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Speed thrills

> **Altamont Fair to mark** ride's upstate NY debut

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Last year, thrill seekers got their rush from the rotating, pendulum ride "The Stinger" at the Altamont Fair. This year, Rick Reithoffer will provide another exclusive experience.

Called "Speed" and classified as an ultimate thrill ride, two giant arms on a pendulum take riders 140 feet into the air as four riders on each arm rotate 360 degrees. The machine's 13 revolutions per minute then accelerates the G-force on riders, making them feel as if they're in a free fall.

"If you liked The Stinger, you will like Speed," said Reithoffer. "My son says it is the baddest ride we have in our arsenal."

The ride is produced by a Dutch company and is very popular overseas, but in North America A new ride called "Speed," above, is expected to be a Reithoffer's 116-year-old family business.

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the only way to experience Speed is through hit at the Altamont Fair this year, along with a petting zoo featuring giraffes and other animals.

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# **Town** talks cuts

Attrition said to be key to balancing budget while keeping services

> By CHARLES WIFF wiffc@spotlightnews.com

If there's one thing Bethlehem leaders agree on, it is the town's staffing levels won't be going up anytime soon.

That was the takeaway from a Wednesday, Aug. 8, meeting of the Town Board at which a long list of potential cuts were discussed, though no specific decisions were made. Also included in the list were breakdowns of the average salaries and benefits costs of town employees.

"Most of the major savings here tie in to personnel," said Supervisor John Clarkson, who is scheduled to present his tentative budget next month. "Most of the money I think we will save going forward ... is taking advantage of staff attrition."

That could include recent retirements in the police department, where the average officer collects a \$90,000 annual salary (including overtime) and costs the town an additional \$34,000 in benefits and payroll taxes. Two line officers, a sergeant and two detectives have recently retired.

One way a detective slot could be left open would be to end the DARE program at Bethlehem Central — that officer could then be reassigned from the schools. Clarkson said he's already approached BC Superintendent

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# BCSD seeks feedback on borrowing

**District needs money** to upgrade facilities

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

The Bethlehem Central school board is asking the public to weigh in on borrowing the needed funds for district-wide facilities upgrades.

According to a five-year plan developed by the district in 2011, about \$9.1 million of upgrades are suggested over 10 years to fix the infrastructure of buildings, upgrade water and lighting fixtures and replace aging equipment. About another \$4 million would

be needed to make expansive athletic facilities improvements and I.T. system upgrades.

"We have educational needs and infrastructure needs that have been deferred for far too long," said Superintendent Thomas Douglas. "Even with the previous bond issues (in 2003), it still wasn't covering the constant deferment of repairs."

BC Operations and Maintenance Director Gregg Nolte said the main concern is protecting the structural integrity of each of the district's 11 facilities and 22 out-buildings and ensuring the health and safety of students and staff.

The department has identified repairs needed to the roofs at Slingerlands and Glenmont Elementary Schools, as well as the high school, with façade and masonry repairs needed at the middle school. Nolte estimates \$20,000 a year is spent on patching the roofs.

"If we don't ever want to come to another \$93 million bond again, we need to have some type of plan so that when equipment begins to fail or infrastructure starts to exceed its expected life, we can go in and replace and not do it on an emergency basis," said Nolte.

District officials said the previous bond has been paid off and all of the money was used to upgrade the district's facilities to allow for growing enrollment numbers. With the expansions completed, other upgrade projects

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# The forest for the trees

### Kids can take ownership of the outdoors with Adopt-a-Forest program

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

In today's expanding digital world, children are finding it less interesting to spend time in the great outdoors.

In an effort to instill an appreciation of nature in youths of the new millennium, the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy has developed a program to allow children their own space out in the woods.

"There's evidence that nature does kids a lot of good in multiple aspects of their lives," said Jill Knapp, executive director of MHLC. "We've found many kids, especially from urban areas, aren't growing up with these experiences in the outdoors, and we want to change that."

The program is called Adopta-Forest Lot, and it works by lending children and their families a parcel of land within the MHLC preserves. The children can clean up the space and use it to plant a garden or build a fort. They could also leave it be and use the parcel to interact with nature and the environment.

"The point is for them to play, and work and enjoy the small parcel as if it was their own," Knapp said. "So much now children are forced to look but not touch. This will be a totally different experience for many of them."

The Conservancy received a \$6,500 grant through the Land Trust Alliance in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation earlier in the year. The group then reached out to local schools, mostly in the Albany and Troy area, hoping to drum up interest. So far, few have asked about the program.

This seems funny to Knapp, since the program would be a unique learning experience for students. The group also has the means to pay for busing students, so it would be a good opportunity for schools to use as a field trip when many district have tight budget concerns.

Few parents have contacted the group about the program.

"A lot of parents are scared to let children out in woods and it's a shame," Knapp said.

The parcels would be within the Normans Kill and Schiffendecker preserves in Bethlehem. Knapp said she knows last year there were concerns about poison ivy and



the increase in ticks within the area, but the group hired people to safely control the invasive plants and pests.

The hope is to eventually use some of the funds to place cameras in certain areas of the preserve so students can see what kinds of creatures visit their parcel when no one is there.

The program is open to youth groups, community organization, schools, families and adults. All children most be accompanied by an adult, and an adult from each group must attend a short orientation. Campfires, hunting and trapping, and overnight camping are not permitted.

The hope is groups will



A group of youths clean up parcels of land at the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy's Schiffendecker Preserve in Bethlehem through the group's Adopt-a-Forest Lot program.

Submitted photos

"contribute to creating a healthy environment in their local community" and increase awareness and vigilance of invasive species, while developing new skills and "exploring career options in the natural resources."

"We want children to learn to explore the world around them," said Knapp.

Any group or family from throughout the Capital District is welcome to join. To learn more, visit www.mohawkhudson.org or call 436-6346.



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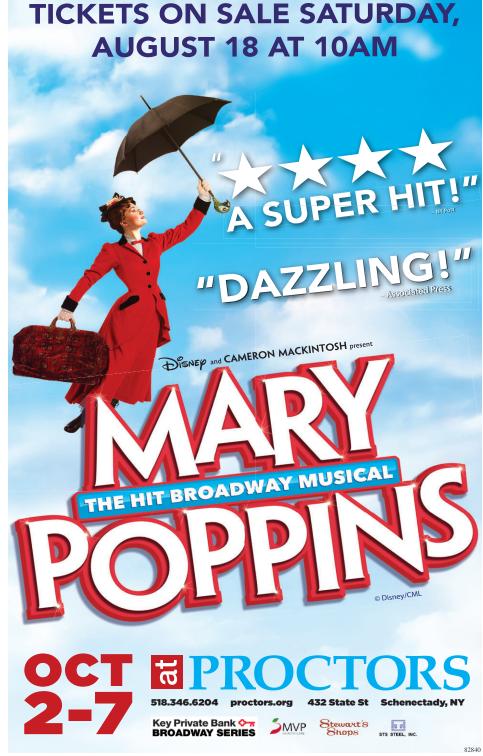
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### Fun at the farmers market

The Capital District Farmers Market in Menands was bustling at *The Spotlight's* fourth annual Family Day Saturday, Aug. 11. In addition to ample fresh local produce and baked goods, Family Day featured tractor wagon rides, pedal cars for kids to race on, pet adoptions with Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society, coloring stations, as well as some great raffle giveaways. New this year was music by acoustic duo Cass & Emma.

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### Police Blotter

# **Driver in V'ville triple fatality indicted**

Case called one of the most 'tragic and complex' of county's history

> By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

The driver in last year's car crash outside a Voorheesville church that killed three was indicted by an Albany County Grand Jury on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The Albany County District Attorney's Office said LuAnn Burgess, 55, was charged with felony aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular manslaughter and three counts of criminally negligent homicide. The charges were leveled nearly one year after the crash took place. She will also be charged with misdemeanor counts of reckless driving and driving while ability impaired by the combined influence of drugs, along with other traffic violations.

"The Grand Jury's decision was the final piece to the nearly yearlong investigation by this office into one of the most tragic and complex motor vehicle crashes in this county's history," said Albany County District Attorney David Soares in a statement. "The investigation leading up to this presentation required the cooperation and coordination of multiple agencies, both local and out of state.'

On Aug. 10, 2011, Burgess

was dropping off her 6-year-old son at Voorheesville Elementary School and began to head east on Mountainview Street towards home, according to then Albany County Acting Sheriff Craig Apple. According to police, her flip-flop sandal fell off near the gas pedal, leading her to lose control of the SUV and strike three elderly women standing in front of St. Matthews Roman Catholic Church.



LuAnn **Burgess** 

It was later discovered through a round of toxicology reports that Burgess allegedly had several medications in her system at the time of the crash that were being used to treat an illness. The District Attorney's Office

did not go into detail about how the presence of those drugs will play into the case against Burgess.

"As this is an open case, our office is not legally able to discuss the specific results of any testing that contributed to the charges in the indictment," said Albany County DA spokeswoman Cecilia

The three women standing outside the church were Carol Lansing, 66, of Green Island, Rosmarie Hume, 79, of Waterford and Frances C. Pallozzi, 89, of Waterford. They were a part of the Empire State Volksporters, a group of nearly 50 hikers in the Capital District who Apple had said would normally walk in that area on Wednesdays. They were waiting for a friend who had stopped into the church to go to the bathroom when the car careened across the church lawn and struck them.

Attorneys Larry Rosen and Cheryl Coleman, who are both representing Burgess, released a statement on the indictment and said they do not feel Burgess will be convicted.

"We do not believe that Ms. Burgess committed any crimes. A tragic accident occurred a year ago and it was an accident, not a crime," it read in part.

The District Attorney's Office called the investigation "exhaustive" and said the charges are the result of "countless man hours dedicated to witness interviews, collision investigation and reconstruction analysis, toxicology inquiry and exploration, and a thorough assessment of potential legal matters associated with the presentation of this case to a Grand Jury.'

"This Office appreciates the families' understanding during what can only be considered an extremely trying process and hopes that the Grand Jury's decision today brings them some sense of closure," said Soares in a statement.

Burgess was released on her own recognizance.

# **Delmar man guilty** in sex chat case

A Delmar man pleaded guilty to making hundreds of phone calls to a sex chat line while as his state job, according to the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

Edward Reilly, 52, pleaded guilty in Albany City Court



**Edward Reilly** 

of petit larceny, a misdemeanor. Reilly is said to have made several

on Friday,

Aug. 10, to

one count

hundred calls to a sex chat line while on duty at the state Department of Environmental Conservation between 2005 and 2010. It is estimated the calls cost the state more than \$20,000.

Reilly presented the court with a check to compensate for the calls. He then received a conditional discharge from his position after pleading guilty to the crime.

"Ensuring that the State was made whole and securing a resignation of this defendant from a state position was a priority in this case," said DA David Soares.

### Other arrests

• A Delmar woman was arrested on welfare fraud charges following an investigation by the Albany County Sheriff's

Police said Gladys VanDyke, 29, of 278 Hudson Ave. was charged for allegedly collecting \$2,315 in benefits from the Department of Social



Gladys VanDvke

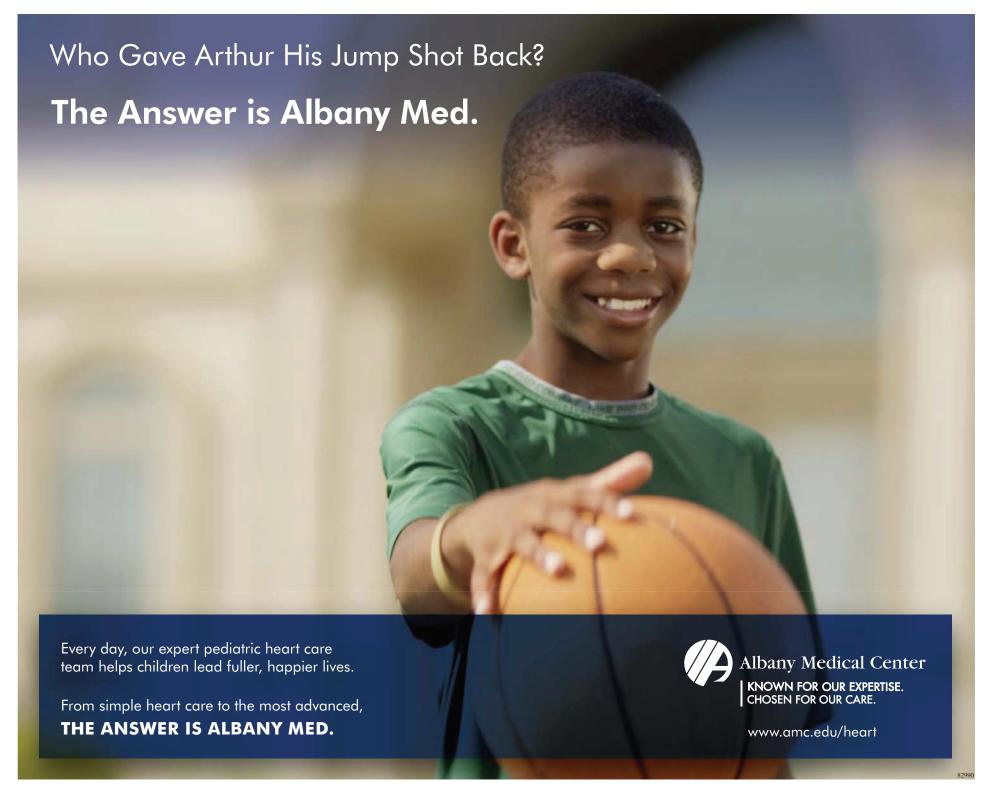
after she didn't report the correct household income. VanDyke

was charge with grand larceny in the fourth degree, welfare fraud in

the fourth degree, and offering a false instrument in the first degree, all felonies.

A Cohoes woman,

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# A healthy dose of ocean therapy

By CAROLINE BARRETT

As I write this, my family is packed snugly in our car, and we are heading home, driving over the bridge that separates Cape Cod from the rest of Massachusetts. All are quiet and tired. The sun and the ocean have worn us out.

Every year, right around March, I start to feel it. I long to see the ocean. I just need to see it once, each year. I need to stand on the beach of Cape Cod bay at low tide and look out over the expanse of beach, smell the ocean air and feel the sand between my toes. I love that feeling.

So just to satisfy my need to see the ocean, we packed it up and headed out to the Cape. This year, we planned on camping out for three nights, spending two glorious days on the beach. I planned it all out, considering which beaches we would hit. what we'd eat for dinner and even what book I'd read once there.

I planned for us to spend the first day on the bay. As very young people, my children spent many happy hours at the bay. They built elaborate sand castles and filled every space with hermit crabs. Bucket in hand, we walk out as far as we can go, what feels like miles, until we find the edge of the ocean. They love to hear the story of Elliot, just over a year old, big hat strapped around his chin, had something in his mouth. I used a

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finger to try to scoop it out, but he wouldn't budge. Finally, he spit out a terrified hermit crab.

After the exploring and the sandcastles were done, it was time to do what I most love to do on the beach: read. The book I brought was perfect, I thought: Geraldine Brooks's new novel, "Caleb's Crossing." It the story of a young Puritan girl living on Martha's Vineyard in the 1600s. She befriends a Wampanoag boy who becomes the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College. I couldn't wait to dig into this rich historical story.

Flopping down on my towel, I dug in my bag for the book. Funny, I didn't feel it. I pulled out Elliot's goggles, Lucy's magazine and Zoe's bag of chips. Paul's New York Post was there. It seemed I remembered something for everyone. Except I had forgotten my book. I was so sad. Paul offered to get it, to walk the 2 mile distance back to the campsite. No, I thanked him. I could survive. For awhile I watched the clouds. Then I swam in the warm water with my kids. I thought about my book but tried not to pout. Elliot walked down the beach with me, stopping every foot or so to pick up a rock. The afternoon was lovely. Just without a book.

That night, we cooked up a big piece of fresh cod in our cast iron skillet. It was simply prepared with a bit of lemon and Our Daily Plate Caroline Barrett



a shake of salt. I warmed tortillas over the fire to wrap the fish in, and we chopped tomatoes to put on top. I declared it the best meal I've ever had and everyone smiled. Yeah, I say that a lot.

After dinner I thought about crawling into the tent with my book and flashlight. Instead I sat with my family, idly talking by the fire. I'm so glad I did. We played word games and told stories. Elliot did an imitation of our cat acting like our dog that made me snort with laughter.

The next morning, Zoe and I made coffee and pancakes topped with fresh peaches. My kids happily ate that and what they had begged for: Strawberry Pop-Tarts. Then, we packed it up headed to the ocean side of the Cape.

We arrived, set up our umbrella, laid out towels and I tried to cover all exposed skin with sunscreen. Impatiently, they let me. Coated with 50, they raced to the ocean, boogie boards under arms. I settled in my chair. My book was waiting.

You can probably guess how it turned out. In the bag was all the stuff I'd packed for everyone else. And no book. It was on the other side of the Cape, still tucked in next to my pillow and sleeping bag. Right where I left it. I took it better that day, sighing

When it was time to go, I didn't want to. I was reminded of how it felt to be a little girl, one who didn't want to leave the water on the last day of vacation. I knew I'd have to say goodbye and wouldn't see the ocean again for a year. A year always seems so long.

and pulling myself up from the sand. There would be no 17th century story of people who lived so close to where I sat. Instead there were popsicles, horseshoe crabs and a current to ride. Elliot watched for sharks while we played, endlessly, in the sand and waves. He kept a keen eye but didn't spot a shark, not even one.

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Fresh ocean cod with tomatoes and lemon

serves 5 generously

1 ½ lb. fresh cod

1 large ripe tomato, cored and chopped olive oil

juice of 1 lemon

sea salt

black pepper

1 handful chives, chopped fine

Light a grill to medium heat. Rinse fillets and pat dry with a paper towel. Season generously with salt and pepper. Place on the foil and bring the edges up so any liquid doesn't run off. Cover the fish with the tomato, a drizzle of olive oil, the lemon juice and the chives. Place another piece of foil over top and seal all around. Place the aluminum foil packet directly on the grill and cook for 7 minutes. Peek into the fish, using a fork to test for doneness. When the fish flakes in the center, it is done. Serve hot, scooping the juices over each serving. Excellent with sweet summer corn and a green salad.

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Next morning we were in the car, Paul taking us back to Albany. I was satisfied, calm and riding my post-ocean-holidayhigh. Though the miles stretched between me and the ocean waves, I could hear them in my head, over and over.

I miss the ocean while I'm away from it. Next year, we'll go back. It will be there waiting as it always is; the waves, the crabs and all the soft,

warm sand. We'll bring our cooler and our toys and boogie boards. The book? Maybe I'll bring my book. The truth is, I really didn't miss it, anyway.

Caroline Barrett is the mother of three food loving children and the wife of one grateful husband. They live together with their menagerie of pets in the Hudson Valley. Follow their adventures on her blog, www.ourdailyplate. com.

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# Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

# What's on your plate?

For years, parents have generally had two options when it comes to lunch for their school-going children: pack it every morning day in and day out, or let junior eat whatever the federal government deemed adequate to provide nourishment.

Some schools got it right, but quite often meals were either unpalatable messes of Grade F frozen mash or something so greasy and unhealthy the kids were bound to love it.



Parents with the brown bag blues might want to reassess school lunch this year, because this season a new set of federal school meal guidelines go into effect.

The new regulations change the codes from 15 years ago, and amazingly look a lot like something a common sense-minded person might come up with. They establish limits on sodium and trans fats and require schools to serve more fresh fruits and vegetables. Some schools will be cutting in half the number of chicken nuggets in a meal, for example, and replacing those calories with fresh fruits (canned stuff is either limited or banned).

These new rules could hardly be more needed. It is undeniable at this point obesity is a major threat to this nation, with two out of every three Americans either overweight or obese. Today, the average American adult male weighs 195 lbs, an increase of about 25 lbs compared to 1960. Heart disease, which is often brought about by unhealthy lifestyle, has surpassed cancer as the No. 1 cause of death for people in this country.

It turns out our kids take after us. In 2008, 20 percent of children ages 6 to 11 were considered obese, double the percentage from two decades ago. A full third of adolescents are either overweight or obese. For the first time in our history, it is looking less likely our children will live longer than we do. Many leading health experts, including the surgeon general, have called childhood obesity an epidemic — a decade ago.

So the new nutritional guidelines are not only welcome, they're like a lifeline thrown to a drowning swimmer. But that lifeline is thin and tenuous. It could break if we do not meet it with our

From what schools have told us and information collected anecdotally, the caveat in these new regulations is most students don't have to buy into the meals. In many districts, students in middle school or high school are offered a whole host of a la carte options. In these age groups, students may well skip the apple and go for French fries. And for younger students, food from home might be healthy, or it might not.

This is the dirty truth when it comes to any effort to control the obesity problem: it rests on personal choice. It might very well take an entire generation lost to sloth and bad diet to shake us of it.

One healthy meal a day is a wonderful thing, but it will not cancel out an unhealthy lifestyle lived the rest of the day. Parents could do well to take a page from the menus at these schools and assess what lessons are being taught at home when it comes to nutrition and exercise.

Never has the old saying "An apple a day..." rang so true.

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# Stay connected through stories

This article originally appeared in the August issue of Capital District Pages.

An old Norwegian saying wisely tells us, "It is the duty of the present to convey the voices of the past to the ears of the future."

Once upon a summer night, a mother putting her children to bed suddenly changed course and declared there would be no bedtime book read. The mother, whisking a blanket off the bed, ordered the children to follow her. The children lined up like ducklings behind their mother, and together through the house and out the door they marched. Outside in the summer night air, the mother flung the blanket on the ground and the children instinctively sat down wondering what would come next. Without even a hint of whining, they had successfully escaped their beds and that annoying stream of light that always came through the window at summer bedtimes. As their mother began to tell them a story from a familiar fairytale, they could hardly believe their good fortune. There they were, outside at night, on a comfy blanket, listening to a story and staring at the sky as they invented illustrations in their heads to match their mother's

After that, once a week throughout the summer, the children were treated to outdoor storytelling at bedtime. The stories changed each time, sometimes made up, sometimes retellings from favorite books, and sometimes true stories about the children themselves when they were babies. On one particular summer night, with the whole family assembled on the storytelling blanket, the parents shared some awesome true stories of their naughty misdeeds when they were young. The children liked those stories best of all. With the parents as the model storytellers, the children learned the art of storytelling and grew up to

pass on the same stories to a future generation.

Storytelling is the art of conveying a tale through voice and gestures. It is not the same experience as reading a story, reciting from memory or acting out a play. The more you tell stories, the better you will become.

Try different techniques to enhance your stories. Alliteration uses several words in a row starting with the same letter such as "Sammy the snake slithered." Repeating the same key phrase or chant will give your story a sense of rhythm. Creatively using your facial expressions accompanied with other body language will convey the mood. Change it up and use a variety in word choices and fluctuate the tone of your voice to match what you are saying. Eventually you will develop your own style of colorful language that paints pictures in the listeners' minds, and the storytelling experience will be emotional and meaningful for you, as well as for your listeners.

As we have become more dependent on technology to share our thoughts and ideas, telling a story forces us to reflect on what we want to say and to rely on our own verbal skills to articulate those reflections. There are so many reasons why this practice is as educational as it is entertaining. Storytelling exposes children to language beyond their reading ability, gets them excited about learning something new, helps them to remember important details, teaches them the value of oral history, reinforces the skill of making mental pictures and encourages reading while it enriches writing.

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there. Parents can wisely use storytelling to teach valuable lessons. For example, tell a cautionary tale to help your child predict natural consequences to inappropriate behaviors. Another twist on how to teach character through storytelling is to use an actual event of misbehavior. Have your child tell the story of what happened up to the point where the misstep occurred and allow your child to change the ending to create a happy and more satisfying conclusion.

A famous author once said, "After nourishment, shelter and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the

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

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# Your Opinion in The Spotlight

# **Reinhardt represents changing tides**

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Primary Day, Thursday, September 13th, Bethlehem's Democratic voters will have a choice to continue the change that is happening in their Party, or step back to old style politics. Bill Reinhardt is the Town Board candidate who will continue the process of positive change.

For Bethlehem to be the best local government anywhere we need leaders that will put excellence in public service first and foremost. That means to set and follow a clear course for professionalism, openness, the willingness to do what is best for our Town in key areas such as fiscal sustainability, investment in our infrastructure, land use planning and modern and efficient government that will save taxpayer dollars. Bill Reinhardt will bring his lifelong professional experience in Green Energy initiatives, government administration and leadership to keep us on the best course for our

In Bethlehem there is a changing tide in government and politics that is causing those in public office and those service first. Voters have been demanding that elected officials back off on control for political purposes, work with and serve all people regardless of party affiliation, reach "across the aisle" in governing for the betterment of the greater good, and most importantly, understand that being an elected representative of the people is a high privilege, not a right. Bill is the candidate who believes in and will deliver this positive change.

Bill's opponent, former Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham, represents a big step backwards to the "politics as usual" that Bethlehem voters rejected once, and do not want to return to again.

I also share concerns in a Bethlehem Town Board seat at the same time as he holds the full time position of Public September 13, please make Works Commissioner sure to vote, and I urge you for the Town of Colonie. to cast your ballot for Bill When considering Reinhardt, Bethlehem's competitive grant Democratic Town Board applications, water supply decisions, state or federal funding for infrastructure

seeking it to put public and confidential Town executive session matters like labor management negotiations, just to name a few areas where these conflicts could arise, it would be difficult for anyone to avoid the perception of conflict, let alone the reality. I hope that Jack would not want to put Bethlehem or Colonie in a potentially difficult position by sitting

# **Cunningham shows character in** his commitment to community

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Thursday September 13th, in the Primary Election, and I am sure that many Bethlehem Democrats younger residents recall will choose our candidate to run on the November ballot for the Town Board. In this primary race Jack Cunningham is running with the endorsement of the Bethlehem Democratic

volunteer with the "Meals on Wheels" program that he coached in the Bethlehem Tomboy's softball league. As Bethlehem Town Supervisor he had many accomplishments but I appreciate most the things that helped to make our town a community. He worked, for example, to institute our annual Holiday Parade where kids get to see Santa come right down Delaware Avenue. He also built sidewalks for the children and residents of Glenmont so that they could enjoy a safe means of pedestrian travel in their

These simple accomplishments speak

neighborhoods and to

the center of town.

with the elderly as a to the character of the man we should choose to serve on our Town Board. And while Jack has proven himself many times over to be a competent administrator and a prudent caretaker of our tax dollars, I feel that these often-overlooked, human qualities are just as important.

I hope that on September 13th the residents of our town will look not only to his accomplishments but also consider these demonstrations of character when they cast their ballot. Jack is a decent man who cares about the future of Bethlehem and we deserve that type of representation in our town government.

> Patricia Parsons Delmar

# **Last day for letters**

The Spotlight reminds our readers the Sept. 5 edition will be the last edition in which letters pertaining to the upcoming Sept. 13 primary will appear in print. No political letters will be run in the Sept. 12 edition.

in both seats? The many volunteer opportunities our Town offers afford recently raised about Jack many ways to give possible conflicts of back to our Town without interest with Jack sitting putting his service in a potential conflict with his job in Colonie.

On Primary Day, candidate for the future.

Sam Messina, Delmar

Party against the handpicked candidate of the Bethlehem Reform movement.

I have known Jack for a long time. He is a life-long resident of the Town and he and his wife Leslie raised their children here. Like many residents, homegrown and transplants alike, he has a deep love and commitment for our town and the people who live here. Over the years I have watched him work

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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. This is the last of the 2012 Together at Twilight Concerts.

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

•Let's Drum: Club 1-2-

Wednesday, Aug. 22 10:15 a.m.

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Let's Drum is a handson approach to learning rhythm, history and culture with a myriad of percussion instruments. Jonathan Duda is our guide to this interactive program. No registration necessary.

•Tom Knight Puppets Monday, Aug. 27 6:30 p.m.

Tom Knight Puppets is a collection of songs and skits for children of all ages - about animals, the environment, food and books. Favorites include "Alligator Jump", "the Garbage Monster", and "Henry the Magician", plus songs from Tom's most recent CD "The Classroom Boogie!"

Friends of the Library **Annual Book Sale** 

Sept. 14 to 16

September is around the corner, which means some way, call the library it is time for the FOL's at 765-2791 or email annual Fall Book Sale. You jstrauss@nycap.rr.com. must be a member of the Friends of the Library to

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# Kids can try **NookColors**

New NookColor e-readers for children and teens are now in our catalog, available for two-week loan. They come preloaded with multiple age-appropriate ebooks popular among young readers. You'll find them on our kids' and teens' Popular Now shelves. Children's Nooks are subdivided into "Young Kids" and "Upper Elementary" collections.

For borrowing information and titles lists, go to our website, www. bethlehempubliclibrary. org, and click on the "e-readers" quick link in the left column of the home page. If you need coaching on how to operate an e-reader, you can get one-on-one help at the information desk.

At last estimate, the library now holds about 800 individual titles in ebook format; multiple copies of some bring



the total up to about 1,300. This number will undoubtedly grow.

### Candyland extra-large

Step into a life-sized version of the venerable children's board game Candyland this Friday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m. Explore Candyland Country—but beware of Lord Licorice! Dress as your favorite candy or gingerbread person. We'll show the Candyland movie while we play. Kids of all agesand adults who fondly remember this childhood pastime—are welcome.

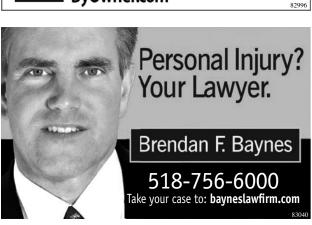
Louise Grieco

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# Library storytimes taking a break

It's been a fun summer in the library annex for library storytime programs. Themes of funny monsters, nighttime animals, phases of the moon and more kept all the kids entertained and their imaginations busy.

After this week, library storytimes take a break. Storytime programming will resume on Thursday, Sept. 6, with Positively Preschool returning to its regular time of 10:30 a.m. at the library. On Fridays, the library will host Library Babies at 9:30 a.m. and Romp & Read at 10:30. Romp & Read will return to the Selkirk firehouse on Maple Avenue at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Don't forget to visit the library between now and Sept. 6 for a fresh selection of books, movies and music. Check out our display of back-to-school picture books, too!

### **Summer Reading Program continues**

This summer, the library visited local park programs each week for the Summer Reading Program. Children kept track of their reading and earned beads that could be traded in for prizes.

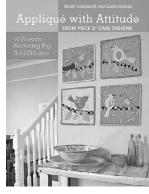
Kids who participated



in park programs can continue the Summer Reading Program at the library through the end of the first week of school. Kids can bring their log books to library staff for bead tabulation and exchange beads for prizes in our Prize Box. Keep reading, kids!

### **Celebration of young** artists on Aug. 16

The annual reception for young writers and producers, their families, and their friends is on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. Participants in the Young Writers Workshop will present their hardcover books to the library. My Media Project youngsters will screen their videos at 8 p.m. A photo display will feature



Violinist's Thumb" "Appliqué with Attitude" are among the new offerings at the RCS **Public Library.** 

the work of the members of My Writing Project.

### Brush up on basic computer skills

Whether you are new to the computer or need to refresh your skills, the Library has a class just for you. This summer all computer classes are reviewing the fundamental skills needed for computer

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

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

### RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

and Wednesday, Aug 22,

BEGINNING MICROSOFT WORD: Learn to create quality documents like letters, business cards, agendas and more with tips and templates. You will become more comfortable with editing and sharing vour written thoughts at home or at work.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m.

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

### What's new

Adult non-fiction

"Appliqué with Attitude" by Becky Goldsmith

"Do It Yourself Kitchens" by John Wiley

"The Violinist's Thumb" by Sam Kean

"Tiny Beautiful Things" by Cheryl Strayed

"Trucker Ghost Stories" by Annie Wilder

• RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. For information, call 756GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY www.guilpl.org

# **Summer reading salute**

The grand finale of the 2012 Summer Reading Club is upon us. On Thursday, Aug. 16, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., come back to the library's Helderberg Room to collect your prize coupons, free books, and reading certificates. You'll have a change to enter your ticket for the grand prize of your choice. The winner will be drawn after

Stay and watch the Dream Big: READ! Slide show to see highlights from all the fun things we did ... and see if you're one of the stars

### **DVD** lending policy change

The library has changed its policy related to loaning DVDs outside the Guilderland community. Two reasons are behind this change:

 The dramatic increase in the number of DVD requests from non-Guilderland patrons;

• A rise in the number of damaged DVDs bring returned by non-Guilderland patrons.

You can still request new DVDs online, but not older DVDs. Unfortunately, the shared library system is unable to limit requests to Guilderland patrons. But, as has always been the case, Guilderland Library card holders can call the library and ask a staff member to pull materials that are on the shelves for later pickup.

One benefit of this change is that there will be more DVDs on the shelves available for you to borrow.

### Snap!

When you bought your new high-speed/ low-drag digital camera, just how far did you get into the owner's manual? Do you know what all the buttons do, or are you satisfied with a simple point-and-shoot? Come to the Digital Photo Forum on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m., and learn about the ins-and-outs of digital photography.

This is an open forum. All are invited to bring their work to share and also their questions. Bring work on memory cards, USB drives, CDs.

Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, please call the Library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.

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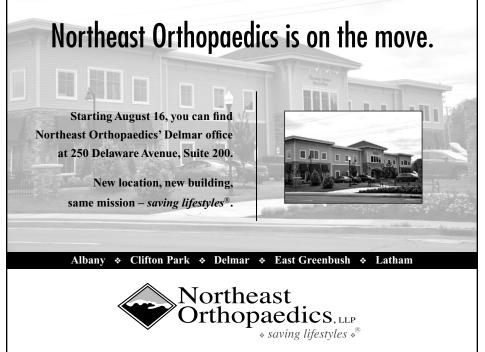
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# **Come dine on lobster and steak**

You will not want to miss the Down East Lobster Bake or Steak Dinner at the East Greenbush Masonic Temple on Saturday, Aug. 18, at 4:30 pm. Dinner will cost \$25 and will include baked potato, corn, coleslaw, and dessert. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to reserve your seat. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 3:30 p.m. Home pick up can be arranged, Suggested van donation:

Duplicate bridge will be held on Friday, Aug. 24, at St. Stephen's Church at 7:15. Call Wilma DeLucco at 439-6164 if you are interested.

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



Presbyterian Church on Delaware Avenue on Wednesday afternoons, and at the Bethlehem Middle School on Kenwood Avenue on Saturday mornings. Transportation will be available on selected Tuesdays. Call 439-4955,

### Tuesday, Aug. 21

1176.

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.

### Wednesday, Aug. 22

- Caregivers Support Group, a discussion for those caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia will be held at the Town Hall from 10:30 to noon.
- Senior grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

### Thursday, Aug. 23

• 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 pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for more information.

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

### Friday, Aug. 25

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

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

Wilma DeLucco. Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

# Catch the movie of the month on Aug. 30

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

"The Lincoln Lawyer" stars Matthew McConaughey, Marisa Tomei and Ryan Phillippe. It tells the story of a sleazy defense attorney who has a crisis of conscience when he represents a wealthy client who has a foolproof plan to beat the system. Rated R

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# **SCCC** unveils lavish living

Student housing aimed to increase enrollment, facility tailored to program offerings

By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

Student housing and upscale, modern living rarely coincide, but one local college hopes to find success with this unlikely combination.

Schenectady County Community College and The United Group of Companies on Tuesday, Aug. 7, offered the media a tour of nearly completed student housing, College Suites at Washington Square, which is on target for students to move in on Aug. 31. The \$13 million project places student housing adjacent to SCCC's main campus on Washington Avenue.

SCCC President Quintin Bullock stood inside a nearly completed suite several years in the making as construction workers continued final preparations outside the door.

"It is very exciting to see this come to fruition and know that it will open on Aug. 31 for students moving in," Bullock said. "The Board of Trustees, faculty and staff are looking forward to watching this new initiative and allowing it to really become a part of the college's fabric."

Bullock said more community colleges are looking to student housing to expand outside of the typical recruitment area. He said SCCC has "very unique programs," such as air traffic control, culinary arts, nanoscale materials technology and alternative energy technology that appeal to students from across the

There are students signed up for housing next semester from Oneida County, Warren County and even New York City. Out-of-state interest has also been spurred, with two baseball players

coming up from North Carolina.

College officials estimate enrollment will increase 1.5 percent for the 2012-13 school year. Current enrollment stands at 7,340 students.

Bullock said housing offers the complete college experience to SCCC students.

"It really allows students to get that sense of independence, a chance to get a true experience of college life, a chance to really begin to live on their own and explore opportunities," Bullock said.

The 112,000-squarefoot facility has 69 rooms with 264 beds, with a mixture of four bedroom, two bathroom and two bedroom, one bathroom suites. Each room includes full-size appliances, such as a refrigerator, microwave and stove.

Joe Uccellini, social media manager for United Group, said he worked with students to identify what they wanted for



SCCC's new student housing suites, unveiled Tuesday, Aug. 7, will feature a host of modern amenities.

John Purcell/Spotlight

rooms and the building. Full-size beds were placed in rooms after the company heard a lot of feedback on the issue, he said, and closet space was identified as a priority.

David Lee, sales and leasing manager for College Suites, said he's toured the facility to around 150 people so far, with several tours happening each day. In the last two days, he has

received around 40 phone calls and 25 to 30 emails from students looking for housing.

College officials said around half of the rooms are already rented out, with little worry the remaining rooms won't be filled.

"I believe we will be filled by the move in date without a problem," Lee said. "People have been blown away. We are not a dorm, we are off campus luxury housing ... most dorms don't have half of

A fully furnished fourbedroom suite rents for \$635 monthly per person, which includes cable, fiber optic Internet and Wi-Fi, central air and heating and utilities. The all-inclusive cost goes up \$30 per month for a two-bedroom

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SCCC Board of Trustees Chairwoman Denise Murphy McGraw said the college surveyed students to reach the design and price point. Michael Kliman, property manager for United Group, said it was "very important" to offer an affordable price for students.

Outside of the rooms there are several amenities that compliment programs offered at the college. There is a flight simulator offered for aviation students to practice outside of the classroom. Music students will also be able to hone their skills in a music rehearsal room. The student lounge also holds a demonstration and community kitchen, allowing for culinary students to practice and share their craft.

"Everything we have in the common area space is designed to work with



Officials say the new housing SCCC is offering has drawn interest from out-of-state volunteers to deliver

the programming over at the college," Kliman said. "It is very important for us to be able to provide them with things that help them with their schooling and to make their schooling experience more convenient."

Also, there will be a business center with study rooms for students hitting the books the more conventional way. Residents will have access to a fitness room and an area for students to store bicycles. A game room will also provide some additional entertainment.

"I myself would like to live here," Kliman said.

John Purcell/Spotlight

Lee said there would be a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding drinking, smoking or using illegal substances in the building. Since there is a wide age range of students, alcohol can't be allowed on the premises.

"We want to make sure we are safe," he said.
"Education is first, but Ham & Cheese Sandwich safety is a direct number or Cold Plate

**Senior** 

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for one person, \$ 2805 for two people, etc. This nutrition program helps senior's buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables at nearby farmers markets. Bus transportation will be provided two to three times during the summer to a market in the surrounding area. Applicants should call 356-1980, ext. 1094.

### **Meals On Wheels** drivers needed

We are seeking Meals on Wheels to area homebound residents weekdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Please call Cindy at at 356-1980, ext. 1048, for more information.

### Tuesday, Aug. 14

Exercise Class Registration

Noon Food Pantry Raffle

12:30 p.m. Bingo/ Games/Billiards

### Wednesday, Aug. 15

Exercise Class Registration

Scheduled Shopping 10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters 10:30 a.m. Sr Fitness 1 p.m. Neddlecraft 1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

### Thursday, Aug. 16

Exercise Class Registration

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. OsteoBusters 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure, & Scheduled Medicaid &

10 a.m. to noon Food Stamp Appts

Legal Appts

12:30 p.m. Mahjongg 1 p.m. Pinochle

### Friday, Aug. 17

Exercise Class Registration Scheduled Shopping 10 a.m. Painting

10:30 a.m. Bridge 1 p.m. Quilting

# The Travers: Saratoga's Signature Moment



Colonel John, on the inside, noses out Mambo in Seattle to win the 2008 Travers Stakes.

There's nothing quite like the final furlong of a major thoroughbred race. Full grandstand, fans packed to the rail, horses charging down the homestretch as the buzz of anticipation from a crowd thousands becomes a frenzied, full-blown roar.

Even those with crumpled betting slips at race's end can't deny the excitement. It's part of the allure of the sport and the reason why casual and hardcore fans alike will once again converge at Saratoga Race Course for the Grade 1, \$1 million Travers on Saturday,

From Man o' War to Jim Dandy and Alydar to Birdstone, the Travers regularly showcases must-see thoroughbreds facing off in the most anticipated race of the summer.

Known as the "Mid-Summer Derby", the Travers is the oldest major stakes race in the country for 3-year-olds, run at the track Sports Illustrated ranked one of the top 10 sporting venues in America.

The result is a once-a-year-event that epitomizes the oft-used phrase "the magic of Saratoga."

Gates open early at 7 a.m. on Travers Day and the card is packed with top stakes races including the Grade 1 Foxwoods King's Bishop, Grade 1 Test and Grade 2 Ballston Spa presented by Jose Cuervo.

Fans can kick off Travers Week by indulging in the third annual Travers 1864 Restaurant Week from Sunday, August 19 through Thursday, August 23. During the five-day event, diners have the opportunity to enjoy a three-course meal at participating restaurants for the prix-fixe cost of \$18.64, the year of the inaugural running of the Travers. For a list of participating restaurants and menu offerings, visit nyra.com.

The Travers festivities continue on Friday, August 24 as Saratoga Race Course hosts the 15th annual Battle of the Brews. The "pint" sized competition brings a wide selection of brewers to the backyard for sampling to benefit the American Red Cross Adirondack Chapter.

Anticipation continues to build Friday evening at the Travers Eve Party in downtown Saratoga Springs. The all-ages event allows fans to meet their favorite jockeys, dance to live music, enjoy family entertainment and pick up Travers-themed mardis gras beads at downtown businesses.

Travers Weekend truly is a time when memories are made - both on and off the track.

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.







# A backpack filled with hope

**Women in Business Committee supports** those affected by domestic violence

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG riggj@spotlightnews.com

One in four women have been a victim of domestic violence, and those impacts can extend to affect an entire family.

In a few weeks, children will be heading back to classrooms, including those whose lives are in turmoil because of domestic violence. One local group is looking to make sure they at least have the tools they need to succeed.

Helping children to be ready with everything from pencils to calculators is the Women in Business Committee of the Southern Saratoga County's

Chamber of Commerce. For the last half-decade. they've worked with the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County (DVRC) through Backpacks of Hope to fill the need.

"It is the committee's hope that recipients of the backpacks and baskets will take comfort in knowing there are people in their own community who care and want to help in a very practical way," said Liz Roggenbuck, member services manager at the chamber, in a statement.

Loretta Rigney, the chamber's vice president and director of marketing and communication, said the program is a spinoff of the Baskets of Hope initiative, which supplies personal care items to women at DVRC year round.

"It's a way for the members of our Women in Business Committee to let victims of domestic violence know that people in their own community care about them," said Rigney.

The Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga County provides shelter, counseling, legal advocacy and housing programs to women and children in crisis. They receive 2,000 calls every year from women in need of support.

"The program is tremendous," said Nagar Hale, the chamber's director of membership development. "What's extraordinary about DVRC is that it does cross so many socio-economic lines of every type."

Around 100 backpacks are filled every year with

school supplies collected at dozens of businesses, including H&R Block and Envisions Beauty Salon, as well as the chamber's office in Clifton Park.

The committee is made up of 70 area businesswomen and aims to give children items that may otherwise not be in their family's budget.

"The Women in Business Committee has really adopted this issue ... and in supporting other women in achieving stability," said Maggie Fronk, executive director of DVRC.

She added families in crisis might struggle just to get food on the table, and when the school year rolls around school supplies might simply be out of the question.

As word gets out about Backpacks of Hope, Fronk



Members of Southern Saratoga Chamber of Commerce, through their Women in Business Committee, coordinate with local organizations every year, including Backpacks of Hope.

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said that the response has been great and that the DVRC is grateful to the chamber for its efforts. She added all types of school supplies are needed.

"If you're shopping for your kids just think of what they need, that's what these kids need too. We always need calculators and notebooks," said Fronk.

Roggenbuk that the program is a point of pride for the chamber and one of the most important things it does all year.

"It struck a chord with the committee... each (committee member) has her heart in it for various reasons," said Roggenbuk.

Backpacks will be assembled at the chamber's office on Aug. 22. For more information on where to donate supplies for Backpacks of Hope, call the Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce at 371-7748.

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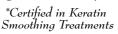
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The Elsemere Elementary School parents have been volunteering their time to provide programs, books fairs, school trips, school and playground improvements, new class room technology and a variety to leaning and social opportunities. The grant provided by Berkshire Bank will be used to help construct a new playground, which will modernize play equipment and promote healthy lifestyles, as well as creative and imaginative play for children. With the grant, the Elsemere PTA is halfway to its goal for the playground funding.

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Officials cut the ribbon on a new Berkshire bank branch at 255 Delaware Ave., Delmar. As part of the grand opening celebration, the bank gave \$10,000 in grant awards to two area nonprofits.

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ABOVE: The Grandstand drive-in restaurant offers up 24 different syrups to flavor soft serve ice cream.

RIGHT: Christine Ramundo twists a chocolate soft serve ice cream cone on Tuesday, Aug. 7. Ramundo recently purchased the former Highbridge Twist in Rotterdam.

Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

### G'land woman with soft serving past opens ice cream shop

By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

Serving up a picturesque soft serve ice cream cone isn't as easy as it looks, according to one new ice cream shop owner.

"It's all in the wrist," Christine Ramundo said with a laugh. "Everybody thinks it is easy, but it isn't easy to twist a cone."

Some people, Ramundo

said, clearly have the twisting skills hardwired, but others take months of practice to, well, continue to reach less than desirable results.

"My mother started in May and by the end of June she still couldn't twist it," Ramundo said.

Ramundo was 15 years old when she started working at Kurver Kreme on Central Avenue in Albany and continued working at the ice cream shop until she was 24, when motherhood took her focus. Then, she took a call from friend who owns Kurver asking her to come back and twist some more cones.

"I've done ice cream almost my whole entire life," she said. "I like seeing the people's reaction when they get the ice cream and the little kids' faces when you hand them a cone."

For the past six years she worked at Kurver. but when the ice cream drive-in Highbridge Twist in Rotterdam was up for sale, she couldn't pass up the opportunity to run her own shop. Even as a

15-year-old, she could see herself in soft serve for many years to come.

"I didn't think I would be owning my own store, but I liked it," she said. "I really enjoyed what I did."

Since the transition was quick, there haven't been many changes at Highbridge Twist yet - other than the name. Along with her family, Ramundo settled on The Grandstand, playing off the batting cages that are on site along with the ice cream stand.

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Next season, Ramundo is looking to add frozen yogurt to the store and host birthday parties in the store's indoor room.

The soft serve ice cream comes from a Crowley's mixture and then one of 24 different syrups is added to the mix to provide a bevy of flavors. The shop's hard ice cream is supplied by Perry's Ice Cream.

Owning her own store presents a different challenge to tackle every day, but Ramundo's family is very supportive and works at the shop with her. So far, the mixture of family and business has been enjoyable.

"It is a lot of work, but it is worth it," she said.

She is hoping her family takes an interest in the business and will carry on running it. Her 14-year-old son already enjoys working at the shop. Also, he is a natural at twisting cones.

"I told him it is in his blood," Ramundo said.





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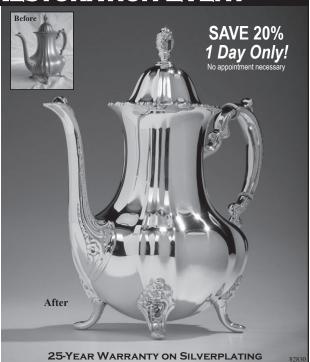
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# Finance in the Spotlight

# Financial planning for women: Still more room for growth

By FRAN O'ROURKE, Senior Vice President, Key Private Bank

egardless of whether you have had the opportunity to watch the acclaimed PBS series Downtown Abbey, the show that is celebrated for its intriguing plotlines and early twentieth century period costumes has

gained recognition for something far more profoundshining the spotlight on the financial status of women just under a century ago. And it wasn't very pretty.

Today, it's easy to take for granted how far women have come. Once subjected to institutionalized financial illiteracy,

the modern woman is as adept at running a major corporation as she is at managing the day-today finances of her household. She knows the importance of an emergency savings fund, invests in her 401(k) and actively builds and reviews her financial plan for the future. So why, then, all this fuss about women and money?

The answer is simple: organizations care about the relationship between women and money because they know women still face some unique financial challenges.

### Women and their financial status

statistics about women and day women have lower bank money.

Women control 33 percent of North America's wealth; IRS couples) represent 39 percent of all "top wealth holders" in the U.S.

Forty-three percent of investors with more than \$500,000 in investable assets are women.

> Seventy-three percent of full-time working women said they are the financial head of their household, responsible for spending, budgeting and their families' financial planning and investing.

Women leave the work force for an average of 11.5 years versus 16

months for men.

Statistically, women are more in control of their financial lives than ever before. However, one statistic remains glaring—that women spend nearly 10 years less than men in the workplace. Combined with lower pay, this translates into women earning 30 percent less income than men over the course of their careers.

Women also live longer than men and have to spread that money out over a longer period of time. In fact, 50 percent of women older than age 65 outlive their husbands by 15 years. So despite the fact that women tend to save their earnings at a higher Here are some interesting rate than men, at the end of the

balances because of their lower overall take home income.

This information is important statistics show that women (not because it creates a situation where women have less saving and investing power than men and are not as well prepared for retirement or sudden financial responsibility—whether through death or a divorce—as men.

### Strategies for making a better, more financially stable woman

Women need to think about investing differently because the trajectory of their lives is different—longer time in retirement due to higher life expectancy rates than men. And this is why it is so important to start planning now. Every day spent putting off what can be done today is a lost opportunity for investing in tomorrow. Here are a few ways to start the process and begin investing in your financial future.

Look at your financial situation and spending. Review your earnings and expenses and find places to save.

Find a money buddy someone to confide in about your a financial advisor. Women financial savings strategy. This emphasize relationship building way you will have someone to hold yourself accountable to. The more you can start saving today, the more you will have for your future. Your buddy can help you stick to your budget and savings goals. Reward yourself along the way when you reach milestones.

Take less time off of work. Swap out a day with your husband or partner and get paid for more working days. Because not only are you losing money from taking the day off you may be putting yourself at risk for losing out on career advancements and retirement benefits.

Value yourself. Don't be afraid to ask for a raise or promotion. Schedule a meeting with your supervisor. Do your homework and go in prepared. Demonstrate what you have done for the company and how you have contributed to the bottom line.

Invest in yourself. Regularly review and maximize retirement options and consider things like buying a house instead of renting.

Schedule a meeting with and fact gathering and are more likely to consult with experts when it comes to financial planning. Leverage this, and schedule a meeting with an experienced professional to chat about finances. Knowledge is power.

More so than ever before, women have a seat and a voice at the table. But we still have work to do. Look to videos, books, websites and groups geared toward helping women plan for their future to become even more financially empowered. More often than not, these resources are free. And don't forget you can always call your financial advisor. He or she can steer you in the right direction towards a better financial future.

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### Facts and planning tips about and for women

While it is true that women are gaining more financial knowledge than ever before and are using it to build a better future for themselves, the statistics show there is still room for more improvement.

Take a look at the following statistics to see where you might fit in. Are you doing everything you can to make sure you have a financially secure future?

Fewer than 16 percent of high net worth women use a financial advisor: nearly one in

likely than men (76 percent) to be concerned that they aren't money to meet their retirement objectives.

Women are the key decision makers for 83 percent of all goods and services that enter their household.

The average woman spends 15 percent of her career out of the paid workforce caring for children and parents.

Women open 89 percent of all bank accounts.

Life insurance is the most commonly owned financial device, with 74 percent of women owning a policy.

The current life expectancy of a female at birth is almost 81 years; for a male it is 75 years.

Do you have a financial plan? If not, start by working to eliminate debt by creating a realistic budget. For most women eliminating debt means

paying off credit cards and parting ways with plastic spending power. It's hard to invest in your future when you are paying upwards of 20 percent in interest on your purchases.

Consider developing a spending plan—for both today and tomorrow. This will help you more effectively stretch the dollars you earn and allow you to assume more responsibility for your financial well-being. Here are a few tips:

Take full advantage of four do not have a financial plan. retirement vehicles such as Women (82 percent) are more 401(k) plans and IRAs, which

Make early, regular saving or investing enough contributions to your savings and investment accounts. For example, a 20yearold who invests \$2,000 a year for eight years will earn more off that investment by age 65 than a 30yearold who invests \$2,000 a year for 30 years.

> Assess your risk tolerance and define investment objectives that encompass short-term, midterm and longterm goals.

Build a balanced, diversified portfolio. Women tend to invest significantly in low-yield, safe investment vehicles as opposed to higher-growth potential

As always, consulting with your financial advisor will ensure that you are on the right path.

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# A winning recipe

### BOCES and food bank combine resources to help provide meals for hungry kids

By BRADLEY MORRIS news@spotlightnews.com

There's a new tag team in the Capital District taking on the challenge of childhood hunger.

The Capital Region BOCES Career & Technical School and Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York have combined forces in order to both promote good health among hungry, inner-city children and give jobs to those willing to assist. The program is called the Summer Food Service Program, and it is funded and coordinated by the Regional Food Bank. The main goal is to get healthy breakfasts and lunches to children involved in youth programs that provide free meals in Albany, Amsterdam and Gloversville.

The food bank has done similar projects in the past, but the partnership with BOCES is a new twist.

"This is the first time BOCES has worked with the food bank [in this type of program]. They have done a lot of activities with us over the "Our group includes refugees from Burma, Iraq, and other countries. The language barrier has been difficult, but not impossible because food is an international language."

- Chef Paul Dolan

years." Kim Brizzell, Capital Region BOCES president of adult education, said. "The food bank was looking to expand on what they've been doing ... and make it better for the kids."

The main goal of the program is the get kids to eat healthier while providing them with a USDA-approved meal.

According to Chef Paul Dolan, who prepares the meals, the food bank provides all food, and all meals prepared are fresh. Dolan said he likes to prepare different specials as well that promote good health, such as fruit salad using the numerous fruit options donated by the food bank.

Sometimes, though, it can be a challenge to get the

healthy options to appeal to the children, Dolan said.

"Unfortunately, kids want bologna sandwiches more than they want the [healthier] roast turkey sandwiches," he said.

Brizzell said BOCES also views this partnership as an opportunity for those involved in their adult education and English as a second language classes. Those students have an opportunity to help out with the program, allowing them to develop skills useful in a team environment and the workplace.

"We decided to make it a learning project," Brizzell said.

Instead of hiring more workers, BOCES reached out to its own students since skills useful for the working force are important and hands-on experience is one of the best ways to obtain them.

"We recruited a lot from our current [classes]. We reached out with the network of our community. That's our main population [of workers]," said Brizzell.

Dolan said, despite their varied backgrounds, the volunteers share a common language.

"Our group includes refugees from Burma, Iraq, and other countries. The language barrier has been difficult, but not impossible



Chef Paul Dolan and his crew prepare around 185 breakfasts and up to 350 lunches per day as part of the Summer Food Service Program.

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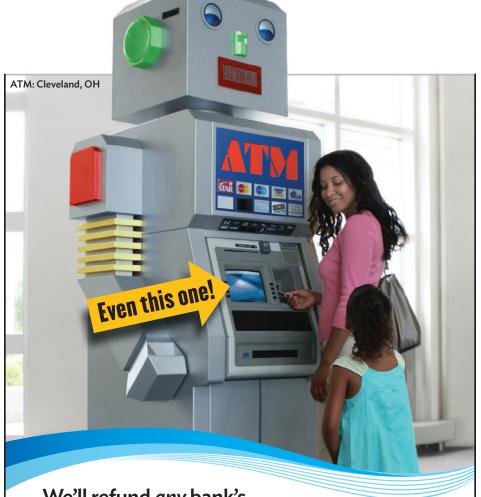
because food is an international language," Dolan said, adding that the participants are very willing to work, which helps make it a productive learning experience.

The crew prepares around 185 breakfasts per day and 275

to 350 lunches per day.

"It's a pretty amazing opportunity to serve the community and the food bank [and] provide to such a great cause," said Brizzell.

The program will continue to serve meals until Aug. 24.



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**Entertainment** in the Spotlight



# Glenville museum plans daylong celebration

he Empire tate M u s e u m younger than 6. in Glenville will take part in national Aviation Day on Saturday, interest in aviation, Aug. 18.

People of all ages are invited to enjoy guided tours, flight simulators, rides around the front lawn in ESAM's parade plane, open cockpits and stick rocket classes. There will be a tent with displays and activities geared to kids, and there will be discounted rides on the simulated reality vehicle. The 109th Airlift Wing

off at 10 a.m. and runs in the United States. until 4 p.m. It is included with regular admission, there are a number of visit www.esam.org.

for seniors/military, \$5 for children 6 to 16 and free Amelia Earhart and women Aerosciences for members and children in flight, a hot-air balloon

> Founded in 1984, the museum aims to stimulate particularly as it relates to New York State. It is home to a number of aircraft, including an A-10 Warthog, UH-1 helicopter and F-84F Thunderstreak. Earlier this year, the museum acquired three planes from the Intrepid Sea, Air &

Inside the museum,

which is \$8 for adults, \$6 aviation-related exhibits, including a section on display and a model of a Japanese aircraft carrier. Exhibits are housed in two buildings. Most of the aircraft are outside, although some of the more fragile aircraft are located inside the museum's expansive hangar.

The museum is open during the summer on Tuesdays from noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday to Space Museum in New Saturday from 10 a.m. to York City: a Supermarine 4 p.m. and Sundays from Scimitar, F-3D-2 Douglas noon to 4 p.m. As part of Skynight and a MIG-15. the Blue Star Initiative, The 109th Airlift Wing The Scimitar is a twin- all active duty military C-130 cargo plane will engine, single-seat strike personnel and their make a special appearance. fighter used by Great families can enjoy free The celebration kicks Britain and is the only one admission from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information,

Top: Visitors can have a seat in the cockpit of a U.S. Marine helicopter.

Bottom: A model of the Japanese aircraft carrier "Akagi" has its own room at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum.



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### **Arts** and **Entertainment**

### **Theater**

### **COPACABANA**

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### **HAIRSPRAY**

Musical based on cult movie classic, presented by Park Playhouse, Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, Aug. 4-19, shows 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, center section seating \$15, side section seating \$13, lawn seating free. Information, 434-0776.

### 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

### RUNNING THE RIVER

SUDOKU

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine

3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each

row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row,

column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will

appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The

more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Fun band, Aug. 16, 8 p.m., Moon and

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River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### **BRIAN DANIELS**

Country, folk and blues singer, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### JOHN GORKA

New Folk Movement singer-songwriter, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$22, day of show \$24. Information, 583-0022.

### ANNA FRENCH & HORACE MICHAEL

Piano-playing musicians, Aug. 17, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### THIRTEEN FOR LIFE

Original music, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### BEAUCOUP BLUE

Father and son duo, Aug. 18, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, day of show \$18. Information, 583-0022.

### JOHN BIRCHLER

Folk musician, Aug. 18, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-

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### KATSURA WITH RICK SACCHETTI

Rock, pop and folk, Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### **ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS**

Barbershop and a capella music, Aug. 19, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia, free. Information, 374-8611.

### DAVID MASSENGILL

Appalachian dulcimer master, with opening act Greg Klyma, Aug. 19, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$18, day of show \$20. Information, 583-0022.

### Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Aug. 17, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

### **Family**

### THE PUPPET PEOPLE

Children's show, Aug. 18, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia free. Information, 374-8611.

### 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-

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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

### **ARTS CENTER** OF THE CAPITAL REGION

"Fence Select," featuring works selected by Opalka Gallery director Jim Richard Wilson, through Aug. 31, 265 River St., Trov. 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.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Tails & Terpischore" 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.

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

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

### TANG TEACHING **MUSEUM & GALLERY**

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

### **UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM**

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

### **HYDE COLLECTION**

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

### **CLARK ART INSTITUTE**

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

### MASS MOCA

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

### ARKELL MUSEUM

"American Impressionsim: Masterworks in Watercolor and Pastel," through Oct. 21; "Pastoral and Parkland: American Landscape Paintings," through Oct. 26; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People, ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-

### Call for Artists

### **SARATOGA ARTISANS** AND CRAFTERS' MARKET

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

### **BALLSTON SPA COMMUNITY BAND**

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

### THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

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

### THE CHORALIERS

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

### **ETUDE CLUB**

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

### **CLIFTON PARK** COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### **CAPITALAND CHORUS**

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

### TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Group meets four times a year and holds an annual show, promotes and encour-

ages the medium of pastel through exhibitions, education and comradery in the medium. Information, 793-9350.

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### **DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 813-4299 or e-mail delmarcommunityorchestra@ gmail.com.

### **COLONIE TOWN BAND**

Several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

### **COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR**

Openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville. Information, 783-2760.

### **SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS**

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland Information, 861-8000.

### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Information, 439-2360.

### SIENA CHAMBER **ORCHESTRA**

Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

### THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON Openings in the string section, also need

French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center. Clifton Common, Clifton Park, Information, 372-5146.

### **ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS**

Male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 399-1846.

### RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group based in Niskavuna is looking for women to join group Information, 346-5349.

### MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

Invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

### ARTISTS WANTED

Exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 1138 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 220-9027

# Weekly Crossword

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# **Shaker Heritage Society** is seeking new voices

### **Group to focus on** preservation in the coming years

The Shaker Heritage Society, an interpretive center that dedicates itself to informing and educating the community about the many contributions of the Shakers, is recruiting new board members to help further its mission. The Society is also recruiting a new treasurer.

"This is an opportunity to help preserve a significant historic site that also is a wonderful rural oasis adjacent to Albany International Airport. In this small organization, every Board Member can have an impact," Executive Director Starlyn D'Angelo said in a press release announcing the positions.

The new board members would assist in providing financial, historic preservation and fundraising expertise. The Shaker Heritage Society, located at the site of America's first Shaker settlement, 25 Meeting House Road, Albany, is nationally renowned for its informative history. Also, the center puts on an array of events that celebrate both the community and history.

D'Angelo said that the preservation of old buildings and their surrounding landscapes are a big part of the organization's master plan.

"We need people who are willing to tackle the challenge,' she said.

The skills, experience and interest essential for the position include: nonprofit

board leadership, finance, government relations, historic preservation, fundraising/ public relations, nonprofit and real estate law, community activism and technology/IT.

This call for new blood is a routine change for the organization.

"Every year one-third of our board rotates," said D'Angelo. "This is standard for any nonprofit."

However, she added, the organization is going about the process a little differently by "broadening its net" and making more of an effort to get individuals involved since the preservation process is such an extensive one.

Board members are expected to regularly attend board meetings and Society events, fundraising events and make commitments to actively participate in board activities.

Although the preservation is the main focus, there are a number of other important plans in the Society's future. The Society has plans to improve education about the significance of the historical sites, along with developing education programs for senior citizens and attempting to increase heritage tourism in the Albany area.

"We have this gem of a historic site. It should be a gateway to the cultural attraction [and] be a nationally recognized historical site,' said D'Angelo.

For more information or to apply for the job, contact Starlyn D'Angelo at 456-7890 or email Shakerdirector@gmail.org.

- Bradley Morris

# **Books on screen, and on wheels**

### **Digital Bookmobile visits** area libraries

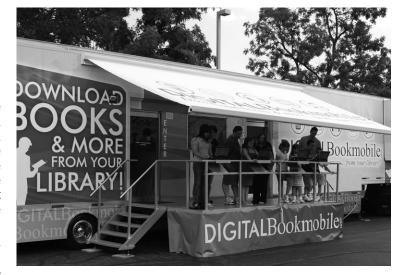
By ALYSSA JUNG junga@spotlightnews.com

Did you know there are 13,000 books, music and movies available to download from public libraries across the Capital District? Recently, the Overdrive Digital Bookmobile made stops in the area to let people know more about the libraries' e-book offerings.

The Bookmobile on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 8 and 9, made local stops to show patrons exactly what e-materials their libraries have to offer and how to access

"Library patrons are always asking us about our e-book collection. This event is a fun way to let people try out various devices and learn how to download digital materials for free from the library," said Richard Naylor, director of Colonie's William K. Sanford Library. "The digital bookmobile is an amazing display of available library technology and devices and we are excited to be able to host it."

The bookmobile is a 30by 75-foot tractor trailer that tours the nation showing readers how to make the most of their library cards. The interior is outfitted with the various devices that can be used to download materials, like computers, tablets, e-book readers and portable media players. There's also a room with demonstrations on how to download movies and sample e-book and audio books for patrons to test out their new



The Overdrive Digital Bookmobile made two stops at Capital District libraries on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 8 and 9. The interactive vehicle teaches library patrons how to access digital materials.

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digital borrowing skills.

"We (are) absolutely thrilled because many people are just not aware that they can download books for their e-readers and mp3 players in the library," said Jo-Ann Benedetti, manager of outreach and information services for the Upper Hudson Library System.

Benedetti said area libraries have been offering books in a digital format since 2006, about three years before the Kindle was first released. The problem is many people don't realize they have the option to borrow e-books or audio books from the library, or how simple it is.

As long as patrons have their library card handy, the process is quick and easy.

'It's very similar to shopping for anything online. You add a book to a little cart and check it out," said Benedetti.

First, cardholders find the

book, album or movie they want in a digital catalogue. Then, they add it to a cart and can choose to have it available for one, two or three weeks. After the borrowing time expires, the item automatically is deleted from the account.

"You don't have any late fees and don't have to remember to return a book," said Benedetti.

Patrons can access the digital library 24/7, even outside library hours. Materials can be downloaded to Kindles, iPods, iTouch devices, Android tablets, the NOOK, Sony Reader, Blackberry, Windows Phone and other portable devices that are compatible with the library's download service.

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## **Milestones**

# **Moskowitz, Hoerz to marry**

Steven and Paula Moskowitz (Glenmont) proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Angelina Moskowitz, to Tyler Hoerz, son of Joyce Hoerz (Middleburgh) and Robert Hoerz. The bride to be attended Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Oswego. She received her Master's of Social Work at SUNY Albany, and recently passed the SW licensing exam. She is currently a foster care social worker at Parson's Child and Family Center. The groom attended Middleburgh High School and received his bachelor's degree at SUNY Oswego. He is currently employed by the State of New York Dept. of Tax and Finance.

A spring 2013 wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Albany with their dog Laker.



**Angelina Moskowitz and Tyler Hoerz** 

### Thomas Michael Roberts

Thomas Michael Roberts, 44, died



peacefully a t his home in Takoma Park, Md., the morning of July 23,

Mara Webb and Brian Taffe

2012. Tom often joked, "Under-promise and overdeliver." Living 13 years after his brain tumor diagnosis, he did just that.

Tom was born in Albany to Donald and Emily Roberts and raised in Delmar. He attended Bethlehem Central Schools, where he wrestled, played baseball and read an enormous number of books. During his college years, he developed a deep commitment to human rights. Most notably he participated in the National Campaign to Abolish the Death Penalty's "Pilgrimage for Life" march from Florida to Atlanta, walking with Sister Helen Prejean. Tom expressed his love of, and dedication to, the arts through his work at the Old Songs Festival in Altamont, the Hudson Valley Writer's Guild and the Albany League of Arts.

After moving to

Washington, D.C., in 1990, Tom worked with the National Assembly of Local Arts and played shortstop for the National Endowment of the Arts softball team. Tom was hired by the National Academy of Engineering in 1997 and later moved within the National Academy of Sciences to the Office of News and Public Information.

Tom and Patti Mallin married August 17, 1997.

While training for the AIDS Marathon in 1999, Tom had a grand mal seizure. After his brain tumor diagnosis and an initial recovery phase, Tom and Patti's daughter, Camden, was born in February of 2001.

Although Tom was able to continue working and volunteering for several years after his diagnosis, the deficits in mobility and speech eventually led him to retire early. He continued as a stayat-home dad, attending every school and extracurricular event possible.

In 2008. Tom and Takoma Park artist Amy Kincaid co-curated an art exhibit called "Cranial Vault: One Man's Journey from a Middleof-the-Night Grand Mal Seizure through Cancer Treatment and Brain Surgery to a Survivor's New Normal." The exhibit brought together work by more than a dozen local

Webb, Taffe to wed

Brian Patrick Taffe, son of Mary Ann

and Jack Taffe of Slingerlands and Mara

Elizabeth Webb, daughter of Dr. and Mrs.

Thomas Webb of New Hartford, NY, will

exchange vows on Saturday, August 25th

at the church of Saint Thomas the Apostle

Central High School and a 2001 graduate of

Boston College. He is an Anchor with ABC

News 6 in Philadelphia. His fiancee is a 1999

graduate of New Hartford High School and

and a 2003 graduate of Villanova University.

She is a Executive Producer, also with ABC

The ceremony will be officiated by the

Rev. James Walsh. A reception will follow the

ceremony at the Seaview Resort in Galloway,

Brian is a 1997 graduate of Bethlehem

in Brigantine, NJ.

News 6 in Philadelphia.

artists. Integral to Tom's care were Dr. Stuart Grossman and Dr. Jaishri Blakeley of the Johns Hopkins Brain Cancer program, whose medical and emotional support sustained Tom and his family for 13 years.

Tom and his family remained deeply indebted to their near and farreaching community of friends and family -nicknamed "The It Takes a Village People" — who were always on hand to visit and help out in every way imaginable.

Tom is survived by his wife, Patti Mallin, and daughter, Camden Roberts, of Takoma Park, Md.; parents Donald and Emily (Otwell) Roberts, of Delmar; and brothers Daniel (Kristen) Roberts, of Guilderland, and Patrick (Megan) Roberts, of Brooklyn.

A memorial service will be held in Takoma Park in September. Contributions in his memory may be made to The Blakeley Neuro-Oncology Research Fund, c/o Martina Grunwald, Neurology and Brain Sciences Fund for Johns Hopkins Medicine, 100 North Charles Street, Suite 401, Baltimore, MD 21201.

# O'Donnell, Kochersberger wed

Amy Elizabeth O'Donnell, daughter of Patrick M. and Jean O'Donnell of Delmar, New York exchanged wedding vows in a September 30, 2011 ceremony at Colgate Divinity School of Rochester, New York with Gregory George Kochersberger, son of David and Patricia Kochersberger of Rochester, New York. Deacon Thomas Driscoll performed the ceremony.

The bride graduated from Bethlehem Central High School, Nazareth College, and New York Chiropractic College and is a Chiropractor practicing in Webster, New York. The groom graduated from Brighton High School and SUNY Cortland, and is owner of Twelve Corners Landscaping in Rochester, New York.

The couple resides in Rochester, New York.



Amy Elizabeth and Gregory George Kochersberger

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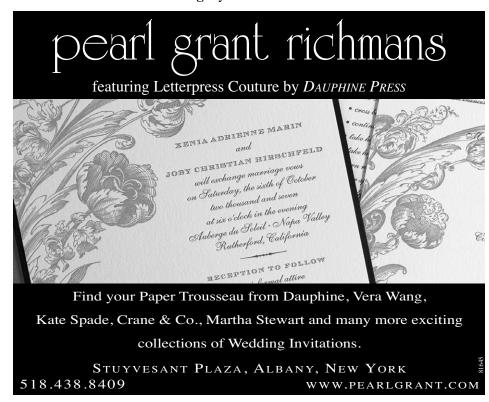
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# Your Community in The Spotlight

### **New Baltimore** farmers market

On Saturday, Aug. 18, the New Baltimore farmers market at Cecil Hallock, District 2, Park on Route 54 will feature the following vendors: 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 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 Saturday, Aug. 18, will be the Instant String Band. There is an ongoing 50/50raffle to support the music program. Tickets are \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. The proceeds from the raffle have helped to present a variety of performances to date with more scheduled throughout the summer.

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

### **CDPHP** fair

CDPHP has teamed up with Colonie Senior Service Centers, Inc. to provide a free document fair to help guide seniors through the process of completing advance directives. These legal documents serve as written instructions regarding preferred medical care, in the event that a senior is unable to communicate their wishes. Several area attorneys will be on-hand to walk through the process of completing a living will or a health care proxy. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear attorneys speak on topics such as Medicaid planning and the difference between a trust and a will. The event will take place on Thursday, Aug. 23, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Beltrone Living Center, 6 Winners Circle, Albany.

For more information, go to www.cdphp.com.

### **NYS Museum** programs

The New York State Museum periodically hosts several familyfriendly events each month. Family Fun Day is a free event that takes place the third Saturday of each month from 1-4 p.m. Offered at the program are games, crafts and other theme-based activities. Saturday, Aug. 18, families are welcome to Sea Shells, where children may bring in a favorite seashell and share their story of how it was discovered.

The off-site program Reading the Rocks: Seeing and Interpreting the Geology of Thacher State Park will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18. The event includes a geology walk with Dr. Chuck Ver Straeten. The event is free and for ages 12 and above. Those who wish to attend may meet at Thacher Nature Center at 9 a.m. Participants should wear hiking gear for trail, bush, rock outcrops and streamside walking. To register, call 872-0800.

Music Jam will be held every Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Adirondack Hall. All are welcome to attend o join the musicians as they play acoustic music inspired by the Celtic tradition of jigs, eels, waltzes, hornpipes and marches, as well as occasional popular songs, jazz standards and early music. All levels of skill on any acoustic instruments are welcome, but participants must bring several copies of sheet music for those who do not play by ear, or for tunes that are not commonly known. For more information, email pkernan@mail.nysed.gov, or call 486-2024.

### **Legal clinics**

Free legal clinics for military veterans return to the campus of Albany Law School this fall, with the individual appointments school's Veterans' Rights with attorneys fill up Pro Bono Project hosting quickly. Call the following its first free session of the fall semester on Sept. 15. From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Albany Law A-G; 929-6098 for those School, 80 New Scotland with a last name beginning Ave., veterans will have the opportunity to meet with attorneys to discuss personal legal concerns 405-922-2098 for those with

### **Fiver Rivers honors employee**



Family, friends and co-workers gathered at DEC's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar on Friday, Aug. 3, to dedicate a memorial bench honoring Ed Gervais for 50 years of service to the facility. Ed came to the then-Delmar Experimental Game Farm in 1962 as a general mechanic, working for the Division of Conservation Education. In addition to performing maintenance and groundskeeping duties for what was then known as The Delmar Zoo, Ed was involved in everything from exhibit construction to wildlife rehabilitation. With the closing of the Delmar Game Farm and Zoo in 1970, Ed played a key role in converting the facility to environmental education. Ed retired from Delmar operations in 2009, but has stayed on in a Green Thumb laborer capacity since, still going strong.

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legal advice. Veterans can receive advice and assistance in a variety of legal areas, including drafting and executing wills, powers of attorney, and health care proxies; personal bankruptcy matters; VA benefits; tax law; matrimonial and family law; landlord/tenant and property law issues; social security concerns; and lost or incorrect military focuments. In addition, representatives from regional and national organizations will be present to speak with veterans about benefits and services.

Reservations are strongly encouraged, as the numbers to reserve: 916-524-3549 for those with a last name beginning with with H-M; 607-846-8047 for those with a last name beginning with N-T; and and receive individualized a last name beginning with

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### YMCA after school programs

The Guilderland YMCA will be providing after school programs for the upcoming school year. The programs are located in Guilderland Elementary, Pine Bush Elementary, Westmere Elementary, on-site at Guilderland YMCA, and also Berne Knox Westerlo. There are only a few spots available at each location, so parents must enroll their children now. For questions or to enroll, contact Jenna Jura at 456-3634, ext. 1120.

### **Five Rivers** programs

A family-oriented celebration of the birthday of Woodsy Owl's Give a Hoot and Lend a Hand campaigns will be conducted at the New

of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 10 a.m. On this indoor and outdoor study, Center naturalists will present interactive activities that will teach young children how to properly treat the environment. Afterwards, center staff will lead an outdoor search along Five Rivers' trails for seasonal signs of squirrels, deer, woodpeckers and owls. Ways to "Lend a Hand, Care for the Land" at home will be discussed. Parents and children must accompany each other. This program is free of charge, but space is limited. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, Sept. 5.

As well, on Saturday, Sept. 8, a program on how to compost with worms will be conducted. At this clinic, center naturalists will provide a thorough demonstration of Five Rivers' worm composting bin, and show how to turn household food waste, yard clippings and more into nutrient-rich compost. Tips to help build and maintain a healthy and productive compost bin will be provided. Afterwards, participants will be led through the center's wildlife garden to discover the benefits of worm composting first hand. Participants will be able to make a starter worm farm, worms included, to take home. One worm farm per family. Samples of compost and worm tea to use on individual plants will also be provided. This program is open to the public free of charge, but space is limited. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, Sept. 5.

### **Hudson River Valley Ramble**

The 2012 Hudson River Valley Ramble will begin in September. On the weekends of Sept. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30, more than 165 events will be held from the Capital District to New York City. The Ramble aims to bring people outside to enjoy cultural heritage and the natural resources of the Hudson River Valley. It also serves as an economic boost for regional economy. Nearly 150 environmental, land conservancy, trail and historic preservation organizations, New York

York State Department State historic sites and parks, as well as the National Park Service participate by offering events, and many are free of charge and family friendly. Guided hikes, cycling and kayaking tours, historic site walks, festivals and river explorations are examples of some of the types of events that will be available for every ability level. More information is available on the Ramble website at www. hudsonrivervalleyramble.

### **Nations festival**

The Capital District Armenian Cultural Organization will represent Armenia in the anniversary of the Festival of Nations to be held on Sunday, Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at The Egg Convention Center in Albany. The Festival of Nations has been celebrating art and culture in the Capital District since 1972. All are welcome to attend the celebration of cultural diversity, including the Parade of Nations at 11:45 a.m., the crowning of Miss Festival of Nations, native dances and music, ethnic foods, crafts and entertainment from around the world. For more information on the event. visit www.festivalofnations. net. Advance admission tickets and information on placing an ad in the program book can be found by contacting Rafi Topalian at 272-2000 or rafitop@aol.com. Contact Rafi to also volunteer to help with the craft booth or food booth as well as to assist with selling raffle and admission tickets and with set-up and clean-up.

### Dancing on the Hudson

Dancing on the Hudson: Dinner / Dance Cruise will take place on Sunday, Aug. 19. Boarding will be at 5:30 p.m. and the cruise will be from 6-9 p.m. The cruise will launch from the Captain JP Cruise Line dock located at the intersection of State and Front Streets in downtown Troy. USA Dance and Kevin McNamara will provide music and a free dance lesson. Admission is \$45 and includes the buffet dinner, dessert and cash bar. To register, call Jim Deforge at 233-0957.



# Your Community in The Spotlight

### **Iroquois Indian Festival**

The Iroquois Indian Festival will take place on Saturday, Sept. 1, and Sunday, Sept 2, at the Iroquois Indian Museum, 324 Caverns Road. For two days, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Festival will feature traditional Iroquois music, dance, Native foods and much more. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

This year, Dr. Darryl Tonemah, an award-winning singer/ songwriter, will be the featured performer on both days. Additionally, the Sky Dancers of Six Nations will present traditional

Iroquois social dances, the smoke dance and will be inviting audience members to join them on the dance floor. Perry Ground, a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation, will tell people of the history, culture and beliefs of the Iroquois. An all-Iroquois Native Art Market will allow people to meet with artists and learn firsthand about Iroquois creations. There will be an archeology and flint knapping station as well as a wildlife rehabilitation with Kelly Martin. Attendees are also welcome to take selfguided nature park tours using trail maps.

Currently on display

at the Museum is the exhibition Birds and Beasts in Beads: 150 Years of Iroquois Beadwork. The exhibit features more than 200 beaded objects, largely from the collection of retired archeologist and Museum trustee, Dolores Elliott.

The Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. It is closed Monday. Regular admission is \$8 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors/students and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Children under five years are free when accompanied by an adult. Special group rates and more information are

available by calling the Museum at 296-8949, info@ iroquoismuseum.org, or www.iroquoismuseum.

### **Honored La Salle** members

La Salle Institute Director of Admissions Mr. Gerald Washington and rising senior DeVar Jones, 13, were honored at the ninth Capital District YMCA Black and Latino Achievers Award Dinner on June 7 at the Holiday Inn Albany.

The Black and Latino Achievers program encourages professionals to share their time

and talent with young people through a variety of community-based activities. This year, the Black and Latino Achievers program has brought hundreds of young people together with professionals in programs, which build self-esteem, support school performance, and offer exposure to higher education and career opportunities.

Washington, of Chatham, whose two sons graduated from La Salle has been going around the Capital District to each YMCA to speak to young people in development workshops where his goal is to motivate kids to work hard and do the right

thing. Jones, of Albany, is entering his senior year at LSI. He is a member of several teams and clubs, namely football where he is one of the standout players returning for the Cadets.



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"It isn't as extreme." said Reithoffer. "Parents can go on this with their children and they won't be scared to death, provided they meet the height requirements."

The rides are checked each week by inspectors and by the state Department of Labor, according to Reithoffer. They are also ridden each day by employees before opening to make sure each is working properly.

Some favorite attractions will be returning to the fair, such as the Disc-Connected K9's World Famous Frisbee Dogs show, owned by former Frisbee champion Lawrence Fredrick.

New this year is the Hollywood Circus in the Big Top with a large petting zoo featuring giraffes, the Hollywood Racing Pigs, Sylvia's Magic Truck ventriloquist show and the musical program Vic and Sticks, which teaches children about the environment.

Fair officials have added an additional night of fireworks the closing night of the fair on Sunday, Aug. 19. The newest in fried foods will also be available.

These types of exclusive attractions have kept locals returning to the fair, even after prices were raised in 2010. The new system meant all rides and attractions were included in the ticket price. Fair officials said the

change was meant to help struggling families keep the costs of attending the

"Now it's all inclusive," said Marie McMillian, the fair's manager. "We have done our best to speak to all the age groups who attend the fair. There's always a few who fall between the cracks, but every year the attendance has gone up a few thousand.'

McMillian estimates about 75,000 people attended the fair last year.

Admission is \$15 for adults and children 36 inches and taller. All shorter children are free. Admission is also free for seniors before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15, and for those in the armed services on Thursday, Aug. 16.

Fair Marketing Director Pat Canaday said the selection and simple reminders of yester-year are what keep people returning.

"They want to see what's new and we want to provide that for them," she said.

Seeks

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that have been put off for years need to be addressed.

Douglas said the growing number of facilities deferments across the state due to budget constraints led the Education Department several years ago to institute condition surveys for districts. "It is one of the mandates the state put into place that is a very good educational mandate for planning purposes," he said.

Other projects include replacing old staircases, removing asbestos tiles and retrofitting old bathrooms, lighting fixtures and windows that are decades old to become more energy efficient. Many buildings also need upgrades to the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, such as replacing generators, boilers and insulation.

would be needed to provide technology upgrades. As more staterequired testing begins to move online, the district said server upgrades are needed, the middle school is still not working on a wireless system and a larger storage and backup network is needed in case of emergencies.

"One of the things we also have to recognize is even before we got into the last budget cycle, there was a grassroots community initiative developing in regards to the athletic situation here at Bethlehem," said Douglas. "They're just as much a part of the community as anyone else."

In the fall, parents Jim Giacone, Scott Bonanno and Chuck Clas asked the board to consider a bond to upgrade the district's sports facilities after many games had to be canceled because of drainage issues and senior night had to be held at a different school.

Athletic Director Another \$700,000 John DeMeo had already identified needed upgrades to the turf, track, lighting and sound systems and the bleachers. The costs could run between \$2 million and \$3.2 million.

"Due to the change of superintendents and the budget restraints, we kind of took a back seat with the hope of voting a bond," said Giacone at the Wednesday, Aug. 8 school board meeting.

The district is holding a community forum to discuss the possibility of a bond, the amount that residents would be comfortable borrowing and what should be included in the bond for upgrades. It will be held on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. in the middle school library.

"The one thing that is very common and I think the general person knows is the more you put off repairs and the more you put off improving your infrastructure, the more it's going to cost down the road," said Douglas. "Nothing is getting cheaper."

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of SOU-THEND ASSOCIATES III

Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 6/27/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the L.P. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: OHD-Southend III, LLC, c/o Omni Housing Develop ment LLC, 40 Beaver St.,5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 82417 (D) (August 15, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Telemedus At Safe Supporting Services, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/11/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 305 Broadway #1400, NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 82418 (D) (August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION of STATE ST. MANAGE-MENT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/18/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 922 State St., Schenectady, NY 12307 . Purpose: Any lawful activity. 82419 (D) (August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION of HASHLEIM LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/8/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 20 Hayes Ct. #104, Monroe, NY 10950 . Purpose: Any lawful activity. 82420 (D) (August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

(August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE** Notice of Qualification of

Out Front Marketing, LLC App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/28/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/30/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5100 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX 75024. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or

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activity. 82423 (D) (August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

mail a copy of any process against the FLLC is to, Incorp Services, Inc., Once Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave, Suite 805 A, Albany, NY 12260. The Principal Office is located at 506 Enterprise Dr., Suite 200, Lowell, AR 72745. Certificate of LLC is filed with the AR Secretary of State located at:

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(August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of PRO-DUCTING PEOPLE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/29/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State , Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82425 (D) (August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

On June 8, 2012, AMERIL-OOP, LLC, a limited liability company, filed articles of organization with the New York Secretary of State for the purpose of engaging in the creation and carrying on of internet, web-based and network marketing platforms for commercia services and sales: and any other lawful business. The office of AMERILOOP, LLC is located in Albany County. The specified date of dissolution is December 31, 2063. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served, with any such process received by the Secretary State to be mailed to AMERILOOP, LLC, 254 Bridge Street, Selkirk, New York 12158. A registered agent upon whom process against the limited liability company may be served is Jude B. Watkins., mailed to 254 Bridge Street, Selkirk, New York 12158.

(August 15, 2012)

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

### (August 15, 2012)

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Purpose: all lawful activities. 82441 (D) (August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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. (August 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LIN-COLN 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 15, 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 pro-cess 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 15, 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)

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Purpose: all lawful activities. 82450 (D) (August 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Color Q Personality Profiles LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82451 (D) (August 15, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LAW OFFICE OF JOHN A. SCO-LA, PLLC. Arts. of Org. was

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### (August 15, 2012)

Notice of Qualification of Harvey Global, LLC. App. for Auth filed with Secv. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/12. Office location: 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 15, 2012)

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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.

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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 pro-cess 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)

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Notice of Formation Robert Nachtrieb LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/13/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cntv. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may rved S Y shall ma process to: c/o The LLC, 513 Eagle Drive, Emmaus, PA 18049. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82583 (D)

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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)

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ER LLP. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/16/12. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of LLP whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLP, 52 Elm St., Huntington, NY 11743. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82586 (D)

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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 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. 82587 (D)

(August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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)

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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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. Guilderland NY 12084. Purpose is any lawful pur-82621 (D)

(August 15, 2012)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of COS-MOP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des ignated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities 82628 (D)

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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 esignated 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 15, 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.

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82630 (D) (August 15, 2012)

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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 15, 2012)

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Notice of formation of OHD-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. SNY shall máil process to: I. David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 82632 (D)

(August 15, 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 15, 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 15, 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 15, 2012)

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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 15, 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. SNY shall mail process to: Richard G. Della Ratta, 147 Barrett St., Schenectady, NY 12305. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82729 (D)

(August 15, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZA-TION 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 15, 2012)

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Thomas Douglas about the possibility but hasn't heard back vet.

Other options were put on the table. They include making cutbacks in the Parks Department (such as shutting off night lights at Elm Avenue Park, trimming the pool season, reducing playing field maintenance or closing the Colonial Acres Golf Course), the Highway Department (closing or reducing hours at the transfer and compost facilities or ending leaf pickup), the Department of Public Works and the Police Department.

On the whole, the board tacitly settled on increasing the suggested donation for senior transportation trips to Colonie and Albany from \$10 to \$15 (the intown suggested donation would remain at \$5) for an estimated \$22,000 revenue bump. There was also support for increasing the fee at the transfer station from \$1 per trash bag to \$1.50. Support for the latter

was founded upon a survey of the approximately 500 people who use the station in a week that found 98 percent would still use the station with the increase, which would net the town about \$40,000. That survey can be viewed on the town's website.

Town leaders were wary about ending leaf pickup or cutting back too far on recreational programs, especially when it comes to the pool.

"I'd like to see us continue doing a lot of the little things and see them add up instead of cutting something that people enjoy," said Councilman Kyle Kotary.

Things were less certain when the Colonial Acres Golf Course came up. Though no decision was made, several on the board were quick to note the course operates well below break-even and the number of rounds played there have fallen by half since the town took it over. It is rented from the Open Space Conservancy for \$1 per year, leading Kotary to wonder if its operation could be outsourced for a considerable profit.

Adding to the uncertainty is the fact \$100,000 in improvements are slated for Colonial Acres. Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn, like others on the board, noted many of the proposed cuts spur philosophical debates about the role of government.

"Whether we need to operate a money losing par-3 golf course adds another dimension to it," he said.

The town's lease on the golf course expires at the end of August, but the conservancy will continue to rent it on a month-tomonth basis until a decision is made. Town officials figure shuttering the course would save \$50,000 in 2013.

Even if the board adopted all of the immediate cuts on the list for 2013, the savings would add up to under \$800,000. Some estimates have put the town's budget gap at \$3.5 million.

### **Debate codified**

One resolution the board did pass Wednesday was a formal policy to guide

arrested Daniel Rudoloph Berger, 19, on Wednesday, Aug. 8 on charges of felony possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana in public, a

misdemeanor. • Guilderland police arrested Jennifer Marie Bombard, 24, on Thursday, Aug. 9 on felony charges of grand larceny for allegedly stealing property valued at more than \$1,000.

what membership dues the town will pay for its employees.

The Town Board for the past few years has trimmed the list of dues paid to professional organizations and the like for employees or the town as a whole. In 2010 the town paid \$16,413 toward dues; this year it expended \$13,135. Under a new dues structure approved with the policy, it would pay \$11,235 next year.

The policy should make the process less hands on in the future by setting criteria for any new memberships. The board spent weeks in 2011 batting cuts to the list back and forth.

"There has never been a policy of how to address this. It's simply been at the board's discretion," Clarkson said.

Department heads identified the most recent round of subtractions while the policy was being researched. Notable among them was the town's membership in the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and numerous judicial or law enforcementrelated organizations.

"Sixteen or 18 years ago this was still a topic, and this is the most complete list of memberships I've ever seen," remarked Councilman George Lenhardt.

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• Guilderland Police

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LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail

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arrested Destiny Sy, 40, on Wednesday, Aug. 8 on felony charges of criminal mischief in the third degree for allegedly stealing more the \$250 in property and criminal contempt in the first degree for violation an order of protection. He was also charged with criminal contempt in the second degree, a misdemeanor.

• Guilderland Police

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Professional LIMIT-NY. NAME: New Paradigm Psychological Services. PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 26, 2012. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC: P.O. Box 348, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 82755 (D) (August 15, 2012)

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# Young jockey making strides in Saratoga

Napravnik is making a name for herself in first full racing season in Spa City

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Rosie Napravnik has taken a liking to Saratoga, and the feeling is mutual.

The 24-year-old New Jersey native is one of this summer's most popular jockeys at Saratoga Race Course. Young fans line wait for her behind the grandstand and in front of the jockeys club so they can get an autograph or a picture.

Napravnik is also popular with some of Saratoga's top trainers. On any given day, she can be seen riding for such luminaries of the sport as Nick Zito and William Mott, as well as with some lesser-known trainers.

"I think she's terrific," said Zito. "She's got great hands (on the reins), and I think she's going to be very good for New York racing in general."

Napravnik began her first full summer season at Saratoga in style. She won the first race of the meet aboard long-shot Nine O Wonderful on July 20, and she added a victory aboard Kauai Katie in the fifth race.

"Winning the first race of the meet was great," said Napravnik. "One of the things I looked

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"Winning the first race of the meet was great. One of the things I looked forward to was running the two-turn grass course because that's my specialty. It just made me feel confident out there."

- Rosie Napravnik

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Napravnik's season hit a snag when she broke a toe in a gate incident July 25. Her horse, Magical Season, bumped the gate as it left, slamming Napravnik's left foot into the iron in the process.

Napravnik didn't allow the incident to slow her down. She accumulated four more victories over a nine-day span.

"The toe was very painful the first two days after it happened, but I don't notice it anymore,' said Napravnik. "The only time I notice it is when I have high heels on.'

Napravnik has gotten some mileage out of her high heels this summer, too. She's



participated in several jockey events away from the track as she becomes accustomed to the social life that revolves around the Saratoga racing season.

'It's been very busy," said Napravnik. "There is a lot of work in the morning (with the horses), and then there are a lot of functions in the evening.'

Napravnik has quickly moved up the national jockey ranks in her seven years on the job. She recorded 300 wins in 2006 when she was 18 years old. And in 2010, she posted 209 victories

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ABOVE: Rosie Napravnik rides Page McKenny (No. 8) during the fifth race Aug. 4 at Saratoga Race Course.

LEFT: Rosie Napravnik, left, is in the midst of her first full season riding at Saratoga Race Course.

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The Bethlehem Tri Club's famous truck sits in the parking area across the road from Warners Lake during a recent Thursday night training session. The triathlon club is in its first year of existence.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight



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which Guastella said the club gladly does.

"If it wasn't for him have the Bethlehem Tri Club," said Guastella. "He wanted the lake to be used."

Once the Bethlehem Tri Club had its center of operations, word quickly spread through the triathlete community about the new training site. Soon, people from all over the Capital to Warners Lake.

Member Tony Felitte said being able to use sports," said Middleburgh Warners Lake for open resident Sarah Strock, water swim training is a key to the club's rapid growth.

triathletes to get into lakes endurance sports. That's

(to train)," said Felitte, a Delmar resident. "To have this is awesome. You have lifeguards stationed out there, you can swim all you want and you can swim with friends."

East Berne's rural (Osterhout), we wouldn't roads have also been a plus for Bethlehem Tri Club members. They can bike and run the road courses laid out by the club with little interference from traffic.

Having the option of training in one, two or all three triathlon disciplines gives Bethlehem Tri Club members variety in District started flocking their training regimens, which they appreciate.

"I like endurance who started triathlon training this year. "I did one marathon in my life, "It's not easy for so I wanted to do more when I found this."

"I started running different."

Ultimately, what keeps people coming back every Thursday night to train with the Bethlehem Tri Club is

nice," said Decarr. "They're not super competitive. They're welcoming to everyone."

Guastella has been so encouraged by the positive response that he said he's looking to expand its role in the local triathlon community.

two years ago," said Delmar resident Marty Gordinier. "I was over 200 pounds at the time I started running. I wasn't winning any races. So, I thought I'd try something

the atmosphere. "The people are really

"Our goal next year is to put on our own triathlon up here," said Guastella.



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replica uniform or the unaltered version of Belichick's signature gray hooded sweatshirt (you can cut the sleeves off yourself). They even have a Patriots billiards table.

The only thing I didn't see at Patriots Place was ... well, the New England Patriots. They weren't practicing Saturday, so all we did was tour The Hall and have lunch at Davio's, an upscale Italian restaurant. Try the "Tagliatelle Bolognese," which is Italian for curvy fettuccini with meat sauce. It might change your outlook on life. Failing that, it might change your outlook on Patriot Place. Oops! I'm starting to drift again.

We also took in a Cape Cod Baseball League playoff game Saturday between Wareham and Falmouth. It was the first Cape League game I've seen in four years, and it was monumentally onesided. Wareham belted six home runs on its way to a 20-5 victory. We only stayed for four of the six home runs. After Wareham took an 11-1 lead, it didn't seem like Falmouth was going to mount a comeback.

By making the road trip to the Cape, we wound up missing much of NBC's tape-delayed prime time coverage of the Olympics Saturday night. Luckily, the internet caught me up on everything. It's so cool knowing what happens before you see it happen on TV. It takes out all the suspense, but at least you know in advance whether it's worth watching the

track and field coverage. Thank you, Al Gore.

Wait. Did Al Gore invent the internet? Or was that some internet rumor? Crud! I need to

Speaking of the Olympics, it was great that American women won all of those gold medals across a diverse array of sports. From basketball and soccer to gymnastics and water polo (just to name a few sports), U.S. women's teams dominated in London. And knowing that they dominated before seeing them dominate was also helpful.

I know there was one other thing I wanted to mention to wrap up this week's column, but my brain just can't come up with it. I think it's back on vacation. Therefore, I am back on vacation. See you next week.





Jockey (From Page 30)

and posted earnings of nearly \$6.6 million.

Napravnik has come into her own this year, though. She became the first female jockey to win the Kentucky Oaks, the second-most prestigious stakes race at Louisville's Churchill Downs behind the Kentucky Derby, and she finished fourth in the jockey standings at Belmont during the spring meet. The three ahead of her at Belmont York's top jockeys.

"Her record is prestigious," said Zito.

Still, Napravnik said she knows winning races at Saratoga is a tough prospect when riding against the top jockeys in the United States, especially when this is her first full summer at the Spa.

"I just want to come out of this with good business," said Napravnik. "It's extremely hard winning races here, but

were Ramon Dominguez, if I can keep winning a Javier Castellano and Jose few races here and there, Lezcano, three of New hopefully I can use that to get better mounts.'

With a solid start to her first Saratoga season, it seems that Rosie Napravnik is on her way to that goal.

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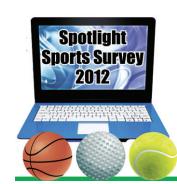
Jockey Rosie Napravnik is making waves in her first full season at Saratoga Race Course. The 24-year-old won two races on the first day of the meet July 20, and she is in the top 10 among all jockeys at the track.

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# Tri Club grows in Bethlehem

# Interest exceeds founder's expectations

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

When John Guastella decided to start his own triathlon club at the beginning of 2012, he thought he might get 50 people to join in the first year.

Less than nine months later, Guastella's Bethlehem Tri Club has approximately 150 members, and it continues to grow.

"It's unbelievable how quickly it's growing," said Guastella. "There's a lot of new people getting into the sport. And it's not just our club – all of the area tri clubs are growing."

Three newcomers visited the club's Warners Lake training site Aug. 2, including Dave Lancaster, who recently moved from Atlanta to Glenmont for work. Lancaster previously trained and competed with the Peach Tree Triathlon Club.

"I'd always biked and swam, and I was turning 30," said Lancaster of his decision to become a triathlete. "So, I thought I'd get in shape."

Guilderland resident Sylvia Decarr, another recent Bethlehem Tri Club addition, had a similar reason for joining the club.

"I love to bike and run," said Decarr. "I had ACL surgery, so in my attempts at running marathons or half marathons, my knees couldn't take the training for that. This (triathlons) allows me to stay active without putting too much impact on my knees."

Guastella said the Bethlehem Tri Club is geared toward all athletes, whether they are using the sport to get in shape or to compete at the highest level.

"We nurture everyone from the beginners to the people who have done the Ironman in Lake Placid like me," said Guastella.



Bethlehem Tri Club president John Guastella, center, gives instructions to his members prior to the start of an Aug. 2 training session at Warners Lake in East Berne.

Photos by Rob Jonas/Spotlight

"We nurture everyone from the beginners to the people who have done the Ironman in Lake Placid like me."

John Guastella

Guastella had been training with the Capital District Tri Club when he decided he wanted to form his own club.

"There was a bunch of us (from around Bethlehem) who had trained with the Capital District Tri Club, which trains at Crystal Lake (in Averill Park)," said Guastella. "We spent so much time with each other, we said to each other, 'We have to travel so far. Why don't we try to



Bethlehem Tri
Club members
take to Warners
Lake in East
Berne for a halfmile training
swim Thursday,
Aug. 2. The club
uses the lake and
its surrounding
roads to train
during the
warmer months.

find somewhere closer?""

Guastella found the location he wanted at Warners Lake, a small lake in East Berne approximately 14 miles from Bethlehem Central High School. The only issue was trying to find a place on the private lake where he and his fellow triathletes could have access to the water for swimming, one of the sport's three elements along with biking and running.

That's when Guastella met with Will Osterhout, who lives on Warners Lake. Osterhout agreed to let Guastella use his property to gain the lake access he needed as long as the Bethlehem Tri Club donated money to the Warners Lake Improvement Association,

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# Vacation never wanders far from sports

Trying to write a column while technically being on vacation isn't easy. My mind has a hard time concentrating on a topic while it's seeking distractions from ... wait, what was I trying to do again? Oh, right. This week's column. OK.

I traveled to the Boston area last weekend to visit my friends, and we wound up at Patriots Place, the mall built next to the New England Patriots' home stadium in suburban Foxboro. Actually, Foxboro is closer to Providence than Boston. So, would that make the New England Patriots' Providence's team? Whoops! I'm losing focus again

Inside the complex of buildings is The Hall at Patriots Place, which is – as you might imagine – the New England Patriots' hall of fame and museum. Two stories' worth of interactive displays celebrating the Patriots and New England football. It's great if



you're a Patriots fan or a New Englander. It might be a bit much if you're not part of one of those two groups, though.

What puts The Hall over the top is a 15-minute movie celebrating the history of the Patriots. It sounds like it's narrated by James Earl Jones, it contains quotes from Ralph Waldo Emerson and it swiftly takes you from the early days of the club through its three Super Bowl wins.

The movie also tells you about the time the Patriots finished the 2007 NFL

season with a 16-0 record, but it fails to mention what happened after that. Perhaps something about a loss to some team from New York in some insignificant playoff game called the Super Bowl. Not important, right?

There is also an interactive display where Patriots coach Bill Belichick describes and diagrams some of his team's plays. I was tempted to take notes and send them on to Cleveland Browns coach Pat Shurmur, but something tells me if the Browns tried to replicate those plays, something would go horribly wrong. It's the Cleveland Way, as opposed the Patriots Way I kept hearing about in that film.

Conveniently, The Hall at Patriots Place is located above the official New England Patriots' team store. So after you get done hearing about how great the Patriots are, you can stop in the gift shop and buy a

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