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Police: Cards compromised at buffet

Police link identity thefts to employees of Glenmont restaurant

By MARCY VELTE
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Two days after four employees of Golden Town Buffet Hibachi & Sushi in Glenmont were arrested on charges of identity theft and on deportation warrants, the restaurant's owners were issued a citation for having too many occupants living upstairs.

Bethlehem Building Inspector Gil Bouchard said during his inspection of the two apartments upstairs from the eatery

there looked to be 20 mattresses lying on the floor. Town code only allows for two mattresses per bedroom, with each apartment having three bedrooms.

"We gave the owners a violation notice," said Bouchard. "We will check back next week to see if the problem has been corrected, and if not they will have to appear in court and may get a fine."

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested four employees of Golden Town Buffet on Monday, Aug. 5, after obtaining a search warrant for an investigation involving identify theft.

Police executed the warrant at the
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Four Golden Town Buffet Hibachi & Sushi employees were arrested on Monday, Aug. 5, for allegedly stealing credit card information.

John Purcell/Spotlight

The apples are on

Growers say it's back to business after last year's poor apple crop

By JOHN PURCELL
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Finding a ripe, juicy apple to pick should be much easier this year after last season's crop was devastated by frost.

The New York State Apple Association is expecting the upcoming yield of the state's official fruit to be strong given "near-perfect" growing conditions bolstered production to typical levels. The weather conditions followed a more normal pattern this season, unlike last year's early spring that decimated apples orchards statewide and left consumers with little to hand pick off trees.

"We know our short crop last year left everyone with a taste for more," said Jim Allen, president of the New York Apple Association, in a statement. "Most important for New York apple lovers in our state, we can better deliver on our commitment to get our apples to you fresher and faster than anywhere else."

Fruit size and sugars are expected to be ideal because of "strong bloom, good pollination and plenty of sunlight, heat and moisture," according to NYAA officials. Popular varieties should also be more readily available, including Gala, McIntosh, Empire and the newer Honey Crisp, as a result of new plantings made over the past five to six years.



After being shut out of pick-your-own apple excursions last year, growers say local apple lovers should find a more traditional fall bounty this year.

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"We want retailers to know that we have more than rebounded from last year, thanks to much more benevolent weather and smart growers who've been planting more of what consumers want," Allen said.

Last year, the state's apple crop was estimated at around 17.1 million bushels, but this year's production could see yields exceeding 30 million bushels, according to NYAA.

Peter Ten Eyck, owner of Indian Ladder Farms in Altamont, said last year's "incredibly warm" temperatures in March caused apple trees to bloom in April.

The apples then largely succumbed to frost, with Ten Eyck losing around 90 percent of his crop.

This year, he said it should be "normal" or slightly above that amount.

"It looks like we are going to have a good crop," Ten Eyck said. "It won't be record breaking. We have too few apples in some places and more than normal in other places."

Edward Miller, owner of Goold Orchards in Castleton, said he expects similar crop yields making for an average

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Test scores tumble

Common Core implementation leaves around 70 percent of students below the grade

By JOHN PURCELL
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Predictions of plummeting scores on state standardized tests have proven to be correct, as a significant majority of students failed to meet proficiency standards this year.

State Education Commissioner John King Jr. on Wednesday, Aug. 7, released results of April assessment test results in mathematics and English language arts for third- to eighth-grade students, and only 31 percent of students met or exceeded proficiency standards. The declining scores were attributed to the state transitioning to the Common Core Standards this year. The shift to the new standards was controversial, with local educators lobbying for more time to implement the Common Core in classrooms.

State Board of Regents Chancellor Merryl Tisch said what students "need to know" has changed and the test scores represent a "new baseline" to measure learning. Tisch said school administrators and teachers worked "extraordinarily hard" to

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County vows to get tough on animal abuse

Albany and Rensselaer teaming up to purchase two bloodhound pups

By MARCY VELTE
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After finding the penalty for most animal abusers to be too soft, the Albany County District Attorney's office has announced a new animal abuse task force that will work to better respond to abuse and neglect cases.

Albany County District Attorney David Soares made the announcement in front of the county courthouse on Tuesday, Aug. 6. The task force will also work to better educate the community and professionals working with animals about signs of abuse.

"The district attorney's office is tasked with prosecuting offenders who violate the law, and in cases of animal abuse or hoarding, it is vital to hold offenders accountable while also ensuring these crimes are never repeated," said Soares.

According to the district attorney, an assistant district attorney from the county's Special Victims Unit will now

"By forming this task force, it is our goal to make sure all responders are employing the best practices in Albany County, prioritizing prevention strategies in every community and educating the public about what they can do to help."

- Albany County District Attorney David Soares

oversee all animal-related prosecutions. Prosecutors from the office will also play an important role on the task force by collaborating with medical and rescue professionals to hold trainings for veterinarians, pet store operators, groomers, "anyone else who may be the 'eyes and ears' in the pet and animal community," Soares said.

Taskforce members will include local veterinarians and law enforcement officers. It will also include representation by delegates from the New York State Attorney General's Office and members of animal rescue shelters, like the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Representatives from Cornell Cooperative Extension will also work

with the task force as it seeks to address issues that arise in the county's rural areas with livestock and farm animals.

"By forming this task force, it is our goal to make sure all responders are employing the best practices in Albany County, prioritizing prevention strategies in every community and educating the public about what they can do to help," said Soares.

Puppy power

At the same time, Soares and Rensselaer County District Attorney Richard McNally announced the purchase of two bloodhound puppies to help the two counties with search and rescue operations.

The puppies, Ginny and Beckett, were bought from a breeder in Ohio with



On Tuesday, Aug. 6, the Albany and Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office announced the purchase of two new search and rescue puppies, Ginny and Beckett, using seized funds from criminals through the county's Making Crime Pay program.

Submitted photo

asset forfeiture money seized from criminals through the county's Making Crime Pay program. The initiative is meant to deter crime by "depriving criminals of the profits and proceeds of their illegal activities." Those funds are then used to support law enforcement and public safety campaigns. The

program has paid for items in Albany County like K9 bulletproof vests, new firearms, radio upgrades and license plate readers for police vehicles.

The dogs are being trained through a partnership with the local nonprofit, Rensselaer County Search and Rescue Inc.

"These days we are

often using monies seized from criminals to buy high-tech gear for law enforcement and first responders," said McNally. "It's kind of nice to know that the good old blood hound is the go-to tool for professionals like Rensselaer County Search and Rescue, Inc."

The puppies will live with their handlers in Albany and Rensselaer counties while they learn to locate missing or lost persons, identify accelerants used in arson-related crimes and catch criminals who have fled the scene of a crime.

"The purchase of these two highly trained bloodhound puppies is yet another resource in law enforcement's arsenal to ensure loved ones who are missing are found, and that criminals who evade law enforcement are held accountable for their actions," said Soares.

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Three arrested for animal cruelty, dog abandonment

Bethlehem Police have arrested three people in connection with an investigation into an abandoned dog found along Route 9W in Glenmont.

Police said a small Shih Tzu had been abandoned along Route 9W on Saturday, Aug. 3. A witness had allegedly seen a white male, between the ages of 25 to 35 years, drop off the dog just south of Wemple Road. He was said to be driving a blue Jeep Liberty. Police then asked the community for help finding the suspect and the dog's owners.

Three Selkirk residents were eventually arrested after members of the community came forward with information. Jennelle Houghtaling, 23, Joyce Mainville, 47, and Keith Whitten, 24, were all charged with misdemeanor of animal cruelty and abandonment of an animal.

Police said the 3- to 5-year-old dog "was severely malnourished, and had several lacerations and lesions on its body." The Shih Tzu also had severe matting and had to be sedated at a local veterinary clinic so the hair

could be removed.

Based on the investigation, police said Houghtaling, Mainville and Whitten were all involved in the dog's mistreatment and abandonment. They were scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 4 p.m.

Clarksville store burglary leads to arrests

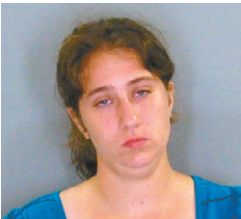
Three men have been arrested and charged in connection to a burglary of the QWIX Mart on Delaware Turnpike in Clarksville.

State Police said Christopher Slatcher, 19, of Clarksville, and Dylan Loucks, 17, of Voorheesville, forced their way into the store around



A Shih Tzu abandoned along Route 9W in Glenmont was found severely malnourished with lacerations and lesions on its body. Three arrests were made for animal cruelty.

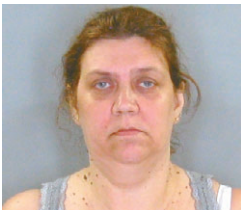
1 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7. The two then allegedly stole approximately \$200 worth of cigarettes, according to police. Slatcher and Loucks were arrested and each was charged with burglary



Jannelle Houghtaling



Keith Whitten



Joyce Mainville

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in the third degree, a felony. Both were arraigned and remanded to Albany County jail.

Scott Hill, 20, was charged with criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree, a misdemeanor, according to police. Hill was arraigned and released.

State Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

Complaint leads to DWI, drug charges

Guilderland police arrested a Troy man for allegedly driving while impaired and possessing drugs after receiving a complaint about a gray Honda driving “all over the road,” according to police reports.

Police received a complaint around 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, claiming someone was driving erratically on Carman Road heading

toward Western Avenue. Police located the car at the intersection of the two roads as the driver, Carlos Raul Sayan, 51, of 400 McChesney Ave. Ext., turned left on Western Avenue. Police then allegedly saw Sayan make an abrupt lane charge without using his directional signal.

Sayan allegedly had glassy eyes, slurred speech and appeared tired, and there was a “strong” odor of alcohol coming from his car, according to police. There were also allegedly

in plain view several glassine baggies on the front passenger side floor and a clear syringe with brown colored liquid inside of it on the floor near his left foot. Police said the baggies are commonly used for transporting heroin.

Sayan allegedly told police he had consumed three drinks around an hour-and-a-half before being stopped. Police said he failed sobriety tests and had a BAC of 0.07 percent.

After he was arrested, police searched his vehicle and allegedly found three Suboxone

patches, which is a narcotic used to treat opioid dependence, underneath some papers on the front passenger seat. The baggies allegedly contained a “minor amount” of an off-white powdered substance, police said.

Sayan was arrested without incident and charged with DWI, operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, possession of a hypodermic instrument, illegal signal and failure to stay in a single lane.

Police probe bottle bomb blast


Colonie police are investigating an alleged bottle bomb detonation that went off on Central Avenue last Tuesday.


On Tuesday, Aug. 6, at 5:21 a.m., a passing motorist reported that their vehicle was struck and damaged by an unknown item on Central Avenue near Locust Park. Responding patrolmen discovered the vehicle had been stuck by concrete debris that

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was sent into the roadway by an exploding bottle bomb left on the sidewalk, police said. The bottle bomb was constructed from a 2-liter plastic soda bottle containing an unknown chemical and unknown reactive metal.

Police said there are no other incidents currently under investigation, but these types of homemade bottle bombs are easily constructed and have been found in Colonie in the past.

Anyone encountering a suspicious device or container that may be filled with chemicals or is emanating a suspicious odor is cautioned to stay away from it and urged to contact their local police agency immediately. Anyone with information regarding this incident should call the Colonie Police Department at 783-2744.

Other arrests:

• Guilderland police arrested Rayshawn R. Cole, 23, of 19 North Lake Ave. in Albany, and charged him with grand larceny in the fourth degree and two counts of possession of stolen property in the third degree at around 6:40 p.m. on Sunday, July 28. Police said Rayshawn was picked up at the Albany Police South

Station on a warrant. He was arraigned by town Judge Denise Randall and remanded to Albany County jail on \$25,000 cash bail.

• Guilderland police arrested Melissa A. Eakin, 39, of 37 McElwain Ave. in Cohoes, and charged her with two counts of grand larceny in the fourth degree, a felony, around 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 17. Eakin turned herself in to police on charges stemming from her allegedly stealing a Capital One Visa credit card and a Tux Rewards MasterCard from a home.

• Guilderland police arrested Allison Rose Frament, 27, of 64 Masten Ave. on the second floor in Cohoes, and charged her with grand larceny in the fourth degree, a felony, around 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17. Frament turned herself in to police on the charge stemming from her allegedly stealing a black Samsonite 25-inch spinner luggage, gray Samsonite 21-inch spinner luggage and a black Samsonite “biz” case from a store at Crossgates Mall,

according to police. The total value of the stolen merchandise was \$1,075, police said.

• Guilderland police arrested Michael A. Lucian, 49, of 15A Walker Way in Albany, and charged him with aggravated DWI for having a BAC more than 0.18 percent on Saturday, July 20, at approximately 7:21 p.m. on Western Avenue. Police allegedly observed Lucian make a left turn during a red light. After stopping him police said he had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. He allegedly told police he consumed two beers and was drinking one in his truck. Police said he had a BAC of 0.21 percent.

• Guilderland police arrested Kelly Lyn Russo, 37, of 10 Venezia Ave. in Albany, and charged her with DWI, refusal to take a breath test, failure to keep right and speeding around 1:45 a.m. on Thursday, July 18. Police allegedly observed Russo perform traffic infractions and once stopped said she had a strong odor of alcohol on her breath,

glassy eyes, a flush face and was disorientated. She could not maintain balance while exiting her vehicle, police said, and held on to her vehicle while walking to the back of it. Police said she failed sobriety tests and refused to take a breath test. She allegedly consented to a breath test after arrested, but “would not blow into the breath test correctly,” according to police.

• Guilderland police arrested Peter A. Antoinette, 24, of 634 Salvia Lane in Schenectady, and charged him with DWI, speeding and failure to keep right at approximately 4:03 a.m., Saturday, July 20, on Western Avenue. Police stopped Antoinette for

traffic violations and he allegedly had an odor of alcohol on his breath, impaired motor coordination, glassy eyes and “slow, deliberate speech.” Police said he had a BAC of 0.12 percent.

• Guilderland police arrested Kimberly R. DeFilippo, 25, of 1133 Coplon Ave. in Schenectady, and charged her with DWI and illegal signal at approximately 2:34 a.m. on Sunday, July 28. Police said DeFilippo allegedly failed to signal her turning from Church Road to Johnston Road and was stopped. She allegedly had a strong order of alcohol on her and bloodshot, watery eyes, according to police. Police said she had a BAC

of 0.12 percent.

• Guilderland police arrested Joshua Vincent, 33, of 2704 Maida Lane in Schenectady, and charged him with DWI and a muffler exhaust system violation at approximately 2:10 a.m. on Saturday, July 20. Police said Vincent was traveling westbound on Western Avenue and allegedly had an “unreasonably loud exhaust,” along with no rear license plate lamps. Police said he had alcohol on his breath, slurred speech, glassy eyes and impaired motor coordination. Vincent allegedly told police he had consumed four beers and was driving home. Police said he had a BAC of 0.11 percent.

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All roads lead to voting

When it comes to picking out a president, assemblyperson or town supervisor, most voters know what matters to them. Whether that's stance on particular issues, character, political affiliation or just a good, firm handshake, we know how we pick policymakers, for good or for ill.

But what makes a good highway superintendent? Despite being an important position, the job is not like that of a legislator or crafter of policy. How we measure the worth of a candidate for this office is a simple question, but fascinatingly it is one Bethlehem residents have simply not had to ask themselves for many years. Gregg Sagendorph, who retired at the end of April, was the town's highway superintendent for 22 years. In his 11 elections, he faced a challenger but thrice.

That was by all accounts a fine state of affairs, but now voters must make a new selection. And now that there's no well-liked and experienced incumbent, there's also a great deal of interest.

Members of the Democratic, Republican and Independence parties will be able to choose a candidate in the upcoming September primary. Dems will choose between Brent Meredith and Frank Zeoli;

Republicans from Terry Ritz or Howard Hyer; and Independence Party members from between Ritz and Zeoli. So, one way or another, the vast majority of Bethlehem voters will be able to go to the polls on Sept. 10 and pull a lever to shape this race. We encourage them to do so.

We also encourage them to take an opportunity to meet the candidates face to face on Thursday, Aug. 22, when Spotlight News, in partnership with the Albany County League of Women Voters, will hold a candidate forum. As in our past events, questions to the candidates will be provided by the audience, so there will be a chance to ask the questions you feel are pertinent during the session, or to individual candidates immediately following the forum.

We presented the candidates to you way back in June. There's Frank Zeoli, the City of Albany director of recycling; Brent Meredith, an engineer who's coming off a stint as a stay-at-home dad; Terry Ritz, who works in the town's engineering division and is also the coordinator for the town's Development Planning Commission; and Howard Hyer, the town Highway Department director of administrative services and fleet management.

Not a bad slate. It will be up to the public to decide which man is best for the job, to guide the department's work to be done on time and on budget – and who is worthy of one of the larger salary packages on the town payroll.

We hope this primary will have among the best turnouts in Bethlehem's history, given the volume of voters who turned down a proposal to make the highway superintendent position appointed, rather than elected. A massive swath of the eligible population fails to vote in off-presidential years in Bethlehem, so we hope with all the attention given to the right to vote, the townspeople will feel inspired to exercise it for a change.

So mark Thursday, Aug. 22, on your calendar. We'll be holding a forum from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. You'll be able to read all about it in our pages if you're unable to attend.

In addition to the highway superintendent candidates, the three men running in primaries for the position of town justice have been invited to make statements.

We hope to see you there, armed with questions that matter to you.

The word on the street

Do you worry about using your credit or debit card at businesses?



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"I am aware of the various possibilities when you use your credit card at a business ... but I still use it."



Raphael Zimmerman, Delmar

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Tom Welsh, Delmar

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Guest opinion

Waiting on a rainy day

By FELICIA BORDICK

This article originally appeared in the August issue of Capital District Parent Pages.

"Is it going to rain today?"

How many times on a summer morning do we wake up with this question, dreading Mother Nature's tears will rain on our parade? What if we turned this mindset on its head and taught our children to embrace going outside on a rainy day. Maybe it's time to welcome the rain and anticipate the adventures you will have under an outdoor summer shower.

Start with the making of a magic rain stick to mimic the sound of water falling from the sky. You will need a cardboard tube from wrapping paper or paper towels, some dry rice or beans, and tape. Tape shut one end of the tube, place the beans or rice in the tube and tape the other end shut. Show the children how to move the rain stick slowly and listen to the sound of falling rain. It was once believed that playing

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a rain stick could bring on needed rain for crops. Ask the children to predict the day it will rain and put their guesses on the calendar. When the day arrives, barring thunderstorms of course, the one who guesses closest to the date leads the parade outside. Let the rain riot begin!

We are waiting on a rainy day
And when it does come
We are going outside to play
Out the door, the first thing we will try
With a running start
Crossing the wet grass we will slide
Gather sticks, leaves, pebbles and pinecones
Plop in a puddle

Learn if they float or sink like a stone
We wonder where the animals are
Birds, bugs and bunnies
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Wait! Look! Someone is out in the rain
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Make a birthday cake
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Rain's my shower
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Really? Is it time to go inside?
Cookies and milk, hmm
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– By F.C.B. 2013

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Meredith qualified Kelly an excellent choice for justice for highway job

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As a Democratic candidate for Bethlehem highway superintendent, I write to introduce myself to Bethlehem's Spotlight readers and share some insights about my experience and why I believe I am the best choice to serve as Bethlehem's next highway superintendent.

Recently, a majority of the citizens in our town supported a referendum that sought to preserve their right to choose the highway superintendent. Although in the minority, the rest of those that voted sent a message that they wanted a qualified candidate for highway superintendent. Regardless of how you voted, I believe I am the candidate that offers choice and has the right qualifications and experience.

First, my qualifications: I am a licensed professional engineer with an engineering degree from Clarkson University. My engineering experience is in the mechanical, civil and environmental engineering fields. I also have extensive leadership experience gained while I served as an officer in the Army National Guard.

As an engineer for the federal government, I was responsible for engineering oversight, management and completion of multi-million dollar infrastructure projects. These projects included the design and installation of roadways, underground utilities and construction management, as well as environmental investigations and cleanups. In addition, I served for more than a decade as an Engineer Officer in the Army National Guard. I was responsible for planning, training, maintaining readiness and the successful execution of assigned missions. I was also responsible for construction projects

in which I reviewed designs, developed construction schedules and supervised the projects to completion.

Second, I have a tremendous commitment to our town. My family moved to Delmar in 2000 and we enjoy living in a community that offers a wonderful quality of life. I have also had the experience of staying home full-time to raise our children. My children are now all school age and I will have at least one child at every educational level in our town. My experience as a full-time parent has given me a unique perspective on our town's infrastructure needs, the importance of transportation safety and ensuring that our town roads remains safe and accessible to all. I also have extensive volunteer experiences. I have coached my children's sports teams, been a volunteer firefighter and volunteered in my children's schools.

In conclusion, I am not a politician or a bureaucrat without leadership or engineering experience. I entered this race for highway superintendent because I believe that we should set the bar high with respect to the qualifications of our community's elected officials. The highway superintendent position is an important one and is essential to ensuring that Bethlehem remains a highly desirable and safe place to live and raise a family. In this race, I feel I offer the best qualifications, experience and leadership.

Thank you for considering me for Bethlehem's highway superintendent in the Democratic primary on Sept. 10. Please visit my website at www.votebrentmeredith.com if you would like more information.

*Brent Meredith
Candidate for
Bethlehem highway
superintendent*

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Matthew "Jim" Kelly would make a fine justice for the Town of Bethlehem. Here is why. Approximately 20 years ago he and I started a program to help the poor of Albany County obtain divorces. Jim was instrumental in working weekends to help those of no means. He expanded the program to include bankruptcy services. He served capably and creatively as the president of the Albany County Bar Association and implemented a diversity internship program to introduce minority law students to private practice. All of these programs thrive today thanks to Jim's continued involvement over the past decades. Jim is no stranger to

the courtroom. His trial skills and knowledge of the law have served his clients well in all aspects of litigation and appeals in both the

federal and state court systems. A lawyer with such a commitment to the public and knowledge of the law is too rare in our community, and

the Town of Bethlehem would be well served by electing him as town justice.

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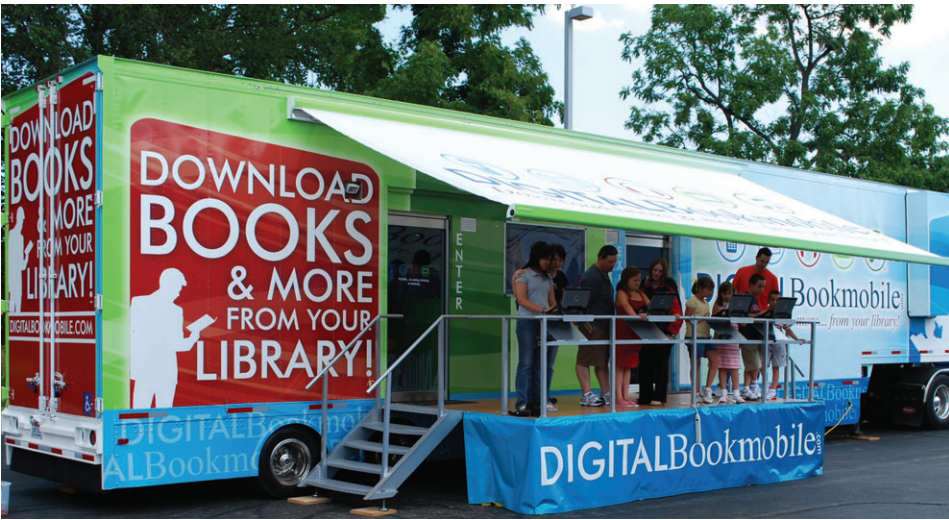
Reading in the digital age

Digital Bookmobile to stop at William K. Sanford Town Library

By JOHN PURCELL
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Though the printed word is stacked high in libraries downloading books digitally is only becoming more popular, but maybe you've wanted an introduction to this new experience.

The Digital Bookmobile national tour will stop at the William K. Sanford Town Library in Loudonville on Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and showcase the OverDrive eBook lending service offered by the Upper Hudson Library System. Readers can learn first how to access their local library's collection of digital books, along with audio books and other content, and then how to



use the digital content on their specific device.

"The Digital Bookmobile ... (is) helping thousands of patrons discover free eBooks and audio books from their libraries," David Burleigh, director of marketing for OverDrive, said in a statement. "The Digital Bookmobile helps public and school libraries

promote downloadable eBooks, audio books, music, and videos by creating an engaging experience around the host library's digital media collection."

There are instructional videos and interactive workstations featured inside the 74-foot long, 18-wheel, tractor-trailer. The Digital Bookmobile offers a gadget gallery

featuring several devices that include iPhone, Android tablet, BlackBerry, NOOK, Sony Reader and Kindle. The vehicle also has computers connected to high-speed Internet access, high-definition monitors and "premium" sound systems.

The vehicle is an updated version of the traditional Bookmobile



The Digital Bookmobile is stopping in the Capital District at William K. Sanford Town Library in Loudonville on Tuesday, Aug. 20. The vehicle helps introduce people to digital books and the devices used to read them.

Photos Submitted

serving communities for several years. More than 600,000 popular, classic and educational books are offered through its digital library.

Library cardholders can "check out" and read digital books from their libraries virtual branch website, which for Upper Hudson Library System can be accessed at uhls.lib.overdrive.com. The interactive learning stations will allow people to search a library's digital collection.

There is one benefit that might appeal to some reader's with eBooks: you won't be paying any more late fees. Digital books will automatically disappear at the end of its lending period.

An online survey sponsored by OverDrive with the American Library Association's Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP) conducted last

year revealed library patrons are continuing to discover books from their libraries and then purchase the title.

"Book discovery and promotion have taken on greater importance for publishers and authors as the shift to digital continues, and this survey confirms the value of public libraries," Burleigh said. "With rising web traffic and enhancements to library websites, public libraries are becoming an essential part of the marketing strategy for publishers."

Carrie Russell, program director of OITP, said, "Library lending encourages people to experiment with new authors, topics and genres."

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Town and baseball club sit down

Bethlehem still reviewing proposal to make repairs at Elm Avenue Park

By MARCY VELTE
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Town officials and representatives from the Bethlehem Mickey Mantel - Braves Travel Baseball Club have sat down to discuss possible drainage repairs to town Field No. 5.

Club President Steve Peterson went before the Bethlehem Town Board last month seeking approval from the town for volunteers to do the drainage work themselves and with donated help from a local site planning and excavation firm. The club has been renting Field No. 5 at Elm Avenue Park since 2008.

Supervisor John Clarkson said another meeting was necessary before the plan could be approved, because he wanted town engineers to look over the plan.

Peterson and town officials met on Tuesday, Aug. 6. The club president said he was grateful for the

supervisor's willingness to help while at the meeting. Also in attendance was Commissioner of Public Works Erik Deyoe and Administrator of Parks and Recreation Nan Lanahan.

Deyoe said his engineering staff surveyed the property and found that for the drainage issue to be fixed appropriately, more than \$100,000 worth of work would be needed. Town staff found that more than 5 acres of property would likely need to be stripped and graded, along with adding more fill dirt and topsoil and re-planting the grass.

"That didn't scare us away, not that I have that kind of money," said Peterson. "We don't want to stop doing what we have been doing for the teenagers of this town throughout the year."

The Bethlehem Braves are a year-round travel baseball team for those in the Bethlehem Central School District ages 13 to 18. The original club ran from 1987 to 2004 and was revived again in 2008.

The organization has been concerned for some time with the drainage issues surrounding the field. Because of the field's poor drainage, 42 of the 74 home games have been delayed this year.

At the meeting, Peterson asked about doing a scaled-back version of the project that would consist of re-grading only the outfield. Peterson said volunteers could do the majority of the work, along with Wayne Site Development Service providing their services at cost. The town's part in the project would be to do the outlining for the digging and finding a place to store the extra dirt for later use.

"They did not agree to manpower to cut the culvert. I have an objection to that, but I don't want this to keep going on because we have a timeline," said Peterson.

Clarkson said town engineers are now reviewing the scaled-back option to see if it is viable. A response is expected by Aug. 23.

Club wants businesses to dig in

Garden Club launches award program targeted at sprucing up Bethlehem

By MARCY VELTE
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Members of the Bethlehem Garden Club are hoping the town's business community will get into the competitive spirit with the creation of the Golden Trowel Award.

The award was announced as a new initiative by the organization to encourage merchants to spruce up their properties and help improve the town's appearance. Club President Louise Kavanaugh said the idea came out of a walk club members took last year with town officials up Delaware Avenue to the city line.

"They wanted to know what we thought could be done visually to improve the town's main road and make it look better for visitors," she said. "This is something that could really add value to our neighborhoods."

The award is expected to be an annual program, with awards presented to up to six different businesses along key Bethlehem gateways.

Kavanaugh said business owners aren't expected to be expert landscapers, but the

award is meant to foster new ideas about what the community should look like. The club is hoping to encourage "tree-planting, more gardens and landscaping, good use of green space and appealing walkways."

The winners will be those who have "exhibited exceptional garden and/or landscaping efforts, improving the quality of life" in the Bethlehem community.

Business owners will have the rest of August and most of September to make improvements to their properties. It is suggested that those wanting to participate document the changes. Members of the Garden Club will then walk the town and speak with business owners about the changes they have made. Those club members will then nominate businesses to receive the award.

Judges will make their recommendation based on what criteria has been met, such as how the improvements enhance the neighborhood, if the property is well maintained, if the improvements are eco-friendly, as well as the landscaping itself and overall design. Suggestions include installing window boxes for flowers, planting trees or shrubs outside of businesses or including



new landscaping designs with natural elements like rocks.

Kavanaugh said the awards are expected to be presented at the club's October meeting.

"Bethlehem is known for having charming neighborhoods and tree-lined streets, and this award recognizes those merchants who have gone above and beyond in enhancing our natural environment," she said.

Kavanaugh said she knows time is limited for this year's judging period, but she hopes businesses will become more competitive and excited about the award in the future. She said other eco-conscious towns similar to Bethlehem do the same types of awards and they have come to be seen as yearly traditions. Club members want the award to catch on and become bigger in future years in Bethlehem, too.

"Some things we have no control of, like sidewalks, but the nicer the street appears, the more it will warrant improvement," she said. "This competition is something we can do ourselves for the community."

Award recipients will be given a certificate and a golden trowel statuette to display in their place of business. Those wishing to participate are encourage to contact the Bethlehem Garden Club. To learn more, visit bethlehemgardenclubny.org.

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The public is invited to learn about Lyme disease on Tuesday evening, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Library Community Room. Sarah Lyons, Public Health Educator at the Albany County Department of Health will provide the basics; how Lyme disease is transmitted, where you can be exposed to ticks, and how to properly remove a tick.

No registration is needed. This program is free and open to the public.

Play in the Lego Construction Zone

Who doesn't like to play with Legos? On Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon, preschoolers through elementary age school kids will dig into the Library's buckets of Legos and Duplos in the Community Room. No need to register, just bring a friend and your imagination – this is free play time!

Rewarding Readers Winners

Congratulations to Vanessa Hannay and Barbara Burrows. Their names were drawn from the Rewarding Readers entries for the Teen and Adult categories to select a gift from our prize baskets. Read three books and enter your name by completing our coupon at the Circulation Desk and you may be next week's winner!

Honors English Reading List

The library has copies of the required summer reading for Honors English classes at RCS High School. There are a few copies of each, which can be signed out at the Circulation Desk. A copy of the list of choices for each grade also is at the Desk and may be used in the library.

Grade 9, John Steinbeck, "Of Mice and Men;" Grade 10, Harper Lee, "To Kill a Mockingbird;" Grade 11, Richard Wright, "Black

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Boy, Part 1;" Grade 12, Richard Wright, "Native Son."

Summer Computer Classes

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- Beginning Internet: Going Online for Beginners: Learn how to navigate the web in this beginner's class. Understand what the address bar is, how to type in a url, and add a page to your favorites. Mouse skills required. Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Aug. 15, at 6:30 p.m.

- Inbox: Folders, Filters and Webmail: Want to know how e-mail sites like Yahoo and Gmail work? Learn how to navigate typical e-mail folders, send messages, reply, forward, and attach files. Please note: This class is not to sign up for e-mail. It's to learn how

e-mail is used. You may come in prior to the class if you would like help to sign up for an e-mail account. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

- The New World of Tablets: Have fun exploring the features and possibilities of tablet computers like the iPad or iPod. Bring your own in or experiment with an iPod or iPad at the library. Wednesday, Aug 28, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m.

What's New? New Young Adult Fiction

"If You Find Me" by Emily Murdoch, "The Mapmaker's Sons" by V. L. Burgess, "The Wrap-Up List" by Steven Arntson.

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Zydeco band to perform at library

Come enjoy the atmosphere at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 14, when Captain Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers takes the stage at the library for the third concert in our Together at Twilight series.

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Zydeco music is infectious and this band wants to help that continue! Captain Squeeze, Greg Speck, now resides in New Orleans and shares his music in both the Northeast and LA. Wipers Keepin' Time from their fourth CD has been aired on NPR Radio's Car Talk. The band's unique approach to playing Louisiana Bayou music keeps



dancers jumpin' all night long as they mix old-time traditional and new zydeco with a flavor all their own.

Summer Movie Matinee

James and The Giant Peach. On Monday, Aug. 19, at 1:30 p.m., bring the kids and enjoy this magical stop-motion animated adventure, based on a terrific children's book written by Roald Dahl.

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Body Image Workshop for Teens

Attention girls grades 7 and up, on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m., please join us for this important workshop.

Media messages tell girls what the "perfect" body is, but reality is that everyone is different.

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The 2013 Summer Reading Program ends with the announcement of grand prize winners and distribution of prizes to top readers in each age category.

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BCN-TV goes digital

On July 23 of this year, Time-Warner Cable made all public, educational and government access channels exclusively digital.

As you may know, the studio for Bethlehem's public access channel BCN-TV is located in our library. For area households currently receiving this channel, it remains in your package—but if you have an analog television, you may need a digital adapter to receive it. Adapters are available free from Time-Warner for a limited time.

Once the adapter is installed, it will scan for the BCN-TV signal locating it somewhere between 116 and 118, according to Time-Warner.

If you have a television with a built-in digital cable tuner such as QAM, you can view BCN-TV without an additional adapter.

You may order a digital adapter online at twc.com/digitaladapter or call Time-Warner customer service at 1-855-286-1736. They will provide installation instructions and phone help. If you need on-site assistance, call the Time-Warner customer care number on your monthly statement.

BCN-TV studio manager Janice Irwin is



available to answer your questions and help direct you to BCN-TV. Contact her at 439-9314 ext. 6.

Dig It! Disco Dance
Thursday, Aug. 22, 2:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Program finale. Prizes, games, face-painting and disco dancing. Ask your grownups to help you come up with a 1970s outfit. Kids and families.

Monday Night at the Movies
Monday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Experience our upgraded AV system. Call 439-9314 for film title.

Cupcakes and Unicorns
Tuesday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m.

Celebrate Bob Shea's new book, Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great; do unicorn crafts and decorate a cupcake to eat. Call 439-9314 to sign up. Kids and families.

-Louise Grieco, Public Information Specialist

Seniors gather Tuesdays for lunch

Every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., more than 50 seniors gather to have lunch together in our Town Hall Board Room. Participants may order the featured hot meal or opt for a cold tuna salad plate or cold fruit

plate. Orders must be placed with our office by 10:30 a.m. the day before the luncheon and the suggested donation is only \$3. Some decide to bring their own lunch, which is also fine. Following the lunch,

many seniors play bingo, other board games, shoot a game of pool or simply converse with friends.

Please think about joining our Tuesday family. We would love to have you! Transportation available.

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Monday, Aug. 19
Scheduled Shopping
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Tuesday, Aug. 20
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
11:30 a.m. Luncheon
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/ Billiards

Wednesday, Aug. 21
Scheduled Shopping
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, Aug. 22
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, Aug. 23
Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

Movie of the Month
Thursday, Aug. 29,
10:30 a.m. in the Town Hall
Courtroom: "Billy Elliot."
Rated PG-13. 110 minutes.
Sign up by Aug 22

Summer camp for seniors

Have a "Summer Camp" experience at Elise's Place at SUNY Cortland's Brauer Education Center in Selkirk on the weekend of Sept. 7-8. The Center includes a modern, log built conference center on 33 acres of wooded land. The camp will include nature studies, team building exercises, fitness programs, music and a closing campfire with s'mores and storytelling. On Sept. 7, camp will run from 9 to 3:30 p.m. On Sept. 8, camp will run from 1 p.m. to dusk. The cost for both days is a \$25 registration fee, first come, first served and limited to the first 24 registrants. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• Play duplicate bridge on Friday, Aug. 23, at 7:15 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Delmar. Call 439-6164 to sign up.



• The Farmer's Markets are open and coupons are available for those who are income eligible. Call 439-4955, ext. 1170 and ask about \$20 coupons for fruits and vegetables at local farmer's markets. Senior transportation will be available on Tuesdays for shopping at the Farmer's Market at the Delmar Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave. Call 439-5770.

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

• The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and accepts donations of non-perishable food, as well as paper and household products.

• Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org. You can also make an appointment for counseling on health insurance, housing issues, health and income related programs and heating costs support.

-Wilma DeLucco, Board Member

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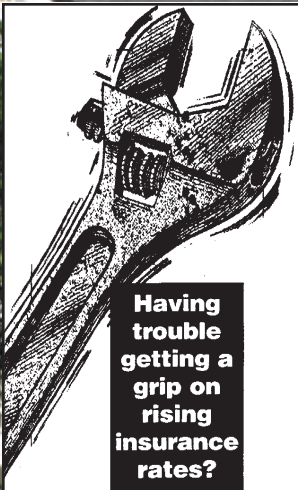
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implement the Common Core.

“Our students face very real challenges,” Tisch said in a statement. “But it’s better to have our students challenged now — when teachers and parents are there to help — than frustrated later when they start college or try to find a job and discover they are unprepared.”

King argued the declining scores “do not reflect a drop in performance,” but are a better measure of how college and career ready students are compared to previous standards.

“I understand these scores are sobering for parents, teachers and principals. It’s frustrating to see our children struggle,” King said in a statement. “But we can’t allow ourselves to be paralyzed by frustration; we must be energized by this opportunity. The results we’ve announced today are not a critique of past efforts; they’re a new starting point on a roadmap to future success.”

Scores within Level 3 are determined to be meeting standards and top tier scores in Level

4 are considered to be exceeding standards. Scores falling within Level 2 are considered below standard, and Level 1 scores are the lowest category.

Bethlehem Central School District nearly had 50 percent of students meeting or exceeding proficiency in both ELA and math tests across all grades, with its lowest score being eighth-grade math, with around 60 percent of students not meeting proficiency.

Guilderland Central School District typically had a range of students meeting or exceeding standards on both tests across all grades from around 45 percent to 52 percent.

South Colonie Central School District’s best performance overall was in fourth-grade math with 43.5 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards, and its lowest overall score was in fifth-grade math with almost 79 percent of students falling below proficiency.

North Colonie Central School District’s best score overall was in eighth-grade ELA with 57 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards, and its lowest overall score was in fourth-grade ELA with nearly 65 percent of students falling below proficiency.

Voorheesville Central School District only had two overall test scores falling below 49 percent of students meeting or exceeding proficiency standards, which was 33.7 percent of seventh-grade math and 39 percent of eighth-grade math scores. The district’s highest score was in third-grade math with nearly 74 percent

of students meeting or exceeding standards.

Voorheesville Superintendent Teresa Thayer Snyder said test scores were typically 30 to 40 percent lower for each student.

“These tests were intentionally designed to obtain precisely the outcomes that were rendered,” Snyder said in a statement. “The rationale behind this is to demonstrate that our most successful students are not so much and our least successful students are dreadful.”

Snyder said “it does not mean much” even if a student scored at Level 4 last year, but dropped this year to Level 2.

“The tragic part of this story is the collateral damage — the little children who worked so hard this year, who endured so many distressing hours of testing, who failed to reach proficiency, all because of the manipulation of the scaling,” she said in a statement.

Robert Reidy Jr., executive director of the state Council of School Superintendents, claimed superintendents statewide “overwhelmingly” support the new standards.

“The Common Core standards represent an unprecedented shift in our expectations for schools and the students they teach. Students who meet these new expectations will be better prepared for the demands of the world they will inherit,” Reidy said in a statement. “With more time and resources, our schools will refine their practices and enable more and more students to reach the standards and surpass them.”

King’s last appeal denied

No primary to be held for Bethlehem town supervisor

By MARCY VELTE
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There is officially no chance Bethlehem Republicans will see Jared King as a choice on their primary ballot come September.

The state supreme court has denied an appeal made by the town supervisor hopeful after the petitions he submitted to enter the race were thrown out by the county Board of Elections.

The petitions were invalidated after evidence was presented that King’s primary residence is in Cossackie. King was earlier removed from the county’s voter rolls on those grounds.

Supreme Court Justice Andrew Ceresia denied King’s appeal because he failed to have it properly notarized, failed to state a cause of action in his appeal and failed to name within the appeal or serve any of those people who objected to his petitions.

King was unhappy about the ruling and said the decision to reject his petitions was a maneuver by Democratic and Republican party

leadership to have him thrown off the ballot so the town’s Republicans would not have an alternate choice in the primary.

“Unfortunately, a judge has confirmed their trickeries on two, highly technical procedural grounds,” said King. “Although I could refile the petition, the time to file a new petition has expired because of the purposeful delays of the two (election) commissioners.”

Albany County Republican Election Commissioner Rachel Bledi, who is also the Albany County Republican Committee chairwoman, denied those allegations.

“Jared had his due process and the courts have confirmed what we have been saying all along,” she said. “He is not qualified to appear on the ballot and his time has run out.”

Although King was removed from Bethlehem’s voter rolls, he maintains his primary residence is in Delmar.

Among documents considered at a hearing over King’s voter registration were his Department of Motor Vehicles records, which list his place of residence in Cossackie on South

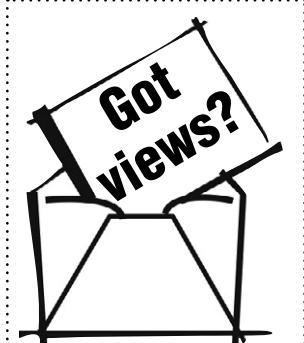
River Road. A STAR tax exemption application in King’s name was also submitted. The 2010 application lists Cossackie as his primary address.

King was registered since 2007 with the Albany County Board of Elections at 22 Paxwood Road in Delmar, an address that he has used to vote regularly in general elections and Republican primaries since then. The town’s assessment rolls list the property owner as Patricia King, who is Jared King’s mother. King and his sister are co-beneficiaries of her estate.

“He can spin it however he wants,” said Bledi. “He likes to play the role of the victim, but voters in Bethlehem are seeking a credible candidate on the ballot. Ultimately, that’s what the people want.”

King’s would-be opponent, Republican supervisor candidate Fred DiMaggio, said he was pleased with the court’s decision given King’s background.

“It’s unfortunate that in this process me and others have been maligned for efforts to build a viable Republican party to effectively work toward a feasible two-party system in our town,” he said.



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On Saturday, Aug. 17, the New Baltimore Farmers Market will run from 9 a.m. to noon at Cecil Hallock Park located on Route 54.

Featured vendors will include Good Day Honey with honey and honey products, maple syrup and maple cream, fresh eggs, hand towels and stress hot packs. J & J Farms will have fresh vegetables. Amy's Lavender Tea Room will have brownies, cookies, fruit tarts and other luscious baked goods. Susie's Climax Creations will have jams, jellies, marinated and pickled items, quail eggs, mushrooms, chicken and duck meat and eggs. New Baltimore Reformed Church Heavenly Bakers will have yeast breads, cinnamon rolls, gluten-free selections and weekly rotating specialty breads. Crimson Valley will have a wide selection of plants and shrubs to brighten your yard and garden.

Entertainment to be announced. The market table will be offering a selection of T-shirts, garden and cook books, and other items, including a 50/50 raffle which helps support our music program and free coffee.

For additional information, visit www.NewBaltimoreFarmersMarket.org. For those who may be interested in vending at the market, please contact Susan McCuen at themccuens@yahoo.com or 756-6842.

Food preservation class to begin

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will be hosting a food preservation class on Quick and Easy Pickles on Thursday, Aug. 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the extension office, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville.

Participants will learn how to can crushed tomatoes using a boiling water bath canner, make a delicious salsa and take a jar home.

All materials will be provided. The program fee is \$15, and requires pre-registration by Aug. 20. Call Sandra at 765-3554 or email at swv2@cornell.edu to pre-register. Online pre-registration is also now available at reg.cce.cornell.edu/

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Looking ahead, a new class on Beginning Fermentation will be held this season, on Sept. 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will cover how to safely ferment raw vegetables for refrigerator storage, and focus on sauerkraut.

The final class will be an Introduction to Pressure Canning, on Sept. 26. Participants will learn how to can vegetables, soups, stews and meat, and will can some soup to take home. Each of these classes requires pre-registration several days ahead of time by calling Sandra at 765-3554. The fee is \$15 for each class, payable at the door.

Family night in the park

Beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Tawasentha Park Performing Arts Center enjoy a family night hosted by Radio Disney AM 1460!

Grab your blankets and chairs and bring the family for an evening of games and fun followed by the movie, "An American Tail."

Fun and Games with the Radio Disney AM 1460 Road Crew starts at 7 p.m. followed by the movie at sundown!

Free popcorn compliments of County Waste & Recycling!

At each event, Radio Disney will be collecting school supply donations for our Back to School Drive to benefit local Boys & Girls Clubs. Donate packaged pencils or crayons to help give Capital Region kids a head start this school year!

Slingerland family reunion

Calling all descendants of Teunis Cornelisse Slingerland, who built his house in Fort Orane in 1654 and whose family has now grown to many thousands.

At our 2006 reunion we had a wonderful time, meeting over 100 "cousins" from eight states and several parts of Canada. We hope to see even more this year. Once again it will be held in the Glen Doone area of the park, watch for signs. Meet and greet time begins at 10 a.m., and a "dish to pass" lunch will

start at 1 p.m., followed by a speaker (Martha Slingerland) at 2 p.m. and an open mic period. Also, the Town of New Scotland Museum in New Salem will be open that morning from 9 to 11 a.m. for those who cannot stay to visit it during the usual hours on Sunday afternoon.

The weekend begins with dinner at Mangia's Restaurant in Slingerlands. Make your own reservations with the Restaurant, 439-5555. Drive around tour is arranged for Aug. 22-24, and there will be a genealogy get together at the New Scotland Community Center in New Salem on Sunday, Aug. 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited. Call 768-2184 with questions.

Upcoming events at Five Rivers

• Night Sounds of Late Summer. A field study of night-time sounds will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

Which animals fill the twilight and dark with sounds? How and why are they so vocal at night, but not during the day? Learn to identify common "singing" animals by the sounds they make. Staff naturalists will lead a search along gentle Five Rivers trails for the musicians of this natural symphony, animating the evenings of late summer.

• Watchable Wildlife on Vultures. A field study of vultures will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Vultures are unique in many ways and have some amazing adaptations that enable them to exploit their odd food preferences. Come learn about the species of vultures in our area and the vital role they play in the food chain. Then join us outside as we scan the skies for these interesting creatures and other birds



Nail salon opens in Glenmont

Perfect Nails & Spa, which is located in Glenmont Plaza, celebrated its grand opening on Monday, Aug. 5. Eileen McGraw, of Glenmont, received spa services and pampered herself during the opening event.

John Purcell/Spotlight

of a late summer's day.

• Creepy Crawly Critters. A family-friendly field study of creatures that rarely make the "favorites" list will be conducted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24. Some animals aren't warm and fuzzy but that doesn't mean they aren't interesting. Program will begin indoors, looking at and discussing a few creatures not everyone likes. Then outside to see more about the important ecological roles these unpopular animals play.

These programs are open to the public and free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, the program may be cancelled. Space is limited. Call Five Rivers at 475-0291 to register or for more information.

Bank accepting nominations for Hall of Fame

TrustCo Bank Corp announced nominations are now being accepted for the Trustco Bank Hall of Fame. Trustco Bank created the Hall of Fame to honor individuals who demonstrate strong community involvement and work hard to make a positive change in the community.

The public will be able to make nominations by going to Trustco Bank's web site at TrustcoBank.com or visiting any Trustco Branch. A Committee will review all nominations and announce the winners.

The program will end on Friday, Aug. 30. Up to five individuals and/or groups will be selected each year.

Winners will be invited to a special luncheon and receive a plaque to be

displayed next to previous award recipients, at Trustco Bank's Corporate Headquarters.

Sisters in Crime group to meet

Find out what it was like to be one of the first female members of the NY State Police. A former State Trooper will speak about her experiences at the next meeting of The Mavens of Mayhem on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 10:30 am at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The Mavens of Mayhem is the local chapter of Sisters in Crime, an organization devoted to supporting and promoting women mystery and crime writers. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit our website at www.upperhudsonsinc.com.

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Notice of Formation of CALMEX DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/5/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 87828(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of CALMEX ONE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/5/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 87829(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Godin Mechanical, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/3/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Vermont (VT) on 9/15/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 220 St. Albans St., Enosburg, VT 05450, VT address of LLC in jurisdiction of organization. Arts. of Org. filed with VT Secy. of State, 128 State St., Montpelier, VT 05633-1101. Purpose: any lawful activity. 87830(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Stannard Office Support LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/1/2013. 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, 92 Rock City Road, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: All legal purpose. 87832(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Creative Consulting Lab LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/5/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 87834(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Trilogy Realty Holdings LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on June 28, 2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Jonathan P. Harvey Law Firm, PLLC, 677 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 87836(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Authority of Med-Watch, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/10/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware on 11/27/2002. Princ. office of LLC: 120 International Parkway #220 Lake Mary FL 32746. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to MedWatch, LLC addr. PO Box 952679 Lake Mary FL 32795. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of Delaware, 401 Federal St. Dover DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 87837(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the limited liability company known as JOE’S HANDY-MAN SERVICE, LLC has been formed and that its Articles of Organization were filed with the New York State Secretary of State on January 15, 2013. The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Schenectady County and the New York State Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is 7307 Mariaville Road, Delanson, New York 12053. The purpose of the business is to engage in any business or any other lawful purpose, act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized. The limited liability company shall continue indefinitely until dissolution by mutual agreement of all members. 88054(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of T 3 Properties, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec’y of State (SSNY) 4/25/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 512 Altamont Voorheesville Rd., Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: any lawful activities. 87870(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Jay Street Apartments LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/08/13. 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, PO Box 9266 , Schenectady , NY 12309 . Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 88200(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of SB 14TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/10/13. 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. 88201(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SB WILLIAM STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/10/13. 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. 88202(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Please publish the attached notice of formation of TENDER LOVING CARE & THE JOY OF CARING, LLC in your weekly newspaper for 6 weeks. You may send a bill for this service and the affidavit of publication to the address below. The affidavit of publication should comply with the requirements of Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law. 88203(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Park South Properties LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/05/13. 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, PO Box 9266 , Schenectady , NY 12309 . Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 88204(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE ZONE FITNESS CENTER, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/04/13. 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, 110 Barbara Lane, Amsterdam, New York 12010. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 88205(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The name of the Limited Liability Company is THE MCKEE TEAM, LLC. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on July 5, 2013 with the New York Secretary of State. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 36 Gladwish Road, Delmar, NY 12054. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. 88206(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The name of the Limited Liability Company is R&R MEYERS CONSULTING, LLC. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on July 5, 2013 with the New York Secretary of State. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a cop of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 14 Bristol Circle #3, Delmar, NY 12054. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. 88207(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Suzanne Michael Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/9/2013 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. 88208(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation CE Studios LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/11/2013 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. 88209(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Krause House, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 26, 2013. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, at 1609 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 88220(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Dr. Eco Clean, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 28, 2013. Office location is in Schenectady County. The 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, 51 Kallen Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 88221(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BORROK STUDIOS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/3/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 47 S. 5 St. #4W, Bklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 88224(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Nancy Violette, LCSW, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/16/2013. Off.

LEGAL NOTICE

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. 88225(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Articles of Organization for a New York LLC, to wit, GP SINGH & SONS, LLC, whose principal office is located in Schenectady County, were filed with the New York State Department of State on July 19, 2011. The Secretary of State is designated agent for service of process. The P.O. address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is c/o the LLC, 1814 Avenue B, Schenectady, NY 12308. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which a LLC may be organized under the LCLL of New York State. 88226(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 3003 North Ocean, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 88227(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Bradenton Associates LLC (the ALLC@) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (ASSNY@) on June 27, 2013, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 27 Glade Drive, Niskayuna, New York 12309. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in the management, improvement, service and maintenance of real property, and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with, or incidental to the foregoing for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. 88228(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PV2 REALTY HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/18/13. 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. 88210(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation ADRNWNTR LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/17/2013 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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88211(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

BELLINI'S OF LOUDONVILLE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/11/13. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 5 Palisades Dr., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 624 New Loudon Rd., Latham, NY 12110. 88212(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Opus Rotterdam, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 7/19/13. Office location: Schenectady County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, One Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity 88213(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: PCP 2N LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 7/22/13. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 88214(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: PCP 3H LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 7/22/13. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 88215(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: PCP 4M LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 7/22/13. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 88216(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Threading Experts, LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 18, 2013. The LLC maintains its office in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC at: The LLC, c/o

LEGAL NOTICE

Young/Sommer LLC, 5 Pali-sades Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 88329(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company under which business is to be conducted is EMERALD VALLEY REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC (hereinafter “the Company”). SECOND: The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York in the City and County of Albany on July 5, 2013. THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is located in Albany County, and the principal business location of EMERALD VALLEY REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC is: PO BOX 5865, ALBANY, NY 12205. FOURTH: The Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address that the Secretary of State shall mail process to is: EMERALD VALLEY REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC, PO BOX 5865, ALBANY, NY 12205. FIFTH: The character or purpose of the business of such Limited Liability Company is for any lawful activity or purpose for which limited liability companies may be formed under applicable New York State Law. 88330(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FRANCO REALTY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/22/13. 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. 88331(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Queens Psychiatric Services PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/23/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 88333(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation ToWhomitMayConcern, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/24/2013 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. 88334(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PEAROTNY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/23/13. 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. 88335(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of FLATLANDS AVE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/23/13. 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. 88336(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CP HOTEL INVESTORS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 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 Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 88339(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Capital Yogurt, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/24/13. 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, 68 Beacon Road, Glenmont, New York 12077. Purpose: all lawful purpose. 88340(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Name: PARADISE HR II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 18, 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. 88341(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Name: PARADISE NM II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 18, 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. 88342(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Name: HOOGKAMP AND MILLER CUSTOM HOME BUILDERS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 23, 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 93B East Poplar Drive, Delmar, NY 12054. 88343(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION DeAngelis Holding Company, LLC (“LLC”) was filed with the Sec. Of State of NY (“SSNY”) on May 13, 2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: DeAngelis Holding Company, LLC c/o

LEGAL NOTICE

Richard M. White, Esq., 646 Plank Road, Suite 105, Clifton Park, New York 12065. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose. 88345(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SARKASMOS PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/24/13. 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. 88346(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GREENPOINT STORAGE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/24/13. 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. 88347(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CINTELLIOS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/24/13. 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. 88348(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of RE-SOLUTIONSINTERMEDIARIES LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 7/23/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/21/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 10 S. 5th St. #1108, Minneapolis, MN 55402. DE address of LLC: 3500 S. Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 88349(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1916 GLENWOOD ROAD, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/25/13. 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. 88371(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CARDIOVASCULAR WELLNESS MEDICAL SERVICES PLLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/25/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: to engage in the practice of Medicine. 88372(D) (August 14, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Articles of Organization for a New York LLC, to wit, SCAVIO CONSTRUCTION, LLC, whose office is located in Albany County, were filed with the New York State Department of State on July 24, 2013. The Secretary of State is designated agent for service of process. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is c/o Lorenzo Scavio, 289 Ontario Street, Albany, NY 12203. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity for which a LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State. 88376(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SILVER & WHITE HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/29/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89558(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GRAY & WHITE HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/30/13. 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. 89559(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Byram Ridge Developers, LLC was filed with the SSNY on 07/25/2013. 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. 88377(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 71-44 JUNO STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/31/13. 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. 88379(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Upstate Mechanical Services, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 26, 2013. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, at 14 Interstate Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 88380(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Qualification of TeleSpace, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/25/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 3/13/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 600 N. Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, TX 78232. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, PO Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 88382(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 51 Miankoma, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/31/13. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 88383(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SB 33RD STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/1/13. 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. 88384(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation James White, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/30/2013 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. 88385(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation SRSC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/31/2013 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. 88386(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation GL Security Systems USA, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/31/2013 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. 88387(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation OM Business Ventures LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/1/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89567(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation SRP Ventures LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/1/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89568(D) (August 14, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation ART Ventures LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/1/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89569(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Nash Ventures LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/1/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89570(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Please take notice of the formation of Rongoe Engineering LLC, a limited liability corporation authorized to engage in any lawful purpose. Rongoe Engineering LLC, is located in Albany County and maintains a postal address of 195 Marion Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on May 20, 2013. The Secretary of State is designated as agent for service of process upon Rongoe Engineering LLC. 89571(D) (August 14, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of HYDRATE HAPPY LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 1619 3rd Ave. #9JE, NY, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89578(D) (August 14, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: GRAB THE WHEEL, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/02/13. 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, 2140 Parklawn Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12306. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 89579(D) (August 14, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of DIANE DOUGLASTON CATERING AND SPECIAL EVENTS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/19/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 43-20 Orient Ave., Douglaston, NY 11363. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 89581(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT 33RD STREET VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/2/13. 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. 89582(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of BTO RESEARCH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/26/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 89586(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: HPM-D LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 16, 2013. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, at 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 89587(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Keystone Equities LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Mt. of Olives Treasures, 16 W. 36th St., Ste. 1205, NY, NY 10018. Purpose: any lawful activities. 89588(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of A N NICOLAOU REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/6/13. 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. 89593(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of AN-DREAS C. REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/6/13. 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.

Buffet

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restaurant on Route 9W and said the investigation found that the credit and debit card information of some customers had been compromised.

Police said Heng Li, 27, of Brooklyn, was found in possession of a credit card skimming device and a counterfeit Michigan license. Authorities are now trying to determine how much information was on the device.

Also arrested were Min Chen, 47, and Zhi Yun Lui, 39, who both listed the restaurant as their address, and Qiaimin Zheng, 18, who is listed as homeless. All three were allegedly found to have outstanding federal

deportation warrants and were turned over to federal agents from the Department of Homeland Security’s Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement for further action.

Bethlehem police Detective Sgt. Adam Hornick said the investigation began after the department received numerous reports of unauthorized purchases on their bank statement for both Golden Town Buffet and other retail locations.

A Selkirk woman, who asked not to be identified, said she canceled her credit card after she noticed there were two unauthorized charges for \$3 and \$5 on the same day.

She was visiting the restaurant with her friends

on Tuesday, Aug. 6, and all of them said they would continue visiting the business.

“We just feel that it is a shame for such a nice, new place to have a black mark,” she said. “I still intended to frequent the restaurant and hope everything blows over.”

She said the restaurant “needs to screen their help a little better” and she never noticed “anything suspicious” while eating there.

Hornick said the skimmer used was not inserted into the restaurant’s credit card machine, but was something Li could hold in his hand. Police are warning customers to not let their debit or credit cards out of their sight when dining out and to

Heng Li, 27, of Brooklyn, attends a preliminary hearing in Bethlehem Town Court. Li was allegedly found in possession of a credit card skimming device and a counterfeit Michigan license, while on the job at Golden Town Buffet.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

keep an eye on their bank statements.

Police said the owners of the restaurant are cooperating in the investigation. Golden Town Buffet, though it was only accepting cash for a time, has changed its checkout process.

Golden Town owner Linda Zheng said customers are now being asked to come to the front to pay their bills themselves, instead of handing their credit card



or money to the wait staff at the end of their meal. She also said new hires will be better vetted. The restaurant obtains workers through a temp agency, Zheng said.

“I couldn’t believe these kids would do those types

of illegal things,” Zheng said. “I thought everybody was supposed to work hard, to support their own family and own self in a proper, legal way.”

Zheng said she was heartbroken about the

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Notice of Formation Etrian Consulting Group, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/6/2013 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. 89654(D) (August 14, 2013)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District hereby invites sealed bids for furnishing one new single rear axle mid-mounted aerial platform fire apparatus. Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of August, 2013 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Selkirk Fire District - Station 1, 126 Maple Ave. Selkirk, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Charles Wickham Jr. Chairman, Board of Fire Commissioners, P.O. Box 5, Selkirk, New York 12158. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes, which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained on the Selkirk Fire District website www.selkirkfd.org. All Bids are subject to permissive referendum. The Selkirk Fire District reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT Dated: August 14th, 2013 89597(D) (August 14, 2013)

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SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SELKIRK, NY - GLENMONT, NY - SOUTH BETHLEHEM, NY PHONE: 518-767-0010 P.O. Box 5, Selkirk, NY 12158 FAX: 518-767-0015 Permissive Referendum. At a meeting held on July 31st 2013, a resolution was adopted permitting the purchase of a new aerial ladder truck for the Selkirk Fire District. The expenditure shall be from an existing capital reserve account established for equipment and apparatus. The total expenditure shall not exceed Eight Hundred and Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$850,000). The resolution shall not take effect until 30 days after the Board of Commissioners meeting on July 31st 2013. The resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

Stephanie E. Sellers District Secretary, Selkirk Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners 89580(D) (August 14, 2013)

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 445 Delaware Avenue Delmar, New York 12054 (518) 439-4955 x1158 Fax (518) 439-5808 kreid@townofbethlehem.org NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 7:15 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application submitted by Stephanie DiLallo Bitter, Esq. representing Cumberland Farms, 430 Route 9W for an area variance under Article, VI, Section 128-59 Signs.

Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals 89572(D) (August 14, 2013)

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day, August 21, 2013, at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Mark Warford, 482 Orchard Street, Delmar for an area variance under Article V, Section 128-27 C (1). The Applicant wishes to install a shed located on the front of his property which is not allowed in a Residential A Zoning District.

Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals 89573(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Town of Bethlehem Dissolution Plan for Three Town Ambulance Districts: Bethlehem, Delmar-Elsmere-Slingerlands, and North Bethlehem Although entitled a “Dissolution Plan,” this is really a unification plan. It is another step in the process that began last fall, with the issuance of a Town wide “Certificate of Need” for EMS services, and continued with the merger of the Town’s two major ambulance squads. Technically speaking, however, it is dissolution of three town ambulance districts – geographic partitions of the Town which are no longer necessary. The three districts are: the Bethlehem Ambulance District, the Delmar-Elsmere-Slingerlands Ambulance District, and the Bethlehem Ambulance District Extension District. This Dissolution Plan describes the reasons for, and effect of, dissolving these three districts. The ambulance services in these districts were previously provided under the certifications of three separate entities: the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service (generally serving the Glenmont and Selkirk areas of Town within the boundaries of the Selkirk Fire District); the Delmar-Elsmere-Slingerlands Volunteer Ambulance Service (serving the areas covered by those three Fire Districts); and, the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad (serving North Bethlehem – or the area of Town within the borders of the Elmwood Fire District). Since January 2013 the Town of Bethlehem has been operating under a town-wide “Certificate of Need” from the NYS Department of Health, which means the Town is fully empowered to provide ambulance service anywhere within its borders, and this service is sanctioned with the Town, rather than relying on the certification of individual ambulance squads. The resolution establishing the town-wide ambulance service passed on November 14, 2012 with the goals of ensuring improved billing, full operational integration of town-subsidized agencies to ensure maximum efficiency,

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and uniform tax impact. In addition, since the beginning of the year the Delmar Volunteer Ambulance Service and the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service have merged, operating as Delmar-Bethlehem EMS, which remains a combination of volunteer and paid members from both units under the direction of a mixed cadre of officers and board members from the two former EMS responder groups. Since its inception in January 2013, the new consolidated EMS unit has answered 1,066 calls through April. This averages 266 calls per month or 8.8 calls per day. Of these calls; 42.9% or 457 were answered by the volunteers within the ranks. The volunteer members of the combined unit committed 5,406 hours to answering emergency calls in addition to the many hours of training, leadership and administrative duty hours. A full year extension of these statistics would mean over 3,000 emergency calls and over 16,000 volunteer response or duty hours. The transition from two independent units, to a single coordinated and functioning response group appears to be seamless. The positive proactive consolidation of assets, personnel and the management, while certainly not without any growing pains, is a tribute to the leadership and management ability of both former units and a testament to the ability of the leadership team. Delmar-Bethlehem EMS covers the vast majority of Town (94% by assessed value). However, in North Bethlehem, the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad – a for-profit service – has been providing service for some time, as well as through the rest of the Elmwood Park Fire District (covering all of the Town of Guilderland and parts of other towns). This difference in providers, as in the other areas of Town, grew out of the history of the service being provided through individual fire districts. Today, these distinctions and boundaries are no longer necessary, and as recommended by the District Board of Ambulance Commissioners, the service, tax effort, and other charges should be uniform. Service could still be provided by different providers, if the Town Board so chooses, because the goal is to provide the highest quality of service, with taxpayers and service recipients treated equally throughout the Town. Previously substantial differences have existed. In North Bethlehem, for example, town residents have been responsible for their own insurance co-pays, which are substantial for ambulance service (ranging from \$100-\$200). This practice is contrary to what

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residents in the rest of Bethlehem experience, where the Town covers insurance co-pays or deductibles for Town residents. Additionally, Western Turnpike does not bill third party insurers for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services when they transport patients receiving them (which could reduce our costs), and does not disclose the substantial amount of insurance payments received from Bethlehem Town residents. While the Town of Bethlehem has long contracted with Western Turnpike for ambulance service, and this difference was accepted because it was a different model, we have now taken full responsibility for this EMS service through the Town-wide Certificate of Need, and are proposing dissolution of the separate ambulance districts and tax rates. Therefore, we are offering a resolution tonight to cover the co-pays for Bethlehem town residents who are transported by Western Turnpike and to cease collection efforts for uninsured Town residents receiving emergency services. This will ensure equal treatment of all Town residents receiving EMS and ambulance services. The current town-wide tax levy for EMS services is \$1.2 million, including \$526,000 for Advanced Life Support Services provided by County Paramedics and \$709,000 for the Ambulance Districts. For an average home (\$250,000 assessment) the town property tax covering these services is \$86.93, with higher charges in the Bethlehem Ambulance District generally serving the Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem areas (see attached table). Moving to a uniform tax rate across Town would reduce taxes for ambulance service in these areas by \$17.57 on an average home, based on 2013 tax rates. The precise savings will depend on 2014 Budget Actions, but those who live in the Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem areas will have reduced taxes for EMS – specifically those who live within the Bethlehem Ambulance District (the same area of Town served by the Selkirk Fire District). However, all of these figures include a \$275,000 “Dispatch Charge” tacked onto the Ambulance Districts tax levy by the Town, which then flows into the General Fund. This charge was added to the Ambulance District levy in 2008 to address Town fiscal needs, and is inserted into tax bills without identification. Without this charge, the town-wide tax levy for EMS services would be \$960,000, and the tax on an average home (\$250,000 assessment) would be lower by \$19.35 – accordingly, this charge will be reviewed for elimination in the 2014 Town budget. We are currently work-

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ing with Albany County, Delmar-Bethlehem EMS, and the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad on their requested budgets for 2014. Because these amounts are unknown, we cannot yet estimate the tax rates in 2014. Improved billing practices, economies of scale developing over time from the merged EMS operation, and tighter control of County-provided Advanced Life Support are expected to yield substantial savings over the next two years. The Town will also explore restructured relationships with Albany County and Western Turnpike Rescue Squad. According to the requirements of Article 17-A of the General Municipal Law, Dissolution Plans must contain the following 14 elements: Entities To Be Dissolved: The Bethlehem Ambulance District. The Delmar Elsmere Slingerlands Ambulance District. The Bethlehem Ambulance District Extension District. These three discrete ambulance districts are collectively referred to hereinafter as the “Ambulance Districts,” and the Town of Bethlehem as the “Town.” Territorial Boundaries: The aggregate territorial boundaries of the three ambulance districts are coterminous with the boundaries of the Town of Bethlehem and the area served by the Ambulance Districts consists of the entire area of the Town. The territorial boundaries of the individual ambulance districts are more particularly described as follows: The Bethlehem Ambulance District is coterminous with of the area of the Town contained within the Selkirk Fire District. The Delmar-Elsmere-Slingerlands Ambulance District is coterminous with of the area of Town contained within the Delmar Fire District, the Elsmere Fire District, and the Slingerlands Fire District. The Bethlehem Ambulance District Extension District is coterminous with of the area known as the Elmwood Park Fire District. Type and/or Class of Entities: The Ambulance Districts were separately established at various times by lawful resolutions of the Town and exist as Town Improvement Districts under Town Law §209, and are operated pursuant to Town Law §198(10-f). Fiscal Estimate of Cost of Dissolution: None – any minimal costs for publication to bring about the dissolution are within the normal operations costs for the Town Board. Plan for Transfer or Elimination of Public Employees: Not Applicable. Assets of the Town of Bethlehem Ambulance Districts: None – the Districts are merely geographic divisions of the Town. Liabilities and Indebtedness of the Town of Bethlehem

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Ambulance Districts None – the Districts are merely geographic divisions of the Town. Agreements Entered into with the Town of Bethlehem or Other Municipalities in Order to Carry Out the Dissolution: None – as town special improvement districts, these geographic divisions are entirely the province of the Town of Bethlehem. Manner and Means Residents of the Town of Bethlehem Ambulance Districts Will Continue to be Furnished Services: The Town will continue to negotiate and execute contracts for the provision of ambulance services with providers of such services. Rather than imposing three separate tax levies, a uniform levy and rate will apply across the entire Town, eliminating differential taxing. The Town will continue to itemize on taxpayer tax bills the levy for the provision of emergency medical services (EMS). Terms of the Disposition of the Town of Bethlehem Ambulance Districts Assets and Liabilities: Not Applicable. Local Laws, Ordinances, Rules, or Regulations of the Town of Bethlehem Ambulance Districts Which Shall Remain in Effect After the Effective Date of Dissolution: As town special improvement districts, the Ambulance Districts have no laws, ordinances or regulations, only the Bethlehem Town Board has such powers. The District Board of Ambulance Commissioners, established by Local Law No. 3 of the Laws of 2011 will remain in effect as the Town Board’s advisory body concerning EMS and ambulance services; the local law establishing that Board will be reviewed for any necessary updates. Effective Date of the Proposed Dissolution of the Town of Bethlehem Ambulance Districts: January 1, 2014 The Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Dissolution Plan The Public Hearing on this Proposed Dissolution Plan will be held on September 11, 2013 at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as the hearing can be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. Any Other Matter Desirable or Necessary to Carry Out the Dissolution Plan None. However, while the Dissolution Plan is technically a separate issue from the Town Board’s ongoing oversight of EMS services (with the advice and assistance of the District Board of Ambulance Commissioners), they are linked. The Town is committed to a continuing annual review of costs, services and billing improvements, to ensure that Bethlehem residents receive the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. 89591(D) (August 14, 2013)

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Buffet

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incident and wanted to ensure customers they had no idea what was going on. However, she declined to be interviewed again after the town code citation was issued.

Bethlehem police obtained a warrant to look for evidence at the restaurant after speaking with other local law officials over several weeks about other complaints from residents in neighboring towns.

According to court documents, Hornick asked Li last Monday where he obtained the skimmer device from.

“A lady in city,” Li replied.

The detective then asked how many people’s information was stolen. Li said “lots.”

Hornick also asked if the number was around 10 to 20 people. Li said “No, more like 50 to 100 or more.” Hornick asked

if that information was on the device at the time of Li’s arrest, and Li replied “yes.”

Hornick said the device seized has the capability to store the information for about 500 to 1,000 people. Authorities are now attempting to get a search warrant for the device.

The information was being used to make small purchases at Golden Town Buffet and large purchases, such as gift cards, from other establishments, according to police.

Li was charged with felony counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree and scheming to defraud in the first degree, and misdemeanor counts of unlawful possession of a skimmer device and unlawful possession of personal identification information in the third degree. He was also charged with having an outstanding federal warrant for deportation.

Li appeared in Bethlehem Town Court on Thursday, Aug. 8.

Using a public defender, he waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was sent back to Albany County jail without bail. He can now apply at the county level to receive bail, but was deemed a flight risk by Town Justice Ryan Donovan.

Police are asking anyone who went to the eatery between June 15 and Aug. 5 and paid by credit or debit card to check their bank statements and immediately report any fraudulent transactions.

Bethlehem police were assisted in the investigation by the Albany police, Colonie police, New York State Police in New Scotland and Clifton Park, East Greenbush police, U.S. Secret Service and the Department of Homeland Security.

Police said the investigation is still active and more information will be released as soon as it becomes available. Further charges may be pending.

Reporter John Purcell contributed to this story.

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Apple

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season.

“I would say it is a standard crop that we would have,” Miller said. “We have a good crop and quality crop despite the rains that we have fought. It has been an extremely wet year so a lot of fungicide sprays have to be put on to keep disease out of trees.”

Miller said his farm also suffered significant loss last year, near 98 percent on his orchards. He ended up having to offer customers a “pick your own” experience by placing apples in baskets.

“The quality of the apple we had out there was far less than what I would have liked to see and we had to bring in fruit from other locations on Hudson Valley to run operations,” he said.

Some customers were understanding of the reduced crop last year, Miller said, but others weren’t pleased to not have an apple picking

outing – a fall tradition for many families.

“We are just going to keep our fingers crossed and get these picked in good condition,” Miller said.

One thing left that could still affect apple is hail, Ten Eyck said. Some sunny days and cold nights will also help apples reach the more marketable red colors consumers have come to prefer. He said crops also do poorly when there are wide fluctuations of weather, such as from very wet to very hot.

“We have a store and make doughnuts and stuff like that but we are primarily a farm,” Ten Eyck said. “Our mission as a farm is ... to get Americans to stop sliding down the slippery slope by feeding ourselves from waving money in the air.”

The redness of an apple though isn’t a good way to judge the quality, Miller said. Even if an apple isn’t that bright red color, for applicable varieties, it’s likely just as tasty inside.

“An American wants to look 90 percent red and very pretty,” he said.

“Unfortunately it was what people have bred these things to do. The Red Delicious used to be 25 percent red and now are 95 percent red and they look like they are painted.”

He said people are starting to change their minds after some newly offered varieties without a red sheen have proven tasty, such as the Honey Crisp. Educating people about the crop is key to them understanding and welcoming those other types, he said.

“There are some very good varieties out there ... that really don’t get much more than 50 percent red and they really eat good,” Miller said.

Indian Ladder Farms and Goold Orchards are both expecting to start picking apples on Labor Day, with their orchards open to public.

Ten Eyck said apple growers are going to need more than one good season to rebound from last year’s losses, though.

“We are going to be for several years digging our way out of that hole,” he said.

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Final

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“We needed an update, and we’re very thankful that coach (Bob) Ford got us the stadium,” said UAlbany quarterback Will Fiacchi.

Bob Ford Field is part of the latest facilities update in McElroy’s 13-year term as athletic director. University Field is also being updated with a new nine-lane track as it shifts from a multi-purpose stadium into a track and field facility. John Fallon Field – the school’s lacrosse stadium – and an adjacent field hockey stadium have been open for several years.

Bob Ford Field also has the capability of being expanded. McElroy said up to 18,000 seats can be added in a second phase, once the money is in place for it.

“We built it so the infrastructure could support an expansion,” said McElroy. “We can add any seats without affecting the infrastructure.”

The new stadium isn’t only going to be a showcase for UAlbany athletics. Section II football will also hold its Class AA championships at Bob Ford Field in November after playing the game at high school facilities in previous years including Colonie and Shenendehowa.

“Dr. McElroy and coach Ford were very accommodating and very helpful in making this happen,” said Section II football coordinator Gary VanDerzee.

The other four Sectional football finals will remain at school sites, said VanDerzee. The Class A and B finals will be back at Shen, while Stillwater hosts the Class C final and Schuylerville hosts the Class D final.

“Right now, we’re happy with the other venues and where they are,” said VanDerzee. “You always want to put your players on the best stage, but this (Bob Ford Field) is the best fit for the double A’s.”

The Class AA Sectional final is one of the types of events McElroy said he is hoping to bring to Bob Ford Field. Other events he is looking at include the NCAA soccer and lacrosse playoffs, concerts and graduation ceremonies.

“If we could, we’d have an event there every day,” said McElroy. “You want to get as many programs and as many events in there as you can, and I think once people get a chance to see what it’s like in there, they’ll want to come back.”

Construction began on the stadium in April 2012 on a space next to the SEFCU Arena parking lot where the varsity soccer field used to stand. After clearing and leveling the ground, the home-side stands took shape on the north side of the stadium. The FieldTurf surface was

laid down in May 2013, and the visitor’s side stands were put in place.

The two-decked home-side stands feature three sections of yellow seatback chairs, which are reserved for season ticket holders. Looming behind the upper level of stands is a building that houses a press box, TV and radio booths and several corporate suites.

Looming over one end of the field is a large video scoreboard. The screen measures 39 feet long and 22 feet high – one of the largest of its kind in the Capital District. Two auxiliary message boards, space for four permanent advertisers and a scoreboard surround the video screen.

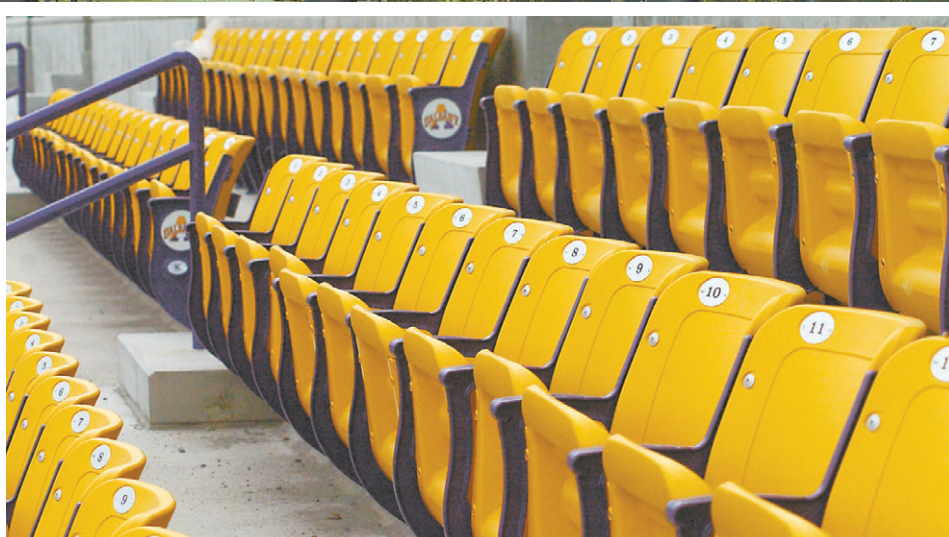
Opposite the scoreboard is an entrance ramp set into a berm, where fans can sit to watch the games. Players will walk down the purple-carpeted ramp to the field.

The UAlbany football team has the honor of walking the purple carpet first. The Great Danes inaugurate Bob Ford Field Saturday, Sept. 14, when they host Rhode Island in a Colonial Athletic Association game. The men’s soccer team plays Farleigh Dickinson Sunday, Sept. 15, in its first game at the new stadium, while the women’s soccer team’s first home game is Friday, Sept. 20, against Columbia.



Above: The video scoreboard at Bob Ford Field measures 39 feet by 22 feet, making it one of the largest of its kind in the Capital District. Right: A section of midfield seats for season ticket holders.

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UAlbany hires Section II alumn

After Mary-Frances Monroe left to take the head coaching position at the University of Miami, the University at Albany turned to Colonie Central High School graduate Caitlin Colfer to coach its women's soccer team. The 26-year-old Colfer coached at NCAA Division III school Sage College last year before moving to another part of Albany to coach the Great Danes. Colfer's Division I coaching debut will be Friday, Aug. 23, when UAlbany visits Florida Atlantic University.



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Weekly poll

Should Section II football consider hosting all five of its finals at the new University at Albany football stadium?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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

Last week's poll results:

Will you go to more UAlbany football games in the new stadium?

- Yes 85%
- Maybe 9%
- No 7%



Above: Most of the 8,500 seats are in place at Bob Ford Field, the new home of the University at Albany's football and soccer teams. The stadium opens Saturday, Sept. 14, when UAlbany hosts Rhode Island in a football game. Left: The purple-carpeted entrance ramp for the players.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Final touches

Bob Ford Field upgrades UAlbany's football and soccer programs

By ROB JONAS
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Workers are in the midst of placing the final touches on Bob Ford Field, the new home of the University at Albany's football and soccer teams.

Most of the 8,500 seats are in place, the giant video scoreboard is standing

behind one end zone and the purple carpet has been laid on the ramp at the opposite end of the stadium that brings the teams to the field.

UAlbany athletic director Dr. Lee McElroy said that Bob Ford Field is an improvement over University Field, which is where the football team played its home games through 2012.

"When you compare it to what we had before, it's an absolute palace," said McElroy.

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Nighthawks prepare for Cooperstown



Pine Bush LL team wins Utica Wood Bat Tournament

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Guilderland Nighthawks won the recent Utica Wood Bat Tournament as they prepared for their trip to the Cooperstown Field of Dreams complex.

The Nighthawks upheld their No. 1 seeding entering the tournament by winning the championship game in 12 innings. They allowed the fewest runs out of the nine teams that competed in Utica.

The Nighthawks — a team comprised of Pine Bush American and National Little League players — will compete against 103 other teams from across the country during their week-long stay in Cooperstown Aug. 23-30.

The Guilderland Nighthawks took first place at the Utica Wood Bat Tournament — one of three tournaments the Pine Bush Little League team participated in as they prepare for their trip to Cooperstown's Field of Dreams later this month. The players are Jonathan Ciccone, Christopher Ciccone, Jake Hernandez, Joe Saia, Joseph Harwood, Donny Chrysler, Zach Snyder, Luke Walter, Brian Cubello, Angelo Sbardella, Brenden Hoffman and Hunter Harris.

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Coming attractions

The Spotlight arts calendar highlights happenings all over the Capital District.

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Pick of the week



Capital District Film Fest

As part of "Inspiration Week" in downtown Albany, the Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany, will be hosting the "Capital District Film Fest" from noon-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18.

Special guests include director/writer Paul Golding ("Pulse," 1988), as well as additional surprise speakers. The world premiere of the film "Justice Is Mind" will take place at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by a panel of scientists, lawyers and doctors discussing the legal and moral implications of the film.

Tickets are \$18 for an all-day pass. More information: 465-3334 or www.palacealbany.com.



A day at the races

A Spotlight reporter spends some time behind the wheel sizing up some high-speed go-karts

By JOHN PURCELL
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For most reporters on deadline, it can be a race against the clock, but at a recent media preview at Fastrax Raceway in Crossgates Commons, it was a race against, well, other reporters.

Fastrax Raceway features go-karts that go beyond traditional speeds associated with open-air racing machines, and the media was invited to see just how fast that meant on Tuesday, Aug. 6. The new indoor facility features a 1/3-mile track with twists and turns and electric-powered vehicles that can travel up to 50 mph. Up to 10 people can race at the same



Spotlight reporter John Purcell goes for a test drive at the new, Fastrax Raceway in Crossgates Mall Commons on Tuesday, Aug. 6. After each race, participants are given a printed results sheet with their best lap, average race speed and place of finish.

Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

time, and results are displayed live on a big screen hanging from the middle of the raceway. Spectators also have plenty of room to watch friends and family behind the wheel.

So what can you expect the first time you get behind the wheel, other

than a massive adrenaline rush?

First-time racers register at a computer kiosk, which allows the raceway to get a name and email address, along with the participant's racing name. You'll also be asked

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Making education exciting



There will be plenty of hair-raising, hands-on activities at the Back to School Expo on Sept. 7.

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Back to School Expo focuses on STEM opportunities for kids

By JOHN PURCELL
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Who says going back to school isn't fun?

Capital District kids who are dreading hitting the books and taking another year of tests might get a boost of educational inspiration by visiting the Back to School Expo at the Empire State Plaza's Convention Center on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This isn't a traditional marketing expo

either because it is built around creating an educational experience for children and their families.

"Most expos that people go to are marketing expos; they are informational," Christine Sisto Mertes, principal of Capital Affairs, said. "The thing that differentiates and makes us truly special is that every booth you step into is a truly interactive experience for kids in an educational way."

Thousands of area families are expected to turn out again to the area's largest back to school event, which features ongoing entertainment, including a special

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- **What:** Back to School Expo
- **When:** Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **Where:** Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany
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SUNY Oswego repeats on list of 'best value' colleges

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

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

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

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

"We are delighted once again to be recognized by the Princeton Review," said Dan Griffin, interim director of admissions at Oswego. "It speaks to our commitment to education,

to student development, and the wide variety of in-demand programs we offer. Particularly during these difficult economic times, to be recognized as a 'Best Value' means a lot to our students and their families."

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

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

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



Shirley Peng, right, a senior chemistry major and journalism minor at SUNY Oswego, talks with Dr. Fehmi Damkaci, assistant professor of chemistry. SUNY Oswego next fall will open a \$118 million science complex, the Richard S. Shineman Center for Science, Engineering and Innovation.

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

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

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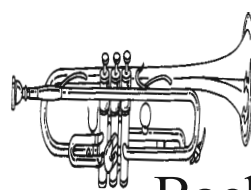
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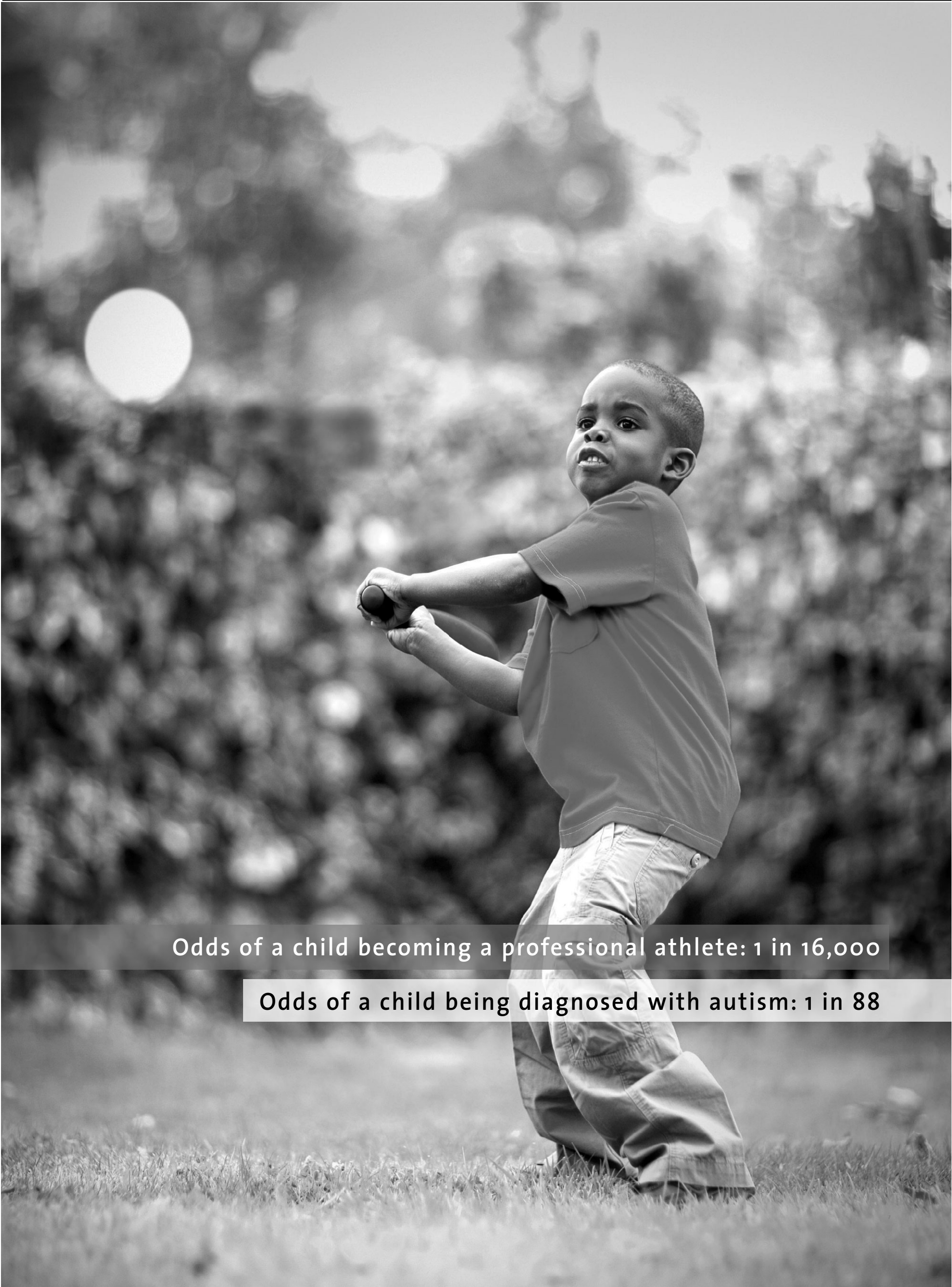
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Cook

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tonight or eat Mexican food.' You've probably never heard anyone say I'm going to cook Irish tonight. We think of Irish on St. Patrick's Day when we wear these ungodly costumes and put on big funny hats and wear sunglasses encircled in green plastic that glows in the dark."

Qualters said there is much more to Ireland, its culture and its cuisine. He grew up in an Italian-Irish-American house outside of Boston and said neither his first-generation Italian-American mother or second-generation Irish-American father focused much on their ethnic heritage in the kitchen.

"We were cultivated in what it means to be a New Englander," he said. "I came to my Irishness later in life but always knew there was something inside me attracted to that."

Qualters hopes that teaching the history behind the food and showing people how to make the food, will open up a dialogue in families that will keep the heritage alive.

"There is something wonderfully joyful about knowing where you came from," Qualters said. "How wonderful it is to sit around a table with people you love and eating food that belongs to you."

Qualters said some of this has been lost today with eating out and fast food.

Conroy-LaCivita said they often get people not only looking to learn more about their heritage, but also people wanting to discover another heritage and way of cooking.

"It involves a true understanding of the culture and goes way beyond a typical cooking class," she said.

The center tries to bring instructors in from the particular country or someone who has experience cooking here or in their country.

"When people are from another culture, they talk

about their experience. I love when they are able to share their life stories through struggle. I'm always in awe of what people have gone through to come here and stay here," said Conroy-LaCivita.

The center is always looking for new instructors.

"We look for people who know the subject matter and culture. They don't have to be a trained professional chef," said Conroy-LaCivita.

In the past, the center has held classes in Italian, Indian, Mexican and Hispanic food and culture.

"We are doing a French Canadian evening in September with pates,

souffles and fondues. Coming to that is the Delegate General from Quebec, Andre Boisclair," Conroy-LaCivita said.

Qualters said he hopes that with the series of Irish cooking and culture classes he can share an appreciation for the Irish culture.

The classes begin on Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Harmony House Marketplace located at 188 Remsen St. in Cohoes. Class size is limited to 20 students. The cost is \$100 per person. For more information or to register for the class, call the International Center at 708-7608.

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Tradition gets its own recognition at Altamont Fair

Museums are the star attraction for history lovers and volunteers

By JOHN PURCELL
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Every year, the Altamont Fair draws thousands of people with its flashier facets, from the newest rides to a destructive demolition derby. But for a slew of volunteers, the main attraction is one that flings you back in time.

Stretching along the back portion of the fairgrounds are several museums featuring a look into agricultural history and a building dedicated to classic cars. Several volunteers maintain these showcases of another time, both static displays and those in The Antique Farm Machinery Museum, with its fully operational equipment powered by hand and horse.

On a rainy Friday, Aug. 9, the fairgrounds were largely vacant and only a few carnival rides sat, awaiting visitors. The museums were just starting to bustle as volunteers prepared exhibits and strategized how to best feature a bevy of items likely foreign to many of the fair's younger attendees.

Pat Canaday, an Altamont Fair board member, said the nonprofit groups behind the fair — the Albany, Schenectady and Greene County Agricultural and Historical Societies — have many of their own items received through donations, but other area historical societies are offered space to display.

“By offering some space to other people, we give them the opportunity to share the collections they may not be able to show as often in their own space,” Canaday said. “It is a different audience. The people that come to the Altamont Fair are different people than would go



LEFT: Jenna Peterson, an educator and assistant curator for the Schenectady County Historical Society, talks about the hand-powered butter churn the organization is featuring at the Altamont Fair. ABOVE: An antique butter churn can be powered by a dog running on a treadmill.

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to the Berne, Clarksville or Schenectady (historical societies), so it gives everybody a chance to share the audience.”

Canaday said along with adding some “valuable new information” to the Farm House Museum, the partnerships also result in some new friendships.

“Being able to share how we evolved as a society and as a culture ... is an eye opener when people stop to think how they planted corn or how they harvested corn,” Canaday said.

Andy Tinning, an associate member of the fair, is an active volunteer who is more than willing to share his knowledge on the history of hulking farm equipment used to harvest hay or process corn.

Around three years ago, Tinning, of Altamont, became actively involved with the fair through the chance discovery of an old horse-drawn road grader, which was delivered to the Town of Guilderland Highway Department in 1887. The grader sat in the woods for around 50 years before he discovered it, he said.

This find led Tinning to restore the

grader back to working order, and it has been featured in area parades and at the fair. Through restoring it, he has reconnected with the fair he visited as a boy.

“When I was little kid, about 10 years old, I slept in the pony barn all week,” Tinning said.

At 67 years old, Tinning is considered the go-to person on anything related to historical information of items in the Antique Farm Equipment Museum.

“The whole museum is quite a show for what life was like for farms back at the turn of the century,” Tinning said. “These items are becoming more and more rare and they are hard to find, and fewer and fewer of them are available. We also have some new equipment outside that we display ... but not real new.”

Canaday said it is “really hard” to change anything in the museums, because people want to see certain items annually, but she also wants to add new items to keep other visitors interested in exhibits.

“There is a whole group of people who

want to see everything exactly like they remember it from 20 years ago,” she said. “Then there is another group that says nothing ever changes.”

Canaday said a future collection is being discussed to feature the history of the fair, which is running for the 120th year. Throughout the museums there are some items tied to the fair already.

Herald Hahn, a longtime Altamont Fair board member, stood inside the Bozenkill School that was built in 1850 in Knox and talked about its history. The small old-style school was used until the 1950s and the fair purchased the building in 1966 for \$25.

Hahn believes over time, the historical features of the fair will only continue to grow in popularity.

“I believe as time goes on the museum aspect will take the place of some of the other events, because it is cultural,” Hahn said.

The Altamont Fair opened its gates on Tuesday, Aug. 13, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 18. For information on the fair, visit its website at altamontfair.com.



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The popular cabaret will be held on Saturday, Aug. 31, starting at noon. Tickets are \$32.50 and include the show, brunch and dessert. Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 New York 203, Chatham. Info: (518) 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

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Cirque Éloïze presents a show that combines the worlds of circus, dance and theater. Performances through Aug. 24. Tickets run \$20 to \$65. Proctor's, 432 State St., Schenectady. www.proctors.org.

MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL

Musical parody set to classic tunes from the '60s, '70s and '80s. Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m. \$31.25, \$41.25 and \$51.25 The Egg, Empire State Plaza, theegg.org or 473-1845.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Presented by SLOC as part of Scotia's Freedom Park Concert Series. Aug. 14, 15 and 17. Freedom Park, Scotia. 7 p.m. Free. freedomparkscotia.org.

Music

JIM KNOWLES-TUELL

Music, campfire style with s'mores at 5:45 p.m. Aug. 18. Free, but donations will be accepted. Held on the front lawn at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave, Delmar. Info: 439-9976.

AMBER WAVES BAND

Traveling family band. Aug. 16, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

BRIAN PATNEAUDE QUARTET

Jazz music featuring saxophonist Patneau . Sunday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. Scotia's Freedom Park Concert Series. Freedom Park, Scotia. 7 p.m. Free. freedomparkscotia.org.

JOHN KELLER

Acoustic/folk rock/songwriter. Aug. 17, 7 p.m, Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

MIKE HUNTER AND HARD SOUL

Singer/songwriter from Brooklyn. Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LINE BLUEGRASS

Part of Mabee Farm Historic Site's 'Howlin' at the Moon Music Series. Aug. 21, 7 p.m. in the Dutch Barn, 1080 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. \$5. 887-5073.

AZTEC TWO-STEP WITH OPENER ERNEST TROOST

Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m. Children under 13, \$13.50; Members \$25; General \$27. Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, 583-0022, www.caffelena.org.

SATURDAY NIGHT SAMPLER WITH BATSTONE, GARVEY & DAGMAR

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Friday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m. Children under 13, \$9; Members \$16; General \$18. Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, 583-0022, www.caffelena.org.

THE WISTER QUARTET

Scotia's Freedom Park Concert Series. Aug. 18, Freedom Park, Scotia. 7 p.m. Free. freedomparkscotia.org.

THE STANDARD CLAMS

Jammin' with GPAC Concert Series. Aug. 15, Tawasentha Park, Guilderland. 7:30 p.m. Free. www.townofguilderland.org.

BETH LAWTON AND AMPERSAND

Dance tunes, folk songs and popular ballads, Tuesday, Aug. 20, at noon at Saratoga National Historical Park's visitor center. Info: 664-9821, ext. 1777, or www.nps.gov/sara.

FORT TICONDEROGA FIFE AND DRUM CORPS

ear the songs that heartened armies and gave them direction, , Tuesday, Aug. 27, at noon at Saratoga National Historical Park's visitor center. Info: 664-9821, ext. 1777, or www.nps.gov/sara.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly improv skit show, Aug. 17, 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.

COMEDY WORKS

Keving Downey Jr. Aug. 16 and 17, shows at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Comedy Works, 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. \$15 in advance, \$20 day Of show. Dinner & show: \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. (Please Arrive at 6 p.m. for Dinner & Show Package). 275-6897 or www.thecomedyworks.com.

Dance

CONTRADANCE

Potluck dinner at 5 p.m., beginners' lessons at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18. Buhrmaster Barn at the Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Colonie (Newtownville). Admission \$10, members \$9. The DanceFlurry Organization. 413-441-5236 www.danceflurry.org/buhrmaster

MERRY MOHICANS SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE

"Monkey Shines" practical joke night (modern western square dancing), 7:30-10 p.m. Friday Aug. 16. Queensbury Senior Center; Corner of Bay & Haviland Roads, Queensbury. Info: 747-5942 or 743-9480.

SINGLE SQUARES OF ALBANY

Modern western square dancing, 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21. Colonie Elks Club; Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. \$6. Info: 753-4692.

Visual Arts

THE HISTORY OF FASHION

Stereo photos by Don Rittner and digital art by Laurence Gartel. Saturday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$18. The Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Info: 465-3334 or www.palacealbany.com.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

28th annual Round Lake Arts and Craft Show to be held Saturday Aug. 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. to benefit the Round Lake Library. Free. Round Lake Library. For information, call 899-2800.

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Featuring more than 75 artists, Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Saratoga City Center, 522 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

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Featuring work from seven backstretch photographers. Saratoga County Historical Society at Brookside, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-4000, brooksidemuseum.org.

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Part of The Albany JCC's Senior Adult Program "Eye on the World." Aug. 15, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Albany JCC's Massry Senior Center, 340 Whitehall Road. Discussion to follow. \$2.25 suggested donation. 438-6651 x112.

WHIMSICALITY

Curated by Alana Akacki. Through Aug. 17. Albany Center Gallery, 39 Columbia St., Albany.

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THE MAKING OF THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL

The Making of the Hudson River School: More than the Eye Beholds. Runs through Aug. 18. Exhibition examines the American landscape. Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Avenue in Albany. Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. www.albanyinstitute.org or 463-4478.

60 YEARS AND STILL COLLECTING

Sixty Years and Still Collecting: Norman S. Rice. Runs through Sept. 1. The exhibition includes highlights of the collection of artwork, historical objects, and research materials assembled by Director Emeritus Nor-

man S. Rice. Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Avenue in Albany. Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. www.albanyinstitute.org or 463-4478.

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Weekly Crossword

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ACROSS

- Hit hard
- Playback rec.
- ___ Romeo
- Baseball great
- Pay add-on
- Lions' environs
- Baseball highlight
- Play part
- Bank or joint: abbr.
- Girl's name
- Lena or Ken
- Pitching feat
- Warded, with off
- Prying
- Dolphins' Erickson
- Actor Michael
- Even up
- Red suit
- Blue Jay stadium
- ___ Lingus
- Leagues' best
- Insure, in a way
- Sports team scouts?
- Silk or yarn
- Imogene Coca TV role
- Archery feat
- Nevada city
- Kind of goat

- Athena epithet
- Golf clubs
- League's best
- Singer Tucker
- Boot a grounder
- High-strung
- TV remote control
- Winter sports mo.
- Mine entrances

DOWN

- Bonjour Tristesse* writer
- Polo name
- Spinachy plant
- Annuity scheme
- Kind of zone
- Kind of ball
- ___ *de Lune*
- NFL team
- Kaline and Simmons
- Terse
- Football highlight
- Golfing name
- Televise
- Tennis periods
- Composer Zimbalist
- Honored
- Comfortable
- AFL- ___
- Onetime boxer Lee

- Pitcher Maglie
- Golfing highlight
- Football stats
- Fam. member
- Trick ending
- Hoopster Malone, et al.
- Decade pts.
- Win, for victory, e.g.
- Thirsting for more
- Excellent
- Supplication
- Stamina
- Played it back
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Expo

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appearance by Bella Thorne, who stars in the Disney Channel's "Shake It Up," along with popular characters Dora the Explorer and Blue of "Blue's Clues."

Mertes said bringing in a popular celebrity is what helps attract almost 5,000 kids to the event, but the core focus is on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

"The reason why we chose (Thorne) is because girls between the ages of 8 to 12 are one of our most vulnerable populations when it comes to STEM. We sort of lose girls when it comes to science by the eighth grade," Mertes said. "We chose a celebrity we knew would attract that kind of demographic and get them through the door to experience science in a fun, creative environment and a fun, creative way."

More than half of activities at the event features hands-on educational opportunities, from standing inside of a giant bubble to creating a replica food model of what are considered healthy choices. There will also be moveable robots displaying technological prowess.

"They are going to actually experience, scaled down to the intellect of a child, true examples of what they can do in their future jobs," she said. "The science component at the event has really drawn the most excitement and the largest crowds."

Health and wellness is another strong element of the expo, with MVP Health Care once again joining as a presenting sponsor.

A new presenting sponsor this year is GlobalFoundries, which underscores the growing importance of STEM education, Mertes said.

This expo, now in its fourth year, has seen many different homes over the



Many of the presenters at the Back to School Expo are trying to get kids to experience science in a fun, creative way.

Submitted photo

years.

It started out much smaller at Colonie Center, and during the first year, organizers noticed how the interactive science exhibits appealed to families. The event then expanded to Crossgates Mall before moving to the Empire State Plaza Convention Center, where it will be held again this year.

"The Empire State Plaza is large enough that we are able to bring in some real sophisticated science companies," Mertes said.

There should even be several activities appealing to toddlers, with many of the characters recognizable to them. She said vendors usually bring an activity or two that target younger children or is accessible to them. Children 2 years old and younger also can get into the event for free.

Getting children interested in science at a young age is important, she said, because more jobs and growing industries are tied to STEM.

"This event gives a glimpse into what the jobs

of the future are, and it does it in a non-traditional setting so that it is fun for the kids," she said.

General admission tickets are \$7 and are also sold at Price Chopper stores that offer \$1 off the price. VIP Admission tickets cost \$25 and include one autograph

per child from Thorne, along with the opportunity to take one photo. The VIP tickets are expected to sell out early and can only be purchased by visiting backtoschoolexpo.com. Parents do not need to purchase a VIP ticket to accompany a child in line for an autograph.

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Highlights from a half-century ago

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- The Eastern Regional Exposition in Altamont is winding down. The final two days include Young America Day and Grange and Greene County Day. Remaining events include the English Horse Fair, the Sportsmen's Fair and the Women's Fair.
- Delmar resident Dominic Caminiti has been selected to head the Watervliet Arsenal production control section. He will direct a staff of 67 in the scheduling of weapons manufacturing and assembly operations.
- The First Methodist Church of Delmar has a new senior pastor in Rev. Robert B. Thomas. The new pastoral leader of the church's 1,850 members attended public schools in Saratoga Springs before attending Ohio-Wesleyan University and receiving his divinity education at Yale University.

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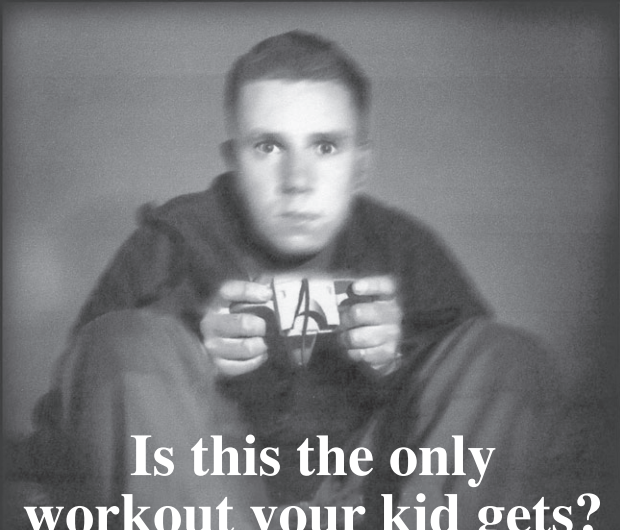
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Races

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to sign a wavier at this time. After that is a brief orientation, which largely focuses on understanding the five flags you might see being waved during the race.

You'll likely see the blue flag with a diagonal orange strip most often. That means a faster driver is trying to pass a slower one. It'll be pretty obvious during the race which person you are in that scenario. The slower driver is supposed to move to the outside so the other driver can pass on the inside.

Racers will need to be wear closed-toe shoes and the raceway supplies a helmet and a "head sock" to go underneath it. The go-kart also has a three-point harness keeping you firmly in place.

Those of you with glasses could have a tough time getting them on with the helmets. Here's a tip: Take off your glasses while putting the tight-fitting helmet on, and then try to squeeze

For those who have played racing video games, Fastrax essentially feels like you are stepping into one of those games.

them on through the face opening afterwards. I found this moderately painful, but not unmanageable or a deal-breaker by any means. Getting a helmet the next size up, say from "L" to "XL," also helps, and it still fits firmly. If you have contacts, though, you should probably just wear them to the track and avoid this altogether.

Once you put the shield down on your helmet, the sound is muffled and your hands will begin to tighten on the steering wheel as you roll out onto the raceway.

At first, you'll go very slowly until all the drivers are paced onto the course by an employee, for a smooth start to the race. Your vehicle will all of a



Fastrax Raceway also has a full arcade, with a snack booth and party room.

Marcy Vette/Spotlight

sudden start to go faster, but you are still short of being able to go full throttle.

Because the go-karts are electric, staffers are actually able to control the cars remotely, and they are the ones that notch up your speed. Once you complete your final lap, the vehicle will automatically slow down to its initial slow pace as you make your way around the track again and to pull off and line up

the karts.

Racetrack staffers are also able to monitor a racer's experience level through their account. The more races someone has under the belt, the faster their car is allowed to go each visit.

Your first time around the track, you will likely hold back a little because getting acclimated with the kart and the track does take at least one full 12-lap race. The people at the media event

were cautious in their approach, taking turns slower and pushing the limits of their karts less.

For me, the second time around brought an increased comfort level, and I was able to let loose a little more. There are a couple of tight U-turns where you must slow down, and figuring out how fast you can take those turns requires practice.

For those who have played racing video games, Fastrax essentially feels like you are stepping into one of those games. That first-hand experience is every bit a thrill ride as your hands grip the steering wheel and you feel the wheels spinning underneath you.

The straightaway portions, while limited, are also great fun as you rev up the kart's electric engine, and although you are driving rather fast, the kart still feels secure and grounded. Not once did I feel like the kart was going to roll over during a turn at high speeds or lose control.

The cost for a 14-lap adult racer is \$23, but you can also purchase a Fastpass membership for \$50. Purchasing a membership includes

two free races that can be redeemed at any time, one free race during the month of your birthday and a Fastrax Raceway T-shirt. Members also pay a reduced price of \$18 for a 14-lap race.

There are also 10-lap junior racer admissions available for the same price, along with the same membership reduced pricing and perks. The junior racer karts are slower and only reach a max speed of 25 mph.

A junior racer must be at least 50 inches tall and an adult racer must be at least 58 inches tall. If you have your own Department of Transportation certified helmet you may bring it to use.

If you are planning to come with a group of eight or more people it is advised to call or visit the raceway ahead of time to accommodate everyone to race together. Fastrax Raceway can be reached at 869-3278 and is located in Crossgates Commons at 161 Washington Ave. Ext. in Albany.

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