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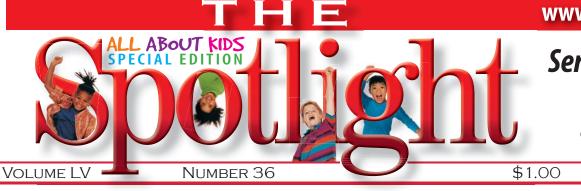
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Slim pickings

Growers try to make the best of a devastating apple season

> By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Although a late frost in the spring has damaged a large portion of the area's apple crops, local growers are still urging families to keep their annual tradition of visiting an apple farm this fall.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, apple production is down by 54 percent this year due to an unseasonably warm March, which caused early blooming. A frost that hit several weeks later, along with hail killed off a good portion of the state's apple production.

Molly Golden, director of marketing for the New York State Apple Association, said the Hudson Valley was one of the hardest hit regions due to elevation. The decrease in product means many farms do not have a large enough crop to allow customers to pick their own apples.

"Orchards do have apples, but some hit harder than others," said Golden. "We suggest calling ahead before visiting your favorite farm to



Many apple growers have cut or reduced their pick-your-own options this year due to a diminished harvest. Submitted photos

see (what their situation) is."

This year's state apple crop has produced 14 million bushels of apples, down from the five-year average of 30.7 million bushels. Countrywide, production is off 15 percent from the five-year average. Although the spring's unusual weather does mean crops are available several weeks earlier than usual, the loss will mean higher

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Friends for the parks

Proponents say Bethlehem group would be long-term endeavor

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

A small group of Bethlehem residents are hoping to form a nonprofit group to help out the Parks and Recreation Department.

Joan Gavrilik and Kim Phelan were both members of the citizen Budget Advisory Committee that worked to draft a list of savings in the town budget, including cuts to the parks department. One of the suggestions was to establish a "friends" group to help raise funds and provide additional maintenance

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RCS super to retire

Elisabeth Smith spends one turbulent year in top spot

> By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

After less than one year in her osition as Ravena-Coeymans Selkirk Central School District superintendent, Elisabeth Smith has opted to retire.

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Smith has been with the district

since 2003, when she was hired as principal of Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School, after being a longtime teacher in the Bethlehem Central School



District. She was Elisabeth Smith appointed interim

superintendent in August of 2011, before being named superintendent in December.

The decision to retire is always a difficult one, but I wanted to do new things with my career," she said. Her decision to retire was

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Prelude to full plates

Afternoon of music benefits food pantry

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Wally Jones hears music from above. That's the only way he can explain his unusual knack for composition and melody.

"I don't want to get overly religious, but I know the sounds come from heaven," said the 70-year-old Selkirk resident.

Jones has been playing music since he was a boy, often copying what he heard on the radio until he finally begged his foster mother to allow him to take lessons at the age of 15. A few years later, he became the American Organ Guild's scholarship winner to study with the "renowned" musician Elmaer A. Tidmarsh, organist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France.

He has since played hundreds of concerts as a pianist and organist, but in his later years has taken to using his talent to give back to the community. He plays each month at the Albany County Veteran's Hospital, the Villa Mary at St. Peters Nursing Home, Delmar Place and Beverwyck Senior Living, as well as being the organist for both the Westerlo and Clarksville Reformed Churches.

"The best way for me to give back is through music," he said. "When I play, I pray."

In September, Jones will give his fourth benefit performance in the Capital District. To help raise funds for the Venture Churches Food Pantry at the First Reformed Church

of Bethlehem, Jones has brought together 14 local musicians, including singers, trumpeters, drummers, guitarists and a bagpipe player.

and a bagpipe player. Wally Jones said his last fundraiser was last

fall to raise money for the victims of Tropical Storm Irene in the town of Livingstonville. So many people attended the concert, a traffic jam caused police to be called to direct cars. The 300 people in attendance donated nearly \$4,000 in a collection hat.

"At a Wally concert, I always make sure the money is counted before the last song is performed so people leave knowing how much they have helped and what their contributions mean," he said.

Jones was asked to perform

because the food pantry is suffering. Donna Lasher, a volunteer with the program, said each month more people are coming to the pantry to help supplement their income. In August, 259 people were served from the southern Bethlehem area, many of them children.

"Finances are hard for people in the current economic situation," Lasher said. "Some who were the working poor are now unemployed and some who used to donate are now seeking the use of the pantry."

Lasher said with winter coming, many people are looking at a "heat or eat" situation — especially seniors, who sometimes put off buying medications in order to buy food. Others who visit the pantry have said they will have to choose between buying school supplies for their children and or buying food.

According to Lasher, donations to the pantry have dropped, although more residents have been donating fresh produce from their gardens. The food pantry works with the Regional Food Bank in Albany to purchase food at a reduced cost, but that alone will not sustain the program.

The goal of the concert is to



The Venture Churches Food Pantry in South Bethlehem is in need of food and monetary donations as use of the program continues to grow under the current economy. A benefit concert by Wally Jones and 13 other musicians is being put on to help.

raise funds to be able to give gift

cards to those in need to purchase

some perishable items from

grocery stores, but the group

will welcome food donations of

nonperishable items if they are

organizers only foresee the

problem getting worse, as the

unseasonably hot spring and

summer will cause food prices to

gas, people can't afford to pay

for both," she said. "People are

struggling to put good quality

food on the table. Prices of

nothing are going down and it's

"With the cost of fuel and

soar in the coming months.

Lasher said food pantry

brought to the concert.

Submitted photo

going to make difficult decisions for people."

Jones said he was happy to use his gift to lend a hand to those in need.

"It's a calling that I have and a pulling I have," he said of his music. "We have a lot of hurting people out there spiritually and if my music can lift people up, only for a short time, it is worth it to me."

The benefit will be held at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem at 38 Church Road, Selkirk, on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. The performance is free to attend, but monetary donations to the food pantry are encouraged.





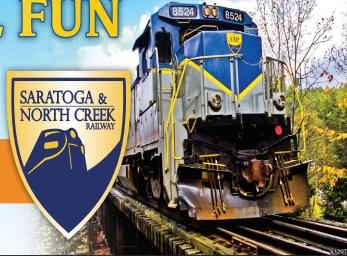


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Local Boy Scout looks for helping hand

Eagle project at **Blanchard Post in** need of supplies to finish cleanup

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Local Boy Scout Joe Garry has been working hard to earn his Eagle Scout award before the summer ends, but to finish he needs the community's help.

As his project, Garry has been working to clean up the portion of land owned by the local American Legion post next to the Elsmere Firehouse. Over the years, it has become overgrown with plants, dead trees and vines, making the space unsightly and unusable.

"To be blunt, it looked like crap," said post Commander Steve Riedel. "It was going to be a project we talked about tackling ourselves, but then Joe came to us looking for a project."

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040 has sponsored Delmar Boy Scout Troop 58 since it was formed nearly 60 years ago. The post pays

trips, while the scouts often donate their time on projects. Garry said he is grateful to the Legion and as happy to help them with this endeavor.

"We think scouting is important because it gives young men in this world a little more guidance," said Riedel. "It builds character and camaraderie, and provides the same lessons we got out of being in the military."

Garry has worked hard for several months to clear out dead vegetation and laying down wood chips provided by the town. He is also planting shrubs and other greens around the steep slope to one side of the property to prevent erosion and hopes to turns the patch of land above the old steps into a garden terrace.

However, t h e undertaking is proving to be more daunting than he expected and Garry is now running out of supplies.

"I'm not looking for monetary donations as much as I'm looking for things like soil and additional clippings from people's gardens to be planted," he said.

The goal was to get

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for things like camping the project done over the summer, but time is slipping away. Garry said he would like to finish the project in September so he can concentrate on school. He will be entering his junior year at Bethlehem High School.

> "I don't have the money to buy all the supplies I need and this project has been bigger than most," he said.

> Garry is looking forward to achieving the rank of Eagle. He has been

in the scouts since he was a boy and wants to earn the award as a personal reward for all of the work he's done.

"It's just nice to say you have it," he said. "It's also something like the 100th anniversary of the award and it would be nice to join the ranks this year of all the other scouts who have earned it."

To contact Garry about donating supplies, call 439-3107 or email jgarry95@ verizon.net.



Boy Scout Joe Garry is in need of landscaping supplies to help him complete the cleanup of an overgrown portion of the American Legion Post 1040's property.

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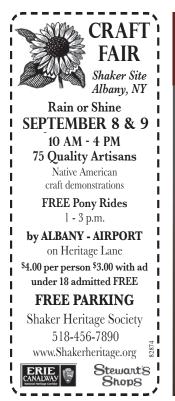
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Police Blotter Blaze under control quickly

Firefighters battled a blaze at the Lafarge Ravena Cement Plant in Ravena for about 90 minutes on Monday, Aug. 27.

According to Coevmans police, the fire began at about 2 p.m. Firefighters were challenged by the height at which the fire was located, as well as getting water to fight it with. A heavy black smoke was attributed to a burning conveyor belt, and police said at no time was there any concern about hazardous materials burning.



A fire on a conveyor belt at the Lafarge Ravea Cement Plant was brought under control about 90 minutes after it started Monday, Aug. 27.

Submitted by Coeymans Police Department

Arrests

• Bethlehem police arrested a Westerlo man after shoppers allegedly complained to police the man smelled of alcohol and were afraid he would drive.

Police said they responded to the Lowes in Glenmont on Tuesday, Aug. 28, where they witnessed John McDonnell enter his car and begin to drive after receiving the complaints from shoppers. McDonnell at first told police he had been shopping within PetSmart and then went to Lowes, and he had not been drinking.

smelled of alcohol and slurred his speech during the interview, so he was asked to take a field sobriety test, which police said he failed. He also later failed a breathalyzer test, police said. He was charged with DWI and allowed to return home. He was scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

Police said McDonnell

• Niskayuna police on July 25, at approximately 6:45 p.m., arrested Bryan C. Gaudio, 30, of Timmy Court, Rotterdam, on the charges of possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, a felony,

criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree and petit larceny.

• Niskayuna police on Wednesday, Aug. 15, at approximately 5:20 p.m., arrested Matthew J. Poquette, 26, of Main Street, Rotterdam, on the charges of burglary in the second degree, a felony, and petit larceny.

• Glenville police on Sunday, Aug. 19, at approximately 8:18 p.m., arrested Ronald S. Delorenzo, 48, of Oak Grove Motel, Burnt Hills, on Saratoga Road, Glenville, on the charge of burglarv in the third degree, a felony.

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of areas, pursue various grants and possibly enter into a shared services agreement with the Highway Department.

This was one of our favorite ideas that came out of the group, and we thought it should be done even if it can't help with this year's budget issues," said Gavrilik.

The group is looking for additional members, especially those with expertise in nonprofit work and grant writing. They also need people who would be willing to sit on the organization's board of directors.

To become a nonprofit, the group has to submit a three-year plan, which is being drafted. Three people have committed to sitting on the board.

"While on the committee we looked closely at the Bethlehem Senior Projects group and all of their volunteers," said Gavrilik. "They are very similar to a friends group and they made us realize what you can do to use the community's help to get things accomplished."

The group is working closely with Parks and **Recreation Department** Director Nan Lanahan.

for their efforts.

"I see this organization being a long-term thing, and not a way to bail us out of shortages and the problems we're having," said Lanahan. "This is not a quick fix. We may still be facing cuts next year despite whether or not we have a friends group in place."

The town is facing a possible \$3.5 million budget gap, though cutbacks this year will likely lessen that figure. The Parks and **Recreation Department** was one of the areas looked at for cuts to be made. The department has an annual budget of \$1.7 million, of which about 40 percent is supplemented by user fees.

The budget committee identified a number of possible cuts, including scaling down maintenance of ball fields, raising pool fees for children and seniors, opening the pool to non-residents and closing the Colonial Acres Golf Course. Other ideas suggested were to close the ice rink in Elm Avenue Park, eliminating lighting at night for tennis and basketball courts, eliminating a night ranger position and instituting a carry- townofbethlehem.org.

She said she is thankful in/carry-out policy for trash in parks.

> The town has not yet committed to any of the cuts.

Gavrilik said the goal of the group would be to improve the parks, improve programming, and improve usership of facilities. They would also like to help upgrade equipment and accessibility devices.

"This is not meant for us to come in and fill a gap in the town budget, but a way to do more with less," she said. "Parks are an important and essential part of living in Bethlehem and this allows for a different way of keeping strong programs going."

The group wants to make sure all aspects and areas of the community are represented through the nonprofit and would like to see upgrades made to all town parks, not just Elm Avenue. The hope is for the group to bring in sponsors to build a better relationship between residents, businesses and the town to provide the needed improvements.

"We figure if we can't make this work in a community like Bethlehem, it won't work anywhere," said Gavrilik.

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Bus safety an important beginning to school year

By AL KARAM

There's so much to do to get your kids ready for a new school year, but after the supplies are bought and book bags are stuffed, take some time to go over an important, yet sometimes overlooked, part of gearing up for the year: school bus safety.

As you may know, the Bethlehem Central School District has made some changes to its transportation practices in an effort to make the routes more efficient and less costly. Here are some tips for parents, students and fellow motorists as we begin the school year.

We'll be using consolidated stops for the majority of the school bus stops, so that means students may have to walk farther to their bus stops – Kindergartners through 5th graders may have to walk up to one-tenth of a mile; 6-8th graders, up to one-half mile; and our high schoolers may have to walk up to one mile. While most children will fall somewhere in between, the walk to the stop will be lengthier than in previous years.

Parents are responsible driver will discharge non-



for the safety of their children to and from their assigned stop and while waiting for the bus to arrive. I highly encourage parents to work together to supervise their children until the school bus arrives and our drivers load or discharge the students. I recommend students walking to their stops wear bright clothing or have some sort of reflective tape on dark clothing, especially during the winter months

Any vehicle that passes a school bus that has its flashing red lights activated will be reported to the police and/or New York State DMV.

crossers.

when it will be darker

during pick-up and drop-

off times. Students should

always walk facing traffic

and as close to the curb as

cross the street to get

to their stop and his or

her parents want to meet

them at the stop, it's very

important that everyone

- students and parents -

cross the street under the

supervision and direction

of the school bus driver.

And remember, crossers

get off the bus first. When

discharging passengers,

the school bus driver will

discharge the crossers

first. Once they have

safely crossed to the other

side of the street, the bus

If a student has to

possible.

Those students who walk or ride bicycles to school are encouraged to practice safety as well – wear safety gear and bright clothing, obey the traffic rules and be watchful for motorists.

Getting our students safely to school is everybody's responsibility, so here are some tips for those motorists who may be on the road when our kids are getting on or off the bus. Slow down and be mindful that children are sharing the road with you. Drive slowly on roadways that pass neighborhoods, parks, playing fields, libraries – anywhere children may gather before or after school. And be on the lookout for children walking and on bikes. Be alert and on the lookout for our students - don't assume they see you.

Also, in Bethlehem, motorists should expect more children at the bus stops because we have consolidated the stops and are bringing children out from culs-de-sac and side streets to the main roads where possible.

Again, motorists need

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Most school bus-related deaths and injuries occur while children are crossing the street after leaving the bus.

to be mindful that the Bethlehem Central School District road network, like most suburban districts, has many roads without sidewalks and most roads have curves and blind spots.

Stop when driving from either direction, even on divided highways, when encountering a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing. The bus is either picking up or discharging riders. Proceed only when the red lights are turned off and the bus is moving again, unless waved on by the bus driver or a police officer. Flashing yellow lights warn that the bus is about to stop. so slow down and prepare to stop. Children may be coming from any direction.

Keep in mind that vehicles transporting disabled persons may be equipped as school buses, and you must stop for them just as you would for other school buses.

Remember, not only is passing a bus with its red lights flashing unsafe, it's also illegal. Any vehicle that passes a school bus that has its flashing red lights activated will be reported to the police and/or New York State DMV.

Most school busrelated deaths and injuries occur while children are crossing the street after leaving the bus, not in collisions involving school buses. But if we're all mindful of these school bus safety tips, we can expect a safe start to this school year, and a safe trip to and from school every day.

The writer is the Director of Transportation at the Bethlehem Central School District and has been recognized with the Art Schock Award for Excellence by the New York State Student Transportation Association.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Get in line to vote on a line

Next week, voters across the state will head to the polls and cast votes for candidates running in primary contests for local and state offices.

Here in the Capital District, politics watchers will no doubt

have observed this year's races are particularly crowded. The imminent retirement of lawmakers such as Jack McEneny and Bob Reilly have triggered something of a scramble to



fill their shoes — and the shoes of those of who will presumably be filling their shoes. Redistricting that has created an entirely new senate district locally has not helped to simplify things.

What's wonderful about this upcoming contest is voters have a bevy of choices (in one assembly district, no fewer than six candidates will be on the Democratic ballot). Having a choice in representation, especially in a state known for stratospheric incumbency rates, is the cornerstone of the democratic process.

Well, some voters will have choices this year — if they belong to the right party, that is. New York State operates on a closed primary system, meaning only voters registered with a particular party may vote in the corresponding race.

On the face of things, this might seem a fair and equitable practice; the people invested in the party will get to choose the standard bearer. In reality, what more often happens is large swaths of the public are disenfranchised because the primary race ends up being the only contest that matters.

Take the race for Albany County district attorney, where Lee Kindlon is challenging incumbent David Soares. There are no other candidates as of yet in this overwhelmingly Democratic county. There are 196,000 registered voters in Albany County, 98,000 of them Democrats. Having a closed primary effectively cuts more than half of the voters out of the decision.

Let us not forget this system also cuts unaffiliated voters out of the loop entirely in primary season. In Albany County, there are nearly 42,000 of these. And voters discontented with the two major parties may well be dissuaded from joining a third party because they would be giving up an important primary vote.

Perhaps this state of affairs is not so surprising in New York, home of powerful party bosses and the famous "three men in a room" system of governance, which is firmly based on partisanship. Get in line behind a party if you want to be heard, seems to be the message.

What would be refreshing to many, many disenfranchised voters would be the adoption of a semi-closed system in which unaffiliated voters would be allowed to cast votes in a party of their choice on Primary Day. More states participate in a form of this system than have a closed system like New York's. Other states even let voters choose a party to vote in for the day, regardless of their political affiliation (those rebels!).

This would also make for a healthier partisan atmosphere, freeing party rolls from voters who would prefer to go elsewhere but stay for the power of the vote.

You'd think there would be little hope for such an idea to progress in the Empire State. But we'd remind unaffiliated voters they make up 20 percent of the voter rolls statewide. If united in a demand for more full representation, this would be a powerful voice politicians would ignore at their own peril.

Let your legislator (whoever he or she might be come November) know.

Childhood obesity a national concern

By JULIE LISS

The author is the CATCH Healthy Habits community coordinator.

One of the most critical health issues today concerns the growing numbers of overweight and obese children. We often hear this trend referred to as an "epidemic," which reminds us of the devastating health crises of the last century before Polio and Influenza vaccines were developed. A vaccine to combat childhood obesity may never exist, but there is a program in the Capital Region that parents and kids with weight problems should know about. It's called CATCH Healthy Habits.

Obesity rates in America have tripled for our children and doubled for older adults in the last 30 years. This means that obesity among children has gone from an average of about 7 percent to 20 percent and in New York State the current rate is even higher. The immediate effect on our children is sobering: 70 percent of these children between the ages of 5 and 17 already have one risk factor for cardiovascular disease or are pre-diabetic. The longterm consequences of obesity are even more alarming and include many types of cancers, stroke, painful osteoarthritis, as well as social and psychological problems.

Parents have a responsibility to help children avoid weight problems and to provide opportunities to learn about leading healthier lives well into their adult years. This means teaching youngsters about making choices that support healthy living including the value of choosing healthy foods and the benefits of being physically active every day.

Parents should not feel alone in their efforts to help children eat healthy and stay active. In Albany, thanks to CATCH Healthy Habits, an intergenerational nutrition and exercise



program developed by the OASIS Institute in Saint Louis, Missouri, funded by Empire BlueCross Foundation and sponsored locally by Senior Services of Albany, children can enroll in weekly classes at various youth organization offering the program. The program started in this area in March of this year, but has been available in the Midwest and California since 2011.

Surveys taken by youngsters in grades 3 to 5 before starting the program and after completing at least eight weeks of classes have yielded evidence of many positive changes in eating habits and physical activity levels for participating children. Here is a sample of the survey results gathered by the OASIS Institute in the past 18 months:

• Children reading food labels on packaging increased by 14 percent

• Children eating 2 and 3 more fruits a day increased by 16 percent

• Children wanting to continue participating in classes – 83 percent

• Children who stated they had fun exercising – 91 percent

• Children who stated learning something new about health - 93 percent

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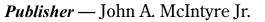
CATCH Healthy Habits programs for youngsters in grades 3 to 5 are being offered in two locations in Albany starting this fall: Girls, Incorporated of the Greater Capital Region and the Police Athletic League of Albany. For more information about classes or for the many ways that adult volunteers over 50 can help bring this important program to Albany's children, please contact CATCH Healthy Habits Coordinator Julie Liss, at 465-3322 or by email at jliss@ seniorservicesofalbany.com.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Kindlon would be welcome change

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

This time eight years ago Democratic voters within Albany County were evaluating two candidates who were vying for their support on the run up to primary day. The incumbent had an established track record which voters could evaluate. Back then I was, and I believe many others were, fatigued with what seemed like a separate set of justice being administered by the D.A.'s Office.

We were promised eight years ago by challenger David Soares that cronyism within the D.A's office would end under a Soares administration. Voters provide Soares an opportunity to prove himself (twice).

Now, with nearly two completed terms in office, incumbent David Soares has a record for voters to evaluate which includes: the steroids bust in Florida (he is facing a series of lawsuits on this) Nexium (can't summarize this), Hevesi (no jail time), Troopergate (shoddy investigative work), Spitzer (wire fraud) and Patterson's Yankee tickets. In my opinion, when offered a qualified candidate for this extremely important office -we can't lend a blind eye to an incumbent who is either disinterested or afraid to take on politically charged matters vigorously– with all of the might it's Public Integrity Unit provides. When political corruption is not thoroughly / competently investigated and effectively are "brushed under the rug " within the D.A.'s office - so goes the people's confidence in the system.

Democrats in this community should realize we have a very strong alternative in candidate-Lee Kindlon. He is from our community. He has gone into the communities throughout Albany County

so as to provide voters an opportunity to learn who he is and what his priorities would be under a Kindlon administration. He is an experienced trial lawyer and I believe the best person to represent not only Democrats but all constituents within Albany County. Lastly, but just as importantly, having served his country as a Marine stationed overseas should move any voter who may be on the fence to Kindlon's side. I urge Democrats to cast their support behind Lee Kindlon on Primary Day.

> Sean Raleigh Bethlehem

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involvement and wisdom

that the people of the

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have the energy, vision

and commitment we

should expect from our

she also has several

years of community and

governmental experience

that bring skills and

qualities lacked by the

other candidates. She has

an extensive background

advocating for education

but

representative.

Not only does Pat

the past.

Editor, *The Spotlight*: There has been much to admire about Assemblyman Jack McEneny. I was proud that such an involved and knowledgeable man represented citizens in the Albany area and felt some sadness when he announced his retirement. He deserves a long and happy one.

For these reasons, I took a special interest in all of the candidates who seek to replace him in the 109th Assembly District. After much consideration, I feel that only Patricia

After much consideration, advocating for education *Delmar* I feel that only Patricia and working people, *Delmar*

Editor, *The Spotlight*: William McCarthy is the person we should elect in the Democratic Primary Race in the NYS Assembly's 109th District. The field of contenders in this **Democratic** Primary race is large and varied, but one individual stands above them all, and that is William McCarthy. He is a professional who will bring change, energy, and a positive vision to the state capital. McCarthy's public and private sector experience provide him with a

unique perspective to move the state forward during this crucial time.

McCarthy is one of the few, if not the only candidate who has provided a detailed plan of what he will do when elected. William McCarthy's Seven Point Plan goes beyond rhetoric to specifics. Accomplishing his goals will take a strong, energetic and intelligent leader, and McCarthy is that man. He will look beyond partisan politics, and work with all concerned individuals,

regardless of party affiliation, to achieve the goals for the good of the citizens of the 109th district.

William McCarthy is far and away the best Democratic candidate in the Assembly race in the 109th District. I hope that you will take the time to learn more about this candidate at www. mccarthy4assembly.com and then do as I will and cast your vote for him on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight **Officials unified behind Cunningham Discussion should**

Editor, *The Spotlight*: Political primaries are difficult and trying events that can lead to either division or a unified vision.

As Town of Bethlehem public officials, all elected on the Democratic and Independence lines, we sincerely hope this Democratic primary for Town Board finally unifies the party - and more importantly the town - under a single vision of fiscal responsibility, program and service sustainability, and government accountability.

As elected officials and town governing partners, we are uniquely positioned to understand the duties and demands of the Town Board job and to consider who might best work with us to more effectively manage the Town of Bethlehem.

While both candidates are good, sincere and hard-working people, only one of them - Jack Cunningham - has an actual record of successful public service at the town level, the right "on-thejob" experience for the Town Board, and the professional financial expertise we could use right now.

We s e e Mr. Cunningham's additional local government experience running Colonie's Department of Public Works, as we view his past experience running the Town of Bethlehem as Supervisor, as a significant and timely benefit and in no way a

conflict of interest.

In fact, it's rather disingenuous to suggest there's any real interaction between different communities DPWs, or actual voting situations, that could even create a potential conflict. Furthermore, our newly revised ethics policy would prevent any potential conflicts of interest from occurring by causing a board member to abstain from such a vote.

We also believe it's important for the Town Board members to work together as a team, collaborate as colleagues, and put individual differences aside for the betterment of the community. We know Jack Cunningham is that kind of colleague because

we've all successfully worked with him in the past.

Therefore, we unequivocally endorse Jack Cunningham for Bethlehem Town Board because he is the most qualified candidate. And we strongly encourage all Democrats to join us in voting for Jack on Thursday, Sept. 13.

Joann Dawson, Bethlehem Town Board member

Kyle Kotary, Bethlehem Town Board member Nanci Moquin, Bethlehem town clerk Editor, *The Spotlight*:

focus on issues

The recent series of letters relating to the race for the Town Board seat seem to be more a war within the Democratic Party. When dealing with the candidates, most discussions are general and not specific to the issues of the Town. Specifically, how to deal with the budget shortfall, with key issues being tax breaks for retail outlets that reduces the tax base, job shrinkage in local government and

how far to take that, reduction of specific services and clearly identify those. Within the cost structure, how do part time workers without health insurance impact on Town costs? In addition, candidate positions on Bethlehem going to a ward system needs addressing. Does the candidate consider this worthy of Board time or should they encourage a citizen petition?

Let's talk issues rather than which Democratic majority has an actual majority.

> Richard Reeves-Ellington Delmar



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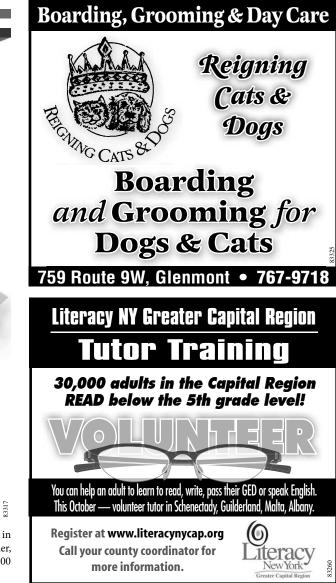
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Your Opinion in The Spotlight **Reinhardt best choice for board**

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the Sept. 13 Democratic Primary, Bethlehem voters have many choices to make, but the most important choice for the functioning of town government will be the selection of a new board member. Bill Reinhardt is the right choice for this job.

As town supervisor, I know how important it is for the entire Town Board to put policy above politics. Like me, Bill Reinhardt comes from a professional rather than political background. He's an energy and utilities expert with private and public sector management experience. Bill's been civically involved in our community and with a variety of local, statewide and national causes for many years. He's intelligent and diligent, and someone who always puts principles first.

I've gotten to know Bill through his work on the town Budget Advisory Team, and now as a candidate. I can tell you that he is a straight shooter who will never shrink from raising a new idea or challenging colleagues to consider another position, but always in a civil manner.

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Bill approaches issues with an open mind and knows that every citizen is an equally important stakeholder. He would never link Town Board deliberations to party politics, nor indulge in divisive rhetoric. He has no troubling employment conflicts, associations or hidden agendas. If you get to meet Bill during the campaign, I think it's likely you'll want to vote for him.

This election is critical. Consider that during the past eight months, with the benefit of George Lenhardt's excellent nonpartisan service on an interim basis, Bethlehem has made progress on many fronts. We have a leaner town government, a new ethics code, and an improved budget process with greater public involvement, an explicit fund balance policy and a multiyear planning system. We've had more citizen involvement than ever before and more discussion of vital issues in public, made accessible through webcasting and on-demand video of board meetings. Clarified town code provisions on temporary signs are dramatically reducing the usual election year clutter of campaign signs on public roadways and

green space.

In choosing a candidate, ask yourself whether you want to keep this forward momentum. Going back to a disappointed political insider would have extreme risks for civic debate. We've already seen elements of this in recent board meetings as party politics heated up. Consider also that the root causes of the financial challenges Bethlehem faces today go back a number of years, many directly to Bill's opponent's term. Pension enrichments were bonded out, fiscal responsibility was given short shrift, and we began borrowing for routine annual expenses like asphalt for repaying. We did not plan and today we are dealing with the financial fallout.

We've come too far to see petty politics, posturing, or obstructionism block progress. Bill Reinhardt has no agenda other than to help guide town decisions for the best possible Bethlehem we can have. Let's move forward, not back.

John Clarkson Bethlehem supervisor

Get your antiques appraised Friends of Bethlehem Public Library is sponsoring our second annual antiques appraisal event in October. Timed tickets, which are required for admission, go on sale at the library information desk on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m. until all are gone. Tickets are \$5 per

item, with a maximum of 3 tickets per person. All proceeds go to the Friends. Tickets may be purchased in person only. by cash or check-no phone purchases, no credit cards. Guidelines for the day will be distributed with the tickets.

Event date is Saturday Oct. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We welcome back two appraisers from last year, Mark Lawson of Mark Lawson Antiques and Dennis Holzman of Dennis Holzman Antiques. They will be joined this year by Stephanie Safka of Fort Ann Antiques. Items you bring for appraisal must be portable; bring highquality photos of larger items.

Book donation day

Also on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., our library Friends are sponsoring our second annual Book Donation



Day and impromptu book sale. Up to two boxes per vehicle will be accepted on that day. Please be aware that because of insufficient storage space, we cannot accept donations prior to that date.

Some of the books you donate will be offered for sale; others will be set aside to be boxed and sent to better World Books-an organization that partners with libraries and college campuses across the U.S. and Canada, collecting used books to support nonprofit literacy programs.

As a result of last year's book donation event, the Friends sent about 1.500 pounds of books to Better World Books, saving 16 trees, 12,495 gallons of water, 2,348 pounds of greenhouse gases, one cubic yard of landfill space, and 3,628 kilowatt hours of electricity. To learn more, go to www. betterworldbooks.com.

Books that are unsold or unsuitable for distribution to Better World Books will be recycled. All proceeds benefit Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Listening parties: Reflections on iazz

Thursday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

Listen to classic recordings of Grammywinning guitarist Pat Metheny. Share observations with likeminded jazz aficionados.

The extraordinary **Mr. Edison**

Friday, Sept. 21, 1 p.m. With artifacts and images, Scotia-Glenville Museum's Lifelong Learning staff throw light on the life and work of Thomas Alva Edison. Senior citizens and others.

Reading streak

Friday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. Learn how to start and maintain a family reading streak. Ongoing program is open to children and teens and their reading partners of choice. Children's attendance optional at first meeting. Call 439-9314 for more information.

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Meals, music and more

It's time for "Meals... Music and More" on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m., at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk. The suggested meal contribution is \$2.50 for seniors and \$5 for those under age 60. Voluntary donations for the musical performance are welcome. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation and to ask about transportation

Shop for fresh fruits and veggies at the farmers market in Menands on Saturday, Sept. 8. We'll be using a school bus for this trip, leaving Town Hall at 9 a.m. Senior transportation can provide home pick ups starting at 8:30 am. Good will donations are welcome. After the shopping trip, we will stop at Toole's Restaurant in Delmar for a late breakfast/ early lunch, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your



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reservation and to ask about transportation.

On Thursday, Sept. 13, at noon, the Veterans of Delmar will hold an indoor picnic at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, 16 W. Polar Drive, in Delmar. The menu will include chicken, corn, sliced tomatoes, salad, rolls and dessert. There is no cost, but reservations are required. Seating is limited and will be on a "first call, first served" basis. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation and to arrange for transportation if needed.

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

the Delmar Presbyterian Church on Delaware Avenue on weekday afternoons, and at the Bethlehem Middle School on Kenwood Avenue on Saturday mornings. Farmers market coupons may be available for those who are income eligible and transportation will be available on selected Tuesdays. Call 439-4955, 1176.

Monday, Sept. 10

• Food stamp and Medicaid assistance representatives from the Legal Aid Society and the Albany County Department of Social Services will be at Town Hall from 10:00 am to noon to answer Medicaid and food stamp questions and help with applications. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make appointment.

• Donate blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the □ Action Page 11





Check out the book sale

Friends of the Library will host their annual fall book sale Friday to Sunday, Sept. 14 to 16.

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

• Members Only Pre-View Sale: Friday, Sept. 14 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you are not a member, you can join at the door for only \$10.

•Book and Bake Sale: Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Buck-A-Bag Day: Sunday, Sept. 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Friends of the Library will be selling raffle tickets for a beautiful, handmade 63" x 63" quilt, donated by the Village Quilters. The quilt is on display at the Library circulation desk. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing for the quilt will be in February.

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

Quilting workshop

On Saturday, Sept. 8, locally popular quilter



Sue Pritt will be coming to the Voorheesville Public Library to teach a workshop on her "Painted Ladies" patterns. Pritt is an excellent teacher who truly takes the fear out of paper piecing and iron-on appliqué. This workshop will be limited to 25 so call the Reference desk to sign up.

Storytimes

Tuesdays and Fridays, Sept. 18 to Oct. 30

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Our September artist

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If you want to learn more, please call Jane Schramm, Executive Director, Senior Services of Albany, Inc., at 465-3322, or visit them at www. seniorservicesofalbany. com.

Lunch and a show

On Thursday, Oct. 18, seniors will leave Town Hall at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and then "Autumn Concert in the Afternoon" at the Albany Jewish Community Center

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and his style will continue to influence singers and songwriters for centuries to come."

Suggestions are welcome for lunch.

The cost is \$12 for the show and lunch and \$5 for transportation on the day of the trip

Wednesday, Sept. 5 Scheduled Shopping

9:30 AARP Driver Safety Program @ Library 10:30 OsteoBusters 1 p.m. Needlecraft 1:30 OsteoBusters

Thursday, Sept. 6

Scheduled Shopping 10:30 Art & Culture Trip to Edison Exploratorium 12:30 p.m. Mahjongg 1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, Sept. 7 Scheduled Shopping 9:30 AARP Driver Safety Program @ Library 11-6 BloodDrive No Painting No Bridge

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Bethlehem Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make an appointment between 1 and 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

• Join us for a trip to the farmers market at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at about 2 p.m. Home pick up can be arranged.Call 439-5770. Suggested van donation: \$2.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 12 • Senior grocery

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

Thursday, Sept. 13

• Senior transportation to the polls is available during the afternoon for state and local primary voting. Call 439-5770.

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

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

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

> Wilma DeLucco, **Bethlehem Senior** Projects, Inc. Board Member

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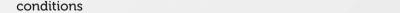
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Annual Saratoga Stroll supports the Epilepsy **Foundation**

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG riggj@spotlightnews.com

Four years ago, the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York organized a fundraising walk through Saratoga's Spa State Park, hoping to draw about 100 people. Organizers were blown away by the response.

"Our first year we had 500 people registered and we made (about) \$50,000 so we were thrilled," said Susan Kaczynski, director of development for the Epilepsy Foundation.

Now, they're hoping to top past performance on Sunday, Sept. 9, for the 4th annual Saratoga Stroll for Epilepsy, with a goal of 800 walkers.

The foundation serves 22 counties in upstate New York and provides services to more than 200 families affected by epilepsy. It also hosts four other fundraisers every year including walks, galas and bowl-a-thons. The proceeds are used locally.

The walks account for about 25 percent of the foundation's \$1.8 million annual budget with the remaining 75 percent coming from grants, donations and state funding.

Kaczynski said the Spa State Park event began as a way to raise awareness to the fact that the foundation serves those in the northern counties like Saratoga. She added the event's success has been deeply satisfying to see.

"Walks always do a great job, it brings people together. ... We started having the stroll in Saratoga so we had more of a presence outside of Albany," said Kaczynski.

Tami Furlong of Delmar has been participating in the Saratoga Stroll for Epilepsy since it started and said she is grateful for all the foundation does. She's co-chairwoman for the event this year.

Furlong's son Joey, 9, was diagnosed with epilepsy when he was 1. Through a service coordinator with the foundation, Furlong said she was able to get a pulse oximeter, a device that monitors Joey's oxygen level while he sleeps. An alert sounds to Tami if he isn't breathing or if his oxygen level dips too low, signs that he's seizing. Before getting the monitor, she would get up and check him several times a night.

"It's like a weight has been lifted, and that we're not doing (this) alone," said Furlong. "We have a network of people who know about what to do.'

Ian Boegel is 8 and lives in Delmar, not far from the Furlongs. He was three when he was diagnosed with epilepsy and his family has also been involved with the foundation. The Boegels met the Furlongs through the foundation and the boys have



become friends.

"They're partners with all of our struggles," said Michelle Boegel, Ian's mother and cochairwoman of the stroll along with Furlong. "When there's news with Ian I tell my husband, then my parents, then Tami and Lori Kidd, our service coordinator. ... We couldn't have done (anything) without them."

Epilepsy commonly produces seizures and can affect people in a variety of ways. Demographically, the disease isn't particular and affects a wide range of people. Worldwide, approximately 50

million people are afflicted.

"Epilepsy can affect anyone at any age at any time. It's more prevalent in the young and the elderly, but some people are born with a seizure disorder, others may have a traumatic brain injury or accident and may develop epilepsy because of that," Kaczynski said.

Services provided by the foundation include counseling. referrals and support groups. It also helps educate communities by giving first aid training and education at schools.

'We go into the schools to



ABOVE: Tami, Kevin, Emily and Joey Furlong participate in the Stroll for Epilepsy. Joey was diagnosed with epilepsy when he was a year old.

LEFT: Organizers of the Saratoga Stroll for Epilepsy are hoping for 800 or more walkers this year.

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educate the students, teachers and school nurses about epilepsy and what to do in case someone has a seizure. A lot of our parents will ask us if their child has epilepsy and they have a new teacher ... to come in and do training," said Kaczynski.

Pre-registration is preferred for the stroll, though registration is available starting at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the event. The walk steps off at noon.

For more information on epilepsy and the foundation, visit www.epilepsyfoundation. org/efneny.





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In The Spotlight's Back-to-School edition published Aug. 15, we asked readers to send in pictures of their kids decked out in their back-to-school best. Featured below is one of our top picks for well-dressed students in the Capital District.



Perfect in plaid

Gabrielle, 3¹/₂, may just be entering preschool, but her sophisticated sense of style is already evident in her plaid backto-school ensemble. The young student, who lives within the South Colonie School **District**, says her favorite part of the outfit is "the hat and my diamond socks."

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Community gathering to benefit kids in Kenya

It's time for school in Africa, too

By JULIE CUSHINE-RIGG riggj@spotlightnews.com

Chances are you've taken part in a harambee, though you probably knew it by another name.

In Kenya, a harambee can be as simple as a community gathering. The name comes from the Swahili word meaning "together pushing forward." One local group is looking to embody that spirit and help Kenyans at the same time through an event at Village Pizzeria in Middle Grove on Friday, Sept. 7.

The Loisaba Community Conservation Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Saratoga is hosting the harambee from 6 to 9 p.m. Each \$35 entry fee (also a tax deductible donation) will buy beer, wine and a variety of tapas. The donation will also outfit one student in the impoverished village of Ewaso with a backpack filled with school supplies.

"We decided to sponsor the harambee, a community based event modeled after similar events in the Ewaso community to raise awareness for (their) needs and the many projects our fundraising efforts support," said Susan Bartkowski, a trustee with the Loisaba Foundation.

The school supplies will be delivered by a cargo vessel.

"We had the opportunity to get a shipping container and thought, 'What can we fill it with?" said Jim Towne, also a trustee of the foundation and principal of Towne, Ryan & Partners law firm. He added that the backpacks really give the kids a sense of identity.

Both Bartkowski and Towne have been to Kenya several times and see the school and the kids as some of those in greatest need.

"It's not unusual to see



Life in Kenya is arid and its people poverty-stricken. A local fundraiser will seek to capture the spirit of the Kenyan harambee get-together to benefit the Loisaba Community Conservation Foundation and send school supplies to children in a Kenyan village.

an 8-year-old teaching a

16-year-old reading. It's a

different school system,"

said Towne. Kids in Kenya

go to school year-round,

excluding December and

in Ewaso exists in a

'different paradigm" than

it does in the west. The

life expectancy of Kenyans

has been undercut by

the AIDS epidemic,

tuberculosis and extreme

In addition to school

Towne said life

April.

drought.

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supplies, proceeds from the harambee will be put toward replacing two of 12 classrooms at a primary school in Ewaso where nearly 500 students attend class — with up to 70 students in one classroom.

Programs supported by Loisaba include student and teacher housing, scholarships for high school and college students and salaries for teachers and school nurses. There are also needs for potable water, AIDS awareness efforts and wildlife conservation programs.

"Our list of programs and activities is quite long and encompasses many aspects of this region's needs. Our mission is 'to never let the sun set on those in need' and our goal is to have these projects, which are welcomed and supported by the leaders and residents of the Ewaso community, be self sustaining," said Bartkowski.

Needs of women in the area are also great, and Bartkowski has taken the helm with many programs to benefit that group, including the Pledge of Women Products within the Koija Women's Group. Bartkowski said the Koija women are one of the most overlooked sectors in Kenva and many of them are widows due to AIDS and other factors, and have large families to support.

"On my first trip to Kenya in 2006, I met with the Koija Women ... to see the various beaded leather projects they were working on to sell to visitors and tourists. (They) formed an organization from six local communities to pool materials and design and create various products such as bracelets and bowls," she said.

She said the products were amazing and she thought there may be an opportunity to sell them here to increase sales for the women. Thanks to her efforts, local vendors include Adirondack Cotton Co. in Bolton Landing, Sloppy Kisses and Spa Cascada in Saratoga Springs and The Pilates Studio in Latham.

The foundation also helps to provide medical supplies for a health clinic in Kenya that serves 19,000 impoverished Laikipiak Masaai and Samburu tribes people.

For more on the harambee and the foundation, visit www. loisabaccf.org.











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Good study skills are the keys to student success

BV MAREA GORDETT Special to The Spotlight

Can you imagine an ideal world where your child would sit down every evening at an organized desk and complete his or her homework efficiently? Can you picture your child free from distractions and confusion? Can you imagine your student knowing proper reading, note-taking, listening and memorization techniques with just enough of an edge to turn deadlines into motivation? Wouldn't that be amazing?

While some students have an inborn sense of organization coupled with excellent motivation, most don't. Most students need to learn how to learn. Once they have mastered the tricks, school becomes much easier, as they give themselves an advantage by imposing order on their lives. (And parents can stop nagging!)

The following tips and techniques can help all students and parents make the road to success possible. The key is to put these into place at the beginning of the academic year and consistently check in to re-organize the system.

You will be amazed at how efficient students can be when they couple organizational techniques with an optimistic attitude. It's not magical, but this combination sure does help.

Pay attention to the personal component

Adopt a positive, calm attitude toward your child's study habits. A parent's attitude can have a huge effect on student success. Although parents want to create great learners, success and motivation are in our students' hands. The most important gift a parent can give her child is her own positive, optimistic attitude. The following tips will help.

• Praise the effort, not

Some parents buy a often as possible. new agenda book so that students will be able to make a weekly list of important school tasks and then draw boxes next to the jobs. The student will then check off the boxes when he or she completes the tasks. The visual reminder of finished jobs greatly aids motivation.

• Make the student personally accountable. Show a visual map of the week to a caring adult.

The old saying, "the organized parent has disorganized children," can often be true. Make sure that your child is following through with the mind. the plan by requiring that he or she personally check in with an adult, such as a teacher, parent or mentor weekly. The child, not the parent, should conduct this meeting right after the week is completed.

Impose structure on your kid's life

We all know that order is important, but with the busy schedules of today, how can anyone expect routines and structure? Although you may find that an organized evening meal has gone into the sunset of yesterday, it still may be possible to impose various points of strict order in your child's day give the which will message that organization is important.

 Make sure your child receives adequate rest and nutrition.

This point is obvious but cannot be overstated. Children work best when their physical needs are well taken care of. Try to avoid sugary treats and sugar-laced breakfast cereals which give quick energy but then cause the body to "crash." In addition, impose a strict bedtime as

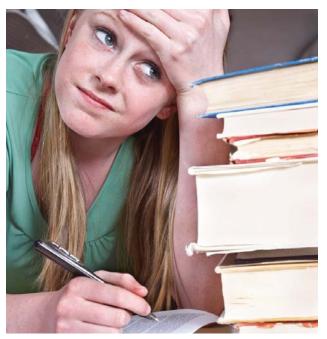
• Build exercise into your child's day.

Many educators believe that the single best determinant of success in school is a definite amount of physical exercise per day. While many educators feel strongly that imaginative, adventurous play in the outdoors is best, others argue for team sports to build the character as well as the body. We believe that the type of exercise is probably much less important than the disciplined routine of some daily exercise to burn off steam and focus

• Help your child develop systems to organize homework because a clear system creates a clear mind.

Any type of homework routine that creates organization is very helpful. For example, we instruct students to do the same subject at the same time every day. This regularity will help concentration, as the mind will be ready and prepared for the job. In addition, students should attempt to do their most difficult subjects when they are completely alert, not after a heavy meal or right before bedtime.

Flashcards, graphic organizers, flipcharts, long-range project plans,



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the grade.

Avoid saying: "You're so smart. Look, you got an A on that test." Use this helpful comment instead: "I'm proud of how well you did on that test (or paper). I can see you spent a lot of time on it (or gave a good effort to it)."

• Express an encouraging attitude.

Avoid saying: "If you don't work harder (or pass in your homework on time), I'll ground you for a week (or month!)." Use this helpful comment instead: "I know how happy you'll be when you do well in school. Let's sit down and make a plan to have that happen."

• Create a clear, easy-tofollow plan.

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What goes around comes around

TerraCycle adds more classroom supplies to its list of materials that can be upcycled

By BRADLEY MORRIS news@spotlightnews.com

When the glue sticks lose their sticky, the markers dry up and the tape is tapped out, we usually throw them out. In the course of the school year, that can add up to a lot of classroom waste. But what if those small, leftover parts could find a new life outside of the landfill?

TerraCycle has the answer: upcycling, or converting waste products that would not normally be recycled into useful items.

The Trenton, N.J.based company has long teamed up with area school and civic groups to collect landfill-bound trash like juice pouches and candy wrappers and turn them into useful products, including backto-school gear like totes, pencil cases and lunch bags.

The list of participating Capital District schools continues to grow and includes Shaker Road Elementary, Eagle Point Elementary, Bethlehem Central Middle School, Lynwood Elementary in Guilderland, North Colonie Central Schools,



TerraCycle is holding its second "Box that Rocks" contest, in which participating schools can earn extra money and prizes for the most creative collection box. Shown here is the 2011 winner.

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Bradt Primary School in Schenectady and Stevens Elementary in Ballston Lake.

The company relies on participants to help spread the upcycling message.

"(Schools find out by) reading about us ... and word of mouth," said PR Director Lauren Taylor, Over the years.

TerraCycle has added

to the list of things collected for upcycling, which now includes glue stick containers and old computer mice.

Following the collection, scientists analyze what the packaging is made from. "From there, we can see where it has value," said Taylor.

This year, the schools

involved with TerraCycle will be participating in the second "Box that Rocks" contest. In this contest, participants try to produce the most creative collection bin for TerraCycle Brigade items. The winning team can earn extra money and TerraCycle prizes.

"Some locations have fun with collection boxes," said Taylor.



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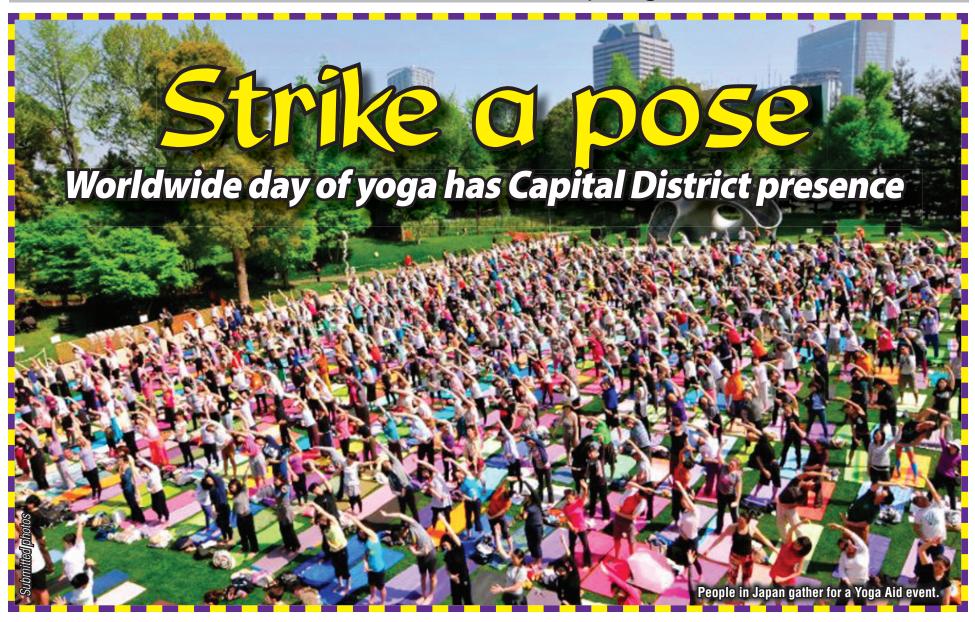
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Entertainment in the Spotlight



By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN dominj@spotlightnews.com



n Saturday, Sept. 9, dozens of people in Australia will gather to stretch and strike poses, setting off a yoga relay that will

stretch around the world.

Many hours later, the relay

will reach the Capital District, where yoga neophytes and regulars alike will get together at the Sportsplex of Halfmoon. The event, running from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., is part yoga sampler, part good deed. It gives people a chance to try out a variety of yoga styles and instructors, and it also aims to raise \$1 million for charities around the

world. Attendance is free, but fundraising for a charity chosen through Yoga Aid is encouraged.

Yoga Aid was born in 2006, but this is the first year

"It's just a great chance to take a yoga class," said Lustig, who has wanted to take part in Yoga Aid since its inception and did a lot of the legwork to have the Capital District included.

Lustig will be joined at the Sportsplex by Jennilee Toner, owner of The Yoga Spa in Ballston Spa; Justin Wolfer, instructor at Hot Yoga Saratoga in Saratoga

oga in Saratoga Springs; and Vicki Brignati, Melissa Leach and Emily Clausi, instructors at Estudio-Latham. She hopes at least 100 people will be on hand to take the class, too.

"We have two hours to play around with," she said, noting that a typical yoga class is

A class at the Hot Yoga Spot, which offers yoga instruction in a room heated to 90 to 100 degrees.

only an hour long. That means

Saturday's participants will have plenty of time to talk to the different instructors and find out about their individual studios.

Lustig will talk about the benefits of hot yoga, which she said is just what it sounds like: "Yoga in a hot room. It's really that simple." Hot yoga lessons are conducted in a room that's 90 to 100 degrees. Very little else is different from a traditional yoga class. "The sequence of That pays off with weight loss and muscle development, she said.

She pointed to "detox" as another plus of hot yoga. "You just absolutely sweat a ton," Lustig said. "You

kind of sweat everything out." Of course, not everyone who wants to do yoga is

That's why she's glad there will be other instructors and studios represented at the Sportsplex. The "beauty" of yoga, she said, is that it can be tailored to fit everyone's interests.

"We make sure every student has a great time," she said.

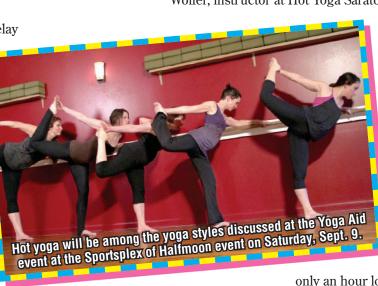
Lustig said with instructors coming from both Saratoga and Albany, Halfmoon seemed like a good halfway point for the event. Plus, Sportsplex offers plenty of room.

Roughly a week before the Yoga Aid class, Lustig said about 60 people had registered (online registration is required). Meanwhile, The Yoga Aid website said about \$250,000 had been raised. The money will benefit the following charities:

- Ganga Action, which aims to "restore, protect and maintain" India's Ganges River.

- Yoga Across America, which is using yoga to transform communities, offering, among other thigns, yoga for wounded warriors, yoga for high schools in underserved areas and yoga for cancer survivors.

- Yoga Gangsters, a Miami-



it's gone global. A handful of cities and towns in New York are taking part, including Buffalo, Johnson City and New York City. Jessica Lustig, owner of The Hot Yoga Spot in Albany and Clifton Park, is excited to have this area on the list.



poses, the timing — it's all very similar," Lustig said.

But the heat offers several advantages, she said. It quickly warms up people's bodies and muscles, which lets them "get into deeper stretches."

"They might move a little bit faster, too," Lustig said. "And because you're moving so quickly, you can do more advanced poses." based program that teaches yoga to at-risk or in-crisis youths.

- Off the Mat, Into the World, which uses yoga as a springboard for local and global service projects.

- Africa Yoga Project, which empowers young people in Africa through yoga.

- 4One World, another African-based project. It provides

educational aid to disadvantaged youths in Africa.

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Ska punk band, with Safety Nets and Drew & The Grand Spectacular, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., Hudson River Coffee House, 227 Quail St., Albany, free. Information, 596-0959.

ZACK EDWARDS

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NUALA KENNEDY TRIO

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Call for Artists

THEATER VOICES

Holding auditions for staged reading of "The Vanek Plays: Three One-Acts by Vaclav Havel," Šept. 5 and 6, 7 p.m., Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, seeking four men ages late 30s through mid 60s and one woman age 30s to early 40s. Information, 438-5503.

SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

Holding auditions for production of Jeffrey Hatcher's "Mrs. Mannerly," Sept. 18 and 20, 7:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, seeking a mature woman and one man age 20-59. Information, 372-7639.

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

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Apples

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prices at the grocery store for items like apple juice and apple sauce.

"This year puts a spotlight on the kinds of pressures that our growers have to deal with year in, year out," said NYAA President Jim Allen in a statement. "They deserve our respect and support, don't you think?"

Jim Abbruzzese, owner of Altamont Orchards on Dunnsville Road, said the farm will not have pickyour-own apples available. but they will have apples to purchase and all of the usual family-friendly activities will be offered.

We do have apples out in the field, but they're not in reach of the public and it's too dangerous to have them on ladders," he said, estimating a loss of 90 percent of his crop this year. "But we still have all the fun stuff."

Apple cider, donuts and pies will be available at Altamont Orchards, with activities for the kids. The 19th annual Apple and Wine Festival will also take place on Sept. 17 and 18.

Peter Ten Eyck, owner of Indian Ladder Farms in Altamont, said the farm will offer limited pickyour-own apple weekends on Sept. 1 and 2, Sept. 22

and 23 and Oct. 20 and in a similar situation, but 21. The variety of apples available will depend on the date. To supplement the need for additional apples to purchase in the store, some will be provided by other growers from New York and New England participating in the ECO Apple Growers group.

"We're in our 97th year and I want to find a way to dig us out of this hole so we can be around long enough to be a century farm," he said.

Ten Eyck added he knows the decision to bring in apples from other growers is bound to be controversial, but he will label the apples to identify the farm providing the produce so there is no confusion. He is sorry the farm cannot provide enough of its own apples for customers, but wants to make sure the tradition of visiting Indian Ladders continues. The market, gift shop, bakery and café will all remain open throughout the season.

Golden said many farms have crop insurance, but it often doesn't cover the cost of the entire loss.

Ten Eyck said his farm has insurance but it will only cover a third of the losses. Plus, many pickers across the state will be losing out on jobs.

"We took a big hit two years ago when we were it was nothing compared to this," he said. "This is the worst we've ever had."

Saratoga Apple in Schuylerville will also have limited "pick-yourown" day - owners there estimate 70 percent of the crop is gone while Goold Orchards in Castleton-on-Hudson has canceled its "pick-yourown" all together.

However, some growers in other parts of the greater Capital District are fairing better.

Kevin Bowman, owner of Bowman Orchards in Rexford, said his farm's crop is at 100 percent because of the orchard's high elevation. They've already been picking apples for several weeks.

"We started out very busy. We've been going fast and furious," he said.

It is still not known if apple growers will be receiving state aid, while the federal government has announced 28 counties in New York are eligible for relief loans and benefits after being declared natural disaster areas. Any relief would help farms get back on their feet to prepare for next year.

"I've been doing this 45 years and I can say this experience is foreign to me," said Abbruzzese. "At least business is never boring."



announced at the district's Tuesday, Aug. 21. Board of Education meeting. She will remain in her position until Nov. 20, but has said she would stay on for a little while longer if necessary.

Smith said her decision to leave had nothing to do with the recent tumultuous events within the district.

"I think my decision was more that I feel ready at this point to make a career change using my knowledge and experience from working within the district,' Smith said.

In recent months, Board of Education Chairman John Vadney was arrested for a misdemeanor charge of aggravated harassment over an argument with the father of a fellow school board member, while another school board member declared himself a sovereign citizen and refused to pay his taxes. The Vadney family has also filed a lawsuit against the district and several staff members over an incident in which their son was bullied, while the state Education Department is reviewing

allegations of voter fraud that occurred during the May budget vote. The vote was also the first time in three years the budget was passed on the first attempt.

Smith does not have a job lined up, but said she would look for a consultant position in school district improvement. She will continue to live within the area.

Vadney praised Smith's work and said she would be greatly missed.

"She is a wonderful person to work with. Very dedicated," he said. "Where ever she goes we will always be proud of her. Personally, I'm very sorry she is leaving but I understand life takes people down different paths."

Vadney declined to discuss his recent arrest or the family's lawsuit.

Smith said she was happy the district was able to pass the 2012-13 budget, with a 6.8 percent tax levy, in such difficult times. She is also proud of what the faculty and staff have been doing to change student learning objectives across all grade levels.

"Having been a part of the school district, I was excited about the opportunity to serve and see a lot of the initiatives

we started come to fruition," she said. "As a superintendent, there are always challenges. Some are expected and some are not, but it has been a rewarding experience."

She said it was an honor and a privilege to be a part of the RCS community.

District officials have still not heard anything from the state regarding an investigation into voter fraud, but have been given the right to implement the budget, assuming it will stand as is.

"I personally believe although there could have been some irregularities, it does not impact the vote with how it passed in any way. The budget passed with a strong majority of votes and that says a lot about our community's stance on the value of education," said Smith.

The district will now begin the search for another superintendent, but an interim superintendent will be appointed soon.

"The education of our students will remain our priority as the district prepares for this change in leadership," said Smith in a statement. "I will remain committed to realizing our mission throughout the transition."





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Study

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Milestones

Cain, Nuttall exchange vows

student work plans which rank assignments in order of importance, daily checklists for studying, special homework folders, and all types of indexing and review systems will help to create order and minimize stress. You and your children should pick the most helpful for your style and needs.

Help conquer procrastination and anxiety

• Help students pace themselves.

We believe that two great tools are the magnet and the refrigerator. Make a copy of all long-range assignment sheets and post them in the kitchen. Create a list of deadlines and checkpoints right on the assignment. Figure out your own individual way to enforce these deadlines. Say to your child what every Ph.D. candidate is encouraged to sav to herself before writing a dissertation: "It's just a series of small steps."

Remind your child to study two nights for a quiz and at least three nights for a test, and try to enforce this discipline. It will work wonders. Use this system for papers as well, although research papers will require weeks of preparation.

Help your child keep a home accordion-file with subject folders of all assignments, quizzes, and tests so that he or she can easily locate and review the material for exams. Color-code the child's subject folders so that each subject in his or her book bag has the same color as the file folder at home. This inexpensive system will reap huge

rewards. • Instill the habit of regular review and

reading. Some parents find that creating a comfortable social time in the family room, with the TV and cell phone off and no distractions, can be very helpful as a quiet time for a child to read or review the day's notes in an important subject. The comfort of having someone close by who is also reading compounds the probability of success. This twenty to thirty minute session per day can be built into a family's routine.

Learn time management and academic strategies

The following points are critical for time-management and academic success. Although we cannot develop these points here, it's important to know that all of these skills are timesaving devices crucial to success in school.

• Effective note-taking methods, including summaries, various outline designs and word maps

• Brainstorming techniques to jumpstart papers

• Abbreviation skills

R e a d i n g comprehension skills to quickly develop understanding of main topics and the writer's aim
Active listening

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memorization techniques

Individualize your plan

Parents should not expect their children to be alike or similar to their neighbors, friends, or cousins. All children have unique needs and talents, which should be respected and celebrated. Because children learn differently, parents should try to pinpoint each child's best mode of learning. Some will learn by reading and studying notes while others need a multi-sensory approach. You can help each child best by figuring out these particular needs, although most children love to experience information and materials directly and kinesthetically. Many people learn by doing, so any method that makes a subject come to life will be fantastic.

Of course we hope that our students will read with comprehension and speed, take meticulous notes, manage their test anxiety, and get accepted to the college of their dreams. In a perfect world, this would be the rule, not the exception. But as you work toward these goals, you will begin to see hopeful changes and a clearer, sound direction toward success. With organization comes a focused mind. Your students' good concentration and good grades will reward your great intentions and effort. Then you will all look forward to the beginning of the school year with enthusiasm.

Marea Gordett taught in the English departments of Boston University and Tufts University for many years, and has been involved in many levels of education as tutor, researcher, writer and consultant. She founded and directs Big Mind Learning, LLC in the Capital region (www. bigmindlearning.com), which conducts tutoring in all levels of language arts, math, science, the SAT and ACT. She also runs literary programs at libraries, museums and professional organizations.

Mallory Cain, daughter of Steve and Dee Cain (Sedalia, MO), was married to Michael Nuttall, son of John and Lynda Nuttall (Delmar, NY), on May 13, 2012.

The bride is a graduate of Smith-Cotton High School (Sedalia, MO). She attended Boston College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. She received her Master's Degree in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley.

Mallory is employed at San Francisco General Hospital (San Francisco, CA) as a Clinical Social Worker.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School (Delmar, NY). He attended Boston College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and a Masters of Arts Degree (Higher Education).

Michael is currently employed at Santa Clara University (Santa Clara, CA) as an Interim Associate Director of the Ignation Center.

The ceremony was officiated by Tim Wilson, brother-in-law of the groom.

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Mallory and Michael Nuttall

The Maid of Honor was; MacKenzie Cain (sister of bride) and Best Man was Matthew Nuttall (brother of groom). The wedding party consisted of: Bridesmaids: Gaelle Baker, Lorna Mishler, Tracy Robertson, Maria Gendron and Anna Schindelar. Groomsmen were: Tim Pitta, Chris Abbott, Jon Maier and

PJ Wagner. The vocalist was Maureen Nuttall and Melissa Wilson was the reader (sisters of the groom).

The wedding and reception took place at Studio B in Kansas City, MO.

The happy couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and will reside in San Francisco, CA.

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Spotlight on poetry

Teddy Bear by Paul Horton Amidon

Among the graves of older ancestors, a stone shaped like a teddy bear, beneath it someone forever four years old, being led by the hand, I like to imagine, across a grandmother's porch to the kitchen for a cup of cocoa.



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Paul Horton Amidon grew up on Long Island, but has lived and worked in Albany most of his adult life. Many of his poems center on childhood and rural themes. Paul's poem, "Directions For Success," won first prize in the 2009 Rip Van Winkle Poetry competition.

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McEneny to speak to Second Milers

John McEneny, retiring state assemblyman, will address the Second Milers at their Wednesday, Sept. 12, luncheon on the topic "A Retrospective of My Years in the Assembly. "

The Second Milers, a club for retired local men, meets at noon on the second Wednesday of each month at the Normanside Country Club restaurant. At the Oct. 10 meeting military historian Robert E. Mulligan will talk about "The Battle of Queenston Heights" of 1812, and on Nov. 14 Bethlehem Town Historian Susan Leath will present "Bethlehem, Stories Beyond the Book."

New members and visitors are always welcome. For reservations or further information call Glenn Cropsey at 862-0856 or Bob Mulligan at 439-3802.

Park to celebrate migration watch

The 11th anniversary celebration of the Thacher Park Hawk Migration Watch will take place on Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Thacher Park Overlook. Hawk watch leader Will Aubrey will be on hand answer any questions, provide education background and material on hawk migration, compile migration statistics and assist with migrating raptor identification.

Activities will be ongoing throughout the day. Activities include: live raptor presentations with Richelle Ford, butterfly informational tent for picture taking, North Country Wildcare information, bat displays, raptor silhouette identification, test your wingspan and more. Stop by the art and crafts tent and design and paint your own raptor or butterflyT-shirt - sizes for kids and adults. Food and refreshments available from the Overlook Café.

The event is free and open to the public.

Call Thacher Park at 872-1237 for additional information. Visit the park website at www. nysparks.com for additional information about parks and park events.

Church to hold meet-and-greet





whole- and half-day programs. The event is an opportunity to learn about the programming, meet the principal, teachers and students, and to see school in session.

To find out more, visit blessedsacramentschool.net, and those wishing to attend should email bss@nycap.rr.com or call 438-5854.

Five Rivers to hold Annual Fall Festival

The 33rd Annual Fall Festival will take place at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Sept. 15, from noon to 4 p.m.

The family-oriented environmental celebration, co-sponsored by the Friends of Five Rivers, will feature a variety of hands-on educational activities, interactive exhibits and interpretive walks. Guided educational activities will provide first-hand opportunities to meet live animals up close and personal, sweep-net for insects, do a nature craft, cast for "backyard bass," catch a puppet show, and much more.

The collaborative extravaganza will also feature staffed exhibits and demonstrations from a wide range of local conservation partners. There will also be live music from two local bands-Nisky Dixie Cats and Acoustic Hartlandas well as refreshments, plants, used books and birdseed for sale. The festival marks the official kick-off to the Center's ambitious programming year, which reaches more than 115,000 people annually. The event is open to the public free of charge and will be held rain or shine.

Call 475-0291 for more information.

Hebrew school has scholarships

Bethlehem Chabad Sunday-Hebrew School is announcing three full scholarships available for the 2012/13 school year. Generous donors have contributed toward the scholarship fund to allow all Jewish children to receive an education no matter background or affiliation. School at 12 Fisher Blvd. in Slingerlands, will open in September. Classes will be held on Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon for children aged 7 to 12. The full year tuition, which includes book and registration fees, is \$500. There is no additional membership necessary.

Supermarket

salutes customers

The Hannaford Supermarket

Customer Appreciation Day on

Sunday, Aug. 26. Store officials

presented a check in the amount

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District YMCA, Bethlehem Area

hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and

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Branch. Patrons enjoyed free

at Delaware Plaza held a

of \$3,000 to Derek Martin,

soda.

The Chabad Hebrew School program is blended with games, incentives, crafts, family celebrations and other exciting extracurricular activities. The hands-on learning style encourages the children to be active rather than passive learners.

Also available upon request are Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons. These tutoring sessions will prepare your child for the most important day of their young adulthood.

For more information about Hebrew School or tutoring and to register call 866-7658 or email info@bethlehemchabad. com. For further information, visit on to BethlehemChabad. com. will hold a Brook's Barbecue on Thursday, Sept. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. Hosted by the Lynnwood Women, the price for the dinner is \$9, and a half chicken is \$7.

This is a drive through event and all are welcome.

Pruyn House holds contradance

A Danceflurry contradance will be held Sunday, Sept. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Buhrmaster Barn at the Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Colonie.

A potluck dinner will be held at 5 p.m., with beginners lessons at 5:45. The caller will be Ridge Kennedy and music will be provided by Eric Buddington and Friends. Admission \$10, Members \$9. Visit danceflury. org for more information.

UAlbany to present improvised music

The University at Albany Department of Music presents guest artist Karl Berger and faculty member Bob Gluck in a program of improvised music on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the UAlbany Performing Arts Center on the uptown campus. Guest artist and vocalist Ingrid Sertso will also perform. The concert, which will include Berger's "No Man Is an Island" and "Nameless Child," will be followed by a question and answer period.

Berger has been an important musical presence internationally for 50 years and is one of the leading figures in musical improvisation and cross-cultural musical awareness.

Gluck is a pianist, composer, educator and writer. His seventh recording, "Textures and Pulsations," is a compilation of duets with pianist Aruan Ortiz and was just released on Ictus Records.

Sertso has established herself over many years as a captivating, adventurous vocalist and poet capable of blending jazz, African, South American and other world beat influences into a distinctive, hypnotic sound.

This concert is part of a daylong artist residency by Karl Berger and will be preceded by two music improvisation workshops in the Performing Arts Center at 2:45 and 4 p.m. The workshops are open to all and there is no charge for participation. Tickets are \$8 for the public and \$4 for students, seniors & UAlbany faculty/staff and may be purchased through the Performing Arts Center Box Office. For further information, contact the Box Office at 442-3997 or visit the Performing Arts Center website at www.albany. edu/pac.

The Blessed Sacrament Church on Central Avenue in Albany will be holding a Mommy Meet-and-Greet on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The church's elementary school offers classes for kids from 3 years old through 8th grade and its nursery school runs

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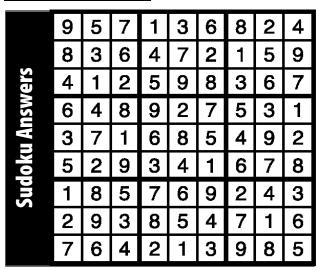
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LEGAL NOTICE

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)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 74 NASSAU AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/27/12. Office loca-tion: 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)

(September 5, 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) (September 5, 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 des ignated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 82906 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o Corporation Notice of Formation of RACE CHAMP LLC. Arts. Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/3/12. Office location: 2543 Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Albany County. SSNY des 82909 (D) ignated as agent of LLC

LEGAL NOTICE

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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.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION

OF LIMITIED LIABLITY COMPANY. Name of LLC:

STRUCTION, LLC. The Ar-

ticles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary

of State (SSNY) 07/02/12.

The office of the LLC is lo-

cated in Albany CO. SSNY

is designated as the agent

of the LLC at: c/o PERSING

& O'LEARY, LLP, 10 Cen-

tury Hill Dr., Ste 3, Latham, NY 12110 Purpose: Any

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation HLM

GLOBAL LLC as a domes-

tic LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Sec-retary of State (NS)

location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon

may be served, NS shall mail service of process

(SOP) to NW Registered

Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, NW

designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700

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. Of-fice 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

CAPITAL REGION MEDI-

CAL SUPPLY, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/5/12. Office in Al-

bany 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

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82926 (D)

Registered Agent LLC is

Office 40, purpose

is any lawful purpose. 82925 (D)

(September 5, 2012)

on 07/30/2012 office

whom process

(September 5, 2012)

lawful activity.

82916 (D)

GENERAL CON-

(September 5, 2012)

82920 (D)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICA-TION FOR AUTHORITY OF KHUONG AND LE IN-VESTMENT 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) (September 5, 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:

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, 911 Cen-tral Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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) (September 5, 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83101 (D) (September 5, 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, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83102 (D)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mon-etized Web LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/12/12. Office location: Al-bany 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)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Davstar Solar, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 7/10/12. Office location: Al-bany 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)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Registration of Maxwell & Van Ryn, LLP, Cert. of Reg. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 6/21/12. Of-fice 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 Nor-manskill 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)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WANNABE PRODUC-TIONS 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; al awfu

all lawful activities. 82911 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

activities 82912 (D)

Notice of Formation Alithia

82914 (D) (September 5, 2012)

82632 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of SENSE INTERNATONAL 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) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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MENTS L.L.C. Articles of

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: AD-(September 5, 2012)

Organization were filed NOTICE OF FORMATION with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on OF ED LIABILITY COMPA-

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) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Hipsilver LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/19/2012. Off. 82907 (D) 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)

LEGAL NOTICE

Professional LIMIT-LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

iSimulate, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organiza-tion 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.

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 82917 (D)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Scenic Media LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/8/2012. Off. Office location: Albany Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom designated as agent of process against may be served. SSNY shall mail LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, process to: c/o The LLC, 911 46 State St., Albany, NY Central Ave., #101, Albany, 12207. The registered agent NY 12206. Purpose: all lawis: USA Corporate Services ful activities. Inc. at the same address. 82915 (D) Purpose: all lawful activities. (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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lawful purpose.

82928 (D)

82931 (D)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 438

activities Notice of Formation of B. 83109 (D) MANGREEN PROPER-(September 5, 2012) TIFS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/9/12.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Limited Liability Company Name: The Lotus Flower Enterprises, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secre-tary 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. Reg-istered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 83111 (D) (September 5, 2012)

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

CENTRAL REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/9/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent to: The LLC. 228 16th St., Ste 3, Brooklyn, NY 11215. General Purposes. of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The

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World Insurance Associates LLC (dba GJK Insurance Agency

LLC) LLC was filed with the SSNY on 08/09/2012. 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: Gary Kroeger, 730 Hope Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 83120 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1598 UNION STREET ASSOC., LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with

the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/10/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has

been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served

SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1598 Union Street, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 83123 (D)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Liberty Creek Title, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/27/12. Fictitious name in NY State: Liberty Creek Title Agency, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Missouri (MO) on 1/19/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 111 8th Ave., 13th Fl., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. MO address of LLC: 1000 West Nifong Blvd., Bldg. 8, Ste. 110, Columbia, MO 65203. Arts. of Org. filed MO Secy. of State, 600 W. Main, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Purpose: any lawful activity. 83124 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of YA-MAN ENTERPRISES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/6/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. 83125 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

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(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation AMCB Services Company NY, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/17/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom pro-cess may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 83127 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Paul the Wine Freak, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/16/2012. 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. 83128 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation JKM Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/13/2012. 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. 83129 (D)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMA TION of JF REAL ESTATE GROUP LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/5/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY

designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 90 State St. Ste. 700 Ofc. 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 83130 (D)

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PAPAGIORGIO ENTER-TAINMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/17/12. Office loca-tion: 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. 83131 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEVINE REALTY ASSOCI-ATES, LLC Notice of formation of

Levine Realty Associates, LLC, a limited liability com-

LEGAL NOTICE shall mail a copy of any pro-cess to the LLC, c/o Loudonville Home for Adults. 298 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12211 The purposes of the LLC are to continue to hold. manage and operate real estate properties including, but not limited to, 298 Al-

LEGAL NOTICE

08/14/2012. 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 GARNISH MARKETING,

LLC, 462 Hamilton Street

Albany, NY 12203-1334.

Purpose: Any Lawful Pur-

pose. Latest date upon

which LLC is to dissolve:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Lor-

County. SSNY designated

process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

process to: c/o CT Corpora-

tion System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the regis-

tered agent upon whom

process may be served. Purpose: all lawful pur-

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation The

Alices / Alice Boynton LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/23/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany

Cnty. SSNY designated as

shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave.,

#101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation The

Alices / Alice Dickstein LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY

8/23/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany

Cnty. SSNY designated as

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poses

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Hands

on Nurse Practitioner in

Psychiatry PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 8/24/2012. Off. Loc.: Albany

Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process

may be served. SSNY shall

LLC. 911 Central Ave. #101.

Albany, NY 12206. Purpose:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation

TIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on

8/23/12. Office location:

Albany County. SSNY des-

ignated as agent of LLC

whom process against may be served. SSNY shall

mail process to: c/o The

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all lawful activities.

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process to: c/o The

No specific date.

(September 5, 2012)

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bany Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12211 and 5 Gipp Road, Albany, New York 12203, and to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York. 83133 (D)

(September 5, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE

as agent of LLC upon whom WESTMERE HOME FOR ADULTS, LLC Notice of formation of Westmere Home for Adults, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 11/18/2010. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any pro-cess to the LLC, c/o Loudonville Home for Adults, 298 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, New York 1221 The purposes of the LLC agent of LLC whom pro-cess may be served. SSNY are: (a) to establish, maintain and operate assisted living residences as defined in Section 4651(1) of the New York State Public Health Law; (b) to establish. maintain and operate an assisted living residence with a special needs assisted living certificate, as those terms are defined in Sections 4651 and 4655 of the Public Health Law of the State of New York; and (c) the additional purposes for which the Westmere Home for Adults is formed are: to establish, maintain and operate an assisted living residence with an enhanced assisted living certificate, as

those terms are defined in Section 4651 of the Public Health Law; provided. 83132 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Prosper Funding LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/17/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 10 E. 40th St., 10th Fl., NY, NY 10016, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of

Org. filed DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

83137 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AAM BRAND MANAGEMENT GROUP HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/21/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall 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.

Notice of Formation of ART DOMANTAY ARTWORKS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/21/12. 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. 83286 (D)

Total Business Brokerage & Consulting Group LLC. App. for Auth, filed Secv. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/9/12. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 3/14/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. FL address of LLC: 1580 Sawgrass Corporate Pkwy. Ste. 130, Sunrise, FL 33323 Arts. of Org. filed FL Secy. of State, 2661 Executive Cen-ter Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32314. Purpose: any lawful activity

(September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZA-TION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: EP&M2 LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 8/8/12. Office location: Al-

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HAIR STUDIO IV. LLC

The Articles of Organiza-

tion were filed with the NY

Secretary of State (SSNY) 08/20/12. The office of the

LLC is located in Albany Co.

SSNY is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom

process may be served.

SSNY shall mail copy of any process to the LLC at:

SÉBASTIAN HAIR STUDIO

IV. LLC. 31 Bradhaven Road.

Slingerlands, NY 12159.

Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TO-

TAL EXPEDITING LLC. Arts.

of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/22/12. Office location:

Albany County. SSNY des

ignated as agent of LLC whom process against may

be served. SSNY shall mail

process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207.

The registered agent is: USA

Corporate Services Inc. at

the same address. Purpose:

LEGAL NOTICE

all lawful activities.

(September 5, 2012)

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COMPANY

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NY 12059. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY 83331 (D)

LEGAL NOTICE

(September 5, 2012) Name of LLC: SEBASTIAN

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - The Slingerlands Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners will accept bids for a Fire Station Exhaust Sys tem to be located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Copies of the Specifications may be obtained from the Board of Fire Commissioners at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office anytime after September 5, 2012. The Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office is located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. All bids must be submitted to the Fire District and will be publicly opened and read at the September 11, 2012 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Slingerlands Firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12054. All bids must contain a noncollusion bid statement pursuant to Section 103-D of the General Municipal Law and the Fire District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

83329 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - The

Slingerlands Fire District

Board of Fire Commission-

ers will accept bids for a Fire

Station Warning Siren to be located at 1520 New Scot-

land Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Copies of

the Specifications may be

obtained from the Board of

Fire Commissioners at the

Bethlehem Town Clerk's Of-

fice anytime after September

5. 2012. The Bethlehem

Town Clerk's Office is locat-

ed at 445 Delaware Avenue

Delmar, New York 12054. All

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the Fire District and will be

publicly opened and read

at the September 11, 2012

meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the

Slingerlands Firehouse lo-

cated at 1520 New Scotland

Road, Slingerlands, New York 12054. All bids must contain a non-collusion bid

statement pursuant to Sec-

tion 103-D of the General

Municipal Law and the Fire

District reserves the right to

NOTICE OF FILING OF AN LLC

On the 23nd day of August, 2012, BUDROCK LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State. Its office is located in Albany County, NY. The Secretary of State has

been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to BUDROCK LLC, at the street address of the principal business location, c/o Richard S. Piedmont, 4 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. Its business is to engage

in any lawful activity for which limitéd liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.

83326 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GNSL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/20/12. Of-fice 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. 83327 (D) (September 5, 2012)

LEGAL NOTICE

LLC: Village Post Properties, LLC Articles of Organization were

filed with the Secretary of

Notice of Formation of an

reject any and all bids. 83330 (Ď) (September 5, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE TAX NOTICE

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have received the Tax Rolls and Warrant for the

collection of School Taxes for the Town of New Scotland properties in and for the Bethlehem Central School District, and will receive payments as follows: Tax payments are to be mailed to Tax Collector, P.O. Box 181, Delmar, NY 12054. There

will be a 2% penalty for payment from October 1 through November 1, 2012. Unpaid school taxes will be turned over to the Albany County Treasurer on November 15 2012. **Michelle Curtis** Tax Collector DATED: August 31, 2012 83332 (D) (September 5, 2012)

83285 (D) (September 5, 2012) raine Drive, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/20/12. LEGAL NOTICE Office location: Albany

> (September 5, 2012) LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of

agent of LLC whom pro-cess may be served. SSNY 83287 (D) shall mail process to: c/o

The LLC, 911 Central Ave. #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.

COMPANY Name:

act or activity. 83289 (D)

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZA-TION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY . Dax Telecom

LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 8/27/12. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 64 Castle Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: Any lawful

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Eagles seek elusive championship

Bethlehem hasn't won **Section II Class AA title** since 2006 season

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Ethan Gunty admitted the Bethlehem boys soccer team overlooked Colonie in last year's Section II Class AA semifinals.

"Before that game, we were more focused on the finals than playing Colonie," said Gunty. "So, we kind of thought past Colonie."

It turned out to be a mistake. Colonie edged Bethlehem 2-1 to advance to the Sectional finals against Shenendehowa.

'We beat them twice in the regular season," said Bethlehem coach Phil Ridgway. "We beat them 4-0 and 2-1, and we controlled most of that (semifinal) game. We just couldn't put it away.'

Last year's loss to Colonie was another in a series of Sectional setbacks for Bethlehem. The Eagles last won the Class AA title in 2006 and last played in the Sectional finals in 2007.

Bethlehem is hoping to end the

trend in 2012. The Eagles have several starters returning from last year's team, which was the overall Suburban Council champion with a 14-0-2 record.

"We did well (in 2011)," said Ridgway. "We had a lot of depth on the team, which was one of our strengths. Hopefully, we have that same makeup this season."

Gunty is one of three veteran forwards for Bethlehem this season. Seniors Liam Roohan and Zach Stryker are also back for Ridgway's Eagles.

"He's attracting a lot of attention from colleges," Ridgway said of Gunty, who was one of Bethlehem's top scorers last year. "He's certainly one of the top players in the league.'

The question mark for Bethlehem is its backfield, where several starters graduated from last year including first team All-Suburban Council defender Brad Campion.

"I think (our success) is going to come down to our defense because we will have a young defense," said Gunty.

Junior goaltender Alex Kessler said he is taking the defensive leader's role Campion had.

"I'm going to have to take more charge out there because with Brad (Campion), he knew what needed to be done back there," said Kessler. "Without Brad, we're going to have to learn how to play together."

"He'll be very strong in the back," Ridgway said of Kessler. "It will be very good to have that experience there to lead the defense."

Staying healthy will be another key for Bethlehem this year. The Eagles lost eight players to injuries in 2011, but they were able to remain in control of the Suburban Council South Division with contributions from several players off the bench.

The Eagles began their 2012 Suburban Council season Tuesday against Averill Park. They travel to Guilderland Thursday for the first of two regular season meetings before plaving their home opener Sept. 11 against Colonie.

Ridgway said repeating as South Division champions won't be easy.

"(The division is) so hard to predict," said Ridgway. "Guilderland has a good group back. They'll be one of our toughest divisional opponents. And Colonie should be good again."



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Mohonasen - that chased Bethlehem during the Eagles' undefeated 2011 Suburban Council season. Colonie beat Bethlehem in the Section II Class AA semifinals, which denied the Eagles a shot at the Sectional title.

catch Bethlehem this year, veterans such as Capollari and Vito Mesiti must fill the void up front left by the graduation of first team All-Suburban Council forward Nick Iurno.

"Right now, our offense is gelling pretty good," said Mesiti. "We're starting to link our passes and get our feet wet.'

Besides Iurno, Guilderland also graduated first team all-league defender Brian O'Hanlon.

"We're filling in for them more as a team than as individuals," said Kinnally. "We have several players we'll be turning to.'

"We've got a lot of good guys off the bench," said Mesiti. "It helps everyone on the team try to play their best ball."

Guilderland isn't the only Suburban Council team dealing with the graduation of key starters. Several teams are reloading this season including Colonie and defending Section II Class AA champion Shenendehowa, which has to replace almost its entire starting lineup.

"I think our league graduated about a dozen special players," said Kinnally. "So, I think this year it will be very interesting to see how the league is.'

Guilderland has home field advantage through the first week of the Suburban Council season. After hosting Columbia Tuesday, the Dutchmen welcome Bethlehem to Don Snyder Field Thursday.

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the organization's web presence by redesigning the site to include more news topics and game results.

"Every time he took over a tournament ... he took it to another level," said NMAA Assistant Director for Marketing Dusty Young, who worked closely with Zayas. "Not only did he make these events first class, but he also did his best to cut costs."

Zayas said he would like to implement those ideas with NYSPHSAA, but his first task is to learn as much as he can about the organization's 11 member sections and their needs.

"I want to do three things. I want to listen, I want to learn and I want to evaluate," said Zayas.

Before Zayas officially took over as executive director Sept. 1, he

predecessor, Nina Van school districts across V and VI directors, and Erk.

"I have incredibly big Nina," said Zayas. "Just in the past four days, I've learned the amount of knowledge she has about rules and regulations is

Van Erk, who is taking over as Section VIII (Nassau County) executive director, said there are certain aspects of running

"The day-to-day interaction with the athletic directors of the state and the various sport coordinators," she said.

One thing Zayas is learning is the financial challenges member schools and sections are facing with funding their sports. With less spent the previous week state aid and cap on

went to Six Flags."

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To win the South Division title this year, the Lady Eagles recognize they must first beat Guilderland.

"We're not out to get Guilderland," said Bethlehem senior captain Tara Teal. "We have the same goals every year win the Suburban Council, win the Section II title, win regionals and go to states. But, it would be nice to beat Guilderland."

Teal is one of several players back from last year's Bethlehem team, along with goaltender Katie Nickles, defender Briana Swete and midfielder Stephanie Dootz.

'We lost some key players (to graduation) last year, so they're always difficult to replace," said Rogan. "The thing we have this year is good team depth."

Bethlehem's offense is in good shape with the return of Teal, Dootz and Autumn Fetterolf, and

Erk. The two traveled to New York are spending western New York for less on extracurricular meetings with the Section activities such as sports. Zayas went over the rules NYSPHSAA addressed and regulations with Van concerns about travel costs

shoes to fill in replacing incredible."

NYSPHSAA she will miss.

Bethlehem will see early on how well its off-season work has worked. After opening the Suburban Council season Tuesday against Averill Park, the Lady Eagles visit Guilderland Thursday for the first of their two regular season meetings.

"Guilderland is one of the better teams (in the league), and they're in our division," said Rogan. "It's good to play them twice a year."

Other early season opponents include defending Section II Class A champion Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Sept. 13 and a Sept. 18 showdown with Shenendehowa.

working closely with his raising property taxes, New York) would turn treated well." And earlier this year, to state tournaments even floating the idea of a two-year moratorium on state championships.

> to make certain studentathletes continue to have opportunities to play for their schools.

> are an extension of the classroom," said Zayas. "You can learn lessons on a football field that you can't learn in math class. If you eliminate sports, you're making the life of a student-athlete more difficult."

economic climate (of to feel like they're being Young. "Since then we've athletes."

itself around so as not to be a threat to the sports community," said Van Erk.

To address the travel cost issue, Zayas said he will look at where state tournaments are held and consider centrally-located alternatives if there needs to be a change of venue.

That (meeting travel Zayas said his goal is costs) is always a concern," said Zayas. "What we want to do is ease those concerns as much as possible.

Zayas is also interested "High school sports in making the 36 regional and state tournaments NYSPHSAA runs better across the board.

"One thing is you want the girls field hockey tournament to be treated the same way as the state basketball tournament," said Zayas. "You want "I would hope the everyone in every sport

Another item Zayas said he wants to address early in his tenure is NYSPHSAA's website. He said the current site needs an upgrade – one that includes more statewide sports news and the capability for webcasting state tournaments.

"I want New York to be one of the more technologically-advanced states in the country," said Zayas. "That's what I want to do over the next three years.'

Young said Zayas' work on the NMAA website helped increase traffic.

(number of page hits) for the old site, but within the first year of the new site (2005), we probably had about 600,000 visitors," said

seen a steady increase, and it was probably around 1.3 million visitors last year."

As Zayas looks to implement his changes, he said he's aware there will be a learning curve for him as he becomes acclimated to New York high school sports.

"With me being so new to the state ... I think it will take me a few months to fully understand all of the various challenges," said Zayas.

Young said he believes Zayas will meet the challenges of running NYSPHSAA.

"He's going to be a great "I don't have the figures leader," said Young. "He's always been someone the (NMAA) staff looked up to as being someone who always knew what was best for the state and its



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Rogan said he is hoping to curtail the pressure his defensive unit will face with better ball control up front.

"We're going to try to possess the ball better than last year," said Rogan. "We're going to try a slightly different style with the players we have."

Another key component is getting Bethlehem's younger players to work with the veterans – a process that begins in the summer with captains practice.

"During captains practice, that's when we get everybody together and try to integrate everyone (on the field)," said Teal. "We also have team trips and get-togethers. We just

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BC boys want elusive title

Ethan Gunty, above, and the rest of the Bethlehem boys soccer team will try to win the Section II Class AA championship. Suburban Council South Division rival Colonie denied the Eagles a shot at the title last year by beating them in the semifinals.

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Which girls soccer team will win the overall Suburban Council title?

• Bethlehem



New York State Public High School Athletic Association Executive Director Robert Zayas is looking to implement some of the changes he brought to the New Mexico Activities Association to his new post. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Zayas takes charge

New executive director learns job as he settles in to unfamiliar territory

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Robert Zayas knows about making bold moves.

Growing up in a military family, Zayas bounced between the state he was born in (Maine), Texas and Turkey.

The day after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Zayas volunteered to talk to an Austin TV station about what he was teaching his O'Henry Middle School history students about the events in New York City and

Arlington, Va.

After joining the New Mexico Activities Association in 2002, Zayas remodeled its website, directed the state's high school soccer, swimming and track meets, worked as the media relations person and established a "Life of an Athlete" program modeled after the prototype created in New York.

Now Zayas has uprooted his young family to the Capital District, where he has been hired to run the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Zayas, 36, said being named NYSPHSAA's sixth executive director is a "dream job" for him.

"I'm a big high school sports

fan," said Zayas. "For me, there's nothing purer than high school athletic competition."

Zayas said he wasn't sure he would get the job when he applied for it.

"Coming into a state athletic association and getting an executive director's job is incredibly difficult," said Zayas. "To do that from 2,000 miles away is even more difficult."

What Zayas had going for him was his work with the NMAA's tournaments and website. He increased the net revenues for New Mexico's soccer, swimming and track meets by lowering expenses, and he improved **Zayas** Page 27

Dutch build toward title bid

Guilderland returns several starters from last year

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

No Suburban Council South Division boys soccer team could touch Bethlehem during the 2011 regular season.

Guilderland is looking to change that in 2012.

The Dutchmen return six starters from last year's team including senior forward Vito Mesiti, senior midfielder James Mesiti, junior midfielder Kledis Capollari, defenders Jack McGee and Paul Wehner and goaltender Kedrick Weeden.

"The four keys to us having a good season is will the guys who you think will play well do so, how hard will we work, how well will we gel as a team and who will be the surprises – the one or two players who do more than you think they're capable of," said Guilderland coach Mike Kinnally.

We should be pretty strong," said Wehner. "We still have a few things to work on, but we're doing well."

The Dutchmen were part of a pack along with Colonie and

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eaque title first on Bethlehem's agenda

- Guilderland
- Niskayuna
- Shenendehowa

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Which Class AA football team will win the Section II championship*?

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- CBA 31%
- Shenendehowa 12%
- Ballston Spa 0%
- Columbia 0%

* Results as of Aug. 31



Bethlehem girls soccer coach Tom Rogan, left, talks to his players during last Wednesday's practice. The Lady Eagles began their 2012 season Tuesday against Averill Park. Rob Jonas/Spotlight **Defending Section II Class AA champs** want to unseat Guilderland atop Suburban Council South Division

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

The Bethlehem girls soccer team accomplished a lot in 2011.

The Lady Eagles won their fourth consecutive Section II Class AA title and reached the state semifinals for the first time before losing to Section I champion Arlington.

But there was one thing Bethlehem failed to do - win the Suburban Council South Division title. A pair of regular season losses to Guilderland allowed the Lady Dutch to supplant the Lady Eagles atop the division standings.

"Winning the Suburban Council is first on our list of goals every year, and we did not achieve that last year," said Bethlehem coach Tom Rogan.

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