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### **Butterfly benefit**

Farnsworth Middle School is seeking donations for its April 27 garage sale. to raise money for the student-run Butterfly House and Organic Garden programs.

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#### A Dash of fun

The Delmar Dash celebrates 25 years of unpredictable weather and running camaraderie April 14, at 9 a.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School.

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### **Eagles open** with win

Softball team avenged last year's 16-15 Sectional loss to Guilderland by beating the Lady Dutch 4-1 in last Wednesday's Suburban Council opener.

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# Earth Days

**Five Rivers Environmental Education Center** plans three days of activities for all ages

> By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Although every day could be considered Earth Day at Five Rivers, the environmental education center has a full list of events scheduled to celebrate

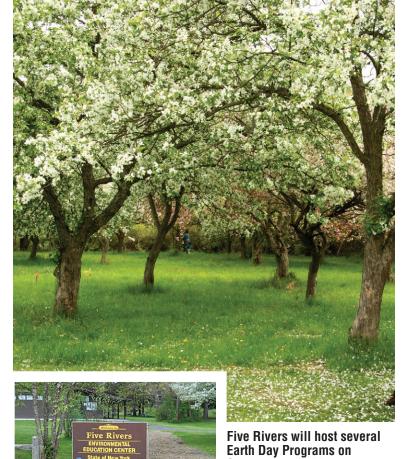
The programs are open to everyone, but Five Rivers Executive Director Craig Thompson said he believes it is essential children be involved in making their environment a better place. Learning the importance of sustainability and conservation at a young age can be beneficial to future generations, he said.

"This is a critical time for raising environmental awareness," Thompson said, citing rapid changes in the earth's environment.

Thompson said by starting early, a child's mentality develops so certain practices remain with them throughout their lifetime. Others believe by teaching children early on, the lessons are then also more easily passed on to parents and siblings.

The educational center will host three Earth Day events on Saturday, April 20. The actual holiday falls two days later, on April 22. The projects include a canal and trail cleanup beginning at the Corning Preserve in Albany and a clean sweep of the Scion crabapple orchard at Five Rivers.

Thompson said the projects were selected because they are is more than 60 years old now,



easy for most ages to participate in and they need to be done on an annual basis.

"We like to do a beautification project each year for the area used by the public down by the waterfront," he said.

A cleanup was planned for the orchard because Fiver Rivers wants to plant additional trees there on Arbor Day. The orchard

and had fallen into disrepair until a revitalization effort was taken up several years ago. The orchard was originally used in the 1960s to propagate crabapple trees throughout the state, and the goal now is to bring it back.

Saturday, April 20, including

helping prepare the Scion

for Arbor Day plantings.

Submitted photos

Crabapple Orchard (ABOVE)

Crabapples are important because they feed various types of animals, and Thompson said if the trees die, there would be

# Stress test

New standardized tests have parents, educators worried about effects on students

By JOHN PURCELL purcelli@spotlightnews.com

This is the second part of a twopart series on the implantation of the Common Core Learning Standards.

On Tuesday, April 16, students in third to eighth grade across New York will sit down for the first day of standardized tests that adhere to the Common Core Standards.

But it has been months now that parents ■ LAST WEEK: and educators have worried Core changes pupils are being pushed too far with the sudden shift to more rigorous standards.

performance. This story can be read online at www. spotlightnews. com

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"New York is going too far and too fast with its testing regimen, and the system is nearing the point of implosion," New

York State United Teachers Vice President Maria Neira said in a statement. "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?"

An online petition by the

☐ Core Page 16

# Support for drainage district

#### G'land looks to levy taxes for stormwater management fixes in McKownville

By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

Twice before, McKownville residents have attempted to form a new drainage district to tackle the hamlet's stormwater problems. But town officials aren't treading water anymore.

The Guilderland Town Board on Tuesday, April 2, discussed

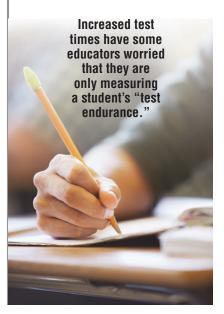
its map, plan and report for establishing the McKownville Drainage District, which were drawn up after town officials were urged by residents to revisit the issue. The Delaware Engineering report estimates completing all needed repairs across four target areas will cost a total of \$6.7 million. Town officials plan to establish the district to tax McKownville residents and effect the repairs over time.

"Over the years, we have applied for grants and funding to try and get some of these improvements done to alleviate

some of the issues that we have had in McKownville," Town Supervisor Kenneth Runion said. "The problems arise mainly on the northern side of Route 20 and those homes in there were built many years ago, probably in the 1920s or '30s.

The town has \$500,000 available for McKownville projects, which was made available through Sen. Neil Breslin as a member item. Runion added handling capital projects in-house could help reduce the total cost of the repairs.

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# Rail Trail at issue in class action lawsuit

#### Trail neighbors say they should have been compensated in recreational deal

By CHARLES WIFF wiffc@spotlightnews.com

A group of property owners neighboring the Albany County Rail Trail are suing the federal government over the recreational corridor.

A lawsuit filed by several homeowners in 2009 was recently upgraded to a class action lawsuit. Some 300 neighbors of the more than 9-mile Rail Trail corridor were mailed notices offering them the opportunity to join the lawsuit, and about 100 of them are signed up as of this report.

The original complaint bore the name of 12 individuals and one company. About one month later, an amended

complaint was filed with dozens of additional plaintiffs. After months of proceedings, Judge Lawrence Block of the United States Court of Federal Claims granted the case class action status in early March of this year, clearing the way for other potential plaintiffs to be notified. The court's schedule calls for a final class member list to be submitted later this year, with an August deadline for potential plaintiffs to sign up.

The law firm of Baker Sterchi Cowden and Rice in St. Louis, Mo. has also established a toll-free hotline. Class members must have owned eligible property prior to July 8,

The lawsuit hinges on the federal Trails Act, part of which deals with the repurposing of unused railway beds into recreational resources. The act allows for the federal government to grant easements and rights-of-way in some

Attorney Steve Wald, who specializes in such matters and is representing the class, said the lawsuit does not threaten the trail itself, but rather argues landowners' Fifth Amendment rights were bypassed when the county acquired the rail corridor.

"By analogy, think of any other time when a local government entity takes land and turns it into your typical public park. ... They can do it, they just have to compensate the landowners," he said.

The railroad company never owned the corridor, he continued, but rather acquired an easement over private land.

Albany County acquired the Rail Trail corridor in 2009 from the Canadian Pacific Railway using



lawsuit on the federal level targets the establishment of the Albany County Rail Trail. Neighboring landowners claim the purchase of an easement by the county robbed them of their property rights, and they're seeking compensation from the federal government. File photo

A class action

\$700,000 in grant money. The railroad company moved to abandon the 9-mile section of rail in 2003 and the county at that time launched the process to acquire the corridor through "railbanking," the term established in the 1983 Trails Act for

converting disused railways.

Wald argued that law robs landowners of their property rights.

"If the government had allowed state law to run its course, then the railroad line would have been abandoned and the landowners would have been entitled to possession and control," he said.

The lawsuit is being leveled against the federal government and local entities are not involved. In fact, local officials were unaware of the lawsuit.

Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson said he was not familiar with the matter, but reaffirmed the town's commitment to work with the county and independent groups to see the entire length of the trail opened. The Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, a private group that has made efforts to open up public access to the trail, was similarly unaware of the lawsuit. Officials in the Albany County Executive's Office declined comment, pointing out the county is not a party in the action.

A call to the U.S. Department of Justice, whose lawyers are handling the defense, was not returned.

Wald declined to discuss exactly what kind of compensation he's hoping to secure, but said his firm has reached a "tentative agreement" with the federal government to

our coverage area.

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work towards a settlement. A joint appraisal process will get underway later this year, he said, and that will determine what kind of damages might be paid

The federal government would pay any damages awarded.

Wald said his firm keeps track of rail-to-trail projects and examines them to see if a potential case can be made. The firm has handled similar cases all over the country.

Much of the Rail Trail remains closed to public use. A 1.8-mile section was opened to the public in Bethlehem in 2011 thanks to a public-private partnership with the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy and its Friends of the Rail Trail arm. In the summer of 2012, a 2.4-mile section in New Scotland and Voorheesville.

Opening the entire trail is an expensive proposition because bridges across several spans need repair or replacement. Doing all the work would require about \$8 million, far more than what the county has secured in grant money. County officials are determined to pursue the trail without cost to the taxpayer.

Wald emphasized no matter what the outcome of the lawsuit, the trail itself will not be affected.

"We couldn't stop it even if we wanted to. And we don't," he said.

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# Sustainable programs fly high

In tough times, **Farnsworth's Butterfly House and garden** exist through **fundraisers** 

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Much like the caterpillar's transformation into a beautiful butterfly, your old possessions can be transformed into an educational experience for students at Farnsworth Middle School.

The school is seeking donations for its annual garage sale. The event is a fundraiser for the studentrun Butterfly House and Organic Garden programs. The sale is on April 27, but items can be dropped off inside the school's lobby during regular hours beginning Monday, April 15.

"We're trying to keep the project alive," said Farnsworth Middle School House Principal Amy Tubbs. "It used to be grant funded for years, but the grants dried up and it's very difficult for the district to fund it under the current budget crunch."

The projects started 15 years ago as part of

loan disbursal). Federally insured by NCUA



the school's ecology curriculum. During a lesson on the Pine Bush Preserve and the area's Karner Blue butterflies, teachers began to wonder if their own students could learn to care for butterflies. If they could, the school's facilities could eventually be used to help bring back the endangered Karner Blue population.

"We took it as a challenge," said seventh grade science teacher Alan Fiero. "We wanted to prove that this was something we could do."

Ten years after the program began, the state turned to the school to help repopulate the species. Hundreds of butterflies are now raised by students each year and then released late in the summer to migrate. **Guilderland's Farnsworth** Middle School is seeking donations for its annual garage sale to raise money for its student-run Butterfly House and Organic Garden programs. Donated items can be dropped-off inside the school's lobby during regular hours beginning on Monday, April 15.

Submitted photos

The Butterfly House is open to the public and has nearly 3,000 visitors each summer. The facility also boasts a learning center, a craft room for kids and a small gift shop.

"We're very proud," said Fiero. "This is the only school in the nation where students are allowed to handle Karner Blues."

The organic garden began around the same time as the butterfly house.

All the vegetables on the half-acre of land are planted and harvested by students and school staff. The food

to local food banks. Together, the two programs cost about \$10,000 to operate annually. Funds are needed to purchase caterpillar eggs, seeds, tools and other equipment. With the programs no longer funded through grants, the

harvested is then donated

money needs to be raised in-house.

Although the Guilderland Central School District holds several fundraising events throughout the year to help pay for the programs, the garage sale remains the largest and most profitable. Because of the popularity of the programs, officials try to raise operation funds one year in advance. Funds have already been raised to operate the Butterfly

House for this summer, and all proceeds from the sale will go toward next year's operation.

"We'll take anything anyone wishes to donates, said Tubbs. "Anything that's been gently used."

The sale will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the middle school in conjunction with the district's spring Recycling Extravaganza and Go Green Day.





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### Police Blotter

# Standoff ends in arrest

morning of Saturday, April 6, after a nearly 11-hour standoff with police.

Police said James K. Baxter, 57, was arrested at approximately 9:20 a.m. Saturday after the Bethlehem Police Department responded to 15 Huntersfield Road the night before for a domestic dispute between two brothers involving weapons. The caller had notified police at around 10:30 p.m. on Friday, and was advised to leave the house and meet officers up the street.

Upon their arrival, officers said they were told Baxter was in the house alone, intoxicated and armed with a .22 caliber rifle. Officers approached the house, and police said Baxter was observed loading the rifle as he stood in a window. Officers sought cover and tried to establish a line of communication. Police said several attempts to communicate with Baxter resulted in no contact. This continued throughout the night.

According to police, occupants in the neighboring homes were notified of the situation, but not evacuated.

Police said after several more attempts to make contact with Baxter were fruitless, members of the Albany Police Department's Emergency Services Team were notified and responded to the scene. A robot was used to enter the home and search for the suspect, who was located in the upstairs bedroom. He was given verbal commands to come downstairs, unarmed, and surrender to the police.

At approximately 9:20 a.m., police said Baxter complied with the commands and was taken into custody on the front lawn without incident. Once he was in custody, police said a loaded Savage .22 rifle with scope and magazine and more than 300 rounds of ammunition were located in the home.

Baxter, of 15 Huntersfield Road, Delmar, was charged with felony menacing a police officer and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, a misdemeanor. Police said he was transported to Albany Medical

A Delmar man was arrested on the Center to be evaluated. While at the hospital, police said Baxter was arraigned and once he was released from the hospital, he was sent to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail.

> Police said Baxter is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, April 16. A preliminary hearing was held on Monday, April 8.

#### **Guilderland couple** arrested for stabbing

Two Guilderland residents have been arrested for stabbing a man at least seven times, Colonie police said.

On Saturday, March 30, Colonie police

responded to a call reporting a stabbing at 17 Birch Tree Road. The officers found a woman, 28-yearold Janell F. Schwanke, covered in blood and attempting to leave the residence, police said.



said. Police said they found Janell F. Schwanke

Elias K. Deligiannis

the homeowner/ victim, Raymond Klein, 48, inside with at least seven stab wounds to his head, back and arms. Klein was transported to Albany Medical Center and was found to also have a collapsed lung. Deligiannis was also taken to Albany Medical for treatment for his injuries and then formally charged later that morning.



**Eyes on a new playground**Buenau's Opticians in Delmar donated \$2,500 as a corporate sponsor of the Glenmont Elementary School PTA's playground project. Pictured with Glenmont students are members of the Buenau family presenting a check to Annmarie Farrell, Project Playground co-chairwoman.

Sue O'Donnell/Spotlight

The knife believed to be used in the stabbing was found in Schwanke's purse, police said, and she was arrested for attempting to conceal and flee with the knife.

All three people had been out earlier in the evening and then returned to a home where a physical altercation occurred between Deligiannis and Klein. Deligiannis then produced a knife and stabbed Klein, police said. The exact reason for the altercation is still undetermined.

Deligiannis was charged with assault in the first degree and criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree. Schwanke was charged with tampering with physical evidence. Deligiannis and Schwanke are boyfriend and girlfriend and live together at 1980 Western Ave. in Guilderland, police said.

Both Deligiannis and Schwanke were arraigned on Saturday, March 30, in Colonie Justice Court and remanded to Albany Correctional Facility. Their cases have been referred to Albany

County District Attorney David Soares for further action.

#### Other arrests

• Bethlehem police arrested a Clifton Park man after executing a search warrant in Albany following a domestic incident that occurred in Glenmont.

Police arrested Nicholas Ledwith, 21, of 11 Trevor Court, Clifton Park, on Thursday, March 21. He was charged with felony criminal contempt, a felony, aggravated family offense for committing certain misdemeanor domestic violence offenses within five years of having been convicted of another similar offense and misdemeanor aggravated harassment.

The incident was alleged to have happened at a residence on Feura Bush Road in Glenmont. A search warrant was obtained to find the suspect and he was apprehended in the basement of an apartment building in Albany. Further details on arraignment and bail were not immediately available.



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## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Bethlehem Town Board has put the final pieces in place for the April 30 special election referendum to abolish the election of the town's superintendent of highways. Gregg Sagendorph is retiring after over 40 years of exemplary service to our town, the last 22 as its elected Superintendent.

This presents an opportunity to evaluate whether to combine the Highway Department and the Department of Public Works. Against that, should be weighed the public's loss of its right to vote for one of its most accountable public officials.

Supervisor John Clarkson and the Town Board, save Councilwoman Joann Dawson, have devised a scheme that prevents an open and fair election and instead stacks the deck to get their desired outcome. They could have

opted to wait to vote on this in the fall elections, with a phase out of the position after two years. Instead, they fast-tracked the election for now, off the normal cycle, and when people are away.

Instead of having the election run as usual by the Albany County Board of Elections, Supervisor Clarkson and the Town Board put in place an arcane mechanism which limits voting to one polling place (Town Hall) instead of the usual 21 places, will create a huge bottleneck that will turn voters away when seeing long lines, uses paper ballots instead of voting machines, creates two new boards to oversee the registration and voting of new voters and those seeking absentee ballots. Does this sound like an open and fair process or one that suppresses voter participation?

At several public forums, the voters have railed against not only losing their right to vote

being handled. A recent poll by The Spotlight showed that 72 percent of our citizens favor elected over appointed town positions.

Despite the public's sentiments. Supervisor Clarkson and the Town Board are pressing on. It is their intent to control a position and jobs, at the cost of democracy.

Instead of having an elected official who you can call when unhappy with your leaf pick up or snowplowing, you will have a faceless bureaucrat, appointed by the supervisor and board, who will be accountable to them, not to you. In fact, the supervisor proposed eliminating leaf pick up in this year's budget, and it was Gregg Sagendorph who killed that idea.

Vote "No" on April 30th to defeat this referendum.

Fred Di Maggio Chairman, Bethlehem Republican Committee

# What is your vote worth to you? Adams Place is no place for but also the method by which this election is an operation like School's Out

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As a resident of the neighborhood surrounding the former BCSD office at 90 Adams Place, I am opposed to granting a variance to School's Out for a day care business for 80 children. Contrary to some public opinion, it is precisely because we do love the sound of children playing that I and many of my neighbors are opposed.

Traffic associated with this business is not compatible with a residential neighborhood and will compromise the safety of our children and other residents. Our neighborhood has narrow streets, most without sidewalks. Kids in our neighborhood walk and bike in the roadway. We have joggers and dog walkers. During the fall and winter, piles of leaves and snow force pedestrians even further into the roadway.

five-way The intersection is dangerous with limited sight lines. One proposal from School's Out includes fencing and play structures in the front, further diminishing drivers' visibility. Many surrounding streets also have blind corners.

Peak traffic times for School's Out coincide with times of heaviest traffic from residents and when children are walking to and from school, waiting for buses or playing.

On Wednesday, March 13, from 5:10 p.m. until 6 p.m., I observed traffic at the existing School's Out location. I logged the minute every car arrived or left, counting only cars for School's Out. While School's Out maintains that between 4 and 6 p.m. there is an average of one car every two minutes, we know cars will not be scheduled to arrive and leave once every two minutes. The heaviest traffic will occur in the space of one hour.

At times there were nine cars entering, parked or leaving the lot during one specific minute. But School's Out is proposing only eight parent parking spots. These spots are head-in spaces crossing a sidewalk. Thirty cars were present during the 50 minutes. Since four cars were already present, the total trips in and out during 50 minutes was 56 trips – more than one car per minute. While School's Out currently has an enrollment of 80 children, the site is certified for occupancy

**Editor's note** 

The Spotlight has received many letters

regarding the upcoming highway superintendent

referendum. Letters will run through the April

24 edition. Please submit letters now to ensure

of 160 people. That would double the number of trips.

We are not opposed to the District selling the building to a business. The dentist office at Adams Place and Kenwood is an example of appropriate fit. A day care business for 80 children is not.

We think School's Out is a good business which provides much needed services. Many neighbors have used School's Out. Some even served on their board. But this location is not appropriate for a large day care business. We have zoning regulations for a reason. The Zoning Board of Appeals has the responsibility to ensure that the residents of the community receive protection and enhancement of their safety, property values and quality of life. We love the children in our neighborhood. We love the sound of their voices. We want to protect them and all who live in our neighborhood.

> Rebecca S. Marvin Delmar

# Vote to modernize government

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Every opportunity to vote is your chance to give direction to government.

On April 30, we all have an opportunity to go to Town Hall and vote to abolish the elected position of Highway Superintendent, placing the duties with the Commissioner of Public Works. A "Yes" vote will give the town greater flexibility to implement various consolidation and efficiency measures that allow our DPW, Highway and other departments

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to optimize use of their staffs, strengthen and consolidate management and ensure accountability to the Town Board. Highways will continue to be maintained, with duties carried out by a combination of existing civil service staff and the DPW Commissioner. Town services will continue and we will all benefit from the resulting economies. This is a necessary and logical

step in modernization of town government.

There is much more information on the town website: www. townofbethlehem.org.

Vote "Yes" on the April 30 referendum; get to Town Hall (6 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and exercise your opportunity to modernize town government and save taxpayers money!

> John Smolinsky Deputy Supervisor, Bethlehem



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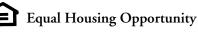
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#### **From the Editor's Desk**

# **Spotlight recognized at NYPA awards**

Spotlight News was recognized among the top weekly publications in the state at the New York Press Association spring conference in Saratoga Springs this past weekend, and the paper's staff took home several first-place awards in the group's annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The paper was recognized for having the best front page in its division and took home a first-place award for best editorials. Spotlight photographer Justin Cummings' work was also selected as the best sports action photo in the paper's division. Judges said the fact Cummings' photo captured an entire story in an instant set it apart from the pack.

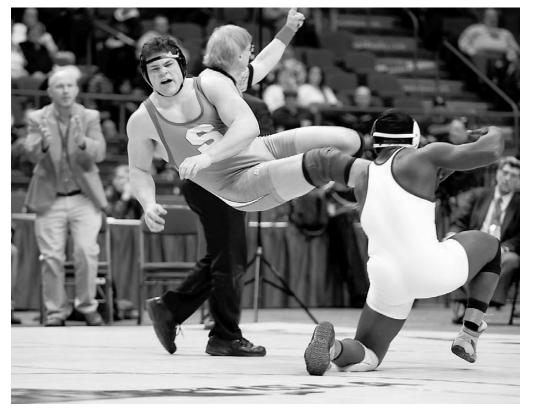
"Expressions are caught and the strength and action of the grapplers won't be forgotten," the judges added.

Along similar lines, judges were impressed with the entire package when it came to *The Spotlight*'s front page.

"Clean design with energy," the judges wrote in their comments. "Nice use of graphics and art. Sidebar is interesting and works well with the overall design."

The editorial category required the organization to submit three samples of editorials. Spotlight News submitted an editorial commenting on how corporate maneuvering hobbled the sale of public land in Rotterdam; a review of a mishandled open space opportunity in the Town of Ballston; and a message to graduating seniors reminding young adults it is OK to make mistakes.

"This package of editorials displays a newspaper in touch with its community.



Spotlight photographer Justin Cummings snapped this photo of Shenendehowa wrestler Tony Fusco kicking out of a hold in February of last year. The photo was awarded first place in sports action photos in the 2012 NYPA Better Newspaper Contest.

The arguments are well written and well reasoned, but most importantly go beyond the surface to tackle a community concern with a well-researched opinion," the judges

The Spotlight's 2012 circulation put it in a category with some of the largest papers in the NYPA group, so receiving high accolades was especially gratifying, said Spotlight Publisher John McIntyre.

at Spotlight News, and the fact we're recognized year after year at NYPA simply reinforces that," he said.

# Harry Mazza,

"Our staff does tremendous work here

# **Your opinion**

# Minimum wage vote a failure of democracy

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Let's do some math regarding the recent hike in the state minimum wage.

The number of Democrats elected to the State Senate: 33.

The number of Republicans elected to the State Senate: 30.

The number of senators who said they supported raising the minimum wage right away to \$9 and hour: 32. A majority.

The percentage of New York voters who supported percent. A majority of whom wanted a raise closer to \$10 that to \$9.

Republican voters by 2-to-1 wanted a minimum wage hike.

Then how did we come up with a minimum wage hike of only \$8 an hour this year? Senator Jeff Klein. And his IDC group. Five Democrats who gave power to the minority Republicans in order to make "democracy work" better.

How much money will

raising the minimum wage: 80 low income workers lose by delaying the minimum wage hike to \$9 an hour over three years – and then no indexing? \$1.2 billion. Maybe more. Money that could have been used to feed their family. Or pay the landlord or utility company. Or buy clothes. And tip workers were dropped. They now have to wait for the Labor Department to rule on a new wage order.

Republican senators wanted a subminimum wage for young workers. No one else did. So what did the other three men in the back room agree to? The first tax credit in the U.S. to subsidize employers – including Walmart, McDonalds and Burger King - if they

hire young workers at the

The cost to taxpayers: \$20 to \$40 million a year - or more. No one really knows. But it creates incentives for employers to increase the number of low wage jobs that it fills with teenagers paid exactly the minimum wage

What does Sen. Klein get as a reward for his new math? A bigger office, a higher lulu.

This is not how democracy is supposed to work.

Mark A. Dunlea Executive director, Hunger Action Network of New York State

minimum wage.



The word

on the street

Yaffa Katz,

Glenmont

"We're going to redo the

kitchen. It has been 30

years. ... We'll have to

add some money."

**Albany** 

"Pay off some bills ...

that is typically what I

do. If anything is left over

maybe put it towards a vacation."

If you're expecting a tax rebate, what are you planning to do with it?

Jaylin Frese, **Coeymans Hollow** 

"I feel like I'm going to save it because I need to get a new car, so I'll probably put it in my savings account. Surprisingly, I usually don't get money back; I usually owe money."

> Asked Wednesday, April 3, at the Slingerlands ShopRite.

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# Your Community in The Spotlight

#### Author to present program on Twitter

The Upper Hudson Chapter of Sisters in Crime (the Mavens of Mayhem) will meet on Saturday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Author K.A. Laity (Chastity Flame, Lush Situation) will present a program on Twitter for writers. A prolific writer and tweeter, Laity has used social media to connect with readers, writers and others in the publishing community. Come and learn how you can get in on the global conversation. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, visit our website at www. upperhudsonsinc.com or contact Betsv Bitner at bbitner1@nycap.rr.com.

# BDC upcoming events

On April 15 and April 17, the Bethlehem Democratic Committee will be holding interviews for upcoming elected positions in Town: Supervisor, Town Council (2), Town Clerk and Town Justice. Contact info@bethlehemdems. org for information or to express interest. On April 25, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The Bethlehem **Democratic Committee** will hold a Jefferson Jackson reception at the Normanside Country Club. See website at www. bethlehemdems.org for more informaton.

# Open house at farmer's market

The Delmar Farmers Market will host an open house on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon in the cafeteria of the Bethlehem Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar. The event is an opportunity for market devotees and

vendors to get together and share conversation, free refreshments and live music. For many, the market is the place to meet friends and neighbors and catch up on things.

There will be nothing offered for sale at the event. Complimentary refreshments will be provided by The Four Corners Luncheonette and several musicians will perform. The event was made possible with underwriting support from Delmar Place Assisted Living Residence.

#### **QUILT** to meet

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, April 12, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave, Delmar. The general meeting starts at 9:45 a.m. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. There is a \$5 visitor donation.

# Spring craft fair planned

The Glenmont PTA will host a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 20, at Glenmont Elementary School, 328 Rt. 9, Glenmont from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The craft fair is open to the public and has no entry fee. The fair will host a variety of talented crafters and vendors showcasing a vast array of items. Find the perfect gift to satisfy the tastes of someone special, including mothers and grandmothers for Mother's Day and all those special people in your lives.

Applications are still being accepted for vendors who are interested in participating. Go to the Glenmont PTA website for an application at www.glenmontpta.org. Proceeds from the craft fair support the Glenmont PTA.

The mission of the Glenmont Elementary PTA is to support the goals of educators and foster a sense of community within the school by providing educational opportunities as well as social events for our students and their families. For more information on the craft fair, contact Meryl Schwalb at Glenmontpta@gmail.com.

#### Garage sale to benefit Boy Scouts

A local Boy Scout troop will be hosting a garage sale on Sunday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the N.A. Blanchard American Legion, 16 W. Poplar Drive, Delmar. Proceeds raised will be used to help the scouts continue to enjoy outdoor activities, learn leadership skills and stay active in their community.

#### Volunteers needed for cleanup

Volunteers are needed for the first community cleanup on April 20, 9 a.m. to noon or as long as you can participate. Mark your calendars with the rest of the 2013 dates (all Saturdays) so we can count on a good turnout: May 18, June 15, September 21.

There will be a sign up sheet at each event but it's really helpful to knowhow many to expect, so please respond by phone at 439 4955, ext.1164 or email RNagengast@townofbethlehem.org if you are planning on participating.

Volunteers will meet at Town Hall at 9 a.m. to get supplies and safety instructions. The Town of Bethlehem will provide garbage bags and supplies.

Please remember to bring a bottle of water to drink and wear long sleeve shirts and long pants to protect yourself from cuts, scrapes and insect bites. In the event of rain, the cleanup event will be cancelled.

Participants under



#### **Resident honored for service**

Delmar resident, Katharine Keller, was recognized for helping during Superstorm Sandy. The office manager for the New York Naval Militia put in extra hours as the state mobilized more than 200 members of the force for service in the days after the storm hit New York.

Submitted Photo

the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult.

# Items needed for community sale

Farnsworth Middle School will soon be accepting donations of gently used items of any kind to be sold at a community-wide garage sale to benefit the school's Butterfly House and Organic Garden programs.

The sale will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at FMS (in conjunction with the district's spring Recycling Extravaganza and Go Green Day).

Community members interested in donating items may drop them off in the main lobby of the school during regular school hours beginning April 15.

For more information on the FMS Garage Sale, please contact Farnsworth Middle School House Principal Amy Tubbs at 456-6010, ext. 3060.







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# **Serve your library** and community

Nominating petition forms are available at the library information desk for two seats on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees, each for a full term of five years beginning July 1. The forms are included in an information packet for prospective candidates.

Petitions must contain at least 129 signatures of voters residing in Central School District No. 6 of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue in Delmar by 5 p.m. on April 22.

Elections will be held Tuesday May 21, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

#### Free job coaching

Don't forget that the library offers free job coach services for adults, college students and high school students preparing to enter the job market. Get expert one-on-one help with resumés, cover letters, written and online applications, interview protocol and LinkedIn accounts.

Hour-long appointments are available Tuesday evenings at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Saturday mornings at 10 and 11 a.m. Call 439-9314, ext. 3009 to set up an appointment.



#### Free tech help

Get individual help from a librarian for a variety of electronic devices and social media: smart phones, tablets, e-readers, email accounts. Facebook, Twitter and Microsoft Word. Make an appointment by visiting the information desk or calling the library at 439-9314, ext. 3009.

#### **Listening Parties: Reflections On Jazz**

Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. Listen to classic recordings of pianist/ composer/bandleader Carla Bley. Share observations with likeminded jazz aficionados.

#### Monday night at the movies

Monday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. Call 439-9314 for details.

#### Lego Club

Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m. Build things; build friendships! Kids and families.

#### **Teen Time**

Friday, April 26, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Gaming, crafts, food and friends. Grade 6-12.

-Louise Grieco

# **Concert series** goes Western

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The Second Sunday Concert Series continues as the Guilderland Public Library will host, on April 14, at 2 p.m., internationally renowned sitarist and composer Veena Chandra, and tabla master Devesh Chandra. in a performance sure to enthrall fans of India and Western music alike.

Veena is also a choreographer, teacher and founder/director of the Dance and Music School of India in Latham, where she instructs in Indian classical music. She has been a faculty member at Skidmore College since 1990, teaching sitar in the Music Department.

Devesh Chandra has been learning the Tabla since age three, and has been playing professionally since age ten. His innovative and imaginative approach adds a distinctive and captivating flavor to the performance.

As Veena's biography explains, she "has a rare ability to communicate the beauty and complexity of North Indian Classical music to the western listener. She is noted for her skill and sensitivity in the meend (bending of wire) and her ability to produce vocal sounds on the sitar. She characterizes the music of the sitar and tabla as relaxing and reflective of instincts and emotions. She explains that there is a triangular relationship between the artist, the art and the audience. She blends herself into the art and presents herself to the audience through the music.

This event is part of the library's second Sunday Concert Series. Future engagements include The Broad Street Chamber Players on Sunday, May 12, and The Brian Patneaude Quartet on Sunday, June 9. These concerts are free and open to the public.

#### **Budget comment** session and Board of Trustees' monthly business meeting

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

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 Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. Visit the Library's website at www. guilpl.org.

# **Final Acoustic Doorways concert**

Americana Roots music concludes this season's Acoustic Doorways concert series this Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem 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.

Shaw is the proprietor of the annual Mountain Snow and Mistletoe holiday shows at the Egg. Shaw 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.

Tickets will be on sale at the library and at the door the evening of the concert. Tickets are \$5 each.

#### Lafarge health reports available

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has released two health assessment reports about the Lafarge Cement Plant site. The reports detail the NYSDOH and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) evaluations of Lafarge contaminant

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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

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

#### **Nominations for** the library board

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. rescommunitylibrary.org.

They require 65 signatures. Completed, notarized petitions must be back at the library by April 20.

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There are three threeyear terms, two two-year terms, and one one-year term, all beginning on July 1.

Nominees and petition signers must be eligible to vote in the school district election. The referendum is on May 21.

# Computer classes at the library

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 today to reserve your place. Note that evening classes have moved to Thursdays.

#### More Facebook: Chat, groups and more

Those already comfortable with Facebook can use this session to experiment with chat features, special groups and get some tips on security and games.

Wednesday, April 10, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m.

#### Master Your Inbox: Folders, Filters and Webmail

Want to know how e-mail sites like Hotmail, Yahoo, and Gmail work? Learn how to navigate typical e-mail folders, send messages, reply, forward, and attach files.

Please note: This class is not to sign up for e-mail, but to learn how e-mail is used. You may come in prior to the class during walk-in hours if you would like help to sign up for an e-mail account.

Wednesday, April 24, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m.

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

#### Skype: Free Video Chat

Keep in touch with family and friends using video chat from Skype. All you need is a computer device with a microphone, web camera and internet connection.

Wednesday, April 17, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m.

# Library renovation update

As of April 3, renovations are on schedule. Completion should be on or about May 1. Moving day is not firm, but relocation when it comes will close the library for three or four days.

#### What's New?

#### New adult fiction

"Family Pictures" by Jane Green, "Night Moves" by Randy Wayne White, "Poppy Done to Death" by Charlaine Harris, "Six Years" by Harlan Coben

#### New adult audio books

"Balancing Act" by Fern Michaels, "The Boyfriend" by Thomas Perry, "Calculated in Death" by J.D. Robb, "Family Pictures" by Jane Green

# Library 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.

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.

#### 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 Voorheesville Public Library

lively thematic evening of story, song, craft-making, and with an April breeze, kite-flying (for preshool-Grade two and families).

# Ongoing children's programs

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

#### **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.

#### Library meeting

Friends of the Library will meet on Monday, April 22, at 7 p.m.

#### **Poet's Night**

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

#### **New at the Library**

"Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-the World's Most Dangerous Weapon" by Steve Sheinkin.

The winner of three major awards, including a Newbery Honor, "Bomb" is a riveting thriller told in three parallel stories: the race against time to build the world's first atomic bomb, the effort to stop the Nazis from developing it first and the stealthy schemes of Soviet spies to steal the American plans.

Written for young adults, the story balances the intersecting threads of scientific discovery, political intrigue and military strategy into a great page-turner.

You'll find this book on our Young Adult nonfiction shelf and in our Nonfiction and Young Adult Nooks.

### **IN BRIEF**

# Arbor Day project

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center cordially invites local scouts and other volunteers to help plant trees at the center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon.

In celebration of Arbor Day, staff naturalists and volunteers will install three to four-foot crabapple trees in the center's scion orchard continuing ongoing stewardship of this historic plantation.

Cuttings from this experimental arboretum, established in the mid-1960s, were used to stock state wildlife management areas throughout New York.

Garden gloves are recommended. Please call Five Rivers at 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, April 24. In case of inclement weather, this project will be cancelled.

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for an announcement form.

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# **Spring clean at** shredding event

It's time for "Spring Cleaning". Get rid of old files, outdated tax documents, checks, bank statements etc.

The Town of Bethlehem will hold a shredding event on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Elm Avenue Town Park.

Please bring a voluntary donation of paper products, for example paper towels or tissues to benefit the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

If you need assistance transporting your papers, call 439-4955, ext. 1169, to arrange home pick up transportation.

#### Support group to meet

The bereavement support group for those who have lost someone close will meet on Thursday, April 18, at Town Hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join others in similar grieving situations and share concerns, emotions etc. Call Will Vail at 439-4955, ext. 1173, to register or to get more information.

#### Weekly senior's meeting

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for



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an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar from 11:30 a.m. to 4 pm.

#### **Transportation** available

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 donations needed

The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and accepts donations of nonperishable 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.

# **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 for the show will be by Fifi's Frocks and Frills and modeling will be by our senior

Your luncheon entrée choices are pot roast, baked cod florentine or chicken piccata.

Tickets are available in the senior office until 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.

#### **Movie Of The Month:** "The Descendants"

Thursday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m. in the Courtroom.

"The Descendants," set in Hawaii, is a sometimes humorous, sometimes tragic

#### **Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR**

journey for Matt King, an indifferent husband and father of two girls, who is forced to re-examine his past and embrace his future when his wife suffers a boating accident off of Waikiki.

The event leads to a rapprochement with his young daughters while Matt wrestles with a decision to sell the family's land handed down from Hawaiian royalty and missionaries. R rated; 1hr., 55 minutes. Sign up by April 18.

#### Monday, April 15

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

#### **Tuesday, April 16**

9 a.m. OsteoBusters 11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Roast Chicken or Cold Plate

12:30 p.m. Bingo, Games and Billiards

#### Wednesday, April 17

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

#### Thursday, April 18

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. Strong Bones + 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure and Scheduled Medicaid and Legal appointments 10 a.m. to noon Scheduled Food Stamp 12:30 p.m. Mahjongg 1 p.m. Pinochle

#### Friday, April 19

**Scheduled Shopping** 10 a.m. Painting 10 a,m, Bridge 1 p.m. Quilting 1:30 p.m. Balance Class

#### **IN BRIEF**

#### **Pancake** breakfast

On Saturday, April 13, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Onesquethaw Reformed Church at 11 Groesbeck Road, Feura Bush, will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast.

The breakfast will include regular and blueberry pancakes, sausage, homemade gravy and biscuits, eggs to order, applesauce, juice, coffee, tea and milk.

The breakfast will benefit the Senior Youth Group Mission Trip to Blue Knob, PA and Camp Fowler Scholarship Fund.

#### **Cemetary** meeting

The Jerusalem Cemetery Association Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m., in the Church Hall of the Jerusalem Reformed Church, 1433 Indian Fields Road (Rt. 32), Feura Bush.

The meeting is open to lot owners and their families. Contact the association at 439-7190 or jerusalemcemetery@ yahoo.com with any questions.

#### **Church holds** spring dinner

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church at 2010 New Scotland Road in Slingerlands will hold a spring dinner on Saturday, April 20, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a home-cooked meal with all the trimmings. There will also be special sale booths wih baked goods, crafts, treasures and fair trade

Family-style serving. No reservations needed. First-come, first-serve.

Adults are \$10, children are \$5 and kids under five are free.

#### **Health services** fair scheduled

The Congregation Beth Emeth Albany Jewish Community Center Health and Services Fair for Adults and Seniors will be held at the Albany JCC, 340 Whitehall Road on Sunday, April 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

This free event is open to the community providing health screenings, information booths staffed by area businesses, refreshments and drawing prizes, therapeutic massage and quick adult haircuts. Snack bags will be given out from 10:30 until noon, while supplies last.

For more information, call 438-6651, ext. 112.





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# Chef to open second restaurant at Vista

**Garden Bistro** expected to employ 23, focus on lunch menu

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Construction has begun on a new, 6,000-square-foot building in the Vista Technology Campus that will eventually house the region's second Garden Bistro restaurant.

The location will be co-owned by Charles and John Grizzaffi, with John heading the Slingerlands site as chef. A seven-year lease has been signed with the option to renew.

" W e chose Slingerlands because I live in the area and I really feel there is a void for our type of establishment in town." said John Grizzaffi.

After graduating from the Culinary Institute of America, Grizzaffi, 27, opened Garden Bistro 24 in Colonie three years ago. The cuisine is of French influence and the menu selections change with the seasons depending on what local ingredients can be found.

Grizzaffi said fresh ingredients are the key to his success, and boasted how the kitchen is free of both a microwave and a freezer.

"This area is a great access point for fresh and local ingredients, with the large amount of farmers markets and co-ops nearby," he said. "Our big driving point is use of local ingredients because it's something that can be seen and tasted in the food.'

The Slingerlands restaurant will also have more of a focus placed on its lunch menu. Grizzaffi is hoping to attract people who work in the area, or may in the future as the Vista Campus grows. Many lunch options will be under \$10 and will be made easy to transport in case customers want to bring their food back to work.

Construction began on the building April 4. Joe Nicolla of Columbia Development said the exterior work should be complete in August and an opening is expected in September.

The second Garden Bistro location will make use of half of the building at 5 Vista Blvd. Another tenant is expected to fill the other 3,000 square feet. The restaurant will employ around 25 people and seat 125, with additional seating located on the outdoor patio.

Last month, the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency approved the construction of two other buildings in Vista through Columbia Development and BBL Construction. One received a standard property tax abatement agreement, while the other was granted sales and mortgage tax relief. Nicolla and Grizzaffi had originally been asking for



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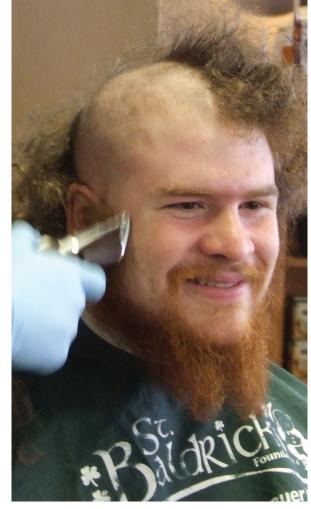
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> The names of other tenants for the buildings have yet to be released. Nicolla said he is waiting for leases to be signed before the announcements are made. At the end of the month, the IDA is expected to approve property tax abatements on a 27,000-square-foot building that would be partially occupied by Breonics Inc., an Albany company specializing in organ regeneration research.

The next regular IDA meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 26, at 8 a.m.



#### **Students shave** for cancer

Andrew Durand, a junior at The College of Saint Rose, began growing his beard and vibrant red hair in September 2012 and last Thursday, he watched it all fall to the floor.

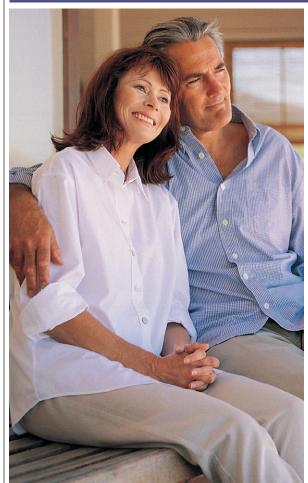
"I thought, 'You know what would be really cool? Shaving it all off for St. Baldrick's.' I decided I could shave my head off for that since I don't have money to donate. ... I could get others to donate money," he said.

Durand joined more than 30 other students at The College of Saint Rose on Thursday, April 4, by shaving his head to benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation, which supports the fight against childhood cancer. Each volunteer registered under the St. Baldrick's website and raised money over the course of the past two months. Durand said he collected \$285.

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# Albany County website to get fresh look

**Transparency and** user experience targeted in upgrade of web portal

By ZAN STRUMFELD strumfeldz@spotlightnews.com

Albany County officials hope a userfriendly website redesign will stimulate interest in county government.

Over the past month, County Executive Dan McCoy has teamed up with Albany-based web design company L&P Media to discuss the creation of a more userfriendly site. The existing site is at least 15 years old, McCoy said, and was not representing the accessibility county government is emphasizing.

"One of the things I really wanted to do is be transparent. The information is there (on the website), but doesn't flow right," McCoy said.
"I wanted it to flow right ... use technology that people get. It just makes it easier for them to

McCoy said he wants the site to be something the "people in the county want to go to." The new site, which is set to be finished by this summer, would include more organized links to county government pages, highlight images from

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- John Daniels, president and CEO of L&P Media

the county in a rotating to events and meetings information. The cost of emergencies, etc. the project is \$20,000.

Having an organized meeting schedule is also important, McCoy said, and the county plans to set up an alert system that would email residents about changes

slideshow and display as well as notifications alerts and emergency on road closures, snow

> McCoy said the site would also use methods like pie charts to help the public better understand topics like the budget.

> "It's a pretty complex document. If you use all of that terminology, people not in the field won't get it," he said.

> John Daniels, president and CEO of L&P Media, said the

new site would have a "strong focus on open government" so the information can be put out in a "quick and timely fashion."

"It'll certainly end up being easier to navigate with a more modern looking feel," said Daniels, who has worked on several other municipal sites including portals for Rensselaer County and the City of Troy. "Trust me, there will be a big difference as far as look and feel and navigation."

Though plans are still in the early stages, Daniels said the site would be easy to use on mobile devices, as well. Integrating a larger social media presence would also be an important aspect, which would include links to the county government's Twitter and Facebook

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One of the reasons for the reconstruction, McCoy said, is to make everything concerning the county-run nursing home accessible to the public. The new site would clearly display County Legislature meeting minutes, contracts and other information about the nursing home.

"We can only do our job when we hear back from the people we represent," McCoy said. "I work for the people. They have to know where (their money) is being spent and not have to guess."



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# Dementia care pitched

64-bed facility would focus on creating home-like setting for patients

By ZAN STRUMFELD strumfeldz@spotlightnews.com

A new assisted living facility has set its sights on Colonie.

Peregrine Assisted Living, based out of Syracuse, is looking to build an assisted adult home with a focus on dementia care at 5 South Family Drive in Colonie. Representatives from the Hershberg & Hershberg engineering firm described a sketch plan to the Colonie Planning Board Tuesday, March 26, for a 35,000-squarefoot, one-story memory enhancement facility.

The adult home would specialize in caring for seniors with higher levels of dementia. With a small staff and 24-hour security, the focus of the facility would be to emphasize "socialization" and create a home-like setting. "The Peregrine Way," according to the company's website, seeks to stray "away from an institutional model and toward a more dynamic and revitalizing

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Stephen Bowman president of the Peregrine Companies

environment which fosters intellectual, spiritual and emotional growth."

The proposed Colonie location would have 64 beds in 58 units, with four shared units in five separate wings. Each wing would have about 14 private bedrooms and a communal kitchen and living room. The structure is smaller but similar to the Peregrine's Beacon Pointe Memory Care Community in Clifton Park, which houses 52 residents in two wings.

Stephen Bowman, president of the Peregrine Companies, said that 20 years ago, there were not a lot of dementia-specific buildings in the area.

"In the past 10 years,

(we've) realized that dementia has become an epidemic. In a planning perspective, (there are) very few new dementia buildings that have gone up in the past five years in Colonie," Bowman said.

Bowman said oftentimes a wing of an adult home will be converted into a dementia section. Proposing this new building offers a specialized and state-of-the-art dementia program for Colonie, he said.

"What's exciting about this project is you're a pretty densely developed town ... but there hasn't been new construction (for a) dementia-filled community. Now we have a chance with Peregrine to step back and say, 'Let's go to Colonie,'" Bowman said.

Bowman said coming to Colonie would also be beneficial because the company plans to work with the senior resources and integrated activities that the town offers. Peregrine Companies has many facilities in New York, including the Clifton Park location as well as facilities in Rochester and Buffalo.

The company will refine its plan and return to the Planning Board for a more thorough review.

"I think there's a need for this. (It) looks like it'll have a function fairly well here," Planning Board Chairman Peter Stuto said.

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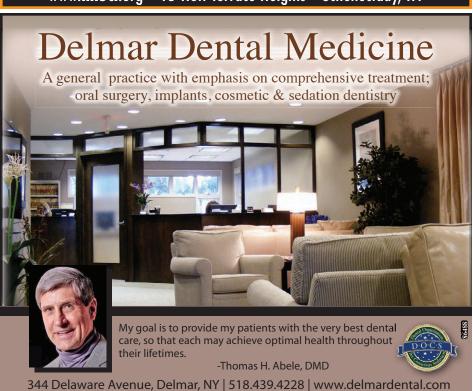
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# Providing a picture of the past

#### **Shaker culture** comes alive through virtual reality project in Watervliet

By ZAN STRUMFELD strumfeldz@spotlightnews.com

In 1774, Shaker leader Ann Lee led her followers from England to the New World, seeking religious freedom. After leasing land from the Van Rensselaers near what is now Albany International Airport, the very first Shaker community was born. The culture thrived and brought the Americas creations like the packaged garden seed industry and the flat broom, not to mention music.

Now, more than 200 years later, the Shaker Heritage Society is sharing the Shakers with the modern world by creating Virtual Watervliet (VWV) at virtual.shakerheritage.org, a digital reconstruction of their historic settlement.

"(The Shakers) were amazing, progressive and innovative people. We try to use the Shakers as somewhat of a role model to help guide our daily functions," said Executive Director of the Shaker Heritage Society Starlyn D'Angelo. "Knowing that they were lovers of technology and would use the latest technologies, we try to do the same as much as we can."

After about two years of work, the Shaker Heritage Society released VWV in November 2012. The society sits on 27 of what was once 800 acres of Shaker land at 25 Meeting House Road in Colonie. The website provides online tours of the Watervliet site, before and after images of buildings, tracks of Shaker music and biographies of settlers.

There are several options for tours, including a 3D tour with Google Earth, a 2D map tour and a site layout, all with clickable images that describe infrastructure and even people that once lived there. Each tour has its own features and elements to further depict the Shaker site.

"We tried to be very mindful of different technical capabilities and people who use technology in different ways,' D'Angelo said. "Some people are going to dive in head first ... and others want nothing to do with that. We wanted to make it accessible to everyone."

The project initially started on a much smaller scale, D'Angelo said, and primarily showed detailed digital models of buildings from the site. D'Angelo was able to secure \$50,000 in grants from the New York Council on the Arts and the Assemblyman

Reilly Fund. Yet as the said Iara Beduschi Kozan, Earth blog. adding in the extensive founder of Virtual Grounds. Shaker history, its music fundamental goals.

to me to also put it into a larger context, and focus on people who actually lived here," said D'Angelo, who has been studying Shaker history for 15 years. "It was really important to me to add the human element."

D'Angelo was first contacted about the project by Jose Kozan, CEO and founder of Virtual Grounds Interactive, who had worked on another, much smaller Shaker site digital reconstruction project and wanted to work on a website for the Watervliet location. There are at least 10 other Shaker museums across the country, including in Maine and New Hampshire, D'Angelo said, and having a website like the Virtual Watervliet project could help stimulate research of other Shaker villages.

"Virtual Watervliet is intended to be a model to show how you can use digital technology to interpret historic sites. We very much intend to help others to do similar projects to draw attention to historic sites and cultivate more support," D'Angelo said.

After an extensive amount of research, including reviewing surveys, historic maps and Shaker journals, the website began developing.

One of the project's challenges was ensuring the accuracy of the building placement. When Albany County bought the Shaker land in 1925, it demolished at least 20 buildings, and now only nine remain. For the website, researchers looked at historical photographs to define designations based on historical documents for each building.

One of the website's main features is an easily adaptable mobile device component. In the "Augmented Reality," visitors can walk around the Shaker site, aim a smartphone at a location and see computergenerated images of that particular spot. Similarly, visitors can scan a QR code and hear specific music from the mobile app, including a funeral song for Ann Lee while walking through the cemetery. The Shaker songs were recorded by Albany Pro Musica.

"One thing is when you're home and at the desktop, but another thing is if you go to the site itself, you have the mobile website companion, augmented channel. We wanted to explore that. It's such a rich history,"

process got underway, executive director and co-

Since its official launch. and people became the website has won two awards. The National "It was very important Council on Public History gave VWV an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Public History Project and Museumwise, The Museum Association of New York, issued an award of merit in the category of Innovation in Interpretation. The website was also highlighted in the Google

The recognition has been amazing, D'Angelo said, and she hopes VWV will become a primary source for teachers when discussing Shaker history. She said school tours have dropped dramatically in the past years due to budget cuts. With VWV, D'Angelo said she hopes visitors will come at anytime and take their own self-guided tours.

"Our goal is to really make it a place that people are proud of," she said.



Virtual Watervliet is a digital reconstruction of the Shaker society with before and after images, biographies and music.

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## o Core

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teachers union against the Common Core implementation has garnered 7,100 signatures in a matter of days, and the union is encouraging its members and parents to rail against the tests, which were adopted by the state Board of Regents in July 2010.

There will be three days of testing this year focusing on English and three on mathematics. The state Education Office explained the shift in a memo to educators across the state.

"This year ... we are taking the next step and designing our Grades 3-8 ELA and math assessments to measure the knowledge each grade level to achieve college and career readiness," wrote Ken Slentz, deputy commissioner of the Department of Education's Office of P-12 Education. "New York State educators and parents will now have an accurate indicator of how our students are performing and their progress toward collegeand career-readiness."

But Neira counters the state's "testing obsession is about taking the joy out of learning." And local educators, including Voorheesville Central School District Superintendent Teresa Thayer Snyder, worry the tests could be leading to an unhealthy atmosphere.

#### **Testing check-up**

Snyder sent a message to parents through the district's website on March 14 explaining her concern students could be "somewhat overwhelmed" by the new standards, the complexity of questions and the length of the actual exams.

"The prototype questions require multiple steps and have reading passages that are challenging for most independent readers," Snyder said. "I want our students to be confident and to recognize that these tests are nothing more than a snapshot in time and are not indicators of their capacity. I am very worried about the stress these children may experience during the testing timeframe."

Other area districts have been sending a similar message to parents and have asked them to try to help their children overcome fears and reduce testing stress.

Lynnwood Elementary School Principal Alicia Rizzo wrote in the school's April newsletter that teachers have "worked hard all year" to prepare students and asked parents to help calm students. The school is part of Guilderland Central School District.

"We expect some of the tests may offer new challenges to our students and ask your assistance in helping students to remain calm and to not feel overly anxious about the tests," Rizzo said in the newsletter. "We are working to strike a balance in our students to take the test seriously — while not creating test anxiety."

Snyder recalled her experience as a principal. During periods of testing, visits to the nurse's office rose markedly.

"The results indicated a huge spike in visits to the nurse — a set of hard data which is as telling to me as the outcomes on the tests. Belly aches, headaches,

other indicators of distress were all higher during testing among fourth graders," Snyder said in a statement.

# Test time in Common Core

South Colonie Central School District Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Timothy Backus said the amount of time a student must physically sit and take exams is concerning. Guilderland Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Demian Singleton shared Backus' concern.

"The shift to Common Core based assessments alone will have an impact because we are really testing the test endurance of students," Singleton said.

In 2011, English language arts (ELA) testing lasted two days for sixth through eighth graders, but now students are tested for longer periods on three days. The first day of testing in 2011 was 80 minutes, and the second day was 90 minutes. Testing will take place over 90 minutes on each day this year, for a total of 270 minutes.

For third-to fifth-grade ELA testing, the changes are more complicated. When compared to last year, third and fourth graders will spend less time in testing – 210 minutes versus 270 – while fifth graders will spend the same 270 minutes with tests (that's up from 150 minutes in 2011).

When it comes to math, testing times are similar. This year, fifth to eighth graders will be tested for 270 minutes, and third and fourth graders will be tested at 210 and 230

minutes, respectively. That's a decrease from 2012 standards for thirdand fourth-graders, but up markedly from 2011 levels.

For some educators, no matter how these numbers might be fine tuned, they're too large.

"I think the length of the exams is way too long for students. I don't think they should be tested for three days," said Jody Monroe, assistant superintendent for Educational Programs at Bethlehem Central School District. "I think assessing students in those areas were there is a common assessment across the state is fine, but I think the length of them is too much."

Between the ELA and Math, a third grader will spend seven hours in testing this year. In fifth through eighth grade, students will take nine hours of testing.

If the testing times remain the same, a student in third grade this year will have spent more than 50 hours in Common Core testing upon completing eighth grade.

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.

# Bracing for disappointment

The state Education Department expects students overall will fare worse under the new standards, but Slentz in his March memo said parents would welcome the new standards if they understood them fully.

"Schools and districts must help parents understand more than just the fact that curricula and assessments are changing in design and rigor," Slentz said in a statement. "When parents have a broader sense of the importance of this work, they will be more engaged as partners and better prepared to support the progress of their children."

A Department of Education spokeswoman referred The Spotlight to Slentz's memo for all questions relating to the Common Core Standards.

NYSUT President Richard Iannuzzi said it might be hard for young students to understand exactly why their scores are lower, despite the State Education Department's warning.

"If it is your child, or my child, you look out there and say they are going to be disappointed and they are going to feel they failed and it is not their fault," Iannuzzi said. "Little kids don't understand that it is not their fault, they just assume it is their fault. ... It really undermines so much of what is basic to education."

Monroe said not all students might flounder on the more difficult tests.

"Some students are probably ready for that. ... I think potential pitfall of that is that the students who are not able to keep up with that rigor they could potentially fall behind."

Monroe acknowledged lower test scores might be harder for some students to take in.

"Most students want to perform well. ... I think it would be disheartening for some students not to perform well," Monroe said. "The best we can do is say the state has told us to expect your child's score to decrease."

Mike Keane, president of the Roessleville Elementary PTA in the South Colonie Central School District, said the state should have taken more time to implement the changes and integrate the new standards into programming.

Keane has tried to help prepare his son, Liam, in third grade, but said the way some questions are worded seem confusing for his grade level. He said the teachers have been "fantastic" working with Liam, though.

"As I review certain things ... it is almost that things are worded in a way to try to confuse the child," Keane said. "Parents are getting frustrated because they are seeing things worded for a third-grade student that we didn't see until fifth or sixth grade."

Last year, Keane said a family friend told him about her child not wanting to be responsible for her teacher potentially being fired. He said teachers have done a "great job" easing students about the tests.

"That is a lot to ask of an 8-, 9- and 10-year-old," Keane said.

BC's Elsmere Elementary PTA President Melanie Kvam also said student anxiety is a hot topic amongst parents.

"I think a lot of people are concerned with the amount of testing we are giving at schools and whether or not that is good for the children," Kvam said. "There is a lot of change right now and I think some it is probably good and some of it is not ideal and that will get worked out as it goes."

Kvam's first-grade daughter has not known anything but the Common Core, she said, and for her, the standards appear to be working well.

"I am pleased with the level of education she is receiving. I don't have any concerns that she is getting too much work or too little work," she said. "When I talk to my daughter about school she doesn't talk about tests or testing. It has not been a concern for her. ... I am watching her grow in her reading skills and math skills."

Overall, Kvam is "still forming an opinion" on the new standards.



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### **Milestones**

#### **Robert Edward** Morton

DELMAR-Robert Edward Morton of Delmar, N.Y. died on Friday, March 15, 2013. Bob was



the devoted husband of Eleanor Huetter Morton, who he married on June 25,

1949. They had celebrated 59 years of marriage before her death in March 2009 and had raised four children: Bob Jr., Kathy, Tom and Jim.

Bob was born in Syracuse, N.Y. on June 7, 1924. His parents were Fred T. Morton and Mildred H. Morton. He loved his older sister, Margaret M. Stewart with whom he had many happy memories of their childhood adventures. He will also be missed by his nephews Alan and his wife Lea, and Keith and his wife Leigh as well as Margaret's brotherin-law Lyall Stewart (a fellow boy scout) and his wife Marilyn. His brother-in-law A. Douglas Stewart pre-deceased him. Other close family members include Herb Loesch from Barker, N.Y. and his children Tracy and Terri who will miss doing puzzles with Bob, especially at Lake George.

Bob graduated from Kenmore High School in 1942 and after serving in the United States Army he went on to finish his studies and graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1949. While at college he played on the hockey team, was a KSLU disc jockey and often sold drinks at the football games with the Booster Club. He loved to tell the story of how they gave out free bags of popcorn with lots of salt on it so they could sell more soft drinks. Bob was a member of the A.T.O. fraternity and he enjoyed returning for SLU reunions over the years.

In January of 1987, Bob retired from his job of 40 years with the N.Y. Telephone Company and began a new career as a Realtor. He had a close group of friends with whom he played Bridge and Poker in the "Culture Club". His Saturday golf games at Normanside Country Club were something he looked

forward to as well as long afternoons fishing at Lake George with his daughter.

While his three sons were on little league teams in Orchard Park and Bethlehem he coached them as well as being involved in both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in several leadership roles. He was an avid coin and stamp collector and dealer for many years.

The Bethlehem Lions Club was a very important part of Bob's life. He held every office and had more than 55 years of perfect attendance. He was the last living charter member and was honored by Lions Club International as a life member and a Melvin Jones fellow.

Being involved in activities at the First Methodist Church of Delmar was a highlight for Bob. He was vice president of the Second Milers, a church trustee and a long time member of the finance committee. Bob loved meeting and conversing with all kinds of people, particularly if they were Red Sox fans like he was.

In October 1998, he was pre-deceased by his eldest son, Bob Jr., who died of cancer. He was also the proud father, father-in-law and grandfather of Kathy, Kenny, Kristina and Kelsey Ivory of Edgartown, MA; Tom, Lisa, Katie and Jeffrey of Delmar and Jim, Lori, Daniel and Sean of Hudson, MA.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the First **United Methodist Church** of Delmar and he was buried in the Bethlehem Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Bethlehem Lions Club, The First Methodist Church of Delmar or you may share an act of kindness with someone in his memory.

# **Earth**

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nothing for some animals to eat as they come out of hibernation or to get them through the winter 'starving months."

"This is really the time to get this done, as the sins of the winter are exposed after the snow melts," said Thompson.

Participants may also help the educational center by learning how to build kestrel boxes. Kestrels are small falcons that often make their homes in dead trees. Thompson said the conservation world is concerned for the species because many of the trees in which the birds would typically make their homes are being taken down and burned by unknowing property owners.

However, the birds will accept a nesting box as their home. Five Rivers is now working to make them readily available in the area for the birds. Thompson said kits for this project are limited and they may take a bit of carpentry skills to make, so he asked anyone interested to call in advance for a reservation. He said this is also a good project for adults and children to work on together.

Anyone looking to volunteer

for Earth Day activities should come prepared depending on the weather.

'(I) always laugh about the timing of Earth Day because in the Northeast there's not the best climate," Thompson said. "The founder was from San Diego, so by this time of year, weather isn't really an issue."

Thompson said although it is important to be environmentally conscious throughout the year, Earth Day is a good reminder about the need to care for the earth on a routine basis.

"Sometimes one just needs to go to the well and reflect," he said.

# Menands looks to stick to tax cap

Public hearing to be held on budget that would hike taxes 2.5 percent

By ZAN STRUMFELD strumfeldz@spotlightnews.com

The Menands Board of Trustees voted Monday, April 1, to authorize the village to exceed the state tax cap, but officials hope it won't come to that.

The village's tentative 2013-14 budget is up against the tax levy limit imposed by the state tax cap law. The \$6.4 million budget, a \$300,000 increase over this year's spending plan, would hike taxes by 2.52 percent for a tax rate of \$6.78 per 1,000 of assessed property value.

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 8, on the proposed 2013-14 budget and if any changes need to be made, the budget will "most likely" have to exceed the cap, Village Treasurer Bill Smith said.

"But with the budget right now, they don't need it. That's just for protection," Smith said, referring to the recent vote to authorize exceeding the cap.

The Village of Menands has approximately 25 fulltime employees and 15 part-time employees. This year, retirement costs have increased in several areas, including 14 percent in the police department. Fixed costs increased year-to-year, including hospitalization costs that were up 17 percent and workers compensation, which was up 16 percent.

Increased retirement costs is one reason the village is allowed to raise its taxes above the 2 percent tax cap.

"Over the last four or five years, it's gone up substantially," Smith said.

There are not water or sewer fee hikes in the tentative budget. Last year, the village hiked fees by 7 percent. The water fund is budgeted at \$1.2 million, up from last year's \$1.1 million, and the sewer fund is \$680,000, an increase from last year's \$560,000.

Smith said the village likes to keep a "reasonable amount" of the budget in the fund balance, though each year the balance is getting lower. It is scheduled to stand at \$650,000 in the 2013-14 budget.

"The 2 percent cap doesn't allow you to do much and still maintain a fund balance that is reasonable. And the governor wants everything fixed. But you can't fix it if you can't raise taxes," Smith said. "We do the best we can."

The April 8 public hearing will be held at the Menands Fire House at 6:30 p.m.







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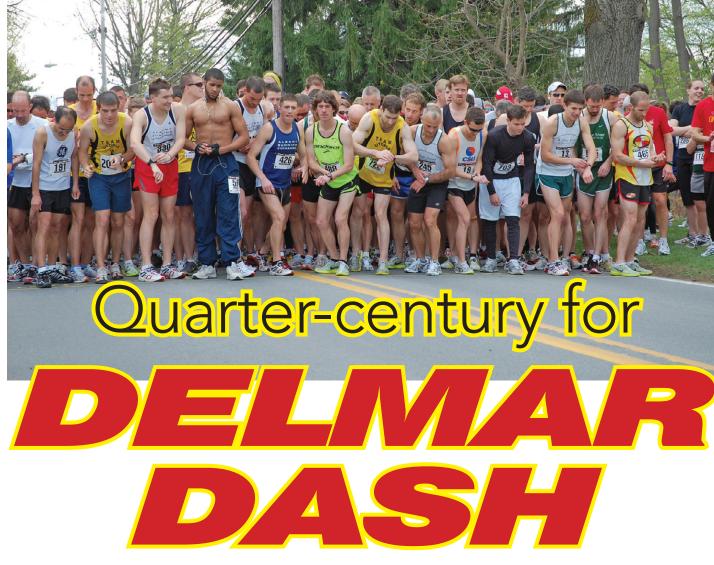
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# **Entertainment** in the Spotlight



### Race that turns 25 this year started as weekly running group

ny Sunday morning in the late 1980's, you would find Hank Steadman, Alan Via and their buddies treading pavement across the Town of Bethlehem. Through rain, sleet or snow, the informal running group of 12 to 15 members would never fail to cover up to 10 miles each Sunday. They called themselves the Sunday Morning Running Group.

"I would look forward all week to get out on Sunday morning running with them," Via said. "We would run basically two-by-two or three in a row, so you heard By DANIA BIANCHI bianchid@spotlightnews.com

Someone from the group was responsible for placing a jug of water and paper cups at Orchard Hill Road early in the morning before meeting up with the group.

"This was when Fisher was just a town road through the woods," Via said.

While out one morning on a run, a few of the runners came up with the idea of a town-wide race.

"We thought there was a big gap in the local racing calendar and the Town of Bethlehem is such a wonderful area to run in – and I wanted to show off the town," Steadman said.

With this idea, the Delmar Dash was born, and the work began. First things first, they needed to come up with the route. Rather than use their feet, the group took to the street with bikes set up with special calibration devices to determine the course. They ended up settling on a

five-mile run.

"We wanted a distance that wasn't a 5K because 80 to 90 percent of the races are five kilometers," said Steadman. "I wanted

something different, but not so much that the novice runner couldn't do it."

Applications were printed up and distributed in stores all over the Capital District, T-shirts were designed, sponsors were recruited and volunteers were lined up for a number of jobs, including taking care of the starting and finish lines, handling the awards, manning the course – and setting up water stations.

"It became like a part-time job," Via said.

In April of 1989, after hard work and determination, 303 runners crossed the finish line in the first Delmar Dash.

Over the years, the number of participants grew and the course changed. In 1989, the race began at the intersection of Elsmere Avenue and Delaware Avenue, and has since it has been moved to the Bethlehem Middle School.

"The basic essence of the race hasn't information, visit www.hmrrc.com.

changed," Steadman said. "It has always been seen as a real grassroots community event and a kind of 'come out in the springtime' type of event"

"People come out on their front lawns waving with the kids, holding up signs, 'Go Charlie' or 'Way to go Ann' or yelling 'Hey, you're looking strong there!" Via laughed. "It's very much a community event.

Held in April, the race has seen its share of soggy weather, so much so that Via said for a few years the logo on the race T-shirt had an umbrella on it.

"The very first race was a spectacular spring, and then a front came through," said Via. "The temperature was in the high 20s and windy – it was brutally cold."





Steadman said clearly the most memorable race was in 2000.

"It was scheduled for April 9, and on that day we got 13 inches of snow. We had to postpone the race until April 30," he said.

After a number of years, the job of organizing the race was passed on to a new group of people.

"It was a really hard thing to let go," said Via. "But with everything else going on in our lives, it was time to hand it over to someone else."

Via and Steadman plan to man the sidelines at this year's race.

"The Delmar Dash is going to be 25 years old," Via said. "My baby is all grown up and an adult now."

The Delmar Dash will run for the 25<sup>th</sup> time on April 14, at 9 a.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School. Organizers Aaron and Diana Knobloch, plan to recognize Steadman, Via and the other original organizers at the event.

Via said he is looking forward to being here.

"I have even asked them if I could do the announcement and shoot the gun," said Via with a laugh.

Registration is available online until Thursday, April 11, at noon at www. hmrrc.com. There will be no day-of-race registration. Last chance registration is \$30 and will be held at Fleet Feet Sports at 155 Wolf Road in Colonie, on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.hmrrc.com



stories about their kids and their jobs and all the various things in their life."

"We probably knew more about their lives than some of their family did," Via said with a chuckle.

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

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#### 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.

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#### Music

#### **VOCA PEOPLE**

The a cappella comedy experience. April 20, 8 p.m., Proctor's Main Stage, 432 State St., Schenectady. Information, proctors.org

#### **AMY RYAN**

Blues mama. With guitarist Paco. April 12, 7 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115

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South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

#### AMY SPEACE & THE STORM

With opener Davey O. April 12, 8 p.m. Members \$14, general admission \$16, children under 13 \$8. Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Information, 583-0022.

#### ANDY BAKER & ADAM RIVERA

Acoustic Guitar / Covers & Originals. April 12, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information,

#### HORSZOWSKI TRIO

The Friends of Chamber Music presents the Horszowski Trio with Tenor Matthew Anderson. April 20, 8 p.m. Kiggins Hall at the Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Avenue (Route 66), Troy. friendsofchambermusic.org.

#### SKIP PARSONS' RIVERBOAT JAZZ BAND

Early style New Orleans and Chicago jazz. April 12 and 13, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Fountain Restaurant, 283 New Scotland Ave, Albany. Reserve at 482-9898.

#### 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.

#### RAY, ARIANA & LIZ

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April 13, 8 p.m. Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Members \$16, general admission \$18, children under 13 \$9. Information, 583-0022

#### WILLIAMS CHAMBER PLAYERS

Performers will include pianist Doris Stevenson and violinist Joanna Kurkowicz 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.

#### BARN OWL BLUES

Uke driven originals and songs from the early 1900s. Brenda Fisher and Ron Whitford. April 13, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

#### **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.

#### 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 12, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14 students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204. Also, weekly improv skit show, April 13, 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.

#### **AMY SCHUMER** Creator, star and writer of Inside Amy, to

premiere next vear on Comedy Central. April 13, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza. Albany. \$32.50. Information, 473-1845 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**

Joev Kola w/ Ward Anderson, April 12 and 13, 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.

#### **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

\$10 Members, \$5 Students, 18 and under free. capitalusadance.com.

#### 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, nacredance.org

#### Visual Arts

#### A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Food For Thought is a monthly evening of food, film and discussion with a focus on films. This month: "A Place At The Table." April 18, 7 p.m. The Linda, WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. \$8. Information, 465-5233 ext 4.

#### THE UNITED STATES OF AUTISM

All proceeds will go to organizations that help those affected by autism. April 13, noon to 2:30 p.m. Local speakers to preced movie at 12:30 p.m. Proctors GE Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$10. Information, usofautism.com.

#### **ONCE WERE WARRIORS**

New Zealand, 1995, 102 minutes, color, in English and Maori with English subtitles, directed by Lee Tamahori. April 26, 7:30 p.m. Page Hall, 135 Western Avenue, on the University at Albany Downtown Campus. Information, albany. edu/writers-inst.

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#### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"The Making of the Hudson River School: More than the Eye Beholds," through Aug. 18; "The Legacy of Currier & Ives: Shaping the American Spirit," through June 15; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Colletcion of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

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

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#### **COMMUNITY CHORUS**

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

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

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# **Altamont holds tax levy flat**

Board adopts \$2.1M budget, sewer fee increasing by \$90 annually

By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

When it comes to budgeting, the sound of silence is music to the ears of elected officials.

The Village of Altamont's 2013-14 budget is a masterpiece by those standards. No residents spoke during a public hearing on Tuesday, April 2, and the Board of Trustees passed a \$2.1 million budget that increases spending by \$140,000. Mayor James Gaughan saw the hearing as quiet approval of the budget.

"I used to say when I first got elected that the audience is made up of many people who I used to teach in school called 'mathophobes," Gaughan said, "but now I'm changing my mind. It now means that you are

pretty much OK with what you see there, not that you are afraid of the numbers."

Village officials crafted the budget during the last two months and held two public budget workshops, Gaughan said. After hearing no comments during the public hearing, the board unanimously adopted the 2013-14 Budget.

"There is no increase in taxes from the village under this budget," Gaughan said. "We were able to give all of our staff a cost of living increase of 2 percent ... and it incorporates the fire department at the same budget as last year."

The property tax levy isn't increasing, but residents might notice a slight increase in their bills.

The 2012-13 tax rate was \$2.7909 per \$1,000 of property value, but the village's taxable property was reduced and the 2013-14 tax rate will be \$2.7940 per thousand.

Fund balance appropriations are also increasing in the village's general fund by more than \$25,000, and total \$43,000. Sewer fund reserves allocation is increasing by more than \$17,000 and totals around \$111,000. Water fund reserve

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- Altamont Mayor James Gaughan

spending is to be reduced by more than \$15,000 and totals around \$57,000.

The total amount of the village's reserve fund balances as of Feb. 28 was more than \$900,000. Gaughan said the village has "slightly healthier" fund balance when compared to some neighboring areas due to its "strict fiscal constraints."

"We haven't really increased things that much. We have kind of kept a flat line on everything to keep things down," Gaughan said.

Customers of the village's sewer system will be seeing an increase in the semi-annual fee. It is estimated to rise by \$45 per billing period, amounting to a total of \$90,000 more revenue coming to the village

annually. Sewer bills are sent out twice a year, and are scheduled to account for \$440,000 in revenue in 2013-14.

Gaughan said he has warned residents over the last two years that an increase in the sewer fees would be implemented to help pay for the mandated renovations to its facilities. Each year, for 30 years, the village will pay around \$200,000 annually toward the bonded project.

The village's library contribution is increasing by the requested \$1,200 to total \$41,200.

Gaughan said staff turnovers have resulted in some small savings for the village and there has been a slight increase in revenue coming to the general fund outside of taxes. In general, he said the village's fiscal responsibility allowed for no property tax levy increase.

"We instituted two to three years ago some severe restrictions ... the continuation of those multi-year restrictions on spending has kept us with our head above water," Gaughan said. "It has been a combination of belt tightening and continued looking at every little thing."

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For more information, visit www. thetearsfoundation.org.

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# **Ex-cop's lawsuit to go to trial**

Judge rejects town's motion to dismiss case

By CHARLES WIFF wiffc@spotlightnews.com

It will be up to a jury to decide whether former Bethlehem police officer Christopher Hughes faced a hostile work environment for expressing what he argues was protected speech.

Judge Gary Sharpe issued a ruling on Friday, March 29, rejecting a motion for summary judgment on behalf of the town. In the decision, Sharpe wrote the defendants had not shown sufficient evidence that Hughes' 2010 lawsuit against the town and Police Chief Louis Corsi was without merit.

Hughes alleged in his lawsuit he faced a hostile work environment and retaliatory action for expressing protected speech." The ex-officer is best known for going public in 2009 with allegations Corsi uttered a racial slur. His claims touched off an internal town investigation that ended in the discovery of the taped conversation and a 10-day suspension for the police chief.

In the time period surrounding those events, Hughes was stripped of his badge and gun, issued suspensions that were later overturned and was sent to a mental health evaluation. At issue in the lawsuit is whether those disciplinary actions were in response to Hughes expressing free speech

protected by the First Amendment, or for other behavioral issues.

"Although the letters and complaints made by Hughes permeate a tone of hostility, and the timing of their filing, as well as the remoteness in time of certain about which they protest suggest a less than altruistic motive underlying their disclosure, they nevertheless touch on issues of public concern," and are thus protected speech, Sharpe wrote in his decision.

The case will now be scheduled to be heard by a jury. Though he did not return a call for comment, Michael Sussman, Hughes' attorney, previously told The Spotlight his client is prepared for a trial.

Thomas O'Connor. of the Napierski, Vandenburgh Law Firm, which is representing the town and Corsi, said he's still reviewing the decision.

'We're reviewing it to determine whether there should be an immediate appeal," he said.

O'Connor said there has been no discussion with town officials about the possibility of a settlement.

Hughes was placed on a paid medical leave around the time of the town's 2009 internal investigation, and remained on leave until he was fired last year following a conviction for possessing a fake police identification card. He was sentenced to probation in that case.

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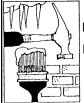
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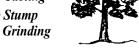
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(April 10, 2013)

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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. SŠNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 816, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 86200 (D) (April 10, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of CORNER BEDFORD RE-ALTY 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. (April 10, 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 Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86202 (D) (April 10, 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 10, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of ROOKMIN DEVELOP-ERS 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 86204 (D) (April 10, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 250 Bowery PHB Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/19/13. Off. loc.: 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 Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86207 (D) (April 10, 2013)

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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 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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. (April 10, 2013)

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#### **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 10, 2013)

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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 10, 2013)

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Live Books, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/12. Off. Loc.: Albany

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#### **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 10, 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 the LLC, 62 Shore Road, Bayville, NY 11709, Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86220 (D) (April 10, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 73 Crescent Drive, LLC. Arts. Org. filed with the Sect'y 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 ane, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: any lawful act. (April 10, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of NA-TIONAL 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 whom proagainst 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 10, 2013)

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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)

#### **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. (April 10, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of SHEFFIELD MANAGE-MENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY or 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86232 (D)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Maddog Hospitality Group LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y 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 10, 2013)

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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 shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86235 (D) (April 10, 2013)

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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 10, 2013)

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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 10, 2013)

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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 10, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of DEANTONIO IMPORTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/7/13. Of-fice location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86252 (D) (April 10, 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 86258 (D)

#### (April 10, 2013)

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 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:

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all lawful activities. 86318 (D) (April 10, 2013)

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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

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lawful purpose. 86319 (D) (April 10, 2013)

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Wemett & Hall, LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Com-pany (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. pose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 86324 (D)

#### (April 10, 2013)

**LEGAL NOTICE** Notice of Formation of MSWB LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designatéd 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. (April 10, 2013)

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#### (April 10, 2013)

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 10, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-ABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: ALCO HOSPITAL ITY 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)

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(April 10, 2013)

NOTICE OF QUALIFICA-TION 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 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION of DUNCAN ARCHITECT PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/

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 86331 (D)

(April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION of ECONOMETRIC RE-SOURCE 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** 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 10, 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 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION

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: 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. RICHARD J. SALVATORE,

JR. – Organizer /s/ Vera Popova Salvatore VERA POPOVA SALVA-TORE - Organizer 86337 (D)

(April 10, 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 10, 2013)

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-ABILITY 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 86339 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZA-TION OF THE HUNGRY TRAVELER LLC

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

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 hade herein are true under the penalties of perjury.

/s/ Christopher Fournier, 86369 (D)

(April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of T 1 Properties, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 3/4/13. 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 512 Altamont Voorheesville Rd., Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: any lawful activities. 86372 (Ď) (April 10, 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 copy of process to Kristy Hariprashad, 527 Ontario St., Schenectady, NY 12306. Purpose: any lawful 86373 (D) (April 10, 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 10, 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

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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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ADG Dental Services, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of (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 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ALL PERFECTION CON-TRACTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86384 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of BRIT-TANY 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 10, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-ABILITY 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 Secretary of State County. is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. 86386 (D) (April 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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 10, 2013)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Offshore Harry Sportfishing & Outfitting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/28/2013. 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. 86397 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Hoop Vinyasa LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/28/2013. 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. 86398 (D)

(April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Oak Elm Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/25/2013. 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. 86399 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Irreverent Theatricals LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/26/13. 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 FI., NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86509 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Syr Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/25/2013. 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. 86400 (D)

(April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Juno Malta LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on Albany. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard 5th Floor, Albany, New York 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86402 (D)

(April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of 1348 PROPERTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/28/13. 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 86403 (D)

(April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of VINEYARD DIRECT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/29/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may h erved 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. 86512 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** At a Term of the Supreme

Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Albany, at Albany County Courthouse located at Albany, New York on the 9 day of March, 2013 PRESENT: HON SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY IN THE MATTER OF THE **APPLICANT** OF RACHEL CHRISTINE CHAKMAKAS FOR LEAVE TO CHANGE HER NAME TO RACHEL CHRISTINE **MURRAY** That upon the reading and

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the filing of the petition of Rachel Christine Chakmakas verified on March 5th, 2013 praying for leaving to change her name to Rachel Christine Murray and the Court being satisfied that the petition is true and that there is no reasonable opposition to the proposed name change.

NOW, upon the motion of the petitioner, Rachel Christine Chakmakas, it is ORDERED, that petitioner, having been born in the City of Albany, County of Albany, State of New York, Birth Certificate number 3078, shall be known by the name Rachel Christine Murray which she is now authorized to use; and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall be entered and the papers upon which it was granted shall be filed, prior to the publication herein directed, in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Albany, wherein the petitioner resides; and it is further

ORDERED, that at least once within the sixty (60) days after the execution of this order, notice in substantially the following form, prescribed by Article Six of the Civil Rights Law of the State of New York shall be published in the Colonie Spotlight, a newspaper published in the County of Albany;

Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the New York State Supreme Court in and for the County of Albany 27 day of March, 2013, bearing index number 1325-13, a copy of which may be examined in the office of the Albany County Clerk, grants me the right to use the name of Rachel Christine Murray. My present address is 7 Fairfield Drive, Voorheesville, NY 12186; my date of birth is September 2, 1981; My present name is Rachel Christine Chakmakas; and it is further

ORDERED, that upon full compliance with the provisions of this order, the petitioner shall be known by the name of Rachel Christine Murray, which he is authorized to use, and no other name; and it is further ORDERED, that proof of publication shall be filed with the Albany County Clerk within ninety (90) days of the execution of

this order.
DATED: March 9, 2013 Albany, New York HON. Thomas A. Breslin JUSTICE OF THE SU-PREME COURT 86539 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Ainsworth Surgical Pavilion, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/1/2013. 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. 86540 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Opus Rabin LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/5/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 283 Hudson Ave, Apt 1, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86541 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Dumbo Sub LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/3/2013. 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. 86542 (D) (April 10, 2013)

budget vote, and election NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN 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

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

School District

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Voorheesville Central

Notice of public hearing,

2013-2014. 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 followina:

. 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 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 at said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May Ž1, 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 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: RE-PAIR 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 of money which will be required for the ensuing year

statement of the amount 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`

Voorheesville Elementary cnool Clayton A. Bouton High School

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,

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# Wolf Road McDonald's eyed for updates

New drive through and modern styling planned for eatery

By ZAN STRUMFELD strumfeldz@spotlightnews.com

McDonald's is looking to revamp its outdated Wolf Road restaurant.

Representatives from Bohler Engineering came before the Colonie Planning Board Tuesday, March 26, and were granted

concept approval for a "significant reinvestment" in the '70s-styled building at 106 Wolf Road. The chain is following the lead of several other Capital District McDonald's locations by remodeling for a more modern look.

The project calls for demolition of the building and construction of a brand new 5,200-squarefoot restaurant. The biggest change would be a dual drive-through lane.

"I will say that all of the ones that have been remodeled are aesthetically pleasing."

> - Colonie board member **Brian Austin**

The Bohler Engineering representative said drivethrough traffic constitutes 50 percent of that location's business and they want to improve the efficiency and fluidity by adding in a second lane for the drive through. The model will be similar what's used at the McDonald's at 1006 Central Ave., which also has a side-by-side drive

through, but the feature at the Wolf Road location may be architecturally and structurally different.

The new building would also have a more contemporary exterior and interior style, including decorative stone features, fencing in front of the building and energyefficient elements. It would also be more ADAcompliant.

"I will say that all of the ones that have been remodeled are aesthetically pleasing," board member Brian Austin said. "Some have fireplaces ... it's fancy. . . . It's nice to see that happening with this one."

Once the project receives final site approval, the demolition and construction should take no more than 100 days.

# This week in history in The Spotlight

#### Highlights from a half-century ago

From The Spotlight, April 11, 1963

- The Elsmere Fire Co. A announces it will distribute "Invalid stickers" to any resident who requests one, to be displayed on the front door of window of a home to alert firefighters to the need for a rescue.
- The Bethlehem Town Board approves three new business zones: one at the top of Corning Hill and two in South Bethlehem. Some residents were opposed to the establishment of a light industrial zone in South Bethlehem.
- "Little Women," a newly-organized 4-H Club in Delmar, holds a meeting and installs officers.
- From the ads: United Cleaners on Delaware Avenue advertises 5 lbs. of dry cleaning done for \$1. Easter ads are prevalent, including for candies at the L.J. Mullen Pharmacy in Elsmere - 1 lb of Russell Stover chocolates for \$1.50.



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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Voorheesville Public Library for the presentation of the Public Library budget for the year 2013-2014

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 caused by the resignation of the term of Rita Stein.

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 pur-

pose. 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 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 twentyfive (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

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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 ad-

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

Voorheesville, NY 12186 Dated: April 3,2013 Dorothea Pfleiderer District Clerk

86511 (D) (April 10, 2013)

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUB-LIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN, 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 . 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

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of Education and the budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time. 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 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. PROPOSITIÓN #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

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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 therefor, 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 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 preced-

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ing 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 peti-

tions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and ne office of 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 Clark. Completed and the complete Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if

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the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee bal lots 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 Stàtés 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,

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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 referenda 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.

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# **Drainage**

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The plan chiefly involves creating new catch basins and replacing old stormwater piping with new equipment.

Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association, said more than 400 of the hamlet's 600 residents signed a petition asking for the drainage district. Of the people reached, Reeb said about 25 people expressed opposition.

Only parts of McKownville would be covered by the drainage district, Runion said. The district would roughly be limited to the area north of Western Avenue and to the commercial properties on the southern side of Western Avenue.

Resident Martha Harausz said hamlet property owners have tried to do something about their drainage problems "for decades" and was pleased to see work being done to correct the issue.

"If we had been able to start ... 35 years ago when I first moved into the neighborhood, we would probably be a lot further along," Harausz said. "By forming this district, it will allow the town to go on the alleyways to make some of the repairs ... which is always a difficult decision when a town member has to go on private property, all kinds of things can happen."

Town officials have tired to help residents on an "emergency basis," according to Runion, but it's a private drainage system so the town is limited in how much service it can provide. This also didn't allow the town to monitor the system and catch problems earlier.

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> – Martha Harausz. hamlet resident

"When you do it on an emergency basis, usually somebody ends up with a problem that lasts for a sustained period of time," Runion said, "whether it's the likelihood of excessive flooding in their basement or possibility of a basement collapsing or an unsafe condition due to misquotes or other types of stagnant water that exists in backyards."

Reeb said enthusiasm for the project in McKownville is

"overwhelming" since many residents have tried for years to find a solution.

"It is something that people dreamed about for many, many years to see their stormwater problems reduced," Reeb

The McKownville Fire Department typically receives 40 to 60 calls every year for pumping out basements, Reeb said. The amount of calls he has received over the years from neighbors seeking help has been "significant," he added.

Runion recalled the last drainage incident he could remember, which was a problem in the back alley along Elmwood and Parkwood streets.

Two or three lots were significantly flooded, he said, so the Highway Department pumped out the area "for a period of time." The town only has one pump though, so when other issues occurred around town the pump would need to be removed.

"That flooding just continued ... and it just was filled with water," Runion said. "Eventually, after I think around three weeks of pumping, we got to the point where the ground was stable enough

that the town could go in and dig to look at this problem.'

Only the residents within the McKownville Drainage District would be taxed, at 26 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which would generate around \$54,000 annually. The typical one family home would pay around \$28 annually.

The board scheduled a public hearing on the proposed drainage district during its next meeting on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. Runion said all residents within the district would be notified of the proposed district. The board cancelled its Tuesday, April 16, meeting.



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## FroJoe

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course was now in a plastic bag. He sent the clippings on to Locks of Love, a charity that takes donated hair and turns it into wigs for cancer patients.

As he sat in the Neville family's kitchen having sections of his hair cut one by one by Neville, Girard immediately noticed the difference.

"It feels like my head is weightless," said Girard.

Girard gave Neville, a fellow BH-BL student also studying cosmetology at Albany County BOCES, the honor of cutting his hair down to an unrecognizable

"He trusts me for some reason," said Neville.

After studying the task at hand, Neville began the process by bundling small sections of Girard's afro and then cutting as close to his head as possible. Within 30 minutes, Girard was two inches shorter than when he walked in with his parents, Joe Sr. and Marylou.

After another 20 minutes of having his hair shaved down to get rid of the remaining curls, Girard got up and looked at

#### One inning helps **BC** beat CBA

The Bethlehem baseball team scored all of its runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to defeat Christian Brothers Acasdemy 4-2 in Saturday's non-league game.

Nick DiNapoli had an RBI double, and Mike Anziano drove in another run with a single during the Eagles' four-run rally. Anziano finished the game with a pair of hits.

Bethlehem (2-0) hosts Colonie Wednesday in a Suburban Council South Division game.

#### Scaccia's single helps HVCC win

Voorheesville High School graduate Anthony Scaccia had a big hit for the Hudson Valley Community College baseball team during Sunday's doubleheader against Herkimer County Community College.

Scaccia's two-run single in the sixth inning gave the Vikings (2-4) a 4-2 lead on the Generals. HCCC tied the score in the top of the seventh inning, but HVCC battled back to pull out a 5-4 victory.

Herkimer won the first game of the doubleheader

#### **Correction**

In last week's article on the Bethlehem baseball team, Ionathan Peatfield should have been listed as the returning senior catcher.

himself in a nearby mirror. He let out a quick shout mostly for effect — and stared at what had become of his head.

Girard said he suspected he wouldn't be the only one surprised by his new look. His friends, his BH-BL classmates and his fellow track athletes would likely also be taken aback.

"There's going to be devastation (at school Monday)," said Girard.

Girard kept his date with the clippers a closely guarded secret. The only people who knew Sunday was the fateful day was his family, the Nevilles

"I've been trying to keep it on the down low," said Girard. "I've been telling people I would get it done some time in the spring, but I didn't know when.'

Girard said he didn't know how losing his hair would affect his performance in terms of time, but he did know one effect it would have.

"I think it will be a pretty big relief (not having the afro) because it was getting in my eyes when I ran, said Girard.

More importantly for Girard, the hair he had cut off will go to help people who lost their hair in the battle with cancer.

"Being a follower of Christ, I try to help people who need things," said Girard.

It's likely you'll be able to find the people helped by Girard's generosity. They'll be the ones with the curly brown wigs standing straight up.

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the funding to run a true national program has been very limited, and this is my biggest challenge: running a sport with minimal resources compared to the larger codes. This is beginning to change for the better due to our recent successes, but it's not an initiative that happens overnight.'

To help him turn things around, Flynn brought in some major league help in the form of former Major League Baseball players Darrell Evans, Jay Bell and Steve Kline, as well as current Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Chris Woodward.

"(It was) a world class coaching staff, and one that rivaled any of the other 27 national teams in the World Baseball Classic," said Flynn.

Flynn knows how to turn countries on to the sport he grew up playing in Delmar. He did the same thing for Guam at the start of the millennium.

"Guam was a huge training ground for me in terms of real world knowledge," said Flynn. "I started by playing on the island in what was a surprisingly strong local league. We played in an old stadium right on the ocean, waves crashing not far from the outfield wall every night. (It was a) beautiful place to play.

"When I saw how strong the talent was there and when I knew I'd be there for a while, I took over

and we actually came 6,000 in the past few years within three wins of the ... and I sincerely believe 2000 Olympic Games in we could hit the six figure Sydney. We wound up mark over the course of the losing three heartbreaking games in South Africa in 1999, but those years of experience in building a very competitive baseball program on a national level it's the old chicken and taught me many of the lessons that have assisted me elsewhere and now in New Zealand," he added.

Guam was one of many stops for Flynn after graduating from The College of Saint Rose in 1993. He estimates that he's lived in or visited more than 80 countries over the last two decades, with the last four years being spent in New Zealand.

"New Zealand is a beautiful country – one of the most beautiful," said Flynn. "We are very happy here and feel fortunate to be doing well in a nation with such a high standard of living and quality of life. My wife (a native of Palau) misses her family a great deal, but I'm so vested in my work that I rarely think of Delmar or my past. Perhaps that's not always a good thing, but it's who I am; once I'm hooked into something, I have to be dragged away, kicking and screaming.'

Flynn's current goal is to continue raising baseball's profile in New Zealand.

"We have grown from

next decade if resources begin to open up for us," said Flynn. "With success comes more money and resources, though now

the (national) program 900 players to more than the egg scenario. You have to prove yourself to receive additional funding and support, both from a domestic standpoint as well as from foreign sources. But our profile has grown a great deal in the country, and we have a lot of key people on our side.'

# **Lady Dutch handle BC**

The Guilderland girls lacrosse team dominated Bethlehem 16-3 in its home opener opener last Wednesday.

Cara Quimby and Shannon Mackesey gave the Lady Dutch (2-0) a 5-0 lead within the first seven minutes of the game. Quimby struck for two free position goals, and she sandwiched her third goal in between two Mackesey markers.

Quimby finished with five goals and an assist, while Mackesey and Morgan Hardt each contributed four goals for Guilderland. Ali Cardinal added a goal and three assists.

Emma Cremo, Kaylee Rickert and Abbey Seymour tallied for Bethlehem (1-1) in coach Abby Rehfuss' debut.

The Lady Eagles rebounded with last Friday's 17-8 victory over Averill Park. Rickert and Sydney Shaw each scored six goals, with Rickert adding four assists.



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### **Lady Dutch** handle Eagles

The Guilderland girls lacrosse team had no trouble beating Bethlehem 16-3 in its home opener last Wednesday. Cara Quimby scored five goals, while Shannon Mackesey and Morgan Hardt each added four goals.

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### Weekly poll

Which softball team will win the Suburban **Council South Division** 

- Averill Park
- · Bethlehem
- Colonie
- Columbia
- Guilderland

Go to spotlightnews.com and click on "Sports" to cast your vote.

### Last week's poll results:

Which baseball team will win the Suburban **Council South Division** title?

- Bethlehem 58%
- Colonie 26%
- Guilderland 13%
- Columbia 2%

# Eagles start strong

**Bethlehem avenges** last year's Sectional loss by beating Guilderland

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

The last time the Bethlehem softball team played Guilderland, the Lady Dutch rallied from a nine-run deficit to defeat the Eagles 16-15 in the Section II Class AA quarterfinals.

Junior pitcher Megan Sullivan and her Bethlehem teammates made amends for that loss in last Friday's Suburban Council opener. Sullivan limited Guilder-

land to five hits and added an RBI double to help the Eagles beat the Lady Dutch 4-1.

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**FINAL** 

**SCORE** 

"I'm glad to see Sullivan bounce back," said Bethlehem coach Karen Gentile. "She had an injury (at the

end of) last year that we didn't know about."

The game showcased both Bethlehem's veteran talent and its newcomers. Returning center fielder Mikayla Shade belted a solo home run, while new right fielder K.K. Palmerino contributed a two-run triple during a three-run third inning. Sullivan's RBI double was also part of the three-run rally.

"We have a solid lineup," said Gentile. "There isn't a spot in the lineup where a pitcher can let up because everyone can hit."

Guilderland's Abi Peck ended Sullivan's shutout bid with a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth inning, but Sullivan was otherwise in control.

Sullivan won't be the only



Emma Downing is one of several new players Bethlehem will be counting on this season. Downing joins veteran Megan Sullivan on the pitching staff. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

pitcher Gentile will be relying on this season. Gentile said she plans on working sophomore Emma Downing into the rotation.

"Ideally, I'd like it to be a 50-50 split," said Gentile. "The last two years Megan has wound up being our No. 1 pitcher, but that wound up putting a heavy burden on her."

Guilderland is one of several quality teams Bethlehem will battle for Suburban Council South Division supremacy this season. Columbia, Colonie and Averill Park all possess talented lineups.

"We have a very solid division, and we're going to beat each other up this season," said Gentile.

Bethlehem's next challenge is Wednesday's home game against Colonie. The Garnet Raiders (1-0) defeated Averill Park 5-0 last Friday behind a no-hitter from pitcher Kelly Lane.

# **Flynn** builds a team

**BC** grad turns **New Zealand** into baseball power

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Ryan Flynn is turning New Zealand into a budding international baseball power.

As Baseball New Zealand's Chief Executive Officer, the Bethlehem Central High School graduate built a national team which finished second to fourth-ranked Taiwan in a World Baseball Classic qualifier.

"I was thrilled with the performance of our national team and the performance of our players, coaches and my staff," said Flynn via email.

New Zealand played Taiwan close through the first five innings of the qualifier final before losing 9-0. That followed a similar effort when the Kiwis met Taiwan in the first game of round-robin play. In between, New Zealand defeated Thailand 12-2 and the Philippines 10-6 to advance to the final.

"We were the only unranked nation that was allowed to participate in the event, after months and months of lobbying and paperwork," said Flynn. "And it's fair to say that no one expected us to have fielded a team, much less put such a strong team and coaching staff on the field in Taiwan."

Flynn has had the task of turning around New Zealand's baseball program since 2009, and he said the process was slow at first.

"The biggest challenge is the fact that the sport is a viewed as a 'minority' sport in this country, falling well below rugby, cricket, netball and many 'commonwealth' sports, or sports popular in the United Kingdom and its former territories," said Flynn. "Men's softball has been much more popular than baseball, with many people not realizing how many opportunities exist in the sport of baseball in North America and across the globe.

"Due to this low profile,

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# No more 'fro for 'FroJoe'



No Section II runner was more recognizable than Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's Joe Girard.

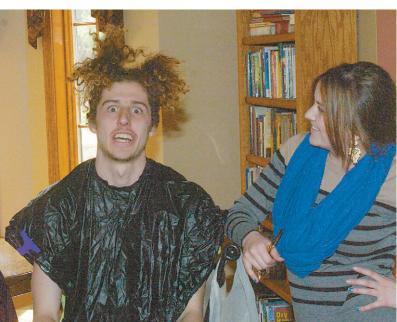
All you had to do was look for the tall, lanky kid with an afro two sizes bigger than his face.

Not any more.

The senior with the nickname "FroJoe" no longer has his recognizable mane.

Girard had his locally famous locks lopped off Sunday at the Ballston Lake home of his friend, Sara Neville. The hair he spent approximately 18 months growing to heights unseen on a Suburban Council track or cross country

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Sara Neville, right, stands back to view the progress she made on cutting Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake senior Joe Girard's hair Sunday. The track and field athlete known as "FroJoe" by his classmates and the rest of the Suburban Council had his famous hairdo trimmed, with the clippings donated to Locks of Love. Girard had let his hair grow for more than a year.