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Fireman's fair adds rides

Glenmont event rolls on for a 56th year

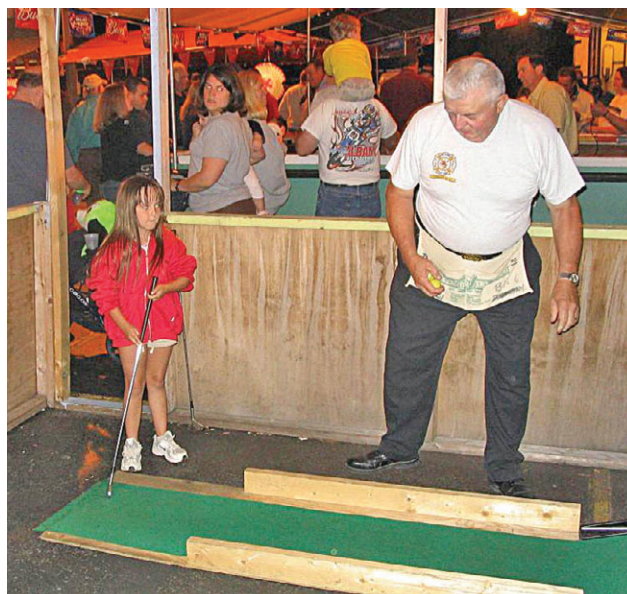
By MARCY VELTE
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Although the steamed clams are the traditional draw, this year's 56th annual Glenmont Fireman's Fair will include carnival rides for attendees of all ages.

"We have been asked about adding rides for a while and we did some research to see if it was feasible," said Shaun Wagner, co-chairman of the event and a fireman with the department for 16 years. "We decided the rides would be a good idea to give the public more to do."

The annual fair is a community event held behind the Selkirk Fire Department's Glenmont station. Wagner said he believes the fair has continued for more than half a century because it has become a tradition people look forward to.

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The 56th annual Glenmont Fireman's Fair will feature carnival rides for the first time. The community event is Thursday to Saturday, July 19 to 21, on the grounds of the Selkirk Fire Co. 2 Firehouse in Glenmont.

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Cops: We're cut to the bone

Report tallying potential cuts draws ire of police

By MARCY VELTE
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The latest report presented by Bethlehem's Budget Advisory Committee identified about \$550,000 worth of potential savings in the town's police department, but police brass say the force is already limited.

"Public safety is expensive," said Police Chief Louis Corsi at a Town Board meeting held on Wednesday, July 11, at which the report was discussed. "We have cut everything to the bone. I'm working understaffed and if we continue in that course, it's not going to rest with me, it's going to rest with the board."

Recommendations in the report included freezing police hiring for a year, reducing the amount of overtime and response to non-emergency calls by officers and requiring a 4 percent reduction in contractual services. Another suggestion was to "re-think" the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program taught in schools that is mostly paid for by the town.

At \$18.2 million, the police department represents about 43 percent of the town's general fund budget for 2012.

According to the committee's report, money could be saved by allowing civilians or other agencies to handle the nearly 7,500 calls deemed "non-emergencies" that come in each year. An estimated

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Supervisor's involvement in report questioned

Subcommittee members say final version of ward system suggestions altered

By MARCY VELTE
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Some Bethlehem Town Board members have called into question the legitimacy of a Governance Options Study drafted by an advisory committee after subcommittee members said the final version doesn't mesh with previous drafts.

The study examines three issues: the

possibility of applying a ward system for Town Board positions, changing the terms served by town officials and implementing a different way to appoint department heads. It has been completed and released to the public on the town's website. A presentation on the report's contents is to be scheduled for a future meeting when all Town Board members are present.

At the Town Board meeting held Wednesday, July 11, Councilman Kyle Kotary said he'd heard concerns from members of the ward system subcommittee that the final report was changed to include recommendations from Supervisor John Clarkson and Deputy

Supervisor John Smolinsky, neither of whom is on the panel.

"I don't think the supervisor or the deputy supervisor are on this or any of the citizens committees," Kotary said. "I thought that these were citizens committees. ... They were meant to be just that, exploratory, research informational types of committees to gather and collect information, and also give us some ideas. And I would hope that is what we're getting."

Kotary asked who actually wrote the reports and asked that unedited versions of the reports be sent to Town Board members.

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Green acres for eternity

Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery offers new ‘eco’ burial plots, first of its kind in region

By JOHN PURCELL
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Being green is increasing in popularity and area environmental stewards can now rest easier knowing even after they pass their footprint will be a little smaller.

The Albany Roman Catholic Diocese has opened the Capital District’s first “natural burial” ground at the Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Niskayuna. Natural burials, devoid of the careful primping shown to typical gravesites, are blossoming as a green alternative to traditional burials because there is less impact on the environment. The cemetery’s new Kateri Meadow Natural Burial Preserve will serve as a more “wild” area for the green burials.

The 20,000-square-foot burial ground is named after Kateri Tekakwitha, an Auriesville native who will be canonized as the first Native American saint in October. Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Bishop Howard Hubbard will formally dedicate the new burial ground in early September, but burials are permitted now.

Although a Delmar couple



Maureen McGuinness, family services manager of Albany Diocesan Cemeteries, stands next to the new natural burial ground at Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery in Niskayuna on Monday, July 9.
Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

recently purchased the first plots at the preserve while pre-planning their funeral arrangements. Family Services Manager of Albany Diocesan Cemeteries Maureen McGuinness said interest in green burials is slowly gaining ground.

“Many Catholics who strive to be good environmental stewards ... they may want to make a statement at their death and this gives them the opportunity,” she said. “There are changes in demographics and baby boomers have been more concerned about the environment than maybe their predecessors have been.”

For the past month, she

“It is all things you would find naturally growing here had everything been undisturbed.”
– Family Services Manager of Albany Diocesan Cemeteries Maureen McGuinness

said there has been at least one call daily on the natural burial option. She also stressed there is nothing wrong with traditional burials either.

“This is of interest to some

people, it is obviously not going to be of interest to everyone,” she said.

The neatly trimmed and traditional burial plots are a stark contrast to the natural burial ground, with a mostly untrimmed and unmaintained appearance. Pesticides and fertilizers will not be used on the burial preserve. There is currently a line of small stones separating the natural ground from the maintained lawn.

“This will just be mowed down in the fall and that’s it,” McGuinness said. “It is not going to be a neat, manicured look.”

Wildflower seeds indigenous to the region were strewn across

the preserve, including various daises, coneflower, calliopsis flower and fittingly forget-me-nots. By the fall, she hopes the meadows will hold a lush appearance.

“It is all things you would find naturally growing here had everything been undisturbed,” said McGuinness. “It is also a forever wild area behind this area.”

In addition to the nearby preserve, the Niskayuna cemetery was chosen because it was thought to be centrally located in the Capital District and has room for expansion, according to McGuinness. The

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Grant will feed campers

Free lunches will be provided at Bethlehem YMCA summer camps

By MARCY VELTE
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In its continued effort to fight childhood hunger and provide a place of enlightenment for children outside of the traditional educational setting, the Bethlehem YMCA has received a grant to provide free lunches to summer campers.

Bethlehem YMCA Assistant Summer Camp Director Joanna DePace said the organization applied for and received a \$7,500 grant through the Walmart Foundation. A portion of the money was put towards the camp's summer camp scholarship fund, while \$4,500 went toward providing free lunches to campers.

"For some children in our communities, the end of the school year means end of meals," said DePace. "At the Y, we are focused on making sure children stay healthy and well nourished. Thanks to the partnership with the Walmart Foundation, our Y will be able to provide meals to children in the community who need them most."

About 500 children attend

"We can now provide help to families who really need it to provide lunch for their children, but the grant also helps others involved with the Bethlehem YMCA and everyone attending our camps."

**– Joanna DePace,
Bethlehem YMCA assistant
summer camp director**

summer camp at the Bethlehem YMCA each year. DePace said many attend through a scholarship program and come from communities outside of the town. Many campers are from the Troy area this year. She said at times, the children are sent to camp without a lunch because families cannot afford the extra meal that is usually received for free during the school year.

Through the grant, all campers now are given lunch and a healthy snack for free. It is part of a mission from YMCA organizations throughout the



The Bethlehem YMCA received a \$7,500 grant through the Walmart Foundation with \$4,500 going toward providing free lunches for campers.

Submitted photo

country to serve 5 million healthy meals and snacks to 100,000 children through summer meals programs.

"At Walmart, we recognize the need to support the development of our nation's youth," said Sylvia Mathews Burwell, president of the Walmart Foundation, in a statement. "We know that providing access to healthy meals during the summer months will enable students to return to school healthy, prepared and ready to succeed. By working closely with the Bethlehem YMCA we can help kids have better summers and, ultimately, better lives."

DePace said because of

the new pavilion built on the Y's grounds, which includes a kitchen with running water, children are often given the opportunity to cook their own meals at lunch time as part of the camp experience.

Construction on the pavilion began in April and it is now finished for campers to enjoy. The 3,200-square-foot structure includes an eating area, room for activities, a food service area, bathrooms and storage space. The entire project cost about \$490,000, with \$250,000 obtained through grants and \$115,000 coming from donations. The remainder was paid by the YMCA.

"To have running water

and real bathrooms has been great," said DePace. "People got their money's worth."

The grant will also help to feed children in the "Circle of Champs" program at the Bethlehem YMCA. The program provides fun activities and events throughout the year for children with disabilities or a life-threatening illness. Those children are fed up to three meals a day through the grant money, said DePace.

"We can now provide help to families who really need it to provide lunch for their children, but the grant also helps others involved with the Bethlehem YMCA and everyone attending our camps," she said.



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Police Blotter

Broken glass closes pool

Elm Ave. Park facility broken into overnight

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The Bethlehem town pool at Elm Avenue Park was vandalized on the night of Tuesday, July 10, according to Bethlehem Parks and Recreation officials.

Piera Canuto, the town's aquatic director, said a towel was found over the fence near the diving tank where it is believed the vandal or vandals entered, and glass from what appeared to be a broken bottle was found along the outside of the pool. The diving tank was closed on Wednesday as a precaution and the pool was drained, cleaned and refilled.

Diving classes for the day were also cancelled.

"We expect whoever it was was intoxicated because of the broken glass," said Canuto.

Police were notified of the incident. Lt. Tom Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department said there are no suspects, but added it is not unusual for people to attempt to break into the pool on hot summer nights. The town has a park

patrol for a portion of the night, then police patrol the area as part of their regular watch.

"We do have kids that jump the fence yearly, but in this case it caused damage and was an inconvenience to park staff and residents," Heffernan said, adding safety is a concern. "If it's teens, we don't want them in the pool with no one there or getting hurt jumping the fence. It could turn into a lot worse situation than kids jumping a fence because they are hot."

Supervisor John Clarkson said the town had looked into installing more security for the pool in the past, but the costs were prohibitive. The town is now looking into other low-cost solutions.

Canuto said if the culprits were caught, the town would most likely press charges to try to recoup some of the money spent draining the pool. Parks and Recreation Department officials said they are currently calculating how much the incident cost the town in overtime and the cost of the water itself.

"We're keeping an eye out to make sure it doesn't happen again," Canuto said.

Tractor trailer fire stops traffic

Traffic was stopped on the Delmar Bypass the afternoon of Wednesday, July 11, after a tractor trailer caught fire, according to Elsmere Fire Department officials.

Elsmere Assistant Fire Chief Jim Regan said Albany County emergency operators received several calls about the tractor portion of a semi being on fire at around 3:15 p.m. Soon, fire officials called for mutual aid from the Selkirk Fire Department.

All northbound lanes were shut down from Kenwood Avenue to the Route 9W split and remained closed for about two-and-a-half hours while firefighters extinguished the fire, according to Regan.

The driver of the Con-Way Trucking rig escaped without injuries, said Regan. The driver told fire officials he saw black smoke coming out from under the hood and immediately pulled over. He then said the tractor "exploded in flames," according to fire department officials.

The trailer contained a load of Hannay Hose Reels. The reels are manufactured in Westerlo for use on fire trucks.



Traffic was stopped on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 11, after a tractor trailer caught on fire near the Delmar Bypass, according to Elsmere Fire officials.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

degree, a felony. He was previously convicted of several counts of grand larceny in 1993 and served 10 years in prison.

"Today this defendant pleaded guilty to the entire indictment against him, removing the people from further negotiations and relying on the court for the mercy that we were unwilling to offer," said Albany County District Attorney David Soares in a statement on Tuesday, July 10. "Repeated financial fraud will not be tolerated in Albany County and I hope that the court will sentence Mr. Kindlon in accordance with the crimes he has admitted to."

Kindlon stole \$200,000 from his victim between April 2009 and March 2011 by claiming the woman owed surcharges, taxes and courier fees from a court case that was fictitious. The District Attorney's Office said he convinced the victim that "she was under a judge's order to comply with the law and required to provide these cash payments."

Eventually the victim reached out to law enforcement for assistance and the New York State Police conducted an investigation. Kindlon now faces up to 15 years in state prison when sentenced in October.

Pool store burglar caught on video

Rotterdam police on Tuesday, July 3, arrested Jody L. Mayer, 50, of 634 Poutre Ave., Rotterdam, for allegedly burglarizing Caribbean Pools & Spas.

On Sunday, July 1, at approximately 10:30 p.m., police said Mayer allegedly pried open a side entrance door of the pool store located at 1223 Fort Hunter Road and allegedly stole money from the cash register, before fleeing the store.

Detectives soon identified Mayer after viewing the store's surveillance system recording. She was arrested and charged with burglary in the third degree, a felony.

Delmar scammer faces prison

A Delmar man was found guilty on grand larceny charges after he stole about \$200,000 by claiming his victim owned fictitious surcharges from a court case that didn't occur, according to the Albany County District Attorney's Office.



Frank Kindlon

Frank Kindlon, 69, was found guilty of one count of grand larceny in the second

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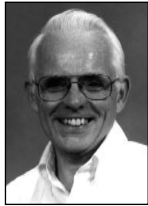
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A summer break for everyone

By CAROLINE BARRETT

No matter how old I get, how responsible I am or how much work there is to do, I cannot shake the feeling that summer is intended for play, not work. Warm and sunny days are not for being locked up inside, being productive and checking items off a to-do list. July days are more suited to being with friends, going to concerts and the cool mist of a waterfall in the woods. You know, the fun and carefree stuff.

In the summer, my brain goes to work every day. But my heart just isn't there. In my heart, I'm sitting in the warm sand, listening to the ocean waves. They crash endlessly, but still I never tire of the sound.

Since I'm not a kid, I know I can't spend the summer with sand in my hair or hiding out in my treehouse. Instead, I do what the rest of the grown-ups do: I go to work. And then I relish the time I do get to spend with the warm sun on my face. Now, don't get me wrong. I love my job. It's just that it's... work. It's not play. And this is summer. So I get my work done. I do the best job I can possibly do. And then I grab the hands of my

children and run outside.

We've been lucky enough to have plenty of play time to balance out our work this summer. Elliot and I floated in a raft on a cool lake together, watching the clouds. Zoe walked to the farmers market with me, arm linked in mine, talking all the way. And Lucy, she and I painted our toenails together on our back deck. Not exactly high adventure. But time spent together.

And then, there's Paul. I love goofing off with my kids. It's what you're supposed to do with them. But loafing with my husband in the summer is special. We don't get to do it very often. It all goes back to the work thing.

A few weeks ago, the outlook for work and play changed when Paul's mother came to our house, picked up all three children, and headed to Rhode Island for a week. Yes, a week. Paul and I were so excited about this time we would spend together that in the days leading up the pickup, we would walk past each other and high five. Or just smile big, goofy grins. We both knew what the other was thinking. We were counting down the days till

Our Daily Plate

Caroline Barrett



we would be alone.

They left without even a backwards glance. In truth, so did we. The first day, he and I drove to Lake Placid. We ate. We hiked. The vista from the top of the mountain was beautiful. I knew my kids would have loved it. But I was happy to be solely in the company of my husband.

From Lake Placid we took a ferry to Burlington. The water was peaceful and the wind blew our hair as the sun set over the Adirondack mountains. After docking, we walked and walked through the city. It was one of those rare times when Paul walked into dress shops with me. He sat and waited while I tried on a dress, a pair of shoes, a scarf.

We made phone calls to Rhode Island. Kids were doing what they should do in the summer: playing, swimming, being outside. They didn't miss us at all.

Back at home, we still had five days and no children. We rolled up our sleeves, buried ourselves in work by day, and arrived home exhausted. With no

After two glorious days of eating, lounging and talking late into the night, our weekend came to an end. Still, we didn't know the secret ingredient.

children to care for, we had time to exercise, have cocktails on the porch and read. We entertained the idea of having a party but the quiet was so nice, we didn't want to spoil it.

So despite the season, we continued to work. Our dinners were late. Paul and I carried our plates to the front porch to eat our simple suppers: a piece of fish or chicken, a salad, maybe a piece of corn. It's hard to admit but I didn't miss my kids until the end of the week. We were all so happy, them basking on the Rhode Island beach and us, at home, working and playing when the work was done.

On Saturday, they came tumbling back in our door: loud, messy, wonderful children. The

Lucy's Salmon Burgers

- 2 pounds wild salmon
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce (found in the Asian section of the grocery)
- 2 green onions, trimmed and chopped
- Wasabi mayonnaise: 1/2 cup mayonnaise combined with 1 teaspoon wasabi paste or powder (found in the Asian section). Taste and add more wasabi if desired.
- Canola oil, for the grill
- Lettuce, tomatoes, buns

Peel the skin from the fish and cut into 1-inch cubes. Place in a food processor with the next six ingredients and pulse until well combined. Be careful not to turn the fish into a paste. Form the salmon into 5-6 burgers, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for an hour. Heat a grill to medium. Coat the grates with oil using tongs and a paper towel. Carefully place the burgers on the grill. Cook for 4 minutes, flip and cook for 4 more. Serve the burgers on buns with the wasabi mayonnaise. Any leftover burgers are really nice on salad greens the next day.

quiet and tidy house was gone. With them, summer was back. Paul and I had a lovely holiday. But what's summer without kids? Yes, we endure work. We do it so that at the end of the day, we can play with our children. It's what

summer is for. Elliot brought back his sweet boy energy, with him his Legos and his bicycle. Zoe entered the house mid-sentence, continued talking and ☐ **Summer Page 7**

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Draw your own conclusions

The Bethlehem Town Board at its most recent meeting discussed at length a new report drafted by the Governance Options Study Committee, and if you were there to hear the fireworks, you haven't a clue what's in it.

Instead, board members aired concerns about Supervisor John Clarkson's supposed involvement in the writing of the report. You can read all about it on the front page.

We won't be weighing in on whether the supervisor overstepped his bounds or not, but we will support one assertion Clarkson made at the Wednesday meeting: that members of the public should take a look at the document and draw their own conclusions.

Bethlehem residents have before them a rare opportunity. Oftentimes when a new report lands from one of the town's many committees, the Town Board will accept and review the document at the same meeting, giving the public little time to study it and form intelligent opinions. By the time the next board meeting rolls around and the mic is open, the issue is sometimes already vanishing in the rearview mirror.

Now, residents have at least another week's time before members of the Governance Options Study Committee come to brief the board. We hope they'll use that time wisely to become reinvigorated and knowledgeable on the three proposals examined in the report: forming a ward structure in Bethlehem, making several elected offices appointed ones and fiddling with the terms of some elected officials (most notably the supervisor's).

The report itself is 55 pages long and for all intents and purposes is a fairly comprehensive document. It's easily accessible on the town's website.

For Bethlehem watchdogs, a lot of the report is going to seem a bit like old news, and that's because it is. Regular readers will realize two of the three topics explored in this report (elected offices and term lengths) were given a rather extensive airing just last year under the 20/20 Implementation Committee.

In a series of meetings, residents and sitting officials nearly universally panned the idea of giving up elected offices. The outpouring was such that we wonder why the Governance Options Study Committee was charged with conducting the same exercise.

We hope this issue doesn't eclipse discussion of a ward structure, however, because that is one idea that has never had a good, public airing despite perennial complaints of underrepresentation from some parts of town. Much of the report deals with an examination of the ward system and has a great deal of useful information we hope the public will be able to make good use of.

And that is ultimately the most important point, because it is the public that will give the final thumbs up or down on any of these changes, probably by direct referendum. That is why we urge residents to attend the next Town Board meeting armed with comments about these three ideas and speak up now.

Editorial

Summer a chance to be a kid again

By FELICIA BORDICK

This article originally appeared as part of the Kitchen Table Talk column in Capital District Parent Pages.

On the morning of the last day of school, children all over America rise from their beds with exhilaration in their hearts in anticipation of the carefree summer days ahead. On the morning of the last day of school, parents all over America rise from their beds slowly with worrisome thoughts on how they will manage the summer schedule.

Their children have been released from the constraints of school and, at least temporarily, co-parenting with teachers is suspended. With a combination of the town pool, local playgrounds, summer camps, and other available seasonal programs, parents find ways to bring some structure to the liberation of summertime. This is work, and it can leave Mom and Dad feeling joyless. Less they forget how it felt to be a kid in summer, Mom and Dad ought to indulge in some guilty pleasures themselves; pleasures reminiscent from their youth.

Start with a cold glass of lemonade and paper and pencil. Avoid using your iPad and actually write in your own penmanship. Seat yourself at the kitchen table to make a list of your fondest childhood summer memories. Now, make another list of the very smallest things, seemingly insignificant occurrences from your earliest memories. Forget about the big crush on the camp counselor or the solo you landed at music camp, and try to recall the simple joys absorbed through your five senses. Think of the smell of freshly mowed grass, the view of sunrise from your childhood window, the feel of the warm concrete after exiting the pool, the sound of crickets in the night air, and the disappearing taste of cotton candy on your tongue.

Point of View

This summer, occasionally step out and step back in time. When you step out, you are pressing the pause button on all the demands on your life. You need to get out of the car, leave the house, shed the chores at hand and take yourself on a tour of the senses. It could be a mere few minutes, or if you are lucky, a few hours, of treating your senses to the pleasures that surround you outside. It really is true, proven by research studies, that cavorting in nature raises the serotonin in your system, gives you a more positive attitude, and creates more harmony in your world. It is a fact that people who run outdoors instead of on a treadmill have higher levels of the feel-good brain chemicals known as endorphins. It is important to your health and wellbeing to take breaks from the routine and get outside and be a kid again. Interact with Mother Nature's groundcover of plants, trees, grass, and flowers and observe the magnificent changing sky above you.

Did you know that according to the EPA, the air outside is 75 percent less polluted than indoor air? Not only that, but the air quality outside is enhanced by more negative ions, an extra electron for each oxygen molecule. Exposure to this enriched fresh air is medicinal; it calms your anxieties and lowers your heart rate. You don't have to live in the backyard in a tent all summer, but it will make you

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smile more often if you get outside once in a while and act like a kid. Skip, run, jump, chant rhymes, pick a buttercup, check under a rock, make pictures in the clouds, and don't go to bed without wishing on a star.

For the whole family, just once this summer, wash your bed sheets and hang them out to dry on a hot sunny day. That night put everybody to bed on sun-drenched sheets for a natural high that cannot be purchased at the local pharmacy.

Felicia Bordick and her colleagues, Carol Smith and Joyce Thomas, are authors of "Kitchen Table Time: Recipes for School Success." Please feel free to contact Felicia Bordick with comments, questions, or suggestions at kitchentabletime@gmail.com

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- No 53%

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The songs of summer



The Guilderland Town Band performed Thursday, July 12, in Tawasentha Park as part of the town’s free summer concert series that takes place every Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Kevin Whitney/Spotlight

Summer

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hasn’t stopped since. Lucy, she watched over her younger siblings while they were away. She called to proudly announce that Elliot had eaten a salad. She stayed close to him in the ocean. And she came back asking to cook these salmon burgers. It was something ordered in a

restaurant. Lucy can be persistent. She sent me texts until I shopped for the ingredients. Part of enjoying summer, of having a leisurely and enjoyable season, is the food we eat. Lucy’s burgers, with a big green salad, are a tasty and light summer meal. It’s healthy, delicious food. Your brain will tell you to make these easy and delicious burgers for your family. Then, you

can listen to your heart and get back to the good stuff: the ocean waves, the beautiful sunsets and floating in rafts while looking at clouds in the blue summer sky. *Caroline Barrett is the mother of three food loving children and the wife of one grateful husband. They live together with their menagerie of pets in the Hudson Valley. Follow their adventures on her blog, www.ourdailyplate.com.*

Green

(From Page 2)

100-acre cemetery holds 260 natural plots. Only cloth burial shrouds, willow baskets or metal-free pine boxes are allowed in the preserve, as opposed to a traditional casket where metal or other chemicals are used. Burial vaults are also not permitted in the burial preserve. Embalming isn’t required and if done would require the use of naturally occurring substances to be used as opposed to chemicals.

“In certain religions a burial shroud is always used,” she said. “For mainstream Christians this is a giant leap, but Jesus was buried in shroud, so for some people it is getting back to the roots of Christianity.” Also, a traditional upright or flush monument, or gravestone, isn’t permitted in the area. Memorials are limited to natural granite blocks supplied by the cemetery, which can have the name of the deceased and dates of birth and death sand blasted into it. “There is a lot less energy expended when you are not having a monument or marker shipped in and you are not bringing equipment in and out to do that,” she said.



The Kateri Meadow Natural Burial Preserve in Niskayuna is bordered by a “forever wild” area. John Purcell/Spotlight

The plots for natural burials are bigger than traditional spaces, with a site at the preserve totaling \$1,500, which includes the granite marker. Other sites at the cemetery range from \$750 to \$1,150, McGuinness said, but those would require the additional costs of a burial vault and the marker or monument. Every burial includes an interment fee to open and close the site. The average cost of a funeral in 2009, including purchasing a vault, was \$7,755, according to the National Funeral Directors Association. A natural burial could also be seen as a less expensive alternative. More people have started talking about what they would like for their burial arrangements, she said, which can be uncomfortable for some people to discuss. “The publicity has been good for people talking about something that a lot of people don’t want to talk about,” she said. “It is always better to purchase space before needing it ... people when they pre-purchase have a little more energy because they are not grieving and they can look at a little more options.” McGuinness said a natural burial is also very symbolic of Catholics’ belief of life after death. At the burial, wildflower seeds will be handed out, so the seeds can be scattered at the first visit. “When a child comes they are going to see new life growing ... and that is a teachable moment for parents to talk about the faith,” she said.

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Questions? Please contact the library director by phone at 456-2400 x13 or by email at director@guilpl.org, or the Board President by email at board@guilpl.org.

Mark Curiale

For more information, call the library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the Library's website at www.guilpl.org.

Origami Yoda author to speak

Tom Angleberger's Origami Yoda series and other great books have delighted kids for a while now. We're pleased to have Angleberger as our guest Friday, July 20, at 4 p.m. He'll talk about his books and answer questions from the audience. A book sale follows, with all proceeds going to our library Friends.

Angleberger's visit follows a screening of "Star Wars: The Clone Wars" (PG, 90 minutes) at 2 p.m. After his talk, stay and make your own personal E.T. to take home. The program is appropriate for kids in grades K-7.

Zucchini Brothers

The Zucchini Brothers bring their particular brand of entertainment to the library Green next Tuesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. The brothers — Jack on guitar, Steve on keyboards, and Sam on drums — deliver a musical stir-fry of styles that folks of all ages enjoy.

Originally from Saratoga Springs, they are well-known for their concerts in schools, theaters and festivals across the country. They also produce an internationally syndicated weekly radio show, The Zucchini Brothers, Live at the Clubhouse. Winners of



the NAPPA Gold Award and the Parent's Choice Gold Award, they have several albums and numerous television appearances to their credit.

This program is part of our new series, Kids and Friends, made possible by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. The concert will move indoors if it rains.

Evening on the Green

Our annual summer outdoor concert series continues tonight at 7pm with The All Paul Show—a Paul McCartney tribute band that offers music from the Beatles to Wings and beyond.

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Book buddies

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Thursdays, Aug. 2 to 16, 7 p.m.

Teens read to tots up to age 6. Parents are



Tom Angleberger will talk about his books and answer questions from the audience at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, July 20, at 4 p.m. Angleberger's visit follows a screening of "Star Wars: The Clone Wars"

Submitted photo

required to stay with their children.

Buddies (teens) to build reading skills and self-confidence.

Owls

Thursday, Aug. 2, 2 p.m.

Five Rivers staff facilitate this interactive program. All ages.

Paws to Read: Dog Days of Summer

Fridays, Aug. 3 to 17, 10 and 10:30 a.m.

Bring a few favorite stories to read aloud to a gentle dog who loves to listen. Grade 1-5. Call 439-9314 to sign up.

Summer cinema

Fridays, Aug. 3 to 24, 2 p.m.

Family movies. Bring a blanket and pillow. Call 439-9314 for titles.

Book buddies

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Creative stitches

Monday to Friday, Aug. 6 to 10, 9:30 a.m. to noon

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Teen Cafe open mic

Monday, Aug. 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Sing, play music, read poetry (yours or your faves), dance, or just enjoy the show and the snacks. Grade 6 and up.

Just dance!

Tuesday Aug. 7, 7 p.m.

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Louise Grieco

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

Tuesday, 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.

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Wednesday, July 25, 11 a.m.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m.

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

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

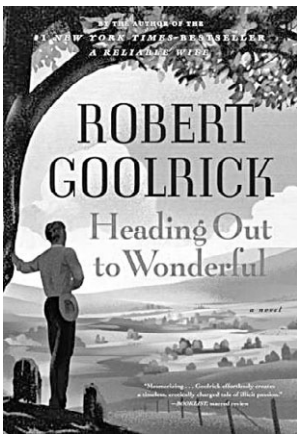
Wednesday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.

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

Growing use of library

At the end of each fiscal year, the Library stops to measure changes in use. During 2011-2012, Library patrons borrowed 59,750 books and audio-visual items, a 16 percent increase over the year before. Physical books were 60 percent of total circulation. About 6 percent was audio books. Electronic downloads of books were 2 percent of circulation. Movies were 27 percent. The remaining 5 percent was music, multimedia children's kits, and newspaper microfilm.

There has been a 30 percent increase in new borrower registrations! The public computer network was used 10,600 times. Approximately 750 people visited the library each week. Over 7,500 different people visited the library website last year. Next week, look for details



"Heading Out to Wonderful" by Robert Goolrick is among the new offerings at the RCS Community Library.

about program growth.

What's new

• **Adult fiction**
"Beautiful Sacrifice" by Elizabeth Lowell

"The 500" by Matthew Quirk

"Let Love Find You" by Johanna Lindsey

"The Third Gate" by Lincoln Child

"Throne of the Crescent Moon" by Saladin Ahmed

"What Comes Next" by John Katzenbach

• **Adult audio-books**
"Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter" by Seth Grahame-Smith

"Criminal" by Karin Slaughter

"Gone Missing" by Linda Castillo

"Heading Out to Wonderful" by Robert Goolrick

"Home Front" by Kristin Hannah

"Risk Agent" by Ridley Pearson

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Spend an afternoon at SPAC

It's time for the annual trip to the NYC Ballet at Saratoga Performing Arts Center. On Saturday, July 21, we will have lunch at noon at the Hall of Springs, followed by the beautiful ballet, "Romeo and Juliet." The total cost for lunch and the ballet is \$52, checks payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Transportation will leave Town Hall at about 10 a.m. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$10. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation.

Join us for a fun summer dinner out on Tuesday, July 24, at Jumpin' Jacks Drive-in in Scotia. Have a famous Jack's Burger or a yummy chicken sandwich. Cost is on your own. Bring a chair to sit by the river. Transportation will leave Town Hall at about 3:30 pm. Suggested van donation: \$5. Home pick up can be arranged. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation.

Farmer's markets are open in Delmar. You can get fresh vegetables and fruits at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Avenue 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. Transportation will be available on selected Tuesdays. Call 439-4955, 1170.

Tuesday, July 24

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

Wednesday, July 25

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

• **Caregivers Support Group**, a discussion for those caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia will be held at the Town Hall from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, July 26

• **Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club** meets

weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 a.m. 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 more information.

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

Friday, July 27

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

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

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Michael Eck, left, and Tom Linsday are the Lost Radio Rounders. They will play at the Voorheesville Public Library on Wednesday, July 25.

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Concert series

Summer also means our annual Together at Twilight concert series. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, as we welcome Lost Radio Rounders with their show “Wildwood Flower: Songs of the Original Carter Family.” The Carters were a prime influence for Johnny Cash, Woody Guthrie and Hank Williams, just to name a few. Their music -- a combination of mountain folk songs, parlor ballads and foot-stompin’ happiness -- is as relevant and alive now as it was then. This is sure to be a fun time for the whole family! Rain or shine.

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Scotia Diner Manager Terry Kyratzis inspects part of the new diner’s cooling system on Tuesday, July 10. Renovation work is ongoing to transform the former Kem Cleaners on Mohawk Avenue into the diner’s new home.

John Purcell/Spotlight

Diner hoping for August opening

Renovations continue at new location, asbestos removal stresses budget

By JOHN PURCELL
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“All I want to do is cook again,” Scotia Diner Manager and Chef Terry Kyratzis said Tuesday, July 10, as he stood inside the restaurant’s new location, which is beginning to take shape.

Kyratzis, son of Scotia Diner owner Anita, had hoped to open the restaurant months ago, but hurdles seemed to slow down a speedy reopening. The diner was forced to leave its former location just down Mohawk Avenue March 21 after being evicted to make way for an apartment complex.

Developer Bruce Tanski gave the diner owner 30 days to pack up before demolishing the

former building, which now has wood framing sprouting from the new foundation.

Stepping inside Scotia Diner’s new location reveals new booths wrapped up just waiting for customers to order breakfast and relax with a strong cup of coffee. Large black tubs for air conditioning hang from the partially completed ceiling and received a successful test run.

“Everything is going to be brand new,” Terry Kyratzis said. “It has got most of the decor from the old diner with the new coming in. We are just excited to get things moved around and just start locating and finally get everything in place.”

Kyratzis has had friends, diner employees and various contractors helping out with renovations, and he is shooting for an Aug. 1 opening.

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Come see the 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 differing views of a perfect life.

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Eatery inspections in the open

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Albany County law requires restaurants to post results

By ALYSSA JUNG
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It's 6 o'clock on a Friday night and you're starving. You walk through the door of your favorite restaurant, expecting to eat a hygienically prepared meal in a clean dining room. But do you know how the restaurant scored on its most recent health inspection? Are you about to dine in an "excellent" restaurant or a "fair" restaurant?

Now, you'll know.

A new Albany County law that went into effect July 1 requires the more than 1,300 restaurants in the county to post health inspection reports in plain view under a Food Service Establishment Rating System (FSERS). Spearheaded by County Legislator Chris Higgins, the amendment to the Albany County Sanitary Code is an effort to squeeze out the best service from area restaurants while educating the public.

"I consider myself to be a huge consumer advocate and this is a great piece of legislation to help consumers make more educated decisions when they go out to eat,"

said Higgins, who is also a 109th Assembly district candidate.

Previously, restaurants either passed or failed health inspections by the county Health Department. Now, a rating system modeled after the one used in New York City gives out grades of excellent, good, fair or unsatisfactory.

Don't expect to see the notices plastered on windows right away, though. To prevent placing a financial burden on the county, the new rating system will be rolled out gradually.

"We anticipate having about half of all restaurants in the county inspected by the end of this year and 100 percent compliance by this time next year," said Mary Rozak, director of communications for Albany County Executive Dan McCoy.

Restaurants that fail to clearly display the inspection results are subject to a \$100 fine.

Because of the soft launch, the county doesn't yet have a ratings breakdown to see how restaurants are fairing with the new system.

According to information from the county Health Department, inspections look at sanitation (cleanliness, hand washing areas, gloves, hairnets, storage areas,

etc.); food preparation (cooking, freshness of food, food protected in storage, holding and cooling temperatures, refrigeration, etc.); and service and general facility issues (presence of valid permit, presence of vermin, floors/walls in disrepair or dirty, choking poster present, etc.).

Because so many aspects of the establishment and operation are analyzed, Rozak said the reasons for a specific rating can vary. That means just because a restaurant is classified "fair" doesn't mean it's hazardous to eat there, and just because a restaurant is called "excellent" doesn't mean everything is perfect.

"There could be critical violations and non-critical violations. ... There could be cleaning liquid or materials right next to where food is stored," said Rozak. "It's really a matter of trying to get everyone on the same page and saying we want everyone to be at excellent and that's the standard that everyone should strive for."

Restaurants that score an "excellent" can choose between two window notices to display. Restaurants that score "good" can schedule a re-inspection within two weeks to try to reach "excellent." Restaurants that consistently fall under

"fair" or "unsatisfactory" despite multiple re-inspections could be at risk of being shut down.

"For restaurant owners, this is their livelihood and it is in their best interests to comply and not to have to go through (multiple inspections)," said Rozak.

Higgins said he met with the Restaurant and Tavern Association while developing the law to find a common ground.

"We took into consideration a lot of their concerns," said Higgins, who also sponsored the county's calorie posting law that requires chain restaurants to identify calorie on their menus.

He said the law is "revenue neutral" and since inspections are already being conducted by county Health Department employees, there will be no additional cost to taxpayers.

"My goal is to ... provide consumers with information that's public, in a simplified form, so they can make a decision where they want to go to eat based on cleanliness and sanitary conditions of these restaurants," said Higgins.

Albany County previously posted inspection reports online at www.albanycounty.com/restaurantinspections, and they're still available there for viewing.

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"We got a lot of work to do until that time," he said. "I need at least one week of cooking just to start up again."

Carina Moran, a 16-year-old Scotia resident, had worked at the diner for five months before it vacated the former location. Moran has been helping out with renovations at the new site because she wants to get back to work.

"I got used to doing that, and I don't want to change now," Moran said. "Usually you hear people talking about how they hate their jobs, but I am one of the people that talks about how much I love my job."

The floor contractor is set to start work this week, and Kyratzis hopes to begin painting this week. Many of the plans Anita Kyratzis said she wants to keep under wraps to surprise customers at the grand opening.

Renovations were on budget until state officials on April 25 ordered all work to stop since the property wasn't surveyed for hazardous materials. Asbestos removal ended up totaling around \$35,000.

"We never even thought of that and nobody told us about that survey," Kyratzis said. "We learned it the hard way."

Now the budget is



A new stainless steel display case is one of the many new items waiting to be installed at the Scotia Diner's new location.

around \$120,000, but some concessions had to be made to stay on target.

"Some of the things we wanted done, we had to put on the back burner," he said.

The diner will also have a bakery, but Anita Kyratzis said the bakery likely wouldn't open until later. Terry Kyratzis plans to make more improvements to the new diner after opening and starting to generate revenue.

Anita Kyratzis said she has tried to keep everyone upbeat while working on the diner and she's kept customers updated through its Facebook page. She said her motivation to continue is driven by her son.

"I want my son to have something," she said, "I want a legacy for my son."

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State bridge rehabilitation projects begin

Cuomo's NY Works program targets Capital District infrastructure

By ALYSSA JUNG
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There are more than 17,000 bridges in New York State — some so small it's hard to tell exactly what they span, others massive fixtures and icons — and with \$19.9 million being distributed through Gov. Andrew Cuomo's NY Works program, 11 of those bridges will get a major makeover through next year.

Construction on the Congress Street Bridge that links Troy and Watervliet began on Tuesday, July 3, and is expected to be completed by 2013.

"Five bridges are being

started and completed this year and another five will be started and completed next year," said Carol Breen, spokesperson for the New York State Department of Transportation.

The 11 bridges targeted by the governor's NY Works program, which he included in the 2012-13 budget to improve Capital District infrastructure, will get a "deck" replacement, a fancy word for the driving surface. The improvements will bring bridge conditions from a "fair" classification to "good."

Breen said the group of bridges were chosen based on how easy rehabilitation would be, thus allowing a large amount of bridges to be improved in a short period of time.

"We were looking at bridges that ...

didn't include a lot of environmental permitting that sometimes takes time to get through; projects that didn't require us acquiring any land, which also takes time," said Breen. "Bridges in a certain condition where we could just go in, replace the deck and get out of there quickly and easily."

Bridges are expected to last between 50 and 75 years and are inspected at least every two years. Breen said repairs are always completed when necessary, so the 11 bridges getting the NY Works treatment would have been addressed eventually. The funding up front just helped that happen sooner rather than later.

"They would have been done but they would have been done down the road. ... We would have had to

"This multi-million dollar investment into the Congress Street Bridge is critical to the future condition and stability of a key corridor into Troy and Watervliet."

— Troy Mayor Lou Rosamilia

wait on these bridges and some would have been in worse condition by the time we could get to them," said Breen.

Breen said waiting would have also lead to more expensive repairs, meaning fewer bridges would have received attention.

"This multi-million dollar investment into the Congress Street Bridge is critical to the future condition and stability of a key corridor into Troy and Watervliet," said Troy Mayor Lou Rosamilia in a statement.

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Latham is the construction company completing the Congress Street Bridge construction. During construction, the bridge will be reduced to one lane in each direction and only one sidewalk will be open. Work on the portion over I-787 will take place this year, with work on the portion over the Hudson River starting next year.

Other bridges with work slated to be completed by the end of the year are the bridge carrying Washington Avenue over I-90 in Rensselaer; bridges carrying I-90 eastbound and westbound over Kraits Road in Schodack; bridges carrying Route 22 over East Creek in Stephentown and Route 22 over Dill Brook in Petersburg.

Deck replacement is considered a major bridge repair, said Breen, in line with replacing piers for bridges over water or replacing a whole bridge. But there are minor things being done to extend bridge life all the time that many drivers don't even realize, she said.

"There are joints in the bridges so the concrete can expand and contract with the weather and we have to replace those

joints. There are bearings the bridge sits on and they have to expand and contract so we get in there and replace those ... even putting a fresh coat of paint on every so often prevents rust on the bridge," said Breen.

Trained engineers go over every inch of the state's bridges to dole out a rating from one to seven. A seven is usually a brand new bridge and a six would be considered "extremely good condition." A rating of four signifies various repairs are needed and a three or lower usually means a major rehab project is necessary.

The bridge projects being completed with NY Works funding have just begun, but on June 22, the very first project of a \$13.2 million repaving effort began using NY Works dollars. The millions will be used to resurface 21 segments of state roads in Albany, Columbia, Rensselaer and Washington counties.

For more information about roadways targeted under the NY Works Program, visit www.nysdot.gov. Travel information is available by calling 511 or visiting www.511NY.org.

Charm and family fun define summer at Saratoga Race Course



To visit Saratoga Race Course today is to know what it was like at the turn of the 20th Century. With its sprawling grounds, wooden grandstand and Victorian architecture, the American mecca of thoroughbred racing is one of the last great sporting venues to thrive while embracing its past.

The old-time charm remains part of the appeal. But to think of Saratoga Race Course as simply a historical site is to have never made the trip. Visitors today find a wide selection of dining options and special events at a venue that seamlessly integrates both vintage and modern features with its strong embrace of social media.

It is a strategy that draws 900,000 visitors during the summer from all walks of life. Racing enthusiasts are no more common

than families with young children. That's the result when the world's top jockeys and horses are fixtures at a destination that hosts daily entertainment and family-friendly events like the ever-popular Hat Contest, Irish Day and Fabulous Fillies Day. The latter is held in celebration of the virtual equal demographic split between men and women who patronize the grounds at Saratoga making it truly unique among race tracks from coast to coast.

New for 2012 are the Times Union Trackside Breakfast, which provides an opportunity every Thursday for fans to share food and fun with their favorite jockeys while watching the horses gallop and breeze during morning workouts; and Family Fun Fridays, which offer games and activities every Friday in the backyard.

Racing begins July 20 and ends on Labor Day. The crown jewel of the meet, the Grade I Travers Stakes, will celebrate its 143rd running on August 25, making it the oldest major stakes race for 3-year-olds in North America. The gates open every day except Tuesday, resulting in 40 days of racing and family fun at the track Sports Illustrated ranked one of the world's top 10 sporting venues of the 20th century.

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Cool cars coming to Charlton cafe

Charlton car show to benefit Historical Society

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG
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Three years ago, Eran Wasserman set down some new roots for himself in scenic Charlton after living in Israel and Manhattan. He's found country life — so much so that he's finding a way to give back to the community through his business and a passion for cool cars.

On Saturday, July 21, Wasserman will be holding the 3rd Annual Benefit Car Show from noon until 4 p.m. at the Route 67 Country Store and Café, which he opened in 2009. Registration will be held at 11 a.m. The cafe is located at 1958 Amsterdam Road.

"The first year, we had a car show as part of a small benefit. Now it's bigger than we expected," said Wasserman. He added that the show is always held the weekend after the Syracuse Nationals Car Show.

Proceeds from the show are always split with a local non-profit organization. Last year, the show raised over \$1,100 for breast cancer research. This year, profits will be going to the Charlton Historical Society.

"(The society) sincerely appreciates the support received from the car show at the Route 67 Country Store," said Alice Crotty, president of The Charlton Historical Society. "The donated funds are used for the Society's programs and activities. This year, donations will help provide funds to update and replace flags and banners used in the Founders Day Parade."

Wasserman is glad to give back to the community and said he got the show started because he wanted to have something "for people to come and have fun."

"As a small business owner I am being perceived as a

"Partnering with a local non-profit organization will help make a real impact locally and beyond."

— Eran Wasserman, owner of Route 67 Country Store and Café

community leader. As such, I have a responsibility and an opportunity to give back to my community. Partnering with a local non-profit organization will help make a real impact locally and beyond," he said.

Wasserman is also "providing a platform for local businesses," giving several car dealerships the opportunity to show off what they've got. This year's car show will include displays by Mangino of Amsterdam, Fucillo Chrysler, Terry Morris and the Auto House of Burnt Hills.

Cars that guests can expect to see at the show range from antique wood-sided vehicles to 1970-era sports cars, along with some newer models.

According to Wasserman, last year's show attracted 124 cars, and this year is shaping up to rival that attendance.

Wasserman is a fan of cars in general and even has the café sponsoring a local racecar, No. 41 driven by Bill Smith at the Albany-Saratoga Speedway.

"He is a neighbor and stops into the store on a daily basis," said Wasserman.

The café's property also includes a two-acre picnic area behind the store. While it serves as a stage for the car show, it can also host other events.

"Customers are welcome to use it on a daily basis for breakfast and lunch. It's the perfect spot under the big trees and adjacent to the Mourningkill Creek. It may also be reserved for any private party," said Wasserman.



The Route 67 Country Store and Café's 3rd Annual Benefit Car Show will be held Saturday, July 21 from noon until 4 p.m. adjacent to the Charlton store. This year's event will be raising money for the Charlton Historical Society.

Submitted photos

Recently, the venue entertained guests for a surprise 75th birthday party and an Equine Expo to benefit the NY Horse Park Association. The parcel was previously used for bi-monthly

car meets, though interest in those events dropped off over time.

The café property is available for birthdays, weddings, graduations, retirements, corporate

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Saratoga Bridges is over half a century old, having offered services and programs to the developmentally disabled since 1953. Today its mission is bigger than ever as it serves over 800 individuals and their families.

Keeping that commitment took \$26 million in 2010 alone, an amount that is not fully made up through Medicaid, which means Bridges looks to the community for support. To keep its services and programs running, the organization embraces fun for an evening, holding an annual gala.

“The fundraisers are a great way to get the community involved and individuals that would like to give but would also love a great party as well,” said Development and Foundation Coordinator for Saratoga Bridges Heather Varney.

This year’s festivities will be a continuation of



Some scenes from last year’s White Party to benefit Saratoga Bridges. Attire is generally white, though some attendees throw in splashes of color. The gala is the organization’s biggest fundraiser of the year and helps support programs and services for the developmentally disabled.

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lat year’s white party, and will take place on Saturday, July 21, at Fasig Tipton located at 153 George Street, Saratoga Springs from 7 to 11 p.m. A silent auction and a live auction will also be part of the evening. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$100 for those under 35.

“It is our largest fundraiser so for us it’s very important to raise as much money as possible for our programs and

services – so we’re hoping for a little more (this year). Even a small increase would be a great increase. Our sponsorship has been tremendous,” said Varney.

The event has been around for more than 20 years, but the white theme is now in its second year.

“People really seemed to enjoy it. They liked the idea of dressing in all white, and not everyone

did. And that’s great too because it’s nice to have a little color mixed in. It’s not mandatory,” said Varney.

Last year’s event drew a record attendance of nearly 500 guests and raised approximately \$84,000. Sponsors for this year’s gala include The Adirondack Trust Company and CDPHP.

“We’ve surpassed our (sponsorship) goal, now it’s about getting the

guests in,” Varney said.

Auction items include a one-year family membership to the Saratoga Regional YMCA, tickets to a New York Giants game with overnight accommodations, a home project makeover valued at \$10,000 donated by Bonacio Construction and “Buckets and Beers” for 20 people supplied by Hattie’s Restaurant.

“They’ll (Hattie’s) actually come to your house and cater an event,” said Varney.

“I loved the white party last year and agreed to co-chair it with my good friend Julie Bonacio so we could help Bridges brand the party,” said event co-chair Beth Alexander of Hattie’s Restaurant. “Everyone looked so beautiful in their white clothes at the gorgeous setting at Fasig Tipton. In one short year it has become a favorite fundraiser in the Saratoga summer season. We look forward to a great night.”

Alexander has been on the gala’s committee for several years and said she always enjoys working with everyone at Bridges.

“One of the most interesting aspects of the organization is their arts

program ... it varies from visual arts to dance and choir,” she said.

The arts program through Creative Endeavors in Ballston Spa actually designed the logo for the event, which depicts Lady Godiva. It appears on the invitations and other promotional materials.

“They did it as a collaborative piece and will auction off the original at our event,” said Varney.

The gala supports everything from day habilitation and family support services to transportation and employment services.

“We were founded basically to make sure that those programs and services continue for the 800 individuals we serve, despite any cuts. ... We’ve had quite the cut (in Medicaid) taken in the last couple of years, and it’s not looking great for 2012,” said Varney.

Even so, Bridges has not had to eliminate any programs and services.

The online auction can be viewed at www.biddingforgood.com/saratogabridges. To make reservations to the gala by July 13, visit www.saratogabridges.org.

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Finance in the Spotlight

Money and travel: What you need to know before you go

By ANTHONY LANZILLO,
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Whether you are traveling locally, regionally or abroad, you need to know a couple of things about your money before you set foot out the door.

1. Whether you spend with cash, credit or both, there are pros and cons.

2. You can save a lot of money by doing some online research both ahead of time and while on vacation.

Understanding when to use credit cards and when to use cash will promote a healthy relationship with you and your money. And saving money on the things you want to do while on vacation will allow you to either do more with your budget or spend less. By planning ahead, being informed and making savvy decisions, you can enjoy your vacation more than ever before.

Carrying plastic?

Pros: Your credit cards deserve to go on vacation too, right? Credit card usage on vacation has its advantages. For starters, funds are as easy to access as gulping down margaritas on a sandy beach. You don't have to know currency conversion metrics. And most important, you are protected against fraudulent charges made on your credit card. Some credit card companies even offer perks like travel insurance, baggage protection and higher spending limits for travelers.

Cons: The downside to using credit cards on vacation is that you can expect to incur additional fees if you are traveling outside of the country. Many credit card companies charge foreign transaction fees of up to three percent of your total purchase each time you slide your card. Always check with your credit card company before leaving the United States to fully understand the cost of using credit abroad. Also, whether you are traveling locally or abroad, some smaller shops don't accept credit cards. You'll need cash for these purchases.

Savvy users: If you plan to use your credit card or debit card outside of your home state, it is always a good idea to give your credit card company and/or bank a call. Let them know to where and when you will be travelling. This will ensure you have access to your money by avoiding a suspicious alert on your card. Additionally, sometimes credit issuers will offer lower interest rates if you are traveling or increase your limit to guarantee you have funds available if they are needed for an emergency. Stick to one or two credit cards when away on vacation so you can easily track how much you spent during your travels. This will help you budget for future vacations and realize the

impact of all those spontaneous tchotchke purchases. Also, be sure to review all credit card statements when you return home for accuracy. Keep an eye out for double billing issues and fraudulent charges.

Carrying CASH?

Pros: You can avoid big credit card bills after vacation by carrying cash to your destination. If you are on a budget, cash will limit your purchasing power, making certain you don't overspend. In many cases, cash will also enable you to barter with local vendors for a better deal on that must-have souvenir for Aunt Martha.

Cons: Carrying cash can be tricky.

Either you need to carry all the cash you plan to use or you need a means to get more cash out of your bank account, typically with an ATM. While most vacation spots now have local ATMs available for travelers, be aware that there will likely be additional fees beyond any fees your bank may already apply. Check with your bank ahead of time to locate bank-affiliated ATMs near your vacation spot so you can minimize ATM fees. ATM fees are often increased in foreign countries, so educate yourself before you use your debit card while abroad. Using cash also makes it difficult to track your spending. Unless you write down each purchase and keep every receipt it will be tricky to retrace your steps to account for every penny.

Savvy users: Would-be pickpockets and thieves are everywhere and cash is an attractive target because it is difficult to trace. Never carry all of your cash in one place. Split up money in multiple bags and only carry what you need for the day. You'll be glad you followed this rule if the unexpected were to happen.

Saving money while on-the-go

You stalked airfares for months and checked out all of the hotels to find the one that offers the most yet still fits within your budget, so why should the savings stop when you get to your destination? Do a little research before you step foot out the door and you can save on meals, entertainment and souvenirs, too.

If you have a smart phone, look for savings while on the road. Enter your location into any search engine. Look for attractions and shops you may want to visit. Go to the website and Facebook page for each stop. Many attractions and retailers will post coupons and deals online, others you can call directly and ask for their best deal. If you make reservations before you get there, you can often save 10 to 20 percent on things like scuba diving, scenic tours and attraction admissions. If you are booking for more than one,

it never hurts to ask for a group discount. Also, always compare rates. Tourist stops don't want to lose your business because someone else had a better deal. Many retailers and excursion

companies will match their competitor's rates.

Remember, vacation is about fun and relaxation. So have fun and relax. It's the reward for smart planning.

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Be prepared for the unexpected...

The U.S. Department of State warns travelers each year to follow safety precautions while traveling. Chances are your vacation will go smoothly. However, in the unlikely event you hit a few bumps in the road, follow these simple steps to prepare for the unexpected.

1. Bring only what you need. When going on vacation your waistline isn't the only thing you want to slim down; put your wallet on a diet, too. Bring only the cards you plan to use, leave the store cards at home and any unnecessary membership cards. This way if your wallet is lost or stolen you will have less collateral damage.

2. Make copies. Before leaving home photocopy all of the important documents you plan to bring on vacation. Keep a copy at home or with someone you trust and include a copy in your suitcase. Be sure to copy both the front and back of all credit cards. This will ensure you have the proper phone numbers and account numbers to call and cancel cards if they are lost or stolen.

3. Prepaid credit cards. Consider using prepaid credit cards. This will help you avoid heavy postvacation credit card bills, the mess of excessive fraudulent charges and overspending.

4. Travelers checks. Travelers checks work just

like cash but if they are stolen they can be replaced. Because travelers checks require a countersignature (one upon purchase and one upon spending) they are much safer to use than cash. The downside is that not everyone accepts travelers checks and there are fees associated with them.

5. Cash and credit. Carry a mix of cash and credit while on vacation. Use credit for major purchases like hotel expenses and rental car fees and use cash for souvenirs and deli purchases. When you leave the hotel, only carry what you need for the day and leave the rest in the hotel safe.

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Flights of Fancy

Endangered Karner blue can be seen through mid July

By ALYSSA JUNG • junga@spotlightnews.com

If you've never seen an endangered species up close, now's your chance. Karner blue butterflies can be seen flitting through the Albany

Pine Bush Preserve through the middle of July. Though their population has been on the decline for 50 years, the butterflies

are indigenous to the area and are once again thriving in their natural habitat through a recovery program and partnership between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game and the Alton Farnsworth Middle School.

"This is a very exciting, and very limited chance to see this federally endangered butterfly," said Pine Bush Discovery Center Director Jeffrey Folmer. "One question visitors often ask is, 'Where can I see the Karner blues?'"

The butterflies are small and difficult to spot, and it takes a sharp eye to pick out the light blue creatures with orange or red spots on their wings. They'll also only be flying



Karner blue butterflies can be seen at the Albany Pine Bush Preserve through mid July. The butterfly is known for its striking blue color, but there is actually no blue pigment in its wings – the color comes from how the sunlight is reflected off the scales.

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through the Pine Bush for a limited time because of their short lifespan.

On a hike through the barren, sandy dunes of the preserve on Friday, July 6, the hot, dry, coastal weather was perfect for Karner blue spotting and they could be seen hovering above clusters of tiny white flowers on Jersey Tea plants.

Erin Kinal, education program director at the Pine Bush, told a group of hikers they were lucky to have caught a glimpse of the "poster child of the Albany Pine Bush." Flying amidst the Karner blues and easier to spot were cabbage white butterflies, the dainty cream colored

insects that are the most common butterfly in New York State.

"This is one of the best places to come look at butterflies because we have a high diversity of species," said Kinal. "You can see the most common and most rare butterflies in the same day."

The Pine Bush's Karner blues started out in New Hampshire at a rearing center as part of a captive breeding program. They travel to the Pine Bush Preserve when they reach the chrysalis stage, and they're housed in the Discovery Center until an adult butterfly emerges. Then, they're released into the Pine Bush in the

hopes they'll reproduce on their own and build up colonies.

"We don't want to have to do this forever. The idea is to reestablish those populations, get their numbers up," said Kinal.

About 600 Karner blues have been released into the Pine Bush Preserve so far this year.

Eddie Wren, a retired police officer from England, recently moved to Latham. Back across the pond, nature and photography were his hobbies to escape from the hectic world of law enforcement, and he's found a new favorite stomping ground in the

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Pine Bush Preserve.

“I’ve been here a few times ... simply because I like wildlife and nature and I like photographing them,” said Wren. “When I read that there was a tour that would actually teach me what I’ve been photographing for the past few weeks, it was too good an opportunity to miss.”

Toting a large camera, Wren’s keen eye picked out a pair of Karner blues mating, as well as a Hairstreak butterfly and dragonflies. Happy to kneel in the dusty path to get a good shot and unbothered by the sweltering noon heat, he was in his element.

“I like to have pastimes that get me away from the crowd and get out into nature and forget all the pressures, so it’s not so much the Karner blue that strikes me — that’s a bonus — but all of the butterflies, the dragonflies, the bird life, the flowers and trees; the whole shooting match,” said Wren.

Everything Kinal shared about the Pine Bush Preserve, like that it was a “relic of an ice age” and that hikers were

walking along what used to be the bottom of a lake, Wren soaked up. He said besides the serenity of nature, he appreciates its place in everyday life.

“It’s the big picture that matters. ... The number of extinctions we’ve been having around the world over the past few decades I find absolutely terrifying,” said Wren. “If we don’t get our act in order then we ourselves will suffer as a result.”

That’s why he’s become a fast supporter of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve.

“It’s programs like this; if this whole preserve is here just because of the Karner blue, and I’m not suggesting it is, but if it were here just because of them, then thank you Karner blue, because they’re protecting a huge number of species,” said Wren.

Visitors can hike the Pine Bush on their own but on Thursday, July 19, a science lecture will explore the Karner blue recovery effort from 7 to 8 p.m.

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve is located at 195 New Karner Road in Albany. For more information, visit www.AlbanyPineBush.org or call 456-0655.

Bowl-a-thon to aid Latham girl’s family

Coach of girl who died while on vacation in Florida organizes fundraiser

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Jake Rivers, a bowling coach at Spare Time in Latham, thought 11-year-old Ashton Jojo was funny and he remembers her smile.

“I liked Ashton. ... She had a partner that went to school with her that she bowled with and they always laughed and joked around with each other,” said Rivers.

Now, Rivers is trying to help Jojo’s family through a difficult and tragic time.

Jojo, who just completed fifth grade at Southgate Elementary School in the North Colonie School District, died suddenly on Wednesday, June 27, while on vacation with her family in Florida. According to local, national and international media reports, Jojo was electrocuted while reaching into a pool of water on a miniature golf course to retrieve a lost ball.

“Ashton was a beloved member of the Southgate community

“I just want to make sure the family’s sorrows go away maybe a little easier.”

— Jake Rivers, bowling coach at Spare Time

who was a good friend to many students and staff. She will be sorely missed,” school officials said in a districtwide email the day after her death.

Rivers is organizing a bowl-a-thon fundraiser in Jojo’s memory at Spare Time on Saturday, July 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. A \$16 admission fee buys two games of bowling, with bowling shoe rental. Half of the proceeds raised will go to Jojo’s family.

“I just hope a lot of people show up,” said Rivers.

Rivers said he called all the members of Jojo’s bowling team and “99 percent” said they’d show up.

“I just want to make sure the family’s sorrows go away maybe a little easier,” said Rivers.

With a 12-year-old daughter himself, Rivers said he feels for Jojo’s family.

“I know what they’re going through,” said Rivers.

Rivers was Jojo’s bowling coach for a little over a year. Even in that short amount of time, Rivers said the “happy-go-lucky” girl stood out from the mass of kids he teaches and he could tell she had something special.

“I was telling her parents they might have to go to a heavier ball next year,” said Rivers.


Jojo’s parents couldn’t be reached for comment, but Rivers said when he told her father, David, about the bowl-a-thon, he was “very happy” and planned to call the school district to spread the word.

Doing his small part to help the family and community heal is all he’s trying to do, said Rivers.

“I know I’m going to miss her,” said Rivers. “They still talk about her at the bowling alley (and) try to keep her ... in our heads.”

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Cooking up fun

Different Drummers classes cater to all ages

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Cooking classes are a big draw at Different Drummer's kitchen, whether people come for the food being showcased or the chef teaching the class.

Recent participants have learned to make barbecue sauces, veggie burgers and chocolate truffles. Instructors have included Jaime Ortiz, the corporate executive chef for Mazzone Hospitality, and Ric Orlando, who owns New World Bistro in Albany and twice won "Chopped" on the Food Network.

Classes aren't just for high-end foodies, though. In fact, you don't even have to be out of elementary school to enjoy them. Different Drummer just wrapped up a "French camp" for kids in which they spent a week learning things like how to use knives and how to make a classic French pie dough and beef stock.

"It was great," store manager Michelle Weiser said.

Kids get another chance to hone their culinary skills this Saturday, July 21, at an American Girl Afternoon. Moms and daughters are invited to learn how to make some of the food featured in the American Girl book series. Each of the books comes with a doll that represents a period in history or contemporary life, and the book is told from the doll's perspective. Girls are welcome to bring their dolls to Different Drummer.

Weiser expects the class to be a hit across generations.

"It's like a bonding experience," she said. "Girls love to cook in the kitchen with mom."

The class is the brainchild of Michelle Hines Abram, a graduate of the French Culinary Institute. She will teach the class, which Weiser described as "sort of like a children's tea party." On the menu are tea sandwiches, beignets, cherry pie, vanilla ice cream, root beer floats and punch.



Molly McIntire is a popular American Girl character, representing the World War II era.

Moms, daughters and dolls will enjoy a picnic lunch at the counter after everything's made.

Touted as "perfect for moms and daughters of all ages," the American Girl class runs from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 21. The cost is \$40 per person. Registration is available online at www.differentdrummerskitchen.com.

Other offerings on tap for children this summer are an Italian week, a picnic barbecue class and "Exploring the Garden Through the Kitchen." The Italian week, which costs \$250, is slated for Monday to Friday, July 30 to Aug. 3, and is already sold out. Hines Abram will walk kids through dishes like ravioli, risotto, chicken and eggplant parmigiana and a variety of Italian desserts.

It may sound daunting for even more experienced chefs, but Weiser said "some children are really excited" about expanding their repertoire in the kitchen.

In the picnic barbecue class, Virginia Rinehart and Kaitlin Sullivan will focus on how to make food fun. Kids will use butter-soaked herb paintbrushes on corn on the cob. They'll make "Bursting Berry Cobbler" and "Super Sloppy Joes." Like the American Girl class, this one costs \$40.

Exploring the Garden Through the Kitchen, set for Monday to Friday, Aug. 13 to 17, aims to teach kids "baking and cooking techniques inspired by the garden," combining cooking with art projects.

The menu for the weeklong class includes lemon lavender ice cream, fresh peanut butter and almond butter and roasted tomato sauce. The cost is \$250.

Of course, there are plenty of options for adults as well, with Weiser noting that classes "really run the gamut." Local chefs Yasuo and Kathy Saso will lead a beginning sushi class on Monday, July 23, for \$65. Rachel Maab will demonstrate how to make three kinds of pizza in "Pizza! Pizza!" on Wednesday, July 25.

August classes center on summer smoothies, fusion foods and "exotic ice creams," among other things.

A Different Drummer's Kitchen is in Stuyvesant Plaza. For more information, visit www.differentdrummerskitchen.com.



Left: Rachel Maab will teach students to make Grilled Margherita Pizza, Chicago-style deep dish pizza and a classic Sicilian pie during a class at A Different Drummer's Kitchen on Wednesday, July 25. **Center:** A Differ Drummer's Kitchen will hold a "Chefs in Training Italian Week" for kids Monday to Friday, July 30, to Aug. 3. **Right:** Michelle Hines Abram leads a cooking class at a Different Drummer's Kitchen. Hines Abram will teach mothers and daughters how to make food inspired by the American Girl series at a class on Saturday, July 21.

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CABARET

Story set in a 1930's Berlin nightclub, presented by Park Playhouse, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, through July 29, shows 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, table seating \$20, center section seating \$15, side section seating \$13, lawn seating free. Information, 434-0776.

LEGALLY BLONDE: THE MUSICAL

Stage adaptation of hit comedy movie, presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Route 203, Chatham, July 18-22, call for show times, adults \$28-\$30, children under 12 \$12. Information, 392-9292.

THE LOVE LIST

Norm Foster comedy, presented by Lake George Dinner Theatre, Holiday Inn Resort, Lake George, through Oct. 20, evening shows Wednesdays through Saturdays, matinees Tuesdays through Thursdays, call for prices. Information, 668-5762, ext. 411.

THE MUSIC MAN

Musical featuring "76 Trombones" and more, presented by Our Own Productions, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School, 63 Mountain View Ave., Albany, July 20-22 and 27-29, shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, general admission \$15, students/seniors \$13. Information, 356-2306.

OLIVER!

Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' story, presented by Not So Common Players, Clifton Common, Clifton Park, 8 p.m. July 19-22, free. Information, 371-6681 or 877-5648.

WOODY SEZ

The life and music of Woody Guthrie comes to life on stage, presented by Adirondack Theatre Festival, Charles R. Wood Theater, 207 Glen St., Glens Falls, 7:30 p.m. July 19-21 and 25-28, 2 p.m. July 25, \$25-\$40. Information, 874-0800.

Music

BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO

Music from the bayou, with opening act Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers, Alive at Five concert series, July 19, 5 p.m., Riverfront Park, Albany, free. Information, 434-2032.

RUNNING THE RIVER

Original songs and a wide range of covers, July 19, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

TONY & ALEX SCHETTINO

Eclectic duo, July 20, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

BRITTANY HAAS & LAUREN RIOUX

Two fiddlers from other bands performing their brand of Appalachian music together, July 20, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$17. Information, 583-0022.

ANDY CHESTNUT & DANNY WHITECOTTON

Two singer-songwriters, July 20, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

HEIGHTS FEST 2012

Featuring The Refrigerators and The Availables, July 21, 4 p.m., Schuyler Heights Fire Company, 900 First St., Watervliet, \$7. Information, schuylerheightsfire.com.

CRYIN' OUT LOUD

Playing all of the hits, July 21, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia, free. Information, 374-8611.

BOBBY KENDALL

Singer-songwriter, with special guest In Color, July 21, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ROY HURD

Adirondack singer-songwriter, July 21, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$17. Information, 583-0022.

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High-energy acoustic act, July 21, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

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Indie band, plus Blue Tick and England in 1819, July 22, 6:30 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

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Philadelphia blues artist, with special guests Alison Jacobs and Matt Mirable, July 22, 7 p.m., Agnes McDonald Music

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Flamenco guitarist, July 22, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia, free. Information, 374-8611.

MICHAEL LOUIS SMITH QUARTET

Capital District-born jazz artist and his band celebrate their 10th anniversary, July 22, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$14, day of show \$16. Information, 583-0022.

SMASH MOUTH

Rock band that brought you "All Star" and other 1990s hits, with opening act The Dylan Emmet Band, Alive at Five concert series, July 26, 5 p.m., Riverfront Park, Albany, free. Information, 434-2032.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, July 20, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

COMEDY WORKS

Andy Pitz and Mike Stankiewicz headline, July 20 and 21, 9 p.m., Best Western, 200 Wolf Road, Colonie; July 21, 7:30 p.m., Starting Gate Restaurant, 12 Ballston Ave., Saratoga Springs; advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20. Information, (877) 565-3849 or 275-6897.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Best of SUNY Student Art Exhibition," through Sept. 3; "Focus on Nature XII," through Dec. 31; "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Great, Strange, and Rarely Seen: Objects from the Vault," through Aug. 26; "Recent Acquisitions," through Sept. 23; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Colletcion of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

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

MORNINGSIDE GALLERY

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

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

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

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM & GALLERY

"Dance/Draw" and "Terry Adkins Recital," through Dec. 2, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM

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

HYDE COLLECTION

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

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

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

MASS MOCA

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

ARKELL MUSEUM

"American Impressionsim: Masterworks in Watercolor and Pastel," through Oct. 21; "Pastoral and Parkland: American Landscape Paintings,"

through Oct. 26; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

AJKUN BALLET THEATRE

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

SARATOGA ARTISANS AND CRAFTERS' MARKET

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

BALLSTON SPA COMMUNITY BAND

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

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

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

THE CHORALIERS

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

ETUDE CLUB

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

CAPITALAND CHORUS

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

TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

Weekly Crossword

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- Nautical position
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- Thrill to death
- Baum creation
- Like many a country road
- Vegas preceder
- Star Wars blast
- Slalom curve
- Politically Incorrect host
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- Tommy was one
- Fanaticism
- 1964 Jerry Lewis film, with The
- He shot it out at the OK Corral
- Observes a religious holiday
- Mercury or Saturn

- Jimi Hendrix's ____ You Experienced?
- Popular surfing spot
- Supply depot
- Johnny Hart cartoon
- Peer
- United Nations representatives
- Gruesome
- Glenn Frey, at times
- ____ Ventura, Pet Detective
- Pines for
- Kills, as a dragon
- Teachers' grp.

DOWN

- Ringo, for one
- Prominent stars
- Ages
- Sour
- Woodstock folk singer
- Scat queen Fitzgerald
- Maintain
- 1971 Pink Floyd album
- Complaints
- He sang about Alice
- Having more pizzazz
- How-to container
- Comprehend
- Bedazzle

- Galley propeller
- Mil. school
- Hippie home
- Wharton product
- ____ in the Family
- Gives a hand
- Ask for divine intervention
- Barber's cut
- Bedouin's cloak
- Parts of pts.
- Carson's predecessor
- Reciprocation
- Angkor ____
- "____ Howdy Doody time!"
- ____ culpa
- A ____ Good Men
- Stays
- Turkish garment
- Each
- Suez Canal connection
- Uses an acetylene torch
- Trims the lawn
- One ____ customer
- Nixon chief of staff
- Enthusiasm
- Seaweed
- Depend
- House addition
- Quid pro ____

Report

(From Page 1)

Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn said he too was “a little troubled” with an email he received from members of the subcommittee. He said of the five people appointed to the ward system subcommittee, four emailed the board with concerns that the report was changed.

“My concern is that I was never offered a draft version of this report to blue pencil and I don’t think any of the other members of the board were either,” he said.

Clarkson was

previously co-chairman of the 20/20 Advisory Committee tasked with studying government reforms. That group has since been disbanded, and the Governance Options Study Committee was formed under Clarkson’s administration to continue the work.

Kuhn said when looking at the changes made from the report the subcommittee emailed Town Board members to the final version of the study, it looks as if most of the changes result in the study being in favor of a ward system.

“That’s a little troubling when the whole idea of this process was to be

objective,” he said.

Clarkson said he did not see the final version of the study until the same day as the rest of the board members and felt it was a neutral report.

Governance Options Study Committee Chairman David Liebschutz could not be at the meeting, but said in a later interview that he edited and wrote the final version of the report.

Liebschutz said Clarkson and Smolinsky attended a number of the group’s meetings and gave recommendations on the report. He said some were included and some were not and claimed the draft subcommittee members

distributed to the Town Board was several weeks old.

“Some on the subcommittee were not happy that the supervisor was making comments and there were some disagreements on the subject,” he said. “I offered to discuss their concerns with the subcommittee, but some of them felt they wanted to send their first report to the board instead of finding common ground. I did multiple drafts, last I counted was 14, and I incorporated many suggestions from many committee members, as well as the supervisor, in the final version.”

Liebschutz said although the Governance Committee was split into subcommittees, all members were given the chance to comment on the reports of other subcommittees. Some of those recommendations were also included in the final report, along with some of the recommendations of the supervisor and deputy supervisor.

“I honestly do not see a great need for controversy here because supervisors have always been involved in citizens groups like this, and my intent was to help,” said Clarkson in a later interview. “The study doesn’t recommend things. It just presents

options and does that very well.”

Liebschutz said he felt the actual contents of the report are being overlooked because members of the board were more focused on process than the study itself.

“This was a volunteer job for us,” he said. “We donated a lot of time and effort into making this happen. This was not the supervisor’s report, it is the committee’s report. He made recommendations and his input was valuable.”

The Town Board is expected to discuss the contents of the report at a future meeting.



The 56th Annual Glenmont Fireman’s Fair will be held Thursday, July 19, through Saturday, July 21, from 6 to 11 p.m.

Submitted photo

Rides

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“A lot of people in the community really enjoy it and ask us to continue to do it,” he said, adding that it is more intimate than events like the Altamont Fair and the proceeds stay local.

All of the money is used to fund items the department buys that are not funded through taxpayer dollars, like meals for the firemen, new shirts or fire prevention programs. Ed Ward, the event’s other co-chairman, said a good portion of the money also goes to local charities that are associated with the

department, like the Albany County Fire Fighter’s Burn Fund.

The event will host about 15 games for children with prizes, a variety of rides and a large selection of food all prepared by friends and family of those in the fire department.

“We still like to think of ourselves as a small-town community event, but we are growing each year,” said Ward.

Wagner and Ward both said the fair is a place to meet with friends and catch up on chitchat from the past year.

“I know people who plan their vacations around this time to come back to the area for

the fair,” said Wagner, who estimates a few thousand people visit the event throughout its three-day run.

Ward said the Fireman’s Fair is at an advantage because it is one of the few local fairs in the area and the food is homemade.

“I know my wife looks forward to the clam chowder,” he said. “It’s unique for a fair.”

The 56th Annual Glenmont Fireman’s Fair will be held Thursday, July 19, through Saturday, July 21, from 6 to 11 p.m. on the grounds of the Selkirk Fire Co. 2 Firehouse in Glenmont, near Town Squire Plaza.

Cops

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\$50,000 to \$150,000 could be saved by allowing someone outside of the force to respond to calls about issues such as animal control, home and car lockouts and checking on residents.

“It could be potential savings in costs, but more importantly it could be potential savings in efficiencies,” said Chris Kidera, co-chair of the committee. She said agencies like AAA could take over many of the non-emergency services currently provided by police.

To reduce overtime costs, the report suggested a one-week vacation buyback that could save up to \$25,000. The elimination of the classification of roll call at the start of shifts would save \$75,000 according to the report, but that is a contractual obligation with the police union.

In the report, the committee compared Bethlehem police statistics to those of other towns like Guilderland, Rotterdam, Vestal in Broome County and Manlius in Onondaga County, deemed comparable by figures like population,

mileage, the amount of officers and service calls and the number of retail establishments. Of the six departments, Bethlehem paid the most in overtime last year despite there being similar staffing between most of the municipalities.

The committee found restructuring the DARE program and reducing the time spent in schools by resource officers could save another \$125,000. Kidera said those funds should come from the school district to help pay for the drug prevention program because the police department claims it is highly affective.

“But we know it’s like robbing Peter to pay Paul,” she said.

The district pays \$45,000 toward the \$337,800 needed to fund the program and the resource officers.

Several residents and members of the police force spoke out against making any cuts to the police department.

James Kerr, a Bethlehem police officer speaking on behalf of the Police Officer’s Union and the Police Supervisor’s Association, called many of the findings “fundamentally incorrect” and called into question the qualifications of the committee members

charged with creating the report.

“From the report it would appear they don’t have even a basic knowledge of police procedures or things like contractual obligations,” he said, mentioning a 2007 report by the state Division for Criminal Justice Services that determined the department was understaffed.

Kidera said the committee merely looked at what could be changed fiscally because of the town’s current economic situation. The expiration of a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with Selkirk Cogen and rising costs has the town looking at an estimated budget gap of up to \$3.5 million for the coming year.

“We did not argue that the police aren’t vital to this community ... because you do what you do and do it well, but sometimes it’s hard to see the big picture from the town’s perspective or residents’ perspective,” Kidera said.

Corsi said people are only thinking of the bottom line, instead of the actual services performed.

Actual budget decisions will not be made by the town until the fall, and officials are still seeking additional cost saving suggestions.

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Robert Babcock-Ellis and Roxanne Piegare

Piegare, Babcock-Ellis to wed

Diane and Andrew Piegare of Glenmont, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Roxanne to

Robert Babcock-Ellis, the son of Beth Babcock and Michael Ellis of Feura Bush.

The future bride earned her Bachelors of Science in Nursing at Russell Sage College and is a registered nurse at Albany Medical Center.

The future groom is a 2006 graduate of SUNY New Paltz and earned a Bachelors of Science in Sociology. He is a Labor Service Representative for the New York State Department of Labor.

A September 14, 2013 wedding is planned.

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Anthony Caulfield

Anthony Caulfield, 67, of Galway, Ireland, died peacefully at Galway Regional Hospital on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, after an extended period of failing health.

The twin brother of Dr. Patrick Caulfield of Delmar, NY, Anthony was born and raised in a small thatched cottage in the tiny mountain top village of Pillagh. He lived a life of adventure and travel, having worked for ten years in London, England, then then for

several years in Australia. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Margaret Kyne Caulfield, as well as his sister, Julia Thornton. He is survived by a sister Eileen Foley of Brookline, MA; three brothers: James of Galway, Martin of London, and Patrick (Lois) of Delmar; and six nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial gifts be sent in Anthony Caulfield's memory to the Irish American Heritage Museum, 370 Broadway, Albany, NY 12201.

Goldin, Margaret Mary

Peg (Nana) Goldin passed Friday, July 6, 2012 in the comfort of her home with the support of family and friends. Born in Providence, Rhode Island on September 29, 1923 to the parents of Dennis James Meehan and Margaret Mary (Kane) Meehan, she is predeceased by three sisters, Helen, Agnes, and Gertrude and son Peter Kane Goldin. Nana is survived by her children Steven (Nina Salamon) Goldin of Lakeville Mass., daughter Margaret (John Denio) Goldin-Denio of Glenmont, NY, daughter in law Mary Ann Hodge Goldin of Rehoboth, Mass. and three grandchildren Nathan Goldin, David and Diana Denio.

bridge player and helped to organize groups at Saint Stephen's, the Bethlehem YMCA and the Wednesday evening club. She enjoyed holding court on the "back porch" with many family and friends, an activity that repeated itself many times over the years and provided great comfort over the past few months. But of course, the most special place in her heart was reserved for her three "perfect" grandchildren who have provided many lasting memories.

Services were held on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Delmar.

Nana has asked for donations to the Sunday School Children of Saint Stephens Episcopal Church, 16 Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

Arrangements by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. www.applebeefuneralhome.com

Nana was a faithful member of Delmar's Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church. She was an avid

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Pet Connection Adoption Day

The Animal Hospital is hosting the third Pet Connection Adoption Day with Steve Caporizzo on Saturday, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m at the Animal Hospital, 2 Rocking Horse Lane, Slingerlands.

Up to 25 adoption groups will be in attendance. Many have reduced their adoption fees for the day. Each adoption will receive a complimentary tote bag filled with pet related items and a \$75 certificate for health care donated by The Animal Hospital. Pet Connection will be donating \$50 to each adoption.

Participants are asked to consider bringing a pet food donation for groups in need. Catering will be provided by Bountiful Bread and Creo. Live entertainment and raffles will also be offered.

Toastmasters Club accepting new members

The GE Albany Toastmasters Club is now accepting new members. All are invited to visit a meeting and discover how this group can help build confidence as a public speaker as well as leadership skills.

Toastmasters is made of individuals with diverse backgrounds and professions, so all are welcome to join. To learn more, those interested may attend a meeting, no fees or obligations required. The meetings take place the first, third and fifth Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m at Excelsior College, 7 Columbia Circle, Albany. Membership is open to all individuals age 18 and older. Affiliation with GE Albany is not required. For additional information, visit gealbany.toastmastersclubs.org.

Helderberg History Hike

All are welcome to join historian Tim Albright in the second event of his series of Helderberg History Hikes at Thacher Park.

Albright will relate tales of former residents of this area and talk about the history of the park, specifically the area of the

A second star for Guilderland general



New York Air National Guard Brig. Gen. (one star) Verle Johnston, the Commander of the New York Air National Guard, was promoted to Major General (two star) in a ceremony at Division of Military and Naval Affairs Headquarters in Latham on Thursday, June 28. Johnston served as the Wing Commander for the 105th Airlift Wing, Stewart Air National Guard Base, Newburgh, from March 2007 to April of 2012 when he assumed his current duties. Johnston is a Guilderland resident.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

park between Glen Doone and the Indian Ladder Trail. Participants should meet at the Hop Field picnic area on Saturday, July 21, at 9 a.m. The hike is easy to moderate and should end at 11:30 a.m. Call 872-1237 to register or for additional information. For additional information on parks events, visit www.parks.ny.gov.

Lyme disease discussion

The Capital Region Chapter of the Empire State Lyme Disease Association will present What Everyone Should Know About Lyme Disease on Monday, July 23, at 6:45 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland.

The hour-long DVD, written by Elizabeth Maloney, MD, provides a general overview of Lyme disease and related topics. It explains basic scientific concepts in everyday language giving viewers an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of Lyme disease and the myriad of issues that accompany the disease.

Dr. Maloney is a family physician from Wyoming, Minn. She is well known for her work in developing educational programs and materials for a wide range of audiences. She has developed informational programs and materials for the general public as well as authoring accredited continuing medical education courses for physicians, nurses and chiropractors. She has been published in peer reviewed medical journals.

The DVD presentation will be followed by an audience discussion on Lyme disease. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, contact felicite44@aol.com.

Peace Activist presentation

The Bethlehem Public Library will host Peace Activist Ed Kinane as he does a presentation on why Upstate New Yorkers oppose the Reaper drone and what is being done about it.

Kinane will speak on Thursday, Aug. 2, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware

Ave., Delmar. Kinane, a longtime anti-war activist and opponent of weaponized Reaper drones, will explain why the Reaper drone must be opposed. He will also talk about the lively ongoing campaign to out the Reaper at Hancock Air Base in Syracuse. A short film of the June 28 protest at Hancock Air Base will be shown. For more information, contact 466-1192.

Five River's Smokey Bear birthday

An interactive family-oriented program celebrating Smokey Bear's 68th birthday 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, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.

At this indoor and outdoor program, Forest Ranger Karen Glesmann will recount the story of Smokey Bear and go over the cardinal rules of fire safety. Participants will get to operate an

Indian fire pump, see how modern forest ranger trucks are specially equipped and get to meet a special guest.

Families are encouraged to bring a camera. Parents and children must accompany each other. This program is open to the public free of charge, but space is limited. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Sisters in Crime meeting

Bouchercon, The World Mystery Convention, will be held in Albany in September of 2013. It is the world's premier event bringing together all parts of the mystery and crime fiction community.

Bouchercon Organizer Al Abramson will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Upper Hudson chapter of Sisters in Crime, giving an update on what's being planned for Bouchercon 2013. The meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21, at 10:15 a.m. at the Bethlehem Library.

The Upper Hudson Sisters in Crime chapter, as well as its national

chapter, is open to all who love mysteries and wish to support the efforts of crime writers. For more information, contact Kay Hafner at 798-2304, or go to upperhudsonsinc.com.

Classic Theater Guild shows

Indian Ladder Farms will join forces with The Classic Theater Guild on July 26 for the sixth Helderberg Theater Festival.

The free outdoor event is coming to 342 Altamont Road. The festival consists of three of plays. Those being presented are "Cinderella," directed by Ed Bablin, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," directed by Tony Pallone, and "The Durang Hour," directed by Thomas Dalton Bambury.

The event, which runs through Aug. 11, is rain or shine. Make sure to bring blankets or chairs when attending due to the outdoor setting. The Classic Theater Guild is one of the only theater companies in the area to be presenting this array of theater in a free outdoor venue. For full show times and more information, call 256-1656, or go to www.classictheaterguild.com.

Half Moon Button Club

The Half Moon Button Club will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. The topic will be buttons with crosses. Participants should bring a brown bag lunch. All are welcome. For more information, call Kathy at 393-3156.

Late night swim

The Standard Clams will be featured in the Live Music and Late Night Swim event at the Elm Avenue Park Pool on Friday, July 20, from 8 to 10 p.m.

The Standard Clams features Bethlehem's Mike DeAngelis as he performs standards by Bobby Dorin, Ray Charles, Frank Sinatra and more. Admission to the pool is free after 7:30 p.m. All pools and Splash Islands will be open. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Elm Avenue Park Large Pavilion.

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Albany Medical Center recently announced that its Patient Pavilion project has received a \$200,000 gift commitment from the Hannaford Charitable Foundation to support the expansion of the neonatal intensive care unit.

Officials from Albany Medical Center and Hannaford Supermarkets gathered to announce the donation and to unveil renderings of the family kitchen within the Ronald McDonald House Charities Family Suite. The suite is designed to exclusively support the expanded NICU within the new Patient Pavilion. The family kitchen, which will be dedicated in honor of the Hannaford Charitable Foundation, will provide space for families to share a meal and time together while not having to leave the NICU floor.

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"Hannaford Supermarkets continues to be a leader in supporting the communities they serve. This is just another most generous example of that effort," said James J. Barba, President and Chief Executive Officer at Albany Medical Center. "With this gift, families going through perhaps the most difficult time of their lives will have a place to gather in comfort nearby their newborn children. We commend and thank Hannaford for its continued partnership and generosity."

The Ronald McDonald House Charities NICU Family Suite and accompanying family kitchen will be located within the new 325,000-square foot Patient Pavilion that will allow Albany Med to continue to meet the growing needs of the 3,000,000 people in the community. The Patient Pavilion is scheduled to open in fall 2013.

Town seeks grant for preserve upgrade

Improvements to Moh-He-Con-Nuck nature area would be phased in

By BRADLEY MORRIS
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A long-stalled multi-phase plan to develop the Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve along the Hudson River could move one step closer to reality if the Town of Bethlehem's application for a grant is successful.

The town recently submitted a grant application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Hudson River Estuary Grants Program to commence a development project on the preserve. Once the project is complete, the preserve would be opened to the public.

On Wednesday, July 11, members of the Town Board said that among the plans for the preserve are an ADA-accessible trail system, educational signage and Hudson River vistas.

The town is planning to match the \$10,000 grant for the first phase of development. According to Town Supervisor John Clarkson, additional money allocated to be spent on the project includes about \$50,000 reserved from last year's budget.

The town acquired the Moh-He-Con-Nuck Preserve lands from the National Parks Service approximately 20 years ago, when it was donated as open space. It was not until late 2008 that the Town Board laid out a four-phase development plan that would create and expand the trail loop system in the preserve and build a small access area for launching non-motorized boats. The final two phases would involve expanding the trail network and connecting the trails to one another and the access points. The plans were finalized in July 2009.

"There is no real access to the trails," said Clarkson, pointing out a major problem with the preserve in its current form.

The recently submitted grant application is meant to contribute to the budget of the first phase only.

"This is only the tip of the iceberg," said Parks and Recreation Department Administrator Nan Lanahan.

Lanahan said the town would be searching for more funding. She said she couldn't pin down a time frame for the completion of phase one or gathering all the needed money.

"It's going to be time consuming," said Lanahan.

Since work has not yet started, there is

no timetable and no strict budget for the preserve's development, said Clarkson. Once the capital is raised and the project begins, there are a number of conditions that must first be met, he said.

"First, archeological surveys of the site are required," he said.

The town has worked with the Hudson River Estuary Grants Program in the past with positive results.

"We fit the proper requirements, (and) we have been successful in the past," said Lanahan.

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SPICEWOOD, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SPICEWOOD, LLC FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NY, ALBANY CO, 5/21/12. SSNY IS DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST LLC MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO: 159 DELAWARE AVENUE #114 DELMAR NY 12054. ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE. 82012 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation No.7 Restaurant LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82037 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Plaza Sub LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82038 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Greenpoint Sub LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82039 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Ace Sub LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82040 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation NC Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/7/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82052 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Ambiance Wine LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/11/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101,

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Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82042 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Coral Software LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 6/12/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82043 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of DALE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/13/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82046 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of EN-EXT INTERNET CONSULTANCY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/15/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82048 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 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 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of WSNH Consulting, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 06/08/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 33 Swift Rd., Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82050 (D) (July 18, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of SIGMA FOODS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in DE on 8/5/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82041 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Delta Land Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 30, 2012. Office

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location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 6216, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 82053 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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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, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82055 (D) (July 18, 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) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of B & Y RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82098 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of B & Y HOSPITALITY GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82099 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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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 18, 2012)

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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 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. 82215 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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SRDH LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/15/2012. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 57 Maxwell St., Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 82227 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Capital Windows, Doors & Siding LLC, Art. of Org. filed with the Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 5 Leonard Dr., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. 82232 (D) (July 18, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Pont Partners, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/13/12. 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, c/o R.S. Pierrepont, 370 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82234 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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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: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 173 MacDougal Street, Apt. 3W, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82235 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Guilford Risk Management, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/18/12. 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, 28 Willits Road, Glen Cove, NY 11542. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82236 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 55 Nassau LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. 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) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of formation of SOUTHEND ASSOCIATES III L.P. 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., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 82417 (D) (July 18, 2012)

Last quack for Albany’s iconic Aqua Ducks

Popular amphibious tours come to an end, vehicles sold out of state

By ALYSSA JUNG
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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 climbed aboard an Aqua Duck trolley gets a colorful “Quacker Whistle,” shaped like a duck bill and emitting a distinct squawk. It was 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 ducky-decorated trolleys took their last spin (and sail) around Albany and the last “Quacker Whistles” were 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

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– Schuyler Bull, marketing manager for the Albany County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau

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 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 for out of towners.

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



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.

Submitted photo

“One tour I did ... had three different groups from Germany who weren’t there together, out of 44 or 42 people,” said Wolfgang. “We’re very popular in Israel and get written up a lot in Israeli newspapers.”

As the only amphibious tour company in the state, Wolfgang said the part land, part water route helped riders see the city from a “different perspective.” It rolled

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 the Albany County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, Inc. said the quirky tours would be missed.

“The Aqua Ducks have provided incredible tours, have acted as welcoming ambassadors to the City of Albany to tourists and even those people that live here in the area and don’t necessarily know the full history of the area,” said Bull. “They have increased visibility of some of our historic attractions and just our general city as a whole and it’s sad to see them go.”

Wolfgang broke the news to loyal customers in an electronic newsletter. The first reply showed him he accomplished what he set out to do from the beginning.

“Thank you—thank 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.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Telemedus At Safe Supporting Services, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/11/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 305 Broadway #1400, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 82418 (D) (July 18, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of STATE ST. MANAGEMENT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/18/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 922 State St., Schenectady, NY 12307 . Purpose: Any lawful activity. 82419 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of HASHLEIM LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/8/12. Office location: Albany 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 18, 2012)

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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 18, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of Out Front Marketing, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/28/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/30/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5100 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX 75024. 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. 82423 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION of Central Financial Services, a foreign LLC (FLLC) filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/25/2012. formed in Benton County, AR on 1/10/2012. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process may be served. The Post Office address

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to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the FLLC is to, Incorp Services, Inc., Once Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave, Suite 805 A, Albany, NY 12260. The Principal 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. 82424 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of PRO-DUCTING PEOPLE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/29/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82425 (D) (July 18, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

On June 8, 2012, AMERIL- OOP, LLC , a limited liability company, filed articles of organization with the New York Secretary of State for the purpose of engaging in the creation and carrying on of internet, web-based and network marketing platforms for commercial services and sales; and any other lawful business. The office of AMERIL OOP, LLC is located in Albany

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County. The specified date of dissolution is December 31, 2063. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served, with any such process received by the Secretary of State to be mailed to AMERIL OOP, LLC , 254 Bridge Street, Selkirk, New York 12158. A registered agent upon whom process against the limited liability company may be served is Jude B. Watkins., mailed to 254 Bridge Street, Selkirk, New York 12158. 82437 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for HERITAGE MANAGER, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 5, 2012. Office located in Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o J.T. Burns Management, Corp., 1732 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: for any lawful activity. 82438 (D) (July 18, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SES-TOS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC,

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46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82439 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of GDUD, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82441 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Dukhtar Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Thea J. Kerman, Esq., 10 Roxbury Road, Port Washington, NY 11050. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82442 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 20 West 47 Street Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/5/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 55 W. 47th St., Ste. 370, NY, NY 10036. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82443 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LINCOLN STATION, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/6/12. 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. 82444 (D) (July 18, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Andrew Bohmart MD PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. 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. 82447 (D) (July 18, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Longships Capital Partners LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82448 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Argus Publishing Group, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/10/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82450 (D) (July 18, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Color Q Personality Profiles LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. 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. 82451 (D) (July 18, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Special Meeting A Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District will be held on July 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the offices of the fire district located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. 82454 (D) (July 18, 2012)

Dutchmen fend off Golden Eagles for key victory

Albany draws closer to playoff berth with three weeks left

By ROB JONAS
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The path back to .500 was not an easy one for the Albany Dutchmen.

Albany overcame five errors and a late Glens Falls rally to beat the Golden Eagles 6-5 in Saturday's Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League game at Bob Bellizzi Field.

"We didn't play a great game, but we got the job done," said Albany manager Nick Davey.

Ironically, none of Albany's errors resulted in Glens Falls runs. That was due in large part to the efforts of starting pitcher Blake Smith, who worked his way out of jams in the third, fourth and sixth innings. All told, Smith limited the Golden Eagles (17-16) to one run on three hits in six innings of work.

Albany (16-16) gave Smith plenty of run support. Right fielder Jack Wietlispach's bases-loaded double in the second inning gave the Dutchmen a 4-1 lead. Albany then tacked on single runs in the fourth and fifth innings to increase its advantage to 6-1.

"That was a big hit," Davey said of Wietlispach's two-out double in the second inning. "We've been bouncing him around in the lineup, and he feels comfortable hitting in the No. 2 spot."

The momentum turned in Glens Falls' favor in the seventh inning. A wild pitch on a swinging third strike allowed shortstop Anthony

Pisani to reach base with one out. Emmanuel Forcier was then hit by a pitch from reliever Grant DeWitt to put runners on first and second. Two batters later, first baseman Ross Kivett launched a double to the right-center field gap to drive in Pisani and Forcier and trim Albany's lead to 6-3.

DeWitt stayed in the game to start the eighth inning, but he left after catcher Chase Griffin doubled and designated hitter Mike Vigliarolo singled to begin the frame. Second baseman Casey Rodrigue greeted Jake Woodward by beating out an infield single to drive in Griffin and close the gap to 6-4.

With one out, Woodward loaded the bases on an intentional walk. The St. John's University pitcher struck out Forcier for the second out, but he hit center fielder Danny Brennan with a pitch to bring in Vigliarolo for Glens Falls' third run of the eighth inning. Davey brought in Cody White to face Kivett with the bases still loaded, and White induced Kivett into hitting a grounder that shortstop Jared Martin flipped to second baseman Zach Remillard for the final out.

Davey turned to Ricky Schafer in the ninth inning, and Schafer responded by retiring the side in order to pick up his third save of the season.

"I got three outs by not letting anybody on (base)," said Schafer. "I would have like to not have thrown so many balls, but otherwise I did my job."

Schafer's outing gave



Albany's Jack Wietlispach tries to beat the pick-off throw to first base during Saturday's Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League game against Glens Falls at Bob Bellizzi Field. The Dutchmen were wearing special pink uniforms as part of the team's annual fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization and the American Cancer Society. The uniforms were auctioned off as part of the fundraiser.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Albany's bullpen its ninth save of the season. Trevor Lacosse, a Christian Brothers Academy graduate, leads the Dutchmen with five saves.

"(Schafer) competes, and to be in the back end of the bullpen and come into the game in the ninth inning, those are the three toughest outs of the game," said Davey. "To

have two guys (Schafer and Lacosse) who want to be in that role is great."

Albany's seven hits were spread out among its starting lineup. Wietlispach and third baseman Morgan Phillips each had doubles to lead the Dutchmen. Columbia High School graduate Nolan Gaige – who joined Albany's roster earlier in

the week – contributed an RBI single and scored a run.

"Our hitters have been doing great lately, and our pitchers are coming on," said Schafer.

Albany returned to action Monday when it traveled to Oneonta for a key PGCBL match-up. The Dutchmen and Outlaws finished Saturday

tied for fifth place after league-leading Amsterdam knocked off Oneonta. The Outlaws traveled to Elmira Sunday before facing Albany. The top four teams make the playoffs.

"We've got to get over that .500 mark," said Davey. "I saw some fire in our guys tonight, and hopefully that carries over to our next game."

Stagg earns league and team honors

Right-handed hurler given accolades for July 8 victory

By SPORTS STAFF
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Albany's David Stagg was named Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League Co-Pitcher of the Week after a strong performance in a July 8 game against

Glens Falls.

Stagg scattered seven hits over eight innings and struck out nine batters to help the Dutchmen defeat the Golden Eagles 4-1.

Stagg — who shared the league honor with Glens Falls' Taylor Saucedo — was also named the Spotlight Newspapers/Albany Dutchmen Player of the Week.

Stagg has been Albany's top starting pitcher this season. The Heartland Community College freshman owned a 4-1 record with a 2.73 earned run average entering Monday's game against Oneonta. Stagg has recorded 39 strikeouts while walking only eight batters.

"The pitch I feel most comfortable with right now

is my fastball," said Stagg. "Whenever I get down in counts, I know that I can throw strikes with it."

Stagg said one of his goals is to help the Dutchmen win the PGCBL title for the first time.

"I definitely think we have the talent to do so," said Stagg. "We just have to stay focused and continue to work hard."

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Ready

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said Galuski.

Galuski is happy to be moving full steam ahead. Last year’s NFL lockout wiped out Giants training camp at UAlbany, which left the campus uncharacteristically quiet for the first time in 16 years.

“Last summer was different walking around the campus, and no one was here,” said Galuski, who is also UAlbany’s assistant athletic director for equipment and operations.

Galuski’s cousin, Michael Galuski, was among the interns who were scheduled to work at the training camp when it was cancelled.

“It was hard because not only does it stink not having training camp, but this is something people around here look forward to,” said Michael, a Hudson Valley Community College student. “Plus, it put me out of a summer job.”

In the wake of canceling the 2011 training camp, Giants owner John Mara pledged the team would return to UAlbany for the final summer of their three-year agreement. True to Mara’s word, the Giants announced their return this spring.

Once it was official,

Galuski sprang into action. He went through nearly 100 applicants from several colleges to pick his 50 paid interns.

Crump and UAlbany football player Dave Plungas were among the 50 interns hired by Galuski.

“I believe it’s an honor,” said Crump. “I have a passion for sports, especially football. Getting this opportunity so early (in my college career) is the best I could ask for.”

“Just being able to help around the camp and to see the (NFL) players and their everyday routines is exciting,” added Plungas, an inside linebacker for the UAlbany football team.

Michael Galuski was also picked to work Giants training camp. It will be his second go-around at UAlbany, having previously worked there in 2010 while he was still a student at Cohoes High School.

“Just by being hired by him personally, there’s some pressure there,” said Michael Galuski. “Because we share the same last name, I want to make him look good.”

Kevin Galuski said he had no qualms rehiring his younger cousin. “Our family is brought up the right way. They’re all working class people who know how to do things right,” he said.

There are some

changes for this year’s Giants training camp. Due to ongoing construction of UAlbany’s new football stadium next to SEFCU Arena, the practice fields have been moved closer to the field hockey and baseball fields. It also means “Autograph Alley” and the children’s play area must move, and spectators will have to park in the visitors’ lot off Collins Circle rather than the Dutch Quad lot. That lot will now be used for the players and VIPs, since the SEFCU Arena lot will not

be available to them.

“A lot of the logistics ... have changed,” said Galuski. “It will take a couple of days for people to get used to the changes.”

One more important change fans will have to get used to is a different practice schedule. Two-a-day sessions were eliminated in the new NFL collective bargaining agreement, which means spectators only get one chance per day to see teams practice. So instead of a morning session and a late afternoon session

each day, there will only be a 1 p.m. practice each day during the three weeks the Giants are in town.

Still, Michael Galuski said he expects the crowds to be large.

“You’re going to have a lot more fans out here, especially because of the year off last year and because they are the defending Super Bowl champions,” he said.

That’s still a week away. Between now and then, there are boxes to move and equipment to install to make certain everything is

ready for the Giants when they arrive. Then, the interns will settle into their practice day roles. Some will work security, some will be on the sidelines providing water for the players and coaches and some will be working at the merchandise booth and children’s play area.

All the while, the interns know they are doing something that few people their age get to do – work for an NFL team.

“I feel lucky and honored to be picked to do this camp,” said Plungas.

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Sparks

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activity on Sundays, but Murphy stepped up and scored 20 points to lead the way.

“It’s unfortunate that we didn’t have Cassie, but it was time for some of the other girls to step up. That’s what Bridget Murphy did,” said DeMarinis. “She played like Cassie out there.”

“We tried to pick up our play as much as we could without Cassie,” said Rosales.

The Sparks began the five-day tournament in style by beating their three opponents in pool play. They defeated Girls Got Game from Florida 56-52 in last Tuesday’s opener, and they followed up with a 50-29 victory over Team Reign from North Carolina and a 51-44 win against the Region Lady Bulldogs

from Indiana.

The Sparks started their journey to the finals with a 48-40 victory over Florida’s Finest in the opening round of the championship bracket. A 59-44 quarterfinal win against the Alabama Twisters sent them into the semifinals, where they defeated the Orlando Comets 57-50 to reach the finals.

The LA Angels started the championship game on an 8-0 run, and the Sparks had to play from behind the rest of the way. Murphy hit three three-pointers in the fourth quarter to help the Sparks get close to the LA Angels, but they couldn’t pass them.

Rosales contributed 11 points for the Sparks in the championship game, which was televised on

ESPN3 and attracted several college basketball coaches.

“It was very exciting and very different,” said Rosales. “There were cameras everywhere, and you’d look up at the scoreboard and see your face up there.”

“I thought it was a great experience for all of us,” added Welch. “We got to play in front of college coaches, so we got a lot of good exposure.”

DeMarinis said placing second at the AAU National Championships has made the Sparks hungry for more. The team is gearing up for next week’s Junior Nationals in Washington, D.C.

“We want to keep winning,” said DeMarinis. “We want to keep our level of competition up.”



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Dutchmen alive in playoff hunt

Starting pitcher Blake Smith, above, and the Albany Dutchmen posted a crucial 6-5 victory over Glens Falls in Saturday's Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League game at Bob Bellizzi Field. Smith pitched six strong innings to help the Dutchmen move into a tie for fifth place.

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New York Giants training camp director of operations Kevin Galuski, center, addresses his interns during last Thursday's informational meeting at the University at Albany. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Ready for Giants

Small army of interns begin preparations for return of NFL team

By ROB JONAS
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New York Giants training camp director of operations Kevin Galuski addressed his 50 young interns last Thursday in the bowels of the University at Albany's Physical Education building.

As he has done in years past, Galuski told the collection of college students what he expected of them in the coming weeks.

Above all else, he asked them to maintain professionalism while working among the defending Super Bowl champion Giants.

"You have a lot of impressive kids working here who saw these guys play on TV," said Galuski after dismissing his interns so they could tour the facilities they will be working in for the next month. "You have to have a professional attitude when working around these players."

It could be a tall order, but UAlbany sophomore and Giants fan Ajon Crump said she can handle it.

"I know I'll be nervous internally, but I know I've been able to not show my nervousness externally in the past," said Crump.

There won't be much time for the interns to think about what it will be like once the Giants arrive next week for training camp. Between now and July 27, they will be busy moving UAlbany athletic department staff out of their offices and setting up the Giants' locker room and weight room on the SEFCU Arena floor.

"We're at full steam ahead,"

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Mallers ease past Zephyrs

Lumpkin returns punt for touchdown in Albany's victory

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Albany Metro Mallers raised their Empire Football League record to 2-0 with Saturday's 27-6 victory at Amsterdam.

David Lumpkin scored Albany's first touchdown on a 65-yard punt return, and quarterback CJ Tarver threw for 207 yards and three touchdowns to help the Metro Mallers beat the Zephyrs.

Besides his punt return, Lumpkin turned in a strong defensive performance in his first game against his former team in Amsterdam. Lumpkin had four tackles, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass.

Tarver's three touchdowns went to different receivers. Gloversville High School graduate Ace Barnhill caught one of Tarver's scoring strikes and finished the night with five receptions for 86 yards. Sean Singleton had a 41-yard touchdown catch, and Issmal Green added a 5-yard touchdown reception.

The Mallers return to Christian Brothers Academy in Colonie July 28 to play Lackawanna in a non-league game.

Sparks place second at nationals

Local AAU basketball team featuring talented junior class reach the finals for the first time

By ROB JONAS
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Some of the top Section II girls basketball players proved they are among the nation's best players.

The Saratoga Sparks 16-and-under team placed second at last week's AAU National Championships in Orlando. The Sparks reached the finals before losing to the LA Angels of Louisiana 53-46.

"The girls have worked hard, and they've played together for three years now," said Sparks head coach Carlin DeMarinis. "It was time for them to make that run."

The Sparks feature a who's who of junior talent in the Capital District. Sydnie Rosales and Jaclyn Welch represented Section II Class AA champion Colonie on the 12-player roster, while Class B champion Watervliet had Ailayia Demand, Mikayle Deguire and Lashana Tolliver on the team.

"I think we really enjoy the summers playing together," said Rosales. "We've grown to love playing together, and our level of play has expanded as a result."

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The Saratoga Sparks 16-and-under girls basketball team pose with their runner-up trophy from the AAU National Championships Sunday in Orlando. The Sparks lost to the LA Angels 53-46 in the finals. The team includes players from several Suburban Council schools including Bethlehem's Bridget Murphy, Shaker's Madison Rowland and Colonie's Sydnie Rosales and Jaclyn Welch. Submitted photo