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New York's students will start taking new standardized tests this year in the name of improving performance. So why are kids expected to fail?

Cracking the Common Core

Later this month, students across the state will sharpen their pencils and sweat out more difficult standardized tests driven by a national goal to increase student achievement and readiness. That the tests will take place is certain. The debate, however, is just heating up.

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Students in third to eighth grade will face English language arts and math tests

COMING UP: What do the Common Core changes mean at the classroom level?

adhering to Common Core Standards, national standards that were developed by looking at what students should achieve to be prepared for college. There will be more complex and advanced questions that will measure students at higher performance standards and likely result in lower test scores.

The state in 2011 mandated the new

standards for this year. Ken Slentz, deputy commissioner of the Department of Education's Office of P-12 Education, sent a memo in March to superintendents about the implementation of the new standards.

"New York State, for the first time, will be reporting student grade-level expectations against a trajectory of college- and career-readiness as measured by tests fully reflective of the Common Core and, as a result, the number

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Grimm perspective

BC's production of 'Into the Woods' re-imagines classic fairy tales

By MARCY VELTE
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The characters may be familiar, but this isn't your typical fairy tale.

This year's Bethlehem High School musical is "Into the Woods,"

a longtime favorite of director James Yeara, and one he is producing for the third time. The story is a re-imagining of several tales from the Grimm Brothers that begins innocently enough but soon interweaves

the lives of several classic characters.

"The tales themselves are really old, but they are becoming popular again because they hit at the core values of our lives," said Yeara.

Created by Stephen Sondheim

and James Lapine, the show originally opened on Broadway in 1987. It has recently had a reemergence with its 2010 London revival and a new film in the works to begin shooting in October and said to star Meryl Streep.

Yeara said fairy tales continue to entertain, and the proof is in recent popular Hollywood revitalizations like "Jack the Giant Killer," "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters" and television shows like ABC's "Once Upon a

Time" and NBC's "Grimm."

"The stories have always been there, and they are now in our DNA," said Yeara. "They've been used as inspiration by Russian composers and French philosophers, and we always reinterpret them to fit our own rules."

To prepare, the cast and crew read a different Grimm tale before each practice and discussed it. Many of the stories

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Cinderella, played by Alisa White, stands with her Prince Charming, Jack LaVigne, while the witch, Elle Luts, looks on. All will perform in Bethlehem High School's 2013 production of "Into the Woods."

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

Town is ready to reassess

Homeowners could be 'pleasantly surprised' with tax bill

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The Town of Bethlehem has begun a property reassessment project that could very well impact every homeowner in town.

The undertaking is set to be completed within the year, in time to issue next year's tax bills. The assessments will then be used for 2015 town and 2014-2015 school tax bills.

Officials said the full reassessment will target all residential, commercial and utility properties within the town to make sure all sites are assessed fairly and at full market value.

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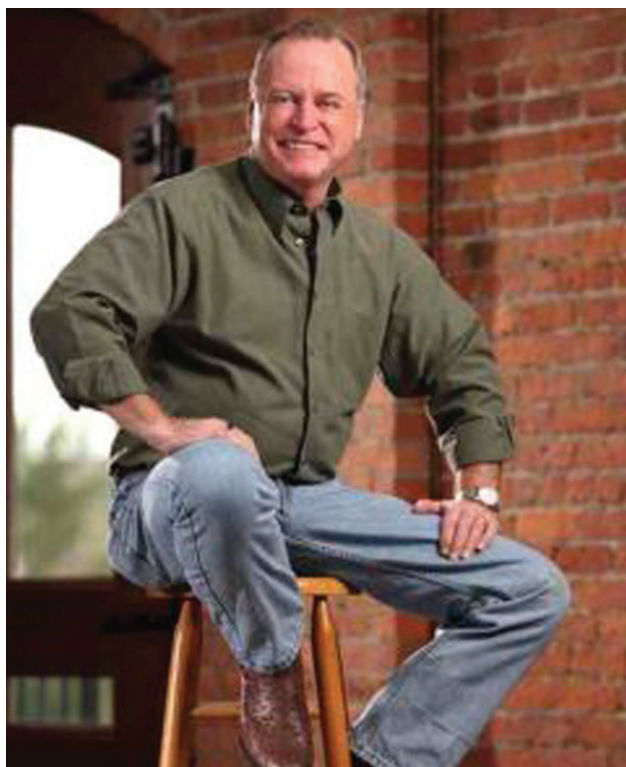
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Play's set is something special



Loudonville resident Steven O'Connor will be directing this year's "Drums Along the Mohawk," which will be performed in July and August at several locations in Colonie and other towns bordering the Mohawk River.

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Loudonville actor takes over production of 'Drums Along the Mohawk'

By ZAN STRUMFELD
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Directors of outdoor theater might choose a location for its lighting, accessibility or aesthetics, but what about for its history?

This summer, Loudonville actor/producer Steven O'Connor will do just that as the director of "Drums Along the Mohawk Outdoor Drama." Emphasizing New York State's relevance to the American Revolution, for the second year in a row DAMOD will showcase a historical fiction play before a live audience directly on the soil where the action took place hundreds of years ago.

Based on Walter D. Edmond's 1936 novel "Drums Along the Mohawk," producer Kyle Jenks developed the story into a two-act drama in order to spotlight the important role that Upstate New York played.

"I think people should come to gain a greater appreciation about who our American heroes were," Jenks said. "Many of our American heroes came from the Mohawk Valley of Upstate New York and aren't widely known names."

Jenks' production premiered last year at the Gelston Castle Estate in Mohawk with a cast of about 50 actors and a small orchestra. The story, which was made into a Technicolor film in 1939 starring John Ford and Henry Fonda, focuses on a newly married couple living at the start of



"Drums Along the Mohawk Outdoor Drama" is based on Walter D. Edmond's 1936 novel. Outdoor performances add to the sense of drama.

Submitted photo

the Revolutionary War. While living on a farm, they experience several attacks from the British and Native Americans.

This year, Jenks said he wants to "play up the vocals" by adding in some songs and turning the show into a musical.

As he continues to try out new endeavors, Jenks asked O'Connor to direct the outdoor drama. O'Connor has about 30 years in the entertainment field, including being a member of the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Actors, and was recently cast to appear in "Chickadee," a feature film with Ellen Burstyn and Chris Cooper that will be shot in the Capital District.

He has spent the last three years producing "The Last of the Mohicans Outdoor Drama" in Lake George.

"I'm excited because it's a new project for me. I think historical fiction, whether its novels or plays, gets people curious about the rest of the story. Most of these plays really are about the tip of the iceberg," O'Connor said. "It shows a small portion of the Revolutionary War, but throughout the play it introduces many historical characters and some events you may have not been aware of. It piques people's curiosity."

Referring to the play as "edutainment," Jenks said the experience of the show is unique. In addition to the large cast, the outdoor drama will also feature livestock, including sheep and chickens, to add to the realism to the scenes.

"The edutainment experience means that the senses are stimulated. The story that we tell did take place in July and August in 1777, so the show also takes place in July and August. Whatever weather is being experienced by the audience is the same whether that happened during those events in 1777," Jenks said.

Of course, those sorts of elements can create challenges for an outdoor drama, but O'Connor said that adds to the excitement.

"That's the exciting part ... when you marry that historical fiction to the actual location," O'Connor said. "It's always more exciting to do it in the area where it actually happened."

This year's performances will take place on Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, at Tawasentha Park on Route 146 in Guilderland, and Saturday, Aug. 3, and Sunday, Aug. 4, at Gelston Castle Estate at 980 Robinson Road in Mohawk. For more information on the shows, visit www.datmod.com.



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Tonko tackles health care changes

Congressman fields questions on Affordable Care Act at V'ville library

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In 2009, Rep. Paul Tonko appeared before a raucous crowd of 1,500 in Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park to discuss the controversial Affordable Care Act, where he spent much of his time being shouted down by the audience.

The congressman held another, less contentious, chat on Wednesday, March 27, at the Voorheesville Public Library to discuss health insurance changes taking effect later this year as part of that law. The crowd of 45 or so shared concerns about the coming changes, while

others were uncertain how the law would affect them.

"It was a hard fought battle and I see it, as many of our programs that we have come to know and respect over the years, as a work in progress," Tonko said. "It is situations like this, dialogues that developed, that can further fine tune as we go forward, but I think it underpins the system in that it produces reforms that are long sought."

Peter Dunning, of Voorheesville, said he didn't like how the bill was passed and referred to Nancy Pelosi's remark, "We have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it," which Tonko said was taken out of context.

Tonko said she was talking about the forthcoming rules and regulations that needed



Rep. Paul Tonko discussed health insurance exchanges coming later this year and answered questions from residents at the Voorheesville Public Library on Wednesday, March 27.

John Purcell/Spotlight

to be fine-tuned before implementing the law.

"Was it clearly stated? I don't know," Tonko said. "In this business, what I learned is that once you say it, it is out there and people will interpret it and pass it along and

perhaps even magnify the statement."

Dunning also questioned how Congress was working to cut the deficit and asked if the Affordable Care Act would add to the nation's debt. He said he couldn't

understand how the deficit is being reduced, as it appears to be growing.

Tonko said he is opposed to the continuing cuts in programs that benefit the masses while tax cuts that benefit the "most wealthy" are left in place. He said the federal government has reduced funds to programs helping the middle class.

Tonko said his mantra is "cut where we can, so that we invest where we must." He added some money must be invested to "stop the bleeding."

Another village resident, Steve Hensel, said he has two sons that "aged out" of his health insurance. One son lives in New York City and has insurance through his employer but struggles to make payments. His other son lives in Los

Angeles and doesn't have insurance through his employer.

"What will the act provide for in the way of availability and affordability of insurance for them?" asked Hensel.

Tonko said demands are placed on business owners with more than 50 employees, and if more than 9.5 percent of an employee's take-home pay goes towards coverage, the employer would be penalized.

For someone who doesn't receive insurance through an employer, Tonko said they would be able to obtain coverage through an insurance exchange. There would also be various subsidies paid out to people meeting certain income level requirements.

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Bethlehem OKs Colonial Acres golf course deal

Three-year agreement will see Colonial Acres under private operation

By MARCY VELTE
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Local golfers may have the chance to play a round at Colonial Acres as soon as this weekend.

On Wednesday, March 27, the Bethlehem Town Board voted to allow PGA golf professional Dale Ezyk to operate Colonial Acres Golf Course. The town will continue to lease the golf course from the Open Space Conservancy.

"The way I look at it, we're reserving a seat at the table for the future and this will ensure the community has a say about something literally in our backyard," said Councilman Kyle Kotary.

Ezyk, a golf pro with 22 years of experience, expressed interest in operating the course and agreed to a three-year operating agreement with the town. Equipment will be purchased from the town over those three years, with the town receiving \$8,000 per year. The town and land conservancy will also split a small portion of all profits on a sliding scale, except those earned through private tutorials.

Clarkson said the town is expected to receive about \$9,000 in the first year of the agreement, with all work being done by Ezyk and his employees. There is an option to continue to the agreement after the first three years.

Ezyk, who was most recently the head golf professional at Brooklyn Country Club in Connecticut, was one of two people who were seriously considering

operating the golf course. He met with town officials and submitted a proposal in mid January. He became aware of the opportunity to lease the golf course through the PGA's website, where there are listings for job opportunities.

He hopes to focus on teaching the game to new players, and promote golf as a source of family entertainment. Some ideas include couples golf evenings, junior golf, night golfing under the lights and family days.

Golf Course Superintendent Patrick Blum has agreed to stay on

at Colonial Acres. Many of the course's sustainability practices are expected to continue.

The town opted to no longer fund operation of the golf course in the 2013 budget. The town had previously projected the nine-hole, par-three course to run at an annual loss of \$40,000. Scheduled capital improvement projects could have seen the town spending up to \$270,000 in the coming years.

For now, Ezyk plans to run the golf course with no improvements to the site. If he wishes to do so in the future, the town

has agreed to renegotiate a longer contract so Ezyk can continue to operate the course while he tries to recoup his investment.

At a public hearing, two residents spoke against the proposal, while a representative

of the Colonial Acres Neighborhood Association said the group was in favor of the deal.

"It's a nice piece of property and an asset to the town," he said.

The golf course will keep the same phone

number and eventually Ezyk said he plans to start a separate website for the course. For now, information on Colonial Acres can still be found on the town's website or by calling the Parks and Recreation department.

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Guilderland home burglar sentenced, caught by DNA

Albany County District Attorney David Soares announced on Thursday, March 28, Kenneth Willete, 36, was sentenced to 8 1/2 years in state prison followed by five years of post release supervision relating to a 2010 home burglary in the Town of Guilderland.



Kenneth Willete

Willete broke into a Heartland Drive home by kicking in a basement window on June 3, 2010, and stole sports memorabilia, jewelry, electronics and money, according to police. As Willete was leaving, the homeowner returned and was confronted by Willete before he drove away.

Police identified Willete using the state DNA Databank from blood left at the scene when he broke through the basement window.

“The use of DNA to link defendants to a crime is a powerful tool in the arsenal of law enforcement, and one that we will continue to proactively use to ensure justice for the citizens of Albany County,” Soares said in a statement. “The defendant in this case may have left the state with no intention of returning, but, when he is finished serving his prison sentence in New Hampshire, we will happily welcome him back to New York to serve 8 1/2 years in a New York State Prison.”

Willete pleaded guilty to burglary in the second degree, a felony, on Jan. 29. He is currently incarcerated in a New Hampshire State Prison for an unrelated crime.

Police seek help finding donation jar suspects

The Guilderland Police Department is asking the

public for help identifying three suspects tied to the theft of a donation jar from a Crossgates Mall store.

Three black males, approximately 15 to 20 years old, allegedly participated in stealing a donation jar filled with proceeds for the Children’s Hospital from Hannoush Jewelers on Friday, March 22, at approximately 5:53 p.m. The jar was placed on a counter and contained around \$300, according to police.

Police said the first suspect nabbed the jar while the second and third suspect appeared to serve as lookouts. Police provided descriptions of the suspects.

The first suspect was wearing a gray hoodie sweatshirt with a large number “3” on the left side of the chest. He was also wearing a dark colored winter hat and appeared to have some facial hair.

The second suspect was

wearing a blue coat with a large black stripe going down each sleeve and appeared to be wearing a gray hoodie sweatshirt underneath his coat. He was also wearing a dark colored winter hat.

The last suspect was wearing a leather NFL San Francisco 49ers coat, with a large 49ers logo on the back. The coat had red sleeves with white striping on it. He was also wearing a San Francisco 49ers brim hat and Timberland-style work boots.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspects is asked to contact the Guilderland Police Department at 356-1501

Hit-and-run driver sentenced

A Bethlehem man who admitted to running down an Albany resident more than a year ago will be

spending time in prison.

Ian Eckardt-Rigberg, 20, was sentenced by Justice Thomas Breslin to 3 1/3 to 10 years in state prison in an Albany County Court on Thursday, March 28. He pleaded guilty this February to having struck city resident Rozell Whitehead.

Eckardt-Rigberg, of 93 Fernbank Ave., was 19 at the time of the incident. State Police had seen the car speeding at 75 mph in a 55 mph zone and were pursuing the car on Interstate 90, trying to pull it over, when it took the Exit 6 off-ramp. State Police decided the car was too far ahead and broke off the chase. The car struck Whitehead shortly thereafter.

The teen later appeared at the Bethlehem Police Station and reported an accident. An investigation led to his arrest by Albany police.

Eckardt-Rigberg was also handed a concurrent sentence of 2 to 6 years for leaving the scene of an accident and not reporting it to police.

Other arrests

• Bethlehem police arrested Samuel Adam Martino, 26, of 23 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, on the charges of felony criminal contempt in the first degree and having improper license plates. Martino was stopped on Thursday, March 14, after police allegedly ran his plates and found them to be incorrect for the car being driven. Martino pulled over and was compliant but was found to be in violation of an order of protection with one of his passengers. He was arraigned and sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$15,000 cash or bail bond.

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Voorheesville tries to stay under cap

Board eyes 3.2 percent tax levy increase, around \$450k in reductions

By JOHN PURCELL
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Despite being able to adopt a budget up to the property tax cap of a 3.9 percent increase, Voorheesville Central School District Board of Education members directed administrators to hold the line at 3.2 percent.

Board President Timothy E. Blow expressed staunch opposition to proposing a property tax levy increase at the district’s tax cap limit at the board’s Monday, March 25, meeting. Superintendent Teresa Thayer Snyder wasn’t shy in expressing her support for a 3.5 percent tax levy increase, but board members settled on the lower figure.

“No matter what, the

tax cap is going to keep increasing because the benefits are out of control,” Blow said, referring to tax cap exemptions.

Board member Diana Straut was concerned that cuts made over the last several years have left little room for reduction that won’t affect programming.

“We are not expanding anything ... we are not able to build programs,” Straut said. “There is not much more room to cut, I’m afraid.”

Blow expressed a different perspective and said not making any reductions wouldn’t allow for newer programming to be introduced.

“My fear is that if we keep going too high and not cutting anything, then we never have the ability to add anything,” Blow said. “I think we need to the find areas that we can cut or reduce that don’t significantly or at all impact programs, so that we have the ability to add things in the future when they become appropriate.”

Snyder said there are not many cuts left that don’t affect programming.

“We are now reaching the point where these are getting to the areas that is of value (to the community),” Snyder said. “We have cut so much over the past three years that we really are reaching the bones.”

Straut, along with fellow board members, pushed to increase the proposed tax hike from 3 percent, which Blow had suggested.

The proposed 3.2 percent property tax levy increase requires the board to cut around \$465,000 for a total budget of \$22.4 million.

Reductions won’t dig quite as deep as initially thought because the state is halting the reamortization of building aid until next school year. The change would have the state providing less funding towards bonded capital projects, because the rate districts pay has reduced. This adds around \$80,000 back into the 2013-

14 budget.

The proposed reductions include eliminating one bus route and cutting field trips by 50 percent for a \$40,750 savings; reducing summer curriculum and mentoring by around \$37,000; achieving health insurance savings totaling \$110,000; reducing equipment purchases by 50 percent for almost \$60,000 in savings; and eliminating freshman basketball, among other reductions totaling around \$440,000.

The remaining cuts could come from staffing and programs and are still under review. Board members seemed to desire any additional savings realized before adoption of the budget to go towards reinstalling cuts and not to lower the tax levy increase.

The Voorheesville Board of Education is holding a 2013-14 budget discussion Monday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m., and it is scheduled to adopt a budget Tuesday, April 23.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

An open letter from NYSUT Sewing is more than practical, it's a worthwhile learning activity

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
New York State United Teachers today launched a statewide public campaign asking parents to join teachers in opposing the state's use of new, hastily implemented standardized tests for high-stakes decisions affecting students and teachers.

For months, the statewide union has been pressing the State Education Department to acknowledge teachers' growing concerns with the state's rocky implementation of new Common Core learning standards and new standardized tests that students must take in April.

While NYSUT supports the "potential" of the new Common Core learning standards and fully embraces the principle of accountability for students and educators, two-thirds of teachers said in a poll that their students lacked textbooks and materials aligned with the state's new standards. Even worse, many teachers say students will be tested next month on material that has not yet been taught, with the state still distributing materials and guidance to teachers as late as last month. Education Commissioner John King Jr. and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, among others, have acknowledged student test scores will plummet — likely up to 30 percent — yet New York is still permitting the scores to be used to unfairly labeling students and measure teacher effectiveness.

"Teachers have repeatedly urged the State Education Department and Regents to use this year's tests to measure the state's progress in implementing the Common Core, not for high-stakes decisions affecting students and teachers," said NYSUT President Richard C. Iannuzzi. "They aren't listening."

Iannuzzi said that, after months of intense efforts to get State Education Department leaders to acknowledge the specific and documented concerns voiced by teachers statewide, the union decided to take the issue public. NYSUT is taking out full-page print and on-line ads in leading upstate newspapers this week calling on parents to unite in a strong push-back against the state's over-reliance on standardized testing. The print and on-line ads link to a parent petition that will also be shared locally and via social media. Both the ads and petition can be found at www.nysut.org.

Thousands of teachers have already written letters to the commissioner and

Board of Regents detailing implementation problems and the tremendous stress placed on students by unrelenting standardized testing. NYSUT is delivering the letters to policymakers on a daily basis as part of a "Tell it Like it Is" campaign.

"Teachers are speaking forcefully and eloquently on the harmful impact of too many tests, given too frequently and without giving teachers and schools adequate time to prepare students," said NYSUT Vice President Maria Neira. "We know parents share teachers' concerns about the state's obsession with standardized testing. This petition gives parents a way to add their voices to the concerns teachers have been voicing since early fall. Students and teachers feel they are being set up for failure."

In the union's open letter to parents, Iannuzzi said, "No experienced teacher would test students on material before it's been taught — and yet that's the scenario the state has created in its rush to roll out new standardized tests." The letter adds, "Too many students have not been taught the material for a whole new set of challenging standardized tests in math and English Language Arts."

Neira said NYSUT has pressed the State Education Department and Regents to allow time for school districts and teachers to thoughtfully implement the Common Core; for a reduction in the number and length of standardized tests; and for the state to evaluate the financial cost and instructional time lost to standardized testing.

Neira said teachers have been clear that the department's roll-out of the

new standards and tests — under a backdrop of painful state and local budget cuts and thousands of layoffs — has been inconsistent, with delays and confusion at both the state and school district level.

In a poll of 1,600 New York teachers outside New York City conducted earlier this school year regarding their experiences with the implementation of the Common Core learning standards and tests, two-thirds said they are being pressured to move too fast to teach the new standards, while 65 percent said their students lacked access to textbooks and materials aligned to the new standards. Mid-way through the school year, more than three quarters of teachers said parents were not aware of the impact of the new Common Core standards on their children, or aware to a "low degree."

"New York is going too far and too fast with its testing regimen, and the system is nearing the point of implosion," Neira said. "How are parents going to react when test scores fall off a cliff and their children are wrongly labeled? What is going to be the impact on public education and educators?" Neira said. "We are fighting to have common sense prevail. Students and teachers need the time and resources to do this right."

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I was intrigued to read the story, "Stitching Together," written by Marcy Velte, published Tuesday, March 26, 2013. Costume designer, Amelia Dombrowski has decided to implement sewing in elementary and pre-school classrooms. This is a great idea, as the children will feel pride in the work they create and sewing strengthens young children's fine motor skills.

Dombrowski's idea will allow children to be creative and imaginative. She also makes a great point in saying sewing can be "meditative." Sewing is not a common activity and since my mom recently

picked up the hobby I am a great supporter of putting it in classrooms because of how challenging yet rewarding the activity is.

Children develop strong gross and fine motor skills through practice and experience. For fine motor skills, it is important for children to get exposed to activities such as puzzles, painting, cutting, blocks, threading and playdough.

Some people may believe incorporating sewing into classrooms with young children could be dangerous. There are several choking hazards and the tools itself could harm young children. While these people might be opposed to

Dombrowski's sewing idea, the children would be under professional supervision to ensure that accidents would not happen.

Sewing, as Dombrowski calls it, is a "learning practical skill," and can help students progress physically and mentally. It is a better alternative than television or video games and is something students can do in class or transfer their skills to the home. Hopefully her idea stretches far and wide in elementary and pre-school classrooms throughout the local area.

Laura Kirker
Albany

SAFE Act an adventure in politics

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The conversation regarding the "SAFE ACT", according to Supervisor Clarkson, is over, at least as far as our Town Board is concerned, and that I believe was a wise decision. One perhaps easily made in light of the large number of residents in attendance who were against our Board members taking a stand supporting the act.

The comment period offered numerous statements about the

content of the act, but what equally concerns me, was the process. This was not legislation, but an adventure in politics, pushed forward taking advantage of the emotion of a terrible tragedy, by a man with higher political aspirations than his current job as governor. After a faux necessity was presented, our elected representatives barely got a chance to look at the wet ink on the paper before the bill was brought to a vote. The process, one which trampled on

our representative form of government, cannot be separated from the content; a resolution by our Town Board in support of it would have been a place they should not go.

Jim Trotta
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From the Editor's Desk

Common Core: An old solution to an old problem

We'll be examining a subject that has very real-world implications for this and future generations in a two-part story that starts this week: the new Common Core Learning Standards.

On page 1, we bring you now a breakdown of exactly what the Common Core is, why it was adopted by the Board of Regents in 2011 and how educators and administrators are reacting on the macro level. To come, look for a comprehensive report on what the effects might be in the classroom itself: test anxiety, scheduling and what it means for students' futures.

The state Education Department notes correctly that New York is one of the last states to adopt the Common Core Standards. No one can reasonably argue New York's students should ever be behind learners in any other state in the union. Also at issue is the performance exhibited by graduating high schoolers. The state Education Department figures just 74 percent of incoming high school freshman will graduate four years later. And of those who do, an increasing number must take remedial coursework upon entering college because their skills are not up to snuff.

This is a serious issue, especially here in the Capital District, where much has been said about the transformative power of the high-tech industry. If families want their children to have a chance to stay in the area and raise families of their own, they're going to need a good education. Otherwise, those

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shiny new jobs will be given to transplants, plain and simple.

So the Common Core Standards, the Education Department would argue, are a way to jump-start education in New York by bringing everyone onto the same page, instituting rigorous standards in the classroom and painting a true picture of the state of education in our schools, one to which teachers and administrators can be held accountable.

It sounds sensible. So sensible, in fact, that we've in theory been doing just that for years.

In addition to testing mandated by No Child Left Behind at the elementary and middle school levels for about a decade now, New York already has a battery of standardized testing in high school: the Regents.

Since 2005, the Board of Regents responded to concerns about student readiness by ratcheting up the Regents requirements. Now, all students must earn at least a 65 on their Regents exams to graduate. A Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation is also available to students who excel.

The result?

"Although we have raised expectations for what students must know and be able to do upon graduation, student performance

has not risen sufficiently to meet those expectations," wrote Ken Slentz, deputy commissioner in the Office of P-12 Education, in a memo to district superintendents and principals.

When it comes to testing, the approach to address student underperformance has been to adjust the standards – and it would also seem this strategy has been largely ineffective. The minds behind education in this country have seemingly been so preoccupied with testing as a way to measure the breadth of the learning problem that they never considered the way to close it might be through a different mechanism.

It can be said with certainty a sizable chunk of a student's primary education is now concerned with preparing to fill in bubbles with a No. 2 pencil. Not many of today's leading universities or high-tech employers will hold regurgitation ability above critical thinking, though.

Spending hours deciphering the structure of a standardized test might be a good formative exercise, but it should be a complement to a good educational environment, not the basis of it.

By its own admission, the Education Department's demands for better performance from students on their Regents exams has not resulted in a better education for graduating seniors. We wonder exactly how the Common Core Standards will succeed where the Regents has failed.

The word on the street

Are the Common Core Standards an effective way to measure students' educational achievement?



Michelle Walsh,
Delmar

"My girls kind of work at the higher end, so it is not even an issue for us."



Taunya Hannibal-Williams,
Voorheesville

"I think it is one indicator, but I am not sure it is the be all, end all. ... I think it is stressful on the students and the teachers."



William Guinan,
Greenville

"I think it is an excuse for (the state) to put more pressure on teachers by punishing the children. If they want to go after teachers do teacher exams."

Asked Friday, March 29, at the Slingerlands Price Chopper.

What do you think?

Go to spotlightnews.com to take the poll.

Guest opinion

Keep highway head in Bethlehem

By WILLIAM WELLER

The author is president of the New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways, Inc.

The Town of Bethlehem is considering a change for the highway superintendent position to go from elected by the people to appointed by the Town Board. The New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways, Inc. (NYSAOTSOH) opposes this change. Currently, the highway superintendent is accountable to the people of the town and should remain that way.

According to the State Comptroller, the single largest expense in New York state's

towns is maintaining their local roads. By having an elected highway superintendent, the voters decide directly the person who will administer the largest share of their tax dollars. Highway superintendents are responsible for maintaining the town's roads in the most cost efficient manner possible while ensuring the safest possible roads for the travelling public.

Every two to four years, the voters have the opportunity to give the highway superintendent a job review. If no longer an elected position, the only way a town resident has the ability to make a change is by voting out the board members who appointed the highway superintendent.

Since board members can have a term of four years and are up for re-election on a rotating basis this means that residents only have a chance to switch the appointed town highway superintendent every six to eight years, and that would be very difficult.

These hard working professionals are responsible for maintaining safe roads for over 70 percent of New York's drivers. They are constantly reviewing new methods for road repair. As a full-time elected official with this sole purpose in mind they are constantly in touch with their constituents' needs. If the position is no longer elected, town residents will lose the ability to make a direct change for themselves.

The assumption often made is that taxpayer dollars will be saved. The position of highway superintendent is a full-time job with many overtime hours worked in response to highway emergencies. By law, in an elected position you are not able to receive overtime. If the position becomes appointed the Town Board will not only determine who would fill

the position they would also potentially have the option of whether or not they provide payment of overtime.

During snow and weather emergencies, an elected highway superintendent works 24/7 and does not charge the taxpayers any overtime. If a resident needs their road plowed at 4 a.m. to get to work, or even worse, if there is a medical emergency, the highway superintendent is there to help. Will the appointed town highway superintendent be available at all hours in a manner that is cost effective?

It does not seem wise to take the power from the people to elect and transfer that power to the Town Board. Under current New York state law, elected town highway superintendents must be residents of the town. They are not only physically more accessible to the motoring public, but also more likely to be trusted and accessible when issues arise.

Please urge everyone to support their right to vote on this important issue. Keep your power to choose!

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There's no better time than right in the middle of Stress Awareness Month to come to the Guilderland Public Library and learn some new ways of relaxing at "Intro to Meditation," on Wednesday, April 10, at 6 p.m.

In our busy and hurried lives, quieting the mind and clearing the brain chatter can be difficult. In this class you will be coached through some simple ways to relax and learn different meditation techniques. The session is facilitated by Andrea Fortuin, Executive Director of Orenda Yoga and Healing Arts, Certified Yoga Therapist and Meditation Coach.

Register by calling 456-2400, ext. 2.

Read to a furry friend

The library welcomes new readers to come to the Storyhour Room starting on Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. and read aloud to two furry, attentive,

adorable and patient listeners as part of "Read to a Furry Friend."

Reading aloud is a great way to develop reading skills. Fluffy and Erin will be in the Storyhour Room every Thursday evening in April beginning on April 11. Call the library at 456-2400, ext. 4, to make a reservation for your 15-minute reading time.

Monthly meeting

The Public Comment session on the library's proposed 2013-2014 budget will be held on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m.

The Library's Board of Trustees will hold its monthly business meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11.

These meetings will be in the Tawasentha Room. As always, the public is encouraged to attend.

The library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the Library's website at www.guilpl.org.

Cement plant health reports available

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has released two health assessment reports about Lafarge Cement Plant site. The reports detail the NYSDOH and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) evaluation of Lafarge contaminant releases and their possible impacts on the surrounding community. Both reports are available for the public to view at the Library.

The Final Phase One report includes responses to comments received during the public comment period that ended in February 2011. The NYSDOH recently completed the Draft Phase Two report and is seeking public comments through May 17.

In addition to the copies available to the library, the public may obtain copies through the NYSDOH website at www.health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/lafarge, by calling NYSDOH at 402-7530 or by emailing a request to documentcomments@

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Get crafty at the library

Kids ages 8 and up can get the cool, industrial look with jewelry from a toolbox on April 6 and April 8. See the hardware store in a whole different light after this month's First Saturday/Monday program at the library where you will create a unisex bracelet of rope and wire. Materials and instructions are provided - bring your creativity! The program meets Saturday, April 6, at 11 a.m. and noon and on Monday, April 8, at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required. call 756-2053 or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org.

Drop-In: Spring into a crafty week at the library with the new sensation, "Art on a Cart." Come to the library anytime during vacation week and check out the artistic activities on the art cart. There will be spring themed crafts for pre-school and school

aged kids. Easy to follow directions and plenty of materials are provided, so plan a creative day for your school break. No registration is required.

Board seats open

Six seats on the Library Board of Trustees are open this year. Nominating petitions are available at the Circulation Desk and on the library's website, www.rcscommunitylibrary.org. They require 65 signatures. Completed, notarized petitions must be back at the library by April 20.

There are three three-year terms, two two-year terms, and one one-year term, all beginning on July 1. The referendum is on May 21.

Acoustic Doorways finale planned

Americana Roots music concludes this season's Acoustic Doorways concert series on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the First Reformed Church in Selkirk. Performers are Adirondack storyteller Chris Shaw on guitar;

John Kirk, a one-person orchestra who plays banjo, mandolin, violin and sings; and Brian Melick, percussionist extraordinaire. Tickets will be on sale at the library and at the door the evening of the concert. Tickets are \$5 each.

Shaw is the proprietor of the annual Mountain Snow and Mistletoe holiday shows at the Egg. He is a delightful storyteller. Kirk and his band Mountain Quickstep recently returned from a tour of eastern Europe, under State Department sponsorship! He performed for us with Trish Miller and Sara Milonovich during the 2011 Acoustic Doorways season.

Computer classes

Free classes are offered weekly with a new topic each week. Both day and evening classes are available. Class size is small, allowing for individualized attention. Registration is required. Call 756-2053 or email from info@rcscommunitylibrary.org to register.

Finding the right college at the right price

On Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m., college admissions expert Dr. Dean Skarlis will present a workshop for the families of high school students planning to enter college.

Kid's Movie Matinee

"Wreck-It Ralph" will be screened on Friday, April 5, at 1 p.m. A video game villain goes on a quest to be a hero. Popcorn, too!

Buck-A-Bag Book Sale

On Sunday, April 7, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Friends of the Library will sell donated books by the bagful, including several nice reference sets.

Bring a bag, fill it up and purchase its contents for just \$1.

Comics Connect: George O'Connor

O'Connor's first graphic novel was "Journey into Mohawk Country," which used as its text the journal of a 17th Century Dutch Trader. His many picture books include the best-selling "Kapow." He illustrated the "Captain Awesome" series. In



"Olympians," he retells classic Greek myths through comics.

On Thursday, April 4, at 1:30 p.m., he will show how he draws his characters and discuss his creative process. This

event is for kids of all ages, but registration is required.

Let's Sing and Dance!

On Saturday, April 13, at 10:15 a.m., the musical storytime returns with new songs, stories and activities (for toddlers through kindergarteners with an adult). No

registration necessary.

Let's Go Fly a Kite with Miss Amy

Join us on Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. for a lively thematic evening of story, song, craft-making and April breeze kite-flying (for preschool-grade two and families).

Children's Programs

Babygarten is on Thursday, April 18. Preschool Storytime is on Tuesday, April 9, 16, 23 and April 30. Toddler Town is on Thursday, April 11 and April 25. All programs start at 10:15 a.m.

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You will not want to miss dinner out on Tuesday, April 9, at 5:30 pm, at the Schenectady County Community College Department of Culinary Arts.

Cost is \$25, payable to Town of Bethlehem. Dinner will include raspberry salad and choice of broiled filet of salmon, herb crusted roast beef or vegetables with tomato salsa and chef's choice of starch, all followed by warm chocolate cake with raspberry sauce.

Senior transportation will leave from Town Hall. Home pick up can be arranged.

Call 439-4955, ext. 1169, to make your reservation. Suggested van donation is \$10.

Stamp and Medicaid assistance

Stamp and Medicaid assistance will be provided on Monday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to noon, by the Legal Aid Society and the Albany County Department of Social Services.

Ask questions and get help with applications. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make an appointment.



Legal Services program

Legal Services Program, staffed by the Legal Aid Society, will be available on Thursday, April 11, between 10:30 a.m. and noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The program provides legal advice and service at no cost for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, for an appointment.

Tax counseling

A.A.R.P. tax counseling service is available on Wednesdays at Town Hall through April 10. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment. Bring last year's tax returns, 2012 W-2 and 1099 forms, and receipts for contributions, interest, medical bills and property and school taxes.

Weekly meetings

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 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Transportation service

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy and clinic appointments, grocery stores and a variety of social and recreational programs.

Food pantry in need

The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and accepts donations of non-perishable food, as well as paper and household products. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org.

Make an appointment for counseling on health insurance, housing issues, health and income related programs and heating costs support.

-Wilma DeLucco

Fashion show and luncheon

Join us at the Fashion Show and Luncheon at The Cider House Restaurant, Orchard Creek Golf Course, Dunnsville Road, Altamont, on Tuesday, May 14, at noon.

Fashions by Fifi's Frocks and Frills. Modeling by our senior ladies. Luncheon entrée choices are pot roast, baked cod florentine or chicken piccata. Tickets are available in the senior office April 9 through May 7. Cost is \$20 per person. Please make checks payable to "Town of Guilderland." Remember to indicate your luncheon choice and if transportation is needed.

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Monday, April 8

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Senior Fitness
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Tuesday, April 9

9 a.m. Strong Bones +
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Stuffed Peppers or Cold Plate
Noon Food Pantry Raffle
12:30 p.m. Bingo, games, billiards

Wednesday, April 10

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Cardio Circuit
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Senior Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, April 11

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, April 12

Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

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Teen Book Club

On Thursday, April 11, at 2:30 p.m., Levithan will be discussed at the C.A. Bouton High School Library.

Kid's Book Discussion

On Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m., Ivy and Bean Break the Fossil Record will be discussed (Grades 2 and 3). On Friday, April 19,

at 7 p.m. Runt will be the topic. (Grades 4 and 5). Both groups will meet at the library.

Poet's Night

Every Other Thursday Night Poets will meet April 11 and April 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Library Board seeks Trustees

Two new Trustees will be elected to the Voorheesville Public Library Board this year. The election will be held Tuesday, May 21, to fill

the vacancies caused by the expiration of the term of Rebecca Pahl and the resignation of Rita Stein. The elected Trustees will serve a five-year and two-year term respectively, beginning July 1. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve the five-year term.

Prospective candidates may pick up their nominating petitions at the library. The petitions must be returned by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 22, with a minimum of 25 signatures.

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of students who score at or above grade level expectations will likely decrease," Slentz said in the memo. "The number of students meeting or exceeding Common Core grade-level expectations should not necessarily be interpreted as a decline in student learning or as a decline in educator performance."

Big goals, low expectations

The memo references the state of Kentucky's decline in student performance in the first year. Voorheesville Central School District Superintendent Teresa Thayer Snyder said the number of students meeting proficiency there dropped 30 percent. Kentucky was the first state to implement the new standards.

"The test passages we have been given are written well past the grade level for students," Snyder said. "I am a big believer that kids can think very deep thoughts and have profound outcomes, but you have to reach them where they are and go further."

Jody Monroe, assistant superintendent for educational programs at the Bethlehem Central School District, agreed the new standards are "more rigorous" when compared to previous assessment tests.

Monroe said students are learning English language arts and math content earlier. For example, she said a piece of literature previously taught in tenth grade is being taught in eighth grade under the Common Core.

Slentz said in his memo the new assessments would provide a "more realistic picture" of how prepared students are upon graduating from high school. He stressed no new districts would be singled out as underperforming based on testing results this year.

Timeline a sticking point for teachers

A more demanding set of criteria for student achievement has been welcomed by most in the education community, but when it comes to the particulars there is far from universal agreement.

The New York State United Teachers recently came out in protest of the Common Core Standards and released a petition on Wednesday, March 27, asking parents and teachers to call on the state to "end the obsession with high-stakes, standardized tests and return to educating the whole child." The petition said the state "must stop

placing high stakes on too many tests, given too frequently, and that narrow the curriculum."

The petition calls upon State Education Commissioner John King, Board of Regents Chancellor Merryl Tisch and her fellow board members to assert that the exams given this year would only be used for evaluating the state's progress in implementing the new standards – not to judge teacher performance.

"The reality is ... the curriculum that teachers need to understand and build lessons around for their class is not in place," NYSUT President Richard Iannuzzi said, "and any good teacher will tell you that you don't test students before you teach what you are testing on."

Also of concern to the teachers union is that the tests will be a component for evaluating teachers under the state's new Annual Professional Performance Review.

Dennis Tompkins, a spokesman for the Department of Education, said the Board of Regents announced in December of 2010 the more rigorous standards would be introduced this year. Tompkins argued teachers had ample time to prepare students.

"It's hard to understand how some can claim that they are being caught unprepared for the change. It's equally difficult to understand why anyone would suggest that the change is happening too quickly for teachers and students, when the exact opposite is true," Tompkins said in an email. "If we want our children to be ready for college and meaningful careers, we need higher standards — and a way to measure whether those standards are being met — and we need them now."

A Department of Education spokeswoman referred The Spotlight to Slentz's memo and King's March newsletter message on all other questions related to the Common Core and declined further comment.

In the newsletter, King said waiting any longer to implement the Common Core would only hurt students.

"Some have even called for delaying the alignment of curriculum, instruction, professional development, classroom feedback and assessment to the higher standards required for college and career success in the 21st century," King said. "But in point of fact, our students are already accountable for the Common Core. They do not have time to wait."

King claimed only around 35 percent of high school graduates are college or career ready. These "real world" measures are why the testing standards must be raised sooner rather than later, he said.

"Every time a college freshman takes a placement exam that first month on campus, he or she is

being tested against the very expectations in the Common Core. Every time a high school graduate faces a daunting task on a challenging job ... he or she is being tested against the Common Core," King said in a statement. "And quite frankly, our students are not doing well enough on those real world tests."

The Common Core State Standards are largely adopted nationwide, with 45 states, the District of Columbia, four territories and the Department of Defense Education Activity at different stages of implementing the new standards.

But NYSUT argues the picture in the classroom is much different. According to a poll conducted by the union earlier this school year that included 1,600 teachers statewide outside of New York City, two-thirds of respondents claimed they were "pressured to move too fast to teach the new standards, while 65 percent said their students lacked access to textbooks and materials aligned to the new standards."

An explosion of standardized testing

Before implementing changes under the No Child Left Behind Act, signed into law by President George Bush in January 2002, New York had far less standardized testing – just tests in fourth and in eighth grade for English and math.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, states had to test students annually in English and math from grades three through eight by the 2005-06 school year. By the 2007-08 school years, students were required to test students once in science at elementary, middle and high school levels. The Common Core tests will replace the No Child Left Behind testing.

Including the state-developed Regents tests now necessary for graduation, students taking all the required tests will by their senior

year in high school have completed at least 74 hours of standardized testing, according to an October NYSUT release.

"Teachers are speaking forcefully and eloquently on the harmful impact of too many tests, given too frequently and without giving teachers and schools adequate time to prepare students," NYSUT Vice President Maria Neira said in a statement. "We know parents share teachers' concerns about the state's obsession with standardized testing."

Demian Singleton, assistant superintendent for Instruction at the Guilderland Central School District, echoed that sentiment.

"I am very concerned the stress it is placing on teachers will cause them to focus on the test instead of creative and innovative instructional programming," Singleton said. "It is very much a concern the sheer volume of testing that is being taken right now."

Monroe, of Bethlehem Central, said she has no qualms with the number of tests given, but rather the length of the tests themselves. She said students struggling before the Common Core Standards could also face an even greater uphill battle.

"I think the potential pitfall of that is that the students who are not able to keep up with that rigor, they could potentially fall behind," Monroe said.

Singleton said Guilderland has tried to do as much as possible to prepare students, but the timeline to implement the standards has been the true challenge.

"We have done about as much as we possibly could to prepare students given the very quick timeline to implement it by the state," Singleton said. "It is a major reform agenda that is taking place right now in education in New York and we are just trying to ride the wave."

In a coming edition, read about what the Common Core changes mean at the classroom level.

Tax

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"This is not meant to bring in more money for the town, but to make sure everyone is paying taxes at the same level," said Town Assessor Patricia McVee. "This should actually lower the tax rate for most residents."

McVee said the last reassessment was done in 2006. She said her analysis has shown some commercial properties in town are assessed far below market value, and added it is illegal to reassess individual properties.

This project wouldn't necessarily bring the town more revenue, but will likely shift some of what residents are paying onto commercial property owners.

McVee said from the research she's done, most homeowners should expect the value of their home to remain the same. Although the values of residential properties nationwide have fallen, prices in Bethlehem have stayed competitive. Homes purchased above \$800,000 could see a slight difference. There are also exceptions to the rule, like if homeowners have done major improvements since their last assessment.

"The end result is going to be residential owners will be pleasantly surprised," she said.

The major concern is with commercial properties, some of which are only valued at 50 percent of their market value. McVee gave the example of an apartment complex in town, which sold for \$25 million but is only assessed for \$13.

"It should be assessed for \$25 million," she said. "We have a lot of new apartments going up in town, and last year was the first year they were on the assessment rolls. I calculated their full market value and when they received their change of assessment notices, they all came knocking at my door. They never went to grievance because we settled with them with the understanding we were doing this reassessment project."

McVee said most commercial property owners already know if their site is assessed for less than it is worth, and understand it was only a matter of time before it would be reassessed.

The town is contracting with GAR Associates to handle the commercial portion of the project, with the residential and utility portion handled in house to save the town nearly \$300,000. The Assessor's Office will take on an additional part-time employee who will most likely come from another town department.

The \$300,000 cost of the project was planned for in the budget. Supervisor John Clarkson said the funds were allocated from the \$1 million the town saved last year through employee attrition. The rest went into the town's reserve pension fund. The town also expects to receive some state aid for the project.

"We felt this was a good time to reassess and the town will be much better served by an accurately valued tax base," Clarkson said.

McVee said the project will be completed in phases. Residential property description reports have already been sent to all residents. The reports help the town take inventory on the homes of residents. They ask how many bedrooms and bathrooms are in the homes and if any improvements have been made. Most will be able to simply fill out the report and mail it back.

McVee said about 1,300 forms have already been returned with corrections on them. Once all the data is entered into the town's system, residents with significant changes may need to set up a time for a physical inspection to take place. Those should take place over the summer.

"Homeowners think they are going to be paying more, but really not," McVee said. "We want to make sure everyone is paying their fair share of taxes. It's conceivable people could be looking at a decrease."



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Town's water raises red flag

EPA cites Bethlehem for levels of chemical byproducts in water system

By MARCY VELTE
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The Town of Bethlehem has been cited by the Environmental Protection Agency when its drinking water was found to not in be compliance with new guidelines at several testing locations.

Department of Public Works Director Erik Deyoe said recently, levels of chemical compounds called trihalomethanes, were found to be higher than regulatory standards at several testing sites. Trihalomethanes (THM) are formed when chlorine added to disinfect drinking water reacts with organic compounds.

"Right now, we want to do our best to take some of those organics

out of our water system," Deyoe said. "We plan to do a system-wide flushing to help improve the water quality."

The town was not in compliance this year at some testing locations because of changes made to EPA guidelines in 2012. Previously, tests were made system-wide to check the levels of the chemical compounds and the average score of the entire system was taken measured. Now,

the levels of chemical compounds at each testing site must be submitted.

Samples drawn from the furthest limits of the system, where the water sits longer and has more opportunity to form the byproducts, had the highest levels. Deyoe said usually these sites also have the fewest number of people drawing from them, which is another reason water from those sites

sits for longer periods of time.

Each Bethlehem resident should have received a notice in their water bill with answers to many general questions about the matter. Although trihalomethanes have been known to cause some health effects over long periods of time, the levels in the town's drinking water are not considered to have reached a high enough level to be of concern, officials said.

"The average person would need to drink water containing trihalomethanes at twice the regulatory limit for several decades to present any risk of adverse health effects," read the letter from the town.

The water is still safe to drink and measures are being taken to fix the problem. Deyoe said using an extra carbon filter on the tap at home or through a water pitcher may be helpful as an extra precaution. The levels should return to normal within the next three months.

The town has known of the EPA changes to drinking water testing standards for some time. A public hearing was held in September of 2010

to discuss the changes and notify the public of needed changes to the town's water treatments facility. The town unified its water distribution system in part because of the approaching regulation change.

In 2012, the town began the planning and design of improvements to be made at the New Salem Water Treatment Plant. Construction is expected to be complete by June 2013. Operational changes at the Clapper Road Water Treatment plant are also scheduled for this summer, with planning and design for "long-term improvements." The project is expected to cost about \$1.7 million.

System-wide flushing of the water distribution system will begin as soon as the weather allows. Deyoe said the changes have been made to the Clapper Road plant to add air into the process, as well.

"We're really just working to freshen up the water and keep it moving within the lines," he said.

More information can be found of the town or EPA website. Those with specific questions concerning safety can call Dr. Tom Brady of the Albany County Health Department at 447-4620.



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Fifth-grade musical

The Fifth Grade Choir at Slingerlands Elementary School will perform Go West, by John Jacobson and Roger Emerson on Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Slingerlands Elementary School Auditorium at 25 Union Avenue, Delmar.

Join the fifth grade cast and crew, under the direction of Sarah Platek, Musical Director, as they discover what the real riches of the West are. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door or through a fifth-grade choir member. For more information, call Slingerlands Elementary School at 439-7681.

Fellowship luncheon

April's food and fellowship luncheon will be held Wednesday, April 10, from noon to 2 p.m. at the New Baltimore Reformed Church located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet.

The menu will feature vegetable lasagna, tossed salad, homemade rolls and butter with cannoli for dessert. Entertainment

will be provided by well-known percussionist Brian Melick.

The luncheon is open to all members of the community. To facilitate with planning, reservations are encouraged. Call the church office at 756-8764 and leave your name, contact number and the number of reservations you are making. Additionally, if you require transportation, please leave that information as well. Dining space is limited to 60 seats.

Free will offerings are graciously accepted to offset food costs.

Second Milers meet April 10

The Second Milers will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, April 10, starting at noon at the Normanside Country Club. Lunch will be followed by a presentation of Nancy Johnson's slides taken on her recent trips in the Swiss Alps around Lake Geneva. Ms. Johnson, after a career in social work, labor relations and human resources, has travelled extensively in Europe, China, and the Caribbean.

The Second Milers, a club for retired men,

meets on the second Wednesday of each month for a program of fellowship, lunch, and a local speaker or musical group. The May 8, meeting will feature the Friendship Singers and women guests will also be invited. Town supervisor John Clarkson will speak on June 12. New members and visitors are always welcome but should make luncheon reservations by calling Glenn Cropsey at 862-0856.

Haircuts for cystic fibrosis

Destiny's Hair and Nail Salon as well as several local hair stylist and Team CJ have joined together for the 3rd Annual Cystic Fibrosis Cuts For A Cause on Sunday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Destiny's Hair and Nail Salon, 372 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

For information or to make an appointment, call 462-0226 or 225-5497. Walk-Ins are also welcome but we suggest you make an appointment to avoid a wait. Men and children's haircuts are \$10. Women's haircuts are \$20.

Nature programs

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The Village of Altamont and District Attorney David Soares announce the formation of SK8: Create Your Skate. The new youth outreach program gives students the opportunity to design, build and use their skateboard to perform community service in neighborhoods.

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The kits are pre-cut and pre-drilled, all hardware included. Program is one of our Junior Birders Club

activities, but is open to all. Bring a hammer and join the fun! Materials fee is \$8. Each child registered must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required by calling 872-0800.

On Saturday, April 13, at 10 a.m., enjoy beautiful views from the cliff and

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SUNY Oswego repeats on list of 'Best Value Colleges'

The Princeton Review and USA Today have named SUNY Oswego to their 2013 list of 150 "best value" colleges and universities in the nation.

The list of 75 public and 75 private institutions appears in the book "The Best Value Colleges: 2013 Edition," released Feb. 5 by Random House and Princeton Review, as well as on USA Today's website at bestvaluecolleges.usatoday.com.

"Providing a high-quality education, as well as preparing undergraduates for the job market and a life of continued learning, are paramount at Oswego," Princeton Review states in the book's profile of SUNY Oswego.

It cites the college's unique Oswego Guarantee, which promises undergraduates that their on-campus room and board costs will not increase during their four years of study. The profile praises the college situated on the shore of Lake Ontario for its "picturesque natural setting" along with its "strong honors program," "excellent study-abroad options," and "wonderful connection to alumni" who help students find their way into careers.

"We are delighted once again to be recognized by the Princeton Review," said Dan Griffin, interim director of admissions at Oswego. "It speaks to our commitment to education, to student development, and the wide variety of in-demand programs we offer. Particularly during these difficult economic times, to be

recognized as a 'Best Value' means a lot to our students and their families."

The editors of the Princeton Review quote Oswego students they surveyed who described the college as "a great education for the money," "friendly" and "helpful," a place where everyone finds acceptance in the variety of student clubs and opportunities for involvement.

According to the Princeton Review, it selected "Best Value Colleges" based on institutional data and student opinion surveys collected from 650 colleges and universities that it regards as the nation's academically best undergraduate institutions. Criteria included the quality of academics, cost of attendance, financial aid, percentage of graduating seniors who borrowed from any loan program and the average dollar amount of debt those students had at graduation.

Oswego is one of 18 New York colleges on the list including seven SUNY institutions: four of the public university system's doctoral-granting campuses and two other master's-level colleges like Oswego — Geneseo and Purchase.

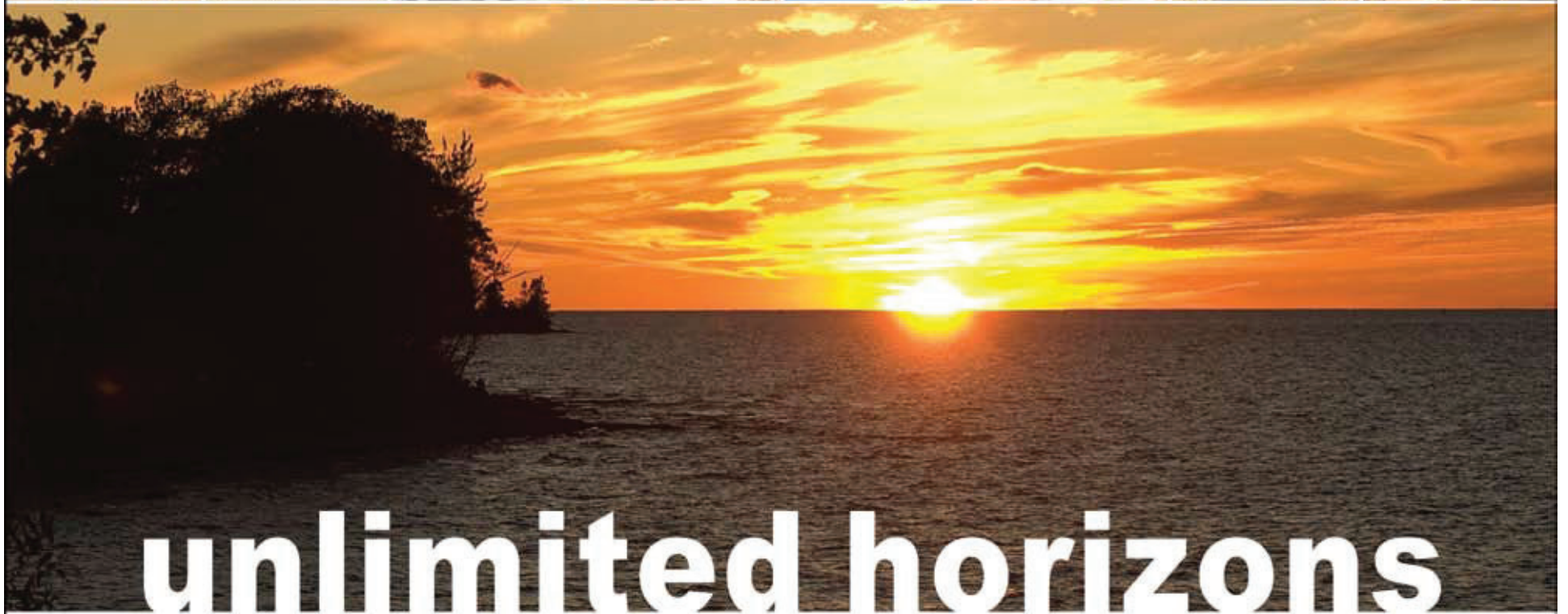
A 152-year-old college on the shore of Lake Ontario, Oswego offers more than 100 programs of study in its four academic units: the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Communication, Media and the Arts, and School of Education.



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Shirley Peng, right, a senior chemistry major and journalism minor at SUNY Oswego, talks with Dr. Fehmi Damkaci, assistant professor of chemistry. SUNY Oswego next fall will open a \$118 million science complex, the Richard S. Shineman Center for Science, Engineering and Innovation, providing students in the sciences and related programs a state-of-the-art learning facility. It is part of the lakeside college's \$800 million campus renewal program, which — in addition to the primary goal of improving the learning environment for students — aims to meet rigorous standards of environmentally responsible construction.

The Princeton Review is a Massachusetts-based education services company known for its college rankings. SUNY Oswego has appeared in every edition of the company's "The Best Northeastern Colleges," and Oswego's School of Business appears each year in its "Best Business Schools."



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Entertainment in the Spotlight

By DANIA BIANCHI
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Though they were born into circumstances that held little reason for hope, 20 African children are using their voices to bring smiles to faces all over the world.

The African Children's Choir will be making a pit stop in Albany, and its Ugandan members will be looking to inspire. Despite the conditions they come from, like any children, they bring an air of life and hope.

Living in a house the size of a typical American child's bedroom and eating just one meal a day, for the choir members the chance of getting an education is slim to none and the likelihood of escaping the life of poverty and disease is about the same – that is, unless they can carry a tune or beat a drum.

Thanks to a man named Ray Barnett who almost 30 years ago while in Africa, happened to hear a young African boy sing, today these children have a chance to make a difference. Inspired by the singing of the boy, Barnett formed the first African Children's Choir in 1984 to showcase the children's talents and fund a program to educate the children of Africa.

Since then, close to 1,000 children have participated in the choir program, and the funds they have generated have provided education for more than 52,000 children like them.

"Our goal is to take a child out of a cycle of poverty, educate them, enable them to become change makers for their country, get a job and give back to their community," said Amanda Healy, spokeswoman for the organization.

Healy said the children are selected for the choir through auditions.

"We look at three key things. Can they carry a tune or drum – which is never really a problem," she said. "The second is education – will they be able to keep up on the road – because education is our focus. The third and biggest one we look at is poverty – what is their background?" she said.

While on the road, the children experience a life unknown to them.



From the HEART of AFRICA

Children's choir gives much more than experience for its 20 members

Dorothy Nabwami, the children's chaperone, said the children have been touring since January and enjoy it all – from performing to experiencing the American life.

Nabwami, a member of the choir as a child, said the experience changed her outlook on life.

"I really got a different perspective of life when I traveled as a child," Nabwami said. "People showed love. These kids come from a different background, but they have the hopes and dreams in their hearts to become what they want to become."

Over the years, the choir has performed all over the world, most

recently performing for the Queen of England at the Diamond Jubilee. When the children are finished with the tour, which typically lasts one year to 15 months, they attend African Children's Primary School, where they are educated all the way through college.

Sue Solomon, from Pine Grove United Methodist Church in Albany, received a call about two weeks ago.

"They called and asked if they could stay at our church – lucky for us," said Solomon.

Healy said churches are often contacted en route to a scheduled concert for housing. In exchange for room and board, the group may offer to perform, which is

what they will do at the Albany church.

The performance will take place Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Pine Grove United Methodist Church at 1580 Central Ave, in Albany, and will feature well-known children's songs, hand clapping, traditional spirituals and contemporary tunes.

The concert is free for the public, but a free-will offering will be accepted. There will also be CDs and other merchandise for sale following the performance, all of which will benefit the African Children's Choir.


"I feel very blessed that we stumbled into this because I think it is going to be really exciting," Solomon said.




Pet of the Week

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Lizzy
Lizzy is a 5 year old Pit mix. She gets along well with kids and dogs. Lizzy is a nice girl, but she cannot be in a home with cats. Lizzy is a super dog who has been waiting a long time for her loving family. Please call her foster family at 518.605.0856 for more information.



Lola
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Sylvia
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Arts and Entertainment

Theater

NUTS

By Tom Topor, a courtroom drama set in New York's Bellevue Hospital. A free staged reading directed by Jennifer S. Depew. Sunday, April 7, 2:30 p.m. Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 S. Church St., Schenectady. Free. No advance reservations. 382-2081.

PETER PAN

Two-time Emmy Award winning and two-time Tony Award nominated production: Cathy Rigby is Peter Pan. April 9-14, see show times at proctors.org. Proctor's, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets \$20-\$70.

FREQUENCY NORTH

The 2012-13 "Frequency North" visiting writers reading series wraps up with poets Meg Kearney and M. Bartley Seigel. April 11, 7:30 p.m., Standish Rooms, Saint Rose Events and Athletics Center (second floor), 420 Western Ave., Albany. Free. strose.edu.

A SOLDIER'S PLAY

Classic Theater Guild Inc. presents "A Soldier's Play," by Charles H. Fuller. Directed by Karen Christina Jones April 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. April

7 and 14 at 2 p.m. Proctors Fenimore Gallery, 432 State Street, Schenectady. \$17.50 Adults, \$14.50 Seniors and Students. Information, 441-7863.

IN THE NEXT ROOM

The University at Albany Department of Theatre presents Sarah Ruhl's stylish new comedy "In The Next Room," or the Vibrator Play. April 17 to 27, 8 p.m.; April 20, 2 and 8 p.m.; April 21, 2 p.m.; April 25, 8 p.m.; April 26, 2 and 8 p.m.; April 27, 2 p.m. Studio Theatre at the UAlbany Performing Arts Center. \$12 general public, \$8 UAlbany students and faculty. Information 442-3997 or albanysymphony.com.

Music

ARTURO SANDOVAL

Arturo Sandoval has traveled the world touting his own blend of infectious jazz that has earned him Grammy and Billboard awards and an Emmy. April 5, 8 p.m., Proctor's Main Stage, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20-\$40. proctors.org.

STONE THOREAUS

An Upstate NY group playing "Gentle folk originals." Plus, Zan Strumfeld. April 5, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

GARNET ROGERS

With opener Karyn Oliver. April 5, 8 p.m. Members \$18, general admission \$20, children under 13 \$10. Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Information, 583-0022.

EMERALD DAWN

Celtic / Acoustic / Rock Duo. April 5, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ALBANY SYMPHONY SNEAK PEAK

The Albany Symphony will play a second performance at the Spring for Music Festival at Carnegie Hall on May 7, and will preview the program (Kevin Cole Plays Gershwin) April 27, 7:30 p.m., at the Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave, Albany. Starting at \$19. albanysymphony.com.

RAVEN AND THE WRITERS DESK

Funkadelic. April 6, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

FRANK JAKLITSCH AND FRIENDS

Frank Jaklitsch and Friends, to benefit St. Vincent's Preschool. Longtime Jaklitsch accompanist Bobby Long will open the show in his concert debut. April 6, 7 p.m. Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Avenue, Albany. \$13-\$15. Information, 438.5503.

DON WHITE

on White finds comic gold in the foibles of marriage and parenting. April 6, 8 p.m. Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Members \$14, general admission \$16, children under 13 \$8. Information, 583-0022.

WILLIAMS CHAMBER PLAYERS

Performers will include pianist Doris Stevenson and violinist Joanna Kurkovic and he premiere of Williams faculty member David Kechley's "Darkening Images" for solo violin. The University at Albany Performing Arts Center. April 10, 7:30 p.m. \$15 general, \$12 seniors and UAlbany faculty/staff, \$10 students. Information, 442-3997.

BROTHER SUN

Old Songs, Inc. presents Brother Sun — Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway and Pat Wictor. April 19, 8 p.m. \$20. 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville. Information and tickets: 765-2815, oldsongs.org.

ALL SHE WROTE

Authentic and Original Folk. April 6, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

AL DIMEOLA & GONZALO RUBALCABA

Jazz. April 7, 7:30 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$34.50. Information, 473-1845.

GRAHAM PARKER & THE RUMOUR

Music from the '70s as well as their new record "Three Chords Good." April 10,

7:30 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$29.50. Information, 473-1845.

CHRIS THOMAS KING

Multi-talented Grammy Award winning blues musician, composer and actor. April 5, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$18. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

Comedy

AZIZ ANSARI

Co-star of Emmy nominated NBC series, "Parks and Recreation." May 14, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$27 & \$32. palacealbany.com.

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

A weekly show of improvised comedy, April 5, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204. Also, weekly improv skit show, April 6, 8 p.m., Comedy Works, 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$33.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

DAVID SEDARIS

NPR humorist and bestselling author. April 11, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$48.50 and \$38.50. Information, 473-1845.

COMEDY WORKS

Angel Salazar w/ Joe Bronzi, April 5 and 6, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

Dance

PILOBOLUS - "CLASSICS"

Pilobolus, the modern movement company founded in 1971, April 21, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, members \$26, general public \$28. Information, 473-1845.

OLD SONGS COMMUNITY DANCE

Dinner and participatory dance featuring music by Fennig's All-Stars. Caller, Paul Rosenberg. April 6, 6:30 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$7. Information, 765-2815.

USA DANCE

Ballroom. April 21. 6:15 to 7 p.m.: Night Club 2 Step Lesson with Brian Sipe. 7 to 10 p.m.: Dancing with DJ Bob Englert. Demonstration by Brian Sipe & Diane Earls. Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany. \$13 Non members, \$10 Members, \$5 Students, 18 and under free. capitalusadance.com.

SINGLE SQUARES OF ALBANY

Modern western square dancing. April 3, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Colonie Elks Club, Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. Caller & Cuer: Gene King. \$6. Information, 694-4448.

FIRST FRIDAY CAPITAL SWING DANCE

April 5, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen Street, Albany. Music by Eight to the Bar. \$15 general, \$12 DFO members, \$10 students/seniors. danceflurry.org/swing.

NACRE

Saratoga Springs' Modern Dance Company. April 12, 7:30 p.m., and April 13, 4 p.m. The Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River St., Troy. \$20 general, \$15 students and seniors. nacedance.org.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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

MISCI

"Seeing," through June 2; plus "FETCH! Lab" and "Fueling the Future," ongoing; Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM & GALLERY

"Someday is Now: The Art of Corita Kent," through July 28; "Opener 24: Carrie Moyer," through May 19; Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

Call for Artists

AJKUN BALLET THEATRE

Seeking dancers from pre-Kindergarten to young teens for its summer residency production of "La Bayadere" at The Egg in Albany, rehearsals begin July 29, 2013 for the Aug. 10 performance date, dancers will have the option to join the full company for its performances the following week in New York City. Information, www.ajkunbt.org or email Ajkun@aol.com.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

ARTISTS WANTED

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

ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Group meets four times a year and holds an annual show, promotes and encourages the medium of pastel through exhibitions, education and camaraderie in the medium. Information, 793-9350.

THE CHORALIERS

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

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Weekly Crossword

Lots O' the Irish

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- 16 Confounded
- 17 Stranded
- 18 Each
- 19 Main force, as of a storm
- 20 Bridge expert Culbertson
- 22 Progress
- 23 Transmitted
- 24 Big celebration
- 26 Like most spring weather
- 27 Maureen, of Tarzan films
- 30 IRS employee
- 33 Atlanta-based cable sta.
- 34 Put on another coat
- 38 College grounds
- 40 Got to the bottom of
- 41 Gobbled, as junk food, with down
- 43 Actor Erwin
- 44 Absolutely!
- 45 *The Informer* author

- Liam
 - 48 CD- ____: PC accessories
 - 50 Like Tarzan's haunts
 - 51 Formerly, formerly
 - 55 Radar O'Reilly's favorite drink
 - 56 Ask for food, Fido style
 - 57 Terre ____
 - 58 Belittler
 - 60 Homeland for this puzzle
 - 63 Songstress Brewer
 - 64 Talk show host Rosie
 - 65 *Juno and the Paycock* playwright Sean
 - 66 Immediately
 - 67 JFK arrivals
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- 1 Rooster features
 - 2 Busiest US airport
 - 3 Summer TV fare
 - 4 Immediately
 - 5 Transgression
 - 6 That woman
 - 7 *Wild One* singer Bobby
 - 8 Jazz singer Anita
 - 9 Word with dance or water
 - 10 Fresh
 - 11 1973 Best Supporting

- Actress
- 12 1636 French drama about a Spanish hero
- 13 First place
- 15 Huge number
- 21 Pirate's retreat
- 24 Gorilla with a gat
- 25 PC key
- 26 Plan, as a strategy
- 28 Makes a cannoli, e.g.
- 29 Sacred church area
- 30 ER units
- 31 ____-Man
- 32 Docs' org.
- 35 Climbing plant
- 36 Wedding page word
- 37 NFL scores
- 39 Swears one will
- 42 Jay's competitor
- 43 DC employer
- 46 Optimistic about
- 47 Longs
- 48 Renaissance fiddle
- 49 *Pal Joey* novelist
- 52 Ancient characters
- 53 Elevator, of a kind
- 54 Small ducks
- 55 Peace gp. since 1949
- 56 Donkey dialogue
- 57 Farm female
- 59 Journal ending
- 61 Prenuptial agreement?
- 62 Gift adornment

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of BRUNETTI MEDIA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/13. 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. 86115 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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 Notice of Formation of 327 DEER PARK ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/13. 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. 86116 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation Patricia Hunter PSY.D. PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/12/2013. 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. 86122 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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 Notice of Formation of NYC SEM LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/13. 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. 86123 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation Barking at Trees LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 150 Bay Street, Apt 713, Jersey City, NJ 07302. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86124 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF GENERAL MATERIALS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED LLC. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/12/2013. The LLC was formed in Hanoi, Vietnam on 10/31/2003. 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. 86125 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JABAR W. HANDY-MAN, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/13/2013. 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 the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 86126 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of GMH Mortgage Services LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/3/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86188 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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 Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT 42ND STREET VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/19/13. 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. 86189 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 HR JASMINE BROADWAY, LLC The name of the Limited Liability Company is HR JASMINE BROADWAY, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on January 28, 2013 with the Secretary of State. The Office of the LLC is in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company is to be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 1670

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Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12203 The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York. 86190 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 PROVIDENCE AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC The name of the Limited Liability Company is PROVIDENCE AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on February 1, 2013 with the Secretary of State. The Office of the LLC is in Schenectady County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company is to be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 1675 Providence Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12309 The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York. 86191 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF 28 THATCHER LLC On February 13th, 2013, 28 Thatcher LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is c/o 942 Broadway, City and County of Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The Post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC is c/o 942 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. The LLC is organized for the purpose of a live music venue. 86199 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: Berry Pi Services LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/05/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 816, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 86200 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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 Notice of Formation of CORNER BEDFORD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/13. 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. 86201 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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 Notice of Formation of 2941 AVE S LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/13. 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

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Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86202 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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 Notice of Formation of GIG PARTNERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/13. 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. 86203 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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 Notice of Formation of ROOKMIN DEVELOPERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/21/13. 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. 86204 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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 Notice of Formation of SPENCER REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/21/13. 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. 86205 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation Agent Jade LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/2013 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. 86208 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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 Notice of Organization of grant group, LLC On February 15, 2013, grant group, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NYS Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 20 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, Albany County, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC is 20 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York. The LLC is organized for the purpose of any lawful business. 86209 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of NATIONAL EVENT COMPANY III, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/10/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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271 Gin Lane, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/7/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 86210 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 DZ Realty Second Avenue, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/31/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 86029 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 MKB Family, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/14/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 86030 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Live Books, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 86211 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of Atlantic Plant Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/25/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/30/99. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: CSI, 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86212 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of Gold Coast Outfitters, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/21/2013. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 62 Shore Road, Bayville, NY 11709. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86220 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of 73 Crescent Drive, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secty of State of NY (SSNY) on 03.01.13. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 426 Pinkster Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: any lawful act. 86221 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of NATIONAL EVENT COMPANY III, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/10/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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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. 86225 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of FRANKLIN AVENUE FILMS 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86226 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE DIEVENDORF LAW FIRM PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/21/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC, 271 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of law. 86227 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation Rabid Panda Productions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/1/2013. 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. 86229 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation 40 Broad Street Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/27/2013. 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. 86230 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of SHEFFIELD MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/1/13. 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. 86232 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of Mad-dog Hospitality Group LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) 1/23/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 55 Edgecomb St., Albany, NY 12209. Purpose: any lawful activities. 86234 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation RJP Medical Supply LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/4/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86235 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of POSTPC WORKS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/5/13. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86247 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of 219 26TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/6/13. 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. 86249 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation A6 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/8/2013. 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. 86250 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation Barking at Trees LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/19/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 150 Bay Street, Apt 713, Jersey City, NJ 07302. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86251 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of DEANTONIO IMPORTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/7/13. 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. 86252 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of SPUTNIKFILMS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/8/13. 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. 86255 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation 35-38 Junction Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/7/2013 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. 86256 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of UB 1031 Parking, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 86258 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GREY CRESCENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/11/13. 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. 86318 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WO-JOBE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/07/13. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/3013. 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, 1131 Sacandaga Road, Glenville, New York 12302. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 86319 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DIVYA COLLECTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/28/13. 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. 86320 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 507 BUILDING SVCS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/26/13. 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. 86321 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Wemett & Hall, LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 11, 2013. The LLC maintains its office in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC at: The LLC, 26 Appletree Lane, Newtonville, New York 12110-5303. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 86324 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of MSWB LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/15/13. 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. 86325 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2204 AVENUE X LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/15/13. 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. 86326 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SASSYPANTS AERIAL ARTS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/11/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 83-44 Lefferts Blvd. #3F, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86327 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SARA BENNETT YOGA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/21/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 410 Ninth St., Bklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86328 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: ALCO HOSPITALITY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 4, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext, Albany, NY 12203. 86329 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF GREEN POWER DEVELOPERS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Appl. for Auth. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/12/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 12/20/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 366 Ramtown Greenville Rd., Howell, NJ 07731. NJ address of LLC: Same. Art. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, PO Box 628, Trenton, NJ 08646. 86330 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DUNCAN ARCHITECT PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 271 Union St. #4, Bklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86331 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ECONOMETRIC RESOURCE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/21/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1520 York Ave., NY, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86332 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CLEISIJANEE LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/22/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 7006 Woodside Ave. #2C, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86333 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Lawrence R. Aronowitz, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/15/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 420 Sand Creek Road, Bldg 1, Apt 317, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86334 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Business Payment Solutions, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/15/2013. 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. 86335 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1207 Boynton LLC. Arts. of Org. Filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 3/12/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3397 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86336 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SALVATORE DENTAL, PLLC Under Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is SALVATORE DENTAL, PLLC SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State for the State of New York on March 4, 2013. THIRD: The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located within the County of Saratoga and State of New York. FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the Company's agent on whom process against the Company may be served. FIFTH: The Post Office Address within the State of New York to which the Secretary of State will mail a copy of any process against the Company is 100 Saratoga Village Boulevard, Suite 31B, Malta, New York, 12020. SIXTH: The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York. /s/ Richard J. Salvatore, Jr. RICH-

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ARD J. SALVATORE, JR. - Organizer /s/ Vera Popova VERA POPOVA SALVATORE - Organizer 86337 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 246 W 17th #4B, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86338 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 144 STATE STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 15, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 86339 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE HUNGRY TRAVELER LLC Under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a limited liability company pursuant to Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law, does hereby make, sign and acknowledge these Articles, stating as follows: FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is The Hungry Traveler LLC. SECOND: The office of the Limited Liability Company in the State of New York is located in the County of Albany. THIRD: The purposes for which the Company is formed are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which Limited Liability Companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law and the general laws of the State of New York as now or hereafter in force. FOURTH: The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by the members. FIFTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served and the address within the state which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process in any action or proceeding against the Limited Liability Company for which service shall have been received is: P.O. Box 443 Delmar, NY 12054. SIXTH: None of the members of the Limited Liability Company (the "Members"), in their capacity as Members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Limited Liability Company. SEVENTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization is the date of filing with the Secretary of State. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 7th day of March, 2013 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. /s/ Christopher Fournier, Organizer 86369 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 19-79 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/20/2013. 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. 86375 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 512 Altamont Voorheesville Rd., Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: any lawful activities. 86372 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Studio Pr0 Entertainment LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/27/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Kristy Hariprashad, 527 Ontario St., Schenectady, NY 12306. Purpose: any lawful activities. 86373 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 680 Elton LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/21/2013. 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. 86374 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 19-79 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/20/2013. 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. 86375 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 19-77 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/20/2013. 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. 86376 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 19-63 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/20/2013. 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. 86377 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 19-27 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/20/2013. 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. 86378 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of D Form A, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/19/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 530 W. 25th St., Ste. 505, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86379 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of ADG Dental Services, PLLC, Arts

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of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 02/06/13. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1219 Carlyle Drive, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86381 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ALL PERFECTION CONTRACTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/21/13. 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. 86384 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BRITTANY MICHELE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/13. 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. 86385 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BAJA HOOSICK REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 22, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingsherlands, NY 12159. 86386 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LNA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 230908, NY, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86387 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of K.S.R. ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/15/13. 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. 86389 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Independent Care Professionals Management LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/25/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 100 Wall St., 23rd Fl., NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86390 (D) (April 3, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company, Name: Emerald Construction, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on March 12, 2013. 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 agent of LLC, c/o Susan Di Stefano, 19 Springwood Manor Dr, Loudonville, NY 12211 Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 86394 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM RESOLUTION WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted Local Law No. 1 on February 27, 2013, providing for abolishment of the elective office of the Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Bethlehem with the duties and office carried out by the Commissioner of Public Works; and WHEREAS, by Resolutions dated February 27 and March 13, 2013, the Town Board determined that a special election would be conducted on April 30, 2013 for the public to pass upon this local law, and established the polling place and hours for such special election; and WHEREAS, the Town Board, through this Resolution, establishes additional procedures for the special election to be conducted for the referendum on Local Law No. 1 of 2013. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Town Board at a later date will appoint a Board of Registration for this special election consisting of four members.
2. The Board of Registration shall meet at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, from 3:00 pm to 7:00pm on Thursday April 11, 2013, from 3:00 pm to 7:00pm on Thursday April 18, 2013, and between noon and 4:00 pm on Saturday April 20, 2013. Each member of the Board of Registration shall be compensated at a rate of \$100 per session for attending these meetings.
3. The Town Board at a later date will appoint a Board of Inspectors for this special election consisting of four members.
4. The Board of Inspectors shall meet at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, on Thursday April 18, 2013 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm, on Friday, April 26, 2013 from 8:00am to noon, and on Monday, April 29, 2013 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Each member of the Board of Inspectors shall be compensated at a rate of \$100 per session for attending these meetings, except that there shall be no extra compensation for such inspectors for times they are also meeting as a Board of Registration.
5. The Town Board, at a later date, will select Election Inspectors to work on the day of the Special Election.
6. Consistent with the procedures followed by the Albany County Board of Elections, no person may serve as the agent, delivering ballots to or from more than eight absentee voters. On a motion by Supervisor Clarkson, seconded by Councilman Kuhn, and a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstention and 1 absent, this RESOLUTION was adopted on March 27, 2013. 86391 (D) (April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFER-

SABIC secures green grant

SABIC has received a \$900,000 energy rebate grant from National Grid in order to make its Selkirk manufacturing facility an "example of sustainable business."

The funds have been used to complete a huge lighting and energy control upgrade project developed by American Energy Care. The energy savings from the improvements is expected to equal the electricity needed to power 200 homes and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of taking 800 cars off of the road.

"National Grid is committed to assisting homeowners and businesses reduce their energy use through a variety of energy efficiency rebates and programs," said William Flaherty, National Grid director of community

and customer management, in a statement. "SABIC's Selkirk facility is a perfect example of how National Grid can help businesses invest in efficient equipment that will ultimately help them reduce their energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions."

The project was designed and executed by AEC. The improvements included replacing the existing lighting infrastructure with energy efficient lighting fixtures, occupancy sensors, controls and an advanced computerized lighting management system. The design should reduce energy consumption at the manufacturing site by 75 percent.

"SABIC is committed to sustainable operations," said Dom Perfetti, Selkirk general manager for SABIC,



The SABIC manufacturing site in Selkirk has received a \$900,000 rebate grant from National Grid to complete its energy enhancement improvements at the plant.

Submitted photo

in a statement. "Electricity is one of the largest levers we can use to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas intensity at the Selkirk site. We are pleased to have

completed this project on time and within budget."

The project began in December of 2011 and ended in 2012.

- Marcy Vette

Tonko

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Another person questioned if the number of people obtaining insurance will increase as projected, with the Congressional Budget Office estimating around 30 million people gaining coverage.

Tonko said while the opt-out fee for an individual might be considered low at first, the fee would gradually increase every year and is based on people essentially doing what is right for the greater good. He added one of the main causes behind an individual filing for bankruptcy is unexpected health costs.

John Ives, of Guilderland, asked where the doctors would come from to address the large increase in insured patients.

Tonko said there are incentives in the bill, mostly for primary care doctors, to help build the "human infrastructure" needed.

Tonko referred attendees to the federal website detailing the law and changes (www.healthcare.gov) and said there is also state website providing information on the Health Insurance Exchange at healthbenefitexchange.ny.gov.

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ENDUM Resolution # 2013-13 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of March, 2013, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The following is a summary of a resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on March 27, 2013. Said resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of a serial bond or bonds and a bond anticipation note or notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of said serial bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$315,000. The proceeds from the sale of the obligations authorized in said resolution shall be used for the specific purpose of financing various town maintenance, highway and operations equipment at an aggregate estimated maximum cost of \$315,000 and having a period of probable usefulness of fifteen (15) years.

A copy of the resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk, located in the Town Hall, Town of Bethlehem, New York.

Dated: March 27, 2013

Nanci Moquin

Town Clerk

Town of Bethlehem

86392 (D)

(April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

Resolution # 2013-12 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of March, 2013, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem duly adopted a resolution, an abstract of which follows, which resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

The following is a summary of a resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on March 27, 2013. Said resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of a serial bond or bonds and a bond anticipation note or notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of said serial bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. The proceeds from the sale of the obligations authorized in said resolution shall be used

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for the specific purpose of financing various Town road paving projects at an aggregate estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$730,000 and having a period of probable usefulness of at least fifteen (15) years. The balance of the cost of the project will be financed with General Fund moneys of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$230,000. A copy of the resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk, located in the Town Hall, Town of Bethlehem, New York.

Dated: March 27, 2013

Nanci Moquin

Town Clerk

Town of Bethlehem

86393 (D)

(April 3, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Voorheesville Central School District

Notice of public hearing, budget vote, and election NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room of the Voorheesville Middle School/Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2011-2012.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual District Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 in the Voorheesville Middle School Foyer. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect two members of the Board of Education for a 4-year term terminating June 30, 2016, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the terms of C. James Coffin and Cheryl L. Dozier.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 21, 2013, the following propositions will be submitted:

Proposition #1: Purchase of Buses: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$214,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax

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upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

PROPOSITION #2: REPAIR RESERVE FUND: Shall the Board of Education be authorized to transfer up to \$250,000 from the unallocated fund balance to the Repair Reserve at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year?

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Schoolhouses

Hours

Voorheesville Elementary School

Clayton A. Bouton High School

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the close of business on April 22, 2013. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 20, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Voorheesville Public Library for the presentation of the Public Library budget for the year 2012-2013.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that, as part of and contemporaneous with the Annual District Meeting, a vote will be held for the Voorheesville Public Library on the following:

1. To elect one member of the of the Library Board of Trustees for a term of five years ending on June 30, 2018 to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Rebecca S. Pahl, and one member of the Library Board of Trustees for the unexpired balance of a term ending on June 30, 2015, to fill the vacancy

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caused by the resignation of the term of Rita Stein.

2. To vote on the annual Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the petitions nominating candidates for the office Member of the Library Board of Trustees must be filed with the Clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall fill the full five year term ending June 30, 2018 and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall fill the unexpired balance of the term ending June 30, 2015.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District P.O. Box 498 Voorheesville, NY 12186

Dated: April 3,

2013

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Pfleiderer

District Clerk

86382 (D)

(April 3, 2013)

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2013-2014 Budget for the Bethlehem Central School District shall be held at the Bethlehem Central High School located at 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Prevailing Time. The budget will be available for review commencing on May 1, 2013 at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School and the High School of the District.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the election of candidates to the Bethlehem Central School Board of Education and the budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 between

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the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine on the following items:

PROPOSITION #1

To adopt the annual budget of the Bethlehem Central School District for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

PROPOSITION #2

To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2016 to succeed Diane Giacone-Stever and Michael Cooper, whose terms expire on June 30, 2013.

PROPOSITION #3

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library be authorized to expend for the operation of such library for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, the sum of \$3,961,798 and that the Board of Education of Bethlehem Central School District of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, County of Albany, New York, be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor.

PROPOSITION #4

To elect two (2) trustees to the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2018.

PROPOSITION #5

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, is hereby authorized to (1) acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$639,000 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, (2) expend such sums for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$639,000, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement at a principal amount not to exceed \$639,000 to acquire such vehicles.

To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

The election and budget vote shall be by voting machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters

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who are in the polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2013-2014 school year, exclusive of public monies, and Basic STAR exemption impact report may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School, the High School of the District, the School District Website and the Bethlehem Public Library between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and also at said District Election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and for the office of Trustee of the Bethlehem Public Library shall be filed with the District Clerk at the District Clerk's office at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, not later than April 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least One Hundred Twenty Nine (129) qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the candidate. A copy of such petitions may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk in the Bethlehem Central School District during regular school hours.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2013. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19, 2013, and on the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may

challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Chief Election Inspector before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address as per School District Policy 2120.2.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Sections 2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referendum or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said vote and election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Bethlehem Central School on or before April 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least Three Hundred Twenty Four (324) of the qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain or place before the voters any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of moneys which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition or any proposition which must be included in this notice of the annual meeting and was not received at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

Date: Delmar, New York

April 3, 2013

Judith E. Kehoe

District Clerk

Bethlehem Central School District

86383 (D)

(April 3, 2013)

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Voorheesville increases some fees

Sewer and water rates, summer rec and vendor permit fees to rise

By JOHN PURCELL
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Residents will be paying more for some village services in Voorheesville to offset increasing costs.

The Voorheesville Board of Trustees approved on Tuesday, March 26, increasing the sewer rate, summer recreation fees and vendor permit fees, which will bring a modest increase in revenues.

The sewer rate is increasing from \$135 per quarter by \$5, to a total of \$560 annually. The increase was due to an increase in operating costs, according to Mayor Robert Conway. The rate increase is estimated to yield an additional \$6,000 in revenue.

"We hadn't addressed that increase in 10 years and it was time to do that," Conway said.

The village also pays the fixed cost of a bond related to renovating its sewer facilities. The 30-year bond has 20 years remaining before it is paid off.

There are two sewer districts maintained by the village. Sewer District No. 1 includes Salem Hills and some homes along Maple Avenue, Mountainview Street and Swift Road, along with Voorheesville Elementary School. Sewer District No. 2 serves some Pleasant Street residents.

Summer recreation fees were \$35 for residents and \$60 for non-village residents, and the board voted to increase both fees by \$10. The fee allows for up to 12 hours of recreation programming, Conway said, which include instructional basketball,

tennis, soccer and an arts and crafts program.

The recreation fee increase could yield \$1,300 in new revenue, according to village officials.

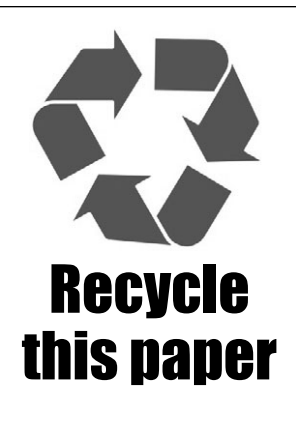
Vendor permit fees were \$25 regardless of the length of the permit, but village officials voted to make the permits fees more applicable to the length of operation being sought. The board approved keeping the permit fee for a single day at \$25, but set the fee at \$100 for vendors applying to operate for more than one day, or a season.

This longer permit is primarily applicable to an ice cream truck operating on a seasonal basis. This allows smaller vendors, such as those operating at the Memorial Day parade, to continue paying the same fee.

"The discussion was about the ice cream truck that comes through every

single day for a season," Conway said. "We were thinking a more equitable charge was due."

The annual water rate will also be increasing on June 1, with the minimum payment increasing \$20 to \$150. The minimum payment covers 25,000 gallons of water usage, with usage fees increasing incrementally after the initial allotment is used. Out-of-village users pay double that rate.



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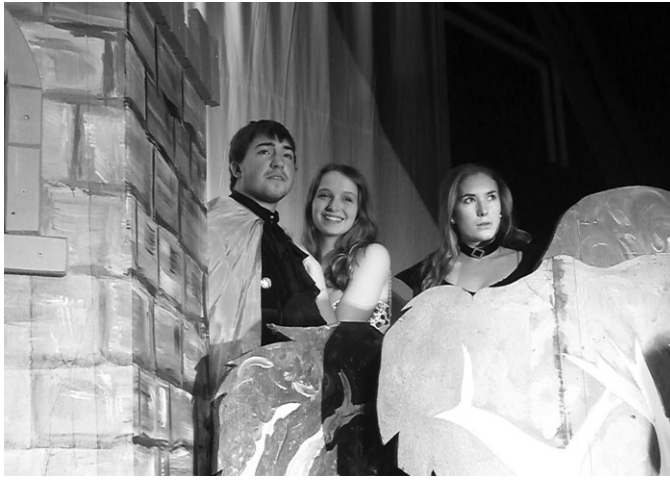
had nothing to do with the play, but Yeara said it helped the actors better understand the world they were about to become a part of.

The story begins with the standard fairy tale situation of a couple turning to their local witch for a potion in order to conceive a child. Eventually, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack all work together to help the couple find the ingredients needed for the potion.

Senior Alisa White, who plays Cinderella, said the story is more fast-paced and exciting than some may expect.

"This is about being careful what you wish for; I think that's the moral," she said. "Every different character has their own moral, but that's the overall one. As people, we are constantly wishing for things, but we need to be accepting of what we have."

Eventually the story morphs into something new, and unlike most fairy tales, not all of the characters



Jack LaVigne, Alisa White and Elle Luts will perform in Bethlehem High School's 2013 production of "Into the Woods."

Marcy Velte/
Spotlight

have a happy ending.

Yeara warns that some of the characters do die, and the story may not be for younger audiences.

"It's a bit morbid and graphic, but this also isn't 'The Walking Dead,'" said Yeara.

The production will rely heavily on the special effects created by student lighting and sound designer Chris Uhl. The sets were designed by Bill Morrison. The production has a cast of 30 and a crew of 20, with music and choreography by Jason and Lindsay Dashew.

White said she finds her character of Cinderella very relatable. As a high school student, she still isn't sure what she wants out of life, and she feels she thinks the young princess would feel the same way about the prince pursuing her.

"It's been a good experience just to be able to use my own life just to put into the character," she said.

"Into the Woods" runs April 11, 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. and April 14 at 2 p.m. in the BCHS auditorium. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$8 for seniors, students and veterans. Visit www.stage700.org for more details.

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Dutchmen seek redemption for semifinal loss

Veterans guide Guilderland into South Division battle with Columbia and Bethlehem

By ROB JONAS
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The Guilderland baseball team has one goal this season: get back to Joseph Bruno Stadium.

That was where the Dutchmen got last year before losing to eventual Section II Class AA champion Columbia 2-1 in the semifinals. It's a loss that still haunts Guilderland.

"It was a tough way to go out last year," said Guilderland coach Doug LaValley. "We didn't do enough to win that game. That motivates them to get better this year."

The Dutchmen have 10 seniors ready to lead them this year including pitchers Ethan Bartlett, Tim Coppinger and Lewis Lima.

"If we throw strikes, we'll be fine," said LaValley.

It's at the plate where Guilderland

seeks improvement. LaValley said he wants to see more consistent run production in 2013.

"We put a little extra attention on our hitting," said LaValley. "We didn't hit well last year. We won with our pitching."

Third baseman Joe Bender is one of the players anxiously awaiting the start of the season.

"I'm thinking we can win it all," said Bender. "We have what it takes to get to 'The Joe' and be successful."

To get there, Guilderland must first negotiate a tough Suburban Council schedule — one which includes a pair of South Division meetings with Columbia.

"I believe our division is very tough," said LaValley. "It always comes down to who plays catch the best. Basically, you have to execute day in and day out if you want to do well in this league."

The Dutchmen get their first chance to play Columbia Wednesday in Guilderland, and Bender said the team is ready.

"I think losing to Columbia three times last year has us motivated," said Bender.



Seniors Tim Coppinger, left, Lewis Lima, center, and Joe Bender hope to lead Guilderland to the Section II Class AA title after last year's loss in the semifinals. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Indians

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"He was one of my top pitchers last year, and I'm anxious to get him back," said Dorrance.

Ravena begins its season Monday, April 8, when it hosts Lansingburgh in the first of its 14 Colonial

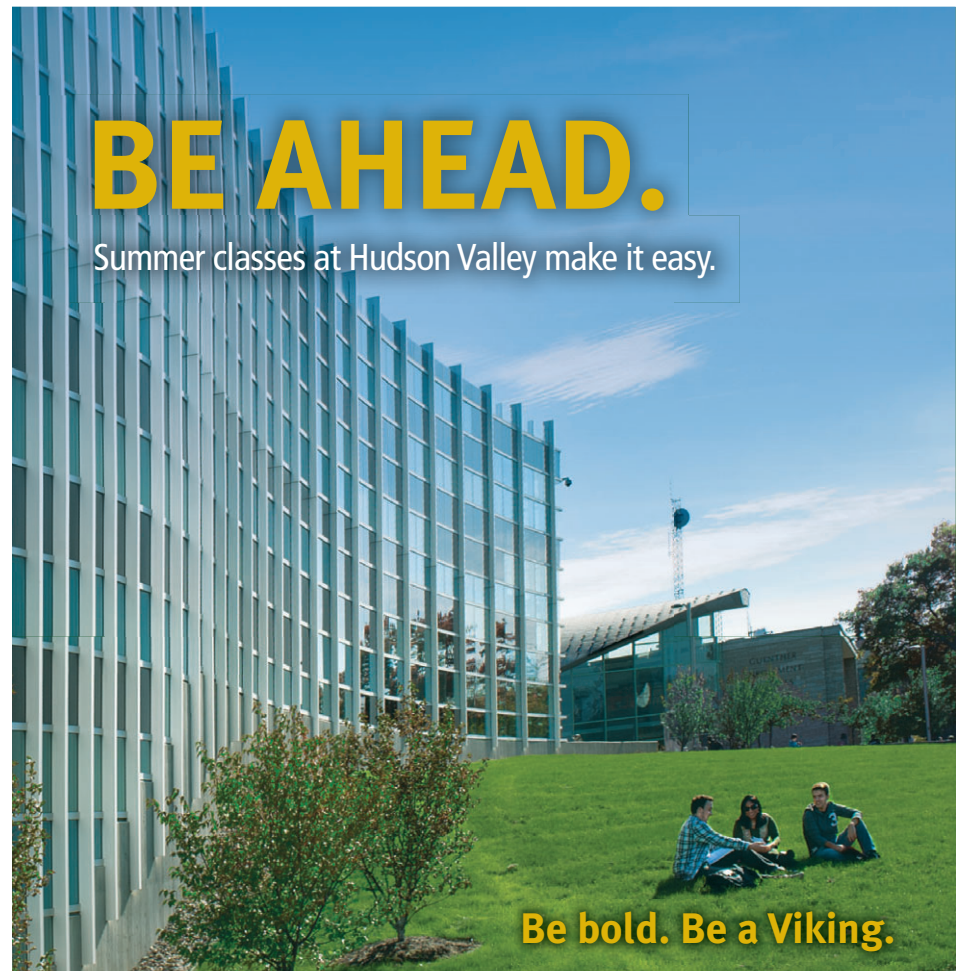
Council games.

"I don't really know what to expect," said Dorrance. "I expect the Colonial Council to be stacked once again."

Neighboring Voorheesville is one of the teams vying for the league title this season. The Blackbirds are coming off their first Sectional title after winning the Class C

championship last season, but they graduated several players from that team.

Voorheesville begins its season Wednesday with a non-league game against Duanesburg. The Blackbirds then host a tournament Saturday at Swift Road Park before starting the league season Monday, April 8, against Cobleskill-Richmondville.



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Dutch want another chance

After losing to eventual champion Columbia 2-1 in last year's Section II Class AA semifinals, the Guilderland baseball team is hoping to make it back to Joseph Bruno Stadium this season and reach the finals.

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- Bethlehem
- Colonie
- Columbia
- Guilderland

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Which boys lacrosse team will win the Suburban Council South Division title?

- Shaker 49%
- Colonie 28%
- Bethlehem 14%
- Guilderland 9%
- Columbia 0%



The Bethlehem baseball team has its sights set on winning the Suburban Council South Division and Section II Class AA titles this year after a strong finish to the 2012 season. Among the returning players are, from left, senior captains Nick DiNapoli, Eric Mueller and Pat Rarick.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Upward trajectory

Bethlehem believes last year's surge will carry over to 2013

By ROB JONAS
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The Bethlehem baseball team is hoping for a repeat of its second half performance last season.

After a 1-7 start, the Eagles won seven of their last eight games to qualify for the Section II Class AA playoffs, where they lost to Troy in the first round.

"It will translate over to this season," said senior outfielder Eric Mueller. "We're all a year older and a year better."

"They're a great team," said Bethlehem coach Rob Helm. "They're my favorite team I've ever coached here. It's not going

to be like last year. They've grown a lot."

Bethlehem has its entire starting lineup back for the 2013 season, and Mueller will be one of its key players. Mueller has been one of the team's top hitters each of the past three years, and Helm said he expects more of the same from him.

"He's hit over .400 all three years and over .500 one year," said Helm. "It's a really good start."

The infield is also set with the return of shortstop Mike Anziano, first baseman Pat Rarick, second baseman Nick DiNapoli, third baseman Mike Graves and catcher Patrick Curran.

On the pitcher's mound, the Eagles have two starters back in Rarick and senior David Miller.

Junior Connor Costello has been called up from the junior varsity team to take a spot in the rotation.

Helm said pitching depth will be a key this season, especially if the schedule becomes condensed due to rainouts.

"We have good pitching and good depth, so we can handle that," said Helm.

Even with a veteran lineup and good pitching depth, Bethlehem will be in a fight with Guilderland, Colonie and defending Section II Class AA champion Columbia for the South Division title. But the Eagles believe they can finish on top — not only in the division, but also in Sectionals.

"The goal this year is not to (just) make Sectionals. It's to win Sectionals," said Helm.

Veterans lead Indians

Ravena hopes to challenge for league title

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The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk baseball team is in search of consistency this season.

The Indians played well at times in 2012, but they struggled to score runs against the elite Colonial Council teams.

"That was our problem last year," said Ravena coach Bob Dorrance. "And that's a concern right now because it was a problem last year."

The Indians return several key players from last year's team including shortstop Tim Hughes, first baseman Kyle Almindo, catcher Tyler Thompson and pitchers Connor Zeoli and Kyle Pentak. Christian Hodson returns to the team after taking the 2012 season off.

Pitching shouldn't be a problem for Ravena with Hughes and Zeoli anchoring the starting rotation. Pentak will also be a key member of the staff, but he has to wait at least two weeks to take the pitcher's mound after being diagnosed with tendonitis in his throwing arm.

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Suburban South baseball at a glance

Averill Park Warriors Head coach: Mike Conroy

Last year: 3-13 league, 5-15 overall

Returning players: Greg Hotaling (senior pitcher/outfielder), Devin VanderVoort (junior pitcher/outfielder), Ben Reinisch (junior infielder), Sam Beaulac (junior utility), Tyler Childrose (junior pitcher/first baseman), Josh Austin (senior catcher)

Top newcomers: Brent Jones (first baseman/pitcher), Alex Tomlinson (junior pitcher/infielder), Chris Amadon (junior infielder)

Outlook: "We are very young with just three seniors, but return seven players with varsity experience, all of whom are hungry to improve after a disappointing season," said Conroy.

Bethlehem Eagles Head coach: Rob Helm

Last year: 8-8 league

Returning players: Mike Anziano (senior shortstop), Patrick Curran (senior catcher), Nick DiNapoli (senior second baseman), Nick Gallucci (senior outfielder), Mike Graves (junior third baseman), David Miller (senior pitcher/outfielder), Eric Mueller (senior outfielder), Sam Powers (senior outfielder/pitcher), Pat Rarick (senior pitcher/first baseman), Sam Wollner (senior first baseman/pitcher)

Top newcomer: Connor Costello (junior pitcher)

Outlook: See story on Page 24.

Colonie Raiders Head coach: Kevin Halburian

Last year: 8-8 league, 10-11 overall

Returning players: Jeff Bink (shortstop), Kyle Ruth (second baseman), Jason Roddy (third baseman), Ray Schott (catcher), Anthony Maio (outfielder), Eric Downey (outfielder), Nick Ciccone (pitcher), Ben Contento (first

baseman/pitcher), Mike McKay (first baseman)

Toop newcomers: Cameron Peterson (pitcher), Ryan Nicholson (pitcher), James Clark (pitcher)

Outlook: "We have more bats than we did last year, overall," said Halburian. "I'm very excited about the future."

Columbia Blue Devils Head coach: Chris Dedrick

Last year: 14-2 league, 19-5 overall, Section II Class AA champions

Returning players: A.J. Maney, Ryan Henchey, Ryan Puentes, Tyler Casavant, Kevin Smith

Top newcomers: Travis Sowards, Codey Piel

Outlook: "Good team chemistry is definitely our strength so far in the preseason," said Dedrick.

Guilderland Dutchmen Head coach: Doug LaValley

Returning players: Ethan Bartlett (senior pitcher), Joe Bender (senior

third baseman), Tim Coppinger (senior pitcher/first baseman), Lewis Lima (senior pitcher/outfielder), Jake VanBuren (senior pitcher), Sam Cowles (senior pitcher/shortstop)

Top newcomers: Christopher Czekay (junior pitcher), John Jurczynski (junior pitcher)

Outlook: See story on Page 23.

Mohonasen Mighty Warriors Head coach: Andy Cuthbertson

Last year: 1-15 league, 3-17 overall

Returning players: Jordan Galvin (senior catcher), Sam Flood (senior pitcher/outfielder), Tyler Beck (senior pitcher), Andrew Pugliese (senior pitcher), Jordan Cotton (junior catcher/outfielder), Dmitri Aldershoff (junior second baseman)

Outlook: "Most of the team consists of upperclassmen who are eager to turn the program around," said Cuthbertson.