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Residents of two Glenmont neighborhoods say traffic is a problem.

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The Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center will hold its 11th annual Nature Art Exhibit from March 8 to 28, showcasing more than 130 works of art.

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## All about kids

The ninth annual Hannaford Kidz Expo is a lively way to spend a chilly March day.

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# **District ready to talk numbers**

**BC** officials hope restoration of state aid would prevent program cuts

> By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Bethlehem Central School District is facing a preliminary budget gap of \$4.8 million for the 2014-15 school year, but officials are hoping some of that money will be restored in the state budget.

Next year's budget outlook was presented at the Board of Education meeting held on Wednesday, Feb. 26. Superintendent Tom Douglas said it would look a lot brighter if the state restored nearly \$3.5 million being withheld through the gap elimination adjustment.

"In the past, we have been able to do more with less." said Douglas. "We are now balancing on the point where we might have to do less with less, so we have to be cautious."

Last year, Bethlehem



residents passed the district's \$90.4 million spending plan for the 2013-14 school year by a wide margin. The district did not put forth a budget that would have challenged the state's tax cap, but voters did pass a 3.6 percent tax levy increase.

At the end of April, members of the Bethlehem school board made last-minute adjustments to the budget. About \$221,000 worth of expenses were shifted into the previous year's budget

instead, since District Business Officer Judi Kehoe said BC was expected to finish the 2012-13 year with a surplus.

The board opted to transfer funds from equipment and supply purchases to retain a \$100,000 capital improvement project, keep freshman sports and keep one full-time-equivalent hall monitor position and a 0.2 FTE health instructor position in the budget.

At Wednesday's meeting. Kehoe said the district is able to

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## **Birds fly** to regionals

David Burch's Voorheesville boys basketball team rolled past Broadalbin-Perth 61-37 in Saturday's Section II Class B final at the **Glens Falls Civic Center.** 

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### **Guilderland Center sidewalks**



Guilderland Center residents view a satellite image outlining where a proposed pathway would be installed through the hamlet. The paved walkway would run through a portion of the hamlet along Main Street Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

# **Selkirk** FD sees a wave of exits

Husband, father-in-law of arrested treasurer resign from the company

> By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Following the arrest of a former Selkirk Fire Department treasurer for allegedly embezzling funds from a firehouse, several people have



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Limited funding scales back **Guilderland Center sidewalk proposal** to pedestrian pathway

#### By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

Hamlet residents were surprised to hear the sidewalk slated for Guilderland Center, which took several years from conception to construction, was technically going to be a pathway. The difference between the two comes down to a curb.

"What we were most concerned with was slowing traffic, and (prior consultants) insisted that curbs were very important in terms of slowing traffic down and the psychological factor that's involved when you come into an area that has curbs," Susan Wheeler-Weeks said. "We're very concerned that the curbs have been



#### An illustration shows the difference between installing a sidewalk, on the left, and a pathway.

eliminated, and we are also concerned we don't hear anything about slowing traffic."

Wheeler-Weeks, a member of the hamlet's former Study Advisory Committee, was one

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resigned from the company, while the person who began the investigation was terminated.

The Albany County Sheriff's Department arrested Heather Burns. the former



Heather **Burns** 

treasurer of the Selkirk Fire Department's House No. 3, in early February. Burns was charged with felony grand larcenv after a months-long investigation by the sheriff's department found more than \$18,000 worth of unauthorized transactions from the fire company's bank account.

"The Selkirk Fire Department is a close-knit

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# Help on the horizon

#### Colonie adult day care program expands into Guilderland

#### By BILLY DeLAP delapb@spotlightnews.com

A day program started in Colonie for seniors suffering from the early stages of dementia and Alzheimer's will be expanding to a location in Guilderland.

Bright Horizons, an adult daycare program from Colonie Senior Service Center, will be opening in New Karner Plaza in Guilderland in an effort to help more seniors and their caretakers.

"We looked at whether we should start to look outside the borders of the Town of Colonie," said Executive Director at the Colonie Senior Service Center Ed Neary regarding the decision to expand. "While most of the services we provide are for people who are in or come to Colonie, we still provide some services to neighboring communities like Guilderland."

The Bright Horizons program has been growing since it was created in 1983 at Beltrone Living Center. In 1985, the program expanded to include a second facility, which it eventually outgrew, necessitating a move to the Pine Grove facility. In 2007, the program had outgrown its Pine Grove building, prompting the organization to seek a bigger space outside the borders of Colonie. They eventually settled on the Karner Road building, which is more accessible than the previous building. The original program still operates at the Beltrone Living Center.

Neary said that while Colonie Senior Service Center offers some programs in Guilderland and there are some great programs provided by the town of Guilderland, there currently isn't an adult day care program in the town. By moving closer to the seniors, the program can help more people.

"I think some people in the Guilderland community are looking and saying, 'Well I've got to go all the way into Colonie,' and the toss up may not seem like a lot, but for elderly people, it's everyday and they have to negotiate the transportation," said Neary.

The senior center is also into expanding to the Clifton Park area, but Neary said finding an affordable location can be the most challenging aspect of opening up a new center. The cost of the daily service provided by Bright Horizons is around \$40, while the New York state average is generally closer to \$70.

"It's a challenge for us to say, 'why not move the rate up to the going rate to be able to afford these places?' The problem is you can no longer handle the people who are just barely able to make it and people who are struggling from an income standpoint. So, it's always a balance trying to figure out how to make it work," said Neary.

One of the main objectives of the program is to make seniors feel comfortable like they are in a home setting and not in a hospital so the new facility will resemble a home as much as possible. The site, which is in the final phases of being remodeled and will open March 17, will have couches, comfortable chairs, a cooking area and areas for activities. "We want it to feel like a home because many of the people who are part of the program are folks who are starting to go through some of the aging challenges, including dementia or Alzheimer's. So, we don't want to add anymore confusion or change to what they are already experiencing," said Neary.

The program is a way to offer a break from the primary caregiver, who is usually the son or daughter of the person in need of care. Some of the caregivers are in what's called the sandwich generation, meaning they just got done caring for their children and now are caring for their parents and trying to finish their

careers. The caretakers can drop the seniors off around 8 a.m. and pick them up around 5 p.m.

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- Ed Neary, Colonie Senior Service Center Executive

what's called the sandwich generation, meaning they just got done caring for their children and now are caring for their parents and trying to finish their "You don't have to do it alone. There are lots of resources and programs that are out there. Whether it is a day program like Bright Horizons or it's transportation or it's Guilderland Seniors, there are lots of senior providers out there that can help," said Neary.

Director

More information on Bright Horizons can be found at www.bright horizonssocialcenters. org.







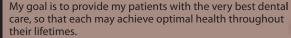
Colonie Senior Service Center expands its day program for seniors into Guilderland. The Bright Horizons center will open Monday, March 17 in New Karner Plaza in Guilderland. Submitted

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# Villages at helm of low-key elections

#### **Uncontested races** the norm locally, some use paper ballots to keep costs down

#### By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

Local village elections are low-key affairs. taking place outside the typical election cycle and with uncontested seats common. One county official even speculated that unless people have a horse in the race, they probably don't even know it's happening.

"There is not a lot of fanfare with (village) elections. Unless you are engaged in that process, they are low-key affairs," said Matthew Clyne, Democratic commissioner of the county Board of Elections. "People generally aren't aware of it unless they know people are running or they are

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involved with getting someone placed on the ballot.'

Locally this month. there are elections in both the Village of Colonie and Voorheesville, with only the Colonie race seeing a contest. There is also a contested race in the village of Ravena.

Most village elections, however, don't inspire the same political discourse of town, county or state races, and unlike town races, the Albany County Board of Elections doesn't get involved unless local officials request help or there is a legal issue. The county Board of Elections only has a record of recent village election results if it used electronic machines the county supplied.

Clyne said the village clerk will usually supervise local elections, and the county only provides equipment if requested.

"They are the most parochial of all the much run their own show," Clyne said. "In many cases they have their own parties ... and it is a very local operation, and because it is not a high volume situation, they didn't have to resort to the Board until just recently."

Elections this March in the Village of Voorheesville aren't much of a change from its electoral trends. The incumbents - Mayor Robert Conway, Trustee Richard Berger and Trustee John Stevens are facing no challengers. In fact, the village hasn't had a contested election since 1994, with the incumbent mayor facing one challenger.

"At one time, (an election) was a big deal in Voorheesville," Village Deputy Clerk Karen Finnessey said.

The last contested election in Voorheesville had 881 voters cast a ballot to decide the mayor, but all

jurisdictions. They pretty of the uncontested elections since 2003 have only managed to reach a peak of 118 votes. An uncontested special election in 2005 had 45 voters cast a ballot.

> In Voorheesville, there are 2,067 registered voters, but 136 are inactive voters. The village has a significant amount of active registered Democratic voters at 808 compared to 414 active registered Republicans, according to state Board of Elections data as of Nov. 1, 2013. There are 506 active voters not registered to a political party in the village, and there are 203 voters are registered to a third party.

> By comparison, the Village of Colonie, with a population roughly more than three times Voorheesville, has around 600 to 800 voters turn out when the mayor is on the ballot and drops to around 400 to 600 when only trustees are running, according to Village Clerk Pat Hurley.

In Colonie, the last contested election was at least 16 years ago, Hurley said, however she was not sure of the exact year.

Altamont fares similarly to the other two villages as there have been no contested elections during the past five years, according to Village Clerk Patty Blackwood.

Blackwood said she did not know when the last contested election was in Altamont and only knew about the village races since she became clerk.

Some villages have started using electronic voting machines, but Voorheesville has not jumped on board.

"We continue to using paper ballots," Finnessey said. "It is cost prohibitive to use the electronic machines because you have to have all the special ballots printed, and for the number of voters we have, it does not make sense."

Blackwood said the village started used electronic voting machines in 2011 and used it again in 2013.

"We run it on our own using the county machines," Blackwood said.

Clyne said villages must use election inspectors the county Board of Election has certified. He said there are positives and negatives towards using the new electronic voting machines.

"The good side is you get a quick result at night that generally speaking is free from error," he said. "The bad thing is there's a lot of prep work that is involved to ensure

the scanner can read the ballot and the ballot is configured properly."

Over time, he sees electronic voting machines being the standard in villages.

"A lot of people still prefer the old style machines," he said.

There are no elections this year in Altamont, but Blackwood said information about elections would be posted to the village's website, in legal notices and posting information at the required six locations in the village. Voorheesville follows the same procedure, with the information usually posted at Village Hall, village library, post office, Stewarts, First Niagara Bank and Hannaford.

Hurley said Colonie follows the same legal procedures for posting and also sends out a newsletter with information about the race.

Clyne said the villages could choose to hold its elections during the General Election in November, but he said the switch would be more problematic for the Board of Elections.

"It is cumbersome enough when you include town elections," he said. "They are better having a separate political calendar."

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• At a meeting of civic and fraternal organizations held Feb. 26, it was decided to improve Bethlehem Memorial Park. Adopting the name of the Bethlehem Memorial Committee, William Johnston Jr., of 73 Darroch Road, Delmar, was made chairman.

Such improvement of Memorial Park has been under consideration for some time by Town Supervisor Bertram E. Kohinke and the Town Board. Impetus to the action was brought about by the recent death of Otto de Heus who had suggested that the present wooden memorial be replaced by a stone monument which would better withstand the elements.

Plans now call for the removal of the existing memorial and replace it with a sixfoot high granite monument inscribed to the memory of the men and women who served in the military campaigns in which the Armed Services of the United States were involved. In addition, there will be a separate bronze plaque commemorating the civic contributions to the community made by Mr. de Heus, John M. Oliver, Dr. Thomas M. Holmes and Arthur Main who jointly were responsible for the establishment of the memorial park.

The improvements will also include new landscaping as well as illuminating the monument and the American Flag during the hours of darkness.

The dedication ceremony of the new monument and the bronze plaque at the Memorial Park is scheduled for Memorial Day, May 30, 1964. 

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## No concrete answers for curbing speeders

#### Study shows problem comes from area residents

By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

After a traffic study commissioned by the Town of Bethlehem found it was most likely residents themselves who are speeding within Haswell Farms and the Enclave, a neighborhood meeting was held in an effort to raise awareness about the issue.

Town officials hosted the neighborhood meeting at Town Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Nearly 100 people were in attendance and participated in brainstorming sessions to discuss which options would be most suitable for residents of the two housing developments.

"Ithinkwe gotalotof good feedback from residents and positive comments about how to fix the problem," said Supervisor John Clarkson after the meeting.

Planning Director Rob Leslie first brought the issue before the Town Board in October after residents complained about the speeding over the summer. The initial thought had been people living outside the community had been using the small roads of the two housing developments as short cuts, and people were speeding through to save time.

One of the major traffic problems for the area is the two neighborhoods have only one exit road. Leslie said more roads are planned, but development needs to continue. He said the planning board would never approve developments with only one access road because it could create a problem for emergency vehicles, but building out took longer then expected.

Residentshad complained of major traffic problems because of the speeding, and some felt their children were not safe playing outside. A traffic officer and a speed trailer were both set up in the area to monitor the situation.

Eventually the town agreed to pay for an independent study to be done by traffic consultants. Automatic Traffic Recorders were used to collect data on vehicle volume and speed.

The data was collected from Nov. 4 through Nov. 13 at four points along Hasgate Drive, Forsten Drive and Har vest Ridge Road. Many were found to be speeding on Hasgate Drive between Barrington and Reynolds Court, with the highest speeds of 38 mph northbound and 36 mph southbound. The posted speed is 30 mph. The study found that the volume of traffic is "consistent with the levels that would be anticipated with the size of these neighborhoods and with the local street function." This means it is unlikely other vehicles are cutting through the neighborhood, and neighborhood, and neighborhood residents are likely causing the majority of the issues.

Leslie and Clarkson said the town was prepared to spend some money to help fix the problems. An immediate solution suggested would be to install signs telling people to slow down. Other suggestions included installing some traffic humps, a speed radar, or painting lines onto the roads to give the appearance the width is even smaller.

Those in attendance were asked to split into four groups and discuss the option they liked best. The groups would then reconvene for questions.

With such a large number of people, it was hard for participants to decide which option would work best. Some like the idea of speed humps, while others did not want one placed in front of their own homes because they feared the noise would be distracting. Many liked the idea of speed radars, but wanted more than one or a camera attached so speeders could be ticketed.

At the end of the meeting, a large number of people were still not satisfied with the town's recommendations.

One woman demanded the town should pay to build a new connection road. Others wanted certain roads to be designated oneway streets. This would

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essentially prevent many Enclave residents from driving though Haswell Farms and vice versa.

"That's not something the Town can consider," said Clarkson. "It would not be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, which recommends a connected street network. It would also be unfair to those who need to travel the road."

Several people said they felt too many people were jogging or letting their kids play in the road, and the speed of cars was fine. Some at the meeting said the numbers of cars on the roads were the main issue, and when purchasing their homes they were told the nearby land would remain forever wild. Clarkson said at the

clarkson said at the meeting people should not take stock in the things said by realtors and army recruiters, and a number of meetings were held in the 1990s for people to make their concerns known.

During rush hour on a recent Friday, very few cars were on the road within the two housing developments. One jogger was seen running in the road, while a few people were seen speeding. The town had once again placed an officer in a patrol car to monitor the situation and change where he was parked in order to catch speeders if necessary.

Clarkson said the town is willing to spend between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to help remedy the traffic issues in the area. He said he hopes the town can try a variety of options that way they will be better prepared if the issue arises in other neighborhoods.



The New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Latham on Friday, Feb. 28, arrested Gabriel Rodriguez, 39, of Guilderland, for felony computer trespass and falsifying business records in the first degree along with a misdemeanor charge of official misconduct.

The charges stem from an investigation that began earlier this

year by State

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Steven M. Dressel

A l b a n y County Sheriff's Office. Rodriguez is currently on suspension with the Sheriff's Office on unrelated charges. The DCJS audit was requested after officials in the Sheriff's Office discovered that he had used a department computer to make unlawful criminal history inquiries of people from the DCJS database while he was in an official capacity.

Rodriguez was arraigned in the Village of Voorheesville Court by Court Justice Margaret Adkins and released on his own recognizance. A special prosecutor has been assigned to this case.

#### Man arrested for lewd acts in museum

Police arrested an Albany man Thursday, Feb. 27, after State Museum patrons complained

they saw something unexpected at one of the exhibits. S t a t e P o l i c e

Gabriel arrested Rodriguez Steven M. Dressel, 56, of Albany, and charged him with public lewdness. State Museum patrons complained Dressel was masturbating near the Fulton Fish Market exhibit and he was arrested after a

brief investigation. Dressel was processed without incident and was scheduled to be arraigned later that day in Guilderland Town Court.

#### **Oil tanks derail**

Representatives from the state Department of Transportation said they are investigating the derailment of 13 tank cars carrying crude oil at the Selkirk Rail Yard south of Albany.

The incident occurred around 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28. All of the tank cars, which CSX owns, remained upright and no oil spilled, according to the state. There were also no reported injuries.

The cause of the accident is under investigation. Most of the cars had been put back on the rails on Saturday afternoon.

#### **Other arrests**

• State Police arrested Kyle Pianowski, 27, of Albany, at approximately 10:50 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, and charged him with felony driving while ability impaired by drugs and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree. Police stopped Pianowski on Western Avenue and said he allegedly exhibited signs of being impaired by drugs. Police also found him to have warrants from Rotterdam and Schenectady police departments. Police searched his vehicle and allegedly found four envelopes containing heroin, 10 hydrocodone pills and a hypodermic needle. He was arraigned in Guilderland Town Court and sent to county jail.

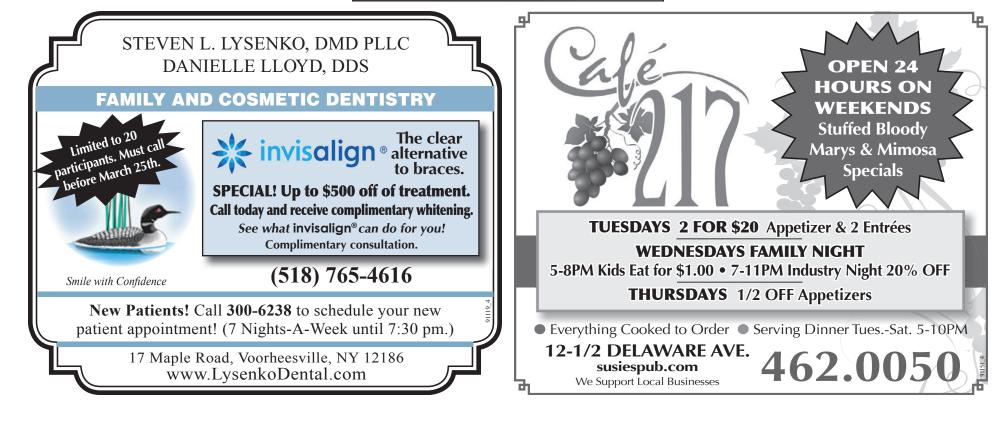


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## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

## **Restore aid to libraries**

Editor, The Spotlight: An Open Letter to Governor Cuomo and to the members of the New York State Senate and Assembly:

There is a public service organization in every community in this state that returns \$7 in service for every dollar it receives, and that is your local library.

The Governor's goal of getting local governments and taxing authorities to share services is admirable, yet the Executive Budget presented cuts \$4 million in aid to libraries, again threatening the viability of the very library systems that turn the State's 752 public libraries and their 314 branches into cooperative organizations that save money through shared purchasing and resourcing.

The Upper Hudson Library System, serving the Guilderland Public Library and 28 other public libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties, saves every community thousands upon thousands of dollars. Were it not for these systems, each library would be a standalone organization, having

to purchase products and services at enormous expense just to maintain current levels of public service. This would shift a massive burden to local taxpayers.

Assemblyperson John MacDonald was recently quoted as saying all that the libraries "ask is a restoration of the \$4 million cut in this year's proposed budget and a movement to increase back to the 2009 numbers of \$102 million of which we are still lagging behind.

"Libraries are taking on a much larger role in society for education and employment let alone the many community events and programs conducted. I am pleased to be a signatory to the increased funding support letter in the Assembly and am working towards its increase going forward!"

Libraries are essential to vibrant, well-informed communities. They serve people of all ages and income levels; they help people find jobs, promote life-long learning, foster children's love of reading, serve as research and technology hubs and are quite often - as is the case with the Guilderland Public Library – the de facto cultural center of their communities. Helping all these libraries work synergistically to multiply value on every tax dollar are the Library Systems, the very organizations your budget cuts imperil.

"No other state-funded service serves so many people for so few dollars," said New York Library Association Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen at the recent joint budget hearing. "Even if fully funded to \$102 million, library aid would amount to less than 1/10 of 1 percent of the New York state budget, and yet the libraries and library systems that this funding supports serve more than 14 million New Yorkers."

We urge you in the strongest terms to not only restore the monies you've cut, but also work towards fully funding libraries at the \$102 million level mandated by the N.Y.S. Education Law.

- Christopher Aldrich, President **Guilderland Public** Library Board of Trustee

## **Downsize Albany County Legislature**

*Editor, The Spotlight:* The Albany County Charter Reform Committee has completed its work and forwarded its recommendations to the County Legislature. There is much to be considered; but the one suggestion that will receive the most exposure will be the proposal to downsize the legislature to 25 members.

As Minority Leader I support downsizing, but I do so with conditions.

First, downsizing must save the county money. Legislators cannot be given salary increases as a condition or result of downsizing. Other counties have provided such increases because legislators allege new districts have more residents, therefore their work load increases. This must be avoided if the County is looking at real reform and cost savings.

Albany County residents already pay enough taxes to keep government operating. Asking more of them is wrong, and if legislators ask for more they deem themselves to be selfimportant, which they are not.

Second, legislative staff cannot be increased. Such action will also increase costs.

Third, every effort must be provided to make certain that new legislative districts are drawn up by a bipartisan, independent committee with an equal number of Democrat and Republican members. Redistricting should take place at public meetings with public input.

In conclusion, if the Albany County Legislature is truly looking out for the residents of Albany County, it will downsize and not increase legislative salaries or staff. The personal interests of legislators must be put aside and the interests of taxpayers and residents must be the highest priority.

> - Lee Carman Albany County Legislature, Minority Leader



## Need candidates who will step up

Editor, The Spotlight: The 2014-2015 school budget season is upon us. Wednesday the 26th of February, we were treated to a long State of the District presentation and then the opening shot of budget planning. Other than the Students in Government and employees of the school district, there were very few district residents there. I wondered what the purpose of it all was.

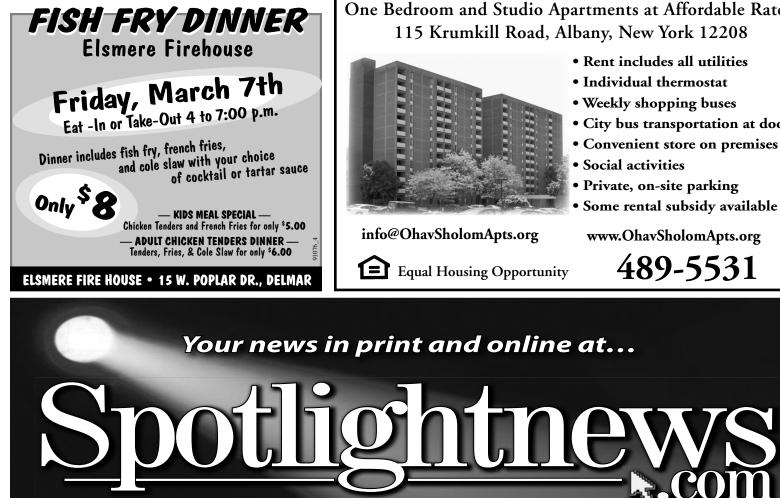
Although the devil will be in the details, we probably won't have a lot of issues in this year's budget. I still believe that the special ed budget is again being inflated, and no one is willing to speak to why Bethlehem is such a regional target. We must be doing things that are not mandated. What is becoming evident is that the sources of all the stress are our politicians and state bureaucrats. We put people like Cuomo, Breslin and Fahey in office and then wonder why, despite pious mouthings, nothing changes. I tried talking to Breslin at a school board meet and greet about unfunded mandates, and it was like talking to a brick wall! There is no local control of tenure, retirement and a myriad of other issues that complicate running a school district.

Also becoming clear is that the residents of the district's lethargic attitude towards all this is not going to change. Unless someone's ox is gored, no one cares. Cut a pool or a sports team and listen to them squeal! More taxes, sure why not. We need some new qualified

candidates for the school board but no one wants to step up. Without community interest and support, I don't blame them.

So, sit back and relax folks.

> - Philip W. Carter Slingerlands resident



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## From the Editor's Desk Sleepy elections need wake-up call

Did you know that there are some village elections coming up in Albany County? If you live in the villages of Colonie, Voorheesville and Ravena, you probably do. Or maybe not.

So often these village elections fly under the radar, only making a blip on the rare occasion there is contested seat. This year, there are two such occasions — in Ravena and Colonie. The Ravena election has already seen some spirited activity, as Republicans try to unseat the Democratic incumbents for mayor and two trustees positions. In the Village of Colonie, there was some last-minute scrambling to clear up ballot confusion caused when Lawrence Warner went for the Conservative line in addition to the Independent line. (You can read more about that in reporter Billy DeLap's story online at spotlightnews. com.)

These are the kinds of stories that get people to take notice, but for the most part, village elections are sleepy affairs.

Consider the uncontested race this year in Voorheesville and a string of uncontested races in the Village of Altamont in previous election cycles. Consider that the reason given for the attempt to disqualify Warner's Conservative line on the Colonie ballot was because it just had never been done that way before. This, in a village that hasn't seen a new candidate run for office in about 16 years. And consider that finding any information about these and past village elections will frequently have you sifting through multiple sources or may not even exist at all.

Nobody really expects a raging political debate when it comes to village elections, and considering these districts cover such a small area where political opponents are also neighbors (quite literally in the case of Colonie's Warner and candidate Patrice Lockhart), it is not necessarily a bad idea to want to keep things low-key.

But when does low-key become apathy? And why bother with an elected leadership if the elections are pretty much a rubber stamp on the incumbents? The voter turnout is abysmally low in the uncontested races. The number of Voorheesville voters peaked at 118 in recent years, where the string of uncontested races stretch back until 1994. Even Democratic chairman of the Albany County Board of Elections Matt Clyne admitted that most people aren't generally aware of villages elections unless they know someone on the ballot. Sure, those in power can say that people just aren't seeking to

unseat them. That may be true, and a lazy electorate shares the blame here, but it also makes us wonder if there's a will and a way to wake up the electorate.

Furthermore, with the village clerk — an elected position — responsible for supervising the elections, there seems to be little incentive to make room for fresh blood unless one of the longtime officials decides to step down.

It's time for those in village seats to use their position to encourage their constituency to seek their own roles in government and actively promote the election process by doing more than just posting notices at the requisite six locations. There are plenty of people who won't respond, but there are probably a handful that will, having felt intimidated by a process that seemed entrenched and unwelcoming.

Maybe this can be done by making village elections more accountable by enlisting the Albany County Board of Elections' help every time, not just when there is an issue. The recordkeeping of current and past elections is spotty, at best, with most clerks unable to provide results from before their terms. That lack of oversight makes you wonder if anyone is taking these village elections seriously. We think it's time they did.

Get to know ...

#### Joyce Becker of Bethlehem

- Title: Director of Senior Services
- Hometown: Louisville, Ky.

• How long have you lived here?: 35 years. More than half my life.

## What are you listening to these days?

Simon and Garfunkel we are into again. We listen a lot to whatever Will Vail, a volunteer here and local muscician, is listening to. He's very talented.

#### **Reading?**

"The Confessions of a Slightly Neurotic Hitwoman" by J.B. Lynn. It's one of those 99 cent books on Kindle. It's amusing. She has a pet lizard that talks back to her, but only she can hear. I've enjoyed it and didn't think I would. It's what you call light reading.

#### Watching on TV?

"Blacklist" with James Spader. I think he is a wonderful actor and just found out he is visually impaired and needs glasses and memorizes his lines because of his characters.

#### What was the last movie you saw?

"The Proposal" with Sandra Bullock. Watched it on TV. Had seen it before.

#### Describe your dream vacation.

On the beach in Hilton Head, S.C. It's near Charleston and Savannah. I need a few weeks to finish my hitwoman book.

#### What are some of your hobbies?

I like to quilt, but I don't have enough time. My husband would say I like to buy the fabric and then look at it. I make a quilt for each grandchild and my husband makes them a hope chest.

#### Who is the one person (dead or alive) that you would most like to meet?

I always talk about if I could invite anyone I wanted to for dinner I would say Alan Alda, Tom Hanks, or Bill Clinton. I would like to know about their life. I respect them.

## What is your favorite local moment?

My favorite connection to Bethlehem is the community Christmas day dinner. It serves people who are either released from the hospital or don't have someone to have dinner with. I'm happy to be a part of it and it's my good fortune. It's a wonderful event.

## **Guest Commentary** Clean bird feeders prevent disease

In January and February 2013, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) confirmed infections with the bacteria Salmonella in common redpolls that frequented bird feeders across 13 counties.

No confirmed cases have been identified to-date in 2014, however it is the time of year when DEC receives reports of dead common redpolls that became infected with Salmonella at bird feeders.

Proper maintenance of bird feeders can help prevent disease transmission, particularly in these late winter months when songbirds are especially vulnerable.

Salmonellosis or "Songbird Fever" is among the most common diseases associated with bird feeders. Outbreaks can affect many bird species including cardinals, goldfinches, sparrows, cowbirds and pine siskins. The bacteria can be shed in the bird's feces even when the bird appears healthy. Salmonellosis can spread through contact with infected birds, contaminated seed, seed waste on the ground or water in bird baths. It is important to note that salmonellosis is a zoonotic disease and can be spread to both



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people and domestic animals. Other common songbird diseases that are spread through bird feeders are Mycoplasma Conjunctivitis (an eye infection of House Finches) and Trichomoniasis (an oral parasite of songbirds, pigeons and doves).

A bird feeder surrounded by the

can also be a place where diseases can spread very quickly between birds because of their close contact with each other.

New Yorkers can help curtail the spread of disease in songbirds by emptying and cleaning feeders and bird baths with hot soapy water at least every two weeks. It is also a good idea to soak feeders in a dilute 10 percent bleach solution and allow them to dry before re-hanging them. Waste seed on the ground beneath feeders should be cleaned up and discarded. Spreading feeders out and relocating feeders periodically can also limit the build-up of waste.

Practice good hygiene when cleaning feeders and bird baths by wearing gloves to handle seed waste and washing hands after performing maintenance. If you observe multiple sick or dead birds at your feeder, please report them to your local DEC office. A list of DEC's regional offices can be found on DEC's website.

various species of birds is a common sight in many residential backyards. Bird feeders can be a safe and enjoyable way to watch birds from the comfort of one's home but under the right circumstances bird feeders

The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's Project Feeder Watch has information about feeding backyard birds at: feederwatch.org/learn/feedingbirds. 8......

"Get to know" is a weekly feature where community members are asked questions that aren't necessarily related to their jobs. If you know of someone you think should be highlighted, email news@spotlightnews.com.



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## **Beatles retrospective** postponed to March 30

A snowstorm closed the library and cancelled our Beatles retrospective last month, but we're happy to announce that "She Loves You!" has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m.

With the help of recorded material and film clips, musicologist and Beatles scholar Gordon Thompson will explore the impact of "The British Invasion" led by the Beatles in 1964, their historic concert at Shea Stadium and John Lennon's New York City connection.

Our program is cosponsored by New York Living Legacy, a program of the Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center.

#### Tai chi for health

Tai chi is an ancient Chinese art with enormous health and wellness benefits. Our eight-week series "Tai chi for Health" begins Wednesday, March 5, at 11 a.m. and continues every Wednesday until April 30 (no class April 16). Participants will learn a set of basic tai chi movements accessible to all ages and abilities. No prior experience is necessary. Wear loose clothing and smooth-soled shoes.

#### Money savvy

Parents can learn how to help their children develop responsible money habits at a workshop next Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. "Raising a Money-Smart Kid" will be facilitated by Cornell Cooperative Extension educator Maria DeLucia-Evans.



#### **Board candidate** information

Packets containing information and petition forms for a seat on the library board are now available at the information desk. Petitions require 75 signatures and are due in the office of the District Clerk by April 21 at 5 p.m.

Elections will be held for one seat on the library board of trustees, for a full term of five years. The election and budget vote will take place on May 20.

#### **Staff show**

Next time you're in the library, don't miss the Staff Arts and Crafts Show, located in the Delaware Avenue wing of the lobby. Our exhibit will be on display till the end of March.

#### Minecraft 3-D

Friday, March 14, at 3:45 p.m. Create and produce an original object using the library's new MakerBot 3-D printer. Grade 4 and up; call 439-9314 to sign up.

#### Friends of the **Bethlehem Public**

Library Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m. Open to the public.

#### Pajama-Rama

Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m. Bedtime stories and fun for children up to age 6 and families.

— Louise Grieco

## Library's read-in was a success

Big shout out to the all of the people who dropped in at the library for the read in. A great time was had by all and we will be having another one soon. Watch here for dates and times.

#### **Civil War Display**

Beginning March 8 and running through the end of April, the Voorheesville Library is proud to present a very special gallery exhibit. Coinciding with the 150th anniversary of the Civil War's battle of Cold Harbor, the library will

be hosting an exhibit on loan from the Knox



Historical Society honoring Knox Officer Lt. Michael Henry Barckley.

In conjunction with the Civil War display, the library will be hosting artists John Elberfeld and Jane McLean. John and Jane are two of the driving forces behind the Helderberg Quilt Barn Trail (HQBT) we've all been hearing so much about. If you've ever wondered what those big square quilt designs on the sides of barns and houses are, then you really must visit the library and find out. John and Jane will be displaying some Civil War era patterns, as well as some of their other designs which decorate many area buildings. They will be hosting an open house on Sunday, March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. Please be sure to stop by, visit with your hosts and enjoy their art. Who



Voorheesville Library patrons participate in a read-in Friday, Feb. 21. Submitted photo

knows? There may even be a Civil War re-enactor dropping by.

#### **Right college at the right price**

On Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m, Dr. Dean Skarlis, president of The College Advisor of New York, will be hosting a program for parents of high school sophomores and juniors. If you are at that place in your life where you're starting to look at colleges, this is the program you don't want to miss!

#### **Tween creativity lab**

Kids grade 3 through 6, come celebrate the release of the newest

Muppet film by crafting your own lovable muppet puppet. On March 22 at 2 p.m., you can add teeth, nose, eyes, horns, hair or whatever to your moveable puppet. Unique or look-a-like, the puppet is yours to take home.

#### **Friends of the Library** spring bus trip

The FOL will be hosting a bus trip to Boston on Saturday, May 3. The cost is \$40 for friends' members and \$45 for non-members. These trips fill quickly, so stop in the library and sign up now! For more details visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.



## 'Book of Mormon' trip slated for March 15

Join us for the widely acclaimed "The Book of Mormon" at Proctors on Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. Dinner will follow at the Waters Edge Lighthouse Restaurant in Glenville. The cost for the show, dinner and transportation is \$150, payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Call 439-4955, ext. 1169, for more information and to make your reservation. The Health and Wellness Program on Friday, March 7, will feature "Eat Smart for Brain Health," presented by Sandra Varno, MS, RD, CDN, Cornell Cooperative Extension. The March 14 program will feature "How Do Scam Artists Love Thee? Let Me Count the Ways," presented by Maurice Padula, NYS Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau. The programs are free and begin at 1 p.m. at the



#### **Town of Bethlehem**

Town Hall. Either join us for the program only (no registration required) or consider lunch with us at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands before the program, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange transportation.

The Legal Services Program, staffed by the Legal Aid Society, will be available on Thursday, March 13, between 10:30 a.m. and noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The program provides legal advice and service at no cost for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, for an appointment.

— Wilma DeLucco

## Your Community in The Spotlight

#### 'The Sound of **Music' comes** to Guilderland

FMS MASK presents the beloved family favorite, "The Sound of Music," for three days at the cafetorium at Farnsworth Middle School, 6072 State Farm Road in Guilderland.

The musical is based on the book, "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers" and features Rogers and Hammerstein score. Steve Suriano directs this production, with Terri Mewhorter serving as musical director and Kelly Flansburg serving as choreographer.

Shows are at 7 p.m. Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. Tickets are currently available for \$8 each or \$30 for a family four-pack. All seats are general admission.

For tickets and information, call Shannon O'Mahoney at 465-6010 or email FMSMASK@gmail. com.

#### **Delmar Orchestra** debuts new work

The Delmar Community Orchestra will present a concert Monday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The orchestra, under the direction of Vincent Bonafede, will perform classical selections by Chopin and Mozart. It will also feature the premiere of Bonafede's original composition, the "Old Troy Suite," which was inspired by the history and landmarks of Troy.

"I wanted to write a suite for the Orchestra," said Bonafede, who is a Troy resident, "and I thought it would be interesting to base the piece on things that I saw every day. The city of Troy has such a rich historical legacy, it gave me a lot to choose from."

The concert is free. For more information, call Nancy Felberbaum at 813-4299 or visit the orchestra's website at 115 LOTE LE

#### **Overcoming the fear of public speaking**

Speaking coach Mark Grimm of Guilderland spoke to about 30 Saint Gregory's sixth- through eighth-grade students about overcoming the fear of public speaking Friday, Feb. 28, in Loudonville. "They were among the most engaged and well behaved students I've ever had in my audience," said Grimm. Saint Gregory's — an all-boys school — hosts an open house on Wednesday, March 12, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 785-6621.

County meeting Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Elsmere Ave. in Delmar.

Greenbergwilltalkabout the recommendations made by the Charter Review Commission in a January report, which may be viewed online at www.albanycounty.com/ government/Charter ReviewCommission.

#### Half Moon Button Club meeting

The Half Moon Button Club will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Social time begins at 11 a.m., and the business meeting takes place at noon, followed by this month's program on paperweight buttons.

Bring a bag lunch, but dessert will be provided. For more information, call Kathy at 393-3156 or

from noon to 2 p.m. at New Baltimore Reformed Church, located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in New Baltimore.

The menu features the traditional Irish meal of corned beef and cabbage, carrots and potatoes, as well as Irish soda bread and a dessert. The duo of Hilary Schrauf and George Ward will provide Irish music in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Call the church office at 756-8764 with your name and contact number, along with the number of reservations you are making. If you require transportation, please leave that information on your message. Dining space is limited to 60 seats.

#### **Trinity Church** hosts dinner

Trinity United

available. Donations are accepted. For more information,

call 756-2812 or 756-2091. Art class series

at church First United Methodist

Church of Delmar is offering a series of art classes called "Making a Mess with God: Encountering God through Art, Creativity and Music" during its Lent services on Sundays at 5:45 p.m. beginning March 9.

Each week, a different artist will engage worshipers in a project involving a variety of mediums including fabric, mobiles, photography, collage and more. There will also be spiritual music performances.

First United Methodist Church is located at 428 trip on Friday, March 14, at 6 p.m.

This year's theme is "Celebrate America Carnivale," and the event features student-created games throughout the school and 25-cent raffle tickets for toys, gift cards, event tickets and more. There is no admission charge, and you receive a free game ticket if you bring in canned goods for the Altamont Food Pantry.

All of the money is raised by the fifth-grade students and parent volunteers.

Altamont Elementary School is located at 117 Grand St., Altamont.

#### **Grace Church** book sale

Mark your calendar for the spring book sale March 13-15 at Grace United Methodist Church,

#### Post your events to our online calendar

To submit an event to run in our online calendar, simply go to www. spotlightnews.com/ events/submit/, become a registered user and fill out your event's information in the provided form. Submissions are subject to approval and may take up to 24 hours to be approved. \* News briefs for our community page must be sent via email to news@ spotlightnews.com and may

March 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

not appear online.

For more information, call Joy 731-8076 or call 756-6688 and leave a message.

#### WCA celebrates Women's Day

The Woman's Club of Albany and Dining for Women will co-sponsor the club's second annual International Women's Day celebration Sunday, March 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The event features a discussion of Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn's book, "Half the Sky," which is a call to action against the oppression of women and girls in the developing world. There will also be a presentation on Dining for Women's local efforts to address these issues.

The event will be at the Women's Club of Albany, 725 Madison Ave., in Albany. There is a \$5 suggested donation, which will go to an organization serving abused women in rural communities of the Capital District. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 465-3626 or emailing wca. events@mindspring.com.



www.delmarcommunity orchestra.com.

#### **Greenberg speaks** Can Katty at 355-Kristi at 869-8125. at meeting

#### Albany County Charter **Revision Commission** chairman Henry Greenberg is the guest speaker at the League of Luncheon program returns Women Voters of Albany

#### Food and fellowship luncheon

The Food and Fellowship Wednesday, March 12,

Methodist Church, Route 143 in Coeymans Hollow, is holding a roast pork dinner on Saturday, March 8, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner consists of roast pork and dressing, potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, applesauce, rolls, pie and beverages.

There will also be a bake sale, and take out is

Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. For more information, call 439-9976 or visit www. delmarmethodist.org.

#### Fifth grade fundraiser

Altamont Elementary School is hosting its annual fundraiser to pay for its fifth-graders' class 16 Hillcrest Dr., in Ravena.

A selection of more than 30,000 fiction and non-fiction books are available, and the church is always willing to accept more donations.

The sale takes place Thursday, March 13, from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, March 14, from 9 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and Saturday,



## Local band debuts new songs

Come to GPL on Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m., and enjoy the incomparable Annie & The Hedonists as they bring their special brand of musical entertainment as part of the Library's Second Sunday Concert Series.

This is a special event as you'll hear the new lineup and selections from their new CD, "Women Be Wise," featuring songs of the great female blues and jazz artists of the 1920s through the 1940s.

Peter Davis is on clarinet and tenor guitar, Don Young's on bass, and Jonny Rosen on guitar and vocals round out lead singer Annie Rosen as Annie & The Hedonists.

#### **Read to a furry friend**

Our special furry friends, Fluffy the hairless cat and Erin the friendly Cavalier King Charles spaniel, are coming back to GPL on Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. so that they can listen to the stories that beginning readers will share with them.

Reading to a furry friend is a great way for children to reinforce their reading skills, gain confidence in their abilities and have fun!

Fluffy and Erin want to know that you're coming; please call 456-2400, ext. 4 to let them know.

#### **First Friday Family** Films: 'Cloudy with a **Chance of Meatballs 2'**

Sony Pictures' first animated feature centered upon meatballs falling out of the sky was such a hit with movie-going fans that GPL is going to show its sequel on Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m.

Our hero, Flint Lockwood (voice of Bill Hader), finds himself invited to join the Live Corp Company, and use his gift for invention for the good of mankind. However, just as young Flint prepares to go to work for his hero Chester V (voice of Will Forte), the young genius learns that his water-toGUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY www.guilpl.org

still functional, but it's also animals with food. What follows is a hilarious battle with such delicious, but deadly, hybrids as ferocious tacodiles, slithering apple pie-thons, and vineswinging shrimpanzees.

#### An evening with children's book author **James Deem**

Author James Deem will be visiting GPL to discuss his latest book, "Faces from the Past: Forgotten People of North America," on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

Deem chronicles the efforts of archaeologists, anthropologists, and forensic artists in reconstructing the faces and lives of unearthed skeletons at various points in North American history.

Deem's presentation mirrors the fascinating content of his book, which Kirkus Reviews called "An absorbing introduction to anthropological facial reconstruction. Deem introduces five particular individuals and four other specific burial sites in North America where remains and archaeological contexts offer clues to the identities of the dead. ... From the remains of Nevada's Spirit Cave Man, discovered in the 1940s (and in the 1990s realized to be 10,500 years old) [he moves to cover] the burial grounds of poor and enslaved people in New York and immigrant Chinese miners in Wyoming. Deem's



started cross-breeding and respectful approach makes this exceptionally readable as history as well as science."

Joining him for this program will be Gay Malin, from the New York State Museum, who will describe her work on the facial reconstruction process.

Please register for this program by calling 456-2400, ext. 2.

#### **Better Books Sale**

It's the second Saturday of the month, and that means that on Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., there's another extraordinary opportunity for you to select from a wide range of gently used books and "Hey, this looks brandnew!" DVDs and CDs, all at bargain prices.

#### **Trustees Meet**

GPL's Board of Trustees will hold its bimonthly business meeting on Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Tawasentha Room.

#### About the library

The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the library's website at www.guilpl.org. Check out the "unofficial" library updates at facebook.com/ Guilderland.Library and follow the library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib).

> - Mark Curiale Public Information Officer

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## **Catch the Jazz Vibes live RCS COMMUNITY**

Unwind on a Friday night with one of the Capital Region's most popular jazz groups. Jazz Vibes with Michael Benedict will perform on March 14 at the First Reformed Church in Selkirk, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Jazz Vibes is noted for Bosa Nova and jazz standards. Benedict is one of the premier interpreters of vibraphonist/ composer Gary McFarland.

Make it a family night! Tickets are \$5. Students are free. Tickets are available at the library and at the door. Student tickets are available from RCS music teachers.

#### **Making tracks** scavenger hunt

We're going on a bear hunt! We see all kinds of animal tracks in our yards and woods. Learn about them with your kids on Saturday, March 22, as they hunt down a variety of

LIBRARY animals (stuffed, of course!)

hidden throughout the library. The program will be a drop-in activity between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., so you can work it around whatever else vou have planned for the day.

#### **Computer/tech** classes

Whether you are looking to develop new skills or solve longstanding problems, look to the library for guidance. Its weekly computer classes on a wide range of topics address many needs. Class size is limited, so you will get your questions answered. All classes are free and take place in the library. Registration is required: call 756-2053, or email info@

rcscommunitylibrary.org

The New World of Tablets. iPods, iPads and more — 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, March 5, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m.

#### iPad: Fun and Games

- Have fun making and sharing photos and videos. Learn how to find and download popular paid and free games. Wednesday, March 12, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Windows 8: Don't Be Nervous — Get tips and tricks to help make Windows8 easier to use. Learn to find your apps, organize the new start menu and shutdown the easy way. Wednesday, March 19, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m.



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Guilderland Senior Services will hold a Medicare program on Thursday, April 3, from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Town Hall boardroom. Please call 356-1980, ext. 1094 by March 27 to register.

Will you soon be 65? Are you already enrolled in Medicare but still have questions about your coverage options? There are Medicare counselors trained to help you understand your choices and options. Attend a presentation designed to provide you with an understanding of Medicare and the choices available to you.

Thinking about changing your current Medicare coverage? This is a great time to get a better understanding of the whole picture.

Having trouble paying your Medicare premium or related medical expenses? Find out if you may qualify for Federal assistance with your medical expenses.

You're almost 65? Come learn about how Medicare works. You'll probably be surprised by the number of choices available to you and all the factors that you should consider when making your choices.

#### Sing! Smile! Shine!

Come to the Senior Luncheon and Karaoke on Tuesday, April 29, at noon at Settles Hill Banquet House, 1123 Settles Hill Road, Altamont.

**Town of Guilderland** SENIOR CALENDAR

The buffet luncheon includes: assorted sandwiches, salad bar, cream of broccoli soup, chicken marsala, brownie and cookies, and tea, coffee or soft drink.

Our entertainment: "Karaoke Masters with Steve Buess.'

Cost is \$17 per person. Please make checks payable to Town of Guilderland. Drop off or mail to the Senior Office.

Transportation service is available upon request. Group table reservations always welcome.

Tickets are available March 18 thru April 15.

#### Movie of the month

"Lee Daniels' The Butler" March 27, at 10:30 a.m.

"Lee Daniel's The Butler" is a

2013 American historical fiction drama loosely based on the real life of Eugene Allen. The film stars Forest Whitaker as Cecil Ganes, an African-American who eyewitnesses notable events of the 20th century during his 34-year tenure serving as White House butler. Throughout his career while serving eight different Presidents, Cecil not only experiences, but lived

through the civil rights movement, Vietnam and other major events that affect this man's life, family and American society.

Also starring Oprah Winfrey and John Cusack. Rated PG-13-132 minutes. Please call 356-1980 by March 20 to sign-up.

#### Wednesday, March 5

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

Thursday, March 6

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

#### Friday, March 7

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

#### Monday, March 10

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

# hits home stretch

The Bethlehem YMCA is much more than a gym. It's become our town's community center.

The Y is a place where friends and neighbors can meet to work out or simply run into each other and catch up on what's going on their lives. It's a place where kids can get together to play basketball. It's a place where parents can cheer for their children at swim meets and hockey games. It's a place for toddlers to celebrate a birthday. It's a place for teens to learn and grow. It's a place where older adults can socialize or participate in wellness programs that fight disease and help ensure better health.

However, a YMCA membership may be out of reach for many people in need who could truly benefit from the Y's programs and services. A growing number of children qualify for a free lunch in Bethlehem schools. The Bethlehem food pantry struggles to keep up with the needs of families that rely on it to put a meal on the table. Aparent loses their job and needs child care while they look for work. A senior citizen needs to be more physically active but is faced with rising medical bills.

That's why each year, the Bethlehem YMCA conducts its Annual Campaign to raise money to meet the most urgent needs in our community. Every dollar raised stays right here in our community to support the families and individuals who need us most.

With just one month remaining in the 2014 Annual Campaign, we are nearing our goal of raising \$101,000, thanks to the generosity of our members, as well as the YMCA staff and volunteers. But we need to do more.

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To help people express their motivation for donating to the Annual Campaign and to help us meet our goal, we have begun the "I Give Because" effort. When you pass the Y's front desk, you will see squares hanging from the ceiling and posted on a board that says "I Give Because ... " Here are some answers given by Y members who donated:

"Helping others always makes my day a little brighter!"

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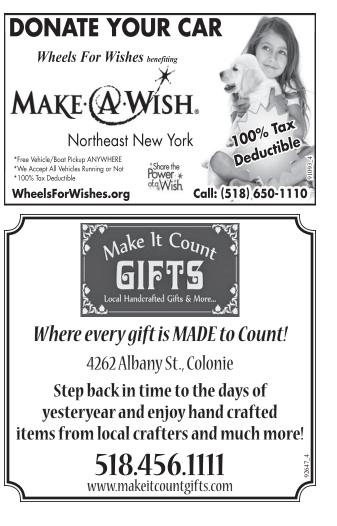
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## Milestones

#### Bub, William F.

DELMAR — William F. Bub, 89, of Delmar, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 8, 2014. He was greatly loved by his



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family and

friends. He

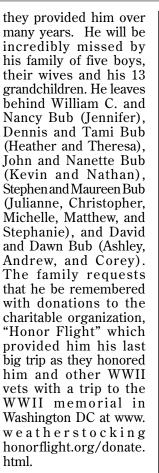
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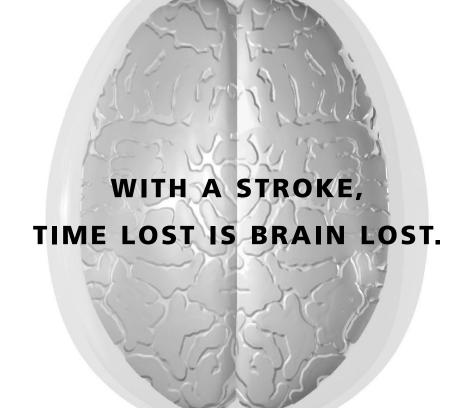
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shipping out to the Pacific, he married the love of his life, the late, Lois S. LeGallez of Slingerlands. He took over the family electrical business, LeGallez Electric, where he worked for over 50 years. The family electrical business was started in 1914, so he lived long enough to see its 100th anniversary,

something he was greatly anticipating. He was the second generation owner and the business is now run by the third generation, his son Stephen Bub. He loved to play the drums when he was young, and once he had a family he got his five sons to join the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps of Delmar, so he could join with them. He drummed in countless parades and musters. He was also one of those Revolutionary War "reenactors." He helped form the Continental Marines, a charter group within the Brigade of the American Revolution. He donned his Continental Marine uniform and carried his musket for his final reenactment last year at the age of 88. The family would like to thank the staff at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center for the tremendous care





#### Bastiani Jr., Amos J.

DELMAR - Amos J. Bastiani, Jr., 70, of Delmar passed away on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at St. Peter's Hospice Inn.



Army veteran, he was stationed in Germany serving as a helicopter navigator in the 1st Air Cavalry from 1961 - 1964. Amos was a lifelong contractor known for his custom carpentry. He was a meticulous craftsman who took great pride in his work.

Amos enjoyed a 38 year volunteer career with the Delmar Fire Department where he held many positions including past Chief, past President, past Rescue Squad Captain, and current Fire District Commissioner. He was instrumental in bringing Advanced Life Support Services to the Town of Bethlehem, was among the first paramedics in Albany County and the first one in the Town of Bethlehem.

Amos was a history buff, loved going to air shows and learning

#### **Dean's lists**

• Megan Usher, of Altamont, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at The College at Brockport.

• Catherine Jira, of Delmar, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list with honors at The College at Brockport.

• Nicole Howland, of Delmar, has been named



A funeral was held for Amos J. Bastiani Monday, Feb. 24, with burial taking place at the Bethlehem Cemetery. Bastiani, who died Wednesday, Feb. 19, was a 38-year volunteer with the Delmar Fire Department, serving as chief, past president, past rescue squad captain and current fire district commissioner.

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about military aircraft. He enjoyed flying remote control aircraft with his grandson. One of his favorite things to do was spending time with his grandchildren, especially their lunches at My Place.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Bastiani; son, David Bastiani (Merideth); stepson, Michael Fabe (Tina); grandchildren, Alexis, Samuel and Teresa Bastiani and Johnathan and Benjamin Fabe; siblings, Delores Fields, Norma Boice, Barbara Hendrickson and John Bastiani; Many cousins, nieces and nephews; and feline friends, Muffin and Rufus.

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Anthony Monescalchi

of Delmar, has been

named to the fall 2013

dean's list with honors at

The College at Brockport.

Delmar, has been named

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• Amy Cookfair, of

College at Brockport.

Calling hours were held Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, Feb. 24, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar. Burial is in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar. Memorial contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205, Delmar Fire Department, 145 Adams St., Delmar, NY 12054 or the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204.

• Alexandra Cronin, list with honors at The of Slingerlands, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at The College at Brockport.

> • Matthew Futia, of Delmar, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at The College at Brockport.

• Matthew Rockefeller, to the fall 2013 dean's list at of Delmar, was named to the fall 2013 president's list at The College at Brockport.

> • James Angermeier of Glenmont, was named to the fall 2013 president's list at The College at Brockport.

• Andrea Figliomeni, of Altamont, majoring in musical theater, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Nazareth College. • Dana Donnelly, of Delmar, majoring in English literature, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Nazareth College. • Katherine Race, of Glenmont, majoring in nursing, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Nazareth College. • Shirah Fudin, of Delmar, has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 2013 semester at Sage College of Albany. • Jonathan Rosen, of Slingerlands, earns honors at Skidmore College for the fall 2013 semester.

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On Feb. 7, Burns turned herself in to sheriff's investigators with her attorney and was charged with grand larceny in the third degree, a class "D" felony. Burns was arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court by Judge Ryan Donovan and was released on her own recognizance.

Wickham said following Burns' arrest, two people resigned from the company. Her husband, Robbie Burns, and her father-in-law, Robert Burns, resigned as members from the fire company "to protect the department."

"They resigned for the good of the organization," said Wickham. "They were very upset about the whole matter."

However, two people were suspended and one terminated by the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners for not following proper procedures when it came to the investigation.

The board terminated company president Kevin Craft, the person who first approached the sheriff's department with the case, because he didn't come forward to the board with the information he had. Two other members who knew about the investigation for a short time before the arrest were suspended for 20 days and are now back with the fire company.

"We have internal procedures when events like this happen, and they didn't follow them," said Wickham. "They are supposed to notify their superiors and they didn't."

Craft did not return calls seeking comment.

A c c o r d i n g t o court documents, the investigation started after Craft noticed a payment to AT&T on the bank statements for the fire company. Craft then approached Burns about the charges, since the fire company did not have an account with AT&T.

Burns allegedly told Craft the payment was a mistake, and that she had "accidentally paid some personal bills" using the fire company's bank account. Burns had been doing that from January 2012 to October 2013.

"Heather apologized for the mix-up and agreed to pay back the money," Craft told Albany County Investigator Charles Higgins.

Craft told investigators he was later able to recover \$1,885 from AT&T. However, he eventually found more discrepancies on the bank statements and approached the sheriff's department for help on the case. Court documents showed Higgins told Craft not to discuss the case with anyone else, while investigators looked into the matter.

Burns was asked to step down from her position as treasurer

several months ago when she was unable to provide financial statements to Company No. 3's president.

Sheriff's investigators conducted a three-month investigation, which led to the discovery of more than 40 unauthorized transactions from the fire department's checking/ savings account over the past two years. The unauthorized transactions consisted of money transfers, checks written to cash, checks written out to Heather Burns, cash withdrawals, direct web payments to credit cards, utility companies and insurance carriers.

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple said at the time of the arrest the thefts seem to be isolated incidents, and they do not believe other family or company members were involved.

None of the money taken came from taxpayers, but was raised through local fundraisers. Wickham said the department would be working to try to retrieve the stolen funds.

Burns has since been terminated as an active volunteer member within the company.

Wickham said to make sure another incident doesn't happen again, financial reporting procedures have changed and an extensive audit was done of all department funds. The separate fire companies also recently merged into one department, so "the District is confident this will prevent any future thefts of department funds."

Burns was set to reappear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, March 4.



of around 15 people who turned out to the Guilderland Center Firehouse on Wednesday, Feb. 26, for a public meeting on the Route 146 Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project.

Susan Torelli, project engineer for Creighton Manning, agreed curbs "visually" slow traffic down, but she contended the pathway would have a similar "visual affect."

"It is not necessarily just the curb, it is also the sidewalk," Torelli said. "We are saying pathway versus sidewalk, but I think that pathway is also a visual cue to the drivers."

She said if more funding becomes available in the future, then a curb could be installed along the pathway, along with other improvements outlined in the Guilderland Center Neighborhood Master Plan released four years ago.

"This project is what it is," she said. "This is the first step in that vision."

Several attendees were frustrated over how long the project has taken to proceed, but Town Supervisor Ken Runion had previously said local officials had waited for federal funds to be released after receiving the grant several years ago.

"There has been a lot of studies that have been going on in this area, all the way back to 2000," Torelli said.

The town and state are responsible for providing 20 percent of the \$660,000 project, or \$132,000.

"[It's] not a lot to work with, but obviously, we want to stay within this plan and do what we can,"Torelli said.

The amount of funding available is what scaled

back the project from including sidewalks to a pathway without a curb. Advantages of installing a pathway include not having to construct drainage infrastructure required with a curb, and crews would not have to cut into the existing roadway. The length of construction would also be reduced. The pathway would run

The pathway would run along the south side of Route 146 from just beyond where Depot Road connects to it and stops at the nursing home. There would be a small portion of sidewalk on the north side from School Road to the Helderberg Reformed Church, because the infrastructure is already in place.

The town previously reduced the speed limit along Route 146 through the hamlet to 35 mph, but several attendees said cars still speed down the road. Torelli said its recent traffic study of the corridor revealed 85 percent of the drivers are traveling 41 mph or less along the road.

"People come roaring through Guilderland Center," Wheeler-Weeks said. "I'm just so amazed at your statistic. They don't see anything, let alone a flat pathway without a curb. They see nothing."

From February 2010 to February 2013, there were two pedestrian accidents along the roadway, according to Torelli. The first accident was at the intersection of School Road and involved the driver being under the influence of alcohol and traveling at an unsafe speed. The second accident was during a rainy day and a vehicle struck a pedestrian walking correctly along the road's shoulder.

"I'm sure many of you live in the corridor, you know there is heavy traffic," Torelli said. "Buses, ... heavy vehicles from the industrial park, and it's a heavy commuter route as well. There are limited pedestrian facilities."

She also noted previous projects have found that unless a community embraces the safety enhancements, such as waiting for a crosswalk signal, then the infrastructure installed does little to mitigate potential hazards.

Seth Whitney, a hamlet resident working for the town's water department, urged if the project comes under budget to apply the funds toward safety features rather than decorative elements.

"I don't want decorative lights, and I'd rather see the traffic light signal no turn on red, because the kids aren't going to be paying attention," Whitney said. "Safety first, and then we decorate."

Mark Grimm questioned why there would not be another public meeting if changes were made to the plan based on community feedback or the project is under budget and more funds are available. Only one meeting is legally required.

"If there is definitely a need, we can look at that, but I think at this point, we can talk with you and we can come and meet you one-on-one out at your property," Torelli said.

Final design approval is expected to be received in April and the project would go out to bid in September, with construction planned to begin in October. The project would be "substantially completed" in December, Torelli said, with landscaping completed in the spring of 2015.

🗌 Budget

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put forth a 3.12 percent tax levy increase for the 2014-15 school year without exceeding the cap. Next year's budget is projected to be nearly \$95 million.

"We are hoping that with some restoration, and usage

to larger class sizes, trouble balancing class sections, and more travel for staff as they are asked to spend their time between schools.

Douglas said he is hoping the state will finally restore the funds withheld through the Gap Elimination Adjustment, and he called on the community to continue to advocate for New York's schools.

department's budget is set to increase by nearly \$200,000 because of staff salary increases.

Karam said the department needs little, but called this year " the season of snow." He said time and money are being lost having to dig the buses out and asked for \$26,000 to purchase a snow removal costs, the district went from replacing buses every 10 years to 12 years. Now, the oldest cycle of buses is pushing 17 years and they are sometimes costing the district more than they are worth. The main issue is not the mileage, but rust.

"A lot of the buses may look fine, but what's going

"I think your department is the one that's gotten it right," she said. "People may have been ticked off because of the decisions made, but it helped the district a lot, and we kept programs because of that."

Navarro was referring to the decision to implement the use of centralized bus stops and to lengthen the distance some students were asked to walk to school. Some parents were unhappy with the decision because of safety reasons, and some still are.

At the end of the meeting, Mario Cometti, the parent of an elementary school student, asked for the positions of the community stops be reevaluated after a "reckless driver" passed a school bus and nearly hit his daughter. Cometti said the district dealt with his concerns with "great responsiveness," but was wondering if the board was asking too much of Karam and cutting costs in the wrong places.

of fund balance and tax levy, we will be able to cover the vast majority (of expenses) without further cuts," said Kehoe. The district has about \$1.75 million in fund balance reserves it can use to offset costs for the coming year.

Douglas said the budget increase is mostly due to the fixed rate of retirement costs, which is mandated by the state. He said the district is obligated by law to pay for increases in retirement rates, and said the higher rates should not be blamed on any of the district's teachers and staff.

According to the superintendent, the strain of the recession and loss of state funds has led to a 16.4 percent loss of staff in recent years. This has led

"We've had to rely on our local tax base to make up for what the state had promised us," he said.

#### Transportation budget updates

At the meeting, the district also held its first department budget presentations.

D i r e c t o r o f Transportation Al Karam said his department had been able to cut costs for parts and supplies, along with operational and garagebuilding costs. Kehoe said the renewal of the district's insurance policy also saved \$25,000, with \$15,000 earned from the sale of several buses.

However, the

machine.

"It's laborious work, and a lot of us are no longer young," Karam said.

Buses would drive through the machine while it removes ice and snow from the top and sides of the bus, instead of staff having to use long brooms and rakes. He also asked to consider

replacing eight buses. To cut

915 W. Camelback Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85013 on underneath is different," Karam said. The newer buses are holding up better because of the bus wash the district purchased in 2007.

S c h o o l B o a r d Member Caitrin Navarro commended Karam and the transportation department's work over recent years to revamp their procedures and find ways to cut costs.



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"Less books won't end in a loss of life," said Cometti.



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Notice of Formation Cyan Too LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/2014 Off. Loc.: Al-bany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad# 39727

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOMESTIC LIMIT-ED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)The name of the LLC is Danielle Fitzgerald LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 22, 2014. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. 38141

#### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION of DAST JRKMP3 LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy.

of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/26/13. Office location: Albany County SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 228 E. 45 St. #1801, NY, NY 10017.Purpose: Any lawful activity LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-ABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: DEDHAM POST FUNDING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 5, 2013. Purpose: to en-gage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany Secretary of County. State is agent for pro-cess against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany NY 12203.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-DUMBO FRO YO, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/31/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC. 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law-ful activities. 38009

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NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South

State St., Ste. B, Dover,

Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901.

Purpose: any lawful act

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Sheepshead Bay Rd #2F, Bklyn, NY 11229.Pur-

pose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION

OF LIMITED LIABILITY

1.The name of the Limit-

ed Liability Company is

2.The Articles of organi-zation of the Limited Lia-

filed on January 23, 2014 with the New York

Secretary of State. 3.

The office of the Limited

Liability Company is lo-cated in Albany County.

4.The Secretary of State

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5.The Secretary of State

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process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 38013

#### DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ORGANIZING GENIUS NEW YORK LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/24/14. 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. Ad# 39955

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Notice of Formation GN FRO YO, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/31/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 38016

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of HAMPTON DRY GOODS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/15/14. Office location:Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process.SSNY shall mail process to: 107 Potunk Ln., Westhampton Beach, NY 11978.Purpose: Ai lawful activity.- 38410 Any

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Hannah Rand LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/24/2014 Off. Loc .: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Compa-NOTICE OF FORMATION ny is to conduct all lawof HICKS DESIGN. LIC Art. of Org. filed w/ Se-cv. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/4/14. Office Notice of Formation-EVENT2EVENT,LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 202 W Albany Cnty. SSNY des-ignated as agent of LLC

40 St. #402, NY, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad# 40139 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION

#### of I-PLUS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 153 E. 110

# NOTICE OF FORMATION pose Ad# 39763 LEGAL NOTICE

tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service process to: 503 Harold St., Staten Is-land, NY 10314. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Morris RoadSuite ASch- enectady, New York 12303 FOURTH: The limited lia- bility company is to be managed by: One or More Managers.I certify that I have read the above statements, I am authorized to sign this Articles of Organization, that the above state- ments are true and cor- rect to the best of my knowledge and belief and that my signature typed below constitutes my signature.Dated: February 7, 2014 Al- bany, New York Alexander Powhida, Or- ganizer Law Office of Alexander Powhida 90 State Street, Suite 700 Albany, New York 12207 Ad# 39457 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION of 5AM ARTIST MAN- AGEMENT & EVENT PROMOTION LLC. Art. ofOrd, filed w/Secv. of	LEGAL NOTICE         Notice of Formation- AKCHA REALTY LLC         Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/6/2014 Off.         Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY         designated as agent of LLC whom process may         be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc- umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY         12206. Purpose: all law- ful activities.         Ad# 38713         LEGAL NOTICE         Notice of formation of ALL BRAND CLEANERS AND SEWING CENTER, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC").         Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on January 7, 2014. Office location: Schenectady County. The SSNY has been des- ignated as agent of the LLC. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any pro- cess to the LLC, at 853	of state on Periodaly 3, 2014. THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be locat- ed is ALBANY. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been desig- nated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 413 Ken- wood Avenue Delmar, New York 12054 FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the com- pany is to engage in the profession of psycholo- gy. Ad# 39347 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of BEL CANTO 21B PROP- ERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom pro-	may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of pro- cess to:100 Great Oaks Blvd., Suite 121 Albany, NY 12203 Principal Business location: 486 Stage Road Ballston Lake, NY 12014 Ad# 40199 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Formation of CASEY'S PAINTING & CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/31/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designat- ed 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 ad- dress. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad# 38952 LEGAL NOTICE Notice of formation of Charlton Design	Notice of Formation of COWBOY ASTRONAUT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/4/14. 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 ad- dress. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad# 39176 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI- ABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: CROSS- INGS PROPERTY DE- VELOPMENT LLC. Arti- cles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 13, 2013. Purpose: to en- gage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Al- bany County. Secretary	LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI- ABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: DUMP- STER DRESS LLC. Arti- cles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 21, 2014. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany Coun- ty. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to P.O. Box 990, Latham, NY 12110. LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of Earthgrains Baking Com- panies, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/24/2014. Office loca- tion: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/14/1928. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom pro- cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Ser-	bany Co. SSNY desig- nated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 11 Danton Lane, Lattingtown, NY 11560. Purpose: General. Ad# 39097 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION of FIFTH AVENUE VEN- TURES LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designat- ed as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to:151 Lexington Ave. #8A, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful ac- tivity. LEGAL NOTICE Notice of FormationRF FRO YO, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/31/2014 Off. Loc.: Al- bany Cnty. SSNY desig- nated as agent of LLC whom process may be	St. PO Box 726, NY, NY 10029. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad# 40136 LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMIT- EDLIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is J.A.M Business Group, LLC. The Arti- cles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 10/31/2013. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a business ven- ture, and also to engage in any lawful act or ac- tivity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The ad- dress to which the Sec- retary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is PO Box 121 Feura Bush NY
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Notice of Formation of JDL ICON ASSOCIATES. LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/5/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of 110 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 ad-dress. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad# 39177

#### LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIABILITY LIMITED COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is JGC TWO ASSOCIATES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 24, 2014.THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be locat-ed is ALBANY.FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 8 Airline Drive, Suite 104 Albany, New York 12205 FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. 38149

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ARTICLES ORGANIZATION KAYLA'S ENTERPRISE OF ALBANY, LLC The name of the limited liability company is OF KAYLA'S ENTERPRISE OF ALBANY, LLC (the "LLC"); The Articles of Organization for the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State's Office on January 23, 2014; The office of the LLC is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York; The Secretary of State is designate ed as an agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address in the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any pro-cess against the LLC LLC is:123 North Reineman Albany, NY The duration of Street. 12203 the LLC is perpetual; The character and purpose of the business of the LLC shall be to engage in any lawful act or ac-

LEGALS shall mail copy of pro-cess to 65 Elderberry Ct., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful activities

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Krolak Technology Management Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York of New (SSNY) on November 25, 2013. Office location: SSNY Albany County. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of pro-cess to c/o The LLC, 10 Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Pur-pose: Any lawful business purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMA-TIONOF LIMITED LIA-BILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Krolak Technology Management of Syracuse, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 25, 2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to c/o The LLC, 10 Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: Any lawful business purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LAHIJANI REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/3/14.Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom pro-cess 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.

#### Ad# 39175 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of LAMSIA MANAGE-MENT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/31/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for of service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 79 Heisser Ct., Farm-ingdale, NY 11735.Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION SERVICES LIMITED LIA-BILITY Articles of Organization of Law Office of Sandra Rivera, PLLC was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (?SSNY?) on December 10, 2013. Office loca-

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Notice of Formation-Loren Parkins Music & Radio LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/18/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad# 39724

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF QUALIFICA-TION of LOVELY LADY LUMPS SWIMWEAR COMPANY LLC.Appl. for Auth. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/13.Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/18/13. SSNY des ignated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 68 S. Service Rd. #100, Melville, NY 11747. DEaddress of LLC: 108 W. 13 St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Art. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19904

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Luxury Homes Florida Realty LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 19, 2014. 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 952 Troy-Schenectady Road, Suite 112, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. Ad# 39800

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of M. SINGER CON-SULTING LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/13. Office loca-tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 410 E. 57 St. #3B, 10022.Purpose: #3B, NY, NY Any lawful activity

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Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. NOTICE OF FORMATION of MARYANN'S CLEAN Purpose: all lawful activ-UP LLC. Art. of Org. filed ities. w/Secy. of State of NY LEGAL NOTICE (SSNY) on 12/31/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designat-Notice of Formation Oaxaca Greenwich, LLC ed as agent of LLČ for Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/30/2014 Off. service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 2815 Grand Con-course #B24, Bronx, NY Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY 10468. Purpose: Any

designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave. #101, Albany, N NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: activities. lawful 37866 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation OBV Ventures LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/24/2014 Off. Loc.: Al-bany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law-

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-ABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name:ODU HOTEL INVESTORS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 16, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany Coun-ty. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Al-

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**OET BUILDERS LLC Arti**cles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/30/2014. Office in Al-(SSNY) bany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1 lp swich Ave., Ste. 101, Great Neck, NY 11021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 37865

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of OLIVERO LITERARY & MEDIA ENTERPRISE, LLC. Art.of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/29/14. Office location: Albany-County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 654, Bronx, NY 10454. Purpose: Any

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DOMESTIC LIMITED LI-ABILITY COMPANY (LLC). PARK SOUTH Namé PARTNERS LLC. Arti cles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State 8/13/2013. Pur-pose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Tri City Rentals, 255 Washing-ton Avenue Ext., Albany NY 12205.

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: PDCA, LLC Artiof Organization cles were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 13, 2014. 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 894 Bridge Street. Ravena, 12143. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-Pllum Realty Associates LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC 911 Central Ave., #101 Albany, NY 12206. Pur-pose: all lawful activities. Ad# 39726

#### LEGAL NOTICE

**RESOLUTION AND PUB-**LIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 26th day of February 2014, duly adopted 2014, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows:

the Town WHEREAS Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to complete the paving work, including deteriorating roadways and parking lots, at Elm Avenue Park and,

the Town WHEREAS, Board of the Town of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary toreplace a pool cover for the Olympic size pool at Flm Avenue Park

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said project and purchase will not exceed \$115.000 and, WHEREAS, in recognithese tion of needs, funds for said project and purchase are in the Recreation Capital Re-

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(SSNY) on 1/10/14. Oflocation:Albany fice County. SSNY designat-February 26, ed as agent of LLC for service of process.SSNY shall mail process to: 525 W. 49th St. #6L, NY, NY 10019.Purpose:

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Notice of Formation of Q-LABS LLC. Arts. of

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RABBIT HOLE PROMO-TIONS LLC. Arts. of Org.

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Notice of Qualification of RETHINK REAL ESTATE CAPITAL LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/4/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/27/14. SSNY desig-nated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207 . DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901 Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

#### Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: Ad# 38951 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of RJA ASSETS LLC. Art. ofOrg. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/8/14. Office location:Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process.SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Brewster St. #150, Glen Cove, NY 11542.Purpose: Any lawful activity. -38399

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of SHADOWCORP LLC. Art. ofOrg. filed w/Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/13/14. Office location:Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service process.SSNY shall mail process to: 1 Mor-ton Sq. #4AW, NY, NY 10014.Purpose: Any lawful activity. -38409

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Section 206 NOTICE OF FORMATION of SHARE SPACE LLC. Art. ofOrg. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/26/13. Office location:Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process.SSNY shall mail process to: 170 Tillary St. #204, Bklyn, NY 11201.Pur-pose: Any lawful activity.

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## Guilderland eyes \$91.5M budget within tax cap

#### Superintendent proposes cuts totaling \$1.8M, with middle school bolstered for boom

## By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

Guilderland school district administrators were weary of exceeding the state imposed tax cap and are looking to cut 33 full-time equivalent positions across \$1.8 million of reductions.

Superintendent of Schools Marie Wiles presented her proposed spending plan for the 2014-15 school year during a special meeting Thursday, Feb. 27, which totals nearly \$91.5 million representing a spending increase of 0.52 percent. Wiles proposed budget keeps the district just under its maximum allowable tax levy increase of 2.17 percent, but the Board of Education will craft the final budget presented to voters. The budget continues cuts to staff including 7.85 full-time equivalent teachers, 9.15 FTE teaching assistants, and 16 FTE support staff members.

"We recognize that this is a multi-year challenge, this is year four of the worst of it, and there really is no end in sight," Wiles said. "We can't pretend that we just solve a problem this year and go on our merry way. Because it is a long term problem, there are areas that we will continue to look at."

Guilderland has cut 146 FTE positions since the Gap Elimination Adjustment was implemented to this school year, which included cutting 12 percent of teachers, 33 percent of teaching assistants, 20 percent of administrators, and 9.5 percent of other staff members.

"These cuts are odious," Board member Judy Slack said. "There are very few of them that I like."

Board President Barbara Fraterrigo, while not liking any of the reductions, said administrators had incorporated public feedback and "really reflects community concerns."

Wiles said some of the budget reductions, along with increases, were tied to enrollment or participation levels of students. Several reductions though were aimed at staying within the tax cap limit.

"Reductions driven by declining enrollment or a reduced number of sections, as well as those informed by data indicating a decrease in needed services, were enacted first," Wiles said in a statement. "Wherever possible, we avoided reductions proposed only to close the district's budget gap."

This year there is a new incentive for municipalities and schools to stay within their tax cap limit, because the governor proposed a tax rebate program for any increase in taxes if the cap isn't exceeded. Schools also continue to need a supermajority of voters to approve any budget over its tax cap.

There would be five fewer elementary class sections needed next school year, saving \$390,000, but a large class of incoming sixth grade students at the middle school is spurring the addition of 2.4 FTEs for \$182,200.

Despite reservations from some board and community members, the budget cuts kindergarten teaching assistants from 6 hours to 3 hours. This reduction was made to help maintain elementary classroom sizes within the district's guidelines and preserve programming across the district.

The integrated program at the high school, commonly known as the "X Program," wasn't spared in Wiles' budget proposal. Unlike other courses, it's assigned two teachers.

"While this program in



Guilderland School Superintendent Marie Wiles, Assistant Superintendent Neil Sanders and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Demian Singleton listen to comments from community members after Wiles presented her proposed 2014-15 budget Thursday, Feb. 27.

its current iteration is well regarded, it is simply too expensive to support in the given economic climate," the rationale statement for the superintendent's budget said.

There are currently staff members working on readjusting the program to possibly offer it in some other form next school year.

Summer school would shift to a regional model through the support of Capital District BOCES saving the district approximately \$64,000. Guilderland would host as a summer school site for its students and BerneKnow-Westerlo students, with BOCES running the program.

Assistant coaching positions previously slated to be cut were restored in the superintendent's budget, but Varsity ice hockey and JV golf are being eliminated.

An overall snapshot of reductions includes \$568,00 being enrollment driven, \$178,000 from reduced elementary staffing and instruction, \$262,500 from the high school, \$31,00 from special areas, \$308,000 from special education and the largest from educational support services totaling \$625,000. The middle school is seeing an increase of spending totaling \$180,000.

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Wiles said the amount of special education students in the district is declining, so less resources are needed in that area. Fraterrigo said she was concerned special education was being cut too thin and hoped to see one to two FTE positions restored.

The next Guilderland Board of Education meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, after The Spotlight went to press. Board members are scheduled to adopt the final budget on April 8 and go before district voters on May 20.

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## V'ville waits for railroad safety study funding

#### Village officials say little progress made with county on accessing grant

## By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

Around three months ago, Albany County legislators unanimously awarded Voorheesville \$27,500 to complete an engineering study outlining the installation of a quad gate at its railroad crossing. Village officials, though, are still waiting to get their hands on the money.

"I think it's fair to say we've made several attempts to contact the county about the process of accessing the funds," Voorheesville Mayor Robert Conway said during the Board of Trustees' meeting Tuesday, Feb. 25.

The village was initially told to contact the county attorney's staff but were then referred to the county executive's office, who then referred them back to the county attorney, according Conway. Village Attorney Richard Reilly said he has been waiting for the county to provide further information. He had called Monday, Feb. 24, but had yet to hear back from them.

"The question is, how do we access the funds?" Reilly said.

Conway said resolving the

issue is "clearly not as much a priority" for the county as it is for the village. He said village officials were also reaching out to their local county legislators.

Legislator L. Michael Mackey, who helped craft the resolution providing funds to Voorheesville, said he was unaware the village has had trouble securing the funding when contacted Friday, Feb. 28. Mackey then reached out to the county attorney to see what was causing the holdup.

Mackey's district includes portions of the towns of New Scotland and Bethlehem. Legislator Herbert Reilly's district includes the entire Village of Voorheesville.

After talking to the county attorney, Mackey said county officials were looking to finalize an agreement with the village to distribute the funds. He said county officials would call the village on Monday, March 3, when The Spotlight goes to press. Check back at spotlightnews.com for updates.

The gate system would help the village make steps toward creating a Quiet Zone. If the village is able to install a fourquadrant gate system and other necessary infrastructure then trains would not be required to come horns blaring through the community. There are two county roads in the village requiring railroad crossing to be upgraded for a Quiet Zone to be approved.

Initiating a Quiet Zone in the village once seemed impossible because the village had commissioned an engineering study showing a price tag around \$1 million. The Committee for a Quiet Zone in Voorheesville, a community group, received estimates last year from CSX putting the cost at around \$200,000, which spurred village trustees to reexamine the proposal.

One county official still quoted the \$1 million price when contacted about progress on the project.

## Teen offenders get a second chance at youth court

#### Last year saw an uptick in cases

#### By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

Unlawful possession of marijuana continues to be the top offense for those going though Bethlehem's Youth Court system.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, Youth Court Director Katrina Charland presented the nonprofit group's end-of-year report for the Bethlehem Town Board. Although marijuana possession continued to be one of the top charges, this year it tied with petty larceny. Both offenses made up 56 percent of all cases heard by youth court last year.

The program works by diverting cases out of the Bethlehem court system for first-time, low-level offenders. Peer volunteers, who sentence the offender to a certain number of community service hours, hear the cases.

"Not only do we give youth in the community a second chance, which is valuable to them to set them back on the right course, but we also serve as a great volunteer (group) for high schoolers in the community," said Charland.

Charland said the number of cases that went through the program increased this year. A total of 37 cases were heard versus the 23 of last year. With the increase, the organization has started a new, one-year pilot program, which allows direct referrals from the police department for first-time offenders under the age of 15. The age of the average offender is 17.

Charland said the pilot program is working out really well, because it allows for a faster intervention time. She gave the example of a young girl who was caught shoplifting from Stewart's. The police referred the girl to the youth court, Charland met with the parents the next day, and within two weeks, the girl had her court day.

"Swift intervention is important for these young offenders," said Charland.

Nearly 95 percent of the cases brought to the youth court made it successfully though the program. Those who don't, go back through the normal court process. The report also showed male offenders committed the majority of crimes at 76 percent. In addition, 738.5 hours of community service were sentenced. Charland said the organization works to match kids' community service work in some way to the offense they committed. Offenders can also be asked to write letters of apology and take educational classes.

Nearly 630 volunteers participated in the program last year as jurors, attorneys or judges. Volunteers also work additional community services hours as part of participating in the program. A total of 1,888 community service hours were done all together at 33 sites in the area.





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## Town seeks answers to burgeoning deer population

#### **Citizens board** will make informed suggestions

#### By MARCY VELTE veltem@spotlightnews.com

The Bethlehem Town Board has agreed to go forward with the creation of a citizens advisory board to discuss how to better control the town's deer population.

Supervisor John Clarkson first referenced the possible creation of such a committee during this year's State of the Town address. He said a number of residents have approached town officials in recent years, with many concerned about the possible spread of Lyme disease.

We want to look into what, if any, suitable options can take place that the town can put into policy to combat

a later interview.

The supervisor said the matter was of high concern for a number of residents, and the issue was brought up several times during the last election cycle as candidates for town board went door-to-door. Residents were not only concerned about Lyme disease, but the number of traffic accidents that have been caused in town by deer. Others have been concerned that the larger numbers of deer are disturbing their gardens.

The group will be formed to evaluate the issues related to the town's growing deer population. Clarkson said the town would be looking to put together a diverse group of committee members with "scientific, medical, wildlife

A number of people have

already showed interest in joining the committee, which is expected to share its findings by year's end. Clarkson said he would like to see data that compares how towns of a similar size combat the issue, and the relations between increased deer populations and the spread of Lyme.

"I don't know the answer to all of these questions, but I do know that community members are extremely concerned," said Clarkson. "We do have a number of deer in town."

The supervisor said similar discussions in others towns have been contentious, but just because a topic is contentious doesn't mean it should not be discussed.

the issue," said Clarkson in and conservation expertise." and chances are you do, should send a letter out how to provide greater who's been touched by Lyme, it can be a great tragedy," said Clarkson. "The treatments and diagnoses are not settled, and I think we have a responsibility to look at this and see if there are reasonable options for us to pursue.'

Councilman Jeffery Kuhn agreed that he too heard a lot about the issue while running for town board.

"I think there are sections of this town where it seems Lyme disease is almost at an epidemic level, and I think we would be remiss in our responsibilities to the town if we don't at least investigate what, if anything, we can do to try and remedy the attendant, a loader and a problem," said Kuhn.

Residents interested in "If you know someone, serving on the committee problem was trying to figure

of interest with one's background information to the Supervisor's Office.

At the same meeting, Highway Superintendent Brent Meredith said funds had been found in the department's budget that would allow for the town's transfer station to remain open longer this spring.

Meredith said the plan calls for hiring a parttime worker to be at the transfer station three days a week to allow access for residents and commercial users who are looking to purchase larger loads. This would mean the station would be fully staffed for those three days with an loader operator.

"Really, the bigger

access to the facility so people could come in, get compost as they need it and drop off yard waste to do their projects,' said Meredith.

The new plan would allow for resident access five days a week, because there is already a full-time staff member on-site composting products. However with no attendant, there would be no one there to collect fees on those particular days.

To balance the funds, Meredith asked for an increase in fees for residents and commercials users seeking larger loads. Compost for residents seeking smaller portions, and who do not need help loading the product, would then be free. Those who need help loading would need to pay the increase from \$16 to \$18.

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## Services in the Spotlight



## Heads-up play denies Bethlehem a berth in final

#### Waterson races into position to deny a game-tying layup

#### By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

Cara Waterson personally saw to it that there would be no overtime.

The senior guard raced down the court and prevented Kaylee Rickert from hitting a

	tying layup
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Bethlehem in Thursday's Section II Class AA girls basketball semifinal at Hudson Valley Community College.

Rickert had nothing but open court after receiving a halfcourt pass. Waterson, though, never gave up on the play. She arrived first to the basket and disrupted Rickert's attempt at the shot without fouling her.

"I just went back to what I learned in basketball," said Waterson. "It was a matter of putting everything into

that sprint and then getting themselves close. good body position."

just going to let us go down and get the tying layup," said Bethlehem coach Matt Bixby. "They hustled and they got it."

The game was a rematch of last year's Class AA final, which Albany won 64-47. This time, Bethlehem (17-3) stayed with Albany step for step before falling at the end.

"We played great tonight," said Bixby. "We executed very well. We worked our butts off this week in preparation for this game."

One trend returned from last year's game: Albany's defensive intensity disrupting Bethlehem's offense. The Falcons (18-1) used their long reach trapping skills to force the Lady Eagles into several turnovers.

"They're just so long and athletic, and that's nothing we see on a regular basis," said Bixby. "I thought for the most part that we handled it well."

Bethlehem's defense returned the favor, though. The Lady Eagles also forced Albany into several timely turnovers to keep

"We knew if any team "A team like that is not could stay with us, it was Bethlehem," said Albany coach Decky Lawson.

> Ultimately, it was an 8-0 Albany run that proved to be the difference in the game. The run spanned from the latter stages of the third quarter through the early part of the fourth quarter and turned a 36-35 Bethlehem lead into a 43-36 Albany advantage.

> It looked even bleaker for Bethlehem when Gabby Giacone, who scored 18 points over the first three periods, collected her fourth personal foul and had to sit on the bench early in the fourth quarter. However, Jenna Giacone scored eight of her 18 points in the final stanza to get the Lady Eagles back within a possession of tying the game.

> "I think top to bottom that they were symbolic of the way the whole team played tonight," Bixby said of the Giacone sisters. "They had great energy and enthusiasm on both ends of the court.'

certain that Bethlehem team in the fourth quarter,"



Bethlehem's Jenna Giacone, right, is double teamed by Albany's Ariel Greer (31) and Cara Waterson (12) during last Thursday's Section II Class AA semifinal at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

didn't tie the game. And said Waterson. "We were when Mylah Chandler hit frustrated because we knew a pair of free throws with 9.1 seconds left, Albany had its ticket punched to the Sectional final.

"I'm so proud of how Waterson, though, made we came together as a

we had more to put out there, and to do it is just awesome."

"We're going to be disappointed about this for a while," said Bixby. "Let me be clear, though. We're not disappointed in how we played. We're disappointed in the outcome."

Chandler had 12 points, while Waterson and Ayana Hunter each added 11 points for Albany, which met Shenendehowa in Monday's Sectional final at the Times Union Center.

densburg Free Academy,

which claimed the overall

Section X title with Sat-

urday's 86-49 win against

Massena. The Blue Devils

(21-1) made 17 three-point-

ers on their way to their

## Birds

(From Page 20)

"We came out strong," said Voorheesville senior guard Noah Crawford. "We've been strong ever since that Watervliet game (a 77-63 loss Dec. 13).'

Crawford did a little bit of everything to lead Voorheesville to the title. The tournament's most valuable player scored 10 points, grabbed six rebounds, dished out five assists, forced two steals

also threw a scare into everyone inside the arena when he landed face first face, I was relieved.' into the basket stanchion after being fouled on a layup attempt early in the third quarter. Fortunately for Crawford, his face hit six three-point attempts the padding and he was back on his feet in a couple of seconds.

'When I hit, it hurt," said Crawford. "But when I came to my senses and realized I was fine, I got Hensel. right back up."

and blocked a shot. He quick minute," said Burch. "But as soon as I saw him get up with a smile on his

> Dylan Hensel was another game changer for Voorheesville. The senior guard drained four of his on his way to a game-high 20 points.

When you come out and hit your first shot, it gives you the confidence to go and do it again," said

"I thought that for him "I got nervous for a overall was his best game

of the year," said Burch. As a team, Broadalbin-"Offensively, he was Perth shot 25 percent from patient when he needed to be and looked for the right shot. Defensively, he did a nice job of being where he needed to be."

There were no game changers for Broadalbin-Perth, though. Ryan Dingman - the Patriots' top three-point shooter – made only two of his nine attempts from beyond the arc. Leading scorer Andre Taylor sank only three of his 15 field goals and went 3-for-8 from the foul line.

the field and 39 percent from the foul line.

"That's a tribute to how hard we worked on defense," said Burch.

Voorheesville attempted second consecutive all-class Tuesday to get past Og- championship.

## **Got sports news?**

The Spotlight welcomes articles on community sports events and updates on athletes in college. Email Sports Editor Rob Jonas at jonasr@

spotlightnews.com or fax information to 439-0609.



"They're as contagious as the measles."

Matt Cerutti and Marc DuMoulin also came up big for Guilderland against its Suburban Council South

and DuMoulin against Monday's championship game if they were going to give the Suburban Council its first large school Sectional title since Colonie in the late 1990s.

"For us to beat them,

performances from Cerutti task, since each member of the Dutchmen's starting Green Tech (15-5) in five had the capability of pouring in 10 or more points.

"I think it's hard to defend five guys in high school ball," said Osinski. "I also think they all trust their teammates to do



Division rival. Cerutti had 29 points and 26 rebounds, while DuMoulin netted 28 points and pulled down 10 boards.

"We had three guys that had double-doubles," said 26 rebounds was huge."

Osinski said the Dutchmen needed similar

we've got to minimize their strengths," said Osinski. "We have to minimize their shots by stopping their dribble penetration, and we have to rebound."

Reciprocally, Green Osinski. "Cerutti getting Tech had to find a way to make Guilderland's offense one-dimensional. It wasn't going to be an easy

something with the ball when they get it."



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### **Defensive play** lifts Albany

Cara Waterson prevented Kaylee Rickert from hitting a game-tying layup with 10 seconds left in the fourth quarter to help Albany defeat Bethlehem 51-47 in last Thursday's Section II Class AA girls basketball semifinal game at Hudson Valley Community College.

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## **Weekly poll**

**Is the Glens Falls Civic Center still the best** site for the New York **State Public High School** Athletic Association boys



The Voorheesville boys basketball team celebrates its 61-37 victory over Broadalbin-Perth in Saturday's Section II Class B championship game at the Glens Falls Civic Center. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

# Birds get their title

#### **Crawford, Hensel lead Voorheesville past Broadalbin-Perth**

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

As a Voorheesville basketball player, David Burch never had the opportunity to play in a regional game.

Now as his alma mater's varsity boys basketball coach, Burch has that opportunity.

The Blackbirds (21-1) won their first Section II title under cruising past Broadalbin-Perth 61-37 in Saturday's Class B final at the Glens Falls Civic Center. The win places Voorheesville in Tuesday's

Burch and their first since 2005 by

regional against

#### **FINAL SCORE**

 Voorheesville Blackbirds, 61 Broadalbin-

Ogdensburg Free Academy at Saratoga Springs High School. 'It's a huge honor for me just to

Section X champion

Perth Patriots, 37 be in this position," said Burch, who took over for Don

Catellier in the 2012-13 season. "Not just winning the Section II B championship, but (also) to be the head coach of this program. I've been part of this program in some way for most of my life.'

Both teams rode long winning streaks into Saturday's Sectional final. Top-seeded Voorheesville was on a 19-game winning streak, while Broadalbin-Perth (16-6) had reeled off 10 consecutive victories.

No one would have guessed it after watching the final play out. Voorheesville surged to a 13-4 lead and then went on a 16-8 run in the second quarter to build a 29-12 advantage. Broadalbin-Perth never recovered.

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## **Nicholson** swims past Zemering

Sports Editor Rob Jonas

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#### **Bethlehem senior** sets personal best in 50-yard free

By SPORTS STAFF news@spotlightnews.com

Bethlehem's Gunnar Zemering set a personal record in the 50-yard freestyle at Saturday's New York State Boys Swimming and Diving Championships in suburban Rochester.

The senior posted a time of 20.72 seconds in the finals to place second, one year after he won the event. Ithaca's Ryan Nicholson claimed the title with a time of 20.25 seconds.

Zemering added a ninthplace finish in the 100yard freestyle with a time of 46.24 seconds in the B final. Hauppauge's Justin Plaschka took top honors with a time of 43.70 seconds.

Bethlehem's Alex Taber also turned in a top-10 finish at the state meet. Taber was fourth among public school division swimmers and seventh overall in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 52.16 seconds. Shenendehowa's Ryan Gordon won the public school title with a time of 48.78 seconds.

## **Dutch survive marathon to advance**

**Guilderland needs** five OTs to get past **Suburban South rival** 

By ROB JONAS jonasr@spotlightnews.com

The marathon is over, but the journey continues for the Guilderland boys basketball then some in last Wednesday's semifinal at the TU Center. The Blue Devils (13-8) tied the score at 63-63 in the final minute of regulation and got sophomore guard Andrew Platek to foul out in the second overtime, leaving the Dutchmen without one of their best shooters.



#### basketball tournament?

• Yes

• No

Undecided

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

### **Previous** poll results:

With this year's Class AA boys basketball playoff results, has the Suburban **Council become the new** Section II power?

• Yes 67%

• No 22%

Wait and see 11%

team.

Five days after outlasting Columbia 102-100 in a fiveovertime thriller, the FINAL Dutchmen (19-SCORE 2) returned to Albany's • Guilderland Times Union Dutchmen, **102** Center to face • Columbia Green Tech Blue Devils, **100** in Monday's

Section II Class AA championship game. The results can be found on www. spotlightnews.com.

"Our legs are back, and we've been working hard to bring back a double A championship to Guilderland," said Guilderland coach Ron Osinski following Sunday's practice.

Columbia gave Guilderland everything it had and

Guilderland kept fighting back through the third and fourth overtimes before taking control in the fifth extra period. Billy Floyd scored 10 of his 22 points in the final four-minute overtime session to help the Dutchmen build a six-point lead. Columbia made a late charge, but it couldn't get the equalizer.

Floyd's free throw shooting was the key in the fifth overtime. The senior guard made seven of his eight attempts from the foul line as part of a 9-for-11 performance overall at the charity stripe. By contrast, his Guilderland teammates made only eight of their 32 free throws.

"It got catchy," Osinski said of the missed free throws.

**Dutch** Page 19

Guilderland's Matt Cerutti runs into a Columbia defender on his way to the basket during last Wednesday's Class AA semifinal. Diane Devoe/Special to the Spotlight

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What's happening, what's cooking and what's playing in the Capital District

Check out our online calendar of events: www.spotlightnews.com/events March 5, 2014

Pick of the week



#### A Russian winter

The monthlong Russian Winter Festival will be holding its grand finale at Proctors on Saturday, March 8, from noon-5 p.m. The event is a day of Russian music, folk art and food — pancakes and caviar in particular. The closing day of the festival will feature Russian folk group Art-Trio Volnitsa from Moscow headlining.

Other events include the art exhibitions "Remembering Russia" by Tatiana Rhinevault and Soviet propaganda posters. Contests featuring best braided hairdo and Russian poetry recital, as well as musical competitions are scheduled.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5 to 12, and free for younger children.



# ExpO is out of this

Free event at Empire State Plaza features cool costumed characters, live shows, vendors and more

#### By DANIA BIANCHI bianchid@spotlightnews.com

he Blums are the typical American family ... two kids, jobs and a house in Upstate New York. That is, until the weekend comes and the family transforms into the bad guys from "Star Wars."

costuming organization

guy costumes from the

'Star Wars" universe.

that focuses on bad

Blum, the group's

events coordinator,

organization dress

said members of the

up as the "Star Wars"

characters and appear at

events all over Upstate

Nicky Blum and her family are part of the 501st Legion's Garrison Excelsior, an international

### IF YOU GO

What: Hannaford Kidz Expo
When: Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: Empire State Plaza in Albany
How much: Free

• Info: www.

cdparentpages.com



Kids can meet some cold-blooded creatures at Reptile Adventures.

The group will appear at the ninth annual Hannaford Kidz Expo, which will take place at the Empire State Plaza on Saturday, March 8.

Blum has been a devoted "Star Wars" fan for as long as she can remember.

"There was a local Star Wars fan club in my city where we would talk about the movies and books. No costumes, but then we started getting into costumes, and I





Instructor Anita Whalen will teach a pine-needle basketmaking class on Saturday, March 22, as part of Thacher Nature Center's 11th annual Nature Art Exhibit.

Submitted

## The nature of art

Thacher Nature Center to host annual environment-inspired art exhibit, offering art classes

#### By JOHN PURCELL purcellj@spotlightnews.com

Artistic inspiration comes from a variety of sources, but one local art show is rooted in Mother Nature's visual appeal.

The Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center in Voorheesville will hold its 11th annual Nature Art Exhibit from March 8 to 28, which will showcase around 130 works of art from more than 50 artists. The exhibit focuses on artwork inspired by nature or created with natural materials and features an array of artistic styles, including painting, photography, pottery, wood, fiber and mixed media.



### Coming attractions

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

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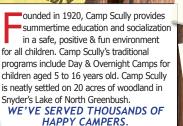
The Blum family is part of the 501st Legion's Garrison Excelsior, and will be dressing up as "Star Wars" villians at the Kidz Expo March 8 to raise money for charity. Submitted photo

The exhibit is open daily, except Mondays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and there will be a free, opening-day reception Saturday, March 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. Attendees will also be able to cast a vote for the People's Choice award and meet featured

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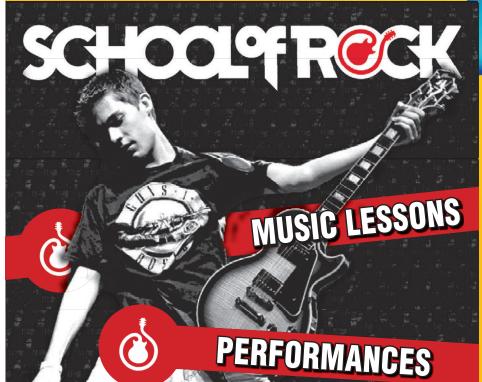
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#### Figaro

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#### Spring Awakening

Hit Broadway musical about teenage self-discovery in late 19th century Germany. Feb. 27 through March 8, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, uptown campus, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. Shows: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 2 p.m. March 2 and 8. Tickets: general public \$20, students/seniors \$18. Tickets and information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

#### **Trojan Women**

Euripides' play officially opens new gallery space. March 6-9, 137 State St., Schenectady. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$12. Tickets and information: 387-9150 or www.classictheater guild.com.

#### Reefer Madness (The Musical)

Play based on the 1936 cult classic film. March 7-9, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Shows: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$15. Tickets and information: 438-5500 or www.steamer10theatre.org.

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skv. March 6, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$20-\$28, a \$3 student discount is available. Tickets and information: 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org.

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Fast-rising blues singing sensation and her band. March 7, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$18. Information: 465-5233, ext. 4.

#### Chicha Libre

Brooklyn-based Latin dance band. March 8, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. Information: 465-5233, ext. 4.

#### University at Albany

Community Symphony Featuring a work by Rimsky-Korsakov and Giulani's Con-

certo in A Major, Opus 30 with guest artist Paul Quigley on guitar. March 9, 3 p.m., UAlbany Performing Arts Center, uptown campus, Washington Avenue Extension. Tickets: general public \$6, students/ seniors \$3. Information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

#### The Steel Wheels

Four-piece acoustic Americana band. March 11, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Tickets: general admission \$22, Caffe Lena members \$20, children and students \$11. Information: 583-0022 or www.caffelena.org.

#### DANCE

#### First Friday Capital Swing Dance

Featuring music by El Dorados. March 7, Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Free lessons given at 7:30 p.m., followed by the dance from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets: general admission \$15, Dance Flurry members \$12, seniors/students \$10.

#### COMMUNITY National Museum of Dance

The museum celebrates St. Patrick's Day with an afternoon of traditional Irish music, Irish step dancing and storytelling. March 9, 2 p.m., 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets: adults \$6, children \$3, members and children under 4 free. Information: 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org.

#### LECTURE

#### An Evening with Ann Larsen

Award-winning artist will talk about and demonstrate her air painting technique. March 7, 6:30 p.m., Sorelle Gallery, Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Albany. Reservations and information: 482-2000 or email info@sorellegallery.com. Larsen's work will remain on display at the gallery through March 20.

#### COMEDY

#### Mop and Bucket Company

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#### Comedy Night at The Villa Tuscan Grille

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#### First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany

Delaware County artist Milton McPherson's acrylic works will be featured in this exhibit. March 9 through the middle of April. 405 Washington Ave., Albany. Exhibit hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Sunday. Free admission. Information: 463-7135 or www.albanyuu.org. Artist reception: Sunday, March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m.

#### **Brookside Museum**

March 7 through April 25. 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information: 885-4000. Opening reception: March 7, 5 p.m.

#### University Art Museum

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#### **Schenectady Civic Players**

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## Weekly Crossword





Americana quartet The Steel Wheels roll into Saratoga Springs' Caffe Lena for a show on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. For tickets or information, call 583-0022. Submitted photo

"The Creative Mind," featuring the work of Karin Vollkommer,

"Blue Plastic Bubbles: Paintings by Lamar Peterson" and "American

#### Arts Center of the Capital Region

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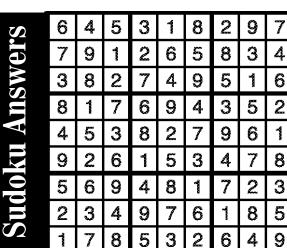
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#### Expo (From Page B1)

found out about the 501," Blum said. "I joined the group with a Jawa costume."

These aren't your typical Halloween costumes. Blum said the costumes must be movie quality.

"We look like we stepped right out of the films," Blum said, which can sometimes be shocking to the kids who visit them at the public events.

Blum's husband has a Stormtrooper and a Chewbacca costume, and her two children, ages 7 and 10, also have Jawa costumes.

"When my husband and I got an R2-D2 unit, we thought it fitting that we have a bunch of Jawa costumes to go with it," Blum said.

Blum said the group started with just a handful of people in 1997 and now has more than 6,000 members worldwide. But don't think you will join the group as Princess Leia or Han Solo.

"It has to be a bad guy," Blum said. "The person who founded the 501 with his Stormtrooper, was trying to keep it as Stormtroopers, but then it evolved to other bad guys, and it's been this way for over a decade.'

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— Joe Brill, Kidz Expo spokesman

The Star Wars group has attended the expo for seven years. In the past, they have collected donations for the Children's Hospital, Make a Wish and the Ronald McDonald House. The characters will be on hand to take pictures with the kids.

The R2 builders club will also be joining us, which is a group who focuses on building R2-D2 units," Blum said.

The 501st Legion's Garrison Excelsior is just one of hundreds of participants in this year's Kidz Expo. The expo, which strikes a balance between education and entertainment, will feature bounce houses, arts and crafts, live shows, a reptile display, educational events and more. The event draws

thousands of people every year and features more than 100 vendors, exhibitors and activities.

New this year is the Jason Morris Judo Center. Morris is a silver medalist from the 1992 Summer Olympics and will be on hand at the expo to introduce kids to martial arts. Also debuting this year is a miniature golf course presented by MVP Healthcare; a room where kids can try out different instruments from Rocky's Music Studio and the Albany School of Rock; the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey "Built To Amaze" and more.

Joe Brill, a spokesman for the event, said some of the popular favorites will return, including the bouncy rides, Reptile Adventure and information stations for parents.

"In addition to the nutrition education, there are different vendors who will be on hand with information about summer camps and the different things parents can take advantage of such as college savings programs, summer camps, health care, sports clubs, dance studios and amusements parks," Brill said.

The free event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.





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The art show started as an offhanded suggestion from an intern at the park, according to Thacher Park event coordinator Joy Scism. It has since become one of the park's most popular events. This year, the exhibit will run three weeks, which adds a week to the event.

"People really liked it, and it seemed like things were kind of crushed with a two-week period," Scism said.

Each year, there are more people coming out to see the exhibit and more artists submitting entries.

"It definitely gets better every year," she said. "The thing that's amazing about

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it is there are so many good artists in our area, and each year people will say, 'Oh, I never heard of this person before."

Scism enjoys the variety of artwork featured at the event, with some pieces evoking a peaceful and somber feeling, while others are bright and energetic. She also gets some good inspiration for her own creative endeavors.

"It inspires me to do better artwork and maybe it will for other people, too," she said. "All of the artwork that's in the show is really beautiful."

There is a selection process, with artists allowed to submit up to three pieces, and a group of judges review each piece. Scism said some of the judging is "subjective" in determining if a piece evokes a sense of nature.

"Sometimes you can have something that looks very of nature, but the meaning in it is not that," she said.

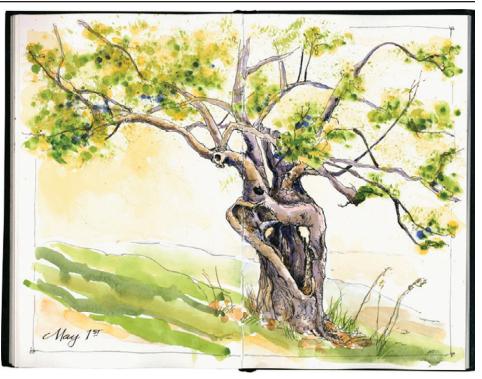
With this year being Thacher Park's centennial anniversary, artists were asked to submit pieces inspired by the park. Often times, she said, many entries feature scenes from the park without being asked to focus on it. The call though has led to an increased amount of artwork showcasing the park.

"Nature and art always go hand in hand and the park is just filled with beauty."

For those looking to expand their artistic abilities, there will be four art workshops held through the month, too. There is a fee, with each workshop ranging from \$25 to \$50.

The first workshop on Sunday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is "Wet on Wet Painting," which teaches the particular style of capturing landscapes. Each student will go home with a finished piece, and no experience is necessary. This workshop is recommended for ages 16 and up.

The next workshop on supplied. Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., continues workshop will provide the focus on nature an introduction to through combining pen and ink with watercolor to "enliven" sketches. Some drawing experience is helpful and students should bring favorite pens and a small set of watercolors, but paper is more images onto a 5-by-



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