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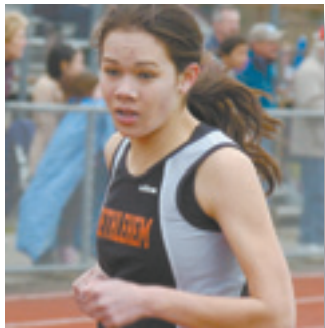
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Growing green habits

Family-friendly Go Green Day to feature recycling, demos, good eats

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Spring cleaning might not have sprung into everyone's mind just yet. But this weekend will present the opportunity to not only clean out the closets, but start down a greener path altogether.

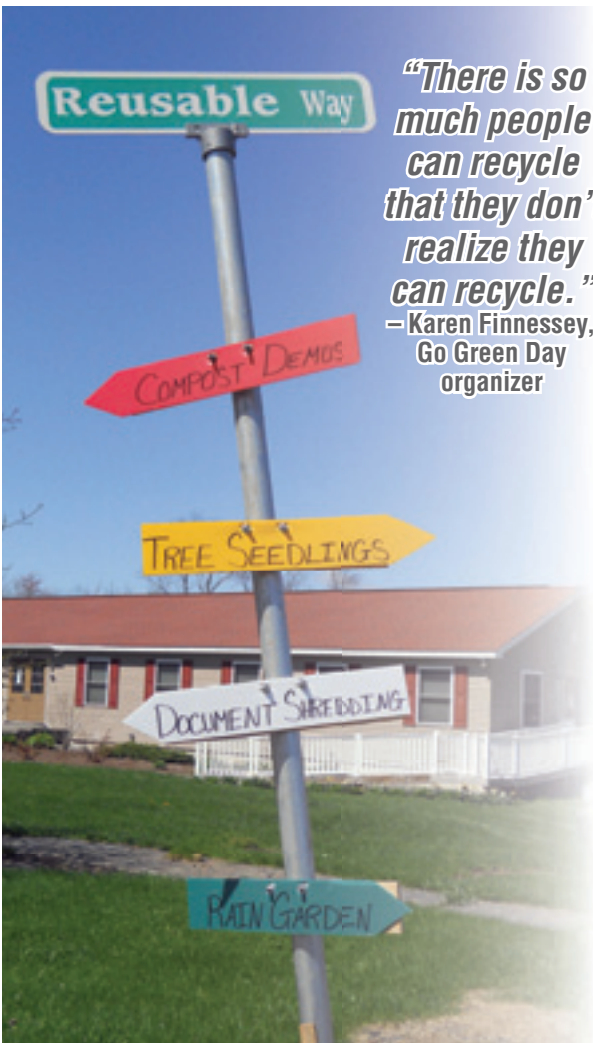
Five area groups worked together to create an educational event and recycling drop off, along with opportunities to donate a variety of items to local causes and organizations. Go Green Day 2013

will be held Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Farnsworth Middle School on State Farm Road in Guilderland. The event is a collaboration between The Capital Regional Recycling Partnership and Guilderland Central School District's Green Task Force, with participation from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District and Chef's Consortium.

"If you are looking to clean out your house, today is your day to do it," Karen Finnessey, Go Green Day organizer, said about the event. "There is so much people can recycle that they don't realize they can recycle."

There will be a collection site at the rear parking lot of the middle school accepting metals, plastic, paper, electronics, bottles and cans, ink jet cartridges and bicycles.

"We get a really wide and wild assortment," said Renee Panetta, Guilderland Central School District recycling and conservation coordinator. "We take everything from metal fencing



"There is so much people can recycle that they don't realize they can recycle."
- Karen Finnessey, Go Green Day organizer

Signs points to greener ways at the 2011 Go Green Day event held in Voorheesville. This year, the event is being held at Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland and features more activities and demonstrations.

Courtesy of Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District

to street signs to swing sets."

Panetta said getting so many people and groups involved in the event was important to help it grow and continue. The school district this year teamed up with Go Green Day efforts for its Recycling Extravaganza.

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Behind the signs

Support lines up behind two groups fighting and supporting April 30 vote

By MARCY VELTE
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An upcoming vote in Bethlehem to eliminate the position of highway superintendent has led local public figures to seek out unusual allies.

Many political leaders have lined up behind one of two groups that have emerged with the goal of swaying public opinion on the vote, but the divide has not stayed within party lines. Some are calling Supervisor John

Clarkson's bid to eliminate the position and place the powers with the commissioner of public works a "power grab," while others feel it's a rational decision that will save money and create efficiencies.

One group is Keep the Vote Bethlehem, a non-partisan "coalition" that began several months ago to urge residents to vote "no" on the measure. The other is called "Modernize and Economize," and is led by Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson.

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Zoning Board denies School's Out

Decision effectively halts \$475k sale of BC property

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals has denied a use variance that would allow the Bethlehem Central School district to sell its property at 90 Adams to daycare provider School's Out, Inc.

The decision was made on Wednesday, April 17, in a room filled with neighbors of the property. The issue has been before the board since February, and two public hearings

were previously held to allow time for those on both sides of the issue to air their concerns.

"I want to thank everyone for their participation. I've been doing this three years and this has certainly been one of the more interesting issues, and one with the most information to consider," said Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Dan Coffey. "This was a very tough decision."

Neighbors argued increased traffic due to buses and parents dropping off students at School's Out would lead to an unsafe environment.

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In December, the BC Board of Education accepted an offer from School's Out to buy 90 Adams Place for \$475,000, but the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, April 17, denied a use variance that would have allowed the deal to go through.

Spotlight file photo

Local chef makes mindful meals

Chef partners with mayor at event focused on healthy eating

By MARCY VELTE
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Gail Sokol jokes she was forced to learn to cook at a young age in order to survive.

“My mom was not a good cook and she didn’t enjoy being in the kitchen. She still doesn’t,” Sokol said. “But that gave me an advantage, because she allowed me to be in the kitchen and do what I want, as long as I cleaned up afterward.”

Unlike her mother, Sokol found she loved being in the kitchen. Her grandmothers helped her to refine recipes and cooking time was seen as a special bonding experience. She learned early on cooking would be a lifelong passion. While she thought of turning it into a career, others saw it as a hobby.

“At the time, people told me cooking was nice but asked what did I really wanted to do,” said the Slingerlands resident.

Sokol ended up with degrees in chemistry and

business, but at 40 years old opted to change career paths and went back to school for a culinary arts degree from Schenectady County Community College.

“I wanted to cook professionally instead of just having people over for dinner,” she said. “It was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.”

Fifteen years later, Sokol is an adjunct professor at both SCCC and Russell Sage College teaching baking, nutrition and sanitation, and is the director of SCCC’s cooking and baking summer camp for children. She is also a cookbook author, freelance writer and a former local television show host.

Since beginning to cook professionally, Sokol said her main goal has been to inspire healthy eating at home. She has begun giving demonstrations at local schools, nonprofit organizations and medical institutions to show people how making substitutions in what they eat can still be delicious and good for you.

“It’s really taken over my life and it’s something I want to emphasize because

we are becoming such an obese nation,” she said.

For her latest project, Sokol has partnered with Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings on a new campaign called Eat Healthy Albany. The initiative was first launched last September and is meant to “help fight obesity and inspire healthy changes in eating.”

Various programs and demonstrations have been planned since the program’s launch in areas throughout Albany County. The next event called “Cooking Healthy for Spring” will be held on Saturday, April 27, at Crossgates Mall in Guilderland.

A lot of the education is family-focused, but Sokol said she likes to do hands-on demonstrations with children the most. The thought is the children will have a fun time during the lessons and bring that information back home to their parents.

“We want to have a trickle up effect for their parents,” she said. “A lot of times parents think they don’t have time to make these kinds of meals or don’t know how. Kids can work as healthy



Slingerlands Chef Gail Sokol and Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings will host “Cooking Healthy for Spring” on Saturday, April 27, at Crossgates Mall, as part of their Eat Healthy Albany campaign.

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ambassadors and be a grassroots campaign right in their own home.”

Jennings will be at the event cooking with Sokol. Parents will be taught some quick and delicious recipes for summer, while the kids will participate in demonstrations. Sokol will also teach about portion size, the importance of eating fruits and vegetables and the difference between whole and refined grains.

“I am hopeful that as

our children embrace change, their actions will encourage adults to consider healthier options as well,” said Jennings.

The event will include sample tastings, prize giveaways and free recipes for parents.

Sokol said she hopes other public officials will sign on to partner with the project, so the effort can expand across the county and beyond.

“There is a real need

for this,” said Sokol. “Research is showing this is the first generation that might not outlive their parents because of obesity and the increased risk of diabetes.”

“Cooking Healthy for Spring” will be held on Saturday, April 27, at Crossgates Mall in Guilderland from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Apple Court. To learn more, visit the program’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/eathealthyalbany.

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Residents leave student staff big tips

Staff in Beverwyck dining hall awarded record number of scholarships from residents

By MARCY VELTE
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Members of the scholarship committee at the Beverwyck Retirement Community in Bethlehem are no longer worried about the future.

“After reviewing this year’s applications, we feel it’s in good hands,” said Committee Chairwoman Lawrie Lierheimer.

For the past nine years, the residents of Beverwyck in Slingerlands have come together to donate money from their savings to a scholarship fund for local students who are also employees in the retirement community’s dining facility. Over the years, thousands of dollars have been raised, helping to pay for the higher education of dozens of local students.

For the first time, the retirement community came together to hold a craft fair this year, with the proceeds going towards the fund. Some residents made quilts, others grew

their own plants and sold them and one man who has an interest in photography turned some of his shots into notecards to be purchased.

This year, seven students from Bethlehem Central and Guiderland Central high schools received awards. Each will receive \$5,000, divided evenly over the length of their college studies. Because the committee was only able to raise \$22,000, some funds were used from the scholarship’s savings account in order to give a larger number of awards.

Lierheimer said committee members knew they had the option of giving fewer scholarships because of the lack of money, but residents had grown close with the students over the years and it was too hard to decide who would be chosen.

“We took a leap of faith,” said Lierheimer. “These folks are special and we had a little extra cushion, so we decided to go for it.”

Employees must apply for the scholarships, and the applications are reviewed by the committee. Applicants

are asked to write a short essay about their time working at Beverwyck. They must also list other activities, including community service, sports and clubs, along with keeping at least a B average throughout high school.

The young employees often play an important role in the lives of residents. They are more than just servers and kitchen staff, but a friendly face, a helping hand and an ear when one’s needed.

“It’s really like having a second family, between the staff and residents,” said Olivia Lupoli, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School who plans to attend Syracuse University in the fall. “I loved working with them and making them smile. It was very rewarding and I got a lot out of it.”

Lupoli, who has worked at the Beverwyck for two years, said the experience had made her realize how much she loves working with people.

Danielle Lang, another Bethlehem student and scholarship recipient, said her time at the Beverwyck helped her to learn several important life lessons. She is now more patient and has



Members of the scholarship committee at the Beverwyck Retirement Community present awards to recipients, who also work as employees in the facility’s dining area.

Marcy Velte/
Spotlight

learned time management skills and how to better communicate with others.

“I don’t really think of it as work, but a place to come and meet new people,” said Lang, who has not yet decided where

she will be attending college.

Lupoli agreed.

“There are some really interesting and compassionate people here,” she said.

Lang said the

experience has taught her a lot about how she hopes to be treated as she grows older, adding how the job gave her a sense of perspective. “I would want

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Zoning

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They also said quality of life would diminish for residents and the move would destroy the unique character of old Delmar.

School's Out had been looking to move because they said more space was needed than at their current location at a storefront on Delaware Avenue.

In December, the BC Board of Education accepted an offer from School's Out to buy 90 Adams Place for \$475,000. The 6,850-square-foot property had been on the market for nearly a year with a \$650,000 asking price, but the price was dropped to \$575,000 after little interest was shown in the building.

The district had been seeking an adaptive reuse interpretation from the ZBA, and if that failed, a use variance. The area in question is zoned residential, but the building was built in the neighborhood before the town had a zoning statute. An attorney speaking on behalf of the district had claimed a variance would not be needed because the property would still be used for educational purposes.

Zoning Board members said they

believe the portion of the town code referring to adaptive reuse was poorly written. However, the majority of members felt the code stipulated the only properties in a core residential area that could be converted to non-residential use are those on a state or county highway, and the statute had been included so as not to change a neighborhood's characteristics.

Board member George Harder felt differently.

"The way (the code) is written currently only defines what a new use can exist as," he said. "It doesn't stop a non-residential structure from changing to another non-residential structure. Footnote 12 only refers to a residential structure turning into a non-residential structure and the requirements thereof, so I believe the school district has interpreted correctly to an extent."

With that, the district's request for an adaptive reuse interpretation failed by a 4-1 vote. The board unanimously voted against the district's request for a use variance.

To obtain a use variance, the district had to prove a lack of return on investment, that the hardship to the property was unique, that the

use variance would not alter the character of the neighborhood and the alleged hardship was not self created.

Most board members agreed that the hardship was unique and the school district did not create the problem, but said the sale would change the neighborhood's character, mostly due to traffic. Some also felt the district missed out on an opportunity to sell the property to another potential buyer by not asking the town's Industrial Development Agency for a tax break because of the "effort."

The building was vacated by staff last April and has since been "mothballed." District officials said companies had scouted the building with an eye towards converting it to office space or medical building, but potential buyers felt it would take too much effort. The property is also too large to reasonably be turned into the site of a house.

School's Out Executive Director Jayne Maloney declined an opportunity to comment on the rulings after the meeting.

BC spokesman Bill DeVoe said the administration will now discuss the issue with the Board of Education

and its counsel to decide how best to proceed "in a way that is beneficial to the district and the Bethlehem community."

"The district administration is disappointed in the Zoning Board of Appeals decision, but we fully respect the process," said DeVoe. "We believed that the use of the building by School's Out was a great option, given the community's general support of providing high quality care for students, both before, during and after school."

Adams Street resident Stephen Malinowski, who has acted as a spokesperson for the group of Delmar neighbors living near the property, said he was happy with the outcome.

"Primarily what I heard was the board agreed with our issues, that it would change the character of the town," he said. "Of all the issues we talked about I think my main concern was child safety and distracted driving, because I've seen it happen."

Malinowski said residents aren't opposed to another business buying the property in the future, but it needs to "fit in better with the neighborhood."

He suggested a dental office.

Police Blotter

Slingerlands residents arrested for car thefts

Police say mother and son stole two cars after test drives

Bethlehem police have arrested a Slingerlands mother and her adult son for the theft of two cars from Capital District dealerships.

Police said Richard Dematteo, 20, and his mother Elizabeth Leonardo, 51, allegedly stole two cars from Capital District dealerships after asking to go on a test drive. They then allegedly took the keys and the car from the lots.

Police have recovered both a Honda CRV and a Hyundai Veloster during their investigation.

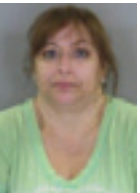
According to police, officers first became aware of the thefts after another theft complaint came in from staff at the Lowe's home improvement store in Glenmont. Dematteo was accused of stealing a copper coil from Lowe's on Monday, April 15, and leaving the scene in the Honda CRV.

The Hyundai Veloster was later found on Wednesday, April 17, in the parking lot of ShopRite in Slingerlands, said police. The car was connected to several complaints received by the Albany Police Department and Albany County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation led Bethlehem police to the home of Dematteo and Leonardo, where the



Richard Dematteo



Elizabeth Leonardo

Honda was found.

According to police, Dematteo was charged with criminal possession of stolen property in the third degree and grand larceny fourth degree, both felonies. He was also charged with criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree, a misdemeanor. Leonardo was charged with criminal possession of stolen property in the third degree, a felony. She was also charged with criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree, obstruction of governmental administration and resisting arrest, all misdemeanors.

Both Dematteo and Leonardo were sent to Albany County Correctional Facility without bail, police said. The New York State Police, the Albany Police Department, the Albany County Sheriff's Office, and the Niskayuna Police Department assisted with the investigation.

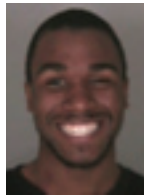
Police said additional charges are likely. Any car dealerships having similar complaints or information are asked to call Bethlehem Detectives at 439-9973.

Bethlehem man arrested on gun, cocaine charges

A Bethlehem man was arrested after Albany County investigators found an illegal firearm and drugs in the man's home after executing a search warrant.

Officials with the Albany County Sheriff's Office arrested Marshon Guthrie, 25, of 225 McCormack

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Marshon Guthrie

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TAKE OUT ONLY

Thanks for the roof, Russ

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What is a lean to?
An Adirondack lean to is iconic. In true New York fashion the shelters are essentially all the same by order of the DEC: three walls of cedar logs, a sloped roof, a plank floor. That's the archetype, and the bare minimum.

From there, there are many variations on the theme. Many lean tos have a privy nearby. Most have a fire ring out in front. Some have a picnic table nearby that is placed inside in the winter months. Nearly all have some manner of hanging or storage devices inside: racks, pins, shelves or cubbies. Most have a register – a composition book stuffed in a plastic bag – in which hikers are encouraged to write their thoughts and experiences.

All (not nearly or most, but every single last one) sport graffiti. Mostly initials and two numbers. “AJ '89” “BL + GR '08” Some graffiti is etched into the walls with pocket knives by hikers lying in sleeping bags or crouching out of the rain. Some is written on the ceiling with the charred end of a stick left in the fire.

Some lean tos are in good repair. Some are not. Some have leaky roofs or garbage stuffed under the floor. Some have tiny animal neighbors that have lost their fear of humans and sit close at hand in hopes of scooping up dropped crumbs. Some have a broom for sweeping out pine needles and snow, or a rake for tidying up outside. Some have grates that fit over the fire pit for cooking. Some are stocked with various foods on a shelf, like canned beans or coffee.

Some have none of these things, or even all of them. Some have mud pits or standing water outside. Some have views, some are in dense woods. Some are near babbling brooks and others in the silence of the forest.

In other words, though they're all of identical design and construction, no two lean tos are alike. Unless you take the trouble to find out beforehand, you also don't know what you're going to get. Sometimes



ON THE TRAIL
Charles Wiff

you'll arrive to only find a clearing and “No camping, revegetation area” signs, indicating the DEC decided to decommission the lean to sometime between the printing of your map and your trip.

Many lean tos have caretakers, or volunteers that will hike in to the structure periodically to make sure everything is clean and tidy and to make or arrange repairs. The caretaker makes a big difference, maybe more than all of the other variables.

I was recently on a trip near the eastern shore of Lake George, when I came across the Millman Pond Lean To. It was not where I planned to stay that night, and I even walked by it with plans never to see it again, but circumstance and will conspired to turn me around and bring me back to the lean to with just the right amount of time to get settled for the night.

I'd hiked up Black Mountain and then struck into the woods to the south with plans of touring the nearby ponds and then trekking all the way down the hill to find camping along the shore of Lake George. This was an attractive plan, albeit ambitious, but being late March there was still snow on the ground and a warm and sunny day meant temperatures that made the surface mushy and tough to travel through. I was also having trouble finding water – the ponds were all frozen over – and the prospect of



The lean to at Millman Pond near the eastern shore of Lake George has been diligently maintained since 1996 by caretaker Russ Guard.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

spending all night melting snow with my little pocket stove was not appealing.

So despite great weather I was in low spirits when I found my planned route had become rugged, untraveled and filled with thorny bramble. I fought on for a while, but with the day fading knew it was hopeless. I'd either have to hike into the night to make it to my destination, or alter my plans.

That's what brought me, tired, hungry and very much alone, back to the Millman Pond Lean To. This was to be my first night in the woods solo, and it was with a trepidation I departed from my intended plan. I set my gear down at the lean to and let the deafening silence of a winter forest surround me, feeling very small, and a bit stupid for overestimating my abilities.

But I also took in my surroundings, and quickly realized the Millman Pond Lean To is a fine lean to. The finest, as far as I am concerned, until I see one better.

It had nearly all of the

extras listed above, and some I've seen nowhere else thanks to someone who is clearly a very caring caretaker: Russ Guard. Russ hung up not only a laminated welcome message, but little poems, quips and jokes all over the walls. There was a “library” stocked with outdoor magazines, and even an old mirror on the wall. He'd built into the rafters a newspaper box and with it a sign describing how he'd noticed hikers were using pages from the register to get their fires going. The box was necessary to keep animals from using the newspaper for nesting material.

The privy was not only well built and sturdy, but had a proper toilet seat (quite the luxury in backcountry sanitation) and a little latched box that held TP. And Russ had in this privy hung up nature photographs of well known Adirondack landmarks. This was all at once absurd and delightful.

By then I'd resigned myself to taking up the tasks at hand. I found water in a small nearby brook that had

unfrozen, cooked dinner and made hot drinks. This kept me busy until the cold twilight.

Before turning in, I took another look at Russ's welcome message. He noted the lean to dated back to the 1970s. I reflected that some houses don't last that long these days. No doubt the longevity has to do with fastidious upkeep and light use.

I looked again at the sign. It looked like Russ had been working on the Millman Lean To since 1996. Seventeen years.

I lay alone on the floor of the lean to, as night closed in and the temperatures dropped back below freezing. I contemplated the simple fact that for nearly two decades a man had made it a point to hike out trash and hike in toilet paper and new magazines for strangers.

What is a lean to? Escape. Safety. A dry place in a downpour. It's where strangers become friends in the middle of nowhere by sharing tea in the cold. It's a sanctuary.

But for Russ, I'd have to imagine his lean to was more than three walls and a roof. I'd looked in the

register and seen his visits and messages to hikers. His script was in blocky, shaky letters and spoke of stolen rakes and laminated maps torn off the walls. Why was Russ's handwriting like that? Is he old? Sick? Why does he even bring things all the way out here when he knows they will be stolen?

What is a lean to? For Russ, maybe it's a mission that needs doing. A task for a man who was left taskless by time. Maybe it's where he had an experience like mine, shivering in the dark on a March night wondering what life is all about. Maybe it's a diversion. Maybe it's a small way to give back to nature, something that has provided so much. Maybe it's to show others that the place you think you're just visiting is more than logs and planks.

What is a lean to? For Russ, it's a labor of love. And for me, that labor meant a lean to was more than a home for a night. It meant that I wasn't alone.

So thanks Russ. Keep up the good work, it's appreciated.

Charles Wiff is the managing editor at Spotlight Newspapers and enjoys hiking and the great outdoors.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Retirement presents opportunity Hold on to voting rights

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
With Gregg Sagendorph’s retirement, the Town of Bethlehem will be losing one of the most dedicated and talented public officials that I have ever had the honor to work with. His work was his life, 24/7, 365 days a year. Yes, the roads were well maintained and yes, Bethlehem residents enjoyed the best snow and leaf removal program in the region, but it was the other things he did that set him apart. He always made sure the Memorial Day parade went off without a hitch, the holiday tree and menorah and the Four Corners clock were installed, etc. Whether it was the beautification committee, planting flowers or any other organization needing help to make Bethlehem a better place to live, Gregg was the

first person they called. As supervisor, I relied upon him for advice and counsel on many issues beyond his scope of responsibility, as did many of my successors. Thank you, Gregg for a job well done!
There will never be another Gregg and with his retirement, I am glad to see that the town is taking the opportunity to move forward with a different approach. Gregg always worked well with the supervisor and Town Board, no matter what political party was governing. And even though he was independently elected, he always looked to the Town Board for policy direction and then carried it out. Yes, the board controls the budget, but other than that the highway superintendent is his or her own boss. When towns were much

smaller, perhaps this made sense. In this time of huge budgets and complicated issues, there must be a clear chain of command and one responsible party for the decisions made. That responsibility should rest with the elected Town Board. Bethlehem has been fortunate to have had a person like Gregg, but other towns have not been so fortunate. That’s why many of them have eliminated this elected position. In addition to the management benefits, the town has identified a cost savings, as well. The time is right and I urge voters to move forward and vote for this change.

Ken Ringler
Former supervisor,
Bethlehem

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
I am writing regarding the upcoming vote on eliminating the elected position of Superintendent of Highways.

I encourage residents to give deep thought to this issue before they cast their votes.
All municipalities are facing serious budget and revenue problems; however, I have deep concerns about the elimination of an elected position.

If this referendum passes, it will take away the right of our citizens to vote for a decision-making position that affects our quality of life in this community. With the political corruption that exists at all levels of government, we should be very wary of relinquishing our right to vote in any circumstance. It is a slippery slope when we begin to decrease elected positions.

Appointees will almost certainly be like-minded individuals who will be inclined to agree on most issues with those who have appointed them.

If we surround ourselves with people who think like us, and agree with us, we lose the chance to learn from those with opposite views. We begin to see only one side of issues, and lack the chance for our own opinions and ideas to evolve. Fair government and good problem solving require the balance of differing viewpoints.

I am not willing to give up my right to vote for the Superintendent of Highways in Bethlehem.

Susan Peters
Slingerlands

‘Yes’ vote is the right decision

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
I join Bethlehem Supervisor Clarkson, and former Supervisors Terri Egan and Ken Ringler, in supporting a “Yes” vote on April 30 to abolish the elected highway superintendent position and placing the duties with the commissioner of public works.
The timing and merits for this change are both right. Highway Superintendent Sagendorph is retiring, so the consolidation will not disadvantage any person. Annual savings through consolidation will be \$180,000 to \$375,000. And most important,

the growing complexity and technical nature of highway department functions can best be performed by existing civil service staff and the commissioner of public works.
Voting “Yes” on April 30 is a winner for the citizens of our town in other ways too. The democratic process is at its very best when we have this opportunity to vote on a critical issue for our town. If the vote passes, the Town Board members, as our duly elected representatives will be accountable to each and every resident regarding services

from, and management of the Highway Department. And, Bethlehem’s civil service staff, which has served our town so well though their dedication, professionalism and integrity, will manage the Highway Department.

Therefore, I encourage you to exercise your right to vote at Town Hall on April 30, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and I hope you will vote “Yes” to modernize our town and save taxpayer dollars.

Sam Messina
Former supervisor,
Bethlehem

Vote for modernity, efficiency on April 30

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
As a former commissioner of the town’s Department of Public Works, I am writing to encourage town residents to vote “Yes” on the April 30 referendum to abolish the elected position of highway superintendent and to place the

duties of that position within the Department of Public Works. For the past several years, town staff and advisory committees have considered and analyzed this potential restructuring and concluded that there were bona fide opportunities for improved efficiency and modernization.

The town has been fortunate to have a highway superintendent of Gregg Sagendorph’s quality, but the responsibilities of the position today require professionally trained rather than politically selected individuals. Integrating the functions of the two departments under one professional management team will provide sustainable savings and productivity improvements. The elected Town Board will be fully responsible and

accountable to town residents for the continued high level of service we have come to expect with town highways and for the successful implementation of this restructuring. I hope town residents will take advantage of this opportunity to modernize town government by voting “Yes” on April 30.

George Leveille
Former Bethlehem
commissioner of Department of
Public Works

The word on the street

What kind of environmentally friendly things do you do?



James Daley,
Delmar

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Patsy Schulenberg,
Delmar

“We make sure to recycle everything possible and we have a little garden.”



Wes Czosnykowski,
Delmar

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Reject the referendum, retain rights Appointment an idea whose time has come

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
Supervisor Clarkson's referendum to abolish the elective office of superintendent of highways and fill it by appointment is contrary to the public good. His continuing campaign to take away our right to vote for superintendent of highways, town clerk and receiver of taxes is a blatant power grab that must be defeated.

Abdication of our right to elect one of the highest paid town officials and cede control of the Highway Department budgeted funds to the supervisor is foolish. Voting rights are being attacked across the country. Bethlehem citizens must decide that consolidation of power in the supervisor is unacceptable. Balance of power with elected officials

accountable to the people must continue.
There's a reason only 59 of 932 towns statewide allow appointment of the highway superintendent: it's a bad idea. Appointed officials are all-too-often associated with nepotism, cronyism, no-show jobs and avoidable rancorous public debate.

The supervisor claims it's a simple process to reverse abdication of voting rights. Truthfully, another local law to reverse must be proposed, with Town Board approval, and another election conducted. It's unlikely a supervisor who ends your right to vote would offer it back ever.

There's been discussion about making the highway superintendent a civil service position. Potential abuse exists in that requirements to take the exam and the contents can be designed and manipulated so that only the supervisor's preferred candidate would be eligible. We could never remove that person, if necessary, as we can through elections.

The supervisor suggests a "professional" should be highway superintendent.

It insinuates department employees with many years of experience who have completed required college courses are not qualified. No guarantee exists his appointee would have "professional qualifications." It's senseless for the supervisor's appointed commissioner of public works, who oversees the Water/Sewer Department, to assume the responsibilities of highway superintendent. Knowledgeable employees in the Highway Department have the expertise to do the job.

Responsibilities of the Highway Department and Water/Sewer Department are substantially different therefore, the offices should remain separate. Don't let unsubstantiated murky rhetoric about cost effectiveness and functional efficiency deceive you. No cost savings will be realized since an appointee's salary may be higher if the supervisor deemed it "necessary," and a civil service position may be created at a higher salary grade level. The supervisor may determine the commissioner of public works deserves a pay raise

based on oversight of two departments. Sharing equipment doesn't result in efficient operations, it necessitates replacing worn out equipment more frequently. The way employees perform their jobs improves efficiency without cost to taxpayers.

Is it the supervisor's intent to have as few voters as possible participate in the election? Voters aren't accustomed to April elections. One polling site with little parking at Town Hall for everyone is inconvenient for a majority of voters especially elderly and incapacitated citizens. The ability to pick up absentee ballots is restricted to five days during limited odd hours at Town Hall.

Don't allow his tactics and deliberately planned obstacles deter you from defeating this power grab. Keep elected officials in the public domain. When voting is made more difficult it shows the individual cannot compete on the merits. The "great and powerful Oz" is not who we need supervising Bethlehem.

George T. Harder
Delmar

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
It's time to eliminate the elected office of town highway superintendent in Bethlehem. There is no traditionally Republican method for plowing streets, nor is there a specific way that Democrats repair sidewalks. So why do we select the head of the highway department through a political process?

The commissioner of

public works currently oversees town water and sewer systems and is accountable to the elected Town Board and supervisor. It makes fiscal and programmatic sense to consolidate highway maintenance into the Department of Public Works. Let's get this done by voting yes on the April 30 referendum.

Peggy Sherman
Slingerlands

Unified position sensible

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
I would like to add my support to the conversion of the town highway superintendent from an elected position to an appointed position. As a retired transportation professional with over 50 years of experience in the transportation field, the change has only positive possibilities. Highways are a basic infrastructure element in this town. The coordination of all work within the highway right-of-way (highway, sewer, water, utilities) under unified professional

management is just good management of scarce resources. As a taxpayer, I view the projected savings of \$170,000 to \$350,000 in a different light. If it is going to cost us that amount of money to retain an elected official, what potential benefit do we get that warrants spending that amount of money? I don't see benefits in that range which justify the cost. I am voting "Yes" to change the position to an appointed official.

Henry Peyrebrune
Delmar

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Attendance seemed to increase this year. Attendance is an important factor in continuing the series and attracting financial support.

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Presented by the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, this program examines implications for the plan's major changes scheduled to occur in 2014, notably the establishment of the employer tax credits and mandates and the Health Insurance Marketplace. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services' website,

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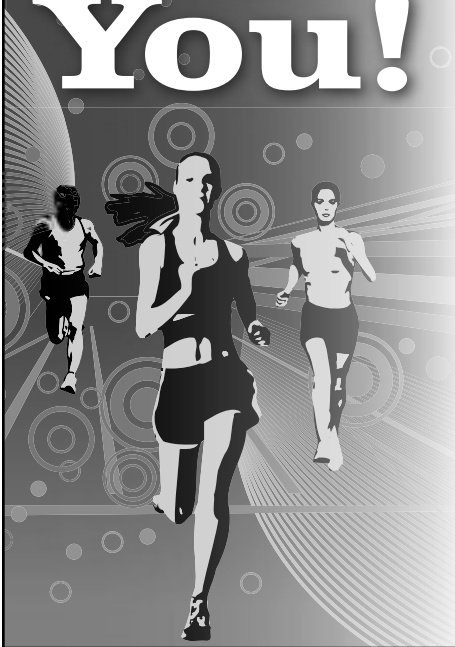
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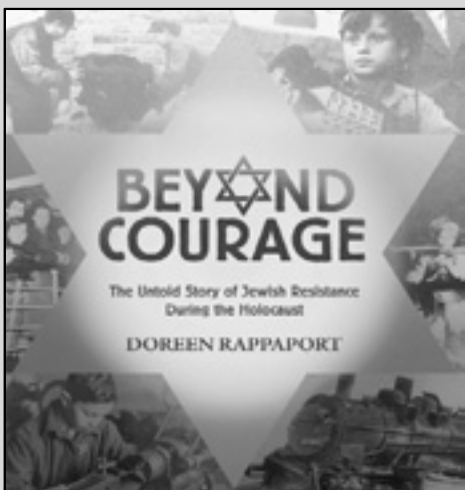
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Referendum vote

The Town of Bethlehem is holding a referendum on Tuesday, April 30, on the abolishment of the elective office of Highway Superintendent with the duties to be carried out by the Commissioner of Pubic Works. Voting will take place at Town Hall from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange Senior transportation for voting between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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Wilma DeLucco,
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Monday, April 29

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10:30 a.m. Sr Fitness
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Tuesday, April 30

9 a.m. Strong Bones +
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Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 1

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, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

Scheduled Shopping
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10 a.m. Bridge
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Get tickets to centennial barbecue

Tickets are on sale at the library information desk for our celebration barbecue to be held on Saturday, June 29, from 2 to 5 p.m. Get a chicken supper for \$12, of which \$1 benefits the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library or a half-chicken takeaway for \$6. The barbecue will be held rain or shine.

The library will be closed for business at 2 p.m. on that June day, but there will be lots of fun in store. “Playing With Fire” will provide music on the Green, and the library proper will be transformed into a minigolf course.

At 5 and 7 p.m. we’ll have screenings of “The Princess Bride”—the movie based on our Centennial Community Read book. Schedules of all our Centennial events can be found at library service desks, online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org, and in the May/June issue of “footnotes,” our library newsletter, mailed this week to all households in the Bethlehem Central School District.

Library Founders’ Day
On Saturday May 11, at 1 p.m., the Delmar Progress Club will reenact the meeting that started it all and present portions of a comedy play the club produced in 1916


as a fundraiser for the first library building.
We’ll also open the 75th anniversary time capsule, and top things off with an old-fashioned ice cream social. The Uncle Sam Barbershop Chorus will add to the ambience.

May the Fourth be with you
On Saturday May 4 at 2:30 p.m. wear your best Star Wars garb for our costume contest, make a light saber, and plan on having some galactic good fun.
There’s still time to enter our Star Wars art contest—details online at www.bplkids.org and at the youth services desk. Kids in grade K-5 are invited, and their families are too.

Lego Club
Thursday, May 9, 4:15 p.m.
Build things; build friendships! Kids and families.

Music and Movement
Friday, May 10, 10 a.m.
Sing, play instruments and dance with your children age two to six.

Wesley and Buttercup say “I do!”
Friday, May 10, 7 p.m.
Celebrate a “Princess Bride” wedding with costumes, games, trivia, crafts and dancing. A Library Centennial event for kids and families.

Teen Lock-In
Saturday, May 11, 7 to 10 p.m.
An after-hours “house party” at the library, open to BCSD students only. Signed registration form required. Call 439-9314, option 4 for information. Grades 6-12.

Stay healthy with Scrubby Bear
Monday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.
Scrubby stories, Glo-Germs, and the Scrubby Bear handwashing song will help you learn about staying healthy. Presented by the American Red Cross. Call 439-9314 to sign up. Up to age six with family and friends.


Daybooks
Monday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.
“Perla” by Michael Carolina DeRobertis. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

Finding the right college at the right price

On Tuesday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m., college admissions experts Dr. Dean Skarlis will present a workshop for the families of high school students planning to enter college. Dr. Skarlis is the president of the admission counseling service, The College Advisor of New York. He holds a Doctorate in Educational Policy and Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and has more than 21 years of experience in higher education as a teacher, administrator and consultant.

This workshop has been rescheduled from April 9.

Painting with Doreen Montemayor
Have you ever wished that you had some artistic ability? Would you like to learn some basic drawing or painting techniques? Local artist Doreen Montemayor says everyone can follow her simple lessons and create some beautiful designs.
Doreen is a fun-loving, enthusiastic teacher and it is amazing what you can learn from her in one afternoon! Please drop in on Friday, April 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. and see what all the buzz is about.


“Construction Work Ahead” storytime
Bulldozers, backhoes, graders and more! On Tuesday, April 30, at 10:15 a.m. our storytime will feature big machines, dirt digging and building.
The art activity will be... well, I don’t want to spoil it for you, but I will say... you’ll really dig it!

Women’s RAD Training
The Albany County RAD Program, Rape Aggression Defense, is a nationally known system of self-defense offered to women of all ages. A combination of awareness training and simple techniques is emphasized and practiced, enabling the students to respond with confidence.
Class dates are Saturday, May 4, 11 and 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants must attend all three classes to complete the course. Space is limited to 12, so register early. If these dates are not convenient for you, please check the Albany County website at www.albanycountyda.com

Elder Law Pro Bono Project
On Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., students from Albany Law School will give a free presentation regarding legal resources important to senior citizens, family members of seniors, caregivers and elder care professionals.
Presenters are trained to supply information and answer general questions in the areas of Advanced Planning, Consumer Rights, Family Law, Housing and Public Benefits. Presentation topics include Wills, Health Care Proxies, Executors and an overview of legal issues affecting seniors.
The Rural Law Center of New York, Inc. has provided several print materials with questions and answers in these areas for distribution at presentations.

Gallery and display artists
This is the last week to drop in and enjoy the art works of Rose Lawson at the library. Rose also does personalized house drawings or paintings. Please stop by the library, enjoy the show and pick up one of her cards. While you’re here, you can enjoy the La Mini Scala miniatures display one last time.

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Delmar Duathlon

Cosponsored by the Bethlehem area YMCA and the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, the Delmar Duathlon will take place on Sunday, May 5, at 8 a.m. at Elm Avenue Park. This timed race event is for adults 18+ and features a two-mile run, 10-mile bike ride followed by another two-mile run.

This event is appropriate for all levels of athletes. Awards will be given to various age groups for both men and women.

For complete race details including maps and registration information, visit www.delmardu.com.

Walk for hunger

The Ravena CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m. at Saint Patrick's Church.

A portion of the funds raised here in Ravena will go to local food pantries.

Last year 56 Walkers raised more than \$4,000 in the Ravena CROP Hunger Walk. This year, Ravena and 2,000 cities and towns nationwide are joining together in interfaith community CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "Ending hunger, one step at a time." Following the Ravena CROP Hunger Walk, there will be a picnic at Saint Patrick's

Church for the CROP Walk participants as well as community members. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share and a chair. Meat and soft beverages will be provided.

For additional information, contact chairperson, Colleen Selkirk at 756-7836.

Community sale

On Saturday, May 4, the Altamont PTA will hold the Albany area's largest annual community sale. Sales will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will take place rain or shine. Shoppers may stop by the library, fire department, Hungerford Market, Home Front Cafe or Stewart's to pick up a map that outlines where our participating sales are located and a description of items each has for sale.

Maps will be available beginning after 4 p.m. on Friday, May 3, as well as the morning of the sale.

Vocal group spring program

The Friendship Singers will perform their spring program in May starting at the Glenmont Community Church on Sunday, May 5, and ending with the public concert at the Delmar



Medical group opens in Vista

Cornea Consultants, an eye care medical group associated with Albany Medical Center, recently moved to the Vista Technology Campus. The ophthalmology practice was previously located on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands.

Submitted Photo

Reformed Church on Saturday, May 18.

There is no charge for the performances. At the public concert on May 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m., volunteer donations will be collected for the Bethlehem Community Fund.

The local women's vocal group has been in existence for more than 30 years, and presently includes 16 singers. Marie Liddle is the director,

Linda Drew is the piano accompanist and Bill Reisswig plays the drums.

Skating club to hold events

The Albany Figure Skating Club's Skating Team will hold two events designed to introduce area figure skaters to the exciting sport of synchronized skating.

There will be a free

Synchro Clinic on Wednesday, April 24, from 6 to 7 p.m., which will focus on synchro skills and an open house on Sunday, May 5, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., which will give skaters the opportunity to skate with current team members.

Both events are free for participants, and will be held at the Albany County Hockey Facility at 830 Albany-Shaker Road, Albany. Interested figure

skaters of all ages and abilities are welcome.

For more information about these events or the Albany FSC's Achilles Edge Synchronized Skating Team, contact Tara DiRisio at tdirisio@verizon.net; Karla Schallehn at kschallehn@gmail.com; or Stephanie Hunter Finley at sh9dj2@aol.com; or visit the club website at www.albanyfsc.org.

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☐ **Vote**

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Keep the Vote Bethlehem was formed by Bethlehem Republican Committee Chairman Fred DiMaggio, Republican committee member Mike Kelly Sr. and Democrat town resident Dan Cunningham, after the Town Board set a public hearing on the topic in February. Cunningham called the group a “grassroots effort” to maintain the public’s right to vote because they feel the reasons for the change are “questionable.”

“We thought all of the potential savings and efficiencies presented are easily obtainable under the current structure,” he said. Cunningham’s brother, former Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham, runs the Town of Colonie’s Department of Public Works.

The group purchased lawn signs and leaflets after fundraising at meetings. There is also a Keep the Vote Bethlehem website and Facebook page. The group is also supported by all four of the county’s political committee chairpersons. Some committee members have also given funds to the cause.

Some involved in efforts to pass the resolution drew

parallels to the Reform Democrat movement that revealed a schism within the party. But Albany County Democratic Committee Chairman Matthew Clyne said politics don’t play into his opinion.

“I don’t care how anyone views this. I would be dead set against this proposition under any circumstance,” Clyne said. “Clarkson is asking people to give up a fundamental right under highly speculative and circumstantial instances. It’s not right.”

The proposal to abolish the highway superintendent position was first put forward by Clarkson during this year’s State of the Town address, shortly after Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph announced plans to retire after holding the position for 22 years. If the referendum passes on April 30, a civil servant would then be hired to help manage the highway department under the public works umbrella.

Citizen advisory committees have studied the idea since 2006. The town’s Governance Committee found 59 other towns in New York, mostly larger suburbs, no longer elect their highway superintendents. Clarkson said the town could conservatively save between \$180,000 to \$375,000 annually through the consolidation

of departments.

“The management and savings advantages for the town are very important,” said Clarkson. “I obviously support this measure, but state law leaves the choice to the voters and I’m anxious at long last to give them the say.”

Clarkson’s “Modernize and Economize” campaign is backed by officials from across the aisle at the town level, including former Supervisors Sam Messina, an Independent, and Ken Ringler, a Republican, and most of the Town Board Democrats and Independents. The modernize effort has a Facebook page, and the lawn signs that have popped up across town were purchased by Clarkson himself.

The effort is also supported by the Albany County League of Voters. League members have been working as volunteers to support the referendum and encourage residents to vote.

Some have criticized the League’s involvement. Cunningham said he feels by supporting the measure, the League is departing from its stated mission by “promoting partisan and misleading information in support of the proposed law.”

But the League sees this public vote as different from an election.

“We take a stand on

Special highway referendum vote

- **What:** A public vote to decide upon the abolishment of the elected office of Highway Superintendent, with the functions falling under the Commissioner of Public Works.
- **Where:** Bethlehem Town Hall on Delaware Avenue
- **When:** Tuesday, April 30, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Additional information:

Absentee ballots may still be picked up at Town Hall from Friday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to noon; and Monday, April 29, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received by the Town Clerk’s Office no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the vote. Residents voting on-site will do so using paper ballots. Only those registered with Albany County or the town’s Board of Registration created for the occasion may vote.



issues we study and come to consensus on. We don’t support political parties or individual people,” said League President Mary Berry. “It’s not something we do off the top of our heads. This has been the basis of the League since 1920. It’s nothing new, but I think people might get confused.”

Those against the proposal were also angered when only one polling place was chosen for the vote.

They believe only having one location, at Town Hall, will lower voter turnout, and argued those who live in Delmar are more likely to support the referendum.

The Town Board unanimously voted to have one polling place at the beginning of the month. According to state law, in order for the town to offer absentee ballots for the vote, each polling place must establish its own Board of Registration and

Board of Inspectors. This is so those who are not already registered to vote with the Albany County Board of Elections may vote in this special election.

Clarkson said for multiple polling places to be used, mailers would need to be sent out notifying each resident of where they would be voting in the special election, since the location might not be the same as where one would typically vote. Those needing to register would need to do so at that polling location during designated times and those times would have to be published in two newspapers.

It was ultimately decided the vote might be less confusing if only one polling place was used, which has become a sticking point for some.

“This vote could have been done in November,” said DiMaggio. “This is a rushed job that’s being done off cycle. People don’t even know about this election. It could have been done a different way and given people more time to think.”

DiMaggio called the referendum a “power grab” by Clarkson, as did Cunningham.

Bethlehem Democratic Committee Chairman and Town Board Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn disagreed.

“Dozens of well run towns throughout the state (including Colonie and East Greenbush) have implemented identical reforms and consolidated their highway and DPW operations. Were all these reforms ‘power grabs’ by the leaders of those towns?” he said in an email. “Given that the GOP is traditionally the party of smaller government, it is mystifying how the chairman of the local Republican committee can be so adamantly opposed to this kind of common sense governmental

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Pound puppies

County teams up with humane society on program that sees inmates training dogs

By ZAN STRUMFELD
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For five weeks, a dog's best friend will be an inmate at the Albany County Correctional Facility.

Beginning this month, the correctional facility has partnered with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society to experiment with a new program to benefit both the inmates and dogs. The STAR program – Steps to Adoption Readiness – is funded through the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society and lets inmates train homeless dogs for five weeks so they can become better suited for adoption at a permanent home. It's seen as a win-win situation.

"It gives the inmates perspective on doing something good," Albany

County Sheriff Craig D. Apple Sr. said.

The program provides a productive, hands-on experience for the inmates, while also hopefully decreasing the number of dogs that are euthanized. Mohawk Hudson Humane Society Executive Director Brad Shear said the Menands animal shelter sees about 1,500 dogs out of the 6,000 animals it handles each year, with an 86 percent adoption rate. The shelter is hoping that percentage will go up if the dogs up for adoption are already well behaved and trained.

"It'll be a much better transition from the shelter to the home," Shear said.

Shear said he's seen many other programs similar to STAR nationwide, including one in Columbia County that is said to have been beneficial for both the inmates and dogs.

Currently, two pit bulls are staying with three inmates in one dorm, or an

18-by-24-foot cell. The two dogs, Snoopy and Cody, live with the inmates and are taken care of 24-hours a day. Members from the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society provide the inmates with formal dog training and homework assignments once a week.

Apple said while the inmates volunteer to train the dogs, they must also be eligible based on their classification level and criminal and disciplinary history. As for the dogs, they aren't looking for a specific type of breed but the canines must be adult, friendly and in need of training. The two dogs also have to get along with one another, since they live together in the dorm during the five-week program.

Although Snoopy and Cody have only been at the facility for about a week, Apple said it's already created a "calmer, safer environment" at the jail. He said many of the inmates

and officers really enjoy having the dogs around and an officer is considering adopting one dog.

"Right now, I can say it's pretty much a success," Apple said.

Training the dogs also helps the inmates adapt to different life skills, Apple said, adding that the correctional facility is based around the idea of getting inmates back into society.

Marcus Liccadi, an inmate at the correctional facility working with the dogs, said the program is great because it's kept him busy. He said right now he's teaching the dogs basic commands, like "sit" and "stay."

"It's very rewarding. I couldn't have asked for better behaved dogs," Liccadi said.



Inmates at the Albany County Correctional Facility train dogs to help increase adoption rates at the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society Menands animal shelter.

Zan Strumfeld/Spotlight

Vote

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consolidation that will save Bethlehem tax payers hundreds of thousands of dollars per year."

Cunningham said his main goal until April 30 is to educate the public on the vote, a priority that was echoed by those on the other side of the issue.

"(We're) trying to be a prevailing force in this election," said Cunningham. "We respect how you feel on the issue, but I think everyone will agree that we need to have a fair election process and in my mind that is questionable."

Both groups are on the web, at www.bethlehemvotes.com or search on Facebook for "Bethlehem Modernize & Economize."

The vote will take place on Tuesday, April 30, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.



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Say ✓ YES to keeping town managers out of partisan politics.

This change was proposed by Supervisor Clarkson upon the retirement of longtime Highway Superintendent Gregg Sagendorph, was passed by the Town Board unanimously, and is endorsed by the Albany County League of Women Voters. The idea emerged in Bethlehem during Supervisor Terri Egan's Administration, is supported by former Supervisors Sam Messina and Ken Ringler, was called for by the Bethlehem 2020 Citizen's Advisory Group, and is supported on a nonpartisan basis by a wide variety of citizens. The form and function of Town Government can be improved, but only you the VOTERS have the power to say YES to this change.

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Bethlehem talks Delaware Avenue overhaul

Plans, cost discussed at community meeting

By MARCY VELTE
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Bethlehem officials are looking to make investments in Delaware Avenue to improve the street and attract a steady stream of customers to Bethlehem businesses from the City of Albany.

Supervisor John Clarkson held a third community meeting on Monday, April 15, at the Elsmere Fire Station for Elsmere and Delmar residents, and the streetscape upgrades were discussed. Officials focused on improvements they'd like to see come to fruition in the near future that were outlined in the Delaware Avenue Hamlet Enhancement Study.

"I'm very committed to providing for this investment," said Clarkson to a group of about 30 people. "Interest rates are

low, Delaware Avenue is the town's main street and I think it makes very good sense to invest at this time."

Suggestions made in the plan include upgrades to sidewalks and the addition of bicycle lanes, as well as decorative lighting and better landscaping along the road.

Town Director of Economic Development and Planning Mike Morelli said the town may soon be using some of the aesthetic suggestions in the study as guidelines for private property owners. Officials would work with business owners to start slowly implementing the plan through code changes. Some ideas include requiring business signs to be more relative to their trade or instituting "hamlet" signs that overhang buildings. Officials would also like to see parking in the rear of buildings, entrances placed towards the front of

buildings so they are more visible from the street and wider setbacks from the street to allow for outdoor cafes or courtyards.

The study also calls for the beautification of the railroad overpass to act as a gateway to the town. A partnership with the school district was suggested to have a mural painted by art students on one side of the overpass, with trees and a garden are placed on the other.

If such changes were to be made, the Town Board would need to approve changes to the zoning code.

Delaware Avenue, along with all of the major roads in town, is state owned. Last February, town officials had said implementation of the project's major points were 10 years away since the estimated cost was \$2.5 million. The town is now working with the state Department of Transportation to see if the state would be

willing to pay for some "preservative" aspects of the plan, while the town pays for beautification. The cost to the town would then be about \$1.7 million.

"However, the state is in preservation mode itself, so we'll see," said Morelli.

Other projects along Delaware Avenue include a state DOT project to change the traffic pattern at the intersection of Elsmere and Delaware avenues. The changes are being made because of the intersection's accident history.

The plan would see the roadway changed from two lanes of traffic going to and from Albany, to two lanes of traffics heading toward Albany and one lane of traffic heading toward Delmar. The third lane would be turned into a dedicated left-turning lane in the center. Work is set to begin this summer.

Officials are also in discussion with the DOT to increase safety at the Delaware Avenue crosswalk to Elsmere Elementary School.

A previous meeting was held in January between town officials, school parents and staff to discuss the issue. Ideas

ranged from installing costly beacons and signs to help alert drivers of the need to stop when students are using the crosswalk, to lowering the speed limit along the road. The speed limit is currently 40 mph along much of Delaware, and 30 mph in the school zone. However, it goes back up to 40 mph for a short distance before being lowered again once drivers get closer to the Four Corners.

Clarkson said through meetings with the DOT, it appears the favorite option of the state is to no longer have students use the crosswalk near the school, but have them walk up Delaware, cross at Elsmere Avenue, turn left at Herrick Avenue, and place a sidewalk and a crosswalk along Herrick.

Some residents at the meeting feared students would cut across the parking lots of Community Care Physicians and Berkshire Bank to shorten the length of the walk. Elsmere Principal Kate Kloss said she was sure the students could learn to properly cross the street if changes were made, but time and additional instruction would be needed.

Clarkson said he is

working with the DOT to see if the speed limit can be lowered. He would like to see it lowered to 30 mph with no dip for the school zone. This would make the walk to school safer and not confuse drivers, he argued. When asked, nearly all residents at the meeting raised their hand to say they would be in favor of the change.

Councilwoman Joann Dawson said she would like to see greater enforcement of the speed limit in school zones as a deterrent.

"If they get a few tickets, they're going to slow down," she said.

Officials also discussed the Safe Route to Schools Campaign. A grant of \$500,000 was awarded to the town and school district through the federal program. The money will be used to install sidewalks, ramps and crosswalk markings along portions of Fernbank Avenue, Delmar Place and Adams Street.

A community meeting for Slingerlands residents will be held on Monday, April 29, at 7 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road.



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Colonie native’s courage goes viral

Jimmy Plourde captured on camera carrying wounded from Boston Marathon

By ZAN STRUMFELD
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Growing up with two firefighters and EMS volunteers as parents, it came as no shock to Peter and Janet Plourde that their son Jimmy would become a firefighter himself.

“It wasn’t unusual to see us jump up during dinner (to answer a call),” Janet said. “He really grew up with the responsibility to give back to the community.”

So when they saw their son’s photo appear splashed across the television screen carrying an injured girl away from a blast site at the Boston Marathon bombing on Monday, April 15, they were nervous, but not surprised.

“Oh my God, it was shocking and it was startling to see your own child in that type of framework. And yet I have to be honest ... I would have almost expected that was Jimmy. He was always the one right there to do what needed to be done,” Janet said.

Jimmy, a Colonie Central High School and Siena College graduate, began his firefighting career by volunteering at age 16 with the Town of Colonie Shaker Road-Loudonville Explorer Post. He also tried to volunteer throughout

the community in any way he could. In support of his sister who has lupus, Jimmy raised almost \$28,000 at Siena for a lupus fundraiser, his mother said.

“Jimmy is probably one of the most kind, sincere young men people have ever met,” Janet said. “Jimmy just volunteers for everything.”

After graduating from Siena with a degree in political science, he moved to Boston to teach history but “wanted to do more to give back,” his mother said. He started working as a paramedic in Boston and now, at 35, works as a firefighter and lives in Boston with his wife and daughter.

“Sometimes we used him for practical tests for EMT ... he begrudgingly got involved in that,” Peter said. “It obviously ingrained in him something, because now he’s a Boston fireman.”

When he first heard of the explosion in Boston, Peter said he immediately texted his son asking if he was working, but didn’t receive a response. Shortly afterwards, Peter learned about the photo of his son spreading all over social media.

“Social media is unbelievable. I had every TV on in my house. I was like a multimedia crazy man,” Peter said. “I talked to his wife during the event and they said he’s safe, but he’s very busy. That’s the most we knew about him during the whole event.”



ABOVE- This photo of Jimmy Plourde carrying a victim away from the Boston Marathon went viral. (Ken McGagh/metrowestdailynews.com)

RIGHT- Michelle, mother Janet and father Peter Plourde after James Plourde (second from left) with his wife officially becoming a Boston firefighter. (Submitted)

Although they were comforted by the photo of their son, like the rest of the nation, the Plourdes were unsure if there would be more attacks. Peter said he wasn’t able to hear directly from his son until 9 that evening.

“When I tried to reach him, I spoke to his wife and she said he wants to sit down ... decompress,” Peter said. “He’s having a tough time putting this all together. He saw some things that only soldiers overseas see. It was pretty

dramatic. A lot of people are going to be hurting from this for awhile.”

Peter said he was proud of his son for jumping so quickly into action, something that seems to be innate within volunteers and first responders.

“We want to run to the danger, not run away from the danger. What it is that makes the people in our group do that, I have no idea,” Peter said. “We want to help. We have something inside of us that sparks us.”



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Remembrance effort strong

Delmar man commemorates veterans of D-Day

By JOHN PURCELL
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As what has been called the Greatest Generation ages, finding World War II veterans is getting harder. Tougher still is locating survivors of a single action, even one as momentous and enormous as D-Day.

But that is what Frank DeSorbo continues to do. DeSorbo, 65, of Delmar, is organizing the third annual D-Day Recognition and Remembrance event to be held on Saturday, June 1, at the Holiday Inn Express located on Old Loudon Road in Latham.

Veterans who have taken part in the ceremony in the past acknowledge how small their cohort has grown – and how special their camaraderie.

“There ain’t too many of us left anymore,” said Art Hamilton, an 87-year-old D-Day survivor. “You can’t find them anymore, they are disappearing.”

Hamilton, a Slingerlands resident, said when he drives around town he keep his eyes open for men that look the appropriate age to be a survivor of World War II, but has had little luck finding others. The D-Day-focused memorial gives him a chance to “shoot the breeze” with fellow survivors. Last year, he said there were six new veterans attending. From the ship he served on, there is only five or six men left of the original crew of around 115.

“I enjoy seeing the guys and some of them really get going telling stories,” Hamilton said. “You hate to talk about some of the stuff.”

Hamilton believes around eight survivors have passed away since last year’s event. For him, just surviving the invasion of Europe on June 6, 1944, is still a miracle.

“It is just going to be more and more (dying), there is nothing you can do about it,” Hamilton said. “I’m still wondering why I am still here. Somebody looked out for me.”

DeSorbo said this year’s event, scheduled to start at 11 a.m., is taking on a more informal form this year, with just one speaker planned. This year’s program is focusing on socializing and will feature a video, door prizes, raffles and other activities.

“What I am looking to do this year is make it more informal,” DeSorbo said. “The last couple of years it has been very crowded, almost 300 people each time. ... So it has been very well attended.”

DeSorbo said he’s

noticed veterans attending enjoy talking with each other and fellow attendees, so he wants to provide more time for people to converse with one another. He said this year’s event is also helping to raise funds for next year’s 70th anniversary event, which he hopes to make a special remembrance.

“We are working on maybe one speaker,” he said. “The last couple years I have had military speakers, my twist is, let’s get somebody that is not military because that’s who’s got to keep the memory alive, the recognition alive of what these people went through.”

A local D-Day veteran said one memory has stuck with him through the years. He was watching a group of prisoners during the campaign to capture the Ludendorff Bridge spanning the Rhine. He lit a cigarette and handed it to a prisoner who, apparently surprised by the action, hesitated to grab the smoke.

“He couldn’t believe it ... he took the cigarette and looked at me with surprise, real surprise,” the veteran said. “I thought all these years, we come home and told stories, I said I hope he went home and had a family and told that story about me.”

Keeping such stories alive and vibrant is what the remembrance event is all about. DeSorbo said the youngest person at the event this year will be 87 years old, and while he is still trying to find survivors of D-Day, that task isn’t getting any easier. He said his drive is to keep the event going and get other people involved so it might be cemented for years to come.

“I just have felt this commitment ... and I



A veteran at last year’s D-Day Recognition and Remembrance event listens to a speaker. Area veterans, their family, and the public are invited to attend the third annual event on Saturday, June 1.

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did have an interest in World War II and I did have an interest in D-Day,” DeSorbo said. “I don’t think there is any better people you can thank and especially when you think of them being kids and how they are now that they lived a life of something that is so historical.”

There are around 1.2 million World War II veterans still alive, according to the U.S. Veterans Administration, with more than 12,000 estimated to be living in

New York state. Around 615 die every day and by 2036, the Veterans Administration projects there will be no more living WWII veterans.

If you know a veteran of the D-Day invasion, whether living or departed, you can contact Frank DeSorbo by calling 439-9265 or by email at fomservice@aol.com. Anyone interested in attending the June 1 D-Day is asked to contact DeSorbo for planning purposes.

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- A William Wadsworth Cade takes out on ad offering a \$25 reward for the arrest and conviction of the “sadist” who killed a collie named King, as reported in the previous week’s paper.
- Colonial Acres in Glenmont grows during its first year in existence to 25 homes. There are five new homes on exhibit “lifted from the pages of American history.”
- An item appears extolling the virtues of community fallout shelters. “A larger than family-size group would probably be better prepared to face a nuclear attack than a single family,” it is argued, and a federal program to assist in the building of shelters is mentioned.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



The fifth Albany Children's Book Festival will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Albany Academy for Girls campus located at 140 Academy Road in Albany.

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Let's get ready to read

Albany Children's Book Festival connects young readers with authors

As a kid growing up in Latham, Matt McElligott always knew he wanted to be an artist. Exactly what kind, he wasn't entirely sure.

"I was always the kid who was drawing all through class," said the well-known children's book author and illustrator.

McElligott's drive and talent led him to study art at Alfred University in Western New York. After graduating, he began work as a freelance illustrator. At that time, his work consisted mainly of creating the pictures to accompany the stories. That was until one day when



he found some old films in his family's attic and was inspired to tell his own story.

"That gave me an idea that maybe there were clues in there that could give me answers to things that had happened long ago," he said. "So I turned it into a story about a family every year for Thanksgiving – the family gets together from all over the world and has these crazy arguments about things that happened decades ago in the past.

"I pitched it to a publisher that liked it, and gradually my work began to shift from being mainly an illustrator to illustrator/author, and that's the path it has taken over the last 15 to 20 years," he said.

This story, entitled "The Truth about Cousin Ernie's Head," was the first of 13 children's books McElligott has written and illustrated.

McElligott is one of 60 authors who will be visiting with children at this year's Albany Children's Book Festival, hosted by The Albany Academies.

Now in its fifth year, the event is meant to enable people of all ages to meet some of their favorite authors and illustrators, said Karen Schimmer, the festival's Founding director.

McElligott said he hopes such festivals bring to light what it means to be an author or illustrator and show kids it's possible.

"You hear about the doctor, the police and whatever, but you don't hear about the author or illustrator, even though kids spend a good amount of time in the library surrounded by books – most people in their life don't regularly run into authors or illustrators," he said.

As the son of an art teacher, McElligott said he had the opportunity to meet artists as a child.

"I remember meeting some illustrators and some cartoonists that had a big impact," McElligott said.

"Meeting these people in person and seeing what they do, makes the whole idea of becoming an illustrator seem much more possible."

McElligott also makes a number of visits to area schools each year, reading to kids and showing them the steps it takes to create books.

"What I try to do is show them how that thing they love to do – write and draw – is something that could be a career," McElligott said.

Each year the Book Festival has grown. Last year's event drew more than 1,300 people.

The festival doors will open at 10 a.m. Children's book authors and illustrators will be on hand to talk to kids, sign books and hold readings.

Among those appearing will be Wendell Minor, who did "Night Flight" about Amelia Earhart; Susan Keeter who wrote the book "Phillis Sings Out Freedom," about Phillis Wheatley and George Washington; and Peggy Thomas who did the well known book "Farmer George Plants a Nation."

In addition, there will be magicians, a children's concert, clowns and other activities all revolving around the theme of reading.

"It sends a great message that reading is important and what authors and illustrators do is important, and it gets kids excited about books, about reading and about all of these things that we talk about all the time that are at the foundation of what it means to be educated," McElligott said. "If at the end of the day the kids say, 'wow if he can do that, I can do that,' then I have done my job."

The festival will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Silipigno Athletic Facility at the Albany Academy for Girls campus located at 140 Academy Road in Albany. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.albanychildrensbookfestival.com.





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

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM & GALLERY

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

Call for Artists

AJKUN BALLET THEATRE

Seeking dancers from pre-Kindergarten to young teens for its summer residency

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

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

ARTISTS WANTED

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

ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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

ETUDE CLUB

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

CAPITALAND CHORUS

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

Weekly Crossword

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17 Well-behaved miss?
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20 A *Chorus Line* song
21 Choir voice
22 "Use it or ____": Ford maxim
23 Passionate
25 What a SASE is
26 Postprandial quaff
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31 A *Dog of Flanders* author
32 Passion
34 Cry of discovery
37 Shy miss?
40 Sob
41 Rasp
42 River of France
43 Condemn
44 Carpenter's tool
45 A Stooge
47 Ate like a rabbit
50 Well-mannered

- 52 Estuaries
53 ____ tree: cornered
56 Wonderland girl
57 Otiose miss?
59 Poe bird
60 Eye part
61 Carson's successor
62 Wave feature
63 Old-timers, briefly
64 First place

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2 Computer image
3 Sabot
4 Mason's burden
5 Homes and acreage
6 Join
7 Squelch
8 Old English letter
9 Bug or peek follower
10 It parted for Moses
11 With 46 Down, inexperienced miss?
12 Caper
13 For fear that
18 Spanish dance
22 Pope, 847 to 855
23 Grayish-blue combiner
- 24 Burn
26 Autumn pear
27 Region of Germany
28 Immaterial
30 Like a humanoid
32 Home of the Dolphins
33 Picnic pest
34 What George could not tell
35 German mister
36 Roscoe, of old flicks
38 Gold coin of old Austria
39 Egg-shaped
43 Clears a wintry wind-shield
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49 *Carmen* composer
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58 Rubber tree

Green

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“We are trying to involve as many stakeholders in the community so that it really becomes a community owned effort,” Panetta said. “It is a sustainable event that I want to be sustaining, so that there is just not one stakeholder group invested in it.”

In addition to recycling, there will be several donation efforts.

Grassroot Caregivers will be accepting usable clothing, toiletry items, linens and kitchenware, which will help stock its Community Store. Individuals and families living in poverty or in a shelter have the opportunity through the Community Store to choose what items they need free of charge.

If you’ve had books piling up on your shelves, the Albany Book Project will be collecting books that are less than 10 years

old in new or like new condition. The books get distributed to schools and classroom libraries, senior centers, social services offices, literacy programs, clinics, military bases and hospitals.

Other donation opportunities include working household appliances and kitchen cabinetry, to be collected by the Habitat for Humanity ReStore for resale at its warehouse. The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District will collect empty beauty product containers, tubes and bottles.

If you’re looking to purchase something, Farnsworth students will be holding a garage sale to benefit the Butterfly House and Organic Garden at the school.

Finnessey, also Voorheesville Deputy Clerk Treasurer, said the donations, while not directly tied to recycling, helps keep items out of the



The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District will once again be at Go Green Day, which focuses on environmentally friendly practices.

Courtesy of Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District

waste stream.

This is the second time the Go Green Day event has been held (the first was two years ago) and Finnessey said its offerings have only grown.

“We have increased the number of presentations and we have a little more variety,” she said. “This is an educational event, so we also invited related types of vendors and exhibitors that offer products that would be of interest to be people who are coming.”

There will be around 40 exhibitors and vendors at the event to explain ways people can embrace green habits, such as using solar energy, eating local food,

gardening and crafting. Some of the presentations and demonstrations scheduled include Backyard Composting Basics, Plastic Bag Recycling and Alternative Uses, Electronics Recycling, Hydroponics 101, Creating Bio-Diesel for Your Car, Gardeners Alert: A Pest Update and Worm Composting.

Susan Pezzolla, consumer horticulturist of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, said throughout April the organizations focuses on community outreach. Earth Day was Monday, April 22.

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– Susan Pezzolla, consumer horticulturist of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County

earth friendly programs during the month just to raise people’s awareness that if you are doing something, perhaps you could do it a little greener,” Pezzolla said.

Pezzolla said in addition to teaching effective gardening and composting techniques, 4-H members will discuss the benefits of eating locally produced food through an interactive game.

“It teaches them that the food in the supermarket can come from all over the world and it is good to make local food choices if you can and possibly grow your own food,” Pezzolla said.

Cornell Cooperative Extension master gardeners will also offer soil testing for a \$1 fee to determine the pH level, which could affect gardening conditions.

“We are available to answer their questions or

research their questions further to help them garden better,” Pezzolla said.

Pezzolla said she feels the last Go Green Day had a lasting effect.

“The last time that we did do this, it was really exciting to talk to people that are just getting started to make the change in their own household to recycle things and separate things out,” she said. “For a lot of people this is a brand new territory ... and it is a lot of fun to encourage them.”

The tastiest addition to this year’s Go Green Day is the Chef’s Consortium, which is a group of Upstate chefs promoting locally-grown, farm fresh food. There will be five chefs preparing food for attendees, with a \$7 bracelet required for entrance into the food tent. The bracelet is good for the entire event, with different selections offering for breakfast and afternoon hours. Families of four or more will receive is a discount.

Finnessey said the event is also a way for children to show their parents what they’ve been learning.

“The kids these days are learning a lot of this stuff through school ... so it is a way for the kids to actually bring their parents and say, ‘We learned about this in school,’” Finnessey said.

For more information on Go Green Day 2013, visit www.gogreendayny.org.



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National Be Kind to Animals Week is dedicated to raising awareness about treating animals with kindness and respect. The APF will again celebrate this special week with our 11th Annual Children’s Essay and Poster contest. Especially in light of recent tragic events, this is a wonderful opportunity to teach children about the importance kindness and respect toward animals and ultimately, each other.

This year’s theme:
“Paw it Forward”

What actions can you do to help make the world a better place for animals? Here’s a few ideas to get you started:

- > Adopt a homeless pet from a shelter
- > Do a food or supply donation for an animal shelter
- > Offer to help an elderly neighbor by walking their dog or cleaning the kitty lit
- > Hold a fundraiser like a lemonade stand and donate the proceeds to a shelter

Remember the Golden Rule, “Treat others as you want them to treat you.” It’s easy to do and it makes the world a much nicer place. Either write an interesting essay or poem or design an informative poster that illustrates what you can do to help animals.



invites you to participate in

The 2013 Be Kind to Animals Week Poster and Essay Contest

Age Categories Entries from students in grades 1 through 5 submitted by schools or individuals. Judges will select winners from each grade.

Posters Posters must be no smaller than 11” x 17” and no larger than 18” x 24” on white or buff paper. Crayon, pencil, watercolor, tempera, acrylic, magic marker, and colored pencils may be used.

Essays Essays must be no more than 200 words in length.

Theme “Paw it Forward” What actions can you do to make the world a better place for animals?

Identification All entries must include student’s name, grade, school address, teacher’s name, e-mail and phone. If entry is being submitted by a parent, please include parent’s name, address, e-mail and phone. This information may be written on the entries (on the front of essays and the back of posters), or an entry form may be attached. See entry form below.

Tips and Hints Essays and posters will be judged on originality, demonstration of the theme, and creativity. Students making posters are encouraged to fill the page and make it colorful. In essays, spelling and mechanics will be considered.

Deadline: Friday, May 20, 2013

Please mail or deliver to:

The Animal Protective Foundation, 53 Maple Ave., Scotia, NY 12302

Prizes! Entries will be judged within their own grade level. All winners will receive prizes and be invited, along with their families, teachers and principals, to an awards reception on Monday, June 3 at Proctors Theatre in Schenectady. Winners will be notified via teachers or parents during the last week of May. Entries cannot be returned. All entries become the property of the APF and may be displayed or used for promotional purposes.



For more info: www.animalprotective.org or call 374-3944, ext. 119

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Notice of Formation of POSTPC WORKS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/5/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86247 (D) (April 24, 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 24, 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 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Barking at Trees LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/19/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 150 Bay Street, Apt 713, Jersey City, NJ 07302. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86251 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DEANTONIO IMPORTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/7/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86252 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SPUTNIKFILMS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/8/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86255 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation 35-38 Junction Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/7/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86256 (D) (April 24, 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.

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SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 86258 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of GREY CRESCENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/11/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86318 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WO-JOBE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/07/13. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/3013. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1131 Sacandaga Road, Glenville, New York 12302. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 86319 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DIVYA COLLECTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/28/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86320 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 507 BUILDING SVCS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/26/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86321 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Wernett & Hall, LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 11, 2013. The LLC maintains its office in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC at: The LLC, 26 Appletree Lane, Newtonville, New York 12110-5303. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 86324 (D) (April 24, 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 designated as agent of LLC

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whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86325 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 2204 AVENUE X LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86326 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SARA BENNETT YOGA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/21/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 410 Ninth St., Bklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86328 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: ALCO HOSPITALITY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 4, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext, Albany, NY 12203. 86329 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF GREEN POWER DEVELOPERS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Appl. for Auth. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/12/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 12/20/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 366 Ramtown Greenville Rd., Howell, NJ 07731. NJ address of LLC: Same. Art. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, PO Box 628, Trenton, NJ 08646. 86330 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DUNCAN ARCHITECT PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 271 Union St. #4, Bklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86331 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of ECONOMETRIC RESOURCE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/21/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1520 York Ave., NY, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86332 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Lawrene 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 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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York. /s/ Richard J. Salvatore, Jr. RICHARD J. SALVATORE, JR. – Organizer /s/ Vera Popova Salvatore VERA POPOVA SALVATORE - Organizer 86337 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 144 STATE STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 15, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 86339 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE HUNGRY TRAVELER LLC Under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a limited liability company pursuant to Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law, does hereby make, sign and acknowledge these Articles, stating as follows: FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is The Hungry Traveler LLC. SECOND: The office of the Limited Liability Company in the State of New York is located in the County of Albany. THIRD: The purposes for which the Company is formed are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which Limited Liability Companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law and the general laws of the State of New York as now or hereafter in force. FOURTH: The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by the members. FIFTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served and the address within the state which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process in any action or proceeding against the Limited Liability Company for which service shall have been received is: P.O. Box 443 Delmar, NY 12054. SIXTH: None of the members of the Limited Liability Company (the "Members"), in their capacity as Members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Limited Liability Company. SEVENTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization is the date of filing with the Secretary of State. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 7th day of March, 2013 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. /s/ Christopher Fournier, Organizer 86369 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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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

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 512 Altamont Voorheesville Rd., Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: any lawful activities. 86372 (D) (April 24, 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 activities. 86373 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation 19-79 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/20/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86375 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

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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 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of ADG Dental Services, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of

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State (SSNY) on 02/06/13. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1219 Carlyle Drive, Schenectady, New York 12309. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86381 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ALL PERFECTION CONTRACTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/21/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86384 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BRITTANY MICHELE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/22/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86385 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BAJA HOOSICK REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 22, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. 86386 (D) (April 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company, Name: Emerald Construc-tion, LLC. Articles of Orga-nization were filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on March 12, 2013. Office location: Alba-ny 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 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Off-shore 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 24, 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 24, 2013)

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 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Ir-reverent Theatricals LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/26/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des-ignated 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. 86509 (D) (April 24, 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 24, 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 Cor-porate Woods Boulevard, 5th Floor, Albany, New York 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86402 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1348 PROPERTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY

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on 3/28/13. Office loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86403 (D) (April 24, 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 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. 86512 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Ain-sworth Surgical Pavilion, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/1/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY des-ignated 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 24, 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 24, 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 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Able Realty Management, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/8/13. 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 108 Fox Run Dr., Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: any lawful activi-ties. 86543 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Pi-lates Studio 500 LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 3/19/13. Office loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Nicola Phelan, 11 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. 86544 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 17 Willow Street, LLC (LLC) Articles ofOrganization filed with the Secretary of State ofNew York (SSNY) on March 21, 2013. New York office location: Albany County. SSNY has been

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designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy ofany process against the LLC served upon it is 18 Division Street, Co-hoes, New York 12047. The purpose ofthe LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. 86545 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MEENU & SON'S LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/2/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY des-ignated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86546 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Orga-nization of Limited Liability Company FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FOCUSED SCANNING, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Com-pany were filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 27, 2013. THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 340 East 24th Street, Suite 416 New York, NY 10010 FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. 86548 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Nassau Energy, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/13. Office location: Al-bany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/20/87. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86549 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Nassau Energy Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/13. Office loca-tion: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/3/91. SSNY des-ignated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86549 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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bergh, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/29/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/93. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86551 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF M & R OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/28/12. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 261-14 Bridgewater Ave., Glen Oaks, NY 11004. Pur-pose: Any lawful activity. 86552 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DRENSER JACOBS MARKET RESEARCH, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 27 Bogart Ave., Pt. Wash-ington, NY 11050. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86553 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STEVEN BERKOVITCH & ASSOCIATES PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 150 Broadway #1102, NY, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86554 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIGHT SUITES, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/18/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 155 E. 92 St. #10, NY, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86555 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DAL GROUP LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/19/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 15 Ave. J, Bklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86556 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of ESTABROOK PLUMBING AND HEATING, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/22/13. Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent for ser-vice of process. SSNY shall mail process to 23 Robinwood St., Mastic, NY 11950. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86557 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of SARAI CAFE LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/27/13. Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent for ser-vice of process. SSNY shall mail process to 211 W. 231 St., Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86558 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of AMPERA CAPITAL LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/1/13. Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent for ser-vice of process. SSNY shall mail process to 23-52 23 St. #1, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86618 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of PULSE INSIGHTS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/13. Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent for ser-vice of process. SSNY shall mail process to 175 Varick St. 4 Fl., NY, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86619 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of YENDO PRINT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/20/13. Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent for ser-vice of process. SSNY shall mail process to 99 Washington Ave. #805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86620 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of THE LEAP CENTER LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/7/13. Office location: Al-bany County. SSNY designated as agent for ser-vice of process. SSNY shall mail process to 454 Manhattan Ave. #1L, NY, NY 10026. Purpose: Any law-ful activity. 86621 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: OPERA-TION NOBLE RECOGNITION LLC. Articles of Orga-nization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/07/13. Of-fice location: Albany County . SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 217 Whitehall Road, Albany, New York, New York 12209. Purpose: For any law-ful purpose. 86623 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Heli-um Web Solutions LLC. Ar-ticles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/15/2013. Office loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to National Registered Agents, INC at 111 EIGHTH AVENUE, 13th FLR, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: For any lawful pur-pose. 86630 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Livenow Adventures LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/08/2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to National Registered Agents, INC at 111 EIGHTH AVENUE, 13th FLR, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 86631 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of Professional Lim-ited Liability Company Name: Capital Region Pri-mary Care, PLLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on March 26, 2013. Principal Office Lo-cation: 1101 Nott Street, Schenectady, NY. Street Address is the address to which the secretary of state shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him. Purpose: Prac-tice Medicine Citation: Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Law 86632 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 56 Leonard 35B, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/3/13. Of-fice 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. 86638 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Brickstone Capital Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/22/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Northwest Registered Agent, LLC, 90 State St., Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86639 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Park South Properties LLC. Ar-ticles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/05/13. Office loca-tion: Schenectady County . SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 9266 , Schenectady , NY 12204 . Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 86640 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of R.N. Associates, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 5/30/12. SSNY is designated agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 26 Lishakill Road, Albany, NY 12205. Office location: Albany County. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86642 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Stone Church Road, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State (SSNY)

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on March 27, 2013. Of-fice Location: Schenectady County. The SSNY is des-ignated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 2603 Guilderland Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 86643 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: HELDERBERG BAT COMPANY, LLC DATE OF FILING: 03/22/13 OFFICE LOCATION: Al-bany County AGENT FOR SERVICE: Michael J. Garry 2909 West Old State Road Schenectady, New York 12303 PURPOSE: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which United Liability Companies may be organized under the New York LLC. 86644 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF NAMES OF PERSONS APPEARING AS OWNERS OF CERTAIN UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HELD BY MUTUAL OF OMAHA INSURANCE COMPANY The persons whose names and last known addresses are set forth below appear from the records of the above named company to be entitled to abandoned property in amounts of fifty dollars or more: BRIAN KALFEUX JOSEPH 30 TILLINGHAST AVE MANANES NY HELEN MILLS 428 WHITEHALL ROAD ALBANY NY FRED WILLIAMS PO BOX 224 VOORHEESVILLE NY A report of unclaimed property has been made to Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York, pursuant to Section 701 and/or Section 1316 of the Abandoned Property Law. A list of the names of the persons ap-pearng from the records of the said insurance company to be entitled thereto is on file and open to the public inspection at the principal office of the corporation located at Mutual of Omaha Plaza, Omaha NE 68175 where such abandoned property is payable. Such abandoned property will be paid on or before August 31st next to persons establishing to our satisfac-tion their right to receive the same. On or before the succeeding September 10th, such un-claimed funds still remain-ing unclaimed will be paid to Thomas P. DiNapoli, the Comptroller of the State of New York. Upon such pay-ment this company shall no longer be liable for the property. MUTUAL OF OMAHA IN-SURANCE COMPANY 86647 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Voorheesville Central School District Notice of public hearing, budget vote, and election NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN THAT a public hear-ing 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 2013-2014. AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Annual Dis-trict 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

Residents

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to be around someone who takes me seriously, and who I know cares about what I have to say. I know what (the residents) want and what we try to provide.”

Lierheimer said the residents know the scholarship won’t make a huge dent in college costs, but they try to do what they can to help the future generation that’s been kind to them.

“Like the kids say, at least it will help pay for books, and that’s one expense that won’t come out of their own pockets,” she said.

The 2013 Beverwyck Scholarship recipients:

- Bethlehem Central High School
- Leonard Cato
 - Danielle Lang
 - Olivia Lupoli
 - Liam Roohan
- Guilderland Central High School
- Amanda Bolognino
 - Jenna Cubello
 - Daniel Ainspan *(Graduated class of 2011 and is attending SUNY Oneonta.)*

Blotter

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Road North in Slingerlands. Police said they allegedly found an unloaded handgun that police say was taken from the state of Tennessee and a “quantity” of cocaine.

Police said an earlier investigation in the City of Albany had led investigators to obtain a search warrant for Guthrie’s home. A search warrant had been obtained for an Albany residence at 187 Bradford St., regarding two stolen dirt bikes. Police said they found the bikes at

the residence, along with several others. They are now looking for the owners of the bikes.

While at the residence at Bradford Street, investigators said information led them to the second residence in Bethlehem.

Guthrie has been arrested and charged with criminal possession of a firearm, a felony. He was also charged

with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, a misdemeanor.

He was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and sent to Albany County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Police said the investigation is ongoing and more arrests are likely.



LEGAL NOTICE

Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:00 p.m. on the following: 1. To elect two members of the Board of Education for a 4-year term terminating June 30, 2016, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the terms of C. James Coffin and Cheryl L. Dozier.

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

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 21, 2013, the following propositions will be submitted: Proposition #1: Purchase of Buses: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$214,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

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

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Schoolhouses Hours Voorheesville Elementary School Clayton A. Bouton High School 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central

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School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 20, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Voorheesville Public Library for the presentation of the Public Library budget for the year 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.

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

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

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should addressed to: Clerk, Board of Education Voorheesville Central School District P.O. Box 498 Voorheesville, NY 12186 Dated: April 3, 2013 Dorothea Pfeleiderer District Clerk 86511 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: ACCESS TITLE SERVICES, LLC c/o Patricia M. Westfall 5 Colleen Drive Loudonville, New York 12211

FOURTH: Purpose of company. The purpose for which the company is formed is to engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under Section 203 of the limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

SUBSCRIBED this 11th day of April, 2013 Patricia M. Westfall, Organizer 86633 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

WOLF HOLLOW BREWING COMPANY, LLC The name of the Limited Liability Company is Wolf Hollow Brewing Company, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on November 29, 2012 with the Secretary of State.

The Office of the LLC is in Schenectady County.

4.The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company is to be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 1612 West Glenville Road, West Glenville, NY 12010.

5:The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York.

86635 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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LORENZOS ITALIAN CAFE LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/12. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3221 Old Carmen Rd., Schenectady, NY 12303. General Purposes. 86636 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 152ND STREET MGMT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/11/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86624 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is 128 Hamilton, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 2/13/2013. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a rental real estate company, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 12 Sunset Drive, Delmar, NY 12054. 86626(D) (April 24, 2013)

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80 DARROCH ROAD, LLC Notice of formation of 80 DARROCH ROAD, LLC, a limited liability company (the “LLC”). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the “SSNY”) on 4/11/13. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 80 Darroch Road, Delmar, New York 12054. Purposes: any lawful activity. 86627 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Notice of formation of the Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: West Point Security, L.L.C., Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/25/2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon who process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 390 Loudon Road, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 86629 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Layered Communications LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/28/13. Office location: Schenectady County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/3/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be

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served. SSNY shall mail process to: Richard G. Della Ratta, 147 Barrett St., Schenectady, NY 12305. DE address of LLC: 1621 Concord Pike, #301, Wilmington, DE 19803. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86968 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: NORTHWAY DIGITAL, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 27, 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 90 State Street, Suite 700, Albany, NY 12207. 86989 (D) (April 24, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted on the 17th day of April, 2013 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, New York is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of the law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the

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Constitution. Judith E. Kehoe District Clerk The following is a summary of said resolution: The title of the resolution is: “BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 17, 2013 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCTING OF A DISTRICT-WIDE CAPITAL PROJECT IN AND FOR THE BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST NOT TO EXCEED \$20,185,299 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$20,185,299 TO PAY THE COSTS THEREOF”.

1. The resolution, among other things, authorized the Bethlehem Central School District, Albany County, New York (the “District”) to conduct a District-wide capital project which includes the repair, rehabilitation or replacement in kind of certain external features and internal modifications and improvements and technology upgrades at all of the District’s schools and facilities including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvement, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith (the “Facilities Project”) as approved by the voters of the School District at a special District meeting duly held on March 12, 2013.

2. The estimated maximum cost of the Facilities Project is not to exceed \$20,185,299. The resolution authorized the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes of the District in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20,185,299 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-A of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the “Law”).

3. The maximum period of probable usefulness of the Facilities Project is thirty (30) years within the limitation of Section 11.00(a)(97) of the Law.

4. The resolution summarized hereby is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the School District Business Office located at 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. 86977 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7:15 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on an application from Kathleen Mannix, 22 Bartlett Lane, Delmar for an area variance Under Article VI, Section 128-47, Fences. Applicant wishes to install a fence in the front of the property that does not meet set back requirements. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals 86971 (D) (April 24, 2013)

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Bethlehem’s \$90.4M budget comes in below tax cap

Board cuts \$220k, including freshman level sport teams

By JOHN PURCELL
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Bethlehem schools will see nearly no cuts in classrooms next school year if voters approve a \$90.4 million spending plan, but the same can’t be said for athletics.

The Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education opted to tap \$1.75 million of reserve funds in the 2013-14 budget, leaving about \$220,000 worth of reductions to get comfortably below the district’s maximum

allowable tax levy. District administrators had recommended board members use caution in spending reserve funds. But making more cuts wasn’t palatable to a majority of the board.

Around three hours into the board’s Wednesday, April 17, meeting, it decided to vote on the proposed spending plan totaling that holds a property tax levy increase of 3.59 percent. The board passed the budget in a 6-1 vote.

Only board member Caitrin Navarro voted against the budget, saying she primarily objected to cutting all freshman level sports for around a \$70,000 savings.

“I don’t believe in reducing a full level of sports,” Navarro said. “I think you only reduce what is not possible for the kids.”

Athletic supporters cry foul

While reviewing the proposed reductions, Board President Diane Giacone Stever and Vice President Matt Downey joined Navarro’s call to place eliminating freshman sport. Board member Laura Ladd Bierman said school districts are trending towards eliminating freshman sports and there are opportunities outside school sports for students to play on a team.

Navarro countered that Bethlehem shouldn’t follow trends and eliminate freshman sports when there is still competition. Modified teams are generally more often supported in the Suburban Council, according to district officials.

“I think we are a leader, not a follower,” Navarro said. “There are teams for us to play. I don’t think playing on a team outside of school and playing on a team for school are the same thing at all.”

Navarro said students learn “way too much” from athletic opportunities and they instill school spirit and pride.

Board member

Charmaine Wijeyesinghe, whose daughter plays modified basketball, said the modified teams would likely become more competitive, which might not be a bad thing. Wijeyesinghe wanted parents to realize their children should be practicing and learning basic skills if they want to play for a school team.

Wijeyesinghe supported eliminating one level of sports. Administrators said the change would affect about 160 students over 11 sports teams.

“This is an amount of that I believe we need to use,” she said. “Should we go deeper without taking this cut, it will affect the

academic program.”

Peter Keane, father of two students, said he was concerned about cuts to sports. He said Bethlehem’s athletics budget appears average when compared to area districts.

“We are talking about... trying to shave things so that we are not cutting an entire group of students. This is an entire group of students,” Keane said. “You are cutting roughly a quarter of the kids who currently participate ... so that seems like a pretty severe cut to make.”

Bethlehem Central Athletic Association President Tim Maniccia
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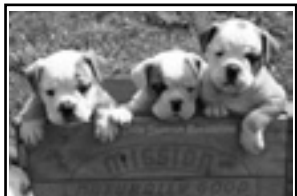
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Budget

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said athletics account for 1.3 percent of the district’s budget and cutting \$70,000 is 5.9 percent of the athletics budget. Maniccia said the \$70,000 represents roughly a third of the cuts proposed by the board.

“There just seems to be, to me, an equity issue there and proportionality issue,” Maniccia said. “I totally understand the logic – if we run out of opponents it doesn’t make any sense. ... I think many of us in the room and community would feel a lot better about this if we actually knew that all these other schools were going to cut.”

Board member Lynne Lenhardt said the district has

“done its best” to keep athletic programming, but cuts had to be made.

“At some point, despite the fact that it is unpopular to do so ... I think the academics have taken the hit and I think that we do need to cut this level of sports,” Lenhardt said. “Over the years we have cut more in the other areas then we have in sports.”

Freshman lacrosse was already scheduled to be eliminated next school year because there are no opponents.

Maintaining instructional programming

The reductions proposed outside of athletics include deferring a small building project worth \$100,000, reducing one

hall monitor position at the high school for a \$35,000 savings and cutting 0.2 full-time equivalent positions at the high school for around \$14,000 in savings.

Administrators said using \$1.75 million of reserve funds to balance the budget falls in line with the district’s long term financial plan, despite administrators recommending \$250,000 less be used next school year.

“I know the board is going to struggle with this no matter what,” Superintendent Thomas Douglas said. “The reason why we put \$1.5 (million) is because we have to step down. If we stay at that level we will have to come up with an additional \$250,000 next year.”

Douglas said the state aid situation might be more favorable in the 2014-15 budget as it will be an election year, but he is more

concerned about the following year.

If the board followed what administrators recommended, cuts would have been felt in the high school and middle school classrooms with reduced course offerings and social worker availability. The transportation department also would have faced cuts in off site repairs and parts and supplies totaling \$50,000.

Reductions to elementary schools were placed far down the list, not appearing until the 25th reduction out of 33 offered. Wijeyesinghe said elementary programming has taken a big hit already.

“The last couple of years we have been slaughtering the elementary programs,” she said.

Stever said cuts would have been deeper if the district had

not received a late increase in state aid.

The adopted budget increases year-to-year spending by 2.51 percent, or \$2.35 million. The district’s tax cap was at 3.64 percent. Last year, the district put forward a budget above the tax cap.

“As a board we came together and came up with the best budget that we could using the reserves that we have and with the increase in state aid we were able to minimize the cuts that we had to make,” Downey said after the meeting.

A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for the Board of Education meeting Wednesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. District residents can vote on the proposed 2013-14 budget Tuesday, May 21, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., at the high school.

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Promising signs for struggling Lady Dutch offense

Guilderland wins two out of three weekend games

By ROB JONAS
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After a slow start, things are beginning to pick up for the Guilderland softball team.

The Lady Dutch (2-3 league, 3-4 overall) have won two of their last three games, including a 10-6 Suburban Council victory over Shaker last Friday.

“It’s been a disjointed season,” said Guilderland coach Lou Marino. “It’s a team that hasn’t been hitting at all. We had 15 hits in the first four games, and then we had nearly that many hits against Shaker.”

Jenna Cubello provided the power against Shaker with a pair of home runs as part of a three-hit afternoon. Cubello drove in three runs and scored three more for Guilderland.

Torie Rathwell contributed three hits and two RBI, and Mallory Harrigan added a pair of hits and an RBI.

The hits continued to pile up for Guilderland during Sunday’s non-

league doubleheader at Keenholts Park. The Lady Dutch had nine hits in a 9-5 loss to Queensbury, and they added five hits in a 3-0 win against South Glens Falls.

“We’re starting to hit the ball better,” said Marino. “The more (live pitching) you see, the better it will get.”

Harrigan and Cubello were responsible for much of Guilderland’s offense against Queensbury in the opener. Harrigan doubled twice, singled and scored two runs, while Cubello chipped in with two hits, two runs and an RBI.

Rathwell’s two-run double in the bottom of the fifth inning helped Guilderland put away South Glens Falls in the second game. Tori Greco added a triple, and starting pitcher Taylor Tewksbury tossed five innings of one-hit ball.

Marinso said the Lady Dutch are hoping to carry the momentum they built last weekend into this week’s Suburban Council action.



Guilderland’s Torie Rathwell is caught stealing second base during last Wednesday’s Suburban Council game against Niskayuna. The Silver Warriors shut out the Lady Dutch 3-0, but Guilderland bounced back two days with a 10-6 victory over Shaker in a game coach Lou Marino said he hoped would be a turning point.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Miller throws no-hitter for BC

David Miller pitched a no-hitter to guide the Bethlehem baseball team past Ballston Spa 6-0 Wednesday, April 17.

The Eagles got on the scoreboard with two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Ballston Spa got out of the frame with a double play, but Bethlehem added individual runs over the next four innings to pull out the victory.

Nick DiNapoli, Pat Curran, Sam Powers and Nick Gallucci all scored runs for the Eagles.

— Ben Fishbein

Dutch

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when the Blue Bison were down a player due to yellow cards.

“We were able to play aggressively (for those four minutes of power play time) and take advantage of it,” said Chatnik.

Morgan Hardt led Guilderland’s attack against Shaker with five goals. Rebecca Golderman contributed a hat trick, and Ali Cardinal tallied twice.

Julia Lennon had five goals for Shaker.

Guilderland returned to Suburban Council action Monday by playing Colonie.

“We’ve got a lot of games to go,” said Chatnik. “We’re at the midpoint of the season, and now we’ve got to put things in a different gear.”



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Guilderland gets on track

After struggling through its first four games, the Guilderland softball team is making some noise again following wins against Shaker and South Glens Falls last weekend. The Lady Dutch are aiming high this year after reaching the 2012 Section II Class AA finals.

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Good weather, good results

Bethlehem claims large school team title at Fleet Feet Lady Eagles Invitational

By ROB JONAS
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For once, the weather cooperated for the Fleet Feet Lady Eagles Invitational at Bethlehem Central High School.

Though clouds and wind were prevalent throughout Saturday's all-girls track meet, the weather wasn't brutally cold or wet as in previous years.

"We haven't had any tents blow away or torrential rain," said Bethlehem distance coach Jack Rightmyer. "It's been a good meet."

It was an especially good meet for the host school. Bethlehem claimed the team title with 126 points, 27 points ahead of runner-up Shaker. Guilderland placed fifth with 71 points.

"We did very well today," said Bethlehem head coach Tom Howley.

Bethlehem had one individual champion in Grace Smith. The sophomore won the high jump by clearing the bar at 5 feet, 2 inches in fewer attempts than Rome Free Academy's Dana Husband.

The Lady Eagles had several second-place finishes, including runner-up efforts from the 800-meter and sprint medley relay teams. The 800-meter relay team of Arnelle Thomas, Ellie Shuman, Carolyn Wagner and Gabriella Ferrera finished with a time of 1:51.12, two seconds behind Colonie. The sprint medley relay team of Wagner, Tori Trosset, Devin Jensen and Dainka Jensen finished with a time of 4:23.85.

Ferrera, Vicky Buehler and Maya Kassoff had individual second-place finishes. Ferrera was the runner-up to Colonie's Allyson Oertel in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.31 seconds, while Buehler grabbed second place in the triple jump with a distance of 35 feet, 8 inches. Kassoff was second in the discus with a throw of 91 feet, 7 inches.

Abigail Marco led Guilderland with victories in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.



Bethlehem's Tori Trosset, right, hands the baton to Danika Jensen during the varsity sprint medley relay at Saturday's Fleet Feet Lady Eagles Invitational.
Rob Jonas/Spotlight

The junior finished with a time of 16.98 seconds in the 100 hurdles and claimed the 300 hurdles title with a time of 47.84 seconds.

The 300-meter hurdles and the sprint medley relay were among the unique events offered at the Fleet Feet Lady Eagles Invitational. The meet also featured a distance medley relay, 600- and 1,000-meter races and a freshman/sophomore division.

"I think that's part of the allure," said Rightmyer. "People like running different events."

Fourteen teams participated in this year's Fleet Feet Lady Eagles Invitational. Six Suburban Council schools sent teams to the meet, with the rest of the field coming from as far away as Plattsburgh, Rome and Ontario.

Long Meadow derails Lady Dutch

Guilderland falls flat after posting key win against Shaker

By ROB JONAS
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Everything was going well for the Guilderland girls lacrosse team until it crossed the border into Massachusetts.

FINAL SCORE

- Long Meadow (Mass), 13
- Guilderland Lady Dutch, 10

The Lady Dutch (6-1) turned in what coach Gary Chatnik called their worst performance of the season in a 13-10 loss to Long Meadow Saturday.

"We played terrible," said Chatnik. "We came off three big wins in three big (Suburban Council) games last week, and we were just flat."

Long Meadow entered Satur-

day's game as the top-ranked team in Massachusetts, but that fact didn't matter in Chatnik's assessment of the contest.

"We didn't have any energy," said Chatnik.

Chatnik was more pleased with how Guilderland played in last Thursday's 14-11 Suburban Council victory over Shaker in Latham. The Lady Dutch scored the final four goals of the first half to take a 9-7 lead, and they fended off several second-half challenges by the Blue Bison (5-1) to take sole possession of first place.

"The defense played terrific, and the offense played very well," said Chatnik. "They possessed the ball very well."

Guilderland's power play turned in a strong performance against Shaker. The Lady Dutch scored several goals during a pair of two-minute stretches

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Guilderland's Rebecca Golderman, right, tries to get by a Shaker defender during last Thursday's Suburban Council game.
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