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Work starts after years of planning

Second vote needed to address rising costs of Slingerlands Firehouse expansion

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Work has officially begun on a \$2.2 million project to expand the Slingerlands Firehouse.

At a ceremony held on Wednesday, Aug. 1, Slingerlands fire officials broke ground to revamp the New Scotland Road facility. The project has been in the works since early 2008.

"We're excited," said Ryan McConky,

a commissioner for the Slingerlands Fire District who helped spearhead the project. "There have been a lot of ups and downs along the way, but we've charged ahead and gotten through those issues. Now, we're just looking forward to seeing things progress."

The fire station was first built in 1966 and a majority of the structure is original. In 2000, a small expansion was completed to update office space, but soon ceilings began to leak in the older portions of the building, and close quarters in the bay meant first responders were often breathing in exhaust fumes from engines.

In December of 2011, voters approved a

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Slingerlands fire officials break ground on the firehouse expansion Wednesday, Aug. 1.

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Shoppers flocked to the new Trader Joe's in Colonie, which opened its doors on Friday, Aug. 3.

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Power of persuasion opens store's doors

Trader Joe's cuts the lei on first Upstate location in Colonie

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In order to fight the crowds and be first in line to grab a box of his favorite pistachio cookies, Ed Davis got in line at 10 o'clock the night before the first Trader Joe's was to open in

the Capital District. He was to stand there by himself for nearly six more hours.

"We like what we get here," said Davis just before the doors to the grocery store were opened to customers for the first time on Friday, Aug. 3. "My wife is a vegetarian and she finds stuff here she can't get anyplace else."

About four times a year the couple would drive to Hadley, Mass., to stock up on all of their favorite products at the closest Trader Joe's chain two-and-a-half hours away. They would bring coolers and freezer bags in order to store enough meals for the next

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New regs mean new food at BC

Schools required to offer healthier menus this coming year

By MARCY VELTE
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Students in the Bethlehem Central School District will be seeing some culinary changes in the new school year under new federal food service regulations implemented in July.

In 2010, President Barack Obama signed the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. While the new law increases the number of children eligible to participate in free school lunch programs and now requires school districts to be audited to improve compliance every three years, it also sets new nutritional standards for all foods sold in school.

"The goal is to provide healthier and more varied food options," said Paul Franchini, the food service coordinator for BCSD.

The new regulations are based on recommendations from the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies and are "expected to enhance the diet and health of school children and help mitigate the childhood obesity threat," according to the USDA. The rules require schools to increase the servings of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and fat-free milks. The amounts of sodium, trans fat and saturated fat allowed in foods have been reduced.

The deal with new meals

So what does that mean for hungry kids? According to Franchini, BC's serving sizes for fruits and vegetables have doubled at the high school, while the required size for

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Campers to stake out tents to help Habitat

Tent-A-Thon returns to Tawasentha Park for 19th event

By MARCY VELTE
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To show solidarity for those living in poverty, a group of people will come together to live for an extended weekend in tents at Guilderland’s Tawasentha Park.

The Tent-A-Thon, which raises money for the Capital District Habitat for Humanity, is in its 19th year. The event provides a unique way to give back to the community, while getting an authentic camping experience in a safe environment.

“We ask participants to give up the comfort of their homes to demonstrate their commitment to Habitat for Humanity’s mission,” said event organizer Nancy Ware.

The event was originally started by the McKownville United Methodist congregation, members of which slept in the parking lot in the back of their church. Now the fundraiser is much larger and a number of denominations and organizations participate.

Each year, participants collect pledge from friends and family members to donate to the cause before spending the night in the

park. Each tent is also sponsored by a local business or organization to raise extra money. For those who would like to participate at the last minute, they can donate to the event themselves in order to stay in a tent if the room is available.

All of the money goes into a separate fund from the overall local Habitat for Humanity fund so event organizers can make sure the money goes directly to building homes within the area.

So far, the event had led to the building of nine homes for local residents in need.

According to Christine Hmiel, director of development for the Capital District Habitat for Humanity, it takes about \$95,000 to have enough money to build a home, but because of state grant money the costs are then lowered for house sponsors. Those participating in this year’s Tent-A-Thon would then need to raise \$25,000 to sponsor a completed home.

“This is one of the more family-friendly events that are put on to help our cause,” said Hmiel.

Local restaurants provide free breakfast and dinner for campers, who have the option of staying from one to four nights. Each night there is a family activity like a softball



game or an ice cream social, and demonstrations from local wildlife and astronomy groups.

The site is guarded by security during the day so camper can keep their regular work or social schedules.

“This is an especially good way to introduce camping to people who have never done it before because it is happening in a very controlled environment,” said Ware. “It’s also fun for families not too experienced with the outdoors and if they don’t have the equipment, we can find stuff



The Tent-A-Thon, held in Tawasentha Park Aug. 9-13, raises money for Habitat for Humanity while drawing attention to the plight of the homeless.

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for them.”
The 19th Annual Tent-A-Thon runs from Thursday, Aug. 9, to Monday, Aug. 13, in Tawasentha Park. Those looking to participate can register online at by visiting www.capitaldistrichabitat.org or volunteers will be on site the day of the event if additional people would like to camp at the last minute.



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Water sample? Make it a double

Two towns to ship water samples to state showdown

By MARCY VELTE
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Two local municipalities are hoping to make a statewide splash as their water samples head to the New York State Fair to participate in the state's Best-Tasting Drinking Water Contest.

Water from both Guilderland and Niskayuna tied in points when Alive at Five concert attendees in Albany were asked to taste samples from five local drinking supplies and vote for the best one. The contest is sponsored by the state Department of Health and the state Environmental Facilities Corp.

"It's funny to see how some people do take it very seriously," said Jon Sorensen, a spokesman for the NYSEFC. "Some swish it around like wine and are quite enthusiastic."

The water samples had already been judged at the county level, and the Alive at Five contest served as the regional finals.

In the Albany County competition, Guilderland scored 63 points and the Latham Water District finished second with 41



Alive at Five concert attendees in Albany were asked to vote on the best drinking water at the Thursday, Aug. 2, concert. Submitted photo

points at a contest held at the Harold L. Joyce County Office Building in Albany on Tuesday, June 26. At Schenectady City Hall two days later, Niskayuna captured first place with 42 points, squeezing past Schenectady with 39 points.

Other waters entered in the regional competition at the Corning Preserve during the concert on Thursday, Aug. 2, included samples from Clifton Park,

the City of Amsterdam and the Village of Nassau.

"None of the samples are labeled to prevent bias," said Sorensen.

Not every county in the state participates in the contest at the state level. This year, only 10 municipalities will be vying for the title of "Best-Tasting Drinking Water" at the 26th annual State Fair competition.

Last year, New Rochelle took the top prize, with the

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— Jon Sorensen, a spokesman for the NYS EFC

Village of Baldwinsville in Western New York taking second.

"We are very proud and honored that our water was selected as the Best-Tasting Drinking Water

in the region," said Town of Niskayuna Supervisor Joe Landry in a statement. "This honor is a reflection of all the hard work by our employees in the Water Department, especially

those at our water plant." Sorensen said there is no official prize to be won, but water department employees take pride in the title, as do residents from the winning community. The state sponsors the annual contest to promote the efforts of EFC, DOH and municipal water suppliers to "protect and provide clean, safe drinking water in New York." The winner of the contest will be announced on Thursday, Aug. 30.



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Altamont man charged with DWI following roundabout crash

Bethlehem police arrested an Altamont man after he allegedly drove through a traffic circle because he was intoxicated.

Nelson Romero-Zamrano, 34, of 2568 Western Ave., Altamont,

was arrested after police responded to an accident at the Cherry Avenue Extension and New Scotland Road traffic circle on Wednesday, Aug. 1, around midnight.

Police said the car driven by Romero-Zamrano

suffered severe front-end damage. Also, Romero-Zamrano was bleeding from glass imbedded in his right arm, according to arrest reports. Police said during an interview they smelled alcohol on his breath and Romero-

Zamrano had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. He then told police he had drank two whiskeys while in Albany, according to arrest reports.

Romero-Zamrano was charged with aggravated DWI and several traffic

violations. His car was towed. He was later arraigned and released.

Other arrests

- Bethlehem police arrested Jeffery Riggins, 54, of 290 Elsmere Ave., on DWI charges after he allegedly pulled out of a parking lot and stopped partially in the road in front of a patrol car.

degree and passing a check with insufficient funds.

- Colonie police arrested Joshua R. Simmons, 22, of 12 University St. in Colonie, on Saturday, July 28, and charged him with grand larceny in the third degree.

- Colonie police arrested Lawrence T. Lecuyer, 62, of 6522 NW 36th Ave. in Florida, on Tuesday, July 24, and charged him with DWI, changing lanes when it's a hazard and operating an unregistered motor vehicle on the highway.

- Colonie police arrested Brendan M. Kowalski, 22, of 19 Idlewild Park Apt. 5 in Watervliet, on Wednesday, July 25, and charged him with violating military law, a felony.

- Colonie police arrested Ernest J. Perry, 69, of 31 New Shaker Road in Colonie, on Friday, July 27, and charged him with DWI and failure to stay in a single lane.

- Colonie police arrested Jesse D. Nolan, 21, of 7A Bayberry Drive in Latham, on Sunday, July 29, and charged him with grand larceny in the second degree.

Police said on Friday, July 27, Riggins exited a parking lot on Delaware Avenue and headed east, but then stopped partially in the roadway in front of a patrol car. The officer then turned his car around to follow Riggins and stopped him as he was walking into a building at 404 Delaware Avenue, police said. He allegedly smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes.

Riggins was charged with DWI and a traffic violation. His car was towed and he was processed and released.

- Colonie police arrested David D. Duell, 49, of 24 Magnolia Court in Ravena, on Friday, July 27, and charged him with grand larceny in the fourth

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Ex-cop's lawsuit against town in judge's hands

Depositions revive years-old questions about internal investigation

By CHARLES WIFF
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A judge holds the decision over whether a lawsuit leveled against the Town of Bethlehem and its police chief will be shown to a jury or thrown out.

The case has been making its way through a U.S. District Court since being filed in late 2010 by Christopher Hughes, a Bethlehem police officer who was recently fired from his job after being convicted of a felony. In mid July, after hundreds of pages of depositions, arguments, motions and counter-motions were collected, the town's attorneys have filed a motion of summary judgment arguing Hughes's claims are without merit. It is not known when Judge Gary Sharpe might hand down a decision but if he does not dismiss the case, the next step in the process would be a jury trial.

"All I can say is I think the case raises factual issues a jury should decide," said Michael Sussman, Hughes' attorney. "It comes down to whether what Mr. Hughes did was constitutionally protected and whether as a result of what Mr. Hughes did, was he punished?"

In the lawsuit, Hughes claims he faced a hostile work environment and

retaliatory action for "expressing protected speech." The ex-officer is best known for going public in 2009 with allegations Police Chief Louis Corsi uttered a racial slur. His claims touched off an internal town investigation that ended in the discovery of the taped conversation and a 10-day suspension for the police chief.

Testimony raises questions

This past February, nine people were deposed for the lawsuit, and in their testimonies departmental infighting and allegations of misconduct swept under the rug are discussed. In hundreds of pages of sworn testimony, Corsi, members of the police department, former supervisor Jack Cunningham and Hughes himself speak to the former officer's troubled history with the department — and the office's internal issues — at length.

Parts of testimonies of numerous witnesses pertain to the multi-month internal investigation into the existence of a tape containing Corsi's racial slur. Sussman questioned several people about whether the chief had sought to have it erased.

When the tape was found in 2009, *The Spotlight* asked town officials if Corsi had attempted to erase the tape, an allegation Hughes had brought forward. Officials said the

"I conducted the investigation, along with (attorney) Mike Smith. ... We had the firsthand knowledge, we interviewed the chief as soon as Officer Hughes had made the allegations. The chief didn't direct anybody to erase the tape."

— Town Attorney James Potter

investigation found Corsi inquired into whether it was technically possible to have the tape erased, but since he did not seek to tamper with it, no crime or misconduct had been committed.

"I don't believe he requested to have the tape erased. He may have inquired whether it was possible to have the tape erased," Town Attorney James Potter told *The Spotlight* in September 2009.

This has become the official account, and a number of people deposed in February supported it, including Corsi himself.

Cunningham's deposition tells a different story, however. Like many others, he was questioned about the interaction between Corsi and a department dispatcher immediately after the call.

"I believe, through Potter, I became aware that she was asked to erase the tape," Cunningham said, according to a court reporter's transcript. "The entire matter was difficult for the Town Board to deal with, because we had

grounds.

Potter, who is not directly involved in the lawsuit, said he's not sure what to make of Cunningham's comments.

"I conducted the investigation, along with (attorney) Mike Smith. ... We had the firsthand knowledge, we interviewed the chief as soon as Officer Hughes had made the allegations," Potter said. "The chief didn't direct anybody to erase the tape."

Distinction more than semantics

According to Donald Kelly, an attorney specializing in criminal law in the Law Offices of Donald E. Kelly in

Syracuse, if Corsi did seek to erase the conversation, it could well be considered a criminal matter.

"At the time that he sought to have it erased ... I think that there's no doubt that could conceivably be (attempted) tampering with physical evidence," he said.

That's because the tape could potentially be used in an official proceeding like a disciplinary action, and it later was. For an attempted erasure, the crime would be downgraded to a misdemeanor with a two-year statute of limitations, but there is an extender on the statute of limitations for public servants that would allow the charge to be

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This book propped open

Many of our readers no doubt consider the book closed on 2009’s news of Bethlehem Police Chief Louis Corsi’s racial slur. And for a chain of events with a neat story arc, there is ample reason for that. It goes like this: a misstep by public official, a revelation, an investigation and finally, a punishment.

But while this sordid affair might be many months faded into memory, the truth is one chapter of this story remained open — a chapter with potentially serious implications.

Sadly, our report this week will not be able to close the book. It will even raise new questions, including why some of Bethlehem’s high-profile employees have given conflicting accounts of high-profile events.

When the now-infamous Corsi conversation was found back in 2009, we were quick to ask town officials whether the chief had sought to have the recording of the phone call erased or altered. We’d heard that might be case. What we were told (and what is maintained by Corsi and others now) is he did go to a staff member immediately after the call took place, but only to ask about the possibility of having it wiped, not to order it outright.

That’s an important distinction, as a criminal law attorney tells us this week, because it could be the difference between an embarrassment and a criminal matter.

Some had doubts about the official version of events when they were first presented, but any accusations were hearsay in the face of the official findings. Now, we have a high ranking ex-official in former Supervisor Jack Cunningham testifying under oath to a different version of events, one in which Corsi sought to have the tape erased.

Now, perhaps Cunningham misspoke. He’s elected to stay mum on the issue now, as has Corsi. They are involved in a lawsuit, to be fair. This is par for the course, as a lack of clear information has sadly been the hallmark of this ongoing story, and apparently putting people under oath does not help much.

The hundreds of page of testimony taken last February as part of ex-cop Christopher Hughes’s lawsuit are full of inconsistencies, but the one factor that binds most town employees together is a sudden bout of amnesia when it comes to sensitive matters, most notably this 2009 investigation. This sort of thing is why an external inquiry should have been undertaken in the first place.

We have to wonder if the internal investigation’s outcome would have been different if the person doing the questioning was not the superior of those involved, or the direct subordinate of the man under scrutiny.

The people of Bethlehem are left with three plausible scenarios. Either Corsi has been done a massive disservice by a rumor mill; town leaders were given some questionable legal advice, then simplified the story for the sake of perception; or the internal investigation into these events was doomed from the get go because rank-and-file employees would rather bend the truth and keep their heads down than risk their livelihood by implicating their boss in a crime.

Without more information, we’re not much closer to an answer, especially considering the startling forgetfulness rampant in the Police Department. The exception to this “I don’t recall” culture is Cunningham (also the only person deposed not currently under town employ, besides Hughes himself) who through his two-and-a-half hour deposition is generally willing to give full explanations to the questions asked of him and is rarely evasive.

Now if only we could get the same treatment from the rest of Town Hall, and perhaps we could put this matter to rest once and for all.

Editorial

Keeping summer spirit is no pickle

By JENNIFER JENNINGS

The author is the District 8 promotion and education representative for New York Farm Bureau representing Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady and Washington counties. Her family owns and operates a 400 acre dairy farm in Montgomery County. In addition, she works for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York where she connects farmers and others within the food industry to the Food Bank, helping alleviate hunger in Eastern New York.

This summer will go down in the record books as one of the hottest and driest on record. We’ve been lucky in New York. The worry of drought damage hasn’t disappeared, but the summer storms have finally hit parched fields. In my farm family at least, people are breathing a little easier. And while analysts and economists predict a rise in food costs come fall, I’m currently focused on savoring the taste of summer for as long as possible – well into winter.

Summertime is the peak for New York vegetables and right now farms are ripe with edible possibilities. My family owns and operates a dairy farm. This means that the fields are full of corn and soybeans, both crops intended solely for the animals we keep and care for. However, our garden is pretty pathetic, thanks to a fertilizer mishap by my father. Luckily, we are still able to reap the bounty of fresh veggies summer offers.

Anyone can easily enjoy the delicious harvest New York farmers provide. Local farm stands, farmers markets and produce auctions are great resources for fresh, local produce – either a few ears of sweet corn for dinner or a few bushels of beans to pickle, can or freeze. My father and mother spend Saturday or Sunday afternoons doing the latter. Freezing farm fresh veggies is an economical,

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convenient and amazingly delicious endeavor. One afternoon’s labor and \$25 or so provides green beans as a side dish for nearly a year. And don’t get me started on the corn which tastes just as sweet and summery in January as it does right off the cob in July.

Taking the time to preserve local produce connects the consumer to the farmer who raised the fruit and veggies. It continues the heritage of agriculture that has shaped New York State and ensures local agriculture continues in our communities. Plus, it brings a smile to your face in the middle of winter as you savor the taste of summer.

Here is quick and easy pickle recipe. Though it isn’t processed or sealed tight to keep in the cupboard till winter, it will keep in an air-tight container in the refrigerator for a month or so.

Hungarian Pickles
3 large cucumbers (sliced paper thin)
1 t. salt
¼ c. sugar
1/8 c. water
¼ c. distilled white vinegar
½ t. celery seed
¼ t. paprika
½ medium onion (sliced thin)

1. In a large bowl, combine the cucumbers and salt. Mix well and set aside for 30 minutes.
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3. After 30 minutes have passed, squeeze the cucumbers to remove most of the liquid. Add the squeezed cucumbers to the brine mixture. Mix thoroughly. Let sit in the refrigerator for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

4. After the mixture has had time to marinate, remove the cucumbers and onions (with a slotted spoon) and fill canning jars tightly, pressing down often with the back of a spoon. Pour the remaining brine over the cucumber mixture in the jars, filling the jars with liquid up to ¼ inch from the top.

5. Place sterilized lids on top of the jars and seal.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Impatient drivers force a close call

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

This morning (Aug. 2 at 8:45 a.m.) as I was driving into work, I drove past the dog park on the Delmar Bypass and I stopped for a young girl (10 to 12 years old) on her bicycle who was crossing in the crosswalk at the Park and Ride lot.

She passed in front of me and God must have slapped her water bottle out of her hand because she stopped just in time to pick it up as an impatient jackass drove his car around me and missed striking her by a fraction of an inch. Thankfully, she froze because the moron in the second car who followed the first car clearly didn't care she was there and flew past as I tried to stop him.

Neither of these guys stopped to check on her and kept on going. I hope whatever both of you were in such a hurry for was worth it because I know you saw the terror on that little face up close.

Robert Wise
Delmar

Stores deserve thanks

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

My name is Abby Serfilippi, and I am a sophomore at the Academy of the Holy Names. For the past six years I have been actively raising money and awareness for seven local animal rescues and sanctuaries by selling homemade crafts my mom and I make. We are called Dust Bunny's Boutique and all of our proceeds go directly to support the Woodstock Animal Sanctuary, the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, Animal Protective Foundation, Farm Sanctuary, the Critter Connection, North Country Wild Care and the Catskill Animal Sanctuary.

This year, due to the generosity of the following local businesses, I have

been able to raise more money during the spring and summer months. Each of these local businesses has allowed me to display and sell our famous Button Buddies in their stores which has greatly increased the donation I will be sending to each animal rescue group.

I would like to thank the Perfect Blend Cafe, Kleinke's Farm and Little Anthony's for allowing us to help these rescues and sanctuaries. I would also like to thank the KeyBank at the Four Corners for allowing me to display and sell our crafts in their lobby from Aug. 1 to Aug. 20. These businesses all allow me to help the animals in ways I never thought were possible.

I will continue to do this work throughout high school, and I will always be a voice for the voiceless.

Abby Serfilippi
Delmar

Children's School plans open houses

The Bethlehem Children's School is hosting four open houses in August. Openings remain in all classrooms.

The school, located at 12 Fisher Boulevard in Slingerlands, welcomes students from age three through the eighth grade. Full-time admission is available, as is part-time admission for homeschooling families. A limited amount of tuition assistance and scholarships remain available for students entering for the upcoming school year.

Open houses are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 13 and Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon for prospective primary program children, ages 3 to 6.

School-wide open houses will be held Tuesday, Aug. 14, and Thursday, Aug. 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. for all ages.

The school encourages prospective families to call 478-0224 or email admissionsbcs@hotmail.com in advance of an open house, but it is not required.

Inquiries regarding the primary program should be directed to Emmy Cole, and for all other prospective students to Ralph Fahnstock, the school's director of programming, outreach and development.



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Report shows Amedore’s coffers are bulging

Primary candidate takes aim at opponent’s ‘one percent’ donors

By JOHN PURCELL
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George Amedore’s campaign for the newly drawn 46th Senate District has raised more than three times as much as his three Democratic opponents — combined.

In a mid-July required financial disclosure, Amedore posted a balance of nearly \$321,000. He spent about \$57,500. The three Democrats vying for the newly created seat posted a combined balance of nearly \$87,000.

Amedore said many people are “enthusiastic” and “excited” about his campaign and he’s received a lot of support.

“We have a lot of people that are sick and tired of the same old thing,” the assemblyman said. “The economy is not any better and government is not the answer to create the jobs.”

Some lawmakers have argued the new senate district was drawn for expressly for Amedore’s bid, and it holds nearly all of his current 105th Assembly District.

Amedore’s assembly district consists of all of Montgomery County and areas of Schenectady County, including the towns of Rotterdam, Princetown and

Duanesburg and a majority of the City of Schenectady. He has represented the district since 2007.

The new 46th Senate District includes all of those areas except it only holds a small portion of Schenectady. Moving south from Schenectady County, the district includes more rural areas of Albany County, all of Greene County and northeastern areas in Ulster County. The new district is home to about 290,000 people.

Cecilia Tkaczyk, Duanesburg Board of Education vice president and former state senate staffer, posted a closing balance of almost \$70,000, putting her far ahead of her Democratic challengers in terms of fundraising.

“I have talked to a lot of people and really worked hard to raise awareness and raise money,” Tkaczyk said. “I’m running for senate because we need someone who is going to fight for Upstate New York’s fair share.”

Tkaczyk secured the Working Families Party ballot line, but faces The Hispanic Coalition NY Founder and President Mónica Arias Miranda and Coeymans Town Board Councilman Thomas Dolan in a Democratic primary.

Tkaczyk contributed more than \$10,000 of her own money

“We have a lot of people that are sick and tired of the same old thing. The economy is not any better and government is not the answer to create the jobs.”

Assemblyman George Amedore

to her campaign and also took out a loan for \$15,000. She raised more than \$31,000 from 95 individual donors, almost half of them with New York City addresses. She also received over \$13,000 from seven political sources, including various political action committees and politicians, six of them New York City based.

Arias Miranda claimed Tkaczyk filled her campaign’s coffers with more than \$32,000 in contributions from the “one percent in New York City,” and attacked her opponent in an online video with the same claim.

“New York City donors and political interests continue to pull the strings in Upstate NY,” she said in a statement. “We continue to see party bosses choosing candidates who will protect the status quo and deep pocket donors.”

Tkaczyk said her background with statewide coalitions on affordable housing spurred the out of district donations.

“I can’t control my Democratic opponents and they can say whatever they want, but I am not bashing them,” Tkaczyk said. “We all have to raise money to get our message out.”

Tkaczyk’s campaign said 75 percent of her donations came from contributions of \$250 or less.

Arias Miranda took out a loan for \$20,000, which accounted for the majority of her campaign’s funding. Other donations she received totaled about \$2,000. Her expenses totaled \$9,275, leaving her with a closing balance of more than \$12,750.

“I think we need to see more integrity from our elected officials. We are not seeing the level of integrity that we deserve as taxpayers,” Arias Miranda said at the opening of her campaign headquarters in Rotterdam. “It sounds like it is really common sense, but we are not seeing that.”

Dolan posted the lowest closing balance of the candidates at more than \$4,250, but his expenses only totaled \$490. Outside of the \$500 in donations Dolan and family members contributed, he collected about \$3,650 in

donations from 35 individuals contributors.

The Bethlehem Democratic Committee donated \$150 to Dolan, and the Guilderland Democratic Committee gave \$125 and Cohoes Democratic Committee gave \$75.

All of Dolan’s donations totaled \$4,755, though he is the only Democrat challenger to not take out a loan. Dolan said he held only one fundraiser, but has some more lined up.

“I have been focusing on my message and not raising money,” Dolan said.

Lately he’s also focused on securing 3,000 signatures to place his No Hydrofracking independent party on the ballot, which he said is an important issue to many residents in the new Senate district. If he’s successful, he would be on the November ballot no matter the result of the September Democratic primary.

“If someone is going to run against the Republican candidate, you would at least need two lines to compete with them,” Dolan said.

Amedore said residents have supported his campaign because they don’t want to see the state Legislature turn blue.

“They don’t want to see all of Albany go back to a one-party vote,” Amedore said. “It was a disaster and nothing got done.”

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Two programs explore stars

Legends about the stars and planets are found in cultures around the world. These stories go back thousands of years, as people tried to understand the night sky and their relationship to it. In “Stories from Across the Sky” at Bethlehem Public library next Tuesday August 14 at 2:30pm, Carol Margolis will share her love of the stars and their stories with kids in grade K-5 and their families.

Margolis has been an educator for over 30 years. For the last decade she has been education coordinator for the Henry Hudson Planetarium at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, an official NASA Space Place. There she has hosted thousands of school children and their families, sharing their delight in discovering starry wonders.

Star Lab comes to Delmar

Later this month, you can tour the night sky in the Dudley Observatory’s portable Star Lab planetarium, which will be set up for multiple shows in Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Janie Schwab, the observatory’s executive director, will be your guide.



Dudley Observatory celebrates its 160th anniversary this year. Schwab, who studied astronomy and music at Wellesley College, has abiding interests in observational astronomy and science education. Her fascination is fueled by the observatory’s archives and historic astronomical instruments.

The library’s Star Lab program is open to kids in grades three and up. Shows are scheduled at 1, 2:30, 4:30 and 6 p.m. at the Town Hall. Call the library at 439-9314 to sign up. Participants can stay after their tour and make a planisphere to take home. Drop-in walk-through tours for families with very young children will take place at 2 and 5:30 p.m. Schwab will be on hand for questions.

Many thanks to Bethlehem Town Hall for providing the space for this program.

Bookmobile: the next generation

It’s not your grandfather’s mobile library. The Digital

Bookmobile is a state-of-the-art community outreach vehicle that helps public libraries promote their downloadable collections. The 74-foot, 18-wheel tractor-trailer is equipped with Internet-connected PCs, high-definition monitors, sound systems, and a variety of portable media players. Interactive computer stations allow visitors to search and sample the host library’s digital collection and try out supported mobile devices.

The Upper Hudson Library System is hosting two stops on the Digital Bookmobile’s national tour: today at William K. Sanford Library in Colonie, and tomorrow at the East Greenbush Community Library. The vehicle is open to the public 10am-4pm both days.

The Digital Bookmobile is operated by OverDrive, a service that libraries purchase to provide digital media for loan. Founded in 1986, OverDrive is based in Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

Saratoga Race Course celebrates Fabulous Fillies



The storied history of Saratoga Race Course involves more than a few legendary women.

Who can forget Hall of Fame jockey Julie Krone, a fixture at Saratoga Race Course from the late 1980s to the early 2000s; filly Rachel Alexandra, who captured the attention of the nation and won The Woodward at Saratoga during her Horse of the Year campaign in 2009; and Linda Rice, who became the first woman to win the training title at Saratoga that same year?

Saratoga Race Course will celebrate women at the track with a series of special events and races on Fabulous Fillies Day, Friday, August 17.

The girls-day-out event will see pink bunting, ribbons and flowers adorning the track as well as a pink cover on the day’s program book and a pink NYRA flag flying overhead. Horses will also be saddled in pink and most of the races on the day’s card will feature fillies and mares.

The pink theme is designed to bring awareness to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF), which will be on track to provide pink bracelets to visitors who make a donation.

Pink will also be prominent in the day’s fashion. Track-goers can dress up or dress down – but dressing in pink will result in free admission. Women can make their grand entrance into the track on a special red carpet while enjoying activities geared toward the ladies.

Fans may even catch a glimpse of one of the current female stars in thoroughbred racing – jockey Rosie Napravnik, who is quickly becoming a favorite at the Spa.

The celebration of women has statistical merit at Saratoga Race Course. A recent study commissioned by The New York Racing Association, Inc. determined that 49 percent of visitors to Saratoga Race Course are female – a ratio unheard of in thoroughbred racing.

It’s a testament to the diverse array of activities and events at the track in addition to world-class racing.

Fillies will again be featured on Saturday, August 18 in the Grade 1 Alabama – one of the top races of the season at Saratoga Race Course and the summer’s premier race for three-year-old fillies.

For more information about Saratoga Race Course, call (518) 584-6200 or visit www.nyra.com. To learn more about events at Saratoga Race Course, visit www.nyra.com/saratogaevents.

Come together at twilight

Tonight from 6:30 to 8, the Friends of the Library present Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers. This group is one of the most versatile zydeco acts in the northeast. Their music blends Americana world beat pop rhythms with some spicy zydeco creating a unique signature sound, which appeals to people of all ages and musical tastes. Bring your dancing shoes and plan



to play the scratchboards with the band. A small sneak preview book sale will be set up in the library prior to the concert.

On Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., the Friends will introduce Acoustic Hartland. Acoustic Hartland has an extensive repertoire ranging from ballads to

bluesy rockers that will get you out of your seat and moving your feet! The group includes Dave Hart on vocals, guitar and mandolin; Jim Mortensen on vocals and 12 string guitar; Dave Pallas on electric bass and Aimee Harrell and Becca Kiegle filling out the vocals with four-part harmony. Acoustic Hartland is a don’t miss summer concert, and the last of

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the 2012 Together at Twilight Concerts.

The Friends of the Library will be selling snacks and drinks at the Aug. concerts, as well as raffle tickets for a 63-inch 63-inch quilt donated by The Village Quilters. The quilt drawing will be held in February.

Summer Reading Programs for kids

- **Crime Scene Investigation Camp:** Grades 4 and up

Starting today, Aug. 8, and running through Friday, Aug. 10, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Day one will cover fingerprints, shoe evidence, blood evidence, written evidence and forensic uses of geology, botany and entomology. Day two is the mock crime scene investigation and day three we will attempt to “solve” the crime. Registration is required for this camp and space is limited, so call today and reserve your spot!

- **Professor Klutzo’s – I Must Be Dreaming**

Monday, Aug. 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

With his head in the clouds, things just seem to go wrong for this loveable professor! His

fumbling and bumbling magic, music, and juggling leaves the audience in stitches. Puppet partners Percy the Penguin and Freddy the Frog are adorable. No registration needed, drop-in’s welcome!

- **Reptile Adventure** with Jessica Shea: Club 1-2-3

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Friends of the Library annual book bale

Sept. 14 to 16

September is once again around the corner, which of course means it is time for the FOL’s annual book sale. You must be a member of the Friends of the Library to enjoy the sneak preview sale on Friday, Sept. 14, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you are not a member, you can join at the door for only \$10. For the rest of the community, our doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, and again on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Volunteers to help with book sorting are always needed. If you would like to assist with the sale in

some way, please call the library at 765-2791 or email jstrauss@nycap.rr.com.

VPL August artist

Susie Flansburg

The next time you are visiting the library, be sure to stroll the hall art gallery to admire the works of local artist Susie Flansburg, VPL’s Aug. Artist of the Month. Her oil paintings will be on display until Aug. 31. Susie has been a Voorheesville resident since 1952. She started painting later in life and credits her accomplishments as an artist to her mentors and friends, Louis Pelky and Ruth Cawley.

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Barbara Vink

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It’s time to take in a movie

Guiderland seniors are invited to the movie of the month Thursday, Aug. 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Town Hall Courtroom.

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Library to host minstrel storyteller

Minstrel storyteller Mary Joe Maichack will sing, play guitar and tell great stories at the Guiderland Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 2 p.m. This is an open Summer Reading Club event; all are welcome.

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1 p.m. Pinochle

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Lunch and a musical set for Aug. 11 GPL

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Join us on Saturday, Aug. 11, for lunch at the Pillar's Restaurant followed by "The Great American Trailer Park Musical" at the Theater Barn in New Lebanon. The cost for lunch and show is \$43, payable to the Town of Bethlehem. Lunch will include roasted beef sirloin, chicken breast stuffed with spinach and mozzarella, or panko crusted salmon, accompanied by potatoes, vegetable, rolls, and frozen chocolate mousse. Transportation will leave Town Hall at about noon. Home pick up can be arranged. Van donation: \$10. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

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Tuesday, Aug. 13

Join us for a trip to the Farmer's Market at the

First United Methodist church on Kenwood. Ave. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 2:00 pm. Home pick up can be arranged. Call 439-5770. Suggested van donation: \$2.

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. 14

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

Thursday, Aug. 15

Medicare and EPIC Basics, for those turning

age 65, will be presented at Town Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm by Janet Kiffney, Albany County Health Insurance Program and Candy Rivera-Whitehead, EPIC Outreach. Learn about Medicare coverage, supplemental insurance plans, Medicare Part D, and EPIC prescription drug coverage. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation.

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

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Friday, Aug. 16

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

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Board of Trustees meeting

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Mark Curiale

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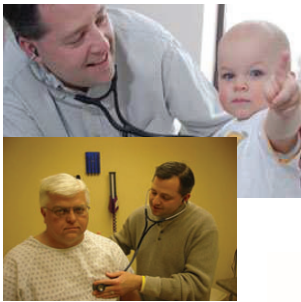
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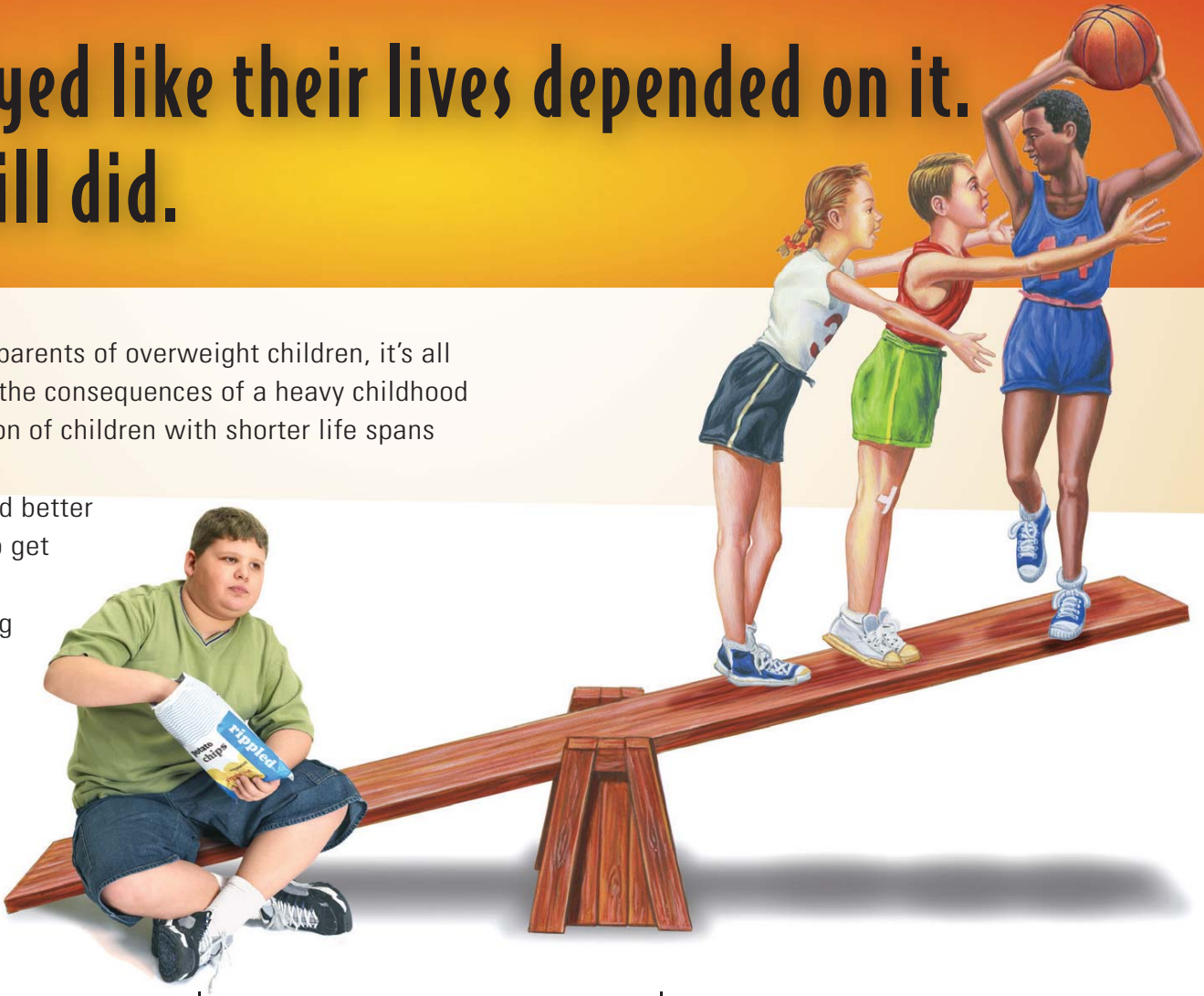
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New deputy county executive steps in to serve

County government veteran is first woman to hold job

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Christine Quinn made Albany County history on Friday, July 27, when she served her first day as the new deputy county executive. Appointed by County Executive Dan McCoy after then-deputy county executive Michael Perrin stepped down to “explore other opportunities,” Quinn is the first woman to hold the

position.

“For too long, the voices of women in county government have gone undervalued and unrecognized. I am working to change that,” said McCoy.

Quinn is no stranger to Albany County

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— Christine Quinn

looking at consolidation and having a crosswalk between departments.”

Quinn said her organizational skills and “ability to look at something and understand who the players are that need to be heard at the table” will drive good, effective decisions.

In addition to eliminating duplicative services, Quinn said she believes the county should go paperless.

“That has begun and has really started to grow pretty quickly,” said Quinn. “If I had my way there wouldn’t be any paper in anyone’s office unless it was an absolute requirement.”

Despite any challenges that may arise, Quinn said being a public servant is her passion.

“Unless you’re really involved in government and understand government you don’t realize the impact it can have on your personal life and in your family and in the community,” said Quinn. “Throughout my career I got an opportunity to see the changes that can occur and the challenges that government has to offer ... and have a great sense of pride in that accomplishment.”

government. In fact, she’s been a familiar face since 2002 when she interned in the Department of Law as a law clerk while attending law school. After graduating and becoming a lawyer, Quinn joined the county as a full-time employee, serving as an assistant county attorney for four years and moving on to become the first female director of employee relations and most recently acting commissioner of the Department of Human Resources.

“I have seen what Christine has been able to accomplish in county government and she is the best person for the job,” said McCoy.

Perrin spent 15 years in Albany County government, serving in various capacities, from spokesperson to in-house advisor. McCoy called him an “integral part of Albany

County government” for “a very long time.”

Quinn said she’s excited to tackle the challenge of her new role and plans to take everything that comes her way in stride.

“I expect a certain amount of challenge and I would not have taken this opportunity if I didn’t think it was going to be a challenge,” said Quinn.

A “very serious challenge” will be the budget, said Quinn, which she expects McCoy’s office to be “struggling with for the foreseeable future.” A key to trimming it will be consolidation, she said.

“Streamlining county government is on the forefront. I think we need to take a look at all these very important services that we provide and make sure that we are providing them the best that we can and as efficiently as we can,” said Quinn. “We’re

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But from that hard rocking background, Gibney has forged a diverse musical career, adding more sounds and styles to his repertoire. Working as a freelancer with the Capital District's own Kevin McKrell, something of a legend in Celtic music circles, turned Gibney on to that genre.

"I picked it up easily," Gibney said. "I'm Irish. It's in my blood."

So the band that now bears Gibney's name doesn't feature angry lyrics and screaming guitar solos. Instead, the Brian Gibney Band bills itself as a Celtic rock acoustic trio. Touting a "different kind of Celtic music," the band features Gibney on lead guitar and vocals, Mark Frederick on violin and banjo and Mikki Bakken

on vocals and guitar. If there's an act to compare the Brian Gibney Band to, it's not Guns and Roses but the Fighting 86's, Gibney's previous musical venture.

"It's basically the same band with a new name," Gibney said.

The Fighting 86's had a loyal Capital District following, and Gibney said his new band is following in its footsteps. Celtic music, he said, affords band members the chance for some "higher-quality gigs," so the Brian Gibney Band is getting its feet wet on the festival circuit, playing at summer concert series. It will perform Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Clifton Park concert series and Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Ballston Spa concert series. It takes the stage for Irish 2000 in Ballston Spa on Sept. 15.

Like Gibney, Bakken and Frederick boast varied musical backgrounds. Bakken is a singer, songwriter and guitarist who long performed with Gibney as a duo and often takes the stage as a soloist. Her roots are in classic rock. Celtic music, Gibney said, "is a little new for her,

but she picked it up fairly quickly."

Frederick comes from a classical music background. He teaches music in South Glens Falls and also offers private string lessons. "If it has strings on it, he can play it," Gibney joked.

Gibney also teaches private lessons, noting, "It's very hard to make a living wearing just one hat. We keep busy." Over the years, he crossed paths with Frederick a number of times, and when the two of them got together with Bakken to form the Brian Gibney Band, there was an instant connection.

"The chemistry works," Gibney said. "We're all very good friends and we're on the same wavelength. We have a very specific direction we want to go."

That direction isn't "very, very traditional" Celtic music. Instead, Gibney describes the band's sound as having a "Celtic influence." There are a number of other influences, too, including rock and Americana.

Kids seem to love their music, which makes Gibney laugh since

they're not technically a children's group. But he is comfortable describing the band as a family act, offering a show all ages can enjoy.

"It's something you can

really tap your feet to," he said. "We're heavy in harmonies and have good, strong rhythms. We put on a very strong sound for a three-piece band."

The Clifton Park show

kicks off at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Clifton Common Stage, rain or shine. There are two more shows in the summer series: Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys on Aug. 19 and Sunny Side of Street Band on Aug. 21. Admission is free to all concerts.

The Ballston Spa show is at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16, in Wiswall Park. It will be followed by Seth Warden and the Moody Melix on Aug. 23 and Skeeter Creek on Aug. 30. Those shows are also free.

For more information, visit briangibneyband.com.

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Musical featuring Barry Manilow's songs, presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Route 203, Chatham, Aug. 9-12 and 15-19, call for show times, adults \$28-\$30, children under 12 \$12. Information, 392-9292.

ELLA

The story of jazz great Ella Fitzgerald told through her music, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Aug. 12, shows Tuesdays through Sundays, \$20-\$75. Information, 445-7469.

HAIRSPRAY

Musical based on cult movie classic, presented by Park Playhouse, Wash-

ington Park Lakehouse, Albany, through Aug. 19, shows 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, center section seating \$15, side section seating \$13, lawn seating free. Information, 434-0776.

HELDERBERG THEATER FESTIVAL

Featuring "Cinderella," "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "The Durang Hour," presented by Classic Theater Guild Inc., Indian Ladder Farms, 342 Altamont Road, Altamont, through Aug. 11, call for show schedule, free admission. Information, 256-1656.

THE LOVE LIST

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

Music

BEACH BUMS

Beach Boys tribute band, with opening act Grand Central Station, Alive at Five concert series, Aug. 9, 5 p.m., Riverfront Park, Albany, free. Information, 434-2032.

AMY COLLINS BAND

Folk group, Aug. 9, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

2 LATE

Acoustic folk duo, Aug. 10, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

JAMCRACKERS

Trio specializing in British Isles and American traditional music, Aug. 10, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, day of show \$18. Information, 583-0022.

PAUL GIEMZA AND ERIK ERKKINEN

Two traditional blues musicians, Aug. 10, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

JO HENLEY

Americana band, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia, free. Information, 374-8611.

3 QUARTER NORTH

Americana/bluegrass band, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

BOB REDMOND

Classic American pop rock and folk singer, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

CHRIS SMITHER

Singer-songwriter, Aug. 11, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$25. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

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Blues guitarists and songwriters, with opening act Flightless Buttress, Aug. 11, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$17. Information, 583-0022.

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Acoustic pop/rock duo, Aug. 12, 6:30 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

MCPEAKE

Traditional Celtic group, with special guests Jane Rothfield and Allan Carr, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., Agnes McDonald Music Haven Stage, Central Park, Schenectady, free. Information, 382-5152, ext. 3.

WISTER QUARTET

Classical music, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia, free. Information, 374-8611.

SONNY AND PERLEY

Husband and wife jazz duo, Aug. 12, 7 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$17. Information, 583-0022.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Aug. 10, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

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

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

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

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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

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"Fence Select," featuring works selected by Opalka Gallery director Jim Richard Wilson, through Aug. 31, 265 River St., Troy. Information, 273-0552.

BOTTLE MUSEUM

"Fli-N-Shu," featuring the art of miChelle M. Vara, Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space, through through Sept. 17; 76 Milton Ave., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-7589.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"The Threads of Time," through Jan. 31; 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa.

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

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

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

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Call for Artists

SARATOGA ARTISANS AND CRAFTERS' MARKET

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

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Women's singing group entering its 99th year, practices held Wednesdays from 9:30

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Weekly Crossword

Anatomy of a Fall

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
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ACROSS

- 1 Earth: prefix
4 Origin of a 1965 march
9 Pilot
14 The law has a long one
15 So long, muchachos!
16 Main artery
17 Desert during a crisis
20 Tummy trouble
21 Golf gadget
22 Youngster
23 Lloyd Price #1 hit of 1959
26 Formerly, formerly
30 Apollo, e.g.
31 Gold-fever characteristic
33 Famous Count
36 Stored on a floppy
38 Thumbs down, to Ebert
39 Snow White and the seven dwarfs, e.g.
40 Weapon for Soupy Sales
41 Sidestep
43 1959 Kingston Trio hit
44 Legacy recipients
46 Character parts?
47 So what?
49 Part of RSVP
50 Snicker____
51 Upholstery protection

- 57 Revolutionary first name
59 River inlet
60 Part of QED
61 Class outing
66 Channel chimers
67 Choose Something Like ____: Frost poem
68 Cat ____ Hot Tin Roof
69 Bottomless pit
70 Card or loan, e.g.
71 Q-U connection

DOWN

- 1 Festive celebrations
2 Demonstrating good posture
3 Gerald Ford's birthplace
4 Ms. enclosure
5 Reduced a sentence, perhaps
6 Ocean vessel
7 Psycho setting
8 Burn residue
9 Presidential pooch
10 Shout from a back seat, maybe
11 Kind of vb.
12 And so on, and so on, and . . .: abbr.
13 Stadium sound
18 Broccoli, e.g., informally

- 19 Ecole attendee
24 Faust poet
25 Overhangs
27 Turn red, in some cases
28 Frighten
29 Revival structures

32 Slowly, in music
33 ____ away!
34 Perform, as a play
35 Play's place
36 Fall
37 Make public
42 Chesterfield collar material
45 Art support
48 Lifelike lures
49 Having only magnitude
52 Notre Dame's Fighting ____

- 53 Religious painting
54 Baseball blunder
55 Comes down
56 March honoree, for short
58 One of Little Joe's big brothers
61 Fed. lending agency
62 Kind of scout
63 Heavy barge
64 Mi followers
65 Moniker for Dwight Gooden

Food

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for proteins and entrees have decreased. Under the new regulations, fruits and vegetables can have no added sugars or syrups and must be either fresh or frozen, with limited use of canned produce allowed.

A limit has also been placed on the number or times starchy or deep-fried vegetable can be served each week, the most notable example being french fries. In addition, meals will now meet the caloric ranges of the age and grade of students.

“They basically went to regulations that are a little bit extreme, but at the same time are needed,” said Franchini.

The size of pizza slices has been cut nearly in half and the number of chicken nugget a student gets with each meal will be reduced from six to three. Bethlehem Central had already begun to implement some of the changes several years ago by switching to whole grains and doing away with canned produce, but now those practices are mandatory. The changes will be easier for some districts than others.

“For the schools who were already being progressive about things and doing the right things using local farmers, that’s what the program is easing into, but this is basically ... almost too stringent for the schools that can’t afford it,” said Franchini.

The bottom line

What remains to be seen is whether fewer students will purchase lunch in school under the new guidelines. For the most part, the new regulations are intended to help those in elementary school form better eating habits.

Those habits can have a fiscal impact on school districts. Food service programs in schools have to be self-maintaining and often receive little government funding.

BCSD receives 27 cents for every meal served per student from the federal government and 0.0023 cents from the state for every non-reduced meal, according to BC Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe. Breakfast costs \$2 for all students and lunch costs \$3 for elementary students and \$3.25 for those in the middle and high schools. District officials said only 3 to 4 percent of BC students qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Kehoe said the there was surplus of about \$7,000 for the 2010-2011 school year after meal prices were increased. This money was rolled over to the next year,

but is now gone after the department operated at a loss last school year.

“In the past, if food services did not have sufficient resources we would help cover those costs with a transfer from the general fund, but the general fund has its own share of constraints so we have been trying not to do those transfers,” said Kehoe.

Breakfast ended

To reduce costs, the district recently announced it would end the breakfast program for elementary students.

Franchini said the state Education Department suggested several years ago that the district do away with the program for its youngest students because attendance was low. In an effort to keep the program, the district attempted to increase student participation, but because of the new regulations opted to end the program to save money.

Kehoe said the district would save about \$30,000 a year by not purchasing breakfast items and cutting back hours for some staff. Franchini said an average of three students per school per day eat breakfast at school, and he believed the later start time of 9 a.m. for elementary schools was a contributing factor.

“By that time most parents have already fed their children,” he said. “They’re not going to wait that long and let them starve.”

Breakfast programs will continue as normal at the middle and high schools.

To further balance the budget instead of raising prices, food services will close the last lunch line 15 minutes early, reduce all staff by 30 minutes a day and increase sales at the high school coffee shop and a la carte lines.

Franchini said a new plan also calls for turning the snack bar at the high school into the Eagle Deli. This line would act similar to a sandwich shop, where students would get to create their own subs for the same price as a school lunch. The department may also apply some resources later in the day for the “after school crowd.”

The changes to the district’s food services will be discussed at the school board meeting held on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. at the High School Library Media Center.

Open

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trip and anytime they left the state would search out the nearest Trader Joe’s store. Now, they’ll be saving time and money buying even more of their preferred produce.

“There’s a big base in the area of people who travel for Trader Joe’s and it’s convenient to now have one in the area,” said the retired Watervliet resident.

Throughout the morning, the store’s crew members dressed in purple Hawaiian shirts and pumped up the crowd while giving out free coffee and food samples. Those in line were given flower leis to wear and some arrived sporting special homemade shirts.

Bringing Trader Joe’s to the area has been a five-year labor of love for Bruce Roter and his group, “We want Trader Joe’s in the Capital District.” To grab the company’s attention, the group used more creative means other than just starting a Facebook fan page.

The group’s nearly 2,000 members wrote the company haiku poems, created Youtube videos and sent them postcards. They also made donations to local charities like the Regional Food Bank and made Trader Joe’s the beneficiaries of those donations. In return, the food bank sent cards to Trader Joe’s letting them know donations had been made in their name.

“At first there just wasn’t a great amount of choice as far as shopping opportunities were concerned in the area,” said Roter. “People would email me and say they had just moved here from the West Coast



Trader Joe’s employees wait to greet customers on opening day.
Marcy Velte/Spotlight

and the only thing they missed was not having a Trader Joe’s. I heard that time and time again.”

Although the company has said it does not make location decisions based on persuasion, it’s clear the area’s foodies made a difference.

The new location on Wolf Road in Colonie is about 13,000 square feet and is now one of 360 stores in 31 states. Trader Joe’s touts itself as a “truly unique grocery store unlike any other” and a “store of stories” because of the more than 2,000 domestic, imported and specialty food items available, many under the Trader Joe’s brand, including Trader Darwin’s vitamins, Trader Jose’s salsas and Trader Giotto’s marinara sauces.

Because of his work to bring the chain to the area and his love of Trader Joe’s, the company asked Roter to help cut a long flowered lei to mark to official opening of the store along with local dignitaries and the store’s “captain,” or manager.

Colonie Town Supervisor Paula Mahan said the opening was exciting for the community. With Fresh Market grocery now open

in Latham and a Whole Foods set to open in Colonie Center in the coming months, the town is set to become a destination for food enthusiasts.

“We have a large population in town and a very large population that travels through town, so we have enough people for all of the stores to do extremely well,” she said.

Friends Barbra Hildreth and Sandra Chisholm were two of the first customers inside. They were next in line after Davis, having arrived at 3:45 a.m.

With carts ready they headed straight for the frozen section to pick out some of their favorite pre-made hors d’oeuvres. Once the doors swung open, aisles soon became crowded as customers raced to grab their favorite products like cookies and salad dressings.

“Still, I don’t think this is going to replace our regular grocery store,” said Hildreth. “I’m a Price Chopper fan and I’ll always go there, but there are things I can get here I can’t get anywhere else. This is a complimentary store.”

The interior of the store also carried over the same Hawaiian theme found on most of its products and décor, but was also livened up with aspects from the Capital District, like a giant chalk Capitol building.

Albany County Executive Dan McCoy said he looked up to Roter for his dedication. Roter wasn’t shopping, but talking to happy customers who thanked him for his efforts.

“I say to people out there if you want to make a change, get active, get involved and engage people in the community,” said McCoy. “Look what happens at the end of the day.”

Work

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plan to borrow \$1.8 million to go forward with the project. Then in July of this year, another vote was needed to approve the use of an additional \$400,000 from the district reserves due to rising costs. That vote passed by a margin of 78 to 25.

The expansion calls for the addition of two bays, more storage areas for equipment and files, the construction of a radio room in the front of the building and the addition of a decontamination station, where firefighters can wash off harmful substances from fire scenes or from work on equipment at the station.

Fire officials said the health and safety of the volunteer unit was the main reason for the expansion.

“The primary expansion is going to get the firefighters away from the apparatuses while they are dressing and get them

out of the same rooms that the engines are running in,” said Slingerlands Fire Chief Brian Sleurs.

The expansion was also said to be needed in anticipation of growth due in no small part to the creation of the Vista Technology Park and because those in the department didn’t have room for a staging place during emergencies.

“During (Tropical Storm) Irene and Lee we were sitting outside on a bench watching the weather underneath the overhang, but still out in the elements,” said McConky. “We really didn’t have anywhere to go.”

Taxes will increase

only on the \$1.8 million originally bonded for the project. The average homeowner in Bethlehem within the district will see a tax increase of \$78.44, while the average New Scotland homeowner covered by Slingerlands Fire will pay \$48.94 more.

At the ceremony Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, a former Slingerlands firefighter, said he’s glad to see the project underway.

“I was a member here for about six years and even back then they were talking about an expansion and making more room for the apparatus,” he said, calling the firefighter and officials working on

the project “dedicated.”

Sen. Neil Breslin said Bethlehem’s fire responders are “unparalleled and Slingerland’s Fire District is at the top” and the expansion will make service “even better.”

The project is expected to be completed within the next six months.

“The goal right now is to get the bay portion done so we can get the apparatus back inside by the end of October before the freeze,” said McConky. The main portions of the project are expected to be completed by December, with some minor work left over in the spring, depending on the weather.

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Local dance studio reigns supreme

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The World of Dance studio in Colonie is one of the best in the state

and nation, according to the Federation of Dance Competitions (FDC), and in July it racked up another honor by being

named the FDC Studio of Excellence for 2012 at the StarQuest National dance competition in Virginia Beach, Va.

The studio with the most winning numbers over the course of the six-day competition earns the honor World of Dance clinched. Several dancers finished with first-place titles, including Hannah Pregont of Latham, niece of studio co-owner Barbara Pregont.

"I compete all over the country and have been doing well. This year alone I have won numerous national titles, including Miss Starquest," said Pregont.

Pregont has been dancing since she was 2 years old and said she started tapping her toes because it's the Pregont way.

"My father was a dancer, my aunt was a dancer



Danielle Cudzey and Hannah Pregont of the World of Dance studio pose with trophies earned at Starpower Dance Competition.

Submitted photo and my grandmother was a dancer. ... All three of them, including my father, teach me now," said Pregont, a senior dancer who competed in three national competitions this year and was asked by three nationally recognized choreographers to travel with them as a demonstrator in tap and contemporary.

Pregont's talent is what co-owner Danielle Cuzdey

said the studio strives for but doesn't distinguish itself by.

"While I am so pleased and proud of my students who pursue dance and performance art at the competitive level and as a career, it is the child who dances for the fun and love of dance that truly inspires me," said Cuzdey. "While we can harness a competitive student's drive and maximize their potential, we can also take a recreational dancer's love for dance and nurture it."

Still, Cuzdey has had several students push the envelope. Two students starred in the London and Broadway productions of "Billy Elliot" as lead character Billy Elliot, a student auditioned for the Fox television show "So You Think You Can Dance?" and the studio's young dancers were selected to perform as munchkins in the national tour of "The Wizard of Oz" at Proctors Theatre.

World of Dance students aren't the only ones making headlines. The dance studio itself has also accomplished more than Cuzdey "could have ever imagined." It's currently ranked No.1

dance studio in the state and No. 6 in the nation by FDC.

World of Dance offers lessons in contemporary, jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop, Broadway and modern dance. There is also a dance camp and dance intensive classes over the summer.

"We want to produce great, well-rounded dancers," said Cuzdey.

Pregont takes advantage of every opportunity to improve her skills.

"I will be (at dance camp) working as hard as I can to enter the fall in peak condition," said Pregont.

She said that while being an elite dancer is rewarding, being part of the World of Dance family is equally satisfying.

"While I am proud of my individual achievements, I am more proud of my family and what they have given to me and to others in my community," said Pregont. "I feel blessed to be a part of this great tradition."

For more information about World of Dance, visit worldofdancealbany.com or call 210-7599. The studio is located at 25B Walker Way, Colonie.

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Rummage sale

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church Rummage Sale is happening on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. Proceeds will support more than 20 teens planning to attend the National Lutheran Youth Gathering in July 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. Teens are involved in community service projects at the gathering. Everyone in the Delmar community is invited to attend and purchase items, which includes electronics, sporting goods, and household items. For more information, call the church office at 439-4328, or visit the church website at www.blcdelmar.com.

Berkshire Bank celebrates new Delmar branch

Berkshire Bank will hold both a ribbon cutting and family day event in celebration of its new full-service branch and financial service center at 255 Delaware Avenue, Delmar. The new office is a relocation of Berkshire's former Delmar office, which was located at 180 Delaware Avenue.

Berkshire Bank will hold an official ribbon cutting on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 11 a.m. Members of the community are invited to a free family day celebration on Saturday, Aug. 11. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon and will include entertainment, music, giveaways and chances to win prizes. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Treasure Chest Key Promotion for a chance to win a new Apple iPad, or up to \$150 in cash. Mr. Twisty will provide balloon characters, and WGNA Radio will broadcast live. The Elsmere Elementary School PTA will be selling refreshments to benefit the school's playground project.

The new Delmar branch features Berkshire Bank's new teller technology, providing more personalized service, faster transactions, improved accuracy, and enhanced security. It also offers a multi-functional Community Room, which features a free space for local small business and community members to hold meetings or activities. The Community Room

includes teleconferencing capabilities, Wi-Fi, high definition television, blue-ray DVD player, Xbox and seating for up to 25.

To learn more about Berkshire Bank's Delmar branch or the free family day, contact Branch Manager Kenneth Torreggiani at 518-269-3510.

Programs at Five Rivers Center

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will be hosting three family-oriented programs. The first is an introduction to pond ecology, which will be conducted on Saturday, Sept. 1, at 10 a.m. at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar. During this interactive investigation, Five Rivers naturalists will present an overview of the pond's ecosystem, then lead participants in dip netting for common aquatic creatures. Parents and children must accompany each other. This program is free of charge, but space is limited. Call Five Rivers to register by Wednesday, Aug. 29.

A field study of the monarch butterfly will be conducted at Five Rivers on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 2 p.m. Center naturalists will lead participants along center trails, searching for monarch larvae among milkweed stands and watching for adults in flight. Participants will learn about the center's long-term Monarch Larvae Monitoring Program and also get tips on how to help conserve butterflies of all shapes and sizes. This program is open to the public and free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled.

A series of four early morning bird walks will be conducted at 7:30 a.m. on successive Thursdays beginning Sept. 6 and continuing Sept. 13, 20 and 27. Center naturalists will lead participants along trails to look for fall specialties, as well as year-round avian residents. The long-term data collected on these outings help to monitor avian trends such as response to changing land use, climate change and other environmental

Delmar Hannaford celebrates re-opening



Hannaford Supermarkets marked the grand re-opening of its Delmar location with a day-long celebration to showcase the variety of improvements at the newly remodeled store on Saturday, Aug. 4. The renovations are geared toward creating a better overall shopping experience for Hannaford customers by updating store decor and expanding product variety in the store's natural, organic and gluten-free offerings to over 600 items.
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influences.

The programs are open to the public free of charge. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity. Programs may be cancelled in the event of severe weather. Call the Center at 518-475-0291 for more information.

New Baltimore farmers market

On Saturday, Aug. 11, the New Baltimore farmers market at Cecil Hallock, District 2. Park on Route 54 will feature the following vendors: Crimson Valley with hydrangeas, blueberry bushes, daylilies and other perennials; the Heavenly Bakers of the New Baltimore Reformed Church with freshly made granola as well as multigrain and challah loaf, a specialty bread and gluten free loaves as well; Susie's Climax Creations will have fresh mushrooms and garlic as well as a variety of pickled items including garlic scapes, dilled zucchini, bread and butter chips, spicy dill pickles and much more. Eck's Farms will have a variety of fresh vegetables including tomatoes, squash, and corn. Good Day Honey features honey, beeswax candles, soap, lip balm as well as maple syrup and Becky's Herbs will have a several herbs and greens.

Performing on the Aug. 11 will be Seisun An Lar

playing traditional Irish music. There is a 50/50 raffle to support the music program at \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.

The New Baltimore farmers market runs from 9 a.m. until noon and features easy access, parking and free organic coffee.

TrustCo Bank Hall of Fame

TrustCo Bank Corp NY has created a Hall of Fame to honor individuals who demonstrate strong community involvement and work hard to make a positive change in the community. The public will be able to make nominations by going to TrustCo Bank's web site at TrustcoBank.com or visiting any TrustCo Branch. A Committee will review all nominations and announce the winners. The 2012 program will began on Monday, July 30, and will end on Friday, Sept. 28. Up to five individuals and groups will be selected each year. Winners will be invited to a luncheon and a wall will be erected to display plaques with winners' names, at Trustco Bank's Corporate Headquarters.

Albany JCC farmers market

The Albany Jewish Community Center farmers market will begin

on Thursday, Aug. 9. The market, which will run from 3-6 p.m. every Thursday through October, will feature a variety of food and craft items, as well as prepared foods, all grown and produced by local farmers. The market will be located on the center's front lawn at 340 Whitehall Road and is open to all. For more information, go to www.saaajcc.org.

Golf tournament

The Cornell Hook and Ladder Fire Company will be hosting the sixth Golf Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 19, at Sycamore Golf Course in Coeymans Hollow. This will be a four-person team scramble event with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Lunch and dinner will be served. Prizes to teams and individuals will be offered along with hole in one prizes. Gifts will also be provided for all participants. For registration forms and more information, call John Wallace at 756-3015 or Jeff Deso at 756-3004

Booths for Yard Sale Day

The Cornell Hook and Ladder Auxiliary have booth spaces available at the New Baltimore Firehouse on Gill Road for the Town of New Baltimore Yard Sale Day,

which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inside booths are \$10 and outside booths are free. To reserve a space or for more information, call Diana at 756-8312. The Auxiliary will also have several booths of yard sale items for sale as well as a baked good table.

JCC writing workshops

The Albany Jewish Community Center is offering a series of eight writing workshops on Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. on Sept. 19, Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 31, Nov. 7, 14 and December 5 in the Albany JCC's Massry Senior Center, 340 Whitehall Road. There, participants will learn techniques such as free writing and guided visualization and how to capture personal experiences with form and insight. Workshop leader, Marea Gordett, taught English and Creative Writing at Tufts University and Boston University and is currently director of Big Mind Learning, an educational firm in Albany's Capital District. \$44 prepaid registration is required. All interested in participated can register at 438-6651, ext. 112.

Ubaka concert

Old Songs will present drummer, composer and songwriter Ubaka Hill in concert on Saturday, Aug. 18, at 8 p.m. Ubaka will also present an afternoon workshop. Drumsong: The Art and Spirit of Drumming, from 1-4 p.m. Concert tickets are \$20 and workshop registration is also \$20. The cost of attending both the concert and workshop is \$35. All may be purchased by calling Old Songs at 765-2815.

Ubaka's workshops series, Drumsong, has been presented to people of all ages, various skill levels and physical abilities throughout the U.S. and internationally in Canada, Australia and Japan; at local, national and international music festivals, community centers, healthcare facilities, holistic retreat centers, coffeehouses, conferences and concert halls.

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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) (August 8, 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) (August 8, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 20 West 47 Street Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/5/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 55 W. 47th St., Ste. 370, NY, NY 10036. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82443 (D) (August 8, 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) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Andrew Bohmart MD PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82447 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Longships Capital Partners LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82448 (D) (August 8, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Argus Publishing Group, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/10/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82450 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Color Q Personality Profiles LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82451 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LAW OFFICE OF JOHN A. SCOLA, PLLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: to engage in the practice of Law. 82577 (C) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Harvey Global, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/12. Office location:

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Schenectady County. 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) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation NDNY 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) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Don-Glo Towing Equipment LLC 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. 82581 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation My Performance Brand LLC 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. 82582 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Robert Nachtrieb LLC 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, 513 Eagle Drive, Emmaus, PA 18049. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82583 (D) (August 8, 2012)

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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) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 LLC, 52 Elm St., Huntington, NY 11743. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82586 (D) (August 8, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of GRAND LISTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/13/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may

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Notice of Formation of Qualified Plans Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Lemery Greisler LLC, 50 Beaver St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82619 (D) (August 8, 2012)

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Notice of formation of 2390 Western Avenue LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/12/12. Office in Albany County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2390 Western Ave, Guiderland NY 12084. Purpose is any lawful purpose. 82621 (D) (August 8, 2012)

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Notice of Qualification of WATERVIEW HOUSE LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/10/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/9/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC , 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82629 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of M5OCEAN LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/20/12. 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. 82630 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ON A RISE PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/20/12. 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. 82631 (D) (August 8, 2012)

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Notice of formation of OHDR-ROME II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 7/16/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I. David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 82632 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Bee Deals LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/15/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 40 Exchange Pl., Ste 401, NY, NY 10005. General Purposes. 82635 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

1468 Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/29/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 110439, Brooklyn, NY 11211. General Purposes. 82636 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

EFM Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/18/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 4720 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11220. General Purposes. 82637 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Run E2E, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/18/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 6/25/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. GA address of LLC: 925 North Point Pkwy, Ste. 160, Alpharetta, GA 30005. Arts. of Org. filed with GA Secy. of State, 313 West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82728 (D) (August 8, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of AFS REAL PROPERTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/6/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Richard G. Della Ratta, 147 Barrett St., Schenectady, NY 12305. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82729 (D) (August 8, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Inviting Designs, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/8/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 21 Winslow Drive, Schenectady, NY 12309. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 82730 (D) (August 8, 2012)

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Lawsuit

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brought any time during the official's time in office, or within two years after the person leaves office.

"If he's still the chief, that statute has not begun to run," Kelly said. "I don't think it could be intelligently argued that the chief of police is not a public servant."

Questions linger

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in the lawsuit reveal differing accounts on several issues, including the handling of the tape. For example, in his deposition, police officer and Bethlehem Police Benevolence Association President Scott Anson said it was his understanding after speaking to an employee in the dispatch office several telecommunicators had been "approached on trying to make the tape disappear." On the other hand, Deputy Chief Timothy Beebe, who

conducted the search for the tape, said that same person had denied any knowledge of the tape when interviewed about it.

These are the types of incongruities in the testimonies that form a web of conflicting accounts, including over the chain of events leading up to disciplinary and criminal charges being leveled against Hughes, elements the lawsuit hinges on.

Hughes was convicted in May of possessing a fake police identification

card in order to obtain a retired police officer badge. His sentencing has been pushed back several times and is now scheduled for late August, and he could face jail time. Though he has long been on a medical leave, his felony conviction in May led to the town firing him.

Sussman declined to talk about strategy for a possible trial, but did say he would expect to call the same witnesses deposed in February to the stand, in addition to several others.

DEC seeks survey participants

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens is encouraging New Yorkers to participate in surveys for two popular game birds: wild turkeys and ring-necked pheasants.

Since 1996, DEC has conducted the Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey to estimate the number of wild turkey poults per hen statewide.

Weather, predation, and habitat conditions during the breeding and brood-rearing seasons can impact nest success, hen survival, and poult survival. This index allows DEC to gauge reproductive success and predict fall harvest potential.

During the month of August, survey participants record the sex and age of all flocks of wild turkeys observed during a participant's normal

travel. Those interested in assisting DEC with the turkey survey can download a Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey form from the DEC website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/48732.html>. Detailed instructions are available with the survey form. Survey cards can also be obtained by contacting a local regional DEC office, calling 402-8889, or by e-mailing fwwildlf@gw.dec.state.ny.us and typing Turkey Survey into the subject line.

DEC requests that farmers in Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming or Monroe counties, consider participating in the Farmer-Pheasant Inventory. No special observations are required, just those made during normal spring and summer farming activities. Farmers interested in participating should contact DEC at 402-8886 or by e-mailing fwwildlf@gw.dec.state.ny.us and typing Farmer-Pheasant Survey into the subject line.

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“I think it’s great,” said Crawford. “We need something like that. Instead of sticking to one thing like bowling, we have several things to choose from.”

And when the Beacon Pointe Olympics are over, Crawford will have a gold medal as a memento of her performance in the golf competition.

Dutchmen end season with comeback win

By ROB JONAS
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The Albany Dutchmen ended the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League season with a 5-3 victory over regular season champion Amsterdam Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Bob Bellizzi Field.

Jack Wietlispach’s two-run single capped a three-run rally in the bottom of

the eighth inning to propel the Dutchmen (22-24) to victory. Greg Pezzuto’s RBI single earlier in the frame tied the score at 3.

Albany scored the game’s first two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Greg Pezzuto scored from third on a wild pitch, and Wietlispach’s sacrifice fly drove in Andrew Pezzuto to give the Dutchmen the lead.

Albany starting pitcher Matt Snyder cruised through the first five innings before running into trouble in the sixth. Matt McDowell led off the inning with a single, and Ed Charlton followed with a two-run homer to center field to tie the game at 2.

Amsterdam (35-12) grabbed the lead in the top of the seventh inning. Brian Ruby reached on

an error and advanced to third on another error after he stole second. Ruby then scored on Chase Williamson’s ground out to give the Mohawks a 3-2 advantage.

Snyder stayed on the pitcher’s mound through the eighth inning for Albany and picked up the win when the Dutchmen rallied. The Colonie Central High School graduate scattered seven hits and struck out four batters to pick up his third win in six decisions. Ricky Schafer struck out the side in the top of the ninth to record his fourth save of the year.

Amsterdam starting pitcher Dan Zlotnick settled down after allowing Albany’s two first-inning runs. Zlotnick tossed seven innings and allowed two runs on seven hits, walked

five and struck out five. Reliever Kyle Rufer took the loss after giving up three runs on four hits in the eighth inning.

The Dutchmen finished the season in sixth place out of nine teams in the PGCBL. Latham native and LaSalle Institute graduate Zach Remillard led the team in hitting with a .369 batting average, 12 doubles, four home runs and 31 RBI. David Stagg was Albany’s top starting pitcher with a 5-3 record, a 3.08 earned run average and 61 strikeouts, while Latham native Trevor Lacosse had a strong season as the Dutchmen’s closer with a 3-2 record, eight saves and a 1.14 ERA. Lacosse didn’t allow an earned run until Sunday’s 4-3 extra-inning loss to Glens Falls.



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Mallers

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Albany coach Tom Manny. “I’ll tell you this much. When we get together Tuesday for practice, that’s the first thing we’re going to work on.”

Syracuse grabbed a 6-0 lead on quarterback TJ Sheard’s 8-yard touchdown pass to Burke late in the first quarter. It was the first six points allowed by Albany’s defense all season.

Syracuse caught a break early in the second quarter when a botched snap on an Albany punt and an unsportsmanlike penalty after the play ended gave the Shock the ball on the Mallers’ 7-yard line. Gordon scored on the next play from scrimmage, and Sherard added a two-point conversion pass to give Syracuse a 14-0 lead.

“The bottom line is we made too many mental errors in the first half,” said Manny.

Tarver ignited Albany’s offense late in the second quarter. He completed a fourth-down pass to Sean Singleton at midfield and added a 20-yard run to move the ball inside Syracuse’s 30-yard line. Three plays later, Tarver completed a 25-yard touchdown pass to Ish

Green to trim the Shock’s lead to 14-7.

Syracuse used the final two minutes of the first half to put together one more scoring drive. Sheard completed several passes during the series, including a 5-yard touchdown strike to Burke as time expired. The two-point conversion failed, though, which left the Shock with a 20-7 halftime lead.

Albany started the second half strong with a 9-yard touchdown pass from Tarver to Henderson. Palmer’s extra point sailed through to trim Syracuse’s advantage to 20-14 four minutes into the third quarter.

The Metro Mallers threatened to tie the score on their next offensive series, but the drive stalled on Syracuse’s 11-yard line. That proved costly as Gordon took the ensuing handoff from Sheard, slipped through several Albany tacklers and took off on an 89-yard touchdown run to give Syracuse a 26-14 lead.

“He’s a tough cookie,” Manny said of Gordon. “You blink once, and you’ve got a problem.”

Albany’s defense made a big play midway through the fourth quarter. On fourth-and-goal from Albany’s 12-yard line, Sheard’s pass was tipped in the end zone and caught

by Donald Murdock Jr. for his second interception of the night. Murdock then ran the ball back to Albany’s 5-yard line before being tackled.

The Mallers were nearly pinned deep in their own territory, but Tarver got them out of there and into the end zone with one play. Tarver scrambled under heavy pressure and threw a pass to Green near the sideline. Green stopped himself before crossing the line and outran the Syracuse defense for a 91-yard touchdown. Palmer missed the extra point, though, which left Albany with a 26-20 deficit with 6:07 left.

Another Mallers interception gave them the ball at Syracuse’s 28-yard line one minute later. On third-and-seven, Tarver rolled right and connected with Henderson on the tying touchdown.

Following Gordon’s go-ahead scoring run, Albany had one more chance to tie the game. Tarver drove the Mallers to Syracuse’s 15-yard line in three plays, but his next three passes fell incomplete and his fourth-down throw was intercepted at the Shock’s 3-yard line with 23.4 seconds left.

Albany returns to action Aug. 11 when it hosts the Plattsburgh North Stars at CBA.

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Desk

(From Page 32)

Now that he’s been traded to the Jets, everyone in New York is now fascinated with Tebow and the possibilities he brings to his new team. Will he compete with Mark Sanchez for the starter’s role? Will he do well running the “Wildcat” offense that new offensive coordinator Tony Sparano liked while Sparano was head coach in Miami? Will he be OK playing on the punt team?

As the media circles around Tebow and the Jets, they’ve largely ignored the Giants.

That may be a good thing for Eli Manning and company, though. They’ve been able to work on the issues that sprang up during the 2011 season – when they needed wins in their last two games just to make the playoffs – without constantly being asked about a specific player on the team. A player that will likely start the 2012 season as a backup quarterback, no less.

Still, it seems weird for the defending Super Bowl champions to be this far under the media radar – especially for a New York-based team. And, they’re playing second fiddle to a team that failed to make the playoffs last year and hasn’t been in a Super Bowl since 1969. It simply doesn’t make any sense.

Perhaps the Giants will grab the New York headlines again when they’re fighting for another NFC East title, while the Jets fall behind the rest of the AFC East pack. After all, solid preparation and hard work is usually rewarded in the NFL. That theory has helped the Giants win two Super Bowls under Manning and head coach Tom Coughlin.

Of course if Tim Tebow contributes in any way toward an AFC East title for the Jets, the Giants might wind up playing second fiddle for several years to come.



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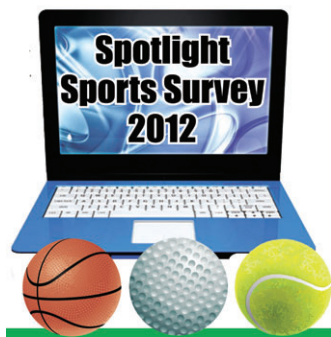
The Albany Dutchmen ended the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League season with a 5-3 victory over regular season champion Amsterdam Wednesday at Bob Bellizzi Field.

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- Osi Umenyiora 0%

The Olympics come to Beacon Pointe

Memory care center uses sports to keep residents active

By ROB JONAS
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Audrey Crawford stood at the putting green set up inside the Beacon Pointe Memory Care Center's dining room and carefully lined up her shot.

If she sank this putt, she would be the gold medalist.

With nerves of steel, Crawford calmly tapped the ball into the hole to win the Olympic golf competition.

"I've never golfed before in my life," said Crawford.

Crawford will receive her gold medal at this weekend's closing ceremonies -- one of the eight Olympic-themed activities the Clifton Park facility created for its residents.

"This is the first time we've done the Olympics," said Beacon Pointe Activities Director Stephanie Walsh. "The activity department and Weston-Paxxon -- which provides on-site physical therapy for our residents -- got together to do this."

The idea behind the Beacon Pointe Olympics is to keep its residents -- all of whom are suffering from memory impairments including Alzheimer's Disease and dementia -- active and connected with the outside world.

"It's one more way to incorporate activities with what's going on in the world," said Pam Schorr, a Weston-Paxxon physical therapist.

The Beacon Pointe Olympics started July 27 -- the same day that the real Olympics began in



Beacon Pointe resident Audrey Crawford putts during the golf competition at the memory care center's Olympics Thursday, Aug. 2. The Clifton Park facility created several Olympic-themed events for its residents, including an opening ceremony.

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"We're really good at adapting the activities so everyone can participate."

— Beacon Pointe Activities Director Stephanie Walsh

London. Competitions began three days later with volleyball followed by equestrian races, golf, bowling, basketball and Olympic trivia.

The residents were divided among six teams representing the different "houses" of Beacon Pointe. They each had the opportunity to carry the flame -- a decoration in the form of an Olympic torch -- as it went around the facility during the opening ceremony before reaching the dining room, which

is where the competitions took place.

"Each person got to talk about the countries they were from (during the opening ceremony)," said Schorr. "We incorporated a lot of cultural things leading up to the ceremony."

The competitions were also designed with the residents' physical limitations in mind. Volleyball involved two teams sitting at opposite ends of the dining room batting a balloon to one another. Golf involved competitors putting on a portable green which sent the ball back automatically when it entered the hole. The equestrian race was a board game where players rolled dice and moved their plastic horses around the track.

"We kept in mind the difficulty of the activities," said Schorr.

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Albany can't catch Syracuse

Special teams errors cost Metro Mallets

By ROB JONAS
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Poor special teams play cost the Albany Metro Mallets their winning streak.

Tyrone Burke's long kickoff return set up Dewayne Gordon's 1-yard touchdown run with 1:55 left in the fourth quarter to give the Syracuse Shock a 32-26 Empire Football League victory over the

FINAL SCORE	Metro Mallets
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game at 26 on quarterback CJ Tarver's 27-yard touchdown pass to Domo Henderson, but Syracuse blocked Kelly Palmer's extra point attempt -- Palmer's second miss of the night. Burke then took the ensuing kickoff and raced to Albany's 3-yard line before David Lumpkin caught him for a touchdown-saving tackle.

From there, it took Gordon three attempts to cover the yards necessary to put the Shock ahead.

"Our special teams did not play well tonight," said

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Tebow mania still making headlines

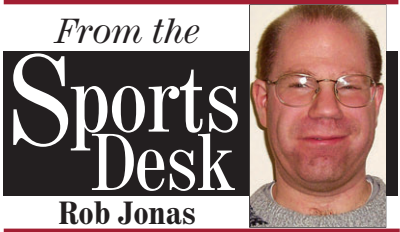
If you're part of a New York City/New Jersey-based National Football League franchise, is it better to make noise on the field or off the field?

This is the fundamental difference between the New York Giants and the New York Jets as they enter the third week of their respective training camps at the University at Albany and SUNY Cortland.

The Giants have been all about business during their stay at UAlbany, while the Jets have dominated the sports talk landscape while training in Cortland.

Under normal circumstances, the attention would squarely be on the defending Super Bowl champion Giants and their preparations for the 2012 season. But, the Jets have grabbed all the headlines thanks to the off-season addition of one Tim Tebow.

Why is so much attention paid to



Tebow? I've never really figured it out. He had a lot of success at the University of Florida, but so have Kerwin Bell, Shane Matthews, Danny Wuerffel and Rex Grossman. Only one of those four quarterbacks I mentioned is still playing in the NFL, although that's likely to change now that Robert Griffin III is competing with Grossman for the starting job in Washington.

Then, there is the religious angle. Tebow is devoutly Christian, and he freely talks

about it. He also demonstrates it every time he scores a touchdown with his now-famous "Tebowing" stance (getting on one knee and bowing his head in prayer). It has become a source of controversy, but frankly it's not enough of a big deal to me to warrant the increased interest.

Ultimately, what I believe makes Tebow interesting to so many is that he wins games while not exhibiting any extraordinary football skill. In his first two years in the NFL, he has completed 47.3 percent of his passes for a total of 2,383 yards -- an average of 6.75 yards per completion. Those numbers would ordinarily send a quarterback out of the NFL. Yet Tebow managed to guide the Denver Broncos to a 9-7 record, the AFC West title and a first-round playoff win against Pittsburgh last year. Don't ask me how.

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