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Guilderland bans hydrofracking

Few speak out against barring controversial drilling method

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

The Guilderland Town Board unanimously passed a ban on natural gas extraction within the town's limits at a recent meeting in an attempt to preserve the "health, safety and welfare" of the municipality's residents. After a public hearing on Tuesday, July 3, when residents mostly spoke in favor of the proposal to ban natural gas extraction — commonly known as hydraulic fracturing — within the town, a regulation was passed to deny any person, firm or corporation from drilling a natural gas well. Also banned is the exploration, transfer, storage, treatment or disposal of natural gas within the town.

"Guilderland has only a slight amount of land in the Marcellus Shale, but some experts say as technology changes there could be other types of shale deposits which Guilderland does have that could cause other types of fracking here," said Supervisor Ken Runion in an interview after the meeting.

The Marcellus Shale is a black shale formation deep underground that extends from Ohio and West Virginia northeast into Pennsylvania and New York, according to the state Department of Environmental Bans Page 11

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Serving up a new game

Bethlehem's tennis clinics upgraded through grant



Local church has a mission

Ice cream social to benefit trip to Nicaragua

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Next month, 15 people from Bethlehem Lutheran Church will donate their time to children in need by participating in a service trip to Nicaragua. But to make the trip possible, donations are still needed from members of the community.

On Saturday, July 14, an ice cream social and concert will be held to help the church raise the remainder of the money needed to send volunteers on their mission trip and purchase supplies to be given to locals in need. The event is free to the public, but donations are requested.

This is the third year Bethlehem

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By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

"I want to be the alligator!" should one young boy with his hand raised high in the air.

On Monday, July 2, about 20 children were standing on colored dots on a tennis court at Elm Avenue Park. They were about halfway through their lesson for the day and about to begin a game where one student would walk through two lines of children while dodging balls being passed on the ground with racquets.

"There's a lot more activity this way," said Dan Cremo, the Town of Bethlehem's tennis instructor. "There are not as many kids waiting in line because they're all involved and they don't fool around as much."

Cremo has more techniques to draw upon now that the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department has received a \$2,600 grant through the United States Tennis Association's 10-and-Under

Dan Cremo, top center, leads children during a tennis clinic at Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem. The town received a \$2,600 grant through the United States Tennis Association's 10-and-Under Program to revamp its youth tennis programs.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

Lutheran has organized service trips for its members.

"The church had never done an overseas trip and three years ago I became head of mission committee," said congregation member Sally Jo Gieser. "I asked both of the pastors what they would like to see happen with the groups. They said they would like to get people to go on trips so people could get out of Delmar and see what it's like for other people in different parts of the world."

The first two trips were to Poland. Now, the group of 11 adults and four teenagers will be going to a third-world country, which will be a different experience. Trip participants will go to Centro Escolor Life Link Christian School in Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua, to help teach the students, share Bible stories and work in the **Church** Page 11

Bethlehem celebrates Independence Day

Declaration reading, old-time baseball and family fun mark the holiday

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

The heat helped, rather than hindered, participation in Family Day events put on by the Town of Bethlehem at Elm Avenue Park. As families flocked to the pool to stay cool on their day off, they were likewise drawn to entertaining and patriotic activities occurring throughout Independence Day.

On Wednesday, July 4, the celebration events began in the morning with a reading of the Declaration of Independence. The document was split into sections and read by Supervisor John Clarkson, Congressman Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, and Boy Scouts from Elsmere Troop No. 58.

This is the fourth year the reading was conducted. In previous years the event was held at Town Hall and was originally organized by Boy Scout Joseph Garry, who is now in high school. He said town officials were looking for a more formal way of commemorating



Independence Day and he stepped forward with his idea. Garry has been involved with the reading ever since.

"I think it's important for people to remember why we have the day off," he said. "It's nice to have fun, but people need to remember the reason for the holiday."

Tonko said he was proud to participate in the event and has been at the reading all four years.

"It's a phenomenal tradition," he said. "I think to really set the tone for the holiday, nothing is more powerful than reading the actual document and having it speak to us. It expresses the boldness, the courage and the determination portrayed to take on a king. It's moving."

Family Day continued



with ice cream, a barbeque, a magic show and balloonist for the kids, music and an Old Time Base Ball game.

Parks and Recreation Administrator Nan Lanahan said because of the hot weather and the holiday being in the middle of the week, attendance for the game was expected to be high. The event, believed to be in its 30th

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year, takes several months to plan.

"It's a good community day to enjoy your family and be outdoors," she said. "That's sort of what we're all about here.'

The Old Time Base Ball game between the 1864 New York Mutuals and the Bethlehem Braves team occurred later in the day. The Bethlehem team took a walloping with a score of 28 to 4, but Steve Peterson, the president of the Bethlehem Braves Travel Baseball Club,

Bethlehem residents celebrate the Fourth of July at the town's various annual Family Day events held throughout the day at Elm Avenue Park.

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said they expected to lose playing under rules and in uniforms from another century.

"Theses guys do this for a living," he said. The team has already signed on to play in next year's





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Growing up with gardens

Garden Club Group dedicates space in hopes of inspiring younger generation

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

The Bethlehem Garden Club is working to get younger generations more interested in local horticulture.

Through the work of former club President Phyllis Howell, the garden adjacent to Town Hall has been revamped. Because of its close proximity to the town playground and the interest shown by kids when they visit the area, the former plot has been changed into an official Children's Garden.

Current Club President Virginia Aquaria said although the garden is small, the goal is for the patch to inspire children and parents to either create their own gardens or visit local nature conservancies and botanical gardens together.

"It's about going back to basics and away from plastic packages of carrots and foodstuffs," she said. "Our quest in going forward is that we are serious about using the earth and teaching what it "You don't have to go out and buy Legos. People forget to make use of what is out there for free."

– Virginia Aquaria, Bethlehem Garden Club president

can give us, instead of buying commercialized things."

The garden is currently in the beginning stage of its transformation. A sign was built and erected by resident horticulture enthusiast Bob Horn, and Howell has worked to decorate the garden with animal statutes to act as small hidden treasures for the children to find.

Howell said she would eventually like to plant indigenous wildflowers and plants in the garden, along with some strawberry plants so kids can pick berries when they visit.

"The woods are disappearing and (younger generations) may not have the chance to



Abigail Hansen, 3, helps water the newly dedicated Children's Garden.

remember all of the plants we have," she said. "It's important for them to know the history of the beautiful things that grew here."

The Garden Club had originally thought of including a butterfly garden at the location, but the conditions weren't right for a butterfly habitat. Howell said butterflies need dense plant life and a more shaded area in order to feel secure enough to lay eggs and the area doesn't provide enough water. The idea then morphed into something different that could provide children with an interest in planting.

"Nature has a lot to offer when you give it the chance," said Aquaria. She wants the garden to inspire discussions between parents and children about where food comes from and how to be responsible stewards of the planet.

Howell said she would eventually like to speak with town officials about expanding the Children's Garden or moving it to another location where it can become larger so paths could be put in. She would also like to expand the amount of native plant life there to help educate children.

Submitted photo

"Kids are struck by what they find in nature and there's always been a strong movement here in Bethlehem to maintain green space," said Aquaria. "You don't have to go out and buy Legos. People forget to make use of what is out there for free."

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Man charged with DWI in crash blocks from his home

Bethlehem police arrested Harold Remmel, 57, of Hudson Avenue in Delmar for driving while intoxicated after the vehicle he was driving rear-ended a car several blocks from his home, according to police

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Police said they were called the scene of a twocar accident at 14 Hudson Ave. on Tuesday, June 19, after Remmel allegedly collided with the back end of a car waiting at an intersection. When police spoke with Remmel, they reported he smelled of alcohol and had glassy eyes. He was charged with aggravated DWI and various traffic violations.

He was remanded on \$10,000 cash or bail and sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility. He will appear in court at a later date.

Selkirk man charged with growing pot

Bethlehem police arrested a Selkirk man after a search warrant led to the discovery of 60 marijuana plants in his home, according to police.

Dahlgren Lachapelle, 56, of 7 Upper Park Road, was arrested on Tuesday, June 19. Police said the plants were confiscated, along with various other paraphernalia and equipment. Lachapelle was charged with criminal possession of controlled substance in the first degree, a felony, and unlawfully growing marijuana, a misdemeanor.

Police said Lachapelle was remanded on \$25,000 cash or bond and sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility. He will appear in court at a later date.

9W crash leads to DWI charges

Bethlehem police arrested a Selkirk woman after her car entered oncoming traffic and collided with another car.

Police said they were called to the scene of an accident on Route 9W on Monday, June 25.

The passengers of the other vehicle appeared to be fine, but Barbara Morin, 65, of Thatcher Street sustained various injuries, police said. She

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told officers she has been searching for her inhaler when she veered too far into the other lane. Police said the odor of alcohol was detected. She was sent to Albany Medical Center because of her injuries and was charged with DWI. She will appear in court in later date.

County holds blanket patrol over holiday

From Wednesday, July 4 until Monday, July 9, police agencies throughout Albany County participated in the most recent Stop-DWI blanket patrol.

In total, 603 drivers were stopped by police from nine municipal departments, the Albany County Sheriff's Office, and New York State Police. The operation netted 18 DWI arrests and four aggravated DWI arrests. In addition, eight people were arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and two were arrested for driving while ability impaired. The county also reported





three alcohol-related accidents.

Sheriff thwarts attack

A Watervliet man was arrested on assault charges after attacking a 65-yearold parking lot attendant on Wednesday, June 27, according to the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

Jason R. Neiles, 29, was

charged with assault in the second degree, a felony, and resisting arrest.

Neiles appeared to be intoxicated and was walking on Pine Street at around 5:15 p.m. in Albany when he started yelling obscenities at a bicyclist that rode by, then turned to a parking lot attendant in the parking lot of the New York State Court of Appeals and started attacking him "for no apparent reason,"

A crash on 9W the morning of Monday, July 9, resulted in multiple injuries, with two people transported to the hospital on advanced life support, and two on basic life support. Police are still investigating the collision between a truck and a Toyota Prius.

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according to police. Sheriff Craig Apple was leaving his office nearby and witnessed the attack, quickly intervened and took Neiles into custody after a short struggle, according to police.

The parking lot attendant suffered multiple abrasions and contusions to his face and head and received treatment at Albany Memorial Hospital.

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Four injured in 9W collision



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Summer cooking Great granitas

By JODIE FITZ

When my girlfriends are coming over for dessert and I'm looking to keep it light and refreshing, I love serving a frozen fruit dish like a granita. It's perfect for these steamy hot summer evenings and a great way to take advantage of the fabulous seasonal fruits that are readily

available.

There are many ways to serve a granita, but one of my favorites is a simple

combination of strawberries and lemonade. Granita – it sounds gourmet, but it's so incredibly easy to make. And with the clink of a glass, a martini glass that is, it looks even more sophisticated when serving this simple, flavorful dish in something fun.

I love keeping granita concoctions on hand all summer long as a dessert alternative and a treat for myself even when I'm not sharing it with friends.

The writer is the founder of the Price Chopper Kids Cooking Club. To learn more about her, visit www. jodiefitz.com.

Strawberry Lemonade Granita By Jodie Fitz

4 cups fresh, ripe strawberries*

1 cup lemonade

2 tablespoons honey

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Pour the lemonade into a blender. Add in the fresh strawberries, honey and vanilla

extract and blend thoroughly until all of the fruit has blended into a thick liquefied state. Pour the strawberry mixture into an 8-by-8 glass baking dish. Place the



dish into the freezer and let it stand for about an hour.

After the first hour, scrape the top layer with a fork to loosen the fruit mixtures so that it looks like small ice crystals. Replace the mixture into the freezer and set the timer for an additional 30 minutes and scrape again. Continue the process until your dessert is fully frozen and the entire dish has been scraped into ice crystals; approximately 11/2-2 hours.

Scoop your granita, just before serving, into a dish. I often use a martini glass for company.

Note: If the strawberries are tart you can add honey.

*The 4 cups of fresh strawberries is measured in this recipe after the strawberries have been washed, hulled and sliced.

A gift for the littlest hearts

Donation of infant CPR kits to help give parents of vulnerable babies confidence

By MAX MIRABLE news@spotlightnews.com

It takes nine months for a life to be welcomed into this world but only a few seconds for it to be taken away. The law firm Martin, Harding & Mazzotti doesn't want families to lose any of those precious seconds and recently donated infant CPR kits to give parents of prematurely born or sick babies some piece of mind as they prepare to take their infant home.

On Wednesday, June 27, the law firm, which is a big supporter of the American Heart Association, donated 100 infant CPR kits to Albany Medical Center's NICU.

They provide parents with one more tool as they take their children home," said Katherine McCarthy, who is the senior regional director of communications for the American Heart Association.

The kits were designed to demonstrate the simplicity of learning infant CPR, and to help educate parents of children who were discharged from the NICU on oxygen about health issues that may come

up outside of the hospital. "Parents tend to be afraid to perform CPR on their

little babies, assuming they will hurt them further," said Rosemarie Bogdan, a partner of Martin, Harding & Mazzotti.

An educational DVD that moves step by step through the CPR process is an attempt to quell that fear. The NICU also offers a class for the parents before they leave for home with their babies.

Bob Elling, a Capital Region Advisory Board Member of the American Heart Association and Colonie paramedic, said the kit will instill confidence in these parents, which will lead to less confusion when it comes to performing CPR.

"These kits really make it kind of easy," he said.

As a paramedic and someone who has performed CPR on countless patients, Elling said he can't stress enough the importance of knowing CPR.

"We feel very strongly that everyone needs to know CPR," said Elling.

By performing CPR, a person keeps oxygenated blood flowing to the heart and brain in an effort to preserve brain function. Regaining oxygenated

blood flow after four to six minutes can cause the patient severe brain trauma.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), was developed by the American Heart Association about 50 years ago. Twelve years later, Leonard Cobb of Seattle, Washington, organized the first ever mass citizen training in CPR. From that point on the basic life skill has saved about 92,000 people each vear and in Seattle, around 40 percent of the population knew how to perform CPR. With their survival rate for cardiac arrest at 50 percent, Seattle became the poster child for successful CPR.

"Every state should be the same way. The nationwide percentage should be upwards of 50 percent," said Elling. "CPR lessons in high school are a necessity. They shouldn't have to take a class outside of school to learn a basic life skill that is proven to save lives. The inexpensive lessons would prove to be extraordinary in the short run and long run."

Elling applauded Martin, Harding & Mazzotti's donation of the infant CPR kits.

Bogdan called the donation "a great way to help the youngest and littlest members of our community."



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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Let locals have fracking say

The debate over hydrofracking has been going on here in New York for long enough it's become a loaded term. Most people have made up their minds.

That's all well and good, but when it comes to allowing or

disallowing the controversial natural gas drilling here in the Empire State, Albany is still doing what it does best and spinning its wheels.



This week, we report the Town

of Guilderland has joined a host of other municipalities that have taken matters into their own hands and passed local legislation on fracking. That includes Albany County itself, though that's not a ban per se — it merely restricts the county itself from leasing land to a company looking to use the method.

Inaction on the state level means local rulings are becoming more commonplace. That's why it's heartening to hear Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration is pursuing regulations that would ban hydrofracking in the state's most fragile natural areas (including the Catskills) and New York City's watershed, and allow it only in communities that explicitly support it.

Here in the Capital District, hydraulic fracturing might well seem a needlessly risky proposition at best. If worst fears are realized, the chemical used in the process could potentially contaminate groundwater and lead to any number of devastating effects. (Or not.)

But again, that's the view from here, where the economy is faring far, far better than most places thanks in no small part to an abundance of secure government jobs. In other parts of the state, including the undeniably blighted Southern Tier, where much of the state's share of the Marcellus Shale rests, the situation is not so rosy.

For residents of Guilderland (May 2012 unemployment rate of 5.9 percent) fracking might seem like a practice that holds little local gain at enormous local risk. But for folks sitting squarely on the shale in places like Binghamton (9.1 percent), Jamestown (9.3 percent), Elmira (11 percent) or any number of tiny towns in between with similarly dismal job numbers, the promise of any jobs takes on a different tone altogether. (And let's not forget the tendency for these figures to dramatically underrepresent actual need because they discard the underemployed and long-term jobless.)

Just as many populous and urban areas in and bordering the shale have passed moratoriums on fracking, there are communities in the southern part of the state that have explicitly approved of it. And that's largely the way it should be. Hydrofracking will have dramatic local effects — be they good or bad — and it should be up to the people in those localities to decide whether to accept or reject them rather than try to solve the problem wholesale.

Cuomo is on the right track by pursuing a solution that allows locals to make their own decisions. Let's hope these efforts to allow greater local control on a troublesome issue find a foothold and are fruitful. If you are passionate about the issue one way or another (or if, like us, you feel it's something that should be left up to smaller communities) we urge you to contact your legislators and the governor's office and make your opinions known. Contact the latter by calling 474-8390 and find your Assembly and Senate representatives by visiting assembly.state.ny.us and nysenate.gov.

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Sometimes a future takes work

By EMILY DREW

The writer is a student at SUNY New Paltz and a summer intern at Spotlight Newspapers.

Everyone knows, even those who don't pay attention to the news, that with these tough economic time comes a scarce job market, scarce meaning almost non-existent, especially for the younger crowd. Employers want experience. They want to hire employees who know what they are doing to cut down on time spent training. The problem is, everyone knows that with age comes experience, which means tough luck for for the younger crowd. From high school to college, the younger generation has fallen victim to a harsh fact of life — the job market is brutally competitive, and if you don't have experience already, most employers brush you off.

What this younger generation must learn is that being "choosy" is not an option. It was a hard lesson to learn, but I realized that when it comes to paying for school books, money is money. No one truly wants to work in a thrift store for an unhappy manager, which was exactly how I spent the summer after high school graduation. Somehow I managed, hating every minute of arguing with customers about predetermined prices, but I managed. This was after working for the high school library and a party supply store in the past years.

What I noticed was many high school students tell themselves they have time to hold out for their dream job, part or full time, which is untrue. The simple fact of the matter is you can't pick and choose when it comes to a parttime or summer job. The ideal way to spend my summers did not include the high school print shop or the household wares section of a thrift store.

Yes, retail is not a desired career choice, but while filling out applications, I



knew that some experience was worth the pain. There is no such thing as an "undesired" job. The school, some thrift store? Maybe those weren't the ideal places to spend my summer vacation, but I had to ask myself, did I really have a choice?

Any experience is better than none, because when the time comes that you find yourself sitting across the desk from the representative of the company you want your fate to rest in, a blank resume is not going to cut it. It's better to hand your resume over with shaking hands and show that rep you spent two years splashing yourself with hot grease from a fast food joint during college, or that all of your summers were spent as student help in the school library.

Then there is the unacceptability of being lazy. Everyone knows how it is when the school year is over or another semester ends. The schoolwork was done, the essays were over, and I had made it through another batch of final exams. Now all I wanted to do was sit on the couch and veg, which, of course, was not an option. I knew that in the blink of an eye, I would be graduating from college, and making sure that I had some experience under my belt was a top priority because something is better than nothing. The last thing you want to do is find yourself regretting that you brushed off your parents when they badgered you to get a part time job in school.

When the suffering is done, and it's time to move on to something bigger and better or school has come around again, there is nothing better than handing in a two-weeks

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notice. The months of working at the thrift store were spent unhappily, but a part of me was proud I had stuck it through. Even so, when I gave my twoweeks notice, another part of me wanted to skip down the sidewalk singing. The next summer, I had to remind myself that the suffering would be worth it in the end. The eighthour shifts would have paid off, and though each place I had worked was only for those few summer months, any experience would help in the long run.

Just remember this when you're going from store to store, scouring the Internet for applications: Settling never hurt anyone. It might feel like it when you're organizing clothing at a thrift store for eight hours, but it doesn't. Don't pass up the chance for a job that will make you miserable now. Think of down the line when you're handing your full resume over with shaking hands for the job that you want to support you for the rest of your life.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Cunningham comes with conflicts

Editor, The Spotlight: Bethlehem Democrat Committee Chairman Matt Clyne is telling registered Democrats that Town Board candidate Jack Cunningham has the full support of the Democratic Committee for the open Town Board seat. Bethlehem Democrats ought to be wary of this endorsement, just as they were last year when the same committee unanimously endorsed Independent/ Democratic/Republican candidate Kyle Kotary for Town Supervisor. Instead, Democrats should evaluate carefully Mr. Cunningham's record, and the possible conflict of interest that would accompany a Cunningham victory, and consider casting a primary ballot for Democrat Bill Reinhardt. Describing his

motivation for seeking the position, Cunningham explains, "... the reason I'm running is to focus on some of the major financial issues facing the town. We're heading into financial budget issues and we're going to have to start taking aggressive steps to address that and still maintain the core mission of the Town."

Indeed the Town faces significant financial challenges. However,

voters ought to recall that Mr. Cunningham was in a position to begin correcting this problem four years ago but failed to do so. In the fourth quarter of 2008, then Town Supervisor Cunningham and the Town Board approved a 4 percent raise for Town employees (for the 2009 budget). They did so over the objections of many Bethlehem residents who, at public hearings to address the issue, voiced their concerns that the proposed raise was - at the very least - untimely (recall that in 2008 the market was down 37 percent-- the single largest annual market decline since 1931).

Mr. Cunningham holds a senior position in the Town of Colonie (Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering -Commissioner). His hiring required Colonie to take the extraordinary step of amending its employment law to hire a non-resident. Colonie competes with Bethlehem in a number of areas including economic development projects and grants. Count me among those who are concerned as to where Mr. Cunningham's lovalties lie; in Bethlehem or in Colonie? Recently when discussing Mr. Cunningham's

candidacy, a voter raised this perceived - if not actual - conflict of interest, opining to me that Mr. Cunningham would "...likely be on the Shaker sideline of a Shaker vs. Bethlehem football game."

A political party committee ought to consistently cast a wide net throughout the community to find talented and capable candidates for office. Regrettably, the Bethlehem Democrat Committee appears to be little more than an insular, out-of-touch, selfpromoting apparatus that limits its candidate lists to its own officers and then reflexively stamps its unanimous endorsement on every candidate. These practices place party unity over worthy debate, and repeatedly leave voters without a choice.

need "do over" representatives like Mr. Cunningham who had an opportunity to lead in a time of crisis-- but failed. On primary day (Sept, 13), thanks to the efforts of Bethlehem Reform Democrats, Bethlehem Democrats will have a capable alternative candidate for Town Board-- Bill Reinhardt.

> Sean Raleigh Delmar

Award winner gives hope for a better and more peaceful world

Editor, The Spotlight:

Reading the news, it can be tempting to believe that conflict is an inevitable fact of life, something for which we have neither the ability nor the responsibility to end. Fortunately, young people in our community do not all hold this view. At the Bethlehem High School Awards Ceremony I had the honor of presenting the Youth Peace Award to Kartik Ramkumar. Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace awards the prize annually to a graduating senior who demonstrated extraordinary effort in the pursuit of peace and social justice at the local, national, and/or global level, and who has a firm commitment to continue these pursuits in the future. This year it carried a cash prize of \$300 and a framed certificate.

Kartik Ramkumar Bethlehem doesn't was recognized in large part for his work with Children at the Well Youth Storytellers. Children at the Well is an interfaith and intergenerational venture designed to engage young people in the art of storytelling as a means to deepen their understanding of their own traditions, to get to know people of other faiths, and to promote peace and understanding among different peoples. According to Paula Weiss,

who co-founded and directs the organization, Ramkumar has been involved with the group for four years during which time he has befriended young people from many different religions and backgrounds, shared stories of his Hindu tradition, mentored younger participants and spoken with audiences in churches, mosques, synagogues, libraries and schools. In addition, he represented the group at the 2010 Teen Identity and Diversity Education conference in Boston, and attended an interfaith conference at the UN. Writing in his award application, Ramkumar explained that he finds stories to be an excellent medium for the exchange of ideas because "they are plentiful and are little messengers that share values and traditions. They can help us see how many of the world's cultures and faiths share similar values and ideas."

Whether through physical injury, emotional scars or lost opportunities, throughout the world young people bear some of the greatest burdens of conflict. Yet it is among vouth that we can also find the greatest hope for a better world. The Youth Peace Award is intended to honor and shine a light on

that hope. We are grateful to Bethlehem Central High School for allowing us the opportunity to present the award. Congratulations and many thanks to Kartik Ramkumar for his work promoting peace and justice.

> Gail Landsman Slingerlands



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Still time to sign up for Summer Reading Club

If your young readers have not signed up for the Summer Reading Club, now's the time to act!

"Dream Big: READ!" consists of two parts: reading done at home and shared activities and programs at the library. You can get details on all the fun things the Summer Reading Club holds by going to http://bit.ly/ GPLSummerReading

Ghost stories

Are there **REALLY** ghosts in New York? There's one sure way to find out! Come listen to our own local expert on ghosts, author David Pitkin, as he relates some tales that would curl your tail (if you had one) at the Guilderland Public Library on Thursday, July 12, at 7 p.m.

Pitkin has written extensively about the spirits who haunt our state – a "ghost-to-ghost" tour – and will share his extraordinary knowledge with kids ages 8 and up. After enjoying David's stories, everyone gets to vote for their favorite. No registration required ... unless you're a ghost.

The magic of Jim Snack

Magician extraordinaire Jim Snack presents his fabulous show for all ages at the Guilderland Public Library on Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m.

Jim got his start as a magician

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by reading library books about magic. Now he is one of the best magicians in the area!

Acting as a positive role model, Jim communicates the joy of reading while teaching important lessons. Each lesson is presented within the structure of a magic trick or routine. The bottom line is that children learn that reading is the secret for making their dreams come true.

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, Aug. 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

Movie: Goosepimply

The library's next Family Movie Friday feature might give you "goosebumps" from all the kid-centric (but fun) horrors. This TVY7-rated show starts at 7 pm, on "Friday the 13th"! Free popcorn? Of course. And air conditioning.

Come early. You know how crowded these shows get.

Board of Trustees meetings

The Guilderland Public Library's Board of Trustees will have two meetings the evening of Thursday, July 12.

The first meeting, at 7 pm, is the board's annual meeting. The regular monthly business meeting, which starts at 7:30 pm, will feature the swearingin of new Trustees. There are public comment sessions at the beginning and end of this, and all other monthly business meetings.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Summer hours

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

Mark Curiale For more information on these programs, please call

Magician Jim Snack will bring out the magic of reading at Guilderland Public Library on Tuesday, July 17. Submitted photo





A look at eating locally

New York ranks among the top five states in the nation for milk and other food production. We in the Capital District enjoy close proximity to many fine farms and a wide variety of locally grown foods.

Julie Cushine-Rigg, author of "A Guide to Buying Farm-Fresh: Eating well and safely in Upstate New York" (Three Lakes Publishing, 2012), is our guest next Thursday July 19 at 7 p.m. She will talk about her book and answer questions about the availability and advantages of healthy, locally grown food.

Cushine-Rigg is a reporter for *The Spotlight* and an advocate for a more sustainable food system. Her degrees in landscape architecture and design led her to think about how land use influences the environment and its ability to provide food.

This program is the latest in our Writers and Friends author series, generously supported by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Teen improv workshop

Terrie Gifford of The Inside Edge will lead teens in grades six and up in Intro to Improv next Monday



July 16, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Teens interested in participating should call 439-9314 to sign up. The group will produce a final improv sketch for public performance at 8 p.m; all are welcome.

Gifford is a certified teacher and a corporate educational teambuilding facilitator. The program is part of our new series, Kids and Friends, made possible by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Evening on the Green

Our annual summer outdoor concert series begins tonight at 7 with a performance by singer/songwriter Matt Cusson.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair. The performance will move indoors if it rains.

Another Evening on the Green

Wednesday, July 25, 7 p.m.

The four-piece band Katsura plays a variety of styles from rock to folk and pop. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Concert moves indoors if it rains.

Porcupines

Thursday, July 26, 10 .m.

Staff from Five Rivers will reveal fascinating facts about porcupines. All ages.

Pokemon, Bakugan and more

Thursday, July 26, 2:30 p.m.

Bring your cards and action figures to show. Play and meet other fans. Grade K-12.

Hola-days! An intro to Spanish

Monday to Friday, July 30 to Aug. 3, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Three language students from Bethlehem Central High School's Students to Students program introduce Spanish language and culture. Grade 3-6. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

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.

Enjoy a free museum visit

Planning a few day trips this summer? Let the Library help keep the cost down by checking out a family museum pass! Most passes provide free admission for two adults and two children. The USS Slater, Schenectady Museum and Planetarium, MassMoCA (Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art) and the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute passes are available on a first come first served basis.

Adult borrowers who are residents of the RCS Community Library service area may check out a pass for one week. Don't let the summer slip by without taking advantage of this chance to see some of the attractions that make our area special – for free!

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.

•FILES AND FOLDERS: Learn how to create, save, delete and find your files. Tips on choosing memorable names for your documents and

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projects. We'll also use folders to get and stay organized.

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, 6L30 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.





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Root, root, root for the Valley Cats

Let us take you out to the ballgame. Join us at "The Joe," Joseph L. Bruno Stadium, to see the Vallev Cats vs. Lowell Spinners on July 18 at 7 p.m. Fireworks will follow the game. The cost is \$8.50, payable the Town of Bethlehem. Transportation will leave Town Hall at 5:00 pm. Call 439-4955, ext. 1169, to reserve your seat. Home pick up is available. Van donation: \$3.

Farmers markets are open in Delmar. You can get fresh vegetables and fruits at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. on Tuesday afternoons, the Delmar Presbyterian Church on Delaware Ave. on Wednesday



afternoons, and at the Bethlehem Middle School on Kenwood Avenue on Saturday mornings. Farmer's Market coupons may be available for those who are income eligible and transportation will be available on selected Tuesdays. Call 439-4955, 1170.

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.

Wednesday, July 18

• Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

> Thursday, July 19 • A new monthly

Bereavement Support Group for those who have lost someone close, will meet on at Town Hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join others in similar grieving situations and share concerns, emotions, etc. Call Will Vail at 439-4955, ext. 1173 to register or to get more information.

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

Bereavement Support more information.

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

Friday, July 20

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

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

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member (From Page 9)

• 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.

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

Summer Saturdays

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

'Midnight in Paris' is movie of the month

Guilderland seniors are invited to the movie of the month Thursday, July 26, at 10:30 a.m. a.m. in the Town Hall Courtroom. "Midnight in Paris" will be shown.

The movie tells the story of a family who travels to the French capital for business. The party includes a young engaged couple who are forced to confront their

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differing views of a perfect life.

Stars: Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams and Kathy Bates.

Director/Writer: Woody Allen Rated PG-13 On Thursday, Aug. 30, the movie of the month for August will be shown at 10:30 a.m. a.m. in the Town Hall Courtroom. "The Lincoln Lawyer" tells the story of a sleazy defense attorney has a crisis of conscience when he represents a wealthy client who has a foolproof plan to beat the system. Rated R

Wednesday, July 11

Scheduled Shopping 9:30 a.m. AARP Driver Safety Class @ Library

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Friday, July 13

Scheduled Shopping 10 a.m. Painting 10:30 a.m. Bridge 1 p.m. Quilting 5 to 9 p.m. Dinner dance

What's new

Adult fiction

"The Reckoning" by Jane Casey

"Wife 22" by Melanie Gideon

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Kids take part in Youth Tennis Clinics in the Town of Bethlehem. The town provides three levels of youth clinics for children in kindergarten to eighth grade.

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Game (From Page 1)

Program to revamp its Youth Tennis Clinics for the youngest participants. The funds allowed Cremo, a tennis instructor for 15 years, to attend special training sessions to learn a new style of teaching the sport. The program itself also received special new equipment.

The town provides three levels of youth clinics for children in kindergarten to eighth grade. The grant money will go to help the two younger levels learn the game by providing for the purchase of smaller nets, lighter racquets and new tennis balls that are larger and lighter to handle, and don't hurt as much if a child is accidentally hit.

"It helps give them more confidence," said Cremo, who was currently teaching the kindergarten through second-grade level clinic the department dubbed "Rally Rascals." Other than the "Alligator Alley," games include "lobster trap," where one child tosses the ball and their partner attempts to catch it between two racquets, and several bounce and pass challenges. The funds also allowed one of the tennis courts to be relined, turning it into two smaller courts for "a greater success rate success rate when playing the game." Jason Gallo, the Parks and Recreation Department's assistant administrator, said more funds are available for the town as the tennis clinics grow, so more equipment could be purchased and more clinics could be held. A registration fee is still required for all participants.



participating in the clinics also receive a one-year USTA membership. This allows parents to purchase equipment for their children at a discount, obtain free access to training materials and receive a magazine either quarterly or monthly.

"Tennis is a sport that can be played throughout your lifetime," said Gallo. "Some sports get harder to keep up with as one ages, but once someone learns to play tennis and they develop a love for the game, it can be carried on into your senior years and play forever."

Weatherly Webb said her 7-year-old daughter, Chloe, enjoys the clinic more with the instituted changes. This is Chloe's second year participating in the clinic and Webb said she thinks the children are more confident during lessons because now they can actually hit the ball to each other over the smaller nets.

"They make it fun for the kids, which is important," she said.

Kristin Pung's 4-yearold daughter, Addison, was participating in a tennis clinic for the first time. Pung said she was happy with the program changes, because they conform to USTA standards for young learners. She also liked the new equipment.

"It's like kids learning to play softball with a wiffle ball bat," she said. "It makes a difference and helps them learn hand-eye coordination so they aren't as afraid of the ball in later years. It also gives the younger ones a fighting chance with the children who have participated in the program for a few years more."

Cremo said the program's new style of teaching the game depends less on competition and more on having fun, so most children are learning the skills they'll need in the future without realizing it. "That's what makes this

special," he said.

Clinics are two weeks long and run until Aug. 3. Spaces are still available. To learn more, visit the Parks and Recreation website at www. townofbethlehem.org.

Bans (From Page 1)

Conservation. It supposedly contains up to 516 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Town officials decided to propose a ban on natural gas extraction after members of the town's Conservation Advisory Council began attending programs on the subject several months ago. The Council then unanimously voted against allowing the practice within the town and gave their recommendation to the supervisor.

In June, the Albany County Legislature voted to place a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing on county owned land for the next two years. Runion said the town welcomed the regulation, but that ban alone left too much land open for natural gas extraction within Guilderland.

"We have a significant area of residents in town who receive their water from wells," he said. "We need to do whatever we can to protect the water quality in town from any type of pollution. While

Church

kitchen. They will also help

build a new bathroom for

the school with working

the opening and the first

as this year's mission

destination because a

congregant at the church has

a close family member who

is the lead missionary at the

school. At Christmastime,

representatives from the

school visited Delmar to

share more information with

the church and give them a

will bring dozens of

suitcases on the trip filled

with supplies collected

from church members

throughout the year.

Trip participants

list of needed supplies.

flush," said Gieser.

"We will be there for

Nicaragua was selected

plumbing.

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experts say it is safe, we still don't know if it is 100 percent safe and I think when dealing with water for residents, we need to know it is 100 percent safe to allow the activity."

According to the DEC, traditional hydraulic fracturing has been done in New York State since the 1950s, and consists of pumping hundreds of gallons of chemical-filled water and sand down a single well to break up the rock beneath. This allows the trapped gas to flow more readily to the surface. The newer method, often called horizontal hydraulic fracturing, allows for additional well arms to extend from the original well. This uses more water and chemicals but results in more gas.

The town's new regulation states that natural gas exploration or extraction occurring within the town could "endanger the health, safety and welfare of town residents through the depositoftoxins into the air, soil, water environment, and the bodies of town residents," so all related activities are prohibited. The regulation is meant to prevent "irreparable harm to the town's water supply, pollution of the water, soil and air," and prevent illnesses such as "cancer, lung disease and respiratory disease."

Most people speaking at the public hearing were in favor of the ban.

John Whemple, chairman of the town's Conservation Advisory Council, called on the board to protect the town's "unique natural resources and sensitive environmental areas."

He said, "Negative impacts of hydrofracking may include increased traffic, noise, vibrations, damage to roadways ... damage to and loss of agricultural lands and soils, as well as decreased recreational materials."

Few people spoke out against the ban, but those who did spoke of a loss of rights for property owners to lease their lands and hypocrisy from residents who reap the benefits of natural gas, but do not want it happening in the area they live, according to Runion.

"Still, it was a unanimous decision by the board," he said. "Ultimately, (the ban) passed to protect Guilderland residents."

Gieser said the 15 trips participants are labeled "goers" by the church, while the rest of the congregation is thought of as "senders."

"So we all make up the same team, but help in different ways," she said.

The group will be there for about a week. The "goers" will spend time with the students and as a fun activity, one member who majored in theater will teach them how to make puppets and put on a puppet show. During down time, they hope to visit local congregations and meet with the people and pastors there so see how else they can help the area.

The fundraiser event will include a presentation of the puppet show to be taught by the group, a concert by the church's Praise Band and other musically inclined members of the church and, of course, ice cream.

Event organizer Ann Brands said the hope is the event will raise the rest of the money needed for the trip as well as money to send the supplies church members collected overseas. The church is also collecting funds for equipment to build the bathroom, which will need to be paid for once they arrive.

The cost for each mission participant to go on the trip is \$1,723 including room and board.

"We won't know until the day of the event if we have enough money and where we stand, so we're praying," said Gieser.

The ice cream social and concert will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Elm Avenue in Bethlehem.

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A hero's welcome

Family, friends and fellow Selkirk firefighters waited until after midnight Sunday, July 1, to greet Jake Snide home following his tour with the U.S. Marines in Afghanistan. He was originally scheduled to arrive at 7:10 p.m. but his flight from Tokyo, Japan was delayed, causing him to miss his flight from Chicago to Albany. Fire department members brought his helmet to the airport and quickly put it on his head. Selkirk District Chief William Asprion said the department was excited to have Jake back in the ranks of the fire service, if only for a short period of time. Jake has orders to return to Tokyo in a month.

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Saratoga County woman spreads local food knowledge through innovative club

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG • riggi@spotlightnews.com

here's no doubt farmers markets are increasing in popularity, but for cooks who are used to the grocery store's shelves, figuring out what to do with a bounty of raw materials can sometimes be a challenge.

Enter the From Scratch Club, a group that's becoming more and more involved in the local food movement. Its founder, Christina Davis, advised beginner home cooks to "keep it simple" — and that's what her group is doing, by and large.

"Our mission is basically to encourage and inspire everyday people to get back into the kitchen, their gardens and the community -visit a farmer and buy food from farmers. The idea is to sort of lift the veil on it (local food)," said Davis, who lives in Milton.

The club is a network of growing knowledge about local food, and its members are willing to share what they learn, offering food swaps (open to the public and free, donations accepted) and do-it-yourself classes held throughout the Capital District.

They can also be seen at area farmers markets offering recipes and cooking tips.

"Christina (Davis) is especially involved with the local food movement. She's a really good source for people and it's amazing how much knowledge she has," said Josh Rockwood of West Wind Acres Farm

Rockwood and his wife, Stephanie, are among the many young farmers taking to the field raising grass-fed beef. They have hosted farm tours for the From Scratch Club at their farm.

"She kind of really helped form marketing (of local food) ... she's a cheerleader ... food swaps are a great way to meet people interested in local foods. We're going to be taking some food preservation classes. She's doing a lot of amazing things. Not only how to get it, but how to preserve it. Knowing where your food is coming from is becoming more important, especially with outbreaks (of foodborne illnesses)," said Rockwood.

Davis started the food themed enterprise in 2010 after her son was diagnosed with multiple food allergies.

"Although I had considered myself a farmers market, CSA (consumer supported agriculture) member and pretty food savvy, I actually really didn't know how to actually make 21 meals a week. There are so many common ingredients (that we can't use), we needed to cook from scratch," said Davis.

Her efforts have evolved into closing the "gap" between buying food and home cooking.

In the beginning, Davis gathered friends and formed a kind of coffee group for herself and other moms to discuss food and

From there, Davis set out to learn all she could about food and soaked up knowledge from everywhere possible. She started passing on that knowledge, along with recipes from the informal group, on fromscratchclub. com in 2010.

Now the club is made up of about a dozen regular local contributors and several guest contributors. Local contributors hail from all over the Capital District. Topics range from food preservation to grass-fed beef and are written by farmers, chefs and food advocates.

"All of our contributors bring something new to the table. ...Some people are looking for small-scale backyard gardening, some have full-on farms or small homesteads. ... We try to give a broad perspective on food," she said.

From Scratch holds two food swaps every month (advance sign-up required on its website). A food



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others. People set up their

creations, browse and then

DIY (do it yourself) school,

mobile school with classes

in Albany, Troy and

Schenectady. Davis said

The club also offers a

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swap works kind of like they're "slightly borrowing a mini market/auction. commercial kitchens to Members bring homemade teach classes" to offer edible foods, drinks and Classes in a Bag. other items to trade with

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If you can't make it to a location. Davis and some members will come to your home or place of business.

"You can even choose the class you want," said Davis. The cost is \$45 per person, and group rates are available.

Locations for classes include The Arts Center in Troy, All Good Bakers in Albany, First Unitarian Society of Schenectady and now Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa, with classes starting there in September.

The next From Scratch Club Academy class will be held on Wednesday, July 18, in Schenectady from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady. Sign up ahead of time online at fromscratchclub.com.

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Young Latham entrepreneur launches his own gelato carts in Colonie Center

By ALYSSA JUNG junga@spotlightnews.com

Stephen Bliven, 19, of Latham, knew he needed a summer job. But the Southern Vermont college student didn't just find one, he created it.

Every day, Bliven scoops gelato on the outskirts of the Colonie Center food court. The food cart he stands behind, Gelato Fresco, is all his own.

"Instead of just going around applying for jobs, I figured I'd start my own business and make money that way," said Bliven.

During his spring semester, Bliven spent his free moments building his very first business. He did everything himself, from

"I wanted to pick a product I knew I could sell to everyone in the mall, not just a limited number of people."

- Stephen Bliven

here," said Bliven. "There crafting a business plan was another supplier of the to traveling home on the weekends to meet with gelato that I wanted to buy from and he also didn't take suppliers to balancing the books and creating a me seriously, just thought I was a kid trying to mess around and waste his time." He plans to major in

He settled on gelato because he thought it would be a hit.

"I wanted to pick a product I knew I could sell to everyone in the mall, not just a limited number of people," said Bliven. "This appeals to young kids, it appeals to adults, senior citizens, and I've seen that as I've been selling it. Everyone is buying it."

Gelato is Italian ice cream. It's made with less



Stephen Bliven, 19, of Latham, opened Gelato Fresco by the food court in Colonie Center on June 1. He just finished his freshman year at Southern Vermont College and was looking for a summer job, so he decided to sell gelato.

cream than traditional ice cream, which gives it a smoother texture. It's also less solid than ice cream, so the flavors are more prominent. Bliven features nine flavors at a time and rotates them every week.

Cookies and cream and fruit flavors are the most popular, along with mango sorbet, which is dairy free.

Crisan Bakery on Lark Street is Gelato Fresco's supplier, dropping off fresh batches a few times a week.

The Italian bakery has been making homemade gelato since 2008 and uses all natural ingredients, including dairy from Meadow Brook Farm in

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Last quack for Albany's iconic Aqua Ducks

Popular amphibious tours to end, vehicles sold out of state

By ALYSSA JUNG junga@spotlightnews.com

For nine years, it hasn't been uncommon to hear an uncoordinated chorus of synthetic quacks take over the streets of downtown Albany.

Each guest who climbs aboard an Aqua Duck trolley gets a colorful "Quacker Whistle," shaped like a duck bill and emitting a distinct squawk. It's been the attraction's calling card, almost as notorious as the half on land, half on water tour itself.

But on Sunday, July 15, the yellow duckydecorated trolleys will take a last spin (and sail) around Albany and the last "Quacker Whistles" will be handed out. Aqua Ducks has been sold.

"We've been pretty busy and feel good that we acted as unofficial ambassadors for the city," said President Bob Wolfgang.

After nine seasons running a "seven days a week, 24 hours a day" business and serving more than 175,000 guests, Wolfgang said the time was "just right" to end things. Though he wanted to keep the trolleys local, things didn't work out as planned, so they'll soon travel to an undisclosed location elsewhere in the country.

"I tried to locate someone interested in purchasing and running it here in Albany but was unsuccessful at doing that," said Wolfgang. "I was approached by someone buying amphibious vehicles for an operation down south, so once that



After nine years of touring, Albany Aqua Ducks will cease to exist after three amphibious vehicles were sold to an out-of-state company. The last tour will be on Sunday, July 15, and reservations are still being taken.

offer came in, we had to move forward."

Aqua Duck tours was formed by a group of retirees, including Wolfgang, a former Albany chief of police. With 45 minutes spent on land exploring Albany's historic sites and 45 minutes cruising down the Hudson River, the Aqua Ducks quickly became a favorite field trip among school districts, a popular family activity on weekends and a must-try

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A testament to its notoriety, Wolfgang said the trolley has attracted riders from every continent except Antarctica.

"One tour I did ... had three different groups from Germany who

out of 44 or 42 people," said Wolfgang. "We're very popular in Israel and get written up a lot in Israeli newspapers.'

The only amphibious tour company in the state, Wolfgang said the part land, part water route helps riders see the city from

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

Left: Dorothy (Casey Kalica) befriends a scarecrow (Kody Carpenter), a lion (Chad Allen) and a tin man (Grant Miller) in "The Wizard of Oz." **Below: Veteran actor Jeff Hocking plays** a guard as well as the title character in "The Wizard of Oz."

Local actors take to the sky in production of Wizard the timeless movie starring to the flying, Kalica said,



Wickham watches in wonder as the cast and crew of Family Players of Northeastern New York

transform from strangers to the stars of a full-scale theater production.

Scaringe Wickham is in even more awe than usual this summer. Family Players' upcoming production of "The Wizard of Oz" will feature flying actors and actresses, something of a coup for a relatively small community theater group. ZFX Flying Effects, a national company, spent three days with Family Players teaching everyone how to fly safely and spectacularly. "In three days, they created this miracle with rope," Scaringe Wickham said. "That was very exciting and very rewarding for me. You're not going to have this happen all the time. It's like a once-in-a-lifetime experience." Dorothy, the Wicked Witch, the flying monkeys and others rely on a system of harnesses and pullies to take flight. It's a fun way, Scarine Wickham said, to inject something new into a production many people are familiar with thanks to

Judy Garland as a Kansas farm girl transported to a strange world by a tornado.

"It's challenging because you have to create of her all-time favorite magic," Scaringe Wickham characters. Kalica said said. "Everyone's seen the movie. We're not Hollywood with an unlimited budget. You try to find a balance."

As she watched the been acting in community characters take to the air, Scaringe Wickham found herself brushing away a few tears. A member of decided against studying Family Players since its inception more than 20 years ago, she loves the about the theater, she's also sense of camaraderie the passionate about helping group fosters. She said she people. So, nursing can be can't imagine a summer her career and acting can without a Family Players be her hobby, she reasons. production. Too often, though, hobby for Jeff Hocking, the group's shows in who is playing the Guilderland's Tawasentha Wizard of Oz, a guard Park have been rained out or hampered by bad He's been in other Family weather. This summer, Players productions and Family Players has moved to Colonie Central High School and the district has been a great partner, Scaringe Wickham said. It's also doubtful the group could have pulled off the flying scenes in an outdoor venue.

it's that the harness is a little uncomfortable. But that's a small price to pay for getting to portray one she is drawn to Dorothy's vivid imagination and the way she "dreams up this whole world."

Kalica, who's 21, has shows since she was 5. She recently graduated from nursing school. She acting in college because as passionate as she is

bloodlines. Hocking noted said — you work and you that a grandfather is in the sweat and you toil, but show with a couple of his grandchildren.

All that leads to a theater company that feels like another family. So maybe it's appropriate that Scaringe Wickham compared opening night to giving birth. The process leading up to everything

once it actually happens, you somehow forget all that and just feel joy.

"It's a thrill," she said. "I get emotional just watching (the actors), and I know what's going to happen. If they move me, I'm hoping other people feel the same way."

Family Players of is a little like labor, she Northeastern New York

present "The Wizard of Oz" Wednesday to Saturday, July 11 to 14, at Colonie Central High School. Shows on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are at 7:30 p.m., and there will be shows at 2 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$10.

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For more information, visit www. familyplayersofneny.com.



Casey Kalica, who plays Dorothy, is one of the lucky it's nothing," she said. few among the cast of 70 or so who gets to fly.

experience," she said. "It's like a dream come true."

Acting's long been a and Professor Marvel. had high praise for this one beyond the flying. "The Wizard of Oz" tells an entertaining story, with first-rate acting, he said.

Scaringe Wickham echoed that sentiment. "The flying is great, but unless you're telling a story when you're flying,

Helping to tell the story are two of Scaringe "It's such an amazing Wickham's children, along with a number of Capital District actors If there's a drawback and actresses who share

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Your Community in The Spotlight

Soccer camp to be held at BC

A girls and boys summer soccer camp will be held from Monday, July 16, to Thursday, July 19, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the Bethlehem Central High School soccer fields. The cost is \$100 per camper. The program is run by the BC coaches and the girls varsity soccer team. The camp will feature fundamental skill work, instruction, World Cup Tournament and a tie-dve T-shirt for each camper. Contact Katie Nickles at krnickles7@aol.com for more information.

Stargazing at Thacher Park

On Saturday, July 14, at 9 p.m., there will be stargazing at the Thacher Nature Center, 87 Nature Center Way in Voorheesville. View objects in the night sky through a powerful telescope with amateur astronomer Ken Dubois. Meet in the field near the parking area. Cloudy skies will cancel program. Call 872-0800 for more information.

Photography class takes to the garden

There will be a basic digital photography class on Saturday, July 21, at the Cornell **Cooperative Extension** Memorial Garden. Join photographer and Master Gardener Carole Fults for a basic class on digital photography using the garden as the classroom. Fults will discuss the basics of using a digital camera for garden photography and how to use the computer program Picassa. Bring along a digital camera and a transfer cable. The cost is \$10 per person. Register by July 16 by mailing in the completed form from the flyer, which can be found at www.ccealbany.com. This class is limited to 15 people. For questions call Lisa Cox at 765-3512.

Don't miss this chance to join Albany Pine Bush staff on a hike in the Pine Bush Preserve to see the Karner blue butterfly. Bring along your camera, sturdy walking shoes and drinking water. The fee is \$3 per person/\$5 per family/Children under 5 free. Registration required. Sign up by calling 456-0655 or visit www.AlbanyPineBush. org and click on "Events Calendar."

New Karner Road, Albany.

A/C for needy **New Yorkers**

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has announced assistance for low-income New Yorkers whose health issues pose a medical emergency during the extended period of hot weather forecasted for the state in the coming days.

In order to protect vulnerable New Yorkers,

income to qualify is approximately \$49,500.); having at least one household member who has been diagnosed with a chronic or acute medical condition which is aggravated by exposure to extreme heat situations; a doctor providing written documentation (dated within the last six months) that air-conditioning assistance is critical to prevent a heat emergency.

Households that have a working air conditioner or have received one from the state in the last 10 years are not eligible.

The cooling program is administered by HCR with funding provided from the federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) funds, through the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). HCR's network of 63 local weatherization agencies will provide delivery and installation of cooling program services, and funds have been allocated to ensure coverage in each of the state's 62 counties. These agencies will accept applications, determine eligibility, and oversee the installation of the air-conditioning units. Under the terms of the grant, one air conditioner will be

awarded to an eligible household or dwelling unit, with installation and labor included. Grants do not include an additional HEAP cash benefit to cover the cost of operating the air conditioning unit.

In Alany County, residents should call the Albany Community Action Partnership at 432-4460 or Albany County Cooperative Extension at 765-3539.

'Bye' a book for a cause

Guilderhaven, inc. will be sponsoring the "Bye Buy book Sale" on Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the VFW, 11 Mill St. in Altamont. Stop by for books, backed goods, toys, jewelry and lots more. Call Sue at 861-6861 for more information.

Join Friends for cleanup effort

area at Thacher Park, 87 Nature Center Way in Voorheesville. Call 872-0800 for more information.

Caregiver talk held by phone

On Tuesday, July 24, from 7 to 8 p.m, there will be an educational seminar about caring for yourself as a caregiver and instruction in relaxation techniques held by telephone conference call. You can participate from home.

The speaker will be Tianna Pettinger, licensed clinical social worker. The program is open to families caring for loved ones throughout the Capital Region and is funded by The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region and the United Way of the Greater Capital Region. Advance registration is required. Bush Discovery Center, Call Senior Services 195 New Karner Road, of Albany's Caregiver Connection program at mid-summer morning and 694-3511.

Conservation District is offering a Tire Recycling event to Albany County residents. The event will take place on Aug. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Albany County Department of Public Works, Rensselaerville Division. Only car and light truck tires will be accepted. Preregistration is required and will be accepted until July 23 on a first come, first served basis.

Due to current regulations the District is limited to collecting 999 tires and cannot accept more than 25 tires per household. For more information on this program and other services from the county Soil and Water Conservation District, call 765-SWCD or visit www. albanycounty.com/swcd.

Porcupine study at Five Rivers

A study of the natural history of the porcupine 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 28, at 2 p.m.

On this indoor/outdoor exploration, Center naturalists will present an indoor overview of the lifestyle, anatomy and ecological role of the "quill pig." Afterward, staff will lead a field foray along Five Rivers' trails to search for tracks, chewed trees, dens and other porcupine signs.

This program is open to the public free of charge. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 for more information. In the event of inclement weather, the outdoor portion of the program may be cancelled.

Reading time at Pine Bush

There will be Turtle Reading Time on Thursday July 19, from 11 to 11:45 a.m., at the Albany Pine Albany. Join for a story on a visit with the education turtles. The fee is \$3 per person/\$5 per family/ Children under 5 free. Registration required. Sign up by calling 456-0655 or visit www. AlbanyPineBush.org and click on "Events Calendar."

Local student turns in winning performance SOPHOMORE 2nd Place \$1,500 Savings Bond

Kelly Cusack of Glenmont accepts second place from the Braille Challenge director Nancy Niebrugge and voice actor Danny Jacobs in the National Braille Challenge in Los Angeles on June 23. Cusack won a U.S. savings bond for her performance in the sophomore category. She was one of 60 chosen from among more than 900 of the top blind and visually impaired students to travel to Los Angeles to test her braille skills at the 12th Annual National Braille Challenge. Submitted photo

Find a Karner blue on Pine **Bush hike**

On both Saturday, July 14, and Sunday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to noon each day, there will be a Karner Blue Hike at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195

New York State has set aside \$3 million in funding through the federallyfunded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Eligibility for the program is determined by LIHEAP low-income guidelines: For a fourperson household, the maximum gross annual

On Saturday, July 14, at 8 a.m., there will be a Friends of Thacher Park Highway Cleanup. Volunteers are needed to help pick up litter of the Friends-adopted section of Route 157. Volunteers get free admission to the park for the day. Meet at the Hop Field picnic

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Calabria said the bakery makes its own fruit and berry pastes from berries handpicked at Indian Ladder Farms and imports nuts from Italy.

"Our approach to gelato is to keep it simple," said Calabria. "We feature the bold details of the featured flavor while maintaining the smooth, dense texture that is traditional to its Italian origin."

Bliven said his customers seem to recognize the careful attention Calabria gives to each batch of the sweet treat.

Several people told me it's the best thing they've ever tasted," said Bliven. "People just seem to really like it and keep coming back. I have people that have bought it every single day I've been here."

He averages between 50 and 75 customers during the week and said weekends can draw double that number, or more. Betty's Cupcakes sets up shop a few feet away from him and a Japanese eatery sells Hershey's ice cream right next door, but Bliven said he's been holding his own in the food court dessert battle in part by also selling cookies and brownies.

Gelato Fresco, which means "fresh gelato" in

Italian, will be open until the end of August. Bliven said it would be too difficult to keep it running and manage it from afar during the school year and he's not yet sure if he'll even reopen next summer.

"I don't have any definite plans to do it next summer but it's possible depending on how it continues to go," said Bliven.

For more information about Gelato Fresco, visit gelatofres.co or stop by the food court on the second floor of the mall.

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a "different perspective." It rolls past the Albany Institute of History and Art, the New York State Museum, the Empire State Plaza and Ten Broeck Mansion before splashing into the Hudson at the Corning Preserve and sailing down to the U.S.S. Slater. Schuyler Bull, marketing manager for

said the quirky tours would be missed.

"The Aqua Ducks City of Albany to tourists and even those people that and don't necessarily know the full history of the area," said Bull. "They have increased

the Albany County visibility of some of our Convention and historic attractions and Visitor's Bureau, Inc. just our general city as a whole and it's sad to see them go."

Wolfgang broke the have provided news to loyal customers in incredible tours, have an electronic newsletter. acted as welcoming The first reply showed ambassadors to the him he accomplished what he set out to do from the beginning.

"Thank you—thank live here in the area you-my kids thank you—my grandkids thank you—you have performed a GREAT service for the City of Albany," read the email. "That tells us that we did something right," said Wolfgang.

The Aqua Ducks are still accepting reservations. A calendar can be viewed online at albanyaquaducks.com and reservations can be made by calling 462-3825.



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of LLC whom process may

be served. SSNY shall mail

process to: c/o The LLC.

911 Central Ave., #101,

Albany, NY 12206. Purpose:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Ace Sub LLC Arts. of Org. filed

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:

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

all lawful activities.

(July 11, 2012)

82040 (D)

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with SSNY 6/7/2012.

all lawful activities.

(July 11, 2012)

82039 (D)

all lawful activities.

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82037 (D)

(July 11, 2012)

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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)

(July 11, 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)

(July 11, 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)

LEGAL NOTICE

(July 11, 2012)

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) (July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Ne-vada (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)

(July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

(July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

(July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation SHINING DENTAL PLLC. 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, 142-09 60th Ave., Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: to engage in the practice of Dentistry. 82049 (D)

(July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WSNH Consulting, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 06/08/12. Of-fice 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 (Ď) (July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of SIG-MA 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, Al-bany, NY 12205, DE address

The Spotlight

Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: For all law- ful activities. 81705 (D) (July 11, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of an LLC: Coeymans Crushing Center, LLC Articles of Corponization	LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of My- ers Environmental Consult- ing, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/30/12. Of- fice location: Albany Coun- ty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail	BAY 11 STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/1/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des- ignated 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	AGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/4/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des- ignated 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	process to: c/o The LLC, 46	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) (July 11, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE	bany, 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) (July 11, 2012)
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 22, 2012. Office location is in Albany Coun- ty. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the	process to: 705 Stephens Place Guilderland, NY 12303-5265. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 81716 (D) (July 11, 2012)	address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81724 (D) (July 11, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE	address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81847 (D) (July 11, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE	State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81876 (D) (July 11, 2012)	Notice of Formation Ambi- ance 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	NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Delta Land Hold- ings LLC. Articles of Or- ganization filed with Sec-
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.	LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of limit- ed liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: Retirement & Benefit Partners of Albany.	NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZA- TION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Seven B, LLC. Ar-	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	LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of DNA OUTDOOR LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY	process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82042 (D) (July 11, 2012)	retary 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
B1707 (D) (July 11, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE HOWARD ALBANY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY	LLC. Articles of Organiza- tion filed with the Secre- tary 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	Name: Seven B, LLC. Ar- ticles 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 Oster-	be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 81856 (D) (July 11, 2012)	on 6/12/12. Office loca- tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC	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	mail a copy of process to c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 6216, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any lawful busi- ness purpose. 82053 (D) (July 11, 2012)

Milestones

Dole, **Yaiser** to wed

Together with their families, Megan Dole and Craig Yaiser are proud to announce their engagement.

Megan, daughter of Michael Dole of West Sand Lake and Linda Dole of Glenmont, is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Albany. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Master's degree in Public Health, and is the preparedness and bioterrorism coordinator for the Greene County Public Health Department.

Craig, son of David and Virginia Yaiser of Troy, is a graduate of Lansingburgh High School, and has an Associates Degree in Accounting from SUNY Cobleskill. He is currently completing his Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Empire

Craig Yaiser and Megan Dole

as a project manager for his family's contracting business, Henry Gagnon & Sons.

The future bride and State College, and works groom reside at their

home in Delmar with their German shepherd, Athena. Megan and Craig will be married on September 15, 2012 in Glenmont, NY.'

Barshefsky, Cocca engaged

Judy Cocca of Voorheesville announces the engagement of her son, Thomas Cocca of Jamaica Plain, Boston to Laura Barshefsky, also of Jamaica Plain. Tom is the son of John Cocca of Colonie. NY and Laura is the daughter of Karen and Bruce Barshefsky of Worthington, Mass.

Tom is a Senior Web Developer for Boston Logic Technology Partners in Boston. He graduated from Voorheesville High School in 2003 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY in 2007.

Laura, a 2003 graduate of Gateway Regional High School, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish and Business & Organizational Management from Russell Sage College in Troy, NY in 2007 and a Master of Business Administration by Sapient Corporation degree from Suffolk in Boston as a Senior University in Boston in Associate of Compensation 2011. She is employed and Benefits.



Thomas Cocca and Laura Barshefsky

A September 1 wedding is planned at Look Park in Northampton, Mass.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that

the Zoning Board of Ap-peals of the Town of Beth-

peaks of the fown of Beth-lehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 7:10p.m, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action

New York, to take action on an application by Lewis

Sign Company on behalf

of Joseph R. Nicolla, for an

area variance at 41 Vista Blvd,Slingerlands, under Article VI, Section 128.59,

Signs. Applicant wishes to

install a wall sign for Shop-ping Center. Variance re-quired for additional square

Daniel W. Coffev

footage.

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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, State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82055 (D)

(July 11, 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)

LEGAL NOTICE St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82099 (D) (July 11, 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) (July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1842 68TH STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

LEGAL NOTICE ignated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 5 Leonard Dr., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities 82232 (D) (July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Pont Partners, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. State of NY (SSNY) on 06/13/12. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY desig-nated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o R.S. Pierrepont, 370 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82234 (D)

(July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 6 Lands End. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/13/12. Office location:

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/18/12. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 185 Great Neck Road, Great Neck, NY 11021. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82416 (D)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of SOU-THEND ASSOCIATES III

Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 6/27/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the L.P. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: OHD-Southend III, LLC, c/o Omni Housing Development LLC, 40 Beaver St.,5th Fl., Al-bany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 82417 (D) (July 11, 2012)

Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on

6/8/12. Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 20 Hayes Ct. #104, Monroe, NY 10950 . Purpose: Any lawful activity. 82420 (D) (July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation V P S Medical PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/26/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC. 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82421 (D) (July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE process may be served. The

Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the FLLC is to, Incorp Services, Inc., Once Commerce Plaza, 99 Wash-incton, Washington Ave, Suite 805 A, Albany, NY 12260. The Prin-cipal Office is located at 506 Enterprise Dr., Suite 200, Lowell, AR 72745. Certificate of LLC is filed with the AR Secretary of State located at: State Capitol, RM 256 Little Rock, AR 72201. Dissolution date is perpetual the purpose of business is debt collection

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation

of PRODUCTING PEOPLE

LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/29/12. Of-fice 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

82424 (D)

(July 11, 2012)

Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals 82430 (Ď) (July 11, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PUBLIC HEARING NO-TICE, TOWN OF BETHLE-HEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NV Notice is hereby

NOTICE OF FORMATION of HASHLEIM LLC. Art. of

(July 11, 2012)

all lawful activities.	tion: Albany County. SSNY	of State of NY (SSNY) on			St., Albany, NT 12207. The	TICE, TOWN OF BETHLE
82097 (D)	designated as agent of LLC	06/13/12. Office location:	LEGAL NOTICE	Notice of Qualification of	registered agent is: USA	HEM, ALBANY COUNTY
(July 11, 2012)	whom process against may	Albany Co. SSNY designated	NOTICE OF FORMATION	Out Front Marketing, LLC.	Corporate Services Inc. at	NY. Notice is hereby give
(July 11, 2012)	be served. SSNY shall mail	as agent of LLC upon whom	of Telemedus At Safe Sup-	App. for Auth. filed with	the same address. Purpose:	that the Planning Board
			porting Services, LLC.	Secy. of State of NY (SSNY)	all lawful activities.	will conduct a Public Hear
LEGAL NOTICE	process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY	process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail	Art. of Org. filed w/Secv.	on 6/28/12. Office loca-	82425 (D)	ing as part of its regularly
LEGAL NOTICE			of State of NY (SSNY) on	tion: Albany County. LLC	(July 11, 2012)	scheduled Board Meet
Notice of Formation of B &	12207. The registered agent	process to the LLC, 173 Mac-		formed in Delaware (DE) on		ing on Tuesday, July 17
Y RESTAURANT GROUP,	is: USA Corporate Services	Dougal Street, Apt. 3W, New	5/11/12. Office location:	6/30/11. SSNY designated		2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the
LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed	Inc. at the same address.	York, NY 10011. Purpose:	Albany County. SSNY	as agent of LLC upon whom	LEGAL NOTICE	Town Offices, 445 Delaware
with SSNY on 4/7/11. Office	Purpose: all lawful activities.	any lawful act or activity.	designated as agent for	process against it may be		Ave., Delmar, NY, regard
location: Albany County.	82215 (D)	82235 (D)	service of process. SSNY	served. SSNY shall mail	Notice is hereby given that	ing a Subdivision Applica
SSNY designated as agent	(July 11, 2012)	(July 11, 2012)	shall mail process to	process to: 5100 Legacy	the Zoning Board of Ap-	tion, submitted by Feura
of LLC whom process			305 Broadway #1400, NY,	Drive, Plano, TX 75024. DE	peals of the Town of Beth-	Bush Development LLC, as
against may be served.			NY 10007. Purpose: Any	address of LLC: 1675 South	lehem, Albany County,	shown on drawing entitled
SSNY shall mail process	LEGAL NOTICE	LEGAL NOTICE	lawful activity.	State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE	New York will hold a public	Subdivision Plat, 32 Uni
to: c/o The LLC, 46 State	SRDH LLC Articles of	Notice of Formation of Guil-	82418 (D)	19901. Arts. of Org. filed	hearing on Wednesday,	Multi-Family Development
St., Albany, NY 12207. The	Org. filed NY Sec. of State	ford Risk Management, LLC.	(July 11, 2012)	with DE Secy. of State, 401	July 18, 2012 at 7:00p.m,	605 Feura Bush Road, Towi
registered agent is: USA				Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover,	at the Town Offices, 445	of Bethlehem, County o
Corporate Services Inc. at	(SSNY) 6/15/2012. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig.	Articles of Organization filed with Secv. of State of NY		DE 19901. Purpose: any	Delaware Avenue, Delmar,	Albany, State of NY, dated
the same address. Purpose:	agent of LLC upon whom	(SSNY) on 05/18/12. Office	LEGAL NOTICE	lawful act or activity.	New York, to take action on	May 15, 2012, last revised
all lawful activities.			NOTICE OF FORMATION	82423 (D)	an application by Danny	June 26, 2012, prepared by
82098 (D)	process may be served.	location: Albany Co. SSNY			Patel, for an area vari-	Ingalls & Associates, 2603
()	SSNY shall mail copy of	designated as agent of LLC	of STATE ST. MANAGE-	(July 11, 2012)	ance at 15 Frontage Road	Guilderland Avenue, Sche
(July 11, 2012)	process to 57 Maxwell St.,	upon whom process against	MENT LLC.		Glenmont, under Article VI,	nectady, NY 12306. Docu
	Albany, NY 12208. Pur-	it may be served. SSNY shall	Art. of Org. filed w/Secy.		Section 128.59, Signs. Ap-	mentation related to the
LEGAL NOTICE	pose: Any lawful purpose.	mail process to the LLC, 28	of State of NY (SSNY) on	LEGAL NOTICE	plicant wishes to alter ex-	application can be viewed in
LEGAL NOTICE	82227 (D)	Willits Road, Glen Cove, NY	5/18/12. Office	NOTICE OF QUALIFICA-	isting nonconforming free-	the Planning Dept. at Tow
Notice of Formation of B &	(July 11, 2012)	11542. Purpose: any lawful	location: Schenectady	TION of Central Financial	standing sign. A variance	Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m 4:30
Y HOSPITALITY GROUP,		act or activity.	County. SSNY	Services, a foreign LLC	is required to meet existing	p.m. Property owners within
LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed		82236 (D)	designated as agent for	(FLLC)	sign requirements for sign	200' of the proposed project
with SSNY on 4/7/11. Office	LEGAL NOTICE	(July 11, 2012)	service of process. SSNY	filed with the Secretary of	height and size.	receive a Public Hearing No
location: Albany County.	Notice of Formation of Capi-		shall mail process to	State of New York (SSNY)	Daniel W. Coffey	tice. All interested persons
SSNY designated as agent	tal Windows, Doors & Siding		922 State St., Schenectady,	on 6/25/2012.	Chairman	are invited to attend and
	LLC, Art. of Org. filed with	LEGAL NOTICE	NY 12307 . Purpose: Any	formed in Benton County,	Zoning Board of Appeals	be heard.
against may be served.	the Sec'y of State (SSNY)	Notice of Formation of 55	lawful activity.	AR on 1/10/2012. SSNY has	82429 (Ď)	82434 (D)
SSNY shall mail process	6/12/12. Office location:	Nassau LLC. Articles of	82419 (D)	been designated	(July 11, 2012)	(July 11, 2012)
	Albany County. SSNY des-	Organization filed with Secy.	(July 11, 2012)	as an agent upon whom	(64) (1, 2012)	
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good to mix it up between endurance (triathlons) and speed."

The Pine Bush Triathlon isn't close to Ironman standards. The 325-yard swim through Albany's Rensselaer Lake, the 11.5-mile bike ride and the 3.25-mile road race are a fraction of the distances Ironman competitors face. The average Ironman includes a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike race and a 26.2-mile marathon.

Still, nothing beats the thrill of making it through a triathlon. Just ask Niskayuna native and 2009 Colonie Central High School graduate Mike Rossi, who won his age group in his first-ever triathlon.

"I run cross country (at the University of Buffalo), and I like endurance stuff," said Rossi, who completed the course in a time of 1 hour, 2:11. "I'd like to do an Ironman before I die, so I thought I'd start here."

"The run is hard because it ends on an uphill, but it's a nice race even for beginners," added Slingerlands resident Kim Donovan, who won the women's 40-44 age division with a time of 1:11:03.

Pine Bush Triathlon coordinator Karen Hennet said the reason why the event attracts both seasoned veterans and newcomers is because it's designed to be an accessible course.

"A lot of people start out by entering as part of a team, and then they'll come back the next year and do (the whole course) themselves," said Hennet.

Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School track standout Courtney Tedeschi has adapted well to the rigors of running a triathlon. After placing third overall last year, Tedeschi won the women's title in her second try with a time of 1:06:46.

"I don't swim or bike 45-49: Robert Frank (Niskauntil (the triathlon)," said Tedeschi. "My practice in those events is the race."

Tedeschi will wait a while to train seriously for triathlons, though. She still has one year left of cross country and track at BKW, followed by a collegiate running career.

"Once I get out of college, I want to compete in marathons and triathlons," said Tedeschi, who won the Division II (small school) title in the girls 2,000-meter steeplechase at last month's state track meet. "I think I can do really, really well."

Results Men

Top three overall: 1. Christopher McCloskey (Albany) 55:21; 2. Bill Davis (Delmar) 55:35; 3. Nicholas Rindenella (Harvard) 56:48

Age group winners

15-19: Jared Short (Ballston Spa) 1:02:38

20-24: Mike Rossi (Niskayuna) 1:02:11

25-29: Kyle Konopnicki (Saratoga Springs) 59:59 30-34: John Evansky (Hudson Falls) 1:03:14 35-39: Sean Sweeney (Schenectady) 1:02:05

40-44: Pat Sommo (Guilderland) 59:33

yuna) 59:42 50-54: Carl Urrey (Cobleskill) 1:03:45

55-59: George Baird (Rensselaer) 1:05:33 60-64: Glenn McKenna (Voorheesville) 1:14:34 65-69: Fred Zeitler (Greenville) 1:29:53 70-99: Armand Langevin

(Cohoes) 1:24:49 Women

Top three overall: 1. Courtney Tedeschi (Westerlo) 1:06:46; 2. Sarah Hale (Guilderland) 1:07:10; 3. Lindsay McKenna (Dover, N.H.) 1:07:14

Age group winners 10-14: Emily Danielson (Ballston Spa) 1:22:21 15-19: Gabriella Celia (Saratoga Springs) 1:18:57 20-24: Kristin Grab (Troy) 1:07:30

25-29: Susana Garcia Romero (Rensselaer) 1:08:56 30-34: Laura Zima (Schenectady) 1:08:38 35-39: Lori Antolick (Wy-

nantskill) 1:08:38 40-44: Kim Donovan (Slin-

gerlands) 1:11:03 45-49: Tracey Delaney (Queensbury) 1:10:07 50-54: Mary Chew (Schenectady) 1:18:09

55-59: Lorraine Huether (Massapequa) 1:11:06 60-64: Lucia Fischer

(Albany) 1:52:36

scoring position by stealing second and advancing to third on a throwing error by Glens Falls catcher Jared Cheek – a relief pitcher pressed into service behind the plate due to a lack of healthy

scored on second baseman Adam Young's groundout to shortstop to put the Dutchmen ahead to stay.

Stagg

"The curve ball was

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good (today)," said Stagg.

"I was just trying to spot it

and let them put it in play

so our defense could make

"He really gave us a

great effort," said Davey.

'We've been talking lately

about getting the leadoff

hitter out every inning, and

he did a good job of that."

got to Stagg was Casey

Rodrigue. The Glens Falls

outfielder had three hits,

including a one-out triple

in the top of the fifth inning

that set up the Golden

Eagles' lone run. Second

baseman Ross Kivett drove

in Rodrigue with a two-out

responded with two runs

in the bottom of the fifth.

Shortstop Jared Martin

led off with a single and

reached second on a

passed ball. Outfielder

Nick Chapman followed

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Cheek's inexperience behind the plate came into play again in the bottom of the seventh inning. With Martin and Chapman on base, Davey called for the double steal. Cheek tried to catch Martin at third base, but his throw sailed into left field. Martin scored to give Albany a 3-1 lead, and Chapman moved to third.

The lone earned run against any Glens Falls pitcher came in the bottom of the eighth inning. Latham native Zach Remillard stroked a oneout single to right field, stole second and scored on catcher Michael Jurgella's single to put the Dutchmen ahead 4-1.

Davey left the ninth inning to closer Trevor Lacosse, and the Christian Brothers Academy graduate delivered. Lacosse retired the side in order to pick up his fifth save in as many tries.

"Our strength this season is the back end of our bullpen," said Davey. "We feel that if we can get to Lacosse and (Ricky) Schafer, we're in good shape."

Albany's victory moved the Dutchmen into a fourthplace tie with Oneonta, one game behind Glens Falls and Newark, who are tied for second place entering Monday's PGCBL action. Amsterdam is running away from the rest of the league with a 23-5 record.

Davey said he isn't concerned with what Amsterdam is doing. His focus is guiding Albany into a top-four finish and the franchise's first postseason berth.

"The way the league is this year, the spread between where we are and last place is only four games," said Davey. "So, what I keep telling the players is we can only control what we do.'

Albany traveled to Glens Falls Monday for the sixth meeting between the Northway rivals. The Dutchmen owned a 3-2 record against the Golden Eagles going into the game. "The way our schedule goes, we have to play against (Amsterdam and Glens Falls) the most," said Davey. "So if we're going to make the playoffs, we have to play well against them." Furber kept Cooperstown (9-18) off balance all night in Friday's 6-1 victory. The New Jersey native scattered six hits over seven innings to help Albany end a skid in which the Dutchmen won only three times over 10 games. Young had three hits to lead Albany's offense against Cooperstown, and third baseman Ion Mestas contributed two hits and four RBI. Albany hosts Mohawk Valley Wednesday in a doubleheader.



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New era begins for Mallers

Defending champs defeat Glens Falls at new home field

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

The Albany Metro Mallers have moved to the suburbs.

After playing the majority of their 40 seasons at Albany's Bleecker Stadium, the Mallers began their 2012 Empire Football League campaign Saturday by beating the Glens Falls Greenjackets 21-0 at their new home Christian Brothers Academy in Colonie.

Team owner and lineman Sal Iavarone said the decision to leave the city for the suburbs came down to a desire for attracting new fans to the Mallers' brand of semi-pro football.

"Rent for one game here (at CBA) is more than the rent was for an entire season at Bleecker, but I decided to give it a shot here to see if we can build a fan base," said Iavarone.

'Bleecker has a history, but it's worn off over the years," said Albany defensive back Gabe Young, who is also an take the handoff and run assistant football coach at Colonie Central High School. "It's good to play here because I can bring my family and the kids I

work with (at Powerhouse Fitness) here to see me Albany's first touchdown play."

Approximately 250 people came to the Mallers' CBA debut, and what they saw was a sloppy effort from both teams. There were numerous penalties, and each team turned the ball over multiple times.

What fans also saw was the Empire Football League's most dynamic playmaker, Albany's CJ Tarver. The Bishop Maginn graduate had two long punt returns in the first half in which he eluded several would-be tacklers. The punt returns set up both of the Mallers' first-half touchdown drives.

"It was our first real game. We got a lot of kinks out," said Tarver.

When Tarver wasn't running back punts, he was running Albany's offense. The Mallers elected to use Tarver, a wide receiver, as their quarterback for most of the game. While Tarver attempted several passes, he spent much of the game handing the ball off to tailbacks Derek Adams and Sylvester Cooperwood - that is, when he didn't the ball himself.

"It's a little bit different (being the quarterback), but it's all right," said Tarver.

DJ Jones scored on a 1-yard run late in the first quarter. Cooperwood then forced his way into the end zone on a 1-yard run in the second quarter to make the score 14-0. Tarver sealed the victory late in the fourth guarter with Albany's third 1-yard scoring run of the game.

Meanwhile, Glens Falls struggled to get anything going against Albany's defense. The Greenjackets' longest possession came in the third quarter when they held the ball for more than four minutes, but that was only because Albany was called for defensive holding on a Glens Falls punt attempt. The Greenjackets got the ball back on the automatic first down and earned another first down before the drive stalled.

Young and Andrew Grant each had interceptions to lead the Mallers defense.

Fans will have to wait a while to see Albany play at CBA again. The Mallers hit the road this week to face the Amsterdam Zephyrs. That's followed by a bye week before they host Lackawanna in a nonleague game July 28.

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Albany's Issmal Green makes a leaping catch over Glens Falls' Adam Walker during Saturday's home opener at Christian Brothers Academy. Robert Goo/Spotlight







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Mallers begin a new era

The Albany Metro Mallers defeated the Glens Falls Greenjackets 21-0 Saturday in their first game at Christian Brothers Academy in Colonie. The defending Empire Football League champions moved out of Bleecker Stadium after last season.

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Weekly poll

What "extreme" sport would you be willing to try?



Volunteers Mallory Wolfe, left, and Jenna Mattson offer water to a passing competitor during Sunday's Pine Bush Triathlon in Guilderland. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Trying the triathlon

Pine Bush event offers something for beginners and veteran competitors

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Pat Sommo and Dan Krehnbrink have an intimate knowledge of the Pine Bush Triathlon's bicycle course.

The 11.5-mile portion of the Albany-to-Guilderland triathlon passes right by both of their houses, which provides incentive for them to compete.

"The bike course goes right

along the route I take to work, so I can take a look at the road conditions and see where all the potholes are," said Krehnbrink, a Guilderland resident. "Sometimes, I ride my bike to work along the course."

"That's why I take this so seriously," added Sommo. "This is my home course."

Sommo was the first competitor to cross the finish line at Sunday's Pine Bush Triathlon. Departing with the second wave of 50 competitors, Sommo surged past the first wave to complete the course in a time of 59 minutes, 33 seconds.

"This is the first year I've followed the (guiding) cop car," said Sommo. "That's been a dream of mine."

Sommo had to wait a while to see if his time would hold up as the lead male competitor. Unfortunately for him, it didn't. Albany's Christopher McCloskey – who will be competing in the Lake Placid Ironman triathlon in two weeks – won the overall title with a time of 55:21.

"This was a good warm-up for me," said McCloskey. "It's **Trying** Page 26

Krell earns national motocross meet berth

Ravena resident has won 50 races in last five years

By SPORTS STAFF jonasr@spotlightnews.com

A young dirt bike racer from Ravena will be competing against the best amateur riders in the United States.

Kyle Krell — an 11-year-old who attends St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar — was one of 1,386 riders who qualified for the AMA Red Bull Amateur National Motocross Championships July 29 through Aug. 4 at Loretta Lynn's Ranch and Campground in Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

More than 20,000 motocross riders across the country competed for the right to be part of the field for the national championships. Krell won several regional races over the last four months to earn his berth.

Krell has been competing in motocross since he was 4 years old. He has won 50 races over the last five years alone.

Several of America's top professional motocross racers have won at the national amateur champioinships, including Travis Pastrana and Ricky Carmichael.

Stagg pitches Dutchmen to .500

Albany moves into fourth-place tie in Perfect Game Collegiate League standings



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with victory over Glens Falls Sunday

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Strong starting pitching has moved Albany back to the .500 mark in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League.

Two nights after Andrew Furber pitched seven solid innings in a 6-1 victory over Cooperstown, David Stagg scattered seven hits over eight innings and struck out nine to lead the Dutchmen to a 4-1 win against Glens Falls Sunday at Bob Bellizzi Field.

"They've been throwing it really well," Albany manager Nick Davey said of his starting rotation. "We've gotten our pitchers here early the last couple of days because we expected more out of them. Our hitting has come around, and the back of our bullpen has been strong. We needed our starters to come around."

Stagg worked in and out of trouble all afternoon against Glens Falls (15-13). The Golden Eagles had at least one runner reach second base in six of the eight innings Stagg worked, but the Iowa native kept his cool.

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Albany first baseman Ben Douglas stretches to catch the ball during a Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League game against Cooperstown last Friday at Bob Bellizzi Field. The Dutchmen won the game 6-1. Robert Goo/Spotlight