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Local bowling alley celebrates 50 years

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The upcoming New York Giants training camp is good news for local businesses.

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We be jammin'

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Jon Audiet at his farm stand in Bethlehem. Below, he tends to his fields.

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No honor shown to farmer

Farmer Jon changes practices after pilferage at stand

By MARCY VELTE
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Bethlehem residents will no longer be able to purchase produce from one local farmer's stand after hours because some patrons weren't very honorable.

Selkirk resident Jon Audiet runs a small fresh produce business at the corner of Route 9W and Wemple Road called "Farmer Jon's Produce." Since the stand opened three years ago the business was operated on the honor system, but as business picked up, Audiet hired employees to watch over the stand at set hours while he was working his full-time job.

On nights and weekends, the business has continued to stay open on the honor system, but recently profits haven't been adding up.

"I think it has always been a small issue, but manageable," said Audiet the evening of Thursday, July 19, as about a dozen cars were stopped at the stand to buy fruits and vegetables. "The last couple of weeks ... we've been open three weeks now and there really hasn't been any profit out of here."

Audiet said he has been farming his entire life and recently decided to start growing vegetables again. He now has seven fields he tends to with dozens of crops, from broccoli, tomatoes, peppers and garlic to blueberries, peaches and



nectarines. He also runs a community supported agriculture program, or CSA.

Audiet said the second week he was open, he had his employee put everything away at night except four boxes each of blueberries, tomatoes, peaches and nectarines. That evening while he worked in his fields near the stand, people came to the stand and took food, but they left only about \$20 in the box.

Audiet doesn't know how much he's lost in business, but now he takes stricter inventory of his produce and after-hours sales will be curtailed.

"I just think it's sad that we have to do this, because people like to stop after work ... and it was nice to be able to provide that service," he said.

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Body discovered in Selkirk

Bethlehem police are hoping an autopsy will provide them with the identity of a body found on the side of the road on Route 9W in Selkirk on Sunday, July 22.

Police said two people who had passed the area on Sunday around 6:30 p.m. discovered the body and called police.

The location is now being treated as a crime scene "until foul-play can be ruled out." Route 9W between Maple and Avenue and Cottage Lane was closed from 10 p.m. Sunday to 1 a.m. Monday as police conducted an investigation.

Police said the body was badly decomposed and thus they were unable to establish who the person was or how long the body had been there, but officials did say the body was that of a middle-aged male. As of press time, an autopsy was set to be completed by the Albany County Coroner's Office, partly in hopes of establishing a time of death.

State Police, the Albany County District Attorney's Office and the county coroner's officer are assisting Bethlehem police in the investigation.

-Marcy Velte

Hopefuls stock war chests

Candidates for McEneny's seat have raised quarter million

By MARCY VELTE
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The 109th Assembly District race to succeed longtime Assemblyman Jack McEneny remains crowded as six Democrats are officially on the ballot for September's primary.

Albany County Board of Elections Commission Matt Clyne said none of the signatures filed by candidates have been challenged by rivals, and fundraising has begun as candidates filed their first financial disclosure reports on Monday, July 16. In total, the Democrats have collectively raised about \$265,000.

Candidates are vying to represent the southwestern parts of the city of Albany and the towns of Guilderland, New Scotland and Bethlehem after district lines were redrawn for this year.

County Legislator Christopher Higgins is leading the pack in fundraising having raised about \$73,000 as of the filing deadline. The campaign announced an additional \$2,000 raised late in the week. Joe Bonilla, a spokesman for Higgins' campaign, said they are seeing "broad-based support from throughout the district."

"We're on the right track," he said. "People in the 109th will recognize (Higgins) is the most independent, progressive, hard working candidate they can ask for."

His biggest support has come from Olde Saratoga Coin in Albany, who donated \$2,200, and a Bayside resident who donated about \$4,000. An additional fundraiser at the Bayou Café on Pearl Street in Albany was scheduled for Friday, July 20, hosted by the band Black Mountain Symphony.

Assistant Attorney General William McCarthy Jr. only slightly trails Higgins in funds with about \$70,000 raised, but he has spent less so far than his opponent has. He still has about \$61,000 on hand. His major supporters so far have been Worldwide Express Shipping in Albany with a \$4,100 donation and Council 82, the Law Enforcement Officers Union, with

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Local bowling alley adapts through the decades



Del Lanes is celebrating its 50th anniversary with free bowling, food and fun activities at its seventh annual Community Day on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Del Lanes celebrates 50th anniversary

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Bowling has always been a part of Marvin Sontz's life. At the age of four, an uncle who owned a bowling center in Vermont began to teach him how to play the sport. A few years later, Sontz would be bowling on a league with his peers and in his teens, would land his first job at Del Lanes in Bethlehem.

Sontz never left, and 39 years later he is a co-owner of the facility.

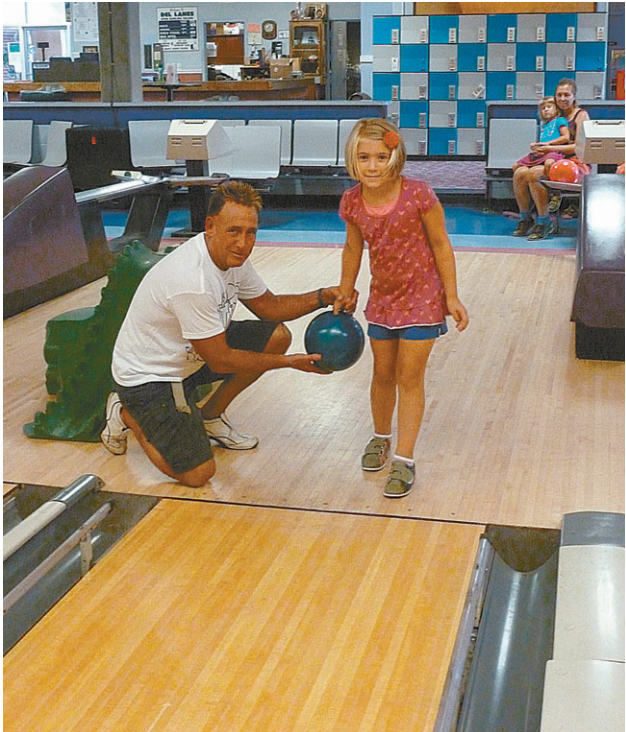
"I guess this is just what I wanted to do," said the 56-year-old. "I went to college for physical therapy. I went for four months and I was doing so much here, I couldn't keep up. I then decided to focus my life on this business and here I am."

Sontz and his family bowled at Del Lanes for years and the owner, John German — who had opened the facility in 1962 in the golden age of league bowling — had become friends with the Sontzes. When Marvin was in his final year of high school at Cardinal McCloskey in Albany, his father's scrap metal business failed and the family was unable to pay his tuition. German paid for Sontz's schooling, on the condition he would make it up by working at Del Lanes.

"If it wasn't for my father losing his business, who knows what I would be doing now," said Sontz.

German eventually sold the bowling center to his nephew, Ken Ringler, who made Sontz a manager. In 2003, Sontz bought the business with his friend Bill Cornell.

Now, as Del Lanes marks its 50th anniversary,



Marvin Sontz helps young bowler Ella Traynor, 7, with her technique as little sister Greta, 4, and her mother look on.

Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

attitudes toward bowling may have changed, along with the technology needed to keep a bowling alley up-to-date, but Sontz's feelings about the sport are steadfast.

"Bowling is a sport that anyone can participate, from ages 4 to 104," he said.

Bowling alleys have evolved over the years from being a weekly recreational hangout for

men playing on leagues to entertainment centers for the whole family to enjoy. Along the way, ball returns were installed. So were computerized scoreboards and machines to reset the pins. So were arcades, off track betting systems and karaoke machines.

Attendance at bowling facilities jumped as knowledge about the

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Clarksville’s Heritage Day a trip back in time

Annual community-focused event to benefit schoolhouse rehab

By MARCY VELTE
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Clarksville residents and those from the surrounding area will once again come together to celebrate their history at the seventh annual Clarksville Heritage Day and Car Show on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Although the day includes food, crafts, a community garage sale and children’s activities, the event is sponsored by the Clarksville Historical Society and most of the day’s happenings will focus on Clarksville’s past. Old-time artisans will give presentations throughout the day and a heritage booklet is available as a souvenir.

Janice Crooks, chairperson of the event, said younger children haven’t been exposed to older crafts and Heritage Day is a very educational experience as they view the demonstrations given by woodcrafters, blacksmiths and tinsmiths.

“They don’t know how a horseshoe was made or put on, or how a nail was welded,” she said.

Like last year, the Mt. Treadler Fiber Arts Guild will have a presentation on yarn and groups like the Onesquethaw Union Cemetery Association and New Scotland Historical Association will be on hand. David and Jean

Jacques of Middlegrove will give woodturning demonstrations, while Joe Merli of Duanesburg will showcase his work as a blacksmith.

“It’s showing history in a way that is very personal,” said William Valosian, a tinsmith from Ballston Lake who will also be a Heritage Day presenter. “A website, show on the History Channel or a textbook can’t talk back to you.”

Valosian got involved with his hobby 11 years ago after another tinsmith gave a demonstration at the Saratoga National Historical Park, where he works. Now, Valosian himself does the demonstrations and also travels to share his knowledge.

Event goers will be able to see wares that would have been created out of tin in the 18th century for civilian and military life. Valosian will have tools on hand to show the techniques used to make smaller items like candleholders and cups. Other larger items will be on display pre-made, like bowls, document holders, canteens and teakettles.

“In our age of a disposable, consumer mindset, it’s important to have a better sense of where we came from and how we got where we are now,” he said. “It’s easy to go to the store and buy a bowl made out some inexpensive material, but these took longer to manufacture and lasted longer.”



The classic car show is a popular feature at Heritage Day.

The event is the Clarksville Historical Society’s main yearly fundraiser. Once again, all of the profits go toward the rehabilitation of the Woodside Schoolhouse off of Route 32 that the group purchased last year. It is being renovated in hopes of turning it into a one-room schoolhouse museum.

“It’s an ongoing project,” said Crooks, explaining how the building needs new siding, windows and roof repairs.

The funds also go to pay for the various presenters and experts who speak for the group throughout the year, usually at the Clarksville Community Church.

The Clarksville Heritage Day and Car Show events begin in the morning and three full meals can be purchased, along with ice cream and baked goods. There will also be 50/50 and raffle drawings for prizes throughout the day, and of



Clarksville’s Heritage Day, which will be held Saturday, Aug. 4, features historical demonstrations, as well as food, crafts and activities for children.

Spotlight file photos

course, a classic car show.

“I feel that ... it is the one day of the year that the community gets together as a whole,” said Crooks. “It’s a good day to spend together as a family.”

Heritage Day will largely take place at the Clarksville Community Church, on the Delaware Turnpike. Parking will also be available at

Clarksville Elementary School, with the Town of New Scotland senior bus acting as shuttle to the church. Events will be held rain or shine. Attendees are encouraged to make the Clarksville Historical Society table their first stop to pick up information on all the day’s activities, including the community garage sale.

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Police Blotter

Police: Selkirk teen struck by truck after leaving party

Bike rider in serious condition; two arrests made

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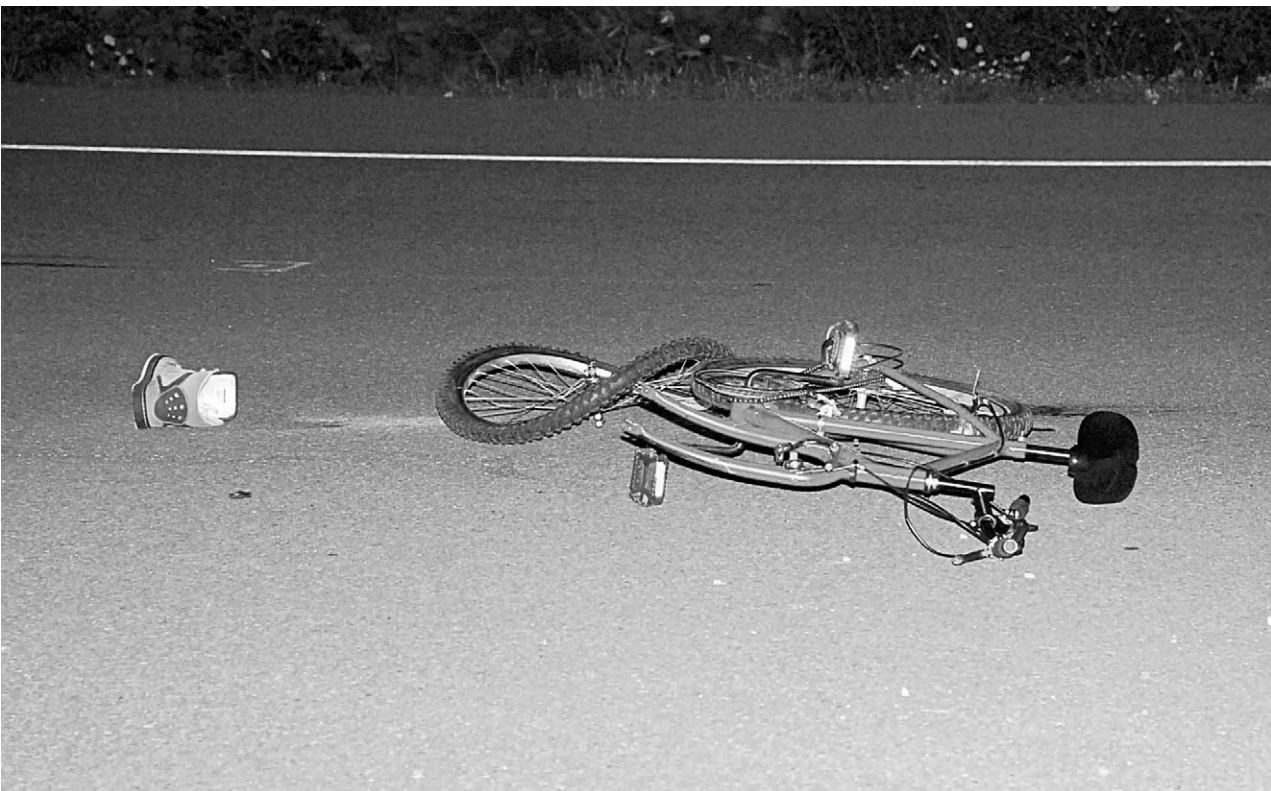
A Selkirk teen was in serious condition after being struck by a truck Thursday, July 19.

Bethlehem police said Shayne Coluccio, 16, of Elm Estates in Selkirk, was on his bicycle at the intersection of Elm Avenue and Creble Road at about 11:06 p.m. when a tractor trailer driven by William Kauffman, 47, of Washington, Ind., hit him. Police said Coluccio failed to yield to the right of way and was not wearing a helmet.

Deputy Bethlehem Police Chief Timothy Beebe said Coluccio was traveling from an “unsupervised party where alcohol was served.” He said the department received a call earlier in the night about the party and responded to the house and that their response was “independent from the crash.”

The teen’s bicycle hit the trailer’s axle and he was run over by one of the axles, police said. He was treated on the scene before being transported to Albany Medical Center.

Beebe said Coluccio



A Selkirk teen was riding his bike Thursday, July 19, when he was struck by a truck at the intersection of Elm Avenue and Creble Road. Police said Shayne Coluccio was not wearing a helmet at the time and was traveling from an “unsupervised party where alcohol was served.”

underwent a 10-hour surgery but had “a pretty good chance.” He also said it would be impossible to determine if Coluccio was under the influence through toxicology because he lost so much blood and had to receive multiple transfusions.

A hospital spokesperson said Coluccio’s condition had been upgraded to fair as of Monday, July 23.

Kauffman and his co-driver did turn over blood samples to police, and a State Police inspection of their truck did not result in charges. Police are still investigating the incident and both Creble Road and Elm Avenue were closed until 5 a.m. Friday morning while Bethlehem police and State Police performed accident reconstruction.

Beebe said two suspects turned themselves in

for providing alcohol to those at the party after an investigation was conducted by police.

Brett Bellevilli, 21, and Mike Crisafulli, 17, both living at the same address on Elm Avenue in Selkirk, were charged with unlawfully dealing with a child, acting in a manner injurious to a child and possession of marijuana. All the charges are misdemeanors.

Beebe said there was an “unusual amount of cooperation among party-goers with police.”

Bellevilli and Crisafulli will both appear in court at a later date, police said.

Police: Infant left in parked car at mall

A 1-year-old’s babysitter was arrested

after she allegedly left the infant in a car as she shopped at Rotterdam Square Mall.

The Rotterdam Police Department on Friday, July 13, at approximately 12:20 p.m., received a call claiming an infant was left unattended in a vehicle at the mall. Police allegedly found the 1-year-old inside the locked vehicle with the windows rolled up and the car not running, according to police reports.

Patrolman Claude Sawyer entered the vehicle by removing the side window. Sawyer administered first aid to the infant until EMS arrived, police said.

The child’s babysitter, Shanika M. Maxwell, 35, of Robinson Street, Schenectady, allegedly left the infant in the vehicle for approximately 43 minutes as she shopped, according to police.

The infant was transported to Ellis Hospital by Rotterdam EMS and didn’t appear to have suffered “any serious health issues,” police said.

Maxwell was arrested and charged with endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor. She was released on an appearance ticket to return to Rotterdam Town Court on Aug. 13.

Arrests

- Colonie police arrested Michael Robert Tope, 18, of 362 Shauber Road in Ballston Lake on Tuesday, July 10, and charged him with burglary with criminal intent, grand larceny in the fourth degree and petit larceny.
- Colonie police arrested Elizabeth Hoffman, 29, of 870 Emmett St. Apt. 2 in Schenectady on Tuesday, July 10, and charged her with burglary with criminal intent, grand larceny in the fourth degree, petit larceny and criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree.

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That's how long it takes me to climb them, at least. In the grand scheme of things, it's not too bad. Some people take just a matter of days to trek the miles over the peaks, and others take decades. I know this because, as of the end of last year, a total of 7,355 people had registered with the Adirondack Forty-Sixers as having completed the task.

I finished up on a cloudless and hot mid July day atop Cliff Mountain, which is aptly named, by the way. It also doesn't have much of a view, being just third-to-last in order of height of all the 46ers. One of the few things we could see from the top was Algonquin Mountain, just across the valley, not more than a few miles as the crow flies. It was there my personal journey began in a cloud four years and untold miles prior, shivering, wet and confused.

I would imagine I'm like most in that I didn't have the faintest clue of what I was getting into when I scrambled up that peak ill-prepared in body, equipment and knowledge. We didn't get a view that day, but when I returned some weeks later for Colden, I distinctly remember surveying the sweeping landscape of mountains and thinking only a truly deranged individual would have the time and wherewithal to



ON THE TRAIL
Charles Wiff

summit each and every one.

Setting off with that kind of plan in mind would be soul crushing to anyone without a high degree of physical fitness and outdoor knowledge. Compared to giants out west the High Peaks are diminutive pimples, but it's still no small feat to get up them, even with the extensive trail system that has been built up. Still, the ranks of the 46ers are swelling like never before.

Everyone does it for a personal reason. For many, it's a wonderful diversion, for others, seeing that list of 46 mountains is the issuance of a challenge. Some do it for fitness purposes (you'll find few better workouts than hauling an overnight pack over a tall mountain). Others test the limits of their endurance and resolve. Some do it entirely alone, others take every step of the way with a loved one, and others — like myself — do a little of both. In fact, I would never have made it in 100 years without having someone to believe in me at key moments.

But what's truly fascinating is no matter what the motivations are behind climbing, every one of the thousands who have finished the list share a host of common experiences. Forty-Sixers all know of the daunting cliffs of Saddleback, the long path to Allen, the muddy swampland on the way to Couchsachraga. They've trekked through places like the Four Corners and Times Square and have carried rocks up to the top of Skylight to honor a tradition with

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unknown origins. That's part of what makes the journey so incredible — you follow in the footsteps of people you've never met and blaze the trail for hikers you'll never know. It's a community of thousands you can be connected to without saying a word, if you so choose, but if you mention Avalanche Pass to a fellow climber you'll both be on the same page instantly.

The connections run far into the past, as it turns out. The founders of the club were two brothers by the names of Robert and George Marshall, along with their guide Herbert Clark. Using the data available at the time, they identified 46 mountains rising at least 4,000 feet above sea level in the High Peaks wilderness and set off to climb them all.

It turns out the data were wrong. Four peaks were later found to sit

under the barrier, the most diminutive being Couchsachraga at 3,820 feet (a sopping, far-flung herd path to this viewless peak does not make it a favorite amongst climbers) but the group still sticks to the list. It took the original trio six years to climb their 46, finishing in 1924. Given there were few trails back then, that is a true feat.

You still have to hike off the trail to get to some of the peaks, and while "herd paths" have been carved in the woods this is still pretty tough going and undoubtedly the less glorious side of the shared experience. Knee-deep mud, cold nights, ferocious clouds of insects, blisters, spruce holes... The list goes on. But pain and hardship always fade away in memories, just enough so that you're compelled to return and subject yourself to more misery in search of intangible contentment.

That's how it worked for me. When I'd done that a dozen times I looked at the little list at the back of the guidebook and realized more than 20 mountains were marked off — and it all suddenly became possible.

Of course, most of the ones I'd climbed already

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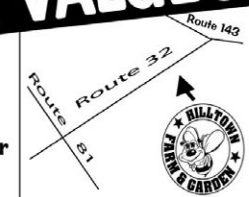
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In this week’s edition, on the front page, you’ll see a story detailing the campaign finances of candidates running in the 109th Assembly District to replace outgoing Assemblyman Jack McEneny.

Readers can expect to see our reporters making more references to what these campaigns are doing with their money — and just as importantly, where they are getting it from — in the future. That’s because while spending a lot of money doesn’t guarantee you anything in politics, having plenty of it doesn’t exactly hurt, either. And how money is flowing can be revealing, especially for some of these new faces voters are unfamiliar with.

Thankfully, New York makes it fairly easy for anyone to track this information. While you can’t pull down day-to-day records from campaigns, you can review reports candidates and their campaigns are required to file at certain intervals through the state Board of Election’s website at www.elections.ny.gov.

The system isn’t particularly user friendly, but once you get the hang of it, it is a powerful tool in the informed citizen’s arsenal. You can track down what pretty much anyone is doing as far as political contributions and spending, and that’s the way it should be.

Sadly, that’s not entirely the case, especially on the federal level. Special interests are increasingly able to hide the identities of powerful donors behind political action committees and since the landmark Citizens United ruling by the Supreme Court, corporations as well as wealthy individuals are free to donate unlimited funds through these PACs.

Whether or not there should be a limit to what one donates is very much a matter for debate, and it’s one that has been fought since long before the ink on the Citizens United decision was dry. What should not be up for discussion is whether the identities of donors should be held secret or not. Taking responsibility and ownership for actions, words and beliefs is the cornerstone of an open and free society, yet in the very realm that should be the most transparent the public is greeted with opaqueness.

That is why it is so discouraging to see the federal Disclosure Act (that’s Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Special Elections Act) be stalled in the Senate by a Republican filibuster. While this law may not be perfect, it sets some sensible rules on disclosure of political donations, namely that it happen for everyone. It is amazing our representatives have to be having this discussion in the first place.

Thankfully, statewide and local races are still regulated by contribution limits and rules that disclose the identity of donors (whether these are too loose or too tight is a whole other question). Let us hope our leaders here in New York see the value of this, and those who are vying for their first stints in office see that merit early on.

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Editorial

A jewel in the Village of Altamont

By SUSAN PEZZOLLA

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

The Village of Altamont is a square mile of quaintness and charm, but scratch the surface and you will find beautifully preserved homes rich with local history, walkable streets with gorgeous plantings and citizens who love their village and volunteer their time to keep it pristine. You will also find several parks; Benjamin Crupe Bozenkill Park, Orsini Park, Angel Park and Schilling Park. There are also many small gardens throughout the Village that dazzle the eye when driving by. It is obvious that the citizens of Altamont value green space. Each of these parks has a special focus but it is the newest park, Schilling Park on Maple Avenue, that captivates the visitor on several levels.

The property at 149 Maple Avenue has been many things since the late 1800s — a root beer processing plant for many years, a private residence, public tennis courts and vacant land. In May of 2003, the Village Board voted to keep the property “forever green” and the task of deciding how that could be integrated with village life was begun.

Through input from residents it was decided that a park was the vehicle and plans were underway. In 2005, a wrought iron arch was installed at the entranceway and plantings were established under the direction of longtime resident and volunteer gardener Keith Lee. Keith and Village Mayor James Gaughan took on the challenge of guiding the development of the park by finding creative ways to reuse materials and garner donations of plant materials and mulch.

Since 2005, the volunteer effort in the park has transformed it into a multi-use green space that gets a lot of use. It showcases what a few

Point of View

volunteers can do to truly make a difference in the quality of life for community residents.

Schilling Park was formally named in 2010 in honor of the Schilling family who had contributed to the village over decades. Phyllis Schilling had championed plantings around the Village as well as numerous other civic adventures. Her son Carl donated his labor for the construction of a shelter modeled after the train station in the village that occupies the middle area of the park. Carl crafted benches for seating in case of a sudden shower. Fundraising efforts supported the construction of the children’s butterfly garden and tot-lot play area for pre-school age tykes.

Recycled bluestone sidewalks lead visitors into the park and past glorious perennial beds adorned with unusual trees such as Pagoda Dogwood, Paperbark Maple, Burr Oak and Sweet Gum. The back area is a large open space suitable for running with wild abandon or just meandering slowly past the many perennial beds and naturalized areas. It is simply wonderful!

On a recent visit to the park I was delighted to find a new addition just to the left of the main path: a labyrinth. Common to gardens and public parks around the world, the labyrinth has its roots in Greek mythology but can also be found replicated in floor tiles of cathedrals.

Often confused with the maze, a labyrinth differs in that it has one path to the center and back,

What’s your point?

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Do you have information you think others would benefit from hearing about? Let us know.

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and it is not meant to confuse or trap but rather to offer a quiet journey of reflection. The scale is ample for walking the path that winds inward and outward to the center with stones from the nearby Bozenkill Creek lining the pathway incorporating native materials into the circular and spiral designs.

On this day there were several children in the park helping their parents with mulching the large beds as part of the village-wide volunteer clean up day. With the mulch spread, it was time to explore the labyrinth and as I took pictures, I heard one of the kids say, “this is so cool!”

Schilling Park is a hidden jewel, a local destination to view great gardens, entertain the small fry or to relax in an outdoor oasis of quiet inspiration.

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“Should Town Board members represent individual wards?”

- Yes 46%
- No 54%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Consider the process when it comes to Bethlehem's ward system report

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On July 11, the Bethlehem Town Board received a report on town governance options, prepared by a Board-appointed Citizens' Study Committee. Claims have been made to the effect that the section of the report on the ward system of government was improperly edited and that its findings were altered.

As a member of the subcommittee that

drafted the section on ward options, I find these claims to be without merit. The ward study was never meant to be anything but a part of the larger report on town governance options prepared for the Town Board and the people of Bethlehem.

Likewise, our subcommittee was never anything except one part of a larger citizen's advisory group. More to the point, the draft that

our sub-group sent to the whole committee early in June was not ready for publication at that time. Several important questions regarding election law and practice had not been answered.

The draft also contained factual errors and a great deal of confusing language. A lengthy editing process was required to prepare our draft for inclusion in the larger report. Neither the draft nor

the final report contain any recommendations regarding governance options.

The report does contain basic information that can help town residents understand the options they are given under state law.

I encourage everyone to read the report, which can be found on the Town of Bethlehem's website.

Steven Elliott
Delmar

Sidewalk service good place to save

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

After reading the Times Union and the Spotlight articles about Bethlehem's budget shortfall, I have to comment on one item not listed in any of the proposed cutbacks from the Budget Committee: Plowing your own sidewalk.

After living in Albany from 35 years before moving here, it was not a problem having homeowners clear their own sidewalks. For the very few who didn't, if there was a complaint, the city would send a crew after a few days to clear it and the homeowners would be billed. If they didn't pay, it would be added to their property

tax bill.

Although there may be some instances that plowing by the town for some long stretches may be necessary, this seems like an obvious significant cost saving measure that's not even mentioned. I know of no other town that plows every sidewalk in the entire town.

There are requests for building more sidewalks regularly including in last week's Spotlight. Raising our property taxes to continue this practice is not what I expect to see from a responsible attempt at avoiding a significant tax increase this year!

James Murray
Selkirk

'Books' fundraiser shows troops cared for

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

One of the saddest thank you letters that I received from a soldier in Afghanistan who was thanking me for the books he received from our organization, Books For Troops, Inc., expressed to me that one of the biggest fears the troops have is that they will be forgotten by the American people.

The erroneous nature of this fear was in evidence on July 7 when Jim Barrett, owner of the River Street Beat Shop at 197 River Street, organized a block party fundraiser for Books For Troops, Inc.

The funds raised that day were to be used to pay for postage to send donated books to our troops to show them that they are truly never far from our thoughts.

Jim featured three bands, Big Creek -- a blue grass band, Off the Record -- a futuristic '60s band with big hair and all, and the Chandler Travis Philharmonic Band, masquerading their tremendous talent behind silliness, pajamas and bathrobes, clown hats and witty repartee. In the background was a colorful and poignant display.

The crowd, while drawn to the great

entertainment, never lost sight of the objective of the concert -- to help the troops. I wish I could send a video of the concert and the crowd to every soldier in Afghanistan to show them that the troops are far from forgotten.

The musicians who donated their talents, the owner of the record store who donated his time and money, and the hundreds of spectators who donated funds, books and comics were all there for the troops.

If you missed the concert, you can still help our troops by sending a donation to Books For Troops, Inc., 152 Oak Brook Commons, Clifton Park, NY 12065-2677.

You can take part in our "Adopt A Box of Books" project by sending a check made out to Books For Troops, Inc. for \$12.50 to mail a box of about 35 books to the soldiers.

Books For Troops, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, so all contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. You will be another person helping to prove to our troops -- like Jim and so many others who have kept Books For Troops, Inc. alive for over two years -- they will never be forgotten.

Ellen R. Keegan
Founder and Director
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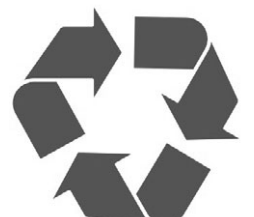
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Kids can get a taste of Spanish

If you're in grades three to six and are thinking about studying a language, come to Hola-Days: an Introduction to Spanish next Monday to Friday, July 30 to Aug. 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Three language students from Bethlehem Central High School's Students to Students program will be on hand to show you something new each day about the Spanish language and culture. It's a great way for you to start laying a foundation for middle school language study. So "Venga y vea!" Come and see! No signup is necessary.

The following week, Aug. 6 to 10, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, our friends from



the Capital District chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America return to introduce stitchery basics to kids age 9 and up. You'll make a simple embroidery creation. Call 439-9314 to sign up; you must attend all five sessions.

Teen café

Teens in grades six and up are invited to our open mic Teen Café on Monday, Aug. 6, from 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. No signup

necessary; just drop in.

More teen programs

Artist Sandra Quigley leads a workshop in doodling with Sharpie markers next Monday July 30, 7-8:30 pm. She returns on Monday Aug. 13 at 7pm to help you sculpt a nighttime denizen with polymer clay and your imagination. These programs are open to teens in grade 6 and up; no signup is necessary.

Evening on the Green

Our summer outdoor concerts continue tonight at 7 with Katsura, a four-piece band that performs a variety of styles from rock to folk and pop, along with original music. Bring a

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

Big chalk

Monday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.

Decorate the library sidewalk; chalk provided. All ages.

Library board

Monday, Aug. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Open to the public.

Louise Grieco

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



Learn more about George Washington

"The Many Faces of George Washington," an exhibit running through the end of the month at the Guilderland Public Library, provides background and insight into our nation's first president, a man whom many recognize but few know much about.

Spanning Washington's entire life, the exhibition focuses on the traits that made him a beloved leader and the choices that helped establish a stable democratic government. The exhibition looks at Washington's leadership in the exhibition's seven sections: Virginia Childhood, Risk Taker, Realistic Visionary, Wise Decision Maker, Impassioned Learner, Visionary Entrepreneur, and At Home at Mount Vernon.

Using interpretive and educational materials, the exhibition examines the real-life multi-dimensional man behind the myth. Produced by George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, in conjunction with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, this exhibition presents the many facets of Washington's leadership through dazzling color graphics of paintings, photographs, and iconic objects from the Mount

Vernon collections.

Wild Things

The next Family Movie Friday feature – showing at 7 p.m. on July 27 – is an adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic children's story – "Where the Wild Things Are" – in which Max, a disobedient little boy, is sent to bed without dinner. Max, an inventive little tyke if ever there was one, creates his own world—a forest inhabited by ferocious wild creatures that crown Max as their ruler. It's all very PG and loads of imaginative fun.

Max didn't get supper, but you can get free popcorn and air conditioning.

Three Days of Teen Improv

Teens from throughout Guilderland are invited to take part in "Three Days of Teen Improv" at the Guilderland Public Library at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 30; Tuesday, July 31; and Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Hosted by Terrie Gifford, this club involves three fun and funny team-building sessions preparing for a finale performance. Play improv games. Think on your feet. Laugh with old friends and new. Have fun!

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Nook e-readers ready to be checked out

The library's new Nook eReaders have arrived are ready for check out! Each eReader has a theme and comes pre-loaded with eBooks selected by our librarians. Call the library for more details on how you can check out a Nook.

Summer Reading Programs for kids

• Thursday, July 26, 2 to 3:15 p.m. For fourth to eighth graders. "Lights, Camera-Books!"

Would you like to share some of the good books you have been reading with others? We are going to help you do just that on camera for the school news and the library website. Ms. Menetti and Mrs. Rappoccio will be helping with ideas on how to make those book



reviews pop. Come find out how to share your favorite read.

• Friday, July 27, 10:15 a.m. to noon. Make Your Own Comics.

Special guest comic artist Mark McKenna will visit. Learn the art of the comic book, from coming up with a story, to translating it into panels. You will go home with your very own comic book. This is a five-session workshop. Registration requested for the series; participants do not need to attend every session. For students in fourth grade and up.

• Monday, July 30, 2 to 3 p.m. For K-1-2. "Dream Big-Imagine Art"

Come experiment with paint, paper, color and texture. We'll show you some fine examples of illustration.

• Tuesday, July 31, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Family Program - "Gotta Dance!"

Everyone will be dancing at the library with Jennifer Stanley and "Disney Dreams." Songs from Lion King and Little Mermaid will get everyone up and moving. This program is for children and families.


Concert tonight

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RCS Library programs on the rise

Increasing the range of public programs is high on the Library's list of priorities. Adult programs have grown exponentially during the technology librarian's first year on the staff. Concerts, book group, and the summertime Rewarding Readers drawings rounded out the past year's programming.

With the addition of media production and writing for more age levels, attendance at school-age programs increased 37 percent last year. Summer reading is still a library mainstay, although it changes as local recreation offerings and reading enrichment programs come and go. Early childhood story times are now reaching local child care centers as well as Library sites. Their attendance increased by 30 percent.

Midsummer library programs
The first session of My Writing Project finished last week, and my.media.project will be done this week. But it's not too late to sign up for a summer program at the library.

•Writing Exploration Workshop for teens and twenties meets in the early evening. It is an informal

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group, using writing prompts to try new voices and forms. Signup deadline is July 30. You may attend one or both sessions.

Wednesdays, Aug. 1 and 22; 3 to 5 pm

•Young Writer's Workshop and My Writing Project begin again during the week of July 29. Kids ages 7 and up write, illustrate and bind their own story. These programs meet two afternoons each week.

•eBook Creator: young writers, preteen and teen, will learn how to convert their original words and illustrations into an eBook format.

Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 6 and 7; 2 to 3 p.m.

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

Rewarding readers

Earning prizes for reading is a big favorite for kids, but teens and adults like it, too. Visit the library to enter your name in our Rewarding

Readers raffle drawing.

This year Rewarding Readers has a new twist. Read five books to enter in a monthly drawing for a gift basket full of goodies. There will be separate baskets for teens and adults.

What's new

- Juvenile fiction
"Artemis Fowl: The Last Guardian" by Eoin Colfer
"Beauty and the Beast" by Wendy Mass
"The Brixen Witch" by Stacy DeKeyser
"Diary of a Parent Trainer" by Jennifer Smith
- Young adult fiction
"Between the Lines" by Jodi Picoult
"Fated" by Alyson Noel
"Just for Fins" by Tera Lynn Childs

•All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. For information, call 756-2053 or visit www.uhls.org/RCSC/.

Lunch and 'Love'

Join us on Saturday, July 28, for lunch at the Pillar's Restaurant, followed by "Five Course Love" presented by The Theater Barn in New Lebanon. The cost is \$43, checks payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Lunch will include your choice of roasted beef sirloin, chicken breast stuffed with spinach and mozzarella cheese, or panko crusted salmon, each accompanied by frozen chocolate mousse. Bethlehem Senior Transportation will leave Town Hall at noon. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$10.00. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make your reservation.

Enjoy a summertime supper at Taste Treat, 2070 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, on Wednesday, Aug. 1. You'll find burgers, fries, hot dogs, other fast food items, and of course, homemade ice cream! Cost is on your own. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening under the pavilion. Senior transportation will leave town hall at about 3:30 pm. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make your reservation.

Farmers markets are open in Delmar. You can get fresh vegetables and fruits at the First United



Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Avenue on Tuesday afternoons, the Delmar Presbyterian Church on Delaware Ave. on Wednesday afternoons, and at the Bethlehem Middle School on Kenwood Ave. on Saturday mornings. Farmer's Market coupons may be available for those who are income eligible and transportation will be available on selected Tuesdays. Call 439-4955, 1170.

Monday, July 30

•Shopping trip to Colonie Center and Northway Mall. Call 439-5770 to arrange transportation.

Tuesday, July 31

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

Wednesday, Aug. 1

•Senior Discussion
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Register by calling 456-2400 and leaving a message at extension 40. Or stop by the Library and talk to Dustin, the teen librarian. Either way, get your name in and show us what you've got.

Bubble trouble

There will be a bubble

volcano at the Guilderland Public Library at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2 ... and kids are going to love it!

There will also be a bubble roller-coaster and a kid in a bubble! Bubble Meister Jeff Boyer takes bubbles to the max in this one-man bubble-palooza. It's the craziest, most creative bubble show around. Jeff juggles bubbles, sculpts and builds with bubbles, makes fog-filled bubbles


and more. Mixing comedy, music and interactive bubble-magic, he engages and delights audiences of all ages.

Jeff uses bubble fun to show kids bubble science: Why are bubbles multi-colored? Why are they shaped the way they are? What holds them together? What IS a bubble? It's all air-filled family fun.

Mark Curiale

For more information


on these programs, please call the Library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org. The Guilderland Public Library is at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the library's website at www.guilpl.org. Check out facebook.com/GuilderlandLibrary, follow the Library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib), and get music information and downloads on the Library's Freelag page.



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11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Turkey Sandwich or Cold Plate
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, July 25
Scheduled Shopping
10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 a.m. Sr Fitness
Noon Volunteer Regnition Luncheon @ Mallozzi's Clubhouse
1 p.m. Needlecraft

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SENIOR CALENDAR

1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, July 26
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. OsteoBusters
10:30 a.m. Movie: "Midnight in Paris"
11 a.m. Trip to Mac-Haydn Theatre
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, July 27
Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10:30 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

Action

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Group targets current events, human interest stories and reminisces about the past. Join Jane Sanders, LMSW, from 10:30 am to noon in Room 107 at Bethlehem Ton Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to arrange transportation.

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

Thursday, Aug. 2
Senior Legal Services Program, a free program staffed by the Legal Aid Society, is available between 10:30 pm and noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. It provides legal advice and service at no cost for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 430-4955, ext 1176 for an appointment.

- Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 a.m. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish. 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, Aug. 3

- Senior grocery shopping for residents of Good Samaritan Senior Housing and Van Allen Senior Apartments. For reservations, call 439-5770.
- Seniors in Motion, a low level fun aerobic exercise class set to music. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

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

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

School supply lists go digital

National website makes supply lists available online and on the go

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Some Sand Creek Middle School parents have a new way of getting supply lists for the upcoming school year. Instead of pieces of paper wrinkled from the last day of school trip home, they have Teacherlists.com, a website that launched in April and already has supply lists posted for 48,000 classrooms nationwide.

"Every year, right about now, is the annual scramble for parents, especially if they have multiple kids. ... As a parent, you're running around hoping you can find these lists and forgetting them when you go to the store," said Tim Sullivan, founder. "The whole idea is to make this much easier for parents."

Teachers have the option of posting their individual supply lists on teacherlists.com. Parents can then access the lists at home on the computer or right in the store on a smartphone.

"Life will be much simpler for everybody — teachers, schools and parents — if there's one place for these lists," said Sullivan.

An added bonus for teachers is that they get free products for posting on the site.

"That's the magic bullet for us. We have a bunch of sponsors supporting this thing and providing free products," said Sullivan.

Companies like Bounty, Elmer's, Puffs and Mr. Clean have signed on to fuel the school supply frenzy. Teachers receive free glue sticks just for posting a list and the most

active schools will receive Super Sully Packs, which include more than \$200 in free supplies.

To search for lists, parents type in the school's zip code. Five Sand Creek Middle School teachers have supply lists and wish lists posted.

Mrs. Bowers has a wish list of items she'd like to secure for her fifth grade class. She's asking for colored pencils, a bookcase, crayons, gently used books, disinfecting wipes, paper towels, games and more. Mrs. Finnigan needs sticky notes, bean bag chairs, construction paper, paper plates and bowls and more for her sixth grade class.

It's becoming more common for teachers to request items beyond the traditional notebooks, folders and pens and Sullivan said teacherlists.com can help address that trend.

"These days it's more than just pencils. ... So many lists include tissues, paper towels," said Sullivan. "The No. 2 item on school supply lists (on the site) is tissues."

With the option to post extra items and possibly earn some of those for free, Sullivan said teachers could cut down on what they spend out of pocket.

"As parents and community supporters, we need to do everything we can to provide teachers the support they need to inspire our kids and do their essential work most effectively," said Sullivan.

Sand Creek Middle School is the only school in the South Colonie Central School District with supply lists posted on teacherlists.com. There are no North Colonie Central School District classrooms with postings on the site.

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Officials close Collins Park beach for season

Sediment deposits from Irene affect Scotia swimming, no reopening date set

By JOHN PURCELL
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The effects of Hurricane Irene stretch on at a popular Scotia swimming destination, meaning people won't be able to beat the heat there this summer.

Scotia officials on Monday, July 16, announced the beach at Collins Park would be closed for the rest of the season after failing to open at the start of the season in June. The state Department of Health requires all public beaches to have four feet of visibility in the water for swimming, but flooding from Hurricane Irene left significant deposits of fine clay silt in Collins Lake that have reduced visibility.

"We were hoping we could open, but we were never able to get the water clarity where we need it," Parks Superintendent James Marx said. "We were hoping that it would get better over time, but it really hasn't."

There is two feet of visibility in the lake, and village officials don't foresee the problem disappearing before the season ends.



A sign posted to the fence around the Collins Park beach informs visitors the swimming area is closed as a lifeguard chair, right, sits empty.

John Purcell/Spotlight

Marx said the problem was apparent as soon as ice started to melt. During Hurricane Irene, floodwater stretched over a majority of the park, connecting the Mohawk River and lake.

"We have never had that much influx of river sediment," Marx said. "There is nothing historically to compare that kind of event to."

The village tried to combat the problem by treating the lake with alum, which is a chemical compound used in this instance to clump together the fine clay particles suspended in the water. Once the particles are clumped together they sink to the lake's floor.

The only problem was

the clumps didn't stay settled and they easily became suspended again. Wind, waves and swimming cause the clay to rise and reduce visibility to unacceptable levels.

"When you get a really windy day ... the water gets very cloudy," Marx said. "On a calm day it will improve, but when the wind picks up a couple days later ... it just goes back and forth."

When lifeguards tried installing the docks in the swimming area, the deposits were stirred up again.

The alum treatment cost about \$18,000, but FEMA is going to reimburse the expense, according to Marx. Village officials talked to the state Department



of Environmental Conservation about possible solutions, and it suggested the alum treatment.

Another measure, trying to draw down the lake to remove sediment and topping off the beach area with sand, was also unsuccessful. Since the entire lake was affected, the spot treatment didn't work.

Scotia Mayor Kris Kastberg said even

though there are a lot of people who don't swim at the beach, choosing instead to lay in the sand, the whole beach must be closed over the visibility issue.

"It is one of those things where you can't do anything about it," Kastberg said. "It is too bad because we are the only sand beach in Schenectady County and we get a lot of use from different people."

He said the village had to cancel its summer swim lesson programs and the pavilions outside of the fenced in beach area will likely see much less use. The spot is popular for hosting birthday parties and family gatherings, he said.

Now, the village must

wait for nature to run its course. Officials have adopted a new approach of "fill and flush" to help it along.

To flush the lake, the village pulls out the board in the dam at the east end of the lake. The water then flows into a creek that enters into the Mohawk River. After flushing, the lake naturally recharges itself with groundwater from springs along the north shore.

"What we are being told is to get this sediment out of the lake, it just has to flush itself," Kastberg said.

He said nobody has a "good handle" on how fast the lake will turn over and clear itself out.

"Sometimes, Mother Nature just wins," Marx said.

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From office to stage

Musician rubs elbows with politicians by day, rocks crowds by night

By ALYSSA JUNG
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By day, John Salka looks like every other lobbyist at Meyer, Suozzi, English and Klein, a law firm in downtown Albany. Clad in business attire and working with state legislators, Salka is every bit the professional.

But when night falls, he's more commonly known as "Johnny" and a guitar and microphone replace legal pad and pen. Salka is frontman of the rock band Hard Soul, which recently released their debut EP "Love Eats The Young" and premiered the music video for the first single, "You Broke Him."

"It's a cool dichotomy and I think people appreciate that," said Salka, who is backed by his college roommate Eric Hoehn on drums. "I've played in front of legislators and it's very funny to run into them in a professional setting."

He said he tries not to bring his nightlife into the office, but sometimes, the office follows him and they become one and the same.

"He's fortunate that he's got that huge talent and skills as a musician and he's able to parlay that into celebrity and make him some money," said Richard Winsten, Salka's boss and

a familiar face at many of his shows. "I think it's just fabulous. I'm able to enjoy his music."

To most people, government lobbyist and rock star don't fit together. But surprisingly, said Salka, melding music and politics isn't all that unusual at the state Capitol.

"You'd be surprised at the number of guitar players and singers that are elected officials and like to do it casually for fun," said Salka.

What sets him apart from the hobbyist musicians, though, is that Hard Soul is something of a job in itself.

Salka is not just another young professional chasing a pipe dream that will never emerge. He and Hard Soul play gigs around the Capital District and beyond. They already have a record available for purchase and a music video on YouTube racking up views (as of this writing, it had 237 hits). Relentless Aware, a local media firm, handles the band's publicity. And he has every intention of someday making it big.

"I love my job and politics is a big passion of mine, but music is just as big, and in some cases, bigger," said Salka.

Salka played in his first band in high school. Back then, he picked up guitar "because of girls," but soon discovered his musical talent went far beyond

scoring dates or looking cool.

"I realized music was a lot more fun to just play and I started writing my own music," said Salka.

His songs used to mimic his nine-to-five job, laced with politics and social commentary. But the tracks he now pens for Hard Soul take a different angle and are more personal.

"They're more about relationships and conceptualize longing — not quite despair but second chances and redemption," said Salka. "A lot of songs are about actual people I know. They might not know songs are about them but I'm inspired by certain situations I've been involved in or seen my friends go through."

Salka describes Hard Soul as having an "old school rock and roll sound" and a cross between Led Zeppelin, Foo Fighters, the Beatles and Thin Lizzy, mixed with some modern rock.

"We're very guitar and

vocal oriented," said Salka.

Hard Soul will turn 1 year old in September but they already have a strong following and broad fan base.

We've had some really good shows where they keep asking us to come back, like Bayou Café on Pearl Street and Villa Valente in Troy, said Salka. (The audience) runs the gamut. We play generally in front of a younger crowd but I think everyone finds enjoyment. At the end of the day, it's about the songs and the music.

The Capital District has a healthy rock scene, which is why Salka said he consciously tries to make Hard Soul "as legitimate as possible" to stand out from the pack. From regular performances to the band's online presence to the music itself, Salka gives it all he's got.

"Whenever I'm writing songs nothing is ever good enough. Some songs on the EP have been around for four years because I was never happy with (them),"



Hard Soul, made up of John Salka on guitar and vocals and Eric Hoehn on drums, released its first EP in March and recently debuted a music video for the first single on YouTube. The band also unveiled a new website, thehardsoul.com.

Submitted photos

said Salka. "It's been an effort to be the best as possible and I've always strived to be professional and worked at it."

Hard Soul will hit the road for a show in New York City on Friday, July 20, but will be back in Albany on Thursday, July 26, at The Bayou Café at 8 p.m. and Friday, July 27, at Bobby T's Sports Grill

at 9:30 p.m.

To learn more about the band and their EP, visit www.thehardsoul.com or keep up with them on Facebook and Twitter (Facebook.com/thehardsoul and Twitter.com/thehardsoul). View the music video for "You Broke Him" at www.youtube.com/WatchHardSoul.

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Author finds space to write

Annette Collins says her love of reading eventually led to her first novel

By JOHN PURCELL
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As a child, Annette Collins liked to escape into books, and now she has penned her own escape though a tale of romance with a side of mystery.

"I was a very heavy reader," Collins said. "I was always in my room reading."

Collins, a Rotterdam resident and Niskayuna native, wrote her first book, "Thin Space," after two-and-a-half years of pondering her romantic tale.

She has started a few other books, but once the story of "Thin Space" started to unravel around a year ago, she couldn't stop working on it. After taking a creative writing course 10 years ago, her creative drive started seeping out again.

"I saw I wanted to be a writer and then of course life happened," said Collins, a mother of three. "My mind is a scary place to live,

"My mind is a scary place to live, because I just look at things ... and I instantly go into the mode of 'Oh, I could do a story about that.'"

Annette Collins

because I just look at things ... and I instantly go into the mode of 'Oh, I could do a story about that.'"

She admitted she's a "huge talker," so she figured she might as well translate it into writing to tell her story uninterrupted.

Collins was recently featured at Niskayuna Co-op's Sizzling Summer Sampling Saturday, July 21, along with Katy Roberts, author of "Sammy's Gold Stars," so you can talk to Collins yourself.

"I like to meet new people," Collins said. "I like to hear from people who have read the book ... I like to answer questions."

Collins said she loves to read horror and mystery novels, but her writing tends to grapple with emotional, romantic

and real-life situations.

"By nature I am a highly emotionally person, so I like to be able to put words to it," she said. "I like to put it out there so that other people who feel the same way about different things in life can relate to it."

A lot of the deep emotions conveyed in the story are those Collins believes most people often keep within themselves and don't talk about with others. She can't remember a particular trigger for the story behind "Thin Space," but she said her conversations with friends are often focused on relationships.

The story starts off on a dramatic note, with a tragic accident changing the course of several people's lives, and the story then follows a



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young woman's journey to find meaning in her life. Fate moves the woman to reunite with her lost love and each faces the difficult choices on the journey.

Collins said the first half of the book is more of a romantic novel before the mystery begins to unfold.

Growing up in a creative environment is how she believes her interest in writing is started.

"There are a lot of



people in my family who are very creative," she said. "It was always something that was supported."

Being a stay at home mom, Collins said some of the most challenging parts of writing the book were "staying in the moment." She also made extensive efforts to make sure the reader wouldn't have any questions by

the end of the mystery. "I paid a lot attention to all the little things that were dropped along the way and make sure that I addressed them," she said.

As far as her future writing endeavors go, she is already in the initial stages of planning a sequel to "Thin Space."



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EXIT 9

Race organizers want runners to get good and messy

Maple Ski Ridge to host first mud run, raise funds for veteran center

By JOHN PURCELL
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Maple Ski Ridge is transforming its slopes for a wild, muddy race through an array of obstacles for a good time and a good cause.

Ridge staff members and volunteers are working on completing the 5k Mud Run race course for Run The Ridge on Saturday, July 28, which will see runners facing obstacles of water, fire, climbs, crawls and a healthy portion of mud.

A toned-down 2k Family Mud Run will also be held to cater to kids, with an adult chaperone required for anyone younger than 12

years old. A portion of proceeds raised from the event will be donated to the Albany Vet Center.

Kate Michener, marketing and special events coordinator at Maple Ski Ridge, said the event is a good way to connect with the community and give back. The upcoming winter will mark the Ridge's 50th year in business.

"We are trying to celebrate that by giving back a little more to the community," Michener said.

Two area military members approached Maple about doing the run and have experience in other mud run races, she said. The two men have helped create the course design for the race and also spurred the idea to donate a portion of proceeds to the Albany

Vet Center.

"He really enjoys the program and the services they offer to veterans and their families," Michener said.

The response has already been strong with nearly 150 registered runners signed up. There are more than 90 participants for the 5k Mud Run and the 2k Family Mud Run also has a good start, with almost 30 children and 30 adults. Michener said she expects there to be a rush of registrations as the race nears.

"These types of runs are very popular," she said. "A lot of people are liking this one is so close to the Capital District."

The website for race registration, www.runreg.com, allows for people to easily register for the race and

also make an optional additional donation to the Vet Center. Michener said people have been "generous" in making additional gifts.

"We have had a lot of people make additional donations, so that just shows the generosity of the Capital District," she said. "I've always found when there is a need people are very generous."

Festivities will continue after the two races conclude, with a DJ playing music as food and beverages are served up. Some local beer will be tapped from BENS BREW along with some standard beer selections, too. There will also be a "kids

zone" for families to enjoy the after party.

"We are attempting to make this an enjoyable event for people of all ages," Michener said. "A lot of these Mud Runs just become this big crazy party, but Maple Ski Ridge is known to be a family place so we want to make it open for everybody."

She said for fitness-minded people would probably enjoy testing themselves in a new and different way.

"Why not test yourself to run to see what you can do?" she asked. "I think everyone is going to be pleasantly surprised between the terrain we have and the features

we have created. I don't think there are going to be many disappointed people."

At each of the main obstacles there will be Maple staff members with medical training to keep a watchful eye on competitors.

Details on most of the obstacles are being kept under wraps so as to surprise participants on race day, but Michener provided one hint.

"If you are really, really hot on that day, we are going to have something that will cool you off, she said.

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Businesses looking forward to Giants' return

Owners unsure how schedule change might affect bottom line

By MARCY VELTE
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After the New York Giants organization opted last year to hold training camp in New Jersey instead of Albany due to the league-wide lockout, many fans are excited for the team's 2012 return.

The upcoming training camp is especially good news for local businesses. Many saw a significant dent in revenues for 2011 after it was made clear area restaurants, hotels and coffee shops wouldn't be getting the patronage of Giants fans.

"It had a huge impact on the whole entire area," said Mike Arduini, owner of Across the Street Pub on Western Avenue.

The returning Super Bowl champions have been attending training camp at UAlbany for 16 years, the team's longest training camp tenure at



Signs around Albany tout New York Giants training camp, which will run from July 27 to Aug. 14.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

one place, according to the school. Fans, city leaders and UAlbany officials were disappointed when the team didn't return last year, in part because it is a big draw for tourism.

Arduini said shortly after the decision was made last year by the Giants organization, he received a personal call from the team's owner, John Mara.

"That was nice. He didn't have to do that," said Arduini. "I asked

him why he called and he said they have been coming to our restaurant and the area for a lot of years and that he wanted to let us know they weren't coming. (Mara's) the type of guy that if you call the office and he's not there, he will always return a phone call. It's the kind of businessman he is."

Pat Hanlon, a spokesman for the Giants organization, said the team is looking forward to returning to Albany on



Friday, July 27.

"We're especially proud to be returning as Super Bowl XLVI champion," he said in an email. "We're grateful for the cooperation and support of President (George) Philip and his staff, as well as Mayor (Jerry) Jennings and his staff and the good people of the Capital Region. We're looking forward to our

preparations for the 2012 season."

But this year's training camp season comes with changes. Because of new contract stipulations, teams can practice only once a day, instead of the two- or three-a-day practices of the past.

Arduini said he lost a significant amount of money last year, but declined to say exactly how much. It was estimated to be in the thousands, the same for other businesses in the area. He is glad the team is back, but he does not know how having one practice at 1 p.m. might change business from previous years.

Maggie Smith, owner of Maggie's Sports Bar and Café on Western Avenue, said even if business wanes, having the team back at all will help things.

Fans often use the bar as a hangout, hoping to see some of their favorite players who are able to visit local establishments at various times. Smith said players like quarterback Eli Manning, offensive lineman Kareem McKenzie and wide receiver Hakeem Nicks have stopped in to eat and chat with fans, along with officials from the Giants organization.

"They were great with the fans, very pleasant," Smith said. "I told people they couldn't bother them. They (the players) went to the fans after they ate."

Because of the schedule change, restaurants are hoping fans will stop in before or after the practices for their meals.

Minerva Marcina, co-owner of the Barcelona

restaurant on Western Avenue, said the new schedule might mean more people will stop in for dinner. She mostly gets fans staying at hotels who drive in from out of the area.

According to Arduini and Smith, many fans visit from downstate and treat training camp as a vacation. They visit the Saratoga Race Course the same week.

"People still aren't taking a lot of major vacations because of the economy," said Arduini.

The Giants' three-year contract with UAlbany is set to expire this year.

The school is in the middle of a \$24 million project to update the school's outdoor athletic facilities, which will include a new football facility to accommodate NCAA Division I competitions. It is slated for completion in the fall of 2013 and will be built on an area near an existing football field to the southeast of SEFCU Arena. It will include 4,000 permanent seats, 2,000 berm (hillside) seats and nearly 2,000 temporary bleacher-style seats.

School officials like head football Coach Bob Ford have said they hope the updated facility will keep the Giants coming back to the school. Although most of the college's equipment is Division I quality because of the training camp, the existing field is Division III quality.

"I hope they try to extend their contract," said Arduini. "I have a gut feeling they will come back. The school is making every effort to keep them here."

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

New times for Saratoga's bowl

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Group that lobbied for feature's reopening to hold event with city.

Benj Gleeksman skateboarded in the "bowl" at the Saratoga Springs skate park for years. Charlie Samuels looked forward to doing the same after moving to the area about five years ago.

Those hopes were dashed when the city filled the concrete pool with dirt in March of 2010 after paid guards who supervised the bowl were laid off amid budget cuts. City officials cited liability concerns while saying they hoped to find a way to reopen the bowl.

Samuels and Gleeksman joined forces to get the bowl reopened sooner rather than later. They went to City Council meetings. They formed a Facebook group called "Save the Skate Park" that's now some 3,000 members strong. They made impassioned pleas.

It worked. Last fall, city officials voted to reopen the bowl. The dirt was dug out in early November, and soon after skaters were once again riding the smooth walls and floor of the bowl.

On Saturday, July 28, the skate park will host the first city-sponsored event at the park since the bowl

was reopened. The 2012 Summer Shredtacular Skate Jam will feature live music, food, raffles, prizes, a "worst trick" contest and plenty of skating.

"It's a chance for young and old skaters to have a day to skate and have a good time," said Belinda Colon, Gleeksman's wife and an organizer of the event.

Samuels is effusive in his praise for Colon, who has lined up sponsors for the event including Vitamin Water and major skateboard manufacturer Powell Peralta. He's equally appreciative of Gleeksman, who designed the poster for the Skate Jam and was essentially Samuels' right-hand man in the quest to get the bowl operational again.

"He was right there with me all the time," Samuels said. "He was incredible, man."

Samuels, 50, and Gleeksman, 38, are kindred spirits, both nurturing a lifelong passion for skateboarding. Samuels got turned on to the sport in childhood, forming a group called the Wizards with kids who were "different ages, different races, from different towns and different socioeconomic backgrounds."

"It was the best time we

ever had," said Samuels, who is in postproduction on a documentary about the Wizards.

Samuels, a photographer, spent most of his life in New York City, which has a number of public skate parks and bowls. He was looking forward to enjoying Saratoga's bowl when his wife landed a job up here. For one thing, skating is good exercise. It's not like biking, running or exercising, Samuels said. Those activities are "all about putting yourself through a mental marathon, a pain marathon," he said.

Board sports, on the other hand, are just plain fun, he said. He loves the feeling of weightlessness and the adrenaline rush he gets from skating.

Gleeksman can't imagine not skating — just as he can't imagine not eating or breathing.

"I can't stop," he said. "What would ever make me stop? I've had to focus on other things, like college or jobs, but I always find room for skating."

Part of the aim of the Skate Jam is to demonstrate how many people share that passion.

"We want to show that we have a healthy and thriving skating

community here in town," Gleeksman said. "The skate park is necessary."

"We're a community just like baseball and any other sport," Colon added.

It's a community with what Samuels referred to several times as its own "ethos," which maintains that "you don't take things too seriously."

"There are no real rules," he said. "We want to keep true to freedom. The main thing is just to have fun. It's not about winning. It's not about screaming coaches."

There are skateboarding competitions, but the Skate Jam is not a sanctioned contest. So, in a nod to

the sport's free-wheeling ways, the "worst trick" contest was dreamed up. The poster promoting the event encourages skaters to bring out their "D-game."

The Skate Jam is one of three events Samuels, Gleeksman and Colon have paired with the city's Recreation Department to put on at the skate park. A weekly skateboard camp for kids just wrapped up and will be soon followed by a camp for skaters 40 and older. Then, in October, Samuels is hoping to have a city-sponsored skate contest.

Earlier this year, Colon spearheaded an art show

and auction at Spring Street Gallery in Saratoga under the umbrella of her newly formed nonprofit, On Deck Saratoga. Local artists were given blank skateboards and painted them. The finished products were auctioned off, raising more than \$5,000 to benefit events and future improvements at the skate park.

Local artist Jeremy Fish has also chipped in, designing a T-shirt that is being sold to benefit the park.

The way everyone has come together is immensely satisfying for Samuels and Gleeksman, who said skaters didn't want to fight with the city.

"We wanted to work with them," he said.

"I'm so happy that the city is working with us," Samuels said. "I can't thank them enough."

The skate park at East Side Recreational Center on Lake Avenue is open to the public free of charge, operating under a "skate at your own risk" policy. The Skate Jam is from 4 to 7 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, July 29. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/savetheskatepark.

Above: Andrew Cecola, 17, skates at an impromptu skate jam at the skate park in Saratoga Springs in June.

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Arts and Entertainment

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Musical adaptation of popular movie, presented by Class Act Productions, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, 65 First St., Troy, July 27-29 and Aug. 2-5, shows 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, advance tickets \$18, day of show \$20, students/seniors \$15. Information, 248-2618.

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Cole Porter's musical take on Shakespeare's “Taming of the Shrew,” presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Route 203, Chatham, July 26-29 and Aug. 1-5, call for show times, adults \$28-\$30, children under 12 \$12. Information, 392-9292.

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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.

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- Tolstoi work
- Cookie-selling org.
- In sequence
- Katherine's dancing partner
- Hook's mate
- Was a bad winner
- More full of ginger
- Way out?
- Some butcher shop wares
- Paired off
- It's a game
- Eyes-a-poppin'
- Like a filet
- Had on
- Word, from the French
- Taps out in code
- Jeer at
- Exercise routine

- Let's Dance* singer
- Pay back
- Intellectual capacity
- Correspond to
- Projecting feature
- Hers, to Caesar
- Kalamazoo neighbor
- Just a ____
- Less tanned
- Colleague of Ellery
- Loop loopers
- Actor Will, and family
- Morse code clicks

DOWN

- Some are blue
- Latin hymn word
- Golfer Dave
- Expressing approval
- Twofold
- ____ -doke
- Ending for cray
- Summoned back
- Androgen, for one
- Hassle over
- Magazine edition
- Hop on
- Conductor Kurt
- Tags
- Pick up item
- Ways out

- Wrestling maneuver
- Possum of the comics
- Disturbance quelling groups
- 40-card game
- What happened next?
- Comus* composer
- Jazzman Stan
- Stay relaxed
- Traveled about
- Businessman's carryall
- Picker-upper
- Sine ____ non
- Track competitor
- Remainder, in Rennes
- Jury member
- Stag group
- Tend to a wok
- Saintly Philip
- Eire man
- Barely manages
- Not just any

Theater Voices marks 25 years

Celebrating its 25th season anniversary, Theater Voices announces its 2012-2013 roster of plays, presented as staged readings, free to the public at Steamer No. 10 Theater, 500 Western Ave., in Albany.

The first production, to be presented Oct. 12, 13, and 14, will be "The Vanek Plays," three one-acts by Vaclav Havel, directed by Mark Dalton.

Set in the 1970s, a dissident playwright named Vanek encounters friends, colleagues and an employer who offer to help re-acclimate him to society. In these three comically absurd plays, Vanek is a foil for the sophistry and duplicity of the people around him.

The second production, to be presented Feb. 15, 16 and 17, will be "The Timekeepers" by Dan Clancy, directed by Stewart J. Zully.

The play takes place at the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp in World War II Germany. Thrown together in dire circumstances a Jewish prisoner and a homosexual prisoner form a bond through their senses of humor, vast differences, and passionate love for opera.

Since its premiere in 2006 at the Barrow Group Theater in New York City, it has been performed around the world.

The third production, to be presented March 22, 23 and 24, is "Ah, Wilderness!" by Eugene

O'Neill, directed by Carol Charniga.

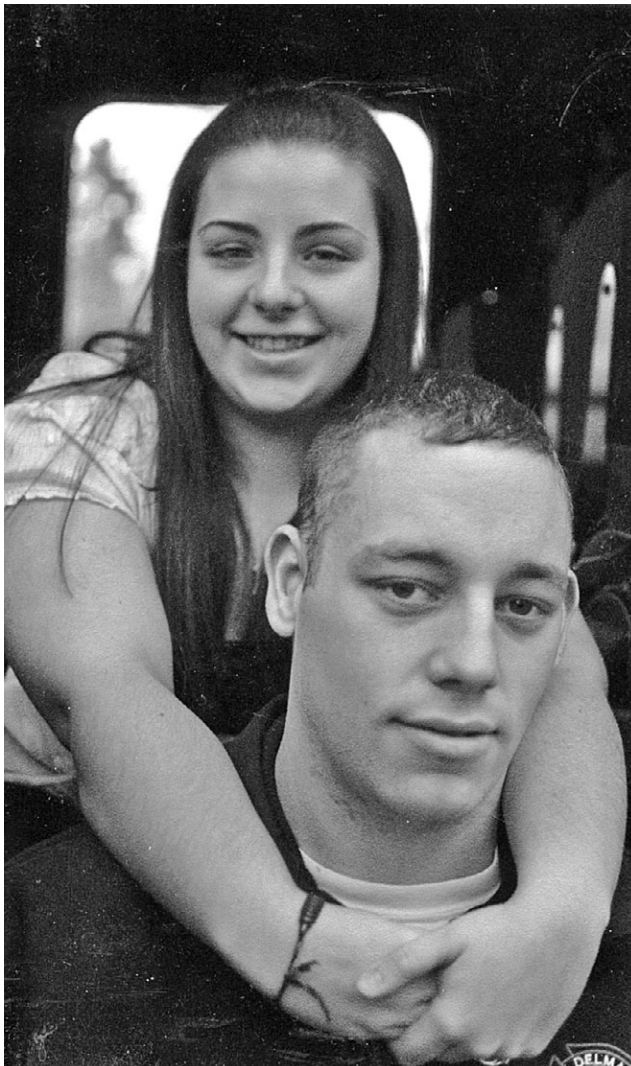
Considered O'Neill's only well-known comedy, the play, set in a small Connecticut town in 1906, chronicles the coming of age of 17-year-old son Richard as he experiences the heady rush of desire, rebellion and dreams of glories to come as his family celebrates the Fourth of July holiday. O'Neill's plays were among the first to introduce into American drama, techniques of realism earlier associated with playwrights Chekhov, Ibsen, and Strindberg.

The fourth production, to be presented May 17 to 19, concludes the 25th season celebration with a new production of its inaugural show (1989), "The Little Foxes" by Lillian Hellman, directed by David Baecker.

Hellman's 1939 drama portrays the Hubbard family—exemplified by the glamorous but ruthless Regina—and their attempts to become wealthy at the expense of their relationships with one another.

Theater Voices of Albany is a group of actors and directors who have presented both new and classic works, with the specific goal of emphasizing the richness of the playwrights' language. Each production is a fully performed staged reading, but with minimal scenery and simple costumes.

For information, email info@theatervoices.org or call 438-5503.



Jessica Ballard and Eric R. Nusbaum, II

Ballard, Nusbaum to exchange vows

Donald and Karen Ballard (Delmar) are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Louise Ballard, to Eric R. Nusbaum, II, son of Laura Whan (Delmar) and Eric R. Nusbaum (Latham-deceased).

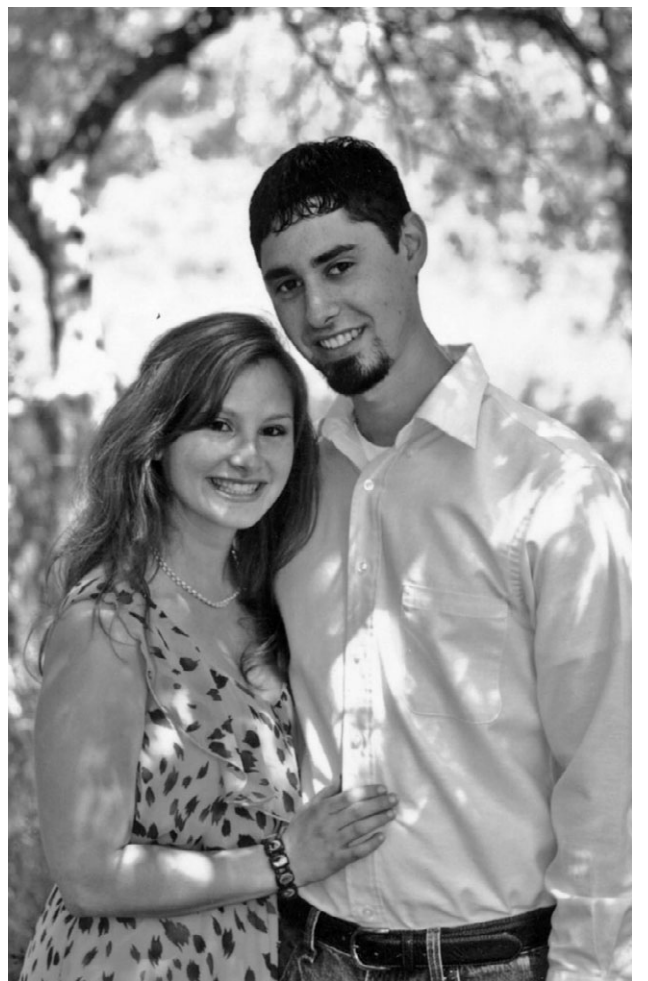
The bride to be attended Bethlehem Central High School. She is currently

attending Schenectady County Community College.

The groom to be attended NYS School for the Deaf.

Both are dedicated volunteer firefighters, Eric in Delmar and Jessica in Elmsere.

A wedding has been planned for June 8, 2013.



Amanda Altieri and Collin Mooney

Altieri, Mooney engaged to wed

Plans for a July 2013 wedding have been made by Amanda Carmela Altieri and Collin Daniel Mooney.

The bride to be is the daughter of Michael and Lauralee Altieri of East Berne, NY, and her fiancé is the son of James and Rita Mooney of Delmar, NY.

The future bride, a graduate of Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, received both Bachelor's

and Doctorate degrees from Daemen College and is employed as a Doctor of Physical Therapy at St. Peter's Hospital.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Bethlehem High School and the University of Buffalo, received his Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering and is employed at General Electric Co in Schenectady.

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Elm Ave. Park puppet show

The Puppet People will be putting on a show Thursday, July 26, at 7 p.m. at Elm Avenue Park. The Bully Busters puppet show will teach elementary school children character building, anger management and crisis intervention. This event is free of charge. In case of rain, the show will be held in the Elm Avenue Park's large pavilion.

County Club to hold Networking reception

The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a networking reception in collaboration with the Bethlehem and Colonie Chambers of Commerce as well as the Capital Alliance of Young Professionals. The mixer will be held 5:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the Colonie Country Club. The admission fee is \$10. The event is sponsored by Verizon, the Center for Economic Growth (CEG) and Bouchey & Clarke. For more information about the reception, contact Kathy Burbank at 456-6611 or visit www.guilderlandchamber.com.

Wheels in the Woods Car Show

The third Wheels in the Woods Car Show will be held at Thacher Park's Pear Orchard Picnic Area on Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date is on Sunday, July 29. Classic cars, specialty cars and tuners are all welcome. The pre-registration fee is \$10 and \$13 on the day of the event. Vendors selling automobile related items are welcome participate, but must register in advance. The event will feature comedy shows provided by local comedians. Breakfast dishes, lunch food, refreshments and baked goods will be provided by Thompson's Lake Reformed Church as a fundraising effort.

Contact the park at 872-1237 with any questions about early registration, or just show up on July 28. Visit the parks website at

www.nysparks.com for additional information on parks events.

Townsend Park book reading

There will be a reading from John Hersey's book "Hiroshima" on Monday, Aug. 6, at 11 a.m. at Townsend Park in Albany. "Hiroshima" tells the story of the bombing on August 6, 1945 by following the story of six of the survivors. The book version has been in print since 1946. The event is free and open to the public, and all are encouraged to join in the reading. Those interested in reading can sign up to participate when they arrive. All are asked to bring their own seating. The rain site is the Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany. For more information contact Dan Wilcox at 482-0262 or dwcx@eathlink.net.

Volunteers for monarch study

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is looking for volunteers to help conduct monarch larva monitoring at the Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar. The monitoring will take place each Wednesday beginning at 1:00 p.m. from June through September. Volunteers survey a small milkweed plot and record any monarch eggs, larvae or adult monarchs found. All training, equipment and supplies will be provided. Participation can be as minimal as a one-time observation or as often as available.

The Monarch Larva Monitoring Project, MLMP, is a citizen science project developed by the University of Minnesota to collect long-term data on larval monarch populations and milkweed habitat. The goal of the project is to better understand how and why monarch populations vary in time and space, with a focus on monarch distribution and abundance during the breeding season. Participation in this citizen science initiative will advance the understanding of monarch ecology and aid in monarch conservation.

Back to School Backpack program volunteers



The Albany Tulip Queen Emily Finnegan joined teen volunteers at CAP COM Federal Credit Union's Main Office today to help pack more than 280 backpacks with essential school supplies for local children in need and talk about the importance of volunteering. The volunteer effort was part of the CAP COM Cares Foundation's annual Back to School Backpack Program. The program is funded by the Foundation in an effort to ensure that children whose families are facing economic hardship are still equipped with the educational tools necessary to succeed in school such as backpacks, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons and rulers. The backpacks will be delivered in early August to local students at St. Catherine's Center for Children, Marillac Family Shelter, Joseph's House & Shelter, Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital District, Equinox Youth Shelter, Sheridan Preparatory Academy, the Albany YMCA and St. Paul's Center for Women & Children.

Submitted photo

For more information contact John Lawrence, project coordinator, at j2lorence@verizon.net, or call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Fresh Air Fund host families

The Fresh Air Fund is seeking families to host inner-city children for the summer. Each summer, over 4,000 inner-city children visit suburban, rural and small town communities across 13 states from Virginia to Maine and Canada through The Fresh Air Fund's Volunteer Host Family Program.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer vacations to more than 1.7 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. Fresh Air children are boys and girls, from six to 18 years old, who live in New York City. Children on first-time visits are six to 12 years

old and stay for one or two weeks. Children who are re-invited by host families may continue with The Fresh Air Fund through age 18 and can enjoy extended trips. Over 65 percent of all children are re-invited to stay with their host families year after year.

For more information on hosting a Fresh Air child, contact Christine Fowler at 428-5994, or The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003 or at www.freshair.org.

Geology walk

All are invited to participate in a geology walk at Thacher Park on Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to noon approximate. Thom Engel will lead the walk in which participants will learn about the tectonic activity of the park, explore different rock units and see the effects of faulting rocks. Participants should meet at Hop Field at 10 a.m. wearing clothing and shoes appropriate for moderate hiking. Call 872-1237 for

additional information and confirmation of event in case of inclement weather. For addition information on parks programs, visit www.nysparks.com.

New Baltimore farmers market

On Saturday, July 28 the New Baltimore farmers market at Cecil Hallock, District 2, Park on Route 54 will feature the following vendors: Eck's Farms with a variety of fresh vegetables; Crimson Valley Nursery with a variety of shrubs and flowering plants; Heavenly Breads by the New Baltimore Reformed Church featuring freshly baked challah, multi-grain and gluten free bread, specialty loaves and granola; Good Day Honey featuring local honey, candles and beeswax products; as well as Susie's Climax Creations with a variety of pickled items including traditional pickles, pickled garlic scapes,

pickled mushrooms and a selection of handcrafted jellies. There is a 50/50 raffle to support the music program, which has presented a variety of performances with more scheduled throughout the summer. The New Baltimore farmers market runs from 9 a.m. until noon and features easy access, parking and free organic coffee.

Friday Capital Swing Dance

The Albany Elks Club will host the First Friday Capital Swing Dance on Friday, Ag. 3, from 8:30-11:30 p.m. at 25 South Allen St. Reggie's Red Hot Feetwarmers will provide music. Admission including a beginner's lesson at 7:30 is \$15. Admission for DFO members is \$12, and seniors and students is \$10. More information is available at www.danceflury.org/swing.

Five Rivers holds animal program

A family-oriented introduction to endangered animals 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. 18 at 2 p.m. Center naturalists will provide an indoor overview of endangered species around the world and their conservation challenges. Afterwards, staff will lead an outdoor interpretive tour to learn about species of conservation concern in the area, and what can be done to help. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This program is free of charge, but space is limited. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Cat Rescue adoption clinics

Happy Cat Rescue, Inc will be holding adoption clinics in Altamont by appointments only. Its cats and kittens are spayed or neutered, have all their shots, and are tested for Felv or Fiv. For more information, call 861-6850 or 334-3195

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Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82055 (D) (July 25, 2012)

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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 25, 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 25, 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 25, 2012)

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SRDH LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/15/2012. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. 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 25, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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shall mail copy of process to 5 Leonard Dr., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. 82232 (D) (July 25, 2012)

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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 25, 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: OH-D-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 25, 2012)

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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

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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 25, 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 25, 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 25, 2012)

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION of Central Financial Services, a foreign LLC (FLLC) on 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 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 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of PRODUCING 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 25, 2012)

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On June 8, 2012, AMERIL- OOP, LLC , a limited liability company, filed articles of organization with the New York Secretary of State for

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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 AMERILOOP, LLC is located in Albany 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 AMERILOOP, 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 25, 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 25, 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 25, 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 25, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Andrew Bohmart MD PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany



The bounty at Farmer Jon’s Produce includes broccoli, tomatoes, peppers, garlic, blueberries, peaches and nectarines. Marcy Vette/Spotlight

Honor

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Audiet said he didn’t go to the police because he doesn’t have proof and they already check on the stand. Also, the owner had taken it upon himself to trust customers to pay for what they take, and some of the incidents have happened while he was physically at the site.

Bethlehem Police Deputy Chief Timothy Bebe said he has seen the honor system be used successfully, but it “all comes down to the character of the people patronizing an establishment.”

Customers will now



need to purchase items during business hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., although a very small selection of items will sometimes be kept out of people to purchase after hours. Local restaurants and eateries at farmers markets using Audiet’s

produce will also need to visit the stand during business hours or contact Audiets personally.

Dave Heffley, owner of the Four Corners Luncheonette in Delmar, used Audiet’s produce in both his restaurant and farmers market stand. He

said his family is friends with Audiet so the decision to no longer use the honor system at the stand won’t affect his business. Most likely it also won’t affect others in the area that use the produce either, like All Good Bakers on Delaware Avenue.

“The only people that will be affected are the people who were stealing, because they won’t be able to do it anymore,” said Heffley.

“I don’t want people to feel sorry for me, because it is what it is and I took the risk with the honor system,” said Audiet. “But it’s sad people can’t be honest, and it’s a conversation people should be having in their homes and with their children. This isn’t OK.”

War

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the same amount.

“I think I’m doing very well for a first-time candidate,” McCarthy said. “I received six union endorsements ... and got a ton of signatures. I’m very happy with where we are right now. I think people are ready for a fresh face on the political scene and that’s been demonstrated by the support we’ve seen around here.”

Patricia Fahy, a former Albany School Board member, had the third-largest take with \$69,000 raised.

Some have criticized Clyne has for endorsing Fahy and called on him to distance himself from any Board of Elections business involving the race. He is also chairman of the Albany County and Bethlehem Democratic committees.

“My position is totally academic at this point since there will be no rulings (from the Board of Elections),” he said in response. “It’s really just an effort to promote the person making the claim. I can back whomever I want.”

Fahy has given substantial support to her own campaign with a \$10,000 donation and a \$10,000 loan.

In May, Albany County Legislator Frank Commisso dropped out of the race, with his place taken by his son, Commisso Jr. He has

raised about \$45,000, with the largest donations coming from two Albany residents at \$4,000 each, his father’s Friends of Frank Commisso committee at \$2,000 and Capital Hill Management in Albany at \$1,000.

Margarita Perez, a political newcomer who works as a state legislative aide, has raised \$5,000 with about \$3,000 left on hand, while candidate James Coyne has yet to form a committee.

Republican candidate Ted Danz filed a “no activity” statement for his campaign and Conservative candidate Joe Sullivan has yet to file a financial report. Candidates do not need to file reports if they have raised less than \$1,000.

“We’re concentrating on our grass root efforts,” said Guilderland Republican Committee Chairman Matt Nelligan, who is acting as a spokesperson for Danz. “He will be making significant contributions to his own campaign. It makes him beholden to no one.”

Danz and Fahy will primary on the Independence Party line. Nelligan said they were proud Danz was one of only two candidates who qualified as an Independent because of the size of the race.

“Make no mistake, we will have plenty of resources to fight out the Independence primary and win the general election in November,” he said.

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LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 8/10/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Richard G. Della Ratta, 147 Barrett St., Schenectady, NY 12305. NJ address of LLC: 72 Eagle Rock Ave., Ste. 302, East Hanover, NJ 07936. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Div. of Rev., 33 West State St., 5th Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82578 (D) (July 25, 2012)</div> <div>LEGAL NOTICE</div> <div>Notice of Formation NDNY</div>	<div>LEGAL NOTICE</div> <div>Architecture + Design PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/13/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave. #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82579 (D) (July 25, 2012)</div> <div>LEGAL NOTICE</div> <div>Notice of Formation Don-Glo Towing Equipment LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/13/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. 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Purpose: all lawful activities. 82583 (D) (July 25, 2012)</div> <div>LEGAL NOTICE</div> <div>Notice of Formation of COMMUNICATION CLUBHOUSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/11/12. 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. 82584 (D) (July 25, 2012)</div> <div>LEGAL NOTICE</div> <div>Notice of Formation of SCHOEN AND SCHLEIER LLP. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/16/12. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of LLP whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLP, 52 Elm St., Huntington, NY 11743. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82586 (D) (July 25, 2012)</div> <div>LEGAL NOTICE</div> <div>Notice of Formation of GRAND LISTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/13/12. 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SSNY shall mail process to 2390 Western Ave, Guilderland NY 12084. Purpose is any lawful purpose. 82621 (D) (July 25, 2012)</div> <div>LEGAL NOTICE</div> <div>NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District, in the Towns of Bethlehem</div>	<div>LEGAL NOTICE</div> <div>and New Scotland, Albany County, New York (the “Fire District”) on May 23, 2012, and a Proposition therefore has been approved by the qualified voters of the Fire District voting thereon at a Special Referendum at the Special Election held on July 10, 2012. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Fire District is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of the law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within 20 days after the date of such publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York. SUMMARY OF BOND RESOLUTION The following is a summary of a bond resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District (the “Fire District”) on May 23, 2012 and a Proposition therefore has been approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the Fire District voting thereon at a Special Election held on July 10, 2012. The proceeds from the sale of the obligations authorized in said resolution shall be used for the specific purpose of undertaking the construction of an approximately 2,880 square foot addition to and reconstruction of the existing fire station at 1520 New Scotland Road in the Town of Bethlehem, substantially as described in (but not limited by) a plan prepared by the Fire District with the assistance of Mitchell Associates Architects of Voorheesville, New York (the “Plan”), available for public inspection in the offices of the Fire District Secretary, such project to include any original furnishings, equipment, machinery, site work and ancillary costs required for such purpose, at an estimated maximum amount of \$2,200,000. Said bond resolution authorizes the financing of such project through the (a) issuance of serial bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000 of the Fire District, and delegates to the Treasurer of Fire District the power to authorize the issuance of notes in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, and (b) the application of monies in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 from the Fire District’s Building Capital Reserve Fund and General Fund. The period of probable usefulness is 15 years. A copy of the resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Slingerlands Fire District Clerk, located at 1520 New Scotland Road, in the Town of Bethlehem, New York. Dated: _____, 2012</div> <div><div>BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT</div><div>82622 (D) (July 25, 2012)</div></div>
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Fisher
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game, as both teams struggled to make shots and rarely fouled each other. At other times, though, the old form returned. Fisher drained three three-pointers, Brown made several nice moves on his way to a 10-point evening for the White team and Ryan Rossiter came close to a double-double with eight points and seven rebounds. Besides Fisher's performance, the Green team received strong contributions from its bench. Two other members

of Siena's 1988-89 squad, Bruce Schroeder and Jeff Robinson, keyed a third-quarter surge that turned a four-point lead into a double-digit advantage. Schroeder scored seven points and pulled down seven rebounds, while Robinson made a pair of three-pointers on his way to an eight-point night. "It's interesting to see the guys I played with and the guys that came after me," said Robinson, who grew up in Troy. Antoine Jordan, who graduated in 2006, added 12 points and nine rebounds as a starter for the Green team. Andy Cavo, a 2002 graduate, led the White

team with 13 points off the bench. Siena Athletic Director John D'Argenio said he was pleased with how well the first Legends game went. "The reaction these guys got from the fans made it all worthwhile," said D'Argenio. "To me, the best part to doing things like this is to be able to cross the generations." Fisher said he'd be willing to come back and play in another Legends game, no matter how busy he is traveling the world with the Globetrotters. "That's never going to stop me from coming back here," said Fisher.

Devils
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13 seasons. Nobody wants to be holding a surplus of unused tickets. Besides, the only harm I see in a potential move northward by the Devils is the financial damage it could do to the Times Union Center. Back in the 1980s when Albany didn't have an AHL team, people down here didn't mind driving 45 minutes to Glens Falls so they could watch the Adirondack Red Wings. I'm certain local hockey fans would make the sacrifice to drive up there for Adirondack

Devils games, if it came down to it. But, city and county officials obviously don't want to take the risk of losing pro hockey. That's why they're turning to the

business community. Now, we'll see if the business community will listen and buy into the Albany Devils. Next week: Return of the New York Giants.

Happy
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"It was definitely a distraction for the first month of the season because he was laid up and couldn't do anything," said Ron Osinski. "I had to leave school so I could go home and check on him, and then I had to drive back for practice."

Osinski's recovery has gone well. He said he has stepped on the basketball court a couple of times in recent weeks, and his doctor's decision to caution him against playing was a precautionary call. "I'm blessed to be here," said Osinski. "You wake up every day with a different perspective when something like that happens."



Andy Cavo attempts a layup during last Thursday's Siena Legends basketball game at the Alumni Recreation Center. Robert Goo/Spotlight



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Dutchmen miss opportunity to move up

Home loss to Watertown keeps Albany below .500 entering final stretch

By ROB JONAS
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The Albany Dutchmen missed an opportunity move up in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League standings.

Watertown put together a pair of two-run rallies on its way to a 5-2 victory over Albany Friday at Bob Bellizzi Field. The loss prevented the Dutchmen (18-20) from moving into a virtual tie for fifth place with Oneonta (20-20) after Mohawk Valley edged the Outlaws 5-4.

Albany's biggest problem was getting hits with runners in scoring position. The Dutchmen had three chances to drive in runs with runners on second or third, only to come up short.

"We did enough to win this ballgame," said Albany manager Nick Davey. "We just didn't come up with the timely hits."

Watertown (16-24) got its bats going in the top of the third inning. Left fielder Donald Walter followed up a leadoff walk to designated hitter Conor Dishman with a double to right field to drive in the game's first run. Second baseman Derek Hagy then doubled home Walter for a 2-0 Wizards lead.

Albany struggled against Watertown starting pitcher Nick

Bradley until the bottom of the fourth inning. With two outs, catcher Will Remillard singled for the Dutchmen's first hit. Designated hitter Ryan Gasporra then launched a double off the center field wall to bring in Remillard and cut Watertown's lead in half.

First baseman Ben Douglas followed with a single to get Gasporra to third, but third baseman Jared Martin flied out to right-center field to end Albany's rally.

After his shaky third inning, Albany starter Kasciem Graham held Watertown in check until the top of the sixth. Right fielder Cole Gleason led off with a single and reached second on a wild pitch. A groundout moved Gleason to third, and shortstop Peter Rajkovich singled him home to put the Wizards ahead 3-1.

Davey lifted Graham following Rajkovich's single, but not before the University at Albany junior turned in a solid performance. Graham allowed three runs on five hits, walked four and struck out eight in 5.1 innings of work.

"He did enough to win the ballgame. We just didn't do enough behind him," Davey said of Graham.

Albany had a chance to get back in the game in the bottom of the sixth inning. Shortstop Adam Young reached second on a throwing error, but only got as far as third base following back-to-back flyouts from Zach and Will Remillard. Gasporra

walked, but Douglas struck out to end the threat.

A similar series of events unfolded in the bottom of the seventh. Martin led off the inning with a single, and left fielder Cody Ellis worked a one-out walk. The two runners moved up on center fielder Nolan Gaige's groundout, but Young popped out to end the inning.

Not scoring in the seventh inning proved to be costly for Albany. Gleason and Rajkovich each drove in runs in the top of the eighth inning to increase Watertown's lead to 5-1.

Albany mounted one more rally in the bottom of the eighth. Zach Remillard doubled to lead off the inning, and older brother Will Remillard followed with a single to put runners on the corners. Just as he did in the fourth inning, Gasporra drilled a ball to the deepest part of the ballpark. This time, though, Watertown center fielder Brandon Cipolla got under the fly ball and caught it. Zach Remillard scored on the play to cut the deficit to 5-2, but the Dutchmen drew no closer than that.

"I was just trying to square up (on the ball)," said Gasporra. "But this time, it didn't get there."

"You've got to give credit to their center fielder. He got back there and made the out," said Davey.

Albany avenged Friday's loss to Watertown by beating the Wizards 2-0 on the road Saturday, but the Dutchmen missed another opportunity to reach .500 when they lost to Glens Falls 9-7 Sunday. The Golden Eagles (22-17) jumped out to a 9-0 lead, and Albany never fully recovered.



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Home loss costs Dutchmen

The Albany Dutchmen missed an opportunity to move up in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League standings after losing to Watertown 5-2 Friday at Bob Bellizzi Field. The Dutchmen trail fifth-place Oneonta by one game in the PGCBL standings with one week left in the season.

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How many times do you anticipate attending New York Giants training camp at UAlbany?

- Once or twice
- Three to five times
- More than five times
- Not going

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Last week's poll results:

Where is your favorite hang-out spot at Saratoga Race Course?

- Picnic area 54%
- Paddock 31%
- Grandstand 15%
- Clubhouse 0%

Fisher leads Legends

Globetrotter entertains large crowd at Siena's first alumni game

By ROB JONAS
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Tay Fisher stole the show at the first Siena Legends basketball game last Thursday at the Alumni Recreation Center.

The current Harlem Globetrotter scored 17 points and amused the 2,048 spectators and his fellow Siena basketball alumni with his good-natured antics as he helped the Green team defeat the White team 74-55.

Fisher playfully sent verbal jabs to the referees, attempted a pair of underhanded half-court shots and convinced a referee to lend him his jersey and whistle for the final minute of the game. Fisher issued a traveling call against the White team, but his technical fouls were ignored.

"I was messing around with the referees all night," said Fisher, who goes by the nickname "Firefly" when he plays for the Globetrotters. "So when I finally came out of the game, I went to one of the refs and said I could call the game better than he could."

All of the players were in a good mood. Many considered it an honor to be part of the inaugural Legends game.

"It was a lot of fun," said Marc Brown, the player who led Siena to its upset victory over 13th-ranked Stanford in the 1989 NCAA Division I tournament. "I'm just glad to see all of my teammates and all of the players who came before and after me."

"It's great to step on the floor with some of the guys I played with, and growing up in the area,



Tay Fisher cuts to the basket during last Thursday's Siena Legends basketball game at the Alumni Recreation Center. Robert Goo/Spotlight

it's great to step on the floor with some of the guys I grew up watching," said Josh Duell, who went to the NCAA tournament in 2008 and 2009 with the Saints.

Several players from Siena's distant past also came back to watch the game, including Billy Harrell, the Loudonville school's first basketball All-American.

"It was good seeing them all," said Harrell, who led Siena to the 1950 National Catholic Invitation Tournament championship. "It turned out to be a really good time."

The level of play sometimes resembled a recreation league

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Happy to be alive

Osinski sits out Legends game following surgery

By ROB JONAS
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Corey Osinski wanted to be on the court with the other Siena Legends last Thursday.

The former Schalmont basketball standout suited up for the game and participated in a two-person shooting contest, but he was told by his doctor earlier in the day he couldn't play.

"I initially had clearance to go, but my doctor told me not to," said Osinski.

The 2000 Siena grad had open heart surgery last November to clear up a blockage that threatened to rupture.

"Basically I was told that if I sneezed, it could trigger a heart failure," said Osinski.

Osinski was flown to Mass General Hospital in Boston to have the surgery. His father, Guiderland High School basketball coach Ron Osinski, also made the trip.

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Will businesses buy in to the Devils?

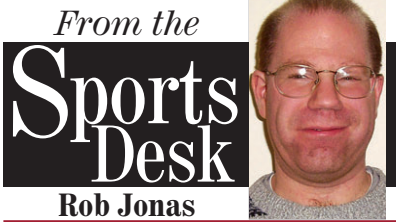
Four weeks. That's how long it's been since I've written a column. I've never been on a hiatus for that long before, and the only reason I placed myself there was because there were too many stories for me to share.

However, I'm dusting off the column this week to address a burning question: Will local businesses buy in to saving the Albany Devils?

Last week, a letter from the Albany County Executive's office was sent to businesses encouraging them to buy season tickets to our area's American Hockey League team. The letter was jointly signed by County Executive Daniel McCoy and Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings, and the tone couldn't have been any clearer.

If the Devils don't increase their base to at least 1,800 season tickets, they might not stay in Albany.

At issue is an out clause in the middle of the Devils' five-year lease agreement with the Times Union Center. The Devils can inform the arena by the end of 2012 they intend to move, which could leave the arena without a professional sports team as a tenant for the first time since it opened in 1990.



Further worrying local officials is that Glens Falls is losing the Adirondack Phantoms at the end of the 2012-13 season. Despite that fact hanging over people's heads, north country residents have ordered 1,600 season tickets for the 4,800-seat Glens Falls Civic Center this season – ostensibly to prove that their region is a viable place for another AHL team to settle in. By comparison, the Albany Devils have sold approximately 1,000 season tickets.

In other words, Glens Falls – a city less than one quarter the size of Albany – has sold more season tickets to a smaller arena than Albany has. Ouch.

Albany (the city and the county) and the Times Union Center (which originally sent out a letter to local businesses) could have turned to the public at large in their efforts to sell season tickets, but they must sense

that ship has sailed. Judging from the fact Albany's AHL teams, the Devils and the River Rats, have been near the bottom of the league in average attendance for more than a decade, they must figure that most people would rather go elsewhere than see pro hockey.

That's why the effort is centering around local businesses. Officials figure businesses could either use the tickets for their employees or to hand out to customers as giveaways. Either way, they figure the tickets will be put to use. To help in that effort, the arena is offering to match every season ticket sold to businesses with a free ticket.

I'm not sure local businesses are going to come to the Devils' aid, though. The economy is still shaky, and business owners may not be willing to spend as much as \$700 per season ticket. Plus, how many of their employees and/or customers will use these tickets to go into downtown Albany for a night of minor league hockey? Especially when the general perception is the Devils play an inferior brand of hockey, as evidenced by their recent history where they have missed the AHL playoffs 12 out of the last

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