chris Curran was playing two roles at the Mad Dog Mania showcase. He was scouting for his SUNY Cobleskill men's soccer team (a Division III program), and he was assisting FC Dutchmen U17 boys coach Bill Bogue – something he is allowed to do under NCAA rules, provided that he follows the guidelines.

“At a tournament like this, I can’t approach anyone (to talk about the SUNY Cobleskill program) until the tournament is

done,” said Curran.

Curran said he wanted to be at Mad Dog Mania because of the number of elite travel teams participating.

“Being a college coach ... you’re looking for tournaments with high-level teams,” said Curran. “In a lot of these tournaments, a lot of teams don’t get accepted.”

Many of these same travel teams likely will be attending more showcases in the fall, which is the height of the college soccer recruiting season. In the meantime, the players will continue their summer travel seasons

before settling into their high school schedules in September.

FC Dutchmen – based out of Guilderland – will be hosting its own showcase tournament in November. The two-day event takes place Nov. 10 and 11.

In related soccer news, Guilderland High School graduate Jon Busch returned Saturday from a one-game suspension to lead the San Jose Earthquakes past Real Salt Lake 2-1 in a battle of the top two Major League Soccer Western Conference teams. Busch made five saves in goal for the Earthquakes, who

moved past Real Salt Lake into first place with the three points they earned for the victory.

Busch was suspended one game by MLS after he was ruled to have retrieved a ball too aggressively in a 2-1 loss to Kansas City May 27. Due to a scheduling quirk, that game didn’t come until last Wednesday against Colorado – one that the Earthquakes won 2-1.

In another twist, Busch’s return to the lineup came against a Real Salt Lake team that has former Shenendehowa High School standout Miles Joseph on its coaching staff. Joseph is also the

executive director of NY Elite FC, which had three teams at the Mad Dog Mania showcase.

Elsewhere, Christian Brothers Academy is quickly becoming the campus of choice for local semi-pro teams. Following in the footsteps of the Independent Basketball Association’s Albany Legends, the Empire Football League’s Albany Metro Mallers will play their home games at the Colonie private school beginning next weekend.

The Mallers have historically played their home games at Bleecker Stadium in midtown Albany, but moving to CBA gives the team several luxuries it didn’t have in the city – a football-only stadium, better lighting and sound, available on-site parking and safer

surroundings.

It will be interesting to see if the move to Colonie helps the Mallers gain a larger fan base. Semi-pro football isn’t exactly on a par with the NFL – or the Arena Football League, for that matter – but it can be exciting to watch. It helps that the Mallers are the defending EFL champions.

So welcome to the suburbs, Mallers. Make yourselves at home.

Finally, we’re getting very close to the start of the Little League, Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth playoffs. Since getting to every district tournament is probably out of the question, I’m asking you to help me out. Send any tournament results my way at jonasr@spotlightnews.com, and I will try to get them in the appropriate editions. Thank you.



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Red
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Albany, but he is happy that he can continue his coaching role in town.

Yakubowski's first goal at the Albany Tennis Center is to increase membership to help offset the costs of maintaining the eight clay courts in the heart of Albany's Pine Hills neighborhood.

"The memberships are very important because the clay courts are very expensive to maintain, and we're a not-for-profit organization," said Yakubowski.

The clay courts are valuable in teaching tennis players, said Yakubowski.

"For me, the surface is special because it slows the ball down and encourages creative shot making," he said. "It's not important for me to have them share my thoughts (on how to play). I want them to learn to play their own game and develop their own shots."

Though he is looking to increase membership, Yakubowski said that anyone can come to Ridgefield Park and take lessons from him or his staff, which includes Bethlehem Central High School graduates Elizabeth Breaznell and Christopher Bradt.

"As the tennis pro, I have opportunities to bring

in non-members and to appeal to players of all ages and competitive levels," said Yakubowski. "The reality is by reaching out to people who are non-members, they might want to join."

There are several programs for adults and youths at the Albany Tennis Club. Adults can participate in singles and doubles classes, as well as programs that teach specific skills. There are also weekday drop-in doubles programs, a ladies tennis program, a weekend morning mixed doubles program and an intermediate level doubles program. For younger players, there are summer programs available.

In all cases, Yakubowski said the important thing is to get people playing with others who are at the same

skill level.

"I try to make certain that players feel included, and they have people to play with," he said.

The Albany Tennis Center is also home to the annual Tri-County Tournament, which is held during Labor Day weekend. Players from across the Northeast travel to Ridgefield Park to participate in the tournament, which earns them United States Tennis Association standings points.

Yakubowski has competed in the Tri-County Tournament several times, and he said he's always impressed with the level of talent.

"What's really interesting for me as a competitor is that the people who have played the tournament have had tremendous

success over the years, and they'll come out and show that they can still play that very beautiful game," he said.

Albany Tennis Center membership costs run from \$40 a year for juniors (high school students and younger) to \$335 a year for a family. Individual memberships include two guest passes, while couple and family memberships include three guest passes. Non members pay a \$15 court fee to play at Ridgefield Park.

Ultimately, Yakubowski said he measures his success as Albany Tennis Center's manager by how busy the red clay courts are.

"I want to make the club healthy, and by that I mean I want the courts to be filled with players," said Yakubowski.

Rally
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Albany starting pitcher Andrew Furber turned in six solid innings, scattering four hits and walking four while striking out two batters. Unfortunately for the Dutchmen, relievers Taylor Alvarez and Cody White gave up all of Newark's runs.

Remillard led the Dutchmen's offense with three hits and three RBI. Wietlispach contributed

a pair of hits and scored three runs.

Albany entered Sunday's game off a 3-2 victory at Glens Falls Saturday. Jared Martin's RBI single in the top of the sixth inning gave the Dutchmen the lead for good, and Remillard drove in an insurance run with a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Austin Chase earned his first victory of the season for Albany. He pitched eight strong innings, allowing two runs on six hits and striking out 10

batters. Trevor Lacosse picked up the save with a scoreless ninth inning.

The Dutchmen began the weekend with a 5-2 victory over Newark Friday at Bellizzi Field. Albany scored three runs in the bottom of the second inning to take control, and starting pitcher David Stagg struck out 11 batters in seven innings of work to earn the victory.

Remillard doubled and singled as part of Albany's eight-hit performance against Newark.

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BC JV team excels on court

The Bethlehem junior varsity team followed in the footsteps of the Section II Class AA championship varsity team by finishing the 2012 season with an 11-1 record.

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Weekly poll

Who is your team of the year in Delmar/Guilderland?

- Bethlehem girls soccer (Section II Class AA champions)
- Bethlehem boys volleyball (Section II Class A champions)
- Bethlehem boys tennis (Section II Class AA champions)
- Guilderland girls lacrosse (Section II Class A finalists)
- Voorheesville baseball (Section II Class C champions)

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Last week's poll results:

Who is your coach of the year?

- Kyle Turski 76%
- Angelo Caschera 16%
- Courtney Hill 7%
- Mike Campisi 1%



Albany Tennis Center manager Larry Yakubowski, left, shows John Tomer proper form on a backhand shot Saturday morning at Ridgefield Park. The Delmar resident runs a facility that features the only clay courts in the Capital District. Yakubowski is also the head tennis pro.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

The red clay of Albany

Delmar resident manages Albany Tennis Center and its unique courts

By ROB JONAS
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Larry Yakubowski is running a hidden gem in the Capital District.

The Delmar resident is the manager and head tennis pro at the Albany Tennis Club – home to the only red clay courts in the region.

“They’re our prized clay courts, and it’s unusual (for this area),” said Yakubowski. “They’re very well maintained, and it’s a very

comfortable surface to play on.”

Yakubowski has played on the red clay courts in Albany’s Ridgefield Park since the early 1990s and worked as a tennis pro at the club several years ago before taking the manager’s post at the start of 2012.

“I didn’t pursue the job so much as it became available,” said Yakubowski. “I love the club, and I wanted to make sure the club was managed well. And I think I can provide that.”

Yakubowski has been in demand as a tennis coach for the better part of two decades. He started by working with the

Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, he’s worked with the Troy Racquet Club and he coaches the Doane Stuart tennis program.

“I just love working for the Parks and Recreation Department here and sharing my knowledge with other people in town,” said Yakubowski, who is maintaining his roles in Bethlehem and at Doane Stuart while managing the Albany Tennis Center. He added that he did have to reduce his available days in Bethlehem from two to one per week in order to take the manager’s position in

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Late rally lifts Pilots past Dutch

Home loss snaps Albany’s three-game winning streak

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Albany Dutchmen’s modest three-game winning streak ended with Sunday’s 7-5 Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League loss to Newark at Bob Bellizzi Field.

The Pilots (9-7) scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to turn a 3-0 deficit into a 5-3 lead. Third baseman Joe Landi had the big hit of the inning with a two-run single.

An Albany error in the top of the eighth inning led to two more Newark runs. Brent Langston reached on a throwing error, which allowed Josh Crowdus to score from third base to give the Pilots a 6-3 lead. Langston then scored on Austin Logan’s single.

The Dutchmen (8-7) rallied for two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning. Latham native Zach Remillard doubled home Jack Wietlispach and scored on Ryan Gasporra’s single to cut the deficit to 7-5.

That was as close as Albany got. Newark closer Mark Scott pitched a scoreless ninth inning to seal the victory.

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Last showcase starts next season

The 2013 college soccer recruiting season began with the end of the 2012 recruiting season.

Last weekend’s Mad Dog Mania showcase at Wilton’s Gavin Park gave college soccer coaches a glimpse of the high school players they might pursue for their 2013 and 2014 freshman classes.

More than 100 teams from across the Northeast played a series of four scrimmages in front of representatives from 103 NCAA schools. No results were kept, but there was plenty of pressure felt by the players.

“These games are more important than when they do keep track,” said Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake student Carly Finn, a member of the New York Elite Under-17 girls team.



“We’re just hoping that they do well in this environment, and that they relax and play well,” said NY Elite U17 girls coach Tom Rogan.

Many of the players at the showcase are entering their junior and senior years of high school, a time when choosing a college becomes important. And though many of the colleges represented at the showcase were from the Division II and Division III levels, the players still considered it an honor to play in front of them.

“I’m not thinking about Division I, but I’m definitely looking to play soccer in college,” said Bethlehem Central High School student Stephanie Dootz.

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Stephanie Dootz, left, gets by a Fairport player during one of four scrimmages she and the New York Elite Under-17 girls team played at last weekend’s Mad Dog Mania showcase at Gavin Park.

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