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Town mulls canine code

New Scotland to review policies regarding dogs in town parks

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Man's best friend has spurred a debate amongst neighbors about what rules or regulations should govern canines in New Scotland's town parks.

The Town Board heard from residents concerned about what rules do or don't apply to dogs in the town's Stephen P. Wallace Park off Swift Road at a Wednesday, June 12, meeting.

There are disputes over interpretation of the town's "Dog Control Law." The Parks and Recreation regulations have left town officials enforcing some form of a leash policy, but this isn't clearly stated in the town code.

Officials are looking to end the debate and clarify the rules.

Mimi Weber, who lives off Swift Road, said she enjoys jogging through Wallace Park, but over the last several months she has been "approached significantly" by dogs that are not leashed that make her feel unsafe. Weber said the owners of the dogs "don't take it seriously" and she has felt harassed by some dog owners.

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Mud maniacs

Tawasentha Mud Mania drew hundreds of participants Saturday, June 15, who slogged, rappelled and slid their way along a 5K obstacle course through Tawasentha Park in Guilderland. A 1K kids fun run and mud pit play area gave little runners a chance to get messy, too. Race organizers had to make a last-minute course change to avoid the Normanskill crossing because the creek had swollen in recent days due to heavy rains. A portion of the registration fees will go toward improvements at the Tawasentha Park Children's Playground.

Photos by Kristen Roberts/Spotlight



Towing contract grinds gears

Some local providers question contract that sets rates for working with town

By MARCY VELTE
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Several owners of Bethlehem towing businesses are finding it difficult to live with the terms of a contract they signed with the town to be included on the rotational list of towing operators that work with the police department.

Matters of contention include a fee operators now have to pay to the town for each vehicle towed and a cap placed on the cost of each tow for a police call. At least one is also upset about having to erect a fence around his lot in order to store vehicles.

Bethlehem police Sgt. Robert Helligrass said the department

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Towns finalize water deal

New Scotland will buy water from Bethlehem to form new district

By JOHN PURCELL
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A long-awaited plan to bring water service to New Salem residents has cleared its final planning hurdle.

The New Scotland and Bethlehem town boards each approved an intermunicipal water supply agreement for the newly formed New Salem Water District on Wednesday, June 12.

The district generally encompasses the hamlet of New Salem and will bring water service to about 170 homes.

The cost of designing and constructing the district in New Scotland cannot exceed \$3.05 million, which will largely be provided through an interest-free loan to be paid back in 30 years. Bethlehem is kicking in \$152,000 for constructing the district, as well.

The purchase agreement is for 30 years. New Scotland can purchase up to 11 million gallons of water per year at the rate of \$2.27 per

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New Scotland Dems back incumbents

Candidates point to prior accomplishments, hopeful for support

By JOHN PURCELL
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New Scotland Democrats are winding up to stand behind incumbents this local election season, and pointing to their accomplishments.

The town Democratic Committee has endorsed

incumbents for the upcoming election, but party members are scheduled to hold a nominating caucus on Thursday, June 20, to solidify the slate. The caucus is open to any registered Democrat in the town and will be held at 7 p.m. in the New Scotland Community Center. Town Democratic Committee Chairman Michael MacKey said there aren't any party members seeking to

challenge incumbents.

The incumbents seeking reelection are Town Supervisor Tom Dolin, Deputy Supervisor Douglas LaGrange, Councilman Daniel Mackay, Town Clerk Diane Deschenes and Highway Superintendent Ken Guyer.

Attempts to reach the town Republican officials were not successful. GOP officials on the county level did not have information on the party's slate.

Dolin said he initially ran for office because he saw it as an opportunity to get out of retirement and contribute to his community. He is seeking his third two-year term as supervisor. He was formerly a confidential law clerk for the Albany County Court system.

"I have some projects that I hope to accomplish that are unfinished and I think with one more term I would be able to accomplish that," Dolin said.

Some of the projects he is looking forward to seeing through include the completion of the New Salem Water District project and breaking ground on the Kensington Woods housing development.

Dolin said he is "fiscally prudent" and will keep taxes low, while maintaining cash reserves at a "healthy" level.

"I recognize the economy hasn't fully recovered ... so it is important we try to manage the government to keep taxes as low as practical," he said.

LaGrange, who is seeking his third four-year term on the



Tom Dolin is seeking the Democratic nomination for New Scotland Town Supervisor.

Submitted Photo

Town Board, said an important issue for him is continuing "to strive to find the best way to provide the services the town provides with the least impact on the taxpayers' wallets."

Among building up cash reserve to around \$2 million, Dolin pointed to other accomplishments such as the recent rezoning of more than 200 acres of Industrial-zoned land, demolishing unsafe buildings and relocating the town court to a "safer" building.

"There are so many things we have done but we have to continue doing them and continue to fine tune them," LaGrange said. "We have been well below the 2 percent cap every year and there was even a year or two where we actually had a (tax decrease)."

Guyer, who was elected last year as highway superintendent to fill a vacancy, moved his way up through the ranks at the town's Highway Department during the last 15 years.

"I lived in the town my entire life," Guyer said. "I had a very good turnout last November ... and I hope that continues and I

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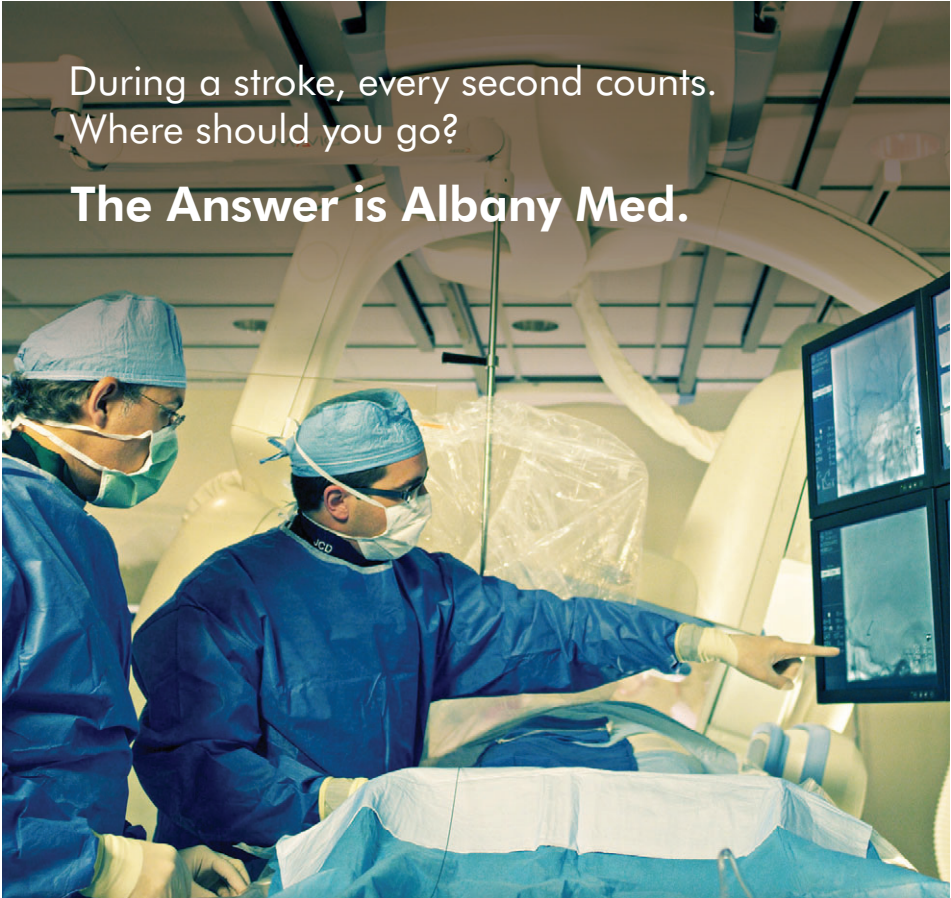
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Bittersweet remembrance for educator

Elsmere Principal Dorothy Whitney's name will live on through fund

By MARCY VELTE
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A mix of tears and laughter filled the Elsmere Elementary gymnasium as loved ones gathered last week in remembrance of former Principal Dorothy Whitney.

Whitney died in February after a long illness, but the memorial was held at the school months later on Tuesday, June 11, with a goal in mind. The gap in time allowed for former colleagues to raise enough money to establish a fund in Whitney's name and to purchase a plaque that will hang in the building's main hallway.

Tears fell at the beginning of the memorial as colleagues, friends and family watched a slideshow of Whitney's time as a teacher and administrator in the Bethlehem Central School District. There were pictures from staff meetings, student concerts, school theme days and Whitney's retirement celebration in 2003.

"Things were different then," said retired teacher

Cathy Schaefer. "There were more field trips, projects and activates, and fewer tests. There was less pressure and more freedom. There was less accountability and more trust. With Dorothy on board, we felt that freedom and trust."

Whitney was principal of Elsmere Elementary from 1984 to 2003. She first worked in the district as a reading specialist in 1974, after receiving her master's degree from St. Rose College and her teaching certificate from the University at Albany. She later advanced to part-time principal and a kindergarten teacher position at Clarksville, before moving on to Elsmere.

At the memorial, Whitney was remembered for always putting the needs of her students first, her "gracious demeanor," "skillful leadership" and her guidance.

"Dorothy really supported us in everything we did," said retired teacher Nancy Smith. "She knew the importance of working hard and helped every single one of us become our best."

Whitney was also remembered for her sense of humor and always being amused by the doings of her

teachers and students.

Tears turned to laughter as former teachers Carol Smith and Diane Kvan told stories of Whitney's good nature.

Kvan recalled she took a personal day one year to go skiing, but booked her substitute for the wrong day. Kvan's daughter was attending Elsmere at the time, and when the young girl was asked over the loud speaker where her mother was, she replied that her mother was skiing. When Kvan picked her daughter up from school, she asked who filled in as her substitute.

"I almost died," said Kvan. "I went running into Dorothy's office and she's just sitting there with a smile on her face. I thought, well for the rest of my time here, Carol and I might be able to get into a lot of mischief."

The pair also re-

performed a skit "The Secret Interviews of the Spotlight," which was a spoof article written by the staff and performed with the help of a PowerPoint presentation at Whitney's retirement in 2003.

During the memorial, a check for \$3,022 was presented in behalf of the Dorothy Whitney Fund to the Bethlehem Community Fund. Friend and colleague Shari Piper said it was important to Whitney that no student go without the supplies they needed to learn.

Whitney's daughter, Victoria Miller, and her son, Michael Whitney, were in attendance, along with some of her grandchildren. They thanked everyone who attended and said how happy their mother would be to be remembered.

"Mom had many places that she considered home, and Elsmere was 'Home A,'" said Miller. "And us



Colleagues, friends and family gathered at Elsmere Elementary on Tuesday, June 11, to honor former Elsmere Principal Dorothy Whitney.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

kids were OK with that, because we knew that she was here doing what she loved – helping children."

Whitney's colleagues ended the memorial with a song and said the longtime principal's leadership truly made Elsmere School "a place to love and grow."

To donate to the Dorothy Whitney Fund, a special endowment set up within the Bethlehem Community Fund, mail a check payable to the Bethlehem Community Fund to Elsmere School, 247 Delaware Avenue, Delmar NY 12054, attention Cathy Fredette.

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G'land man sentenced to eight years in stabbing

After pleading guilty to stabbing a Colonie man several times, Guilderland resident Elias K. Deligiannis was sentenced to eight years in State Prison, according to Albany County District Attorney David Soares.

Deligiannis, 33, was sentenced before Judge Peter Lynch in Albany County Court on Thursday, June 13. Deligiannis also was sentenced to five years of

post-release supervision after leaving State Prison.

Colonie police on March 30 responded to a call reporting a stabbing at 17 Birch Tree Road. Police found 28-year-old Janell F. Schwanke covered in blood and attempting to leave the

residence. Deligiannis also exited the home covered in blood and had facial injuries and a laceration to his hand, according to police. When police entered the home they found the homeowner Raymond Klein, 48, with at least seven stab wounds to his head, back and arms.

Klein was transported to Albany Medical Center for his injuries and was discovered to

have a punctured lung from the altercation, which required surgery. Deligiannis was also taken to Albany Medical for his injuries and was later formally charged.

The knife used during the altercation was found in Schwanke's purse, according to previous police reports. Schwanke was arrested for allegedly attempting to conceal and flee with the knife.

'Move Over' violation results in felony charge

A man stopped for violating the state's "Move Over Law" resulted in police discovering he has 26 active suspensions and revocations on his driver's license on 14 different dates.

State Police arrested Edwin Mejias, 53, of Brooklyn, and charged him with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first degree, a felony, and several traffic violations on Saturday, June 15, at approximately 10:28 p.m.

Police stopped Mejias in Guilderland after he allegedly violated the Move Over Law by passing a State Police car assisting a disabled vehicle in the work zone between exits 23 and 24 on the Thruway. Police then discovered his active suspensions and revocations

on his license.

His 4-year-old granddaughter was a passenger in the car, and police said she was allegedly not in a "proper safety restraint." His granddaughter was turned over to a family friend, police said, and his car was towed.

Mejias was being held at the Albany County Correctional Facility pending arraignment on Sunday, June 16, in Guilderland.

Other arrest

• Guilderland police arrested Benjamin T. Gesek, 19, of 2019 Oak Tree Lane in Schenectady, and charged him with DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the third degree, crossing lanes when hazardous and illegal signal. Police stopped Gesek on Route 155 for alleged traffic violations and found him to have watery eyes, slow speech and an odor of alcohol on his breath. Gesek failed several standard field sobriety tests, police said, and allegedly had a BAC of 0.09 percent. There were two 18-year-old and two 17-year-old passengers in the car that were turned over to their parents, according to police. Gesek was released and scheduled to reappear in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, June 20.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Transparency needed in Bethlehem IDA

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On May 22, in an article entitled "IDA Signs off on Vista Tax Break," the Spotlight Newspaper reported that the Bethlehem IDA (BIDA) board decided against using the Town's webcast system to transmit their meetings over the Internet and will not create a digital copy of meetings for public access. The report stated that the BIDA board, "... opted to not begin webcasting their meetings, arguing it might limit open discussion."

Public officials who believe in open and transparent government might feel the hair on the back of their neck stand on end when reading about the BIDA board's decision. Their action was taken despite the fact that the Town has spent a considerable amount of money on webcasting technology to ensure open and transparent access to deliberations. It should also be noted that currently all other governmental boards within the Town of Bethlehem use this webcasting, and recording technology to provide residents with access to deliberations. It would appear from their statement that the BIDA board prefers to operate behind closed doors with minimal public scrutiny.

At the urging of some political leaders, the BIDA board has made some questionable decisions regarding tax abatements at the Vista Tech Park. These abatements were awarded for the purpose of assisting the developer sell his commercial space, not on the economic merits of the application. The result

is that, contrary to their published guidelines, BIDA has awarded 100 percent property taxes abatements to a grocery store, two bank branches and a largely vacant building. Unfortunately, the same political leaders who have urged BIDA to approve these developer tax breaks have chosen to remain mum on the issue of BIDA transparency.

Bethlehem residents do not select the members of the BIDA board and we have minimal influence over their decisions. That responsibility falls to the elected officials on our Town Board. I believe the Town Board must require the BIDA board to provide better access to information regarding their deliberations and to implement greater oversight. We should expect that the interests of our elected and appointed officials rest primarily with the taxpayers and not with the developers. The content of the BIDA board's discussions should not be hindered by who is or isn't watching.

John H. Cunningham
Delmar

Editor, *The Spotlight*:
I am a committee woman in the Bethlehem Republican Committee. I have been present at all meetings at which Jared King has been present.

In response to the quotation from Chairman Fred DiMaggio, "(Jared) has not worked for the collective good of the committee ...," if the "collective good" means Fred's goals, then that is true. If the "collective good" means gathering the most signatures for all candidates in every election cycle, then, no, that is not true.

Expressing one's

opinion is not disruptive. When even allowed to express an opinion, although at times critical, Jared's criticism is neither bitter nor impolite. Jared tries to hold Fred to Robert's Rules, and I think that is a good thing. Sadly, during the last two meetings, Chairman DiMaggio and now Chairman Peter Kermani have threatened to call the police when Jared merely raises a point of order regarding how the meetings were being run.

I also accompanied Jared two weeks ago to Kenwood Manor Assisted

Living. At the front desk, Jared asked permission to gather signatures. The receptionist called someone and then left the desk to talk to someone while Jared spoke pleasantly to a resident he knew who was seated in the lobby.

Upon her return, the receptionist said, "You were to have been told that you were not supposed to visit again." Then Jared responded that he had not been told that he was

not to return, and then we left. Jared did not raise his voice at all and was not at all argumentative. That statement is so false!

Jared is a brilliant man, and I strongly support his candidacy for town supervisor. I understand that this is a political campaign, but the other side should not make false accusations. That's wrong!

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From the Editor's Desk

True reform needed on farmland assessments

High property taxes are pretty much a fact of life here in New York. But as we report this week, a group particularly important to our collective wellbeing feel singled out when it comes to the tax man.

The New York Farm Bureau is calling for a cap on the year-to-year hike in agricultural land assessments, saying runaway values have hit farmers hard in recent years.

This is a poignant topic as we enter the summer season and families look to add fresh, in-season and local food to their diets. The concept of “eating local” has gained considerable traction among mainstream Americans, and the proliferation of farmers markets all over the area suggests it has staying power.

For this reason alone, we should be cognizant of what it takes to run a farm here in New York. According to the Farm Bureau, farmers here pay \$38.41 per acre in property taxes, which amounts to about 15 percent of a farm’s net income. New York’s tax rate is second only to California (we bet this comes as no huge surprise).

Lowering the current assessment cap from 10 percent to 2 percent would not affect the rate at which farmers are taxed, but instead prevent the value of their land from being hiked so high year after year,

which in turn results in a larger tax bill. It’s an idea that would provide relief to New York’s farmers, who have to compete with products grown hundreds and thousands of miles away under much more favorable business conditions.

But it’s a stop-gap measure. What is needed is an examination of the assessment system itself.

Farmland is assessed under a complicated formula that in theory sets an assessment based on the quality of the soil (there are 20 different soil groups). Using a number of data points provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the state Department of Taxation and Finance sets a base agricultural assessment value, which is defined as “the average capitalized value of production per acre for the eight-year period ending in the second year preceding the year for which the agricultural assessment values are certified.”

The value also takes into account things like the real estate value of structures on farms, production expenses, value of production and so on and so forth. Once set, the base assessment value is then adjusted downwards for poorer soil quality, which makes what the government thinks of your dirt pretty important to farmers.

The idea is to assign fair worth to what is by any conventional measure empty space by evaluating its potential. It’s hardly a bad idea in theory, but in practice the assessment values per acre here in New York have spiked dramatically in recent years. The base assessment value was \$513 per acre in 2006. By 2011, it had reached \$825, a 61 percent increase. By the state’s figures on crop production, however, the value of production per acre went from \$475 in 2006 up to \$719 in 2011, a 51 percent increase.

Somebody’s eating that missing 10 percent. (Spoiler alert: it’s farmers.) Things haven’t slowed down, either. This year, the base assessment value is \$999.

The massive hikes on assessment values must be slowed, but the real question is why they are skyrocketing when the value of farmers’ crops is rising more modestly?

It also gives some credence to the worries of farmers we spoke with, who while in favor of the assessment cap, suppose the state will get its money from somewhere. They may well be right, but inflating the value of farmland year after year will only create a bubble that, when it bursts, will leave everyone hungry for a more sensible solution.

The word on the street

What is your reaction to news of the National Security Agency collecting online and phone data?



Nick O'Brien, Delmar

“I assumed the government was already looking at all my stuff. ... If you are not doing a bad thing you really shouldn’t mind that much.”



Connie Dunn, Delmar

“It doesn’t really bother me because I don’t do anything that would warrant (an investigation).”



Don Teator, Freehold

“I understand the need for security, but I also cannot say that I trust the government fully to not get too much information.”

Asked Friday, June 14, at the Four Corners in Delmar

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Your opinion

Bethlehem Garden Club's tour a success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Last Wednesday – on a beautiful day amidst the almost constant rainy days – the 17th annual Bethlehem Garden Tour delighted those who came to see some lovely private garden in our town. Good show, Bethlehem!

And thank you to the generous garden owners who shared their gardens for the enjoyment of over 360 visitors. The Bethlehem Garden Club and all who went on the tour are grateful for them: Ferne Horn, M. Gesche, Donna Stiglmeier, Nancy and Bill Oberheim, Donna and Peter Meixner, Brian and Sue Ellen Walsh.

Any event of this size has a large group of supporters, many of them behind-the-scenes, who make the experience a positive one. We would like to thank: the

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for printing advance information; the Elk Sign Shop for printing our advertising and directional signs; and especially the women of the Bethlehem Garden Club (and their families) who put in long hours before, during, and after the actual event.

The Plant Sale, held at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, provided outstanding perennial plants to enhance local gardens plus advice from Garden Club members on their care and nurturing.

Louise Kavanaugh, club president, drew the Fine Gardening Raffle winners. Ellen Tanner was the winner of two hours of fine gardening by at least six members of the club. Ronnie D’Alauro won the gardener’s gift basket, and Gloria Schiavolino won a \$50 gift certificate to Price Greenleaf.

Many locally-owned restaurants gave a 15 percent or 10 percent discount to tour-goers who presented their ticket booklet on the night of the tour. Our thanks to Four Corners Luncheonette, Teahouse Asian Bistro, Milestone, Shalimar, Manama Grille, 333 Café, Mercato’s, Hidden Café, Blue Spice, Mangia’s, Bellini’s, Sake Café, and Shogun Sushi and Sake Bar for allowing tour goers to continue their delightful evening at local eateries.

The funds raised from the Garden Tour and the Fine Gardening Raffle are returned to the community through public gardens, benches, and trees around the town. The Plant Sale profits are given to Bethlehem schools through an educational grant.

What a beautiful evening with something for all: gardens to view, plants to purchase, a chance to be a raffle winner, and local dining at a discount. See you next year on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 for another fine evening.

Marcy Corneil, Chair: Garden Tour
Carie Hennessey and Peggy Mull, Chairs: Plant Sale
Jan Messina, Chair: Fine Gardening Raffle

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Green concerts at library

July has five Wednesdays this summer, and we've filled them all with a great lineup of "Evening on the Green" performers.

On Wednesday, July 3, we welcome "Young At Heart," a vocal duo offering popular tunes from many eras. On July 10, "Triskele's" all-female Celtic singers preserve the Gaelic language through traditional song. "Dyer Switch" returns to our stage on July 17 with their particular brand of hard-driving traditional and original bluegrass and acoustic music. Singer-songwriter Caroline Doctorow joins us on July 24. She is a leading force in folk music, appearing regularly at the top of the charts. Our summer concerts close on July 31 with "Greg Speck and the Zydeco Moshers," one of the most versatile zydeco acts in the Northeast.

Set aside these Wednesdays. All concerts start at 7 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Concerts will move indoors if it rains.

Barbecue tickets still available
We still have tickets left for our Centennial Barbecue on Saturday, June 29, from 2 to 5 p.m.



Barbecue tickets are \$12 for a full dinner and \$6 for a takeaway chicken portion and are available at the library information desk until all are gone. "Playing With Fire" will provide music from 3 to 5 p.m. The barbecue will be held rain or shine.

If you can't join us for the barbecue, come to our other family events that day. From 2:15 to 9 p.m., the library proper will be transformed into a minigolf course. Book characters of note will be there, too. Drop in and play, because when else will you get the chance to hit a little ball amongst the stacks?

At 5 and 7 p.m. we'll present back-to-back screenings of the 1987 family movie classic, "The Princess Bride," (PG, 98 minutes). To accommodate these events, the library business hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 29.

- Louise Grieco, Public Information Specialist

Library board meeting
Monday, July 8, 6:30 p.m. Open to the public.

Sharpie doodling
Monday, July 8,

6:30 p.m. Learn how to showcase your Sharpie marker doodles in this workshop. Grade 6-12.

Excavation boxes
Tuesday, July 9, 2:30 p.m. Learn about modern archeological techniques with Megan Sullivan of the Providence Children's Museum. Call 439-9314 to sign up. Grade 3-5.

Lego club
Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m. We supply the Legos and you supply the imagination. Try Lego challenges and build friendships, too. Kids and families.

Tunnels and burrows
Thursday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. A Five Rivers educator will talk about local animals' underground homes. Grade one and up.

Mu-V-Chat
Monday, July 15, 6:30 p.m. Choose a movie and text your comments as you watch. They will appear on the screen. Standard message rates apply. Grade 6-12.

Friends of the Library meeting
Monday, July 15, 7 p.m. Open to the public.

Author to speak on June 28

One of the nation's bestselling crime authors will speak at the Guilderland Public Library on Friday, June 28, as part of the Carol J. Hamblin Notable Authors Speakers Series; Ms. Burke will talk about her latest novel, "If You Were Here," and discuss how her experience as a prosecutor informs her writing.

A private Author's Wine-and-Cheese Reception, at 6:30 p.m. precedes Ms. Burke's 7:30 p.m. author talk. Tickets for both events are available at the library, online at www.GuilderlandLibraryFoundation.org, and by calling 456.2400, ext. 2. Tickets to the Author Talk are free. Tickets to the Reception,



where attendees will be able to chat with Ms. Burke and enjoy up-front seating for the Author Talk, are \$40 per person. Proceeds from the Reception are used to underwrite the event.

A graduate of Stanford Law School and a former Deputy District Attorney in Portland, Oregon, Alafair is now a Professor of Law at Hofstra Law School where she teaches criminal law and procedure while somehow finding time to create her extraordinarily popular novels.

Alafair's latest novel, "If You Were Here," was just released



Bestselling novelist Alafair Burke, speaks at the Guilderland Public Library on Friday, June 28.

to booming sales. Copies of this novel will be available at the program along with her earlier books.

New travel summer camp offered

Your middle schooler is the summer home for the summer and you are faced with a choice. Should your son or daughter stay around the house watching television and playing video games or get outside? The answer is the Bethlehem YMCA and its new travel

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Dig into reading with fun programs

“Dig Into Reading” is our theme for 2013. Our programs are free and open to all. Young people who join the summer library program keep their minds active and enter school in the fall ready to learn and ready to succeed. Check our library website for up-to-date information about our programs, reading lists, and the many ways to discover the treasures of your library!

Save the date for “Jackie the Magician” on Tuesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. Audiences enjoy her magic, quick wit, and stand-up comedy with ventriloquism and juggling. She engages a crowd and specializes in mixed-aged audiences! All are welcome to this family program.

On Monday, July 8, at 2 p.m., children aged 5-8 (grades k-3) will join educator Anita Sanchez and “Dig into the Past” to find out what it was like to play, work and go to school two hundred years ago.

On Tuesday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m., the library will host a “Math Fair” for pre-schoolers through 3rd grade. This family program will have math-friendly, book-related activities. Participants



will play card and dice games and enjoy art activities.

We will have refreshments so we can learn about fractions. Registration requested.

Join the fun on Thursday, July 11, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for the “Seed & Soil Detectives.”

VPL is partnering with 4-H to offer a fun and educational gardening program which will include gardening and nutrition lessons and activities. Nutritious and delicious fruits and vegetables will be served. For Grades 4-6 - Registration required

These programs are supported in part by Federal Library Services and Technology Acts funds, awarded to New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Ice cream social for kids

On Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m., come enjoy our annual ice cream feast provided by our neighborhood friends at Stewart’s Shops.

Dig into the free ice cream, enjoy a craft project and find “buried treasures” of reading suggestions. Before long you might be burrowing into a book!

Free painting lessons

Back by popular demand, artist Doreen Montemeyor will be giving free painting lessons on Mondays in June from 1 to 3 p.m.

Vines, flowers, roses... you will be amazed when Doreen shows you how easy it is. No appointments needed, drop-ins welcome!

Encaustic painting

Artist Paul Steinkamp will be hosting a talk on Encaustic Painting on Wednesday, June 26. He is currently showcasing his work in the library gallery.

Stop by, have a cup of coffee and learn about this interesting painting technique.

Thursday movie

The Thursday Afternoon Movie selection for June 20, is “Broadcast News.”

Teen tech offered at library

Be a friend of the library

Love your library? Help support its activities and plans through its new Friends of the Library group. An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at the library, beginning at 7 p.m. Timothy Burke, Executive Director of the Upper Hudson Library System, will provide background and advice.

Storytimes take a break

Beginning this week, library storytimes take a break to plan for summer programming. In the meantime, keep reading and visit the library for a fresh selection of reading material. Look for your favorite storytime to resume the week of July 8. A reminder that, while Romp and Read and Library Babies will resume at their regular time, Positively Preschool shifts to 11 a.m. on Thursday mornings.

Summer reading club

Dig into reading this summer and earn prizes for reading with the Library Summer Reading Club! The library brings books and creative activities to town recreation programs in Bethlehem, Coeymans, and New Baltimore. Kids not attending these programs can sign up at the library to receive their reading logs and a special bag to keep track of their library books. Prizes will be available beginning the week of July 8.

New summer family storytime

July 10, at 6:30 p.m. will be the first weekly family storytime. This drop-in program will combine books, stories, and crafts. It’s designed for families with children ages 2 to 8. The program will run 30 to 45 minutes, leaving plenty of time for the entire family to participate in the Summer Reading Club.

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Free teen tech programs

This summer the library will offer three technology programs exclusively for teens. Each program focuses on a hot topic in technology. Pre-registration is easy by phone at 756-2053 or email at info@rcscommunitylibrary.org. Call the library if you have any questions.

- Small Science, presented by the Children’s Museum of Science and Technology, is a teen-level introduction to nanotechnology in which participants experiment at nanoscale and investigate real-world applications of nanotechnology. Tuesday, July 9, 4 p.m. at the library.

- Artbots is a hands-on introduction to robotics with Kathy Celeri, author of Robotics: Discover the Science and Technology of the Future. Participants will construct and personalize tabletop robots that scribble their way across flat surfaces on felt-tip legs. Monday, July 29, 1:30 p.m. at the library
- Digital Illustration with artist Ira Marcks, begins with a session on techniques on Wednesday, July 10, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the library. Learn techniques to enhance hand-drawn work and create original digital art. Mr. Marcks will return on Wednesday, July 24, for more instruction and problem-solving. Art work will be stored on flash drives and lanyards which the library will supply.

Sign up for the July 10 workshop! It is the orientation for independent, supported work on the Library’s Teen Tech computers and Wacom Touch pad over the summer. The Library plans to compile an online collection of work done during this program.

Writing and media for kids

Sign-up continues for My Writing Project, Young Writers Workshop/eBook Creator and my.media. project. The Library has added two afternoon sessions of the video media project. Session four will begin on Thursday, July 11. Session five will begin on Thursday, July 25. Afternoon session will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Pre-register by phone at 756-2053 or email at info@rcscommunitylibrary.org.

June computer classes

June computer classes focus on getting what you want from your computer. Whether for work or play, let your computer make things easier! Free classes are offered weekly, with a new topic each week. Both day and evening classes are available. Class size is small, allowing for individualized attention. Registration is required; call today to reserve your place.

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Wednesday, June 19 at 11 a.m. or Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m.

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G'land athletes honored

On Monday, June 10, County Executive Dan McCoy went to Guilderland High School for a Week of Champions event. He and County legislator Mary Lou Connolly presented certificates of recognition to boys tennis, girls' lacrosse and softball teams for winning Section II titles in their respective sports.

Submitted photo



This week in history in The Spotlight

Highlights from a half-century ago

From *The Spotlight*, June 20, 1963

- *The Spotlight* publishes the Bethlehem Recreation Annual Report, which is co-sponsored by the town and the Bethlehem Central School District No. 6. The 1962-63 season saw the addition of basketball and softball leagues for high school boys and curling for junior-high and high school girls and boys. For the entire year's programming, the department recorded attendance of 96,912 at its various activities.
- Preparations are underway for the 33rd Slingerlands Fire Company's Annual Strawberry Festival on June 26.
- It is announced the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Bethlehem Lodge of the Elks held its installation of new officers. The paper runs the names of the new officers along with a picture.

Townhome project clears hurdle

46-unit Delmar Pointe would be located on Delaware Avenue, west of BCHS

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Town Board has approved a Planned Development District that paves the way for construction of a residential development on Delaware Avenue.

Delmar Pointe would include 46 townhomes on about 21 acres of land. The property is behind medical offices located at 785 Delaware Avenue, west of Bethlehem Central High School. The existing building is also home to the Rustic Gourmet Restaurant.

A public hearing on the subject was set for Wednesday, May 22. There were no comments from the public at that time.

"There has been interest in this type of home," said Clarkson. "People are looking for something

with lack of maintenance and lack of responsibility and we don't have a lot of this housing in town or in the pipeline."

There would be a mix of two- and three-bedroom designs and one- and two-floor setups, all with front-facing garages. Customers would be able to choose one of four layouts. The entire property would have a buffer around it and would be maintained by a homeowners association.

A portion of the land has also been set aside for a public park.

The project was stalled for some time because of the economy. The town's Planning Board also asked for several studies to be done, including an archeological survey, an environmental review and further research into stormwater management.

The plans call for sidewalks to be built along the development's access road. That road would eliminate a curb cut for the medical building from Delaware Avenue and provide a safer entrance and exit to the

building's parking lot, planners said.

Deputy Town Planner Robert Leslie described the project as similar to the Walden Fields development off Elsmere Avenue. The thinking is the project could bring in more tax revenue to the town because not as many school-aged children are expected to live in townhome units when compared to single-family homes.

This is the first Planned Development District ruling to come before the Town Board in the past two years. A presentation was given to Town Board members by planning staff at a previous meeting highlighting the number of housing projects that have already been approved and that have been proposed.

The approval of the PDD does not mean the project has been approved. Delmar Pointe will still need to go through a subdivision ruling and residents will once again get their chance to speak on the project.

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Farmers push for property tax relief

Farm Bureau wants to see land assessments capped at 2 percent

By JOHN PURCELL
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Eating local is a growing trend, but agricultural advocates are concerned spiraling land values are discouraging industry growth in the Empire State.

The New York Farm Bureau is lobbying state legislators to limit agricultural assessments to a maximum increase of 2 percent annually, which it claims mirrors the relief property owners received through the 2011 tax cap. The state Senate passed the bill at the end of May, but it needs to go through the Assembly before this year's legislative session ends on Thursday, June 20.

The bureau is targeting land assessments, and

not the tax rate itself. Assessments are calculated differently for agricultural land than residential and commercial property through a national formula. Agricultural assessments are currently capped at 10 percent statewide.

"We feel it is needed because we are seeing a large increase of 10 percent raises in assessment value every year and as the assessments go up, property taxes corresponding go up as well," the New York Farm Bureau's Steve Ammerman said. "It is to the point that our farmers have seen their property tax bills double over the last 10 years."

Property taxes account for approximately 15 percent of the average farm's net income in New York, which is 5 percent above the national

"It is to the point that our farmers have seen their property tax bills double over the last 10 years."

New York Farm Bureau's Steve Ammerman

average, according to Farm Credit East, a company providing loans and financial management services to farmers. The average property tax bill for a New York state farmer in 2007 was \$5,544 and it increased to nearly \$7,650 in 2011, almost \$2,500 above the national average.

The average farm in the state is also smaller than the national average – 195 acres compared to 420 acres. The average state farmer pays \$38.41 per acre in property taxes, according to Farm Credit East, which is above the national average of \$12.34.

Barry Flansberg, assessor for the towns of Oakfield, Elba and Byron in Genesee County and the Town of Barre in Orleans County, said from 1990 to 2006 the average assessment for one soil type was around \$550, but this year that same soil type is \$1,000.

"From my professional perspective in an area that

has a strong agricultural presence, farming has evolved and modernized since the 1970s, but the (agricultural) assessment system has not," Flansberg said in a statement. "It is not reflective of what's happening in the fields today and no longer is a reasonable and consistent system."

Ammerman stressed the Farm Bureau isn't advocating for farmers to pay lower taxes, but are seeking to minimize future tax increases.

"We think it is a matter of fairness to the farmer that pays more than their fair share in services," Ammerman said. "It is going to get to the point where some farmers simply can't stay on their land."

Agricultural assessments are calculated through a formula accounting for the quality of the soil and national production value statistics. There are two main soil type

categories, mineral soil and organic soil, with 20 classifications total. There is also a category for aquaculture and farm woodland.

This formula is what the Farm Bureau claims is leading to a rapid increase in agricultural assessments.

"Your average homeowner's property taxes is not jumping 10 percent each year, it is for our farms," Ammerman said.

Brian Wilson, owner of Wilson Farms in Knox, was more concerned about the state's high taxes and pushed for a broader reform beyond a cap.

"They should lower the taxes first," Wilson said. "The assessments definitely increase over time, and as your assessment goes up, your tax bill goes up."

Wilson founded his farm with his father a decade ago and started off producing hay, but has expanded to vegetables and beef. His farm is around 400 acres and revenue is getting better each year as the soil improves.

For him, farming is a passion, but he "wouldn't suggest anybody do it."

Randy Grippin, owner Mountain Winds Farm in Berne, had a similar sentiment.

"Taxes are too damn high, period," Grippin said. "Until they figure that out it is going to be tough for any farmer to keep on moving."

Grippin grew up on a farm and started producing maple syrup around six years ago.

"Everything out there costs money and you got to build the infrastructure for any business until you get to the point where you can actually do anything," he said.

Grippin said capping assessments at 2 percent increases "may help," but he wondered if the state would look at other means to raise taxes if assessments were capped.

"It comes down to New York state just taxing us on everything," he said.

Alexander Gordon, owner of Gordon Farms, Inc., in Knox, said capping assessments is an "important piece to close," with the value of his land increasing at more than 2 percent annually.

"There is no firewall for the farmer," Gordon said.

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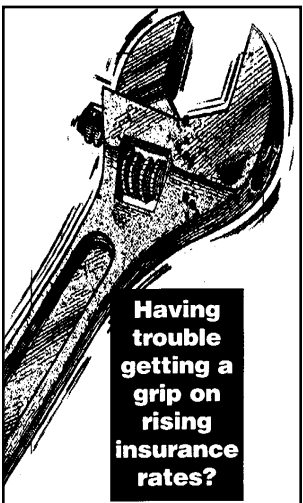
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approximately two months beginning on Friday, June 21. Route 2 leading into the circle from the west and east will also be reduced to a single lane starting on Friday.

The lane closures are part of the previously announced work to renovate the decks of the Latham Circle bridge, which carries Route 2 (Troy Schenectady Road) over Route 9. The circle is expected to reopen to two lanes before the end of August. Additional minor work on Route 2 may occur after this time using temporary lane closures.

A detour is already in place that prohibits trucks

from using the circle except for deliveries to businesses in the immediate vicinity. Trucks must obey all posted weight restrictions.

Morningside Gallery exhibits

Morningside Gallery presents "Collections" – Fine Art photographic works by Katherine Wardle featuring images highlighting Paris and Venice, lifestyle, food and details. The exhibit opens Saturday, June 22, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Morningside Gallery is located in Newton Plaza, 588 Loudon Road.

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Finance in the Spotlight

Getting your financial house in order is a must

By HUGH DONLON
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The days of spring cleaning may have come and gone, but the opportunity to tend to the neglected and start fresh—to clean out the old and get with the new—shouldn't be limited to the months of April and May. This is especially true when it comes to your finances. By taking the time to organize and eliminate unnecessary paperwork and policies, review your budgets and evaluate your income, not only can you de-clutter your financial life, but you can also develop a master plan that will improve your relationship with money and, quite possibly, your family?

Enlist help and de-clutter

Just as you take stock of what needs to be done around the house and in the yard come spring, and who can help you get it done, you must also conduct a site review of your financial house. For starters, who is involved in the decision making process? How open with your family are you about the budget and financial strategy? Perhaps it can be more of a team effort and other members of the household can contribute ideas that will help save the family money, reallocate spending and budget with purpose.

As you're enlisting help and discussing future financial goals, base it on real data. Pull out files and old boxes filled with financial documents. Review and analyze them to ensure you're still on the right financial path, and weed out what you don't need. A good rule of thumb is to keep tax records for seven years, pay stubs and bank statements for a year and credit card statements for at least 45 days. Former apartment leases, old bank statements, canceled checks, utilities and accounts no longer in use can be shred. It is important to shred old financial documents so you don't put yourself at risk for possible identity theft. It also doesn't hurt to look into old or little-used accounts. They're like your couch. You never know what loose change you'll find.

Once you've sifted through the reams of paper, organize what remains. If you really want to clear off the shelves, you can scan your documents and store them electronically. Just make sure you have reliable back up or are using a secure and trusted online document storage provider.

Develop a master plan

Hopefully you filed your taxes for the year. If so, everything you need to know about how much money you make and what your basic expenses are can be found in your return.

Knowing how much you made and spent the previous year will help you reevaluate your budget, reduce financial clutter and analyze what expenses can be eliminated. To do this, you should review all plans and policies you have in place. You might be paying more than you need to for certain items or services. For example, can you save money on your phone, cable or Internet

expenses by switching plans or carriers?

What about your insurance policies? They shouldn't be gathering dust. Homeowner's insurance, renter's insurance, health care insurance and auto insurance are some of the most commonly held policies. Make sure you aren't overpaying or underpaying on them. For example, take an inventory of your possessions by adding up how much it would cost to replace them. Then compare this figure with the amount of coverage in your homeowner's policy to determine whether you are over- or under-insured. If you've acquired expensive, high-worth items, such as jewelry, a boat or artwork, make sure to adjust your policy accordingly. Do you have older children who are still on your health insurance policy? Do they need to be?

What about cars? Do you still need to carry collision? Make sure your coverage meets your needs and your beneficiary designations are current. Research and request quotes from different companies. Find the right fit. And consider bundling policies. It may help you realize some savings.

What about retirement planning? Your financial spring cleaning is also a good time to set up or review your retirement plan. Ask yourself if it still reflects the goals you've discussed with your family and if it aligns with your future needs and wants. Also review any estate plans or wills. If you don't have anything in place, this is the time to do it. You want to ensure that you have full control of how your assets are distributed when you're gone.

Finally, check your credit score. You can get a free report annually from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com. Make sure your reports are accurate and reflect your current loans and credit lines. And while you're on the computer, take a few moments to change

passwords and organize them. This will help keep your private information private.

Grin and bear it

If you weren't tired enough after cleaning your house and yard this spring, chances are you will be after reviewing and

bringing order to your finances. It's a lot of work, time and effort, but it's as important to securing your financial future as fixing a leaky roof is to protecting the stability of your house. And at the end of the day, getting your financial house in order will change your relationship

with money, change your relationship with your family and put you on the path of financial independence.

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Hugh Donlon

Identify and avoid these budget busters

Budget busters are like invasive species of weeds and grasses. As much as you think you can control or ignore them, they quickly overwhelm. The key is to identify and treat them before they become a problem.

The good news is that budget busters are pretty common and don't vary much from person to person. So take a look at the following list to see if bad spending habits are creeping into your daily life. If they are, follow the tips to ensure they don't become a problem.

Late fees. These fees add up fast but can be easily avoided. Look into automatic debit from your checking account for bill pay. By having payments directly withdrawn from your account, you won't ever have to worry about a late fee again.

Impromptu spending. You don't have to buy something just because it's on the shelf in front of you. Go home, do some research and sleep on it. Make sure you can afford it and really need it.

Lack of an emergency fund. It is much easier to pay for new brakes or a water leak if you have an emergency

fund. If you don't have an emergency fund, start having automatic withdrawals from your paycheck put into a savings account. And don't touch it. Out of sight, out of mind is very good when it comes to savings accounts, providing the account is automatically receiving regular funds.

Energy inefficiencies. Consider having an energy audit done on your home. It's going to cost you money up front, but you will likely save money in the long run by making your home more efficient.

Well-intentioned giving. It's nice to give. It's important to give. But there are times when money is tight. Consider donating your time or services.

Holiday spending. Decorations, food and gifts add up quickly. Try to put a budget in place for all your entertainment and gift expenses. It's easier to say no when you have a plan.

Coffee and lunches. Use your coffee maker every day and treat yourself once a week to that specialty coffee. A coffee out each day, seven days a week, can add up to \$30 a week. Also, pack a lunch and bring it to work.



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Freedom Fest speakers take on gun law

Voorheesville event focuses on flag, guns and God

By JOHN PURCELL
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The shot heard ‘round the world echoed through Helderberg Mountains this past weekend, as gun advocates rallied for a repeal of the SAFE Act.

The second day of Freedom Fest ‘13 on Saturday, June 15, focused on the Second Amendment and featured several speakers advocating for the SAFE Act to be overturned, or at the least revised. Reenactors also marched down a trail into the nearby woods to bring the start of the Revolutionary War back to life and honor sacrifices made to ensure freedom. The event was held at Camp Pinnacle, a Christian camp and conference center in Voorheesville.

The real action was onstage, though, as speakers railed against New York’s new gun control law, the Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act.

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple spoke at the event to a responsive crowd of about 150 and



The British invaded Camp Pinnacle in Voorheesville as part of a reenactment of the start of the Revolutionary War during Freedom Fest on Saturday, June 15. Several speakers also rallied against the state’s recently approved gun control law.

Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

said people’s rights are being infringed.

“If you are even rubbing against our freedoms, we have to stand up, we have to protect ourselves and we need to fight for our rights,” Apple said. “Every day they are touching on our freedoms a little bit more and it is time that we stand up and say, ‘enough is enough.’”

Apple urged people to pay attention to their representatives and be aware of how they vote on issues. He also stressed people need to go out and vote in the first place.

“We need to pay

attention to what is going on in our legislature, the laws that are being passed, the rights that are slightly being encroached upon,” he said.

Apple again stressed the SAFE Act doesn’t address local issues, because illegal handguns are the main problem. The law, he said, only goes after the lawful gun owner.

Camp Pinnacle Director Pastor Chris Gerardi said the government is trying to reduce the rights people have, but people’s rights “come from God, not man and not government.”

Gerardi said rights are



being taken away from people because “we keep getting further and further away from our original guidelines, which are set forth in the bible, which our country’s government is – not was – based on.”

Catherine Kahle, organizer of Hudson Valley Americans for Freedom, said how the SAFE Act was passed without public debate is how “criminals and tyrants behave.”

Several speakers urged attendees to join up with local organizations and

political committees to help affect change.

“If you are not a member of a freedom oriented constitutional group, find one right away and get involved,” Kahle said. “Going to rallies is good, but you also must be active. We got to where we are because people weren’t active.”

She stressed “voting alone is not good enough” because they also must choose the candidates that are nominated by political parties.

“You get the government you deserve if you don’t participate,” Kahle said. “Just think how we could change Albany if all the people who attended the rallies did this. We would get our state back, no problem.”

Freedom Fest ran over three days. While Saturday was devoted to the Second Amendment, Friday was devoted to recognizing Flag Day and Sunday was set aside primarily for worship. Admission to the event was free. The event was first held in 2000.



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Pulse of a new law

Local families lobby for bill that requires cardiac test for newborns

By MARCY VELTE
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Jennifer and Tim Conway consider themselves among a small but lucky group of parents when it comes to their son's heart defect, but that number will soon be growing thanks to a bill recently passed in the state legislature.

Jennifer Conway was 20 weeks pregnant with her son, Aeden, when she found out about his condition. The Bethlehem

"It's a small change that can truly save lives and heartache."

- Kathy McCarthy, American Heart Association

resident said she knew ahead of time that her little boy would have to undergo three open heart surgeries by the time he was 2 years old. Other parents aren't so lucky, though, and not having that early information sometimes results in a tragic end.

"We'd been in the hospital at the same time as other parents who were told their babies were fine and they could go home," said Conway. "But pretty

soon they would be right back, because something was wrong and no one caught it."

On Tuesday, June 12, the state Senate passed a neonatal heart bill that will require all hospitals and other birthing facilities to perform pulse oximetry tests on newborns before they are allowed to go home. The test screens the oxygen level of newborns, which is an early indicator of a congenital heart defect.

The bill had already unanimously passed in the state Assembly, before being brought to the Senate floor. Local families, including the Conways, visited the state Capitol on Monday, June 10, to lobby in favor of the bill on behalf of the American Heart Association. The children wore red "Heart Hero" capes and met with lawmakers, while the



Jennifer Conway and son Aeden of Bethlehem meet with Sen. Neil Breslin on Monday, June 10, at the Capitol to lobby in favor of require pulse oximetry tests on newborns before they are allowed to go home.

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families discussed how important it was to get the bill passed.

"I've always thought that, rather than reading memos about how the legislation is a positive, it's more important to meet the families that the bill affects," said Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Bethlehem, a co-sponsor of the bill.

Breslin said he is a family friend of the Conways and went to school with Tim Conway's mother, but he wasn't aware of their association with the bill until their visit to the Capitol.

"I think in order for our state to provide the best quality of care, we have to look for innovation at a reasonable cost, so our health care system will be the best in the world," said Breslin.

The Pulse Oximetry Bill (A2316/S270) was originally sponsored by Sen. William Larkin, R-Cornwall-on-Hudson, and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther,

D-Forestburgh.

Kathy McCarthy, AHA's senior regional director of communications, said the test calls for a small sensor the size of a Band-Aid to be temporarily placed on the infant's foot. Many hospitals already do the test, but it was previously not a requirement in New York state. Wider use of the screening is thought to be able to detect 90 percent of heart defects.

"The test is painless and low cost," McCarthy said. "It's a small change that can truly save lives and heartache."

The Conways have been lobbying for the bill's passage since the beginning of the year, along with Mary Rieger of Selkirk, and other families from throughout the state.

Melissa Berlin of Gloversville said at the press conference that if a pulse ox screening had been performed on her son Colton before he went home from the hospital,

the serious complications he suffered could have been avoided.

"I hope the pulse ox bill gets signed immediately (by Gov. Andrew Cuomo,) so that other babies with critical heart defects can receive early diagnosis and treatment," she said.

Jennifer Conway said she and her husband have now become friends with a lot of the parents they lobbied with to get the bill passed. She said they share a bond few people would understand.

"We had time to process the situation, as opposed to other parents," she said. "But when you first hear of it ... your world stops. You ask yourself a lot of questions, like why Aeden, why us, why now? These parents went through that same thing."

Aeden is now 20 months old and in good health. He is set to have his third and final heart surgery when he turns two.

"These children are stronger than any of their parents," Jennifer Conway said through tears. "We're privileged to have Aeden as our little boy."

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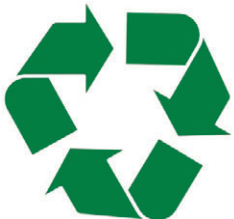
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Registration for RCS fall soccer is open

The RCS Recreational Soccer program registration is now open. The cost of the program for fall 2013 will be \$50 for the first child and \$35 for each additional child per family. A uniform, which consists of a jersey, shorts, and socks, is included as part of the registration fee. Registration ends on Sunday, July 14. There will be no late registrations allowed for the fall 2013 season. All payments must be received by Aug. 1 in order to receive a uniform and be placed on a team.

The club asks that you register your child as soon as possible in order to assure your child a spot. Players must be 5 years old by Dec. 1 and must still be 12 years old by last game of the season in October. Go to rcsysc.sportssignup.com to register.

Albany Figure Skating Club offers summer lessons

Stay cool this summer and learn to skate or polish your skating skills with the Albany Figure Skating Club's summer Basic Skills skating program. The Albany Figure Skating Club is offering group skating lessons on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 8 through Aug. 26 at the Albany County Hockey Facility at 830 Albany Shaker Road. The program provides ice skating instruction for skaters of all ages and abilities, which includes

recreational, figure skaters and hockey skaters aged preschool to adult. Previous skating experience is not required. Skaters will have a 30-minute group lesson with qualified instructors, and 30 minutes of skating time to practice their skills or to try one of AFSC's new specialty classes. The program will include 6- or 8- week options. Detailed information about the programs and registration forms are available on the Albany Figure Skating Club's website, www.albanyfsc.org, or contact program director Karla Schallehn at 413-388-4773 or albanyfscbasicskills@gmail.com.

Board game challenge

The New Scotland Historical Association, Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, will host "Board Game Challenge" Sunday, June 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. as part of the continuing museum exhibit, "Entertainment Before 1950 and TV." Prizes will be awarded for the youngest and oldest players; the winner of each game; and other prizes. This is a free event and open to the public. For further information, contact 765-4212.

Albany County helps residents go green

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to encourage the residents of Albany County and surrounding areas to apply a backyard conservation practice to their homes in an effort to prevent soil erosion and to promote infiltration of rainwater into the soil profile. By purchasing and installing a rain barrel, you can collect and store rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be diverted into storm drains and streams. A one-inch rainfall on a 1,000 square foot roof will yield over 620 gallons of water.

The Conservation District currently has 53-gallon terra cotta



Representative Paul Tonko reads to preschoolers
U.S. Representative Paul Tonko reads to a pre-kindergarten class at Albany Community Action Program Head Start. Tonko was participating in "Early Learning Days of Action," an event organized by Winning Beginning New York, Citizen Action of New York and the Alliance for Quality Education. Similar events are being held across New York State to show support for President Obama's Early Learning Initiative, a \$75 billion proposal to improve the quality of early care and learning. After years of flat funding for pre-K in New York State, this year's budget includes \$25 million in additional funds to expand pre-K in high needs districts.

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colored rain barrels available for \$80 a piece. The barrels are made from recycled food grade barrels. Each barrel is drilled, screened, and fitted for catching water straight from the downspout of your house, garage or shed. The barrels are designed for outdoor use with overflow connections, a nylon spigot and a drain plug. They can also be linked together for additional capacity. The barrels have screw on lids, and the overflows are designed to fit any standard garden hose to make it easier to redirect the overflow.

For more information on this program, call 765-7923 or visit www.albanycounty.com/swed.

Emerald ash borer talk

Mark Whitmore, Forest Entomologist Dept. of Natural Resources Cornell University, will share current information on the Emerald Ash Borer and how communities can address infestations. The talk will be held on Tuesday, June 25, at 11 a.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville. As the infestation is now in Albany County, important information will be provided for community

leaders and Highway/Parks Departments. This will look at options to save trees, deal with dead and/or infested trees, and protect residents in public areas. Whitmore will discuss the Slow Ash Mortality management approach, which can greatly reduce the cost to communities. Following his talk, Mark will host a visit to a site infested with EAB for those who wish to see an infestation first hand.

Cultural history of plants

A field study of the natural and cultural history of wildflowers will be conducted at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, on Friday, June 21, at 7 p.m. This program is open to the public free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled. Please call 475-0291 for more information.

Hiking and backpacking safety program

Presentation on hiking and backpacking safety will be conducted at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, on Saturday, June 22, at 10

a.m. Five Rivers staff will discuss basic equipment, tips on map reading, how not to get lost, and what to do if you do, and other expert advice about safety on the trail. The program is open to the public free of charge but space is limited. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 to register or for more information.

Five Rivers camping clinic

A hands-on clinic on how to go tent camping will be conducted at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road on Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m. In celebration of Great American Backyard Campout Day, Five Rivers naturalists will show and tell everything needed to know to have a successful and enjoyable tent camping experience. Participants will help select a site, pitch a tent, set up a dining fly, collect firewood and more. This clinic will discuss basic equipment, safety, hygiene and wildlife pests, as well as best places to go tent camping.

The program is open to the public free of charge, but space is limited. Call the center at 475-0291 to register by Wednesday, June 19. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled.

Youth fishing program

A family-oriented catch-and-release fishing program will be conducted at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road on Saturday, June 29, at 10 a.m. in celebration of Free Fishing Weekend in New York State. Educator Fran Martino will discuss everything you need to know about fishing gear, regulations, consumption advisories and good places to go fishing. Following a safety briefing and casting demonstration at the Research Ponds. Children can try their luck at landing a big one, and then releasing it back unharmed.

The program is open to the public free of charge, but registration is limited. Parents and children must accompany each other. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Wednesday, June 19, to register or for more information. Bring gear if you have it. Five Rivers has a limited number of rods and reels available for loan. In the event of inclement weather, this program will be cancelled.

Geographic clinic planned

A basic introduction to geocaching will be conducted at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road on Saturday, June 29, at 2 p.m. Geocaching is a family-friendly outdoor treasure hunting game using a hand-held GPS receiver or a GPS-enabled mobile phone.

Five Rivers staff will demonstrate how to use a hand-held GPS unit to navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates. Afterwards, participants will set out to find a geocache container hidden on Five Rivers property using a hand-held GPS unit. There are currently 16 caches at Five Rivers and 625 caches within 10 miles of the facility.

The program is open to the public free of charge, but space is limited. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 by Wednesday, June 26, to register or for more information. Five Rivers has a limited supply of GPS units, so register early if you need to borrow one.

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Planning Board cut to five seats

Plan built into '13 budget enacted, but not before lively discussion

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Town Board has passed a law reducing the number of Planning Board members from seven to five, after the action was first outlined in the 2013 budget.

The law was passed on Wednesday, June 12, by a 4-1 vote. Councilwoman Joann Dawson cast the dissenting vote, explaining how she also voted in opposition of the budget because the Planning Board reduction was included.

“More eyes on some of these proposals are necessary,” said Dawson, referencing the growing number of developments before the town.

Supervisor John Clarkson said there was a delay in passing the law because it was unclear if legislation was necessary. He said town law has changed over the years, and when the Planning Board was originally expended in the 1950s, only a resolution was

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Town of Bethlehem resident

needed, not a law. At the public hearing, three people spoke in favor of the reduction, including Planning Board Chairman George Leveille and board member John Smolinsky. Both men said the number of people on the board doesn’t matter so much as having qualified and experienced individuals.

“Being on the Planning Board is a highly technical position,” Leveille said. “The members of the board have to be objective in carrying out the town code. They are not policymakers, they merely carry out the policies of the Town Board.”

Leveille said the

members typically come together to arrive at a consensus before passing judgment on a project, and that it is rare more than one person opposes a plan. He said five members would work just as well as seven.

The Planning Board has been functioning with only five members since last month. Since the budget was passed, the term for one member expired and no appointment made, while another resigned. The law is set to save the town about \$13,500 for the members’ stipends and benefits.

One resident spoke out against the law. Stephanie Ostrowski said she was there on behalf of residents in the Wemple Road, where a major mixed-use project is under consideration.

“At this time with the increased urbanization of Bethlehem, we’re poised with having some critical decisions with keeping the town’s spirit and culture,” she said. “We just want to emphasize there is no cost savings that can justify the decreasing support and service of the Planning Board and if passed, it will harm the

Planning Board’s ability to function optimally and in the town’s best interest.”

Dawson agreed with Ostrowski and said she did not feel it was as important to have experienced candidates on the Planning Board, as the town has a qualified staff to help board members when necessary.

“We have enough technocrats,” she said. “What we need are folks from these neighborhoods who can live with the decisions that are made.”

Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn disagreed, and said it sounded as if Dawson was in favor of a type of ward system for the Planning Board, when she was against it for the Town Board.

“I don’t think having

more people on a board just inherently makes the board better, and that’s the argument I’m hearing,” Kuhn said.

Dawson said she was not in favor of any type of ward system, but said in future she would like a candidate’s residence to be taken into account.

Councilman Kyle Kotary agreed with Dawson, but said the Planning Board already has been operating with five members and it seems to be working.

“I think my main question was, how has the board functioned in the past?” he said.

Clarkson said he thinks regional balance on the town’s boards can be good for the town and Dawson’s suggestion should be taken into

consideration.

“I just want to point out that by enacting this local law we have reduced by two the number of appointed officials within the town,” said Clarkson. “I believe very much in the skills of our civil service employees and am all for reducing the number of appointed positions within government wherever necessary.”

Councilman Bill Reinhardt asked if the decision could be reversed if the plan is evaluated later on and there seems to be trouble. Town Attorney James Potter said another law would be needed.

Dawson argued by that time the decisions would have been made, and damage would have already been done.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Trail days become nights

Second Fairy Tales and Fireflies event highlights Rail Trail



Last year's Fairy Tales and Fireflies celebration on the Albany County Rail Trail brought out about 300 people. There will be even more activities lining the trail in this year's celebration, set for June 20.



Longer days, good friends, ice cream and fireflies... summer has begun in the Capital District, and The Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy is ready to make it official with its second Fairy Tales and Fireflies event on Thursday, June 20.

The evening is a summer celebration that takes place on a section of the Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail in the Town of Bethlehem.

Kathy McCarthy, a Friends of the Rail Trail volunteer, said the event revolves around marking the beginning of summer, gathering with friends and taking in the beauty of the trail.

The idea of a summer festival came to McCarthy while walking on the trail one winter night.

"I was out walking on New Year's Eve," McCarthy said. "It was a very warm New Year's Eve and it was kind of misty, and I thought, 'Wow, you could have a really fun celebration here.'"

McCarthy said the Friends of the Rail Trail committee quickly agreed, and the first event drew about 300 people.

"It was so successful," McCarthy

said. "We were really amazed at how many people came out and participated."

The event takes place on the section of the trail that runs between the intersection of Adams Street and Hudson Avenue and the Slingerlands Firehouse at the intersection of Kenwood and New Scotland avenues in Delmar.

"It's something where you can leave your house, walk a few steps and be on the trail and enjoying the fair," said Lea Montalto-Rook, development director at the Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy. "What we really want is for people to come out and enjoy themselves, not have to spend a lot of money and enjoy this great natural resource we have."

McCarthy said there will be a different activity every few feet along the trail.

"We will have children's crafts, we will have refreshments for sale, we have a few musicians, we have a group of Morris dancers and some Irish dancers, we have animal displays,

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Empire Service dogs, Critter Patrol, Ford's Falconry and a lot of local businesses have jumped in as well," she said. "It will be a combination of walking and enjoying the beauty of the trails and being able to stop and do something or watch something."

Maps will be available, and children who have the maps stamped along the trail will receive coupons for Stewart's ice cream.

McCarthy said the goal is to have something for people of all ages.

"We really wanted it to be something that everyone can enjoy," she said. "You can walk along, stop, listen to some music, watch people dance or just enjoy the scenery."

McCarthy said there is something magical about summertime on the trail.

"If you are there after dark, there are tons of fireflies," she said. "It adds to the magic."

Montalto-Rook said the secondary goal is to increase awareness of the Rail Trail as a recreational resource for locals and as a destination spot for regional visitors.

Once a busy railroad for travels

to and from the country towns of Delmar, Slingerlands, Elsmere and Voorheesville and the bustling City of Albany, passenger service ended in the 1930s. The rails were removed in 2004, and in 2010 Albany County purchased the 9.1-mile railway to create the Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail for recreational use. The portion of the trail from Delmar to Slingerlands opened in 2011.

Montalto-Rook hopes the event is the beginning of a tradition for years to come.

"We want to make it a recurring annual event that brings locals and regional guests to a local summer solstice fair where there are tables and displays from local businesses, local artists, animal exhibits, crafts for children and food where everyone can come out, get a little bit of exercise and enjoy the end of the school year and the beginning of summer and celebrate," she said.

The free Fairy Tales and Fireflies event will take place on Thursday, June 20, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Parking is available at both ends of the trail, and in the municipal parking lot near Delmar's Four Corners. For more information, visit mohawkhudson.org.





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THE LION IN WINTER

Square One Productions is presenting the dramatic comedy, The Lion In Winter by James Goldman, directed by Charity Buckbee. The Lion In Winter is a 1966 play depicting the personal and political conflicts of Henry II of England, his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, their children and their guests during Christmas. Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Avenue, Albany. June 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8 p.m.; June 16, 23 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$10. 438-5503.

SUNDAY FOUR POETRY OPEN MIC

On June 23, Dennis Sullican, Mike Burke and Edie Abrams will host an open poetry mic at the Old Songs Com-

munity Arts Center. Come read your poetry to other poets and listeners at 3 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 S. Main Street. Voorheesville, 469-0202.

THIRD THURSDAY POETRY

Mid-Hudson poet Glenn Werner will read from his work at the Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany, June 20, 7:30 p.m. Open mic sign up at 7 p.m. Suggested donation \$3. 482-0262.

SPAMALOT

Presented by Park Playhouse, from July 5 to 28. Official opening night celebration July 9. Tuesday through Sunday, 8 p.m. Albany's Washington Park. Amphitheatre Hillside Seating is free. Reserved seats are \$14 to \$16. Premium table seats are \$22. parkplayhouse.com.

Music

PENTATONIX

Vocal sensations and winners of season 3 of NBC's The Sing-Off, Pentatonix are playing instrument-free music at The Egg on July 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27 in advance and \$30. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, theegg.org or 473-1845.

REBECCA ANGEL

Folk Rock / Acoustic / Folk. June 22, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

FINLEY & PAGDON

Contemporary Folk Duo from Woodstock. June 21, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

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Acoustic Guitar / Singer / Songwriter. June 23, 7:45 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

RUNNING THE RIVER

Part of Mabee Farm Historic Site's Howlin' at the Moon Music Series. In addition to their original songs "Running The River" performs a wide range of music from artists such as Johnny Cash, the Grateful Dead, Beatles, Kingston Trio, Bob Dylan, the Clancy Brothers, Muddy Waters and the Rolling Stones. Sunday, June 23, 7 p.m. in the Dutch Barn, 1080 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. \$5. 887-5073.

KITCHEN JAZZ

Featuring cafe owner and singer Ricky G.. June 22, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

TIM AND MYLES THOMPSON

Father/son American jazz duo. June 21, 8 p.m. Children under 13, \$7.50; Members \$12; General \$15. Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, 583-0022, www.caffelena.org.

SESSION AMERICANA

A Boston-based rock band in a tea cup, or possibly a folk band in a whiskey bottle.June 22 at 8 p.m. Children under 13, \$9; Members \$16; General \$18, with reception following at Tang, \$26. Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, 583-0022, www.caffelena.org.

EPHRATA CLOISTER CHORUS

Enjoy the sounds of music from America's past at this special concert with the Ephrata Cloister Chorus. All proceeds will be used for the stabilization of the 1915 Shaker Barn Complex. June 23, 3 p.m. \$10 per person, under 18 free. Shaker Heritage Society, 25 Meeting House Road, Albany. 456-7890 or www.shakerheritage.org

HAIR OF THE DOG

First show in Scotia's Freedom Park Concert Series. June 19, Freedom Park, Scotia. 7 p.m. Free. freedomparkscotia.org.

A TRIBUTE TO DEAN MARTIN

Direct From Las Vegas, Featuring Chris Gardner with The Georgie Wonders Orchestra. June 21, 6:30 p.m. (cocktail hour). Michael's Banquet House, 1019 New Loudon Road, Latham. Dinner & Show: \$47.50. 785-8524.

EMILY

The amazing Emily. Uke and song. June 24, 7 p.m. Followed by the "musician's Musician" Arya Chowdhury, playing experimental jazz. Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

HOT TUNA

An evening with the original, acoustic Hot Tuna - Jorma Kaukonen on guitar and Jack Casady on bass - with special guest Barry Mitterhoff on mandolin. Singer/songwriter Jill Sobule will open the show. June 21, 8 p.m. \$38.50. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. theegg.org.

MUSIC IN THE MEETING HOUSE

With the Friends Union Band. June 22, 7:30 p.m. \$20 per person, 18 and under free. Shaker Heritage Society, 25 Meeting House Road, Albany. 456-7890. www.friendsunionband.com.

LYLE LOVETT & HIS ACOUSTIC GROUP

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Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly improv skit show, June 22, 8 p.m., Comedy Works, 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

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Jon Fisch. Performing June 21 and 22, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897. www.thecomedyworks.com.

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Dance

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Modern western square dancing. June 19 and 26, 7:30-10 p.m. Colonie Elks Lodge, Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. \$6 per person. 694-4448.

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Visual Arts

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Notice of Qualification of JULESABEL LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/10/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 5/6/13. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC , 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. NV address of LLC: 6100 Neil Rd. #500, Reno, NV 89520. Arts. Of Org. filed with the NV Secy. Of State, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activity. 87344(D) (June 19, 2013)

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Notice of formation Tartufato LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY 4/10/2013. 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. 87347(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation Rustic Justice LLC Arts. Of Org.

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filed with SSNY 4/03/2013. 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. 87348(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation Rustic Justice Productions LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY 4/03/2013. 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. 87349(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation Rustic Justice Records LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY 4/03/2013. 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. 87350(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DEE HUTTON, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/10/13. 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. 87354(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Rotterdam Steel, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 2, 2013. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 18 Mariaville Road, Schenectady, New York 12306. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 87355(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: SSC Property Associates LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 2, 2013. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 18 Mariaville Road, Schenectady, New York 12306. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 87356(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: West End Contracting, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 25, 2013. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 286 Rector Road, Glenville, New York 12302. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 87357(D) (June 19, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Mohawk Building Restoration, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 25, 2013. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 1865 Chrisler Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 87387(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 140 STATE STREET PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 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. 87392(D) (June 19, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 138 STATE STREET PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 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. 87393(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 136 STATE STREET PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 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. 87394(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 134 STATE STREET PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 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. 87395(D) (June 19, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 132 STATE STREET PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 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. 87396(D) (June 19, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Platinum Parcel LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 05/13/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as

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agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 115 Spyglass Court, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful activity. 87397(D) (June 19, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of BLOCK 865 LOT 300 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/14/13. 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. 87398(D) (June 19, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of IFT GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/14/13. 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. 87399(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BRIARPATCH MUSIC/THEATRE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/16/13. 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. 87400(D) (June 19, 2013)

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Notice of Formation GORGES PROPERTIES, LLC. Art. of org. filed Secy. of State NY (SSNY) 5/10/13. Off. loc. in Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, PO Box 8781, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 87405(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation HOUSE 2 HOMEBUYERS, LLC. Art. of org. filed Secy. of State NY (SSNY) 5/02/13. Off. loc. in Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, PO Box 8781, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 87406(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 11 Stone Castle Road, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 05/17/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 26 Main Street, Albany, NY 12204. Purpose: any lawful activity. 87407(D) (June 19, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: OLD BRICK RAILROAD, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, May 20, 2013. Purpose: to engage

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in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 33-37 Warehouse Row, Albany, NY 12205. 87408(D) (June 19, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, NAME: EONIC LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/12/2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 283 State Street, Albany, New York 12210. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 87409(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BHAGAWATI RAIL EUROPE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/17/13. 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. 87426(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

SECTION# 206 - FOR FORMAT OF AFFIDAVIT. GALLET REALTY NY LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/6/13. 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, 2787 W. Lydius St., Schenectady, NY 12306. General Purposes. 87427(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: CAPITAL DISTRICT MOBILE VETERINARY SERVICES, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/08/2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon which process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC, 38 Carstead Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of veterinary medicine. 87428(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice of Formation of LLC. Chemapotheca, LLC (LLC) filed Arts. of Org. with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/13/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served and SSNY shall mail process to c/o Harold Meckler, 45 Preston Road, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any business permitted under law. 87464(D) (June 19, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Life Love Art LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/15/2013 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.

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Springs Acquisition, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 5/22/13. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 108 Spy Glass Court, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 87474(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 1614 STATE ST LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/14/13. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2112. 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, 2079 E. 1st Street, Brooklyn, New York 11223. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 87475(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

B Squared Ad Ops Limited Liability Company Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/19/2013. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Brian Slattery, 23 Verdi Blvd., Latham, NY 12110, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 87476(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of REGO SUBS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/22/13. 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. 87477(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BOXWOOD CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 5/22/13. 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. 87478(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BLINI DOM LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/1/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 87479(D) (June 19, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: NM RAINTREE II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 6, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 87620(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: MM RAINTREE II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 6, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 87621(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: MM FAMILY RAIN-TREE II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 6, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 87622(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

DONEGAL PROPERTIES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/5/13. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 678 New Loudon Rd., Latham, NY 12110, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 87623(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Canvass Street Partners, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 17, 2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to The LLC, 71 Canvass Street, Cohoes, New York 12047. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 87624(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: Capital Curbscapes, LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April of 2013. 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 the process to the LLC to: Capital Curbscapes, LLC. 1930 Osterlitz Ave, Schenectady NY 12306. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 87639(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: FOXMO ASSOCIATES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 7, 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 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. 87640(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: HBC SMILES REALTY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 19, 2012. 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 Charles M. Tramontana, D.D.S., 576 Sand Creek Road, Albany, NY 12205. 87667(D) (June 19, 2013)

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- The name of the Limited Liability Company is BMT-J 281, LLC.
- The Articles of Organization were filed May 23, 2013
- The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County.
- The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served.
- The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to engage in any lawful activity for which a Limited Liability Company may be formed. 87668(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of ATS GLOBAL, LLC amended to ATS GLOBAL SERVICES, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/31/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3657 Briarpark, Houston, TX 77042. DE address of LLC: 1675 S. State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 87669(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company Name: Dunn Home Development LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3-8-13. Office location: Schenectady Co. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 232 Duanesburg NY 12056. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 87670(D) (June 19, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Louise Finlayson, PhD Psychologist, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/23/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1525 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: all lawful activities. 87671(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

JULIAN PROPERTIES, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/28/2002. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 598 Albany Shaker Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 87672(D) (June 19, 2013)

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Privler, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/15/13. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2742 Haring St., Ste 1, Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes. 87673(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of INDICATORS GROUP, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/7/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 132 E.43 St. #521, NY, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87674(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RAGAN BUS SERVICE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/6/13. 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. 87675(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation Shameless Sangria, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/19/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o LLC, 1491 Berne-Altamont Road, Altamont, NY 12209. Purpose: All legal purposes. 87676(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

REDMOND INDUSTRIAL GROUP LLC was filed with the SSNY on 06/05/13. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Wash. Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 87677(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of C GULL VENTURES LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/17/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 239 Washington Ave. #1, Bklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87678(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: ALCO HOTEL LLC.

LEGAL NOTICE

Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 11, 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 Extension, Albany, NY 12203. 87679(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of BoldlyGo Enterprises, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/17/2013. Office location: PO Box 385, Latham, NY 12110, Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Burke & Casserly, PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Suite 104, Albany, NY 12205. The purpose is to perform any lawful act or activity. 87680(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of THEATRICAL ALLIANCE GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/7/13. 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. 87700(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Organization of Jo-Jo Bar's LLC On June 11, 2013, Jo-Jo Bar's LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 33 Cedar Lane, Glenville, Schenectady County, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC 33 Cedar Lane, Glenville, NY 12302. The LLC is organized for the purpose of any and all lawful business. 87701(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CASH FOR CAUSES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/28/2013. 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 the LLC, 17 Louis Ave, Apt. E, Menands, New York 12204. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 87702(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Capital Telecom Acquisition, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/5/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/24/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1500 Mt Kemble Ave, Ste. 203, Morristown, NJ 07960. The registered agent upon whom process may be served: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 10 E. 40th St., 10th Fl., NY, NY 10016. DE address of LLC: 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal

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St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 87703(D) (June 19, 2013)

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WS TRADING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 06/07/13. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Wash. Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 87704(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of OLIVER PARKS CONSULTING LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/4/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave. #805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87705(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RONALD NASH CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 6/11/13. 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. 87706(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of RSL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONSULTING LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/19/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 6211 Johnston Rd. Copperfield #12, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87707(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of SUSHMA ARODI LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/24/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 442-D Lorimer St. #214, Bklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87708(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of GreenLite Maintenance Services, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 6/11/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. 87709(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Please publish the attached Notice of Formation for a Domestic Limited Liability Company for 1367 Axiom Associates LLC once a week for six consecutive weeks. According to the Limited Liability Company

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Law of the State of New York, an affidavit from the printer or publisher of the newspaper must be filed with the Department of State. Accordingly, please forward an affidavit to the undersigned at the completion of the six week publishing cycle. 87710(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of EAST 122ND GARAGE LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/11/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 54 Diamond St., Bklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87711(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of PROPERTY OF A GENTLEMAN PRODUCTIONS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/18/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 20 Pine St. #901, NY, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87712(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of BXT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/19/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 123 7th Ave. #235, Bklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87713(D) (June 19, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of 6A ENTERPRISES, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/30/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 16 Park Ave. #15C, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87714(D) (June 19, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of THE MANHATTAN CONSULATE LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/17/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 67 1/2 6th Ave. 2 Fl., Bklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87720(D) (June 19, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of THE BROOKLYN CONSULATE LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/17/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 67 1/2 6th Ave. 2 Fl., Bklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87721(D) (June 19, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of SUMMER SLED ADVENTURES, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/31/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 55 Elm St., Huntington, NY 11743. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87722(D) (June 19, 2013)

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Resolution # 2013-21
RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the _12th day of June 2013, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund the development and design of water system improvements along Salisbury Avenue, Wiggand Drive and Vagele Lane and
WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will not exceed \$120,000; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the Water Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to com-

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Code

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“Your own rules state that dogs aren’t allowed in the recreational part of the park, so I am only asking you to enforce your own rules,” Weber said. “It is a big situation and I think it is only going to get worse.”

Weber said the incidents with dogs primarily occur on the trails throughout the park.

“It is a beautiful place to be,” she said, “but unfortunately the only people who can enjoy those trails now are dog owners with their unleashed dogs because it is unsafe for everyone else.”

The town’s local law states dogs cannot “run at large” unless leashed or “accompanied by its owner or responsible person,” and must be “under full control.” The regulations for town parks state animals cannot be in a park’s “recreational areas.”

Resident Saul Abrams said he has walked his dog in the town park for more than 10 years and he has “never seen a dog aggressively approach” joggers. He also claims to have only seen Weber in the park once while he was at it.

“Obviously, if the owners are not taking you seriously that is a problem, but most of the people that walk their dogs in the park are doing it at a time of day when there are no joggers,” Abrams said. “I know of no dogs that I have ever

“Allowing a dog off a leash is just something that is going to come back and bite you.”

– Joe Flynn, dog owner

walked with that have aggressively approached people.”

Abrams said the town law only requires dogs to be under control while in the park, which doesn’t necessarily mean on a leash. He said he walks his dog without a leash along the trails in the park.

He also contested recreational areas only apply to designated activity spots like baseball fields.

“The purpose of having a natural park is to allow dogs to run free. Dogs need exercise. They need to be able to walk through the woods and smell the trees and bushes,” Abrams said. “There has to be an accommodation for both the joggers and the dog walkers.”

Joe Flynn, who said he has raised and bred show dogs, said he never allows a dog to run unleashed. Flynn said there are several reasons for keeping a dog leashed, such as protecting a dog from animals with rabies or stopping it from chasing a deer.

“Allowing a dog off a leash is just something that is going to come back and bite you,” Flynn said.

Town Justice Margaret Adkins attended the meeting and said several years ago there was a sign that said no dogs where allowed, but then the sign was removed and “there was an assumption that dogs where allowed in the park.”

Adkins said she believed there was a sign stating dogs must be on a leash, which Abrams confirmed, but Abrams pointed back to the town code saying dogs must be under control.

Town Supervisor Tom Dolin said there is “some confusion” over what the law means.

“We are going to have to clarify all of this,” Dolin said. “We are going to have to come up with a new policy, review or reaffirm the current policy.”

Dolin said a future Town Board meeting would go into further discussions between board members over the policy. It is likely a proposed local law would be drafted, which would require a public hearing to be held before its passage.

Dolin said he has owned dogs, but a dog has also bitten him three times.

“Dogs do bite people, so people have reason to be afraid of them unless they know them or they’re on a leash,” Dolin said.

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Water

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1,000 gallons. The rate will increase annually per the change in the consumer price index. Additional water up to 13 million gallons annually can be purchased at twice the normal rate.

“It is a great agreement both for the Town of New Scotland and for the Town of Bethlehem,” Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson said.

New Scotland Supervisor Tom Dolin said initial negotiations started around 9 million gallons annually, but the town was able to negotiate to a more comfortable 11 million gallons, with the extra safeguard.

“It is above what we are experiencing in other existing water districts,” Dolin said, “so I am feeling comfortable that we can at least guarantee customers a reasonable amount of water at that rate so they won’t feel they have to skimp.”

The district must be connected to the Bethlehem Water District pipeline along Route 85, which will involve the building of a meter pit, a booster

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– New Scotland Supervisor Tom Dolin

pump station, a 200,000 gallon water tank adjacent to New Scotland’s highway garage, two pressure reducing valves and the installation of approximately 16,700 linear feet of 8-inch pipe.

Bethlehem is already serving 75 water customers within new district from a pipeline that is around 90 years old. Certain properties located

within the district get their water from the Helderberg Spring, but Bethlehem decided to stop using the spring as a water source.

After New Scotland passed the agreement, Dolin said, “That is quite a victory.” The push for the new district started around eight years ago.

“This agreement has been in gestation for probably around a year-and-a-half,” Dolin said.

The only hiccup in the passage came when New Scotland Councilwoman Patricia Snyder wanted to clarify the correct number of users in the contract, as around 150 properties were named. The actual customers are greater, because there are some apartments and multi-family housing included in the district.

Town officials said the amount of water purchased is more important to Bethlehem in the contract than the number of customers.

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plete the development and design of water system improvements along Salisbury Road, Wiggand Drive and Vagele Lane as described above; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$120,000 and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the water Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to

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\$120,000 in said reserve fund; and
This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.
The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Kotary, was seconded by Councilwoman Dawson and duly adopted by the following vote: AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Kotary, Councilman Kuhn, Councilman Reinhardt
NOES: none
ABSENT: none

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DATED: June 12, 2013
87698(D)
(June 19, 2013)

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Resolution # 2013-23
RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 12th day of June 2013, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as

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follows:
WHEREAS, the Town of Board of the Town of Bethlehem has concluded it is in the best interest of the Town of Bethlehem to resolve various water supply and distribution issues mutually with the Town of New Scotland by entering an intermunicipal and water supply agreement (Agreement) to serve water to New Scotland’s New Salem water district; and
WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund the pump

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station improvements at the existing softener building as well as two pressure reducing pits in accordance with the Agreement; and
WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will not exceed \$152,000; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purpose are in the Water Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the improvements in accordance with the Agreement

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as described above; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund these improvements up to a maximum amount of \$152,000 and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the water Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$152,000 in said reserve fund; and
This resolution shall be sub-

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ject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law.
The motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilman Reinhardt, was seconded by Councilman Kuhn and duly adopted by the following vote: AYES: Supervisor Clarkson, Councilwoman Dawson, Councilman Kotary, Councilman Kuhn, Councilman Reinhardt
NOES: none
ABSENT: none
DATED: June 12, 2013
87699(D)
(June 19, 2013)

Towing

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had been using a towing rotation list since the 1980s in which when a tow is required after an accident or arrest, the department calls upon companies in a rotating order. No contract was in place with the operators, though.

“We thought it was a good idea because it was a liability issue not to have one,” he said. “We had to share the responsibility in case someone tried to sue the town.”

Helligrass said the department used area towing contracts for inspiration and Bethlehem’s agreement closely mirrors City of Albany’s. The contract went into effect Jan. 1 after first being signed by the six towing operators the town works with and reviewed by Town Attorney James Potter.

The contract stipulates the operators must pay the town a fee of \$25 for each vehicle that is “redeemed, sold or junked.” The

agreement also puts a cap of \$175 on all tows and \$75 an hour for winching a vehicle. The argument is since car owners might not have a choice when the police call for a tow, towers should not be able to price gouge.

“If they tow outside of us, operators can charge whatever the market could bear,” said Helligrass. “But we’re trying to keep people honest. To a lot of people, their car is their livelihood.”

Some operators argue the fee is unfair and possibly illegal.

Peter Geist, owner of Geist Brothers Towing in Glenmont, said a meeting was held by the police department for all of the tow operators to discuss the contract before it was signed. He said he felt uncomfortable with the fees and some of the contract’s stipulations, but said if he didn’t sign the contract he would be losing out on business.

“Most of us are already taxpayers within the town,” he said. “It’s like being taxed twice and I don’t see

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– Bethlehem police Sgt. Robert Helligrass

how it’s fair.”

Geist said he wished other operators who also seemed leery of the contract had also spoken up, but since most didn’t he figured he would sign the contract and wait until next year.

Helligrass said the department and town are not out to make money on the deal. Since January, the towing fees have brought in about \$12,000 to the town, which he feels is insignificant if you look at the department’s entire budget for the year.

“Not to sound mean, but I don’t really give their complaints much credence because we’re giving them exclusive rights to work with the town,” Helligrass said. “They’re making

money off of this deal.”

The contract also stipulates that towing operators can charge vehicle owners a fee of \$45 a day for storage of any cars taken in.

Olin Bleau, owner of Bleau’s Towing Service, said he is angered about the new fee, but also because of other requirements in the contract that set operating standards. He received a notice from the town’s Planning Department that said he could no longer store cars on his property, for example.

“I put up the fence and they still won’t let me store the cars there,” Bleau said.

The new contract calls for towing operators working with the town to

fence in their lots where vehicles are stored, but Helligrass said because of the cost of the fence and zoning issues they are giving the businesses until the year is up to have the fences installed.

Helligrass said Bleau was issued a notice from the town because his former garage was zoned commercial and for the past few years he has working out of his home. He has also been storing the vehicles on a lot of land that is partially owned by National Grid, he said.

Bleau’s is still in business and still being allowed to work with the police department, but he can no longer store cars on his property. For now, he is storing them at T.A.C.S.

“I’m losing a lot of money by not being able to store the cars myself,” said Bleau. “I don’t know why I can’t just be left alone until I retire. I’m 82, it’s not like it’s going to be that much longer.”

Matt Ungerer, co-owner of T.A.C.S. in Glenmont, said he doesn’t have an issue with the

current towing contact because auto specialists don’t do enough towing business to make it affect them. He did add that he planned to expand his towing business within the year and is working on purchasing property and getting it properly zoned.

Bleau said he is not willing to compromise on the contract and that he was on the verge of suing the town to attempt to get rid of it. He too said he originally signed on because he would be missing out on too much business if he didn’t.

Geist said he would like to see the contract renegotiated next year. He said he would like to see the fee changed, and if possible, raise the cap that was placed on towing charges.

“We can re-do it,” said Helligrass. “We just had to start somewhere. I said we could renegotiate after the first year. I could see the fee going up to \$200. I don’t think that’s out of line. We just have to be fair for everyone involved.”

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Rain

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and scored when Glens Falls committed an error on Jack Wietlispach's sacrifice bunt.

Glens Falls tied the score in the bottom of the second inning when Buddy Putnam doubled, moved to third on a groundout and scored on Emmanuel Forcier's grounder. But, Albany took the lead for good with a pair of runs in the top of the fifth.

Marks got things going with a leadoff bunt single. The speedster stole second base and went to third when the throw to second sailed into center field. Wietlispach drove in Marks with a groundout to put the Dutchmen ahead 2-1.

Zach Remillard followed Wietlispach's RBI groundout with a single. The Latham native advanced to third on Matthew Dacey's single and scored on Joe Purritano's sacrifice fly to give Albany a 3-1 lead.

Glens Falls got one run back on J.Q. Folen's seventh-inning RBI

single, but Albany tacked on individual runs in the eighth and ninth innings to pull out the victory. Remillard had the key hit with a ninth-inning RBI double.

Albany starting pitcher Sean Spicer picked up the victory by scattering five hits and striking out three batters in six innings of work.

The Dutchmen had another strong start in Saturday's home victory over Watertown. Remillard's RBI single began a three-run rally in the bottom of the first inning to give Albany a 3-0 lead. Nate Rupiper drove in the second run with a bases-loaded grounder, and Chris Suseck added a sacrifice fly to bring in Remillard from third base.

Shortstop Bryce Greager's two-run homer in the top of the second inning pulled Watertown within a run. Greager then scored the tying run in the seventh inning when he singled, moved to third on a pair of groundouts and came home on a wild pitch.

Albany responded with a pair of runs in the bottom half of the seventh

inning. With two outs and runners on first and second, Greager misplayed Suseck's grounder, which allowed Dacey to score the go-ahead run. Wietlispach followed with a single to drive in Rupiper with an insurance run.

Kyle Pheland earned the victory for Albany in relief of starting pitcher Bryan Carr, who went 6 2/3 innings and allowed three earned runs on nine hits. Pheland pitched through the eighth inning and didn't allow a hit, and Ben Seabrook earned the save with a scoreless ninth inning.

Albany looked to get its sixth official game of the season in when it hosted Elmira Tuesday at Bob Bellizzi Field. The Dutchmen visit Cooperstown Wednesday before hosting Amsterdam Thursday.

Thursday's game features the resumption of the June 5 season opener between Albany and Amsterdam, which was suspended in the bottom of the eighth inning when a power outage halted the game with the score tied at 5-5.

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it was interesting to see that she hasn't left the area and is serving people in a different way 40 years later."

The program started out as a recreational softball league, but it's become a developmental program for girls looking to take the sport beyond the Line Drive fields. There is a travel team that plays in local and regional tournaments,

and numerous Tomboys have gone on to play for Bethlehem Central High School's program and the collegiate level.

"The level of the instruction and the skill level of the players has grown tremendously," said Moss. "They take a lot of pride in what they do, and they work very hard at it."

That hard work extends to the program's coaches, all of whom must be certified through the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) before working with the girls.

"Back in 1973, I have no idea what they did (for coaches)," said Moss.

Though the Tomboys' league season ended with Sunday's championships, there is more softball to be played. The travel league season began Monday and will stretch through July. The Tomboys will also host ASA tournaments for the 14-and-under (June 21-23), 16-and-under (July 5-7), 12-and-under (July 12-14) and 10-and-under (July 19-21) divisions this summer.

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Vintage game returns July 4

The annual vintage baseball game between the New York Mutuels and the Bethlehem Braves comes back to Bethlehem Town Park on Thursday, July 4. The Braves feature town officials and other local luminaries, while the Mutuels are a travel team from Long Island.

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How will the Tri-City ValleyCats do in the New York-Penn League?

- League champions
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- Winning record
- Losing record

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Last week's poll results:

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First Advantage Dental's Shannon MacAuliffe swings at a pitch during a Bethlehem Tomboys intermediate division game Saturday at Line Drive Fields. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Tomboys reach the big 4-0

Youth softball program has grown in numbers and skill level

By ROB JONAS
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Forty years later, the Bethlehem Tomboys are going strong.

The town's youth softball program celebrated its anniversary Saturday with a party at Line Drive fields in the back half of Elm Avenue Park.

The party was lower key than

what league president Emilie Moss had in mind. Instead of a grand celebration, the league held a barbecue while make-up games were played.

"The rain kind of killed us," said Moss. "We had hoped to have a parade with all of the players today, but because of all the rain we had the past week, we had to make up a lot of games because tomorrow (Sunday) are the league finals."

The Tomboys started during Memorial Day weekend 1973 with

115 players. Today, the program has grown to approximately 400 players, and games begin in late April instead of late May. There were 32 teams this year between the youth, primary, juniors, intermediate and major divisions.

"In preparing for this (celebration), I did some research into the minutes they kept in 1973, and it was interesting to go back and look at those minutes," said Moss. "Dr. Judy Van Woort was one of our first players. I thought

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Rain wrecks havoc

Dutchmen post wins between PGCBL postponements

By SPORTS STAFF
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When the Albany Dutchmen have played this season, they've been unbeatable.

Rain fouled up the Dutchmen (5-0) again Sunday when their Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League contest at Watertown was postponed. It was the sixth time this season that Albany had

a game rained out.

Prior to Sunday's rainout, the Dutchmen got in consecutive games for only the second time in the first two weeks of the season. Albany took advantage by beating Glens Falls 5-2 Friday and Watertown 5-3 Saturday.

The Dutchmen took a 1-0 lead on Glens Falls in the top of the first inning of Friday's road game. Anthony Marks led off with a walk, stole second

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FINAL SCORE

- Albany Dutchmen, 5
- Glens Falls Eagles, 2

Bethlehem tennis players participate in booster club fundraiser



The Bethlehem Central High School Tennis Booster Club held its last fundraising tournament Tuesday, May 28. The winning doubles teams (wearing medals) were David Kalmer and Evan Davis; Lleyton Emery and Michael Bienvenue; and Michael O'Donnell and Stephen Dias. Proceeds are being directed toward the purchase of new wind screens at the high school tennis courts. Prizes and donations were provided by area tennis pros and local merchants including 16 Handles, Del Lanes, I Love Books and the Slingerlands Price Chopper. Submitted photo