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One building nearly done, four others under construction

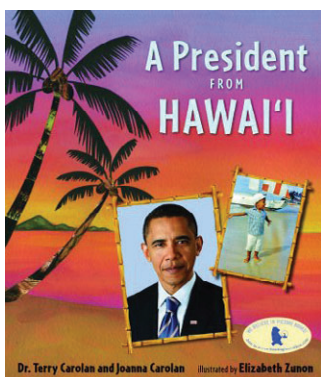
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## It's all a game

The Bethlehem Public Library hosted a giant game of Candyland for local kids on Friday, Aug. 17.

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## Drawing on her talent

Guilderland High grad Liz Zunon will read "A President from Hawai'i," a book she illustrated, on Saturday at Ben and Jerry's in Albany.

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Local athletes and coaches respond to new concussion protocol.

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## Butterflies be gone

Students from Guilderland's Farnsworth Middle School released a group of Monarch butterflies on Friday, Aug. 17, that were raised as part of the district's student-run Butterfly Station. The project is in its 13th year and is meant to raise awareness about ecological restoration, specifically in the Pine Bush. Program Director Alan Fiero explained to students how to hold and release the butterflies properly. The butterflies were released so they could begin their migration trip to Mexico for the winter.

Submitted photos



# Few applaud BC's cheerleading call

## Changes in club culminate with coaching switch

By MARCY VELTE  
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The decision to switch the Bethlehem Central cheerleading program from a sport to a club has brought about changes and complications that have frustrated students, parents and a former coach.

That includes a choice this year to

appoint a new coach. At a school board meeting held Wednesday, Aug. 8, two cheerleaders going into their senior years attended the meeting to speak in favor of the team's previous coach, Stephanie Breen. The board had already opted to hire a member of the middle school faculty to take over the position, which the girls said is not sitting well with team members.

"We've never had a coach that got us first place (before)," said Alexa Abreu.

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# Mercury cleanup to begin

Five companies are being held responsible for the cleanup of the former Mercury Refining superfund site, an old mercury reclamation facility in the towns of Colonie and Guilderland.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced in the beginning of August a legal settlement had been reached to clean the site. The Gillette Company, KeySpan Gas East Corporation, Energizer Battery Manufacturing, Union Carbide Corporation and Spectrum Brands will need to address soil, sediment and groundwater contaminated with mercury.

"This agreement allows EPA to finish the important work that began several years ago to clean up the site so that people and the environment are protected," said EPA Regional Administrator Judith A. Enck in a statement. "The agreement also ensures that the parties responsible for the contamination at the site will also be held accountable for cleaning it up at their own expense, rather than at the expense of taxpayers."

The site is located at 26 Railroad Ave., Albany, just behind the University at Albany.

According to the EPA, the settlement stipulates that 19 federal agencies and 46 additional entities are responsible for the contamination. They will make payments into an escrow account to fund the cleanup work at the site, along with the current owner of the site.

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# Groundbreaking worth the Weight

## Co-op gets much-awaited new location under way

By MARCY VELTE  
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After years of planning, construction has finally begun on a larger Honest Weight Food Co-op in the City of Albany.

The official groundbreaking ceremony was held on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the store's new site on Watervliet Avenue. Plans call for the new facility to be nearly double the size of the current 16,000-square-foot store on Central Avenue.

Co-op spokeswoman Lily Bartels said the expansion has been needed for a long time, as the store is "bursting at the seams."

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An artist's rendering of the new Honest Weight Food Co-op building.



# Visit to library is a sweet summer trip

**Life-sized Candyland one way Youth Services keeps kids engaged**

By MARCY VELTE  
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As Jillian and Matt Reynolds counted two green spaces on colorful squares laid out in a trail throughout the Bethlehem Public Library, their mother held a manila envelope filled with large index cards.

On each card was either one or two colored squares. As the children took turns drawing a card on the envelope, they moved to the colored squares indicted on the card. Every time they saw a pink square, Jillian, 4, and Matt, 7, would be given a piece of candy or a sticker by a teen library volunteer dressed as a character from the Hasbro board game Candyland.

“This is like a second Halloween for you guys!” said Reynolds.

The life-sized Candyland game was created as part of the library’s Youth Services summer program. Each year, hundreds of local children take part in the events coordinated by the branch, and the

numbers are growing to the satisfaction of library staff.

The library holds dozens of events each summer to keep children occupied and stimulated throughout the warmer months. They have also formed clubs, like the Lego and Pokemon Clubs, and a summer reading program with prizes. Teenagers who feel too old to participate in activities with some of the library’s younger readers are welcome to join as volunteers.

“We have the kids set a book goal at the beginning of summer and then if they reach it, they get a free book,” said Chris McGinty, head of the library’s Youth Services.

Those participating in the program also receive smaller prizes throughout the summer for every book they read if they speak with a volunteer about the book and why they liked it. Children from 3 years old to high school age can participate.

On special days, children can participate in the Paws to Read program, where the kids read books to certified service therapy dogs.

“Studies show kids are more comfortable reading

*“That’s why we do these programs, so the kids continue to read. We love working with them. Anything we can do to get them in the doors.”*

– Chris McGinty, head of the library’s Youth Services

to a pet who doesn’t judge them,” said McGinty. “It’s really cute. We had it a few years ago and then we brought it back in May.”

McGinty said attendance at Youth Services activities and programs this year is at an all-time high. Some performances of the kid’s summer concert series had more than 300 in attendance. And on some reading check-in days nearly 100 children visit the library.

She thinks the high numbers are because the programs offered have gotten better over the years and have also been better marketed.

For instance, the life-sized Candyland game is not an original idea;



Participants in Bethlehem Public Library’s life-size Candyland game got candy and sticker rewards as they moved along the game board. The event was part of the library’s summer reading program.

Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

it’s something found in a library journal. But by using the whole library as the game board, the Youth Services staff changed the idea to fit their needs and got children as young as 1 year old walking through the shelves of the library’s children’s section.

The board was set up to exactly match the library’s version of the board game (multiple versions have been released over the years). The children were

then able to visit Queen Frostine, Princess Lolly, Lord Licorice and Gluppy the Chocolate Monster along the way.

Heikki Levasalmi, 10, and brother Matti, 8, played the game with their mother, Lisa. Their older sister Ella, 14, was playing the part of Princess Lolly next to the Candy Castle. The boys pretended not to recognize their sister when they reached the end.

“Every summer we do

the reading programs,” said Lisa Levasalmi. “They love it ... I think it motivates them to read more because of the prizes and they can go online to track their progress. They think it’s neat.”

McGinty said that’s the goal.

“That’s why we do these programs, so the kids continue to read,” she said. “We love working with them. Anything we can do to get them in the doors.”



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# Vista Technology Campus is becoming a reality

In months, field and woods turned to first phase of landmark project

By MARCY VELTE  
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Eight months after the groundbreaking ceremony took place to officially mark the start of construction at the Vista Technology Campus in Slingerlands, one building is nearly complete and work on four more structures has begun.

A mild winter was beneficial to the ambitious project, according to BBL Construction Vice President Jon DeForest. As of today, all utility lines have been installed and the sanitary sewer system, drainage and a pump station is finished. The construction of the road into the campus, Vista Boulevard, is in the final stages.

“We are proud of the work that has been done over the past several months,” said DeForest. “It’s coming along beautifully.”

A ShopRite grocery store in on schedule to open in late September, and with electricity and water available inside the building, the company has already begun to move in equipment and products. Work is also nearly complete on a SEFCU Bank branch, which will open in October.

DeForest said construction of other buildings to the front of the site will not get in the

way of shoppers come opening weekend. Soon, landscaping efforts will begin and signage will be installed to help customers navigate the campus. The other construction sites will also be spruced up.

“You won’t believe how much different this place will look in a few weeks time,” he said.

A 15,000-square-foot building with two stories is the next space on schedule to open in December. The building would house Cornea Consultants, an eye care and vision corrections practice currently located in Slingerlands. A Berkshire Bank is set to open in the first quarter of 2013.

In June, Cornea Consultants received a tax abatement of \$351,000 in incentives and a 10-year payment in lieu of taxes agreement worth \$134,000 by the town’s Industrial Development Agency connected to the move to Vista. The PILOT cuts 50 percent off taxes in the first year, which eventually diminishes to 5 percent by the 10th year of the agreement.

ShopRite and the two banks approved for the campus received an “enhanced” agreement, according to IDA Chairman Frank Venezia, with a 100 percent abatement in the first two years of the agreement and a 10 percent annual decline over the next decade.

Work has also begun on another building whose lead business was offered tax



A ShopRite grocery store is on schedule to open in the Vista Technology Park in late September, with more businesses to follow.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

abatements from the IDA. The 6,000-square-foot, single-floor structure that will house the medical practice of Dr. Lev Barats from Community Care Professionals is set to open in early 2013. The practice was granted a tax abatement of \$130,000 in incentives and a 10-year payment in lieu of taxes agreement worth \$120,000. The lease for the practice is for 15 years.

In all, eight structures have been included in the first stage of development in Vista. Two more mixed-use buildings including retail businesses are set to be built, along with a restaurant at the front of the property. DeForest said 100 workers are on the site at any given time and stage one of the project had created space for 300 full-time workers.

Stage two of development

towards the back of the campus will be reserved for technology companies.

“People complain that all the project is is retail, but Vista is so much more than that,” said DeForest, who added a major announcement is set to be made in coming weeks about a firm’s interest into setting up shop at Vista. He declined to discuss

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G'land teen cyclist struck by vehicle off Western Avenue

A teenage boy was sent to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries after being struck by a car in Guilderland.

Police said on Tuesday, Aug. 14, around 2:30 p.m. a 13-year-old boy was riding his bike when he was struck by a vehicle while crossing the ramp to the Northway headed north from Western Avenue. Dan Morlock, 51, of Watervliet was driving his vehicle westbound, when he said the boy pulled out in front of him, according to police.

The bicyclist was not wearing a helmet, according to police, but his injuries were not serious. He was sent to Albany Medical Center for treatment.

The Guilderland police, Western Turnpike Rescue Squad, Guilderland EMS, and Altamont Rescue Squad all responded to the call.

Police said alcohol was not a factor in the accident, and no charges have been filed or tickets issued. Anyone with information regarding the accident is asked to contact the Guilderland Police Department at 358-1501.

Ravena man guilty of string of thefts

A Ravena man has pleaded guilty to a number of personal property thefts in the area



A 13-year-old boy was sent to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries after being struck by a car in Guilderland on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

beginning in December 2011, according to the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

Joshua Duell, 26, pleaded guilty to one felony count of burglary in the second degree. Between December 2011 and June of this year, Duell is said to have stolen a car and burglarized a home and taken a Nintendo Wii, video games, DVDs, jewelry and coins. He also was said to be in possession of a stolen GPS unit and a digital camera that belonged to the owner of the stolen car, as well as a debit card, which was used

to purchase a pack of cigarettes. Police used surveillance footage to catch Duell using the card to arrest him.

Duell is scheduled to be sentenced to 5 years in state prison followed by 5 years post-release supervision on Oct. 2.

Albany man charged in crack cocaine sale

During an investigation on Wednesday, Aug. 8, Bethlehem police arrested an Albany man and charged him with the sale

of crack cocaine.

Police charged Doug Bynum, 30, of 10 Putnam St., Albany, with the felony criminal sale of a controlled substance after he allegedly sold an unidentified individual a small piece of crack cocaine for \$20. Also seized from the suspect's car was \$1,393 in cash.

Police said Bynum was immediately sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility with no bail set. He will appear in court at a later date.

Lost cockatiel finds its way home

A lost cockatiel made itself known to State Police officers and recruits in Guilderland during a training session for academy members on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Police said members of the 198th training session of the New York State Police Academy were attending firearms training at the Guilderland range on Grant Hill Road in Guilderland, when a cockatiel flew into the range area and landed on the hat of an academy recruit.

Officers said the bird was "unfazed by gunfire and the recruits wearing bullet-proof vests." The cockatiel was then taken into custody by the State Police Firearms Instructors.



A lost cockatiel befriended a State Police academy recruit during training in Guilderland Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Submitted photo

It was later determined the pet bird, named Rocko, belonged to a family in Schenectady. It was returned home three days after being found.

Other arrests

• Bethlehem police arrested a Glenmont man on charges of driving while intoxicated and a drug violation after a regular traffic stop.

Police said they stopped Patrick Grady, 54, of 20 Wiggard Drive in Glenmont when they

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# Summer cooking Simple grills



By JODIE FITZ

I have grown to love grilling and I am always experimenting with quick and easy combinations that are savory to share. We love a grilled burger served with side

of grilled vegetables and here are two of my favorites;

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## Flavorful grilled burgers

- 1.5 pounds 93 percent ground beef
- ¾ teaspoon McCormick Montreal steak seasoning
- ¼ cup vidalia onion, finely chopped
- ¼ cup red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 4-5 slices of your favorite cheese
- 4-5 100-calorie rounds, whole grain

Mix the ground beef, steak seasoning, chopped onion and chopped bell pepper thoroughly. Divide the mixture into four to five patties, depending on the size of burger that you like. Grill them until they are cooked to your liking; medium or well done. Top with cheese and serve with on a 100-calorie round with your favorite toppings: romaine, fresh sliced tomatoes, etc.

Note: I typically chop my onions and peppers in a mini chopper so that some of the juice is released and added into the mixture for more flavor.



## Delicious grilled asparagus

- 1/8 cup light olive oil
- 1 red bell peppers
- 1 – 1½ pounds asparagus spears
- 1 clove of garlic
- Sea salt

Wash the asparagus and snap off the bottoms; set them aside to dry. Wash the red bell peppers, remove the seeds and thinly slice the red peppers. Set them aside to dry. Crush a clove of garlic into the olive oil and stir.

Place the vegetables into a glass 13-by-9-inch dish. Pour the olive oil and garlic mixture over the vegetables and toss them. Lightly coat the vegetables with sea salt. Let the vegetables stand while you make the rest of your meal. When ready, grill them up and serve.

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noticed he was driving without his headlights on at night. During a discussion, police said they smelled alcohol, and Grady admitted to drinking two beers earlier in the evening. He then went on to allegedly fail several field sobriety tests and refused a breath test.

Upon inspection of the vehicle, police said they also found 1.2 grams of marijuana in an empty pill bottle within a side door. Grady was charged with driving while intoxicated, various traffic violations, and a marijuana

possession violation. His car was towed and he was released.

• Bethlehem police arrested a Delmar man on charges of driving while intoxicated after he flipped his car coming home from work.

Police responded to the scene of an accident on Saturday, Aug. 11, just after midnight at 65 Winne Road. Once there police said they found Drew Clinton, 21, standing outside the wreckage of his flipped car. Clinton told officers he was on his way home from work, where he allegedly had three beers before leaving. He then lost control of the car on a turn.

Police said they could smell alcohol on Clinton during the interview and he allegedly had glassy, bloodshot eyes. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and several traffic violations. He was released into the custody of a family member and will appear in court at a later date.

• Guilderland police arrested Christine Kenner, 30, on Saturday, Aug. 11 on charges of driving while intoxicated. She was also charged with driving a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs and having a controlled substance not in its original container.

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# Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

## To boldly go and get a job

Parents who gripe about the lethargy of their teenaged offspring should be glad they aren’t working for NASA.

The progeny of a giant team of scientists has spent over two weeks on the surface of the planet Mars, and just a few days ago got around to doing one of the chief things it was designed to do: firing a laser at rocks.

“Whoopee,” you might think. Well, the scientists who spent about eight years developing the laser attached to the “Curiosity” Mars rover that will help us understand the composition of Martian rocks think it’s pretty cool. And the rest of us should, too.

In its quest to better explore the universe, NASA has come up with some pretty good ideas. Scratch-resistant glasses lenses, memory foam, water filters and cordless tools are the kind of everyday items that had their beginnings with the space program. Progress requires innovation.

Of course, the backstory we’re reminded of every time NASA does anything spectacular (like blast a 1-ton dune buggy some 60 million miles through space to blow up a rock with lasers) is how badly the agency is starved for money and how this could very well be the very last “cool space thing” the country ever does.

That is indeed a big problem, perhaps an insurmountable one even, but all the money in the universe won’t mean diddly if there is no one equipped to use it.

We speak, of course, of brain drain. Well, that isn’t really the correct term for it. Our workforce educated for technically demanding jobs in the world of tomorrow isn’t leaving — it just doesn’t exist.

Consider: According to a study conducted by Change the Equation, a group that supports STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education, there are 3.6 unemployed workers for every job in the United States. But for STEM-educated workers, there actually exists a surplus of jobs — two for every worker.

Even taking the source of the study into account, those numbers lay bare a problem. In fact, the United States is contributing to brain drain in other countries by hiring up their bright workers for jobs here that Americans just aren’t up to snuff for.

We write about this as kids across the country prepare to head back to school. And especially for the older students out there, career path and opportunities are always at the forefront (or perhaps the back) of one’s mind.

Our leaders today are desperately searching for ways to attract students to the high-impact but high-reward fields of science and technology. Maybe it’s as easy as reminding our kids they really can shoot lasers in space one day.

### Editorial

## A ghostly interest fortified

By JOHN PURCELL

*The author covers Schenectady County news for Spotlight Newspapers and has an interest in ghost hunting.*

Fort Ticonderoga is traditionally toured as the sun beats down on reenactors, but a darker excursion offers some insight into its haunted past.

The Garrison Ghost Tour at Fort Ticonderoga offers visitors a unique chance to walk the fort under the moonlight and hear stories of staff members’ paranormal experiences, where the historic incidents happened. The tour was spawned three years ago after the Syfy Channel’s “Ghost Hunters” television show aired.

“The tour really grew out of the TV show,” said Chris Fox, curator of collection for Fort Ticonderoga. “When we did the show, it was arguably at the height of the popular interest in ghost hunting.”

If you’re not a fan of ghost hunting shows, the tour might bore you. If you are, don’t expect to be “hunting” for ghosts, but rather hearing ghost stories and learning a little about the fort’s past. The night takes on a campfire atmosphere, but the stories are far from campy.

Fox has been curator since 1996, so he’s heard a lot of tales from employees and visitors.

“We just collected a lot of stories that people, mainly staff, have experienced here over the years,” Fox said. “I have no reason to doubt what people have told me they have experienced here because I know these people really, really well. I know that when they tell me these things they are serious.”

Fox even had his own experience when he heard footsteps on the floor above him.

The scariest aspect of our tour didn’t stem from some paranormal tale or experience, but something rather alive.

Bats started swooping nearby shortly after entering

### Point of View

the fort and would later be found hanging in various places around the fort. One bold tourgoer even shined his phone’s light on a bat while standing about a foot away. Keeping my distance seemed the best idea.

Fort Ticonderoga has a bloody past and great historical significance. Constructed in 1755, the fort is home to the bloodiest day of battle in American history prior to the Civil War. On July 8, 1758, nearly 2,000 soldiers were killed or wounded during a daylong battle while attempting to capture the fort from the French army. About 20 years later, during the American Revolution, thousands of soldiers died of sickness while defending the United States from a British invasion.

If you believe in ghosts, this place seems likely to be ripe with paranormal activity, though it isn’t exactly bubbling over with action. There were around two dozen people on our tour, so maybe it was too overwhelming for the spirits.

Also, parents please heed the “ages 10 and up” suggestion. One young boy, who clearly had begged his mother to take him, spent most of the time with his hands over his face or cowering near the brightest areas. His mother said he watches “all those ghosting hunting shows” on television, but apparently being on location and hearing the stories was a little too much.

Your tour group is also going to add or detract from the experience. If everyone turns off their smartphones and flashlights, you’ll hear the tales only with Fox’s dim light as a backdrop.

Getting to see the fort at night is also a unique experience,

## What’s your point?

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

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which is far different from the loud and bustling environment during normal operating hours.

The tour, which is in its third year, is only offered on Friday evenings during July and August, but a shorter version is offered with larger groups near Halloween.

There are still a couple offerings left this month and this year’s turnout will determine if it has a fourth run, so if you’re really interested it might be best to make a reservation now.

For information on Fort Ticonderoga’s Garrison Ghost Tour, visit the fort’s website, [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org), and place your pointer over the visit tab in the top menu bar. Then click on “what to see and do” from the drop down menu and from that page click on the link “special behind the scenes tour, evening tours.”

You could also just call 585-2821, which is also how you make a reservation for the tour.

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### Last week’s poll results:

“Will new school lunch guidelines change how kids eat?”

- Yes. School lunches were in need of an overhaul: 71%
- No. They’ll just get the calories somewhere else: 29%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Reinhardt the independent choice

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
The primary election to be held on Sept. 13 presents Bethlehem Democrats with a unique opportunity to change course dramatically within the Democratic Party in a positive way.  
The Party has endorsed former Supervisor Cunningham for the opening on the Town Board. Mr. Cunningham, in addition to his full-time position as Colonie Public Works Commissioner, serves presently as vice chairman of the Bethlehem Democratic Party. It should be apparent to independent-minded observers that the missions of the Democratic Party and the town are often in conflict. Would he, as a member of the Town Board, be serving the goals of this town or the political interests of the Democratic Party? Or perhaps the interests of his current political patrons in Colonie? Why not simply avoid that apparent conflict by selecting a candidate beholden only to the public?  
There is a capable and balanced alternative candidate for the Town Board - Bill Reinhardt. Bill has vast experience in government, not as a political operator but rather focusing on environmental and city planning. He also has business acumen, having been involved both personally and professionally in environmentally friendly business development. Mr. Cunningham provided a valuable and tireless role in advancing the political

stature of the Democratic Party in Bethlehem, but he and his hand-picked town officials have proven distinctly unable to move beyond their constant political gamesmanship. One needs only to read this publication regularly to see the adverse impact of this perverse dynamic.  
Democratic voters will have other choices next month, as the Bethlehem Reform Democrats field a full slate of candidates for the Democratic town committee. While respectful of the efforts of those who have paved the way for Democratic political dominance in Bethlehem, it is now time to elect both town and party officials more mindful of the town's effective governance. The Bethlehem Reform Democrats are committed to that goal and deserve the support of primary voters on Sept. 13.  
*Vince Moehringer  
Glenmont*

Volunteers deserve recognition for acts

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
I would like to recognize two exceptional volunteers who reside in Glenmont.  
Janet and Robert Burns have volunteered many years for the fire and ambulance service. They are an asset to our community. They work tirelessly to keep us all in good health, calm our nerves in times of stress and are so very faithful to us all!  
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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Cunningham a proven leader

DPW workers shone when making recent water main repairs

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

This year Bethlehem residents will again have the responsibility to elect a town resident to represent us on the Bethlehem Town Board. I will be supporting Jack Cunningham for that position because I believe he is the best candidate for this important position.

I worked with Jack for many years at Key Bank. During that time I witnessed his ability to effectively manage people and build consensus to move projects forward. He was not only an effective manager but he was very personable and

made people feel that they were an important part of the process.

I was not surprised to watch him use these same skills as an elected leader. I think that these skills are important in our elected officials and I know that Jack will use them to the betterment of our community.

As I begin the process of selecting candidates in the upcoming election cycle, one choice is clear. I hope that Bethlehem residents will join me in voting for Jack Cunningham for Bethlehem Town Board.

Shelly Howe  
Glenmont

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.

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Aug. 1, the water main in front of our home broke. Despite the fact it happened after work hours, the Bethlehem Department of Public Works responded quickly to the police request. For every step of the job an explanation of what was going on was given to us. The work was done with speed and care, and in a few hours the job was completed.

While doing the repair, it was noticed a connection to our home was an "accident waiting to happen." We were informed that a crew would be back to fix the additional problem. Back they were on the Friday morning of the same week and again the work was done with care and speed.

While both crews did a great job, we failed to get the names of the Wednesday night crew to be able to publicly thank them. They know who they are, and they all have our thanks. Our second crew consisted of Mike Dole, Peter Andersen, Dan Dare and Joe Baldwin. They too have our thanks for a job well done.

My Mom had a saying which was often heard in our household:

Do a job big or small  
Do it well or not at all.  
When a job is ere begun  
Never leave it 'til it's done.

This must be the motto for the BDPW men, since they really did a great job and were thoughtful enough to save us some future problems.

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Three Grade 1 races, including the Woodward and Forego on Saturday, September 1 and the Spinaway on Sunday, September 2 headline Labor Day weekend at the Spa. The Woodward will feature some of the best older horses in training - household names from Triple Crown campaigns of years past - while Monday's Three Chimneys Hopeful will showcase the sport's Triple Crown prospects of the future. And with the conclusion of the Three Chimneys Hopeful on Labor Day, the curtain will close for the 144th time on the racing season at Saratoga.

But first there's a flurry of activities for families and fans.

Friday, August 31 will feature the final installment of the Family Fun Fridays in the backyard playground area from noon to

4 p.m. The event includes a bounce inflatable, arts and crafts and the FOX 23 karaoke booth.

Party at the Spa presented by Coors Light also takes place on the final Friday of the meet with the first race going to post at 2:30 p.m. Fans can stay after the races for live music by Two Tenors of Rock at The Paddock Bar near the clubhouse gates as the sun sets on Saratoga.

Family Fun is the recipe for the meet's final days on Sunday, September 2 and Monday, September 3. On both days the track will host carnival games, pony rides, juggling, magic shows, picture magnets and an inflatable rock wall and bounce house. Proceeds from games and activities benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities.

The final of four Saratoga giveaways takes place on Sunday as all fans receive with their paid admission (while supplies last) a Saratoga fleece blanket – a sure sign of the waning days of summer and the advent of cooler temperatures that mark the start of school, the fall pennant races and the start of the gridiron season.

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## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

# Reform Dems are the majority Local groups to thank for Elm Avenue pool improvements

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
Far from being a "faction" or splinter group, the Bethlehem Reform Democrats and their supporters are the real Democratic majority within the Town of Bethlehem. We're working to open up the current Democratic Party through advocacy and by helping people run for the Town Democratic Committee who are dedicated to openness, transparency and reform. We are committed and faithful Democrats, who are probably more reflective of the views of rank and file voters than the current leadership of the town party.

Consider that in the past two supervisor races, the Democratic Committee has "unanimously" supported candidates who failed to win office, despite the fact that Democratic voters outnumber the other major party by approximately 3,000. In 2009 Sam Messina defeated the party committee's choice, sitting Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham. In 2011, Democratic voters rejected the party committee choice by nearly two to

one, supporting John Clarkson over the party leadership's cross-endorsed candidate, Town Board member Kyle Kotary. Clearly the current leadership of the Town Democratic Committee is not in sync with the voters. We need stronger Democratic candidates who will win when endorsed by the party. We need a vigorous recruitment effort for candidates for public office – there are so many highly qualified people in town, and it's a shame to have these choices made without any real community engagement or input and have decisions made by a few individuals often based on long-time association with party leaders.

The solution is to work within the system we have and broaden participation in the town committee under a set of guiding principles – that is what our reform effort is all about. We began by publicizing the issues, describing how the committee is selected and encouraging regular rank and file Dems to run for the committee. The response was terrific, and there are now 40 BRD-assisted candidates running for the town

committee in the Primary Election on Sept. 13. Democratic voters will have a choice this year (most for the first time) in who they want to represent them on their town committee, and that choice will also be about how they want their town committee to operate.

If you are disappointed in the choices party leaders have made on your behalf in recent years, and want to see a more open, participatory, and representative party organization, I urge you to support the Reform Democrats running for committee. We want Bethlehem's Democratic Party to be a model for other communities. We have candidates running in most election districts, and our candidates live in the neighborhoods they would represent. Our website - [bethlehem-reform-democrats.org](http://bethlehem-reform-democrats.org) - has more details.

It is our hope that after the Sept. 13 primary we will be one united Democratic Party moving forward in a new direction — one that we can be engaged in and proud of.

*Pam Robbins  
Slingerlands*

Editor, *The Spotlight*:  
On behalf of the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department I would like to thank several organizations for their generous donations toward accessible equipment for our pool complex. New ADA regulations require that public swimming pools have an approved pool lift as an accessible means of entry into the water. The lift must be capable of unassisted operation by the user and one was required at both the Olympic pool and the L-shaped learn to swim pool. Also, our stairs in the Olympic pool needed to be replaced to be compliant. The following organizations made this all possible:

- Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.
- Bethlehem Business Women's Club
- Delmar Rotary Club

Funds raised from the Delmar Duathlon also contributed to the stairs. These donations will provide accessibility

to those with special challenges so that they may enjoy our beautiful pool complex for many years to come.

*Nan Lanahan  
Administrator, Town  
of Bethlehem Parks and  
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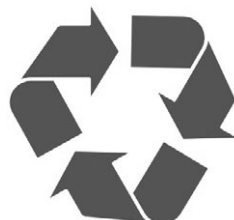
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# Celebrate the end of summer reading

Celebrate a terrific reading summer at our end-of-season parties. Kids and families can enjoy games, raffles, prizes and fun tomorrow, Aug. 23, at 2:30 p.m. Teens will have their own Glow-In-The-Dark party next Monday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. Gaming, glow drinks and ice cream are the order of the night; “mondae” supplies are generously donated by Stewart’s.

At press time, almost 1,000 young people ranging in age from preschool through high school are participating in this year’s Summer Reading Program. Kids and teens can sign up until the end of the summer. About 1,500 prizes have been awarded so far, including 129 books for participants who reached their own reading goal.

A whopping 175 teens attended our volunteer orientation training this summer. A new teen volunteer opportunity, “Book Reviewer,” has led to an impressive collection of comments on advance-



review copies and recently released titles. Check out these teen reviews at [www.bethlehempublibrary.org/bookblog.asp](http://www.bethlehempublibrary.org/bookblog.asp). Teens are now working with Bethlehem’s public access station BCN-TV to videotape their reviews; these will be posted on our website and cablecast on the station.

### Star Lab

Next week you can tour the night sky in the Dudley Observatory’s portable Star Lab planetarium, which will be set up for multiple shows in Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday Aug. 28. Dudley Observatory celebrates its 160th anniversary this year; executive director Janie Schwab will lead the tours.

The library’s Star Lab program is open to kids in grade 3 and up. Shows are scheduled at 1, 2:30, 4:30 and 6 p.m.

at the Town Hall. Call the library at 439-9314 to sign up. Participants can stay after their tour and make a planisphere to take home. Drop-in walk-through tours for families with very young children will take place at 2 and 5:30pm. Ms. Schwab will be on hand for questions.

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

### Labor Day holiday

A reminder that the library will be closed for Labor Day weekend, Saturday to Monday, Sept. 1 to 3.

### Storytimes

Sept. 6 to Oct. 27  
Stories and more for preschoolers of all abilities. Various days/times; no signup needed. Complete schedule available in the library and online at [www.bplkids.org](http://www.bplkids.org).

### Apple-icious

Friday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m.  
Help make applesauce;

stay for an apple craft. Preschool with family.

### ‘Hunger Games’ DVD release party

Friday, Sept. 7, 5 p.m.  
Play Hunger Games trivia and games; watch the movie at 6pm. Grade 6-12.

### Grandparents’ Day

Monday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.  
Bring your favorite Grandma or Grandpa to a special storytime and sing-along. Moms and dads also welcome. Age 2 to 6 with adult.

### Daybooks

Monday, Sept. 10, 1:30 p.m.  
“State of Wonder” by Anne Patchett. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk.

Louise Grieco

• The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 439-9314.



## Privacy policy kicks in

A new privacy policy regarding reserved items goes into effect on Monday, Sept. 10. Under the current system all items placed on reserve are filed under your last name. In order to protect your privacy, the Board of Trustees has changed the system so that materials being held will be arranged by a code made up of the first letter of your last name and the last five digits of your library card number.

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### Labor Day weekend

The library will be closed Saturday to Monday, Sept. 1 to 3, for the Labor Day weekend holiday. Regular hours resume at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Starting Sept. 9, the library will be open 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, call the library at 456-2400, or email [info@guilpl.org](mailto:info@guilpl.org). The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland.



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# Library thanks park pool staff

Many thanks to the staff at the Mosher Park Pool, who put on a terrific evening of fun, exercise and entertainment as a fundraiser for the Library's Capital Campaign. The library appreciates the community support and involvement in the library's future!

Special thanks go to Darlene Mergendahl, who spearheaded the event, and Julie Padilla, who donated the evening's Aquatic Zumba proceeds. The pool's lifeguards proved themselves to be "the talent" with an hour's worth of terrific music. Kudos to Deputy Mayor Martin Case for

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directing the Mosher Pool's good will in the Library's direction.

### Excel clinic

Excel is a spreadsheet program, useful at work and home to keep track of expenses, create calendars, and plan projects. Learn the basics of Excel to start; then, as the month progresses, learn and practice the many features of this program. Class size is small, allowing for individualized attention.

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# Acoustic Heartland playing at Twilight

The Voorheesville Public Library will host a Together at Twilight free concert tonight, Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Friends of the Library will introduce Acoustic Heartland. The group includes Dave Hart on vocals, guitar and mandolin; Jim Mortensen on vocals and 12 string guitar; Dave Pallas on electric bass and Aimee Harrell and Becca Kiegle filling out the vocals with four-part harmony. Acoustic Heartland is a don't miss summer event, and 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.

### 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" and "Henry the Magician," plus songs from Tom's

most recent CD, "The Classroom Boogie!"

### Friends of the Library Annual Fall Book Sale

Sept. 14 - 16

We are still accepting donations for the sale, so bring your gently used items to the library during regular library hours.

You must be a member of the Friends of the Library to enjoy the sneak preview sale on Friday, Sept. 14, from 5 to 9 p.m. If you are not a member, you can join at the door for only \$10. For the rest of the community, our doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday,

September 15 and again on Sunday, September 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m..

The Friends will also hold a bake sale on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. The sale will run until all of the goodies are gone.

Volunteers to help with book sorting are always needed. If you would like to assist with the sale in some way, call the library at 765-2791 or email jstrauss@nycap.rr.com.

Barbara Vink  
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### Thursday, Aug. 23

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### Wednesday, Aug. 29

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

### Thursday, Aug. 30

•Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for

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### Friday, Aug. 31

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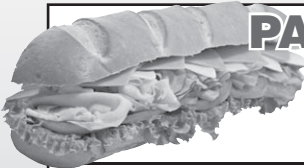
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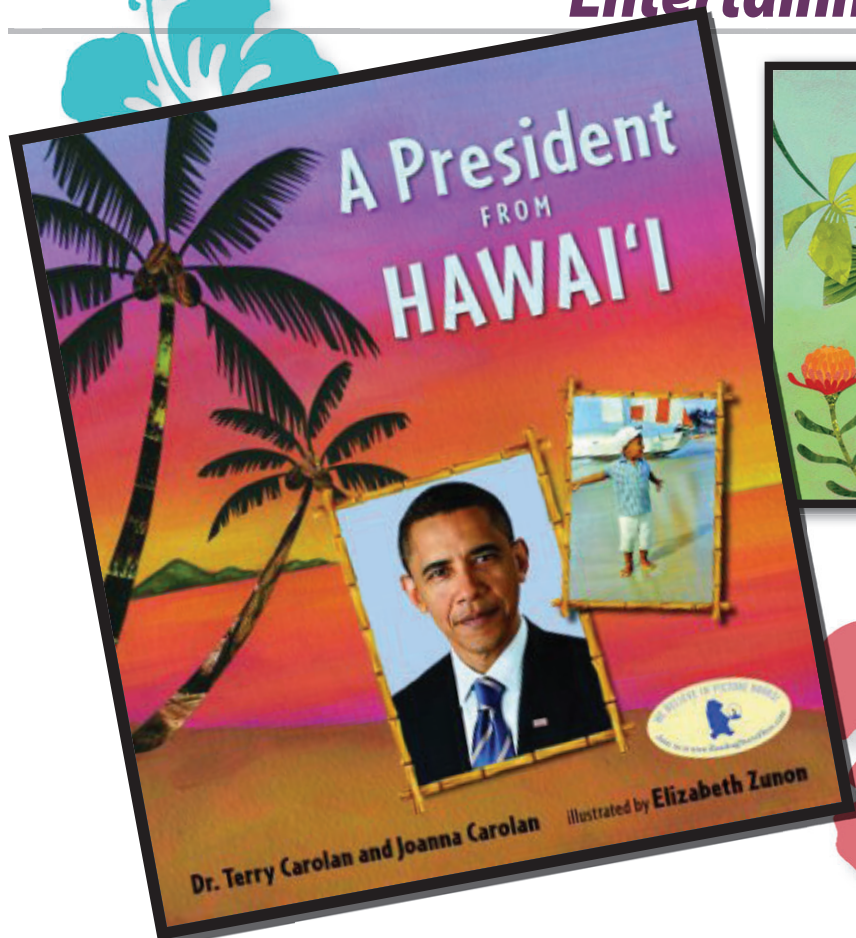
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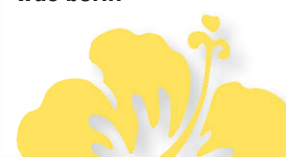




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Not long ago, publisher Candlewick Press decided to bring the book to the mainland. But first, it wanted some fresh illustrations.

Enter Guilderland High School graduate Liz Zunon.

Zunon, who graduated from Guilderland in 2002, studied at Rhode Island School of Design with hopes of illustrating children's books. Finding work wasn't easy when she graduated. She moved to Jersey City, where she made daily treks to Manhattan. She would drop her portfolio off with publishers in the morning and pick it up in the afternoon.

She got a lot of great feedback, but nothing in the way of job offers.

Then Zunon hooked up with an agent who had been working in the field for a long time. She was impressed with Zunon's work and was able to connect her with publishers who were looking for illustrators.

That's how she got the call for "A President from Hawai'i."

Once she landed the job, Zunon went on amazon.com with the idea of ordering a copy of the old book so she could check out the previous illustrations. But she'd seen only at the cover when she got a call from Candlewick Press, which suggested she steer clear of looking at the old book.

"They said, 'We'd rather you come up with a fresh idea,'" Zunon said.

So Zunon started looking at old Obama family pictures. She had her little brother, who resembles Obama, pose for her. She flipped through photos of the parks and waterfalls of the 50th state.

"I thought, 'This must be what it's like to live in Hawaii,'" she said.

That research proved pivotal because Candlewick decided not to use illustrations of Obama, instead inserting actual photographs of the president. Zunon's lush and colorful paintings capture the Hawaiian landscape, showcasing seashells on the beach, a purple volcano, bright leis and assorted plants.

Zunon will read from the book Saturday, Aug. 25, at Ben and Jerry's on Lark Street. She has done a few more traditional book signings, but she thought this one would be fun and appeal to kids. Plus, as the book points out, Obama spent a summer scooping ice cream. She will be at the shop from 4 to 7 p.m.

Zunon moved back to the Capital District after spending about three years in Jersey City when she lost her day job working at a flower shop. An area native, she actually spent much of her childhood in Africa. Her dad is from the Ivory Coast, and Zunon attended school there until she was about 12.

At Guilderland High, she was lucky to have some very talented and encouraging art teachers, she said. When she first enrolled at RLSD, she wasn't sure what

she wanted to do for a career, but because she'd always loved children's books, she thought illustrating would be a good fit. In addition to art classes, she took several writing classes.

Her portfolio includes "My Hands Sing the Blues," about artist and writer Romare Bearden; "How Many Spots Does a Leopard Have," an African folktale; and "Lala Salama," a Tanzanian lullaby.

The process of illustrating is different for each book. Publishers often don't like for a writer and illustrator to talk before a project is complete "so you can look at it with your own imagination and ideas," Zunon said. But for "Lala Salama," Zunon did talk to author Patricia MacLachlan to make sure she had the right feel for the clothes and the scenes in the book.

In addition to her illustrating work, Zunon makes jewelry and handbags. She's been renting a studio at 306 Hudson Ave. in Albany to showcase her work. Her lease runs out at the end of the August, so on Friday, Aug. 24, Zunon is hosting a farewell party with music and art. People are welcome to stop by between 5 and 10 p.m.

"A President from Hawai'i" is available locally at Barnes and Noble, The Bookhouse in Stuyvesant Plaza and the Open Door Bookhouse in Schenectady. It is also for sale on amazon.com.

For more information, visit lizzunon.com.

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One of Liz Zunon's illustrations from "Lala Salama."



# Arts and Entertainment

## Theater

### 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.

### STATE FAIR

Classic American musical, presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 Route 203, Chatham, Aug. 23-26 and Aug. 29 through Sept. 2, call for show times, adults \$28-\$30, children under 12 \$12. Information, 392-9922.

### TWELFTH NIGHT

Shakespeare comedy, presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Aug. 31 through Sept. 16, shows Fridays through Sundays, adults \$15, students \$10. Information, 462-1297.

## Music

### THE BLACKWELL SINNERS

Chris and Courtney Blackwell perform to benefit the Saint Anne Institute Alumni

Fund, Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$25. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

### MIKE HARRISON & LOOSE CHANGE

Singer-songwriter, Aug. 23, 7 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### EMERALD DAWN

Acoustic duo, Aug. 24, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### SNOOK SISTERS

Rock, blues and folk, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### BILL STAINES

Entering his fifth decade on the North American folk circuit, Aug. 24, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, day of show \$18. Information, 583-0022.

### CAPTAIN SQUEEZE & THE ZYDECO MOSHERS

Music from the bayou, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia, free. Information, 374-8611.

### JENNIFER GRACE

Country singer, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### MARY FAHL

Former October Project singer continues on her own, Aug. 25, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$22, day of show \$24. Information, 583-0022.

### ROB AND RICK

Two singer-songwriters, with special guests Suite 24 and Keith Dobb, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### DALTON FAMILY SINGERS

Children's music, Aug. 26, 1 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### PHIL HENRY WITH GARY MOON

Contemporary folk, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### EVEREST RISING

Capital District acoustic quartet, Aug. 26, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$14, day of show \$16. Information, 583-0022.

### ERNIE WILLIAMS BAND

Special tribute performance for Albany blues legend, Aug. 29, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia, free. Information, 374-8611.

## Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Aug. 24, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

## Dance

### ELLEN SINOPOLI DANCE COMPANY

Capital District troupe, Aug. 26, 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 Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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

### ARTS CENTER OF THE CAPITAL REGION

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

### BOTTLE MUSEUM

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

### BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

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

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

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

### TANG TEACHING MUSEUM & GALLERY

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

### UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM

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

### HYDE COLLECTION

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

### CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Through Shen-kan: Sterling Clark in China" and "Then & Now: Photographs of Northern China," through Sept. 16;

"Unearthed: Recent Archaeological Discoveries from Northern China," through Oct. 21; "Clark Remix," through Jan. 1, 2014; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

### MASS MOCA

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

### ARKELL MUSEUM

"American Impressionsim: Masterworks in Watercolor and Pastel," through Oct. 21; "Pastoral and Parkland: American Landscape Paintings," through Oct. 26; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

## Call for Artists

### SARATOGA ARTISANS AND CRAFTERS' MARKET

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

### BALLSTON SPA COMMUNITY BAND

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

### THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB

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

### THE CHORALIERS

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

### ETUDE CLUB

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

### CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

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

### 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 Niskayuna is looking for women to join group. Information, 346-5349.

# Weekly Crossword

## Stylish

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6 Strong, brief wind  
10 Nick's and Nora's pooch  
14 *Seven Years in \_\_\_\_*  
15 Chip in  
16 Between birdies and bogeys  
17 Urchin-like  
19 Peron and Gabor  
20 Bauxite, e.g.  
21 Leisurely pace  
23 1969 Three Dog Night hit  
24 Takes umbrage  
28 Capricorn and Cancer  
30 *Exodus* hero  
31 King of the Huns  
33 Traps  
34 *Straw \_\_\_\_*  
36 Mary had a little one  
38 North Pole helper  
39 Type of sonnet  
43 Jack Haley's metal  
44 Frau's mate  
45 Jenny Craig advice  
47 Trims the rose bushes  
50 Zoom, for one  
52 Comedian Skelton  
53 National cars

- 55 Farmers  
57 "\_\_\_\_ Howdy Doody time!"  
58 Jose Jimenez portrayed Bill  
60 OSS successor  
61 Appearance  
63 Confusing  
68 Length x width  
69 Leprechaun's land  
70 Author of *Green Eggs and Ham*  
71 Period before Easter  
72 Plod along  
73 *F \_\_\_\_*

## DOWN

- 1 Avg.  
2 Number of cards in a Roman deck  
3 Elementary beginning  
4 Black tea  
5 Breastbones  
6 Natural \_\_\_\_  
7 Section  
8 Commence  
9 Pavarotti and Domingo  
10 Aldous Huxley novel \_\_\_\_ and *Essence*  
11 Tact  
12 Catatonic state

- 13 Evaluate  
18 Vex  
22 Copy machine powder  
24 Groovy, today  
25 Piccadilly Circus statue  
26 Purchased on faith?  
27 Zorro's mark  
29 Blanched  
32 Push forward  
35 Roger Moore TV role, with *The*  
37 Cap for Henri  
40 Work the dough  
41 Balm for aches and pains  
42 \_\_\_\_ -do-well  
46 Emmitt Smith scores them: abbr.  
47 \_\_\_\_ fear  
48 Head for the hills?  
49 Quenches  
51 The most conniving  
54 Escargot  
56 Used in high tech surgery  
59 '60s coif  
62 Crooner \_\_\_\_ King Cole  
64 Frat party regular  
65 \_\_\_\_ *Vadis*  
66 WWII entertainment  
67 Kreskin forte



Vista

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specifics.

When fully built, the campus should include 1.4 million square feet of retail, business and residential space.

Town Director of Economic Development and Planning Mike Morelli said interest in the campus has grown now that potential investors can see how the site is developing.

“Now that it’s no longer just a bunch of woods and fields, tenants can see their plans taking shape,” he said. “This has been a remarkable project for the town that is taking place in such a soft economy.”

The back of the campus goes through the former LeGrange Farm and into New Scotland. There, pad sites are being cleared, but the LeGrange family cemetery has been left

undisturbed. A fence was put around the gravesite and is showcased in the middle of a large roundabout. The historic LeGrange homestead can be viewed to the left of the campus.

“We worked with the state Historic Preservation Office on the project, and everything was done with the utmost care,” said Morelli.

A nature trail is in the works to be developed around the campus. Sidewalks and walking paths will be installed so workers can easily move to other businesses within Vista to eat lunch or shop. The roadways were also made extra wide so bike paths can be created, a goal of the town’s comprehensive plan.

“Our goal is to get in front of the town for site plan approval for future projects within the next month or two,” said Deforest.

Selkirk mulls paid firefighters

The Selkirk Fire Department could see a handful of paid firefighters introduced to its ranks if it accepts a federal grant.

The department’s Board of Commissioners was expected to discuss a more than \$500,000 FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant at its Monday, Aug. 20, meeting, which occurred after *The Spotlight* went to print.

The Selkirk Fire Department is one of five fire districts covering the Town of Bethlehem, and all are comprised of volunteer members. Selkirk is geographically the largest of these districts and the department is split into three companies, with approximately 75 active volunteer members in the ranks.

Melody Burns, an active member of the department, said the grant would give the department capital to bring on five paid members.

Volunteer departments have faced an increasing recruitment issue in recent years, thanks in no small part to shifting demographics in suburban communities. The Fireman’s Association of the State of New York is engaged in a multi-year “Is there a fire in you?” marketing campaign aimed at recruiting 18- to 35-year-olds made possible through a \$4.2 million SAFER grant.

– Charles Wiff

RCS

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Registration is required; call today to reserve your place.

- What is Excel? Intro to Spreadsheets: Introduces the basic features of Microsoft Excel, a computer spreadsheet program. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 6:30 pm or Wednesday, Sept. 5, 11 am
- Excel Clinic: Formulas and Formatting: This clinic with briefly review Excel basic skills and build confidence using basic formulas for arithmetic or repetitive entries, as well as creating pleasing boxes and backgrounds for your lists and tables. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m.
- Excel Clinic. Sorting and Charts: Practice what you learned in our first Excel class (or, using basic Excel skills you already had) and add charts and sorting to your toolkit. Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 19, 11 a.m.
- Excel Clinic. Tables and Illustrations: This clinic with briefly review Excel basic skills and build your confidence at including Tables and Illustrations. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 11 a.m.
- All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. For information, call 756-2053 or visit [www.uhls.org/RCSCL/](http://www.uhls.org/RCSCL/).

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“We had an undefeated season, and we really appreciate her.”

Last year, the cheerleaders placed first in both the Suburban Council competition and the Rumble in the Jungle competition held in Saratoga.

Breen, who also attended the Aug. 8 school board meeting, said she was shocked to hear the program hadn’t won a trophy in years and was often derided and booed during pep rallies.

“When I took over last year, I completely revamped the program,” she said in a later interview. “I graduated from Bethlehem Central 12 years ago, and when I was there, we went to nationals in Florida every year.”

Breen was a cheerleader in college also and became a certified cheerleading coach and trainer. For several years she has coached for the Bethlehem Pop Warner-Junior Midget Cheer squads and was the junior varsity coach for the high school for two years. When the JV squad was disbanded, she became an assistant coach with the varsity team. Last year she became the head cheerleading coach, or “advisor,” since the program is now a club.

The district switched the program to a club in the 2010-11 budget as a money-saving move. According to Breen, that switch has spawned a number of issues.

Last year’s season got off to a late start, she said, because the school board was late in approving her as

the advisor. Because of this, the girls missed cheering at the school’s first home football game. Toward the end of the season, the girls had problems getting their varsity letters because the program was no longer a sport.

Breen said she spoke with former Principal Charles Abba about the matter, and he said he would make sure the girls still got letters. He and Breen also came up with a plan to hold open gym sessions for cheerleaders to make sure they didn’t fall behind if there was a delay in getting the club’s activities officially started.

That’s why Breen was surprised when she said none of the above occurred. At the same time, she was contacted by a distraught cheerleader who said she’d heard Breen had quit.

“I didn’t quit,” said Breen. “Finally I called and asked for a meeting with (new high school Principal Scott Landry), because I was confused.”

Breen said at the meeting, Landry spoke with her about her concerns from the last year. When she asked about her plans for the coming season, Breen said Landry informed her someone else had been hired that morning. Breen claims she was never interviewed for the position and had submitted a letter of interest to be the coach this year.

“The principal was short with me when I told him the kids were upset,” she said. “He told me to tell them that ‘life isn’t fair.’ That blew me away.”

Landry did not return

calls seeking comment. BCSD spokesman Bill DeVoe said the position went to the individual the district felt was most qualified.

DeVoe said all coaches are normally hired by the district’s athletic director, as was done in previous years for cheerleading. Because the program is now considered a club, the principal hires the advisor, who receives a \$2,610 stipend for the fall cheerleading season. An advisor has not yet been selected for the winter season.

According to district policy, “a faculty advisor will be appointed to supervise the activity according to school rules and regulations” for all student organizations or extracurricular activities.

Breen is not a district employee. She is studying at UAlbany for her master’s degree in education policies and said it is her understanding the state usually allows an outsider to instruct extracurricular activities if they are more qualified.

“I’m really offended,” said Breen. “The girls are also really upset and a lot are not cheering this year, which is sad because a lot are seniors.”

Parent Teresa Ferrara said she is upset by the situation, as is her daughter Brianna, a junior. She has cheered both years the program has been considered a club.

Ferrara said Breen did a good job of keeping the essence of cheerleading despite the restrictions that came with being a club. Tryouts were still held

last year and professional cheerleaders came in to score the girls. Breen was not involved in the process, but cuts were made. Since the program is now a club and all students are usually allowed to join clubs, it is not clear if tryouts will be held again.

“What kind of message are we sending to the children of this district if we let this happen?” said Ferrara. “The girls were just starting to feel good about themselves. A lot of people don’t feel cheerleading is a sport, but it is. It’s just as demanding.”

Ferrara said she is working on a plan to have cheerleading funded by a parent booster club, much like the district’s hockey team is largely supported by a booster group.

Meanwhile, Breen and members of the team are left wondering why a change was made in the first place. Sydney Hickey, a cheerleader going into her senior year, told the BC school board Breen had been a great benefit to the program.

“Teachers and students approached a lot of us and told us how much better we’ve gotten, and they have respect for us now,” she said.

“I had great reviews. I don’t know where the disconnect was,” Breen said. “I have coached cheerleading for 10 years. I left Shenendehowa to coach here because it is where I’m from. ... The situation just feels low. After cutting their funding, changing it from a sport and cutting JV, this is like kicking them while they were down.”

Weight

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“Our sales volume already greatly exceeds the benchmark that industry standards set as the trigger point where expansion becomes critical,” she said. “Plus, we simply need a more spacious and easily navigable layout to be able to provide our customers the most convenient, attractive and streamlined shopping experience possible.”

The Co-op is different from most grocery stores in that it is member owned and operated, and is self governing. The organization is guided by “social and economic ethics” and has been established in the Albany community since 1976.

The new site will provide more parking spaces for shoppers. Both the meat and prepared foods/deli departments will be expanded, and outdoor seating will be available for diners. Also, a full size teaching kitchen will be included.

“All of these ambitious goals require lots more space than we now have,” said Bartels.

After years of searching for the perfect site, one in the West End neighborhood was selected and purchased in 2007 in order to remain the same community the Co-op has operated in since 1995. But the economy turned a year later and plans had to be put on hold.

“It took a while to overcome that hurdle and get back on track, but we’ve never faltered in our determination to see this dream come to fruition,” Bartels said.

The entire project will cost about \$5.4 million. The funds were obtained through private loans and an internal loan program.

Co-op President Lynn Lekakis said about 300 people participated in the loan program, providing \$1.2 million in funds.

Each loan had to be for at least \$1,000. The lenders could then tell the Co-op board how much they wanted to lend, the rate of interest they wanted attached to the loan and when they expected to be paid back. Another 200 people opted to participate in a smaller lending program that provided an additional \$300,000 in funds.

“It’s worked out well so far,” said Lekakis.

The Co-op has also recently applied for a separate nonprofit status. This new organization will be responsible for overseeing the many healthy living programs the Co-op provides, mostly to area schools. It will be an extension of the store that takes over nearly all community outreach efforts.

“We did it because over the course of this project, people have said they would straight-up donate to our efforts if we had something set up,” said Lekakis, adding how the new facility has taken up much of the board’s time and new people are needed to oversee this particular extension of the group.

The opening date for the new store is set for May 2013, according to Bartels.

She said shoppers and Co-op members — who the board now refers to as “owners” — should not expect to see higher prices because of the new location. Bartels said they are also fully prepared for the increase in grocery stores to the region, including specialty stores like Trader Joes and Whole Foods. She emphasized the Co-op’s relationship with local suppliers.

“(This) means that a significant percentage of our customers’ shopping dollars support our local economy, rather than being channeled out of state,” she said.

For more information on the project or the Co-op, visit [www.hwfc.com](http://www.hwfc.com).

Begin

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He will take responsibility for land use restrictions to be put into place.

“Mercury is an extremely toxic metal that can cause health problems, especially in children. Exposure to mercury can harm the heart, kidneys, lungs, immune and nervous systems,” said

information released by the EPA.

The agency claims that for more than 40 years, mercury from batteries, thermometers and electronics were recovered and refined on site by the Mercury Refining Company. The process caused mercury to contaminate the site and mercury-laden stormwater then found its way into Patroon Creek. Mercury Reclamation

ended its operations at the site in 1998.

Since 1999, the EPA has overseen cleanup of the site. Plans for a final, extensive cleanup were drawn in 2008 and by 2013 the process is expected to be completed. The estimated costs are expected to reach \$9.3 million.

Under the agreement, the five companies will execute the plan. Contaminated soil will


be excavated and deeper soil and groundwater will be contained with cement using a technique to prevent it from spreading to other soil and water sources. Contaminated sediment and water within the Patroon Creek will also be removed.

The EPA will continue to oversee all cleanup efforts until the job is completed next year.

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# Your Community in The Spotlight

## Booth space available at sale

The Cornell Hook & Ladder Auxiliary has booth spaces available at the New Baltimore Firehouse on Gill Road for the Annual Town of New Baltimore Yard Sale Day which will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Inside booths are \$10 and outside booths are free. Booth spaces are approximately 10-by-10 feet. To reserve a space or for more information call Diana at 756-8312.

The Auxiliary will also have several booths of yard sale items for sale as well as a baked goods table. Maps of all the yard sales will be available.

## Amateur radio operators hold meet and greet

The Albany Amateur Radio Association (K2CT) will celebrate its 100th anniversary by holding a public meet and greet event. This is a free event, held rain or shine, Sunday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Henry Hudson Park, Barent Winne Road Selkirk.

Activities include a "Special Event Station," where ham operators demonstrate the ability to contact many other amateur operators worldwide using a special call sign. This event will be valid for those hams wishing to earn a special certificate for contacting Albany club members.

There will also be an opportunity for the public and non-Hams (of all ages) to have a chance to get on the air under the guidance of a licensed Amateur Operator.

A couple of "Hidden Transmitter" hunts will be held through the day. There will be instruction given before hand for those interested in participating in this event. There will be prizes for the first to find. Geocachers will also be participating in this event.

For more information, contact John Fritze, K2QY, at (401) 261-4996.

## Fall skating lessons start

The Albany Figure Skating Club, based in Delmar, is offering its

United States Figure Skating (USFS) sanctioned Basic Skills program, providing ice skating instruction for beginning skaters of all ages and abilities. Three eight-week sessions will start in September and will run through March 2013. This year, lessons will be offered at two locations:

- Albany Academy Field House, 117 Hackett Blvd. Albany, on Sundays from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., beginning Sunday, Sept. 9.
- Bethlehem Area YMCA, 900 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Saturdays from 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m., beginning Saturday, Sept. 15.

Recreational, figure skaters, and hockey skaters preschool to adult are welcome. This year, new specialty classes will be offered in addition to the group lessons, including classes in Learn to Compete, Learn to Synchro, Learn to Ice Dance, Hockey Skills and much more.

Detailed information about the programs and registration forms are available on the Albany Figure Skating Club's website, [www.albanyfsc.org](http://www.albanyfsc.org) or contact Program Director Karla Schallehn at 512-4027 or [AlbanyFSCBasicSkills@gmail.com](mailto:AlbanyFSCBasicSkills@gmail.com).

## Pine Bush group hosts vegan meal and lyme lecture

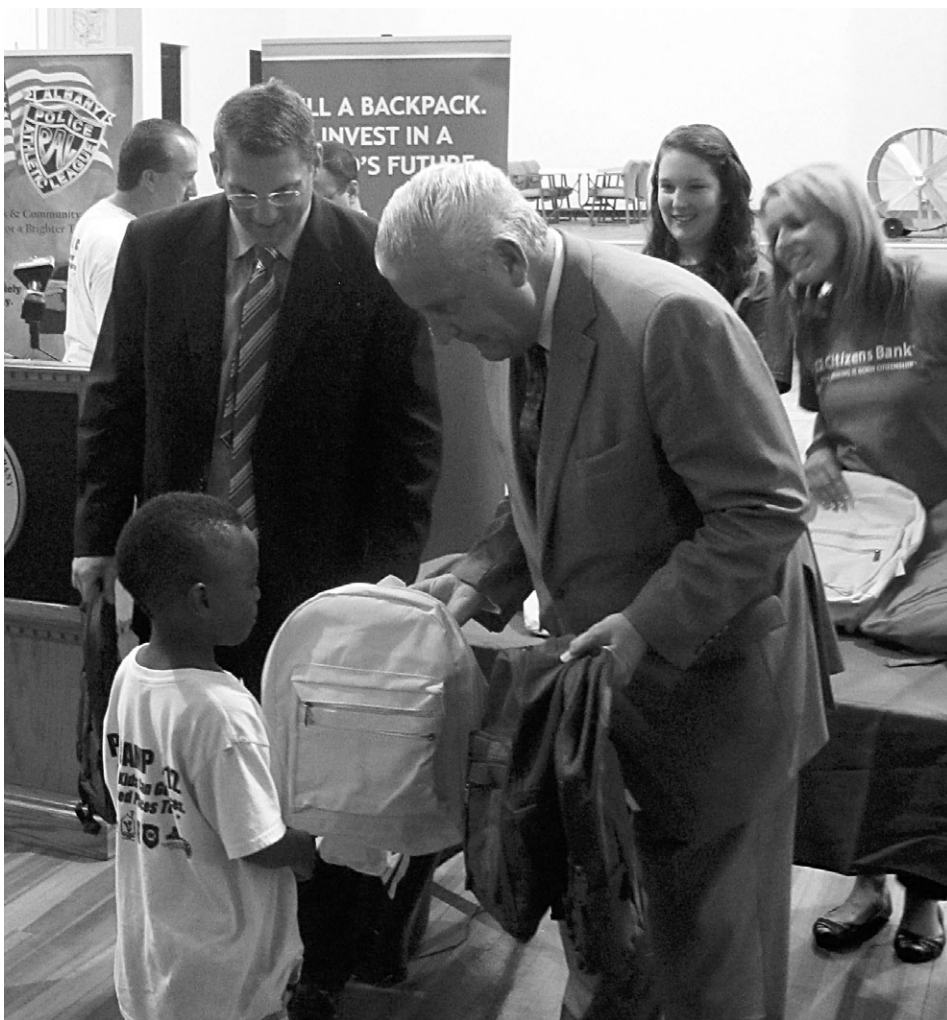
On Wednesday, Aug. 29, Save the Pine Bush will hold a vegetarian/vegan lasagna dinner at 6 p.m. at Westminster Presbetyrian Church Hall, 85 Chestnut St., Albany.

Professor Holly Ahern will speak on the latest updates on lyme disease. Ahern has studied lyme disease throughout the Northeast, and has lectured and written on it for some time.

All who train, teach, work at children's camps, hike, hunt fish, search rescue, camp etc. and have the time to attend this lecture should bring questions and concerns.

Dinner costs \$12, \$6 for students and \$2 for children. The lecture is free and will begin after the dinner at about 7 p.m. For more info call 465-8930

## Backpacks for school



**Citizens Bank New York President James Gaspo, left, and Albany Mayor Gerald D. Jennings, right, hand out backpacks to summer camp participants at the Albany Police Athletic League (PAL) headquarters as part of the Citizens Bank Gear for Grades initiative on Thursday, Aug. 16. Citizens Bank collected school supplies at branch locations throughout the Capital Region from July 23 to Aug. 10, then stuffed 500 backpacks provided by the bank and distributed them to local youth-serving organizations as part of the campaign.**

*Submitted photo*

## Button Club to meet

The Half Moon Button Club will meet Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. A professional jewelry maker will demonstrate adding beads to buttons and then making bracelets with them. Bring a brown bag lunch. All are welcome. For more information, call Kathy at 393-3156.

## Call for photos in Canalway contest

The 2012 Erie Canalway photo contest is seeking entries. Entries are being accepted through Friday, Sept. 7, for the 7th annual Erie Canalway Photo Contest. Winning photos will be displayed in the 2013 Erie Canalway calendar, which will be available free of charge in December.

Amateur and professional photographers are invited to submit prints and digital images in four contest categories: Bridges, Buildings and Locks; For the Fun of It; On the Water; and the Nature of the Canal. Download official contest rules and an entry form: [www.eriecanalway.org](http://www.eriecanalway.org).

## Symphony kicks off season in September

On Sept. 22, the Albany Symphony will kick-off its 2012-13 season with two enduringly popular major works: Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony and Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto. The concert will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre. Tickets can be purchased for the first time directly through the Albany Symphony as part of a new initiative to better serve patrons. Ticket prices start at \$19, and can

be purchased beginning Sept. 4 by calling 694-3300, or by visiting [www.albanysymphony.com](http://www.albanysymphony.com).

## Swing dance scheduled

Albany First Friday Capital Swing Dance will be on Friday, Sept. 6, from 8:30-11:30 p.m., at the Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen. Music provided by Patti O and the Hip Hooligans. Admission, including the 7:30 p.m. beginner lesson is \$15 general; \$12 DFO members \$12; and \$10 seniors/students. Further information at [www.danceflurry.org/swing](http://www.danceflurry.org/swing).

## Bus trip to Yankee Stadium

The Hindu Cultural Center is chartering a bus to go to Yankee Stadium on Wednesday, Aug. 29. The cost is \$75 per ticket. This will be an afternoon game against the Toronto Blue

Jays. Ticket prices include a continental breakfast, deluxe A/C video bus, full-length movies, games and prizes on the bus and lunch at the Stadium. Call 371-3737 to reserve a spot.

## New England bus trip scheduled

Duanesburg Seniors has openings for a New England Adventure to The Indian Head Resort in North Lincoln, N.H., from Wednesday, Sept. 19 to Friday, Sept. 21. Costs are \$367 per person for a double, \$339 per person for a triple, \$324 per person for a quad, and \$515 per person for a single. For information and reservations, call Barbara L. Page at 356-3230.

## Marketing group lunch and lecture

The New York Capital Region chapter of the American Marketing Association (NYCRAMA) is holding its September luncheon, "How to Rise Above the Crowd," Thursday, Sept. 13, at The Century House, 997 New Loudon Road, Latham, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Join NYCRAMA and acclaimed advertising sage, Hank Blank from Blank & Associates (Orange County, CA) and learn how to use social media to effectively improve your personal SEO and "rise above the crowd." Cost is \$25 for AMA members, \$35 for non-members and \$20 for students. Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins welcomed. Online payment accepted. Cash or check at the door. To make your reservation, visit [www.nymarketing.org](http://www.nymarketing.org).

## Iroquois festival to take place

The 31st annual Iroquois Indian Festival takes place 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 features traditional Iroquois music, dance, Native foods and much more. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information: contact the Iroquois Indian Museum at 296-8949, [info@iroquoismuseum.org](mailto:info@iroquoismuseum.org) or visit [www.iroquoismuseum.org](http://www.iroquoismuseum.org).

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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. 82439 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of GDUD, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82441 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Dukhtar Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Thea J. Kerman, Esq., 10 Roxbury Road, Port Washington, NY 11050. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82442 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of 20 West 47 Street Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/5/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 55 W. 47th St., Ste. 370, NY, NY 10036. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82443 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of LINCOLN STATION, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/6/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82444 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Andrew Bohmart MD PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82447 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Longships Capital Partners LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/9/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82448 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Argus Publishing Group, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/10/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82450 (D) (August 22, 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 22, 2012)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Harvey Global, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/12. Office location: 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 22, 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. 82579 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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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 process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82582 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation Robert Nachtrieb LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/13/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 513 Eagle Drive, Emmaus, PA 18049. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82583 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of Qualified Plans Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/16/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Lemery Greisler LLC, 50 Beaver St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82619 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of formation of 2390 Western Avenue LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/12/12. Office in Albany County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2390 Western Ave, Guilderland NY 12084. Purpose is any lawful purpose. 82621 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of COSMOP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/17/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY

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Notice of Qualification of WATERVIEW HOUSE LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/10/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/9/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC , 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82629 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of M5OCEAN LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/20/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82630 (D) (August 22, 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 22, 2012)

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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 22, 2012)

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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 22, 2012)

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EFM Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/18/12. Off. Loc.: Albany

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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 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of AFS REAL PROPERTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/6/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Richard G. Della Ratta, 147 Barrett St., Schenectady, NY 12305. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 82729 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Inviting Designs, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/8/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 21 Winslow Drive, Schenectady, NY 12309. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 82730 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Designs In Life Insurance Marketing, LLC dba: Designs In Life Insurance Marketing Agency, LLC LLC was filed with the SSNY on 7-20-2012 Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Shawn C. Jeanes, Member 5865 Traffic Way Atascadero, CA 93422. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 82744 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SENSE INTERNATIONAL LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 2622 Debolt Rd., Utica, OH 43080. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 82745 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: AD-IRONDAK IMPROVEMENTS L.L.C. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/30/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 275, Glenmont, New York 12077. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 82746 (D) (August 22, 2012)

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Notice of Formation of West 39 EAT L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/20/12. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 82749 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 598 MANHATTAN AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/27/12. 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. 82750 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ONE PAW PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/26/12. 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. 82751 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SOLAR & SMARTER SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/30/12. 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. 82752 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Shirt-faced LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/25/2012. 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. 82753 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Hipsilver LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/19/2012. 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. 82754 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Professional LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: New Paradigm Psychological Services, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New

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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 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 609 MARCY DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/27/12. 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. 82900 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 74 NASSAU AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/27/12. 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. 82901 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1099 BROADWAY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/27/12. 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. 82904 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ONE WAY DRIVING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/3/12. 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. 82906 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

iSimulate, LLC (the “LLC”) filed Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State (“SOS”) on 8/2/12. LLC office is in Albany County. SOS was designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SOS shall mail copy of any process served to 249 Westchester Drive South, Delmar, NY 12054. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful act or activity. 82907 (D) (August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: Jubilant Hollisterstier LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of York (SSNY) on 07/19/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207-2543 Purpose: For any lawful purpose.



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82909 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF KHUONG AND LE INVESTMENT TRADING COMPANY LIMITED LLC. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/24/2012. The LLC was formed in Hanoi, Vietnam on 03/02/2006. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail process to: 1392 Delaware Tpke., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82910 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation William J. Byrne, M.D. PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/2/2012. 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. 82911 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Arch Dental Oral Care Products LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/6/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC,

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911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82912 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Alithia Transport LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/1/2012. 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. 82913 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation W+W Construction Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/7/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82914 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Scenic Media LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/8/2012. 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. 82915 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

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Inner Film Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/01/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 228 16th St., Ste 3, Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purposes. 82917 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RACE CHAMP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/3/12. 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. 82920 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name of LLC: GB GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) 07/02/12. The office of the LLC is located in Albany CO. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC at: c/o PERSING & O'LEARY, LLP, 10 Century Hill Dr., Ste 3, Latham, NY 12110 Purpose: Any lawful activity. 82916 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation HLM GLOBAL LLC as a domestic LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 07/30/2012 office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, purpose is any lawful purpose. 82925 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EQUINE PROPERTIES OF NEW YORK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/5/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 799 Old Hwy 30, Esperance, NY 12066. Purpose: any lawful activity. 82926 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

CAPITAL REGION MEDICAL SUPPLY, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/5/12. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 74 Brookhaven Ln., Glenmont, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

82928 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of B. MANGREEN PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/9/12. 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. 82931 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 438 CENTRAL REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/9/12. 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. 83101 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EM STRATEGIES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC,

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46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83102 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Monetized Web LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/12/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 95 Consaul Rd., Colonie, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 83104 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Daystar Solar, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 8 Railroad Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 83105 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Registration of Maxwell & Van Ryn, LLP, Cert. of Reg. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/21/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 2 Normanskill

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Blvd., Delmar, NY 12054, the office loc. of LLP. Name/addr. of each gen. ptr. avail. at SSNY. Purpose: to practice the profession of Law. 83106 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WANNABE PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/10/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83109 (D)  
(August 22, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Limited Liability Company Name: The Lotus Flower Enterprises, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/8/12. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Avenue, Ste., 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 83111 (D)  
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Readers

(From Page 28)

How often do you call in to sports talk radio shows?

- Frequently – 0 percent
- Occasionally – 6 percent
- Rarely – 19 percent
- Never – 75 percent

According to our readers, this might be the time sports talk radio stations in our region consider a format change.

How interested are you in fantasy sports leagues?

- Play in as many leagues as possible – 19 percent
- Own one or two teams – 24 percent
- Interested but haven’t done it – 19 percent
- Couldn’t care less – 38 percent

Full disclosure: I played in three fantasy football leagues last year, and I’m trying to put one together for the fall to go along with the league I’m already in. I also have a fantasy baseball team that’s turned into a nightmare (come back, Troy Tulowitzki and David Ortiz).

How often do you bet on sports?

- Frequently – 12 percent
- Occasionally – 0 percent
- Rarely – 38 percent

Never – 50 percent  
Our readers tend to shy away from the type of activity that led to Pete Rose’s banishment from baseball.

Should athletes/coaches be held to a higher social standard than other people?

- Yes – 44 percent
- No – 56 percent

It was a close vote, but a slight majority of our readers say that coaches and athletes don’t deserve to be placed on a higher pedestal than the rest of us.

What should student-athletes be focused on?

- Their sports – 6 percent
- Their academics – 38 percent
- Sports and academics equally – 56 percent

Our readers believe that student-athletes should live up to their titles and hit the books when they’re not on the field.

Overall, what role should sports play in society?

- Pleasant diversion – 31 percent
- Honored tradition – 56 percent
- Purely business – 0 percent
- Source of civic pride – 13 percent

Our readers still have an emotional tie to sports, even as it appears that sports are treated like a business at the highest

levels of the collegiate and professional worlds.

I couldn’t let our readers get away from our survey without asking them for a few predictions.

Which area team will play in an NCAA Division I tournament this season?

- UAlbany men’s basketball – 7 percent
- UAlbany women’s basketball – 0 percent
- Siena men’s basketball – 7 percent
- RPI hockey – 26 percent
- Union College hockey – 60 percent

Our readers think Union has what it takes to get back to the NCAA hockey tournament, but they don’t think that defending America East champion UAlbany will go back to the NCAA women’s basketball tournament – even with the majority of its starters returning.

Which area high school will produce the most Section II titles this year?

- Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake – 20 percent
- Guilderland – 7 percent
- Niskayuna – 7 percent
- Shaker – 26 percent
- Shenendehowa – 40 percent

The Shen “Green Machine” is our readers’ choice to capture the most Sectional titles, even though BH-BL has fared better in that regard over the last

four years than its larger Saratoga County neighbor.

Will the Tri-City ValleyCats win the New York-Penn League title?

- Yes – 56 percent
- No – 44 percent

This was a lot closer than I thought it was going to be, considering the ValleyCats have the best record in the NY-PL.

Will the Albany Devils make the American Hockey League playoffs?

- Yes – 27 percent
- No – 73 percent

If you make a habit out of not making the playoffs, don’t expect our readers to start believing you can make the playoffs.

Finally, here is a list of the sports predictions our readers came up with:

- The Yankees will not make the playoffs (might need a major collapse for that to happen)
- Bruins win Stanley Cup
- Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens will not be elected to the HoF (Baseball Hall of Fame) in their first year of eligibility
- NY Rangers in Stanley Cup finals
- The Buffalo Bills will make the (NFL) playoffs.

Thank you for participating in this year’s Spotlight Sports Survey.

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# Protocol

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in class. But if I saw a kid five minutes before a game and asked if they had a headache and they told me ‘no,’ then I’d put him in.”

With the new protocol in place, the coaches now have a clear set of rules to follow.

“I’m one of those people who say that I’d rather turn it over to somebody who knows about this sort of thing than leave it up to me,” said Bethlehem Girls Soccer Coach Tom Rogan.

“I think it’s overdue,” added Ridgway. “We should have had this years ago for the players’ safety.”

Bethlehem soccer players Ethan Gunty and Katie Nickels suffered concussions last year. Gunty missed more than two weeks while recovering from his concussion, while Nickels returned to action one week after her head was kicked by an opposing player.

“I remember being in school and having headaches in class,” said Gunty.

“I had to sit myself out for two weeks and tell myself that I still had the end of the season to think about.”

“When I went down and I came back up, I wanted to stay in the game at that point,” said Nickels. “Looking back, I’m glad I had to come out because if I had gotten hurt worse, I would have had to stop playing for a longer period of time.”

Gunty said he is glad there is now a set of guidelines in place to help student-athletes recover from concussions.

“The thing about concussions is you never know how long they will last,” said Gunty. “Concussions are something you don’t fool around with, so you want to be cautious.”

And for the coaches, it gives them the authority to tell their athletes they need to take a seat if they show any signs of a concussion.

“My line to the girls is your mind is more important to me than soccer is,” said Rogan.

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# Athletics win national title

## Walkoff home run lifts Twilight League champs in finals

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Dan Barbero’s two-out, three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning propelled the Albany Athletics past the Tampa Elite Rays 7-5 in the Stan Musial World Series championship game in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

“This is a dream come true,” said Albany manager Joe Altieri. “As a

kid, everyone dreams of winning the World Series, and winning the World Series on a walkoff home run.”

The Athletics made history by becoming the first Twilight League and Upper New York Stan Musial League team to win the World Series. Only six North Atlantic region representatives and three New York-based teams have won the Stan Musial World Series.

“This group of players never quit all season long and showed a lot of heart

from start to finish in a long, tiring World Series event,” said Altieri, a 1991 Guilderland High School graduate.

Mohonasen High School graduate Ben Paniccia was named the tournament’s most valuable player after a strong six-game performance. Paniccia went 9-for-19 at the plate with six RBI and six runs scored.

The Athletics are holding a championship rally at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Dutchman Field in Guilderland’s Keenholts Park. Admission is free.

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## Athletics take national title

The Albany Athletics used a walkoff home run by Dan Barbero to defeat the Tampa Elite Rays 7-5 and win the Stan Musial World Series in Port St. Lucie, Fla. It's the first national title for the A's.

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## Weekly poll

What is the toughest league in Section II football?

- Class AA Empire Division (Shenendehowa, Saratoga, Ballston Spa, Christian Brothers Academy, Guilderland, Bethlehem and Albany)
- Class AA Liberty Division (Shaker, Niskayuna, Columbia, LaSalle, Colonie and Schenectady)
- Class A Northwest (Amsterdam, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Gloversville, Queensbury and South Glens Falls)
- Class B Reinfurt Division (Ravena, Green Tech, Ichabod Crane, Lansingburgh, Cohoes, Albany Academy and Hudson)
- Class B West Division (Schuylerville, Johnstown, Schalmont, Broadalbin-Perth, Hudson Falls, Cobleskill and Glens Falls)

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# New protocol for concussions

Student-athletes must sit until all symptoms are clear for 24 hours

By ROB JONAS  
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Dangerous hits in professional football and hockey brought attention to the effects of concussions on athletes.

Now, New York has a protocol for high school coaches to follow when one of their student-athletes suffers a concussion.

Starting with the fall sports season, the New York State Concussion Management and Awareness Act establishes procedures schools must follow. Athletes who suffer a concussion must receive immediate medical care and must be symptom free for 24 hours before they can resume light workouts. If at any time an athlete suffers any concussion symptoms (i.e. headache, blurry vision), they must cease athletic activity until they have been symptom free again for 24 hours.

"The old days of 'I got dinged' or 'I got my bell rung,' those days are over," said Section II Football Chairman Gary VanDerzee. "They're now erring on the side of caution."

"I think it's going to cause coaches to really think twice before putting a kid back in the game," said Bethlehem Boys Soccer Coach Phil Ridgway.

Concussions and their effects on brain function have come under greater national scrutiny in recent years with cases such as NHL star Sidney Crosby, who missed much of the 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons while dealing with post-concussion syndrome, and former NFL player Dave Duerson, who committed suicide in 2011 after battling chronic headaches.

VanDerzee, who is also Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's football coach, said the notion



Bethlehem's Katie Nickels, left, heads the ball during the first day of girls soccer practice Monday. Nickels suffered a concussion last season.

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of concussions being a football or hockey problem is ignoring the bigger picture.

"Football is the (sport) that's being singled out, but over the last five years we've had more kids in other sports get concussions than football at Ravena," said VanDerzee.

At the high school level, there wasn't a statewide effort in New York to deal with concussions in sports. It was left up to the coaches to determine if a player was fit to return to action after being hit in the head. That wasn't an easy thing for a coach to determine.

"I'm in my 34<sup>th</sup> year of coaching, and I don't know if I ever had a kid who suffered a concussion," said Berne-Knox-Westerlo Boys Soccer Coach Jim Gillis, who is also the Section II chairman in his sport. "There was one kid in my first or second year coaching at Berne who suffered a head injury during a game, but he had such a big knot on his forehead that he had to go to the doctor."

"I've had kids who sort of hid stuff from me so they could play," added Gillis. "Their teachers could tell if they were OK because they could see if they were paying attention

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# Readers speak with their online votes

By ROB JONAS  
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The votes have been tallied, and I can reveal the results of this year's Spotlight Sports Survey (conveniently conducted online only for the first time).

How often do you attend a high school sporting event?

- 1-3 times per year – 25 percent
- 4-6 times per year – 6 percent
- 7-10 times per year – 13 percent
- More than 10 times per year – 56 percent

Our readers love high school sports. Quite possibly because their children play high school sports, or because they play high school sports themselves.

How often do you attend a local collegiate sporting event?

- 1-3 times per year – 75 percent
- 4-6 times per year – 6 percent
- 7-10 times per year – 0 percent
- More than 10 times per year – 19 percent

I'll chalk that up to the typical scheduling conflicts between high school and college games in the area. When confronted with the question of going to a child's high school

game or seeing the Siena College men's basketball team, the child's high school game comes first.

How often do you attend a local pro/semi-pro sporting event?

- 1-3 times per year – 75 percent
- 4-6 times per year – 13 percent
- 7-10 times per year – 6 percent
- More than 10 times per year – 6 percent

This is disappointing news for the Albany Devils, Tri-City ValleyCats, Albany Legends and Albany Metro Mallers. Predictable given the size of the crowds at most of these teams' games (the ValleyCats are the exception), but disappointing.

How often do you travel out of the Capital District to attend a game?

- 1-3 times per year – 47 percent
- 4-6 times per year – 20 percent
- 7-10 times per year – 20 percent
- More than 10 times per year – 13 percent

With New York City, Syracuse and Boston all nearby, it's hard for our readers to resist the temptation of seeing major collegiate and professional teams – as evidenced by the number of people who leave the region at least four times per year to go to a game.

What is your spending limit for a game ticket?

- \$10 or less – 6 percent
- \$20 – 31 percent
- \$50 – 38 percent
- \$100 or more – 25 percent

Despite the weak economy, the majority of responders are willing to plunk down \$50

or more to see a game. Providing, of course, that the game is worth \$50 or more to see.

When do you try to arrive at the venue to attend a game?

- 30-60 minutes before the start – 56 percent
- Less than 30 minutes before the start – 25 percent
- The start of the game – 19 percent
- Doesn't matter if you're late – 0 percent

Our readers are early birds when it comes to attending games.

What is the best part about attending a sporting event?

- The game itself – 63 percent
- The sideline entertainment – 0 percent
- Socializing with other sports fans – 6 percent
- Spending quality time with family/friends – 31 percent

Clearly, cheerleaders and "kiss cams" are wasted on our readers. They want to watch the games and hang out with their family and friends.

How passionate are you when cheering for your team in person?

- Borderline insane – 6 percent
- Energized – 56 percent
- Interested – 31 percent
- Indifferent – 6 percent

It's good to know our readers are enthusiastic without crossing the line into insanity.

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