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Open space program moves ahead

Some local landowners wary of group's role

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Some large landowners within the town continue to be upset by the Bethlehem Town Board's decision to go forward with its new open space program.

Town Board members approved the program on Wednesday, March 12, but some

residents previously said they felt the new program would allow large quantities of land to be taken off the tax rolls, and landowners could potentially have some of their property rights taken away.

"You want the town to maintain some of its rural character," said resident Nancy Neff to the Board, "as do the people who own the lands, or

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they wouldn't have continued to hold on to them for so long. However, in this constant need to preserve and control, the town is increasing the burden and taking away the pleasure of working the land."

Neff said she was also concerned that no one who was appointed to the open

space committee was a large landowner, and if the town opted to enact new laws concerning open space, landowners would be forced to cooperate instead of willingly participating.

"It seems like an act of coercion," she said.

Others felt the program was greatly needed, as open space has been a major issue in the town for more than a decade.

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"Every day I do this advocacy work because I am afraid one day I might end up in a nursing home."

— Jensen Caraballo

Rochester resident Jensen Caraballo, who has muscular dystrophy, was one of around a dozen ADAPT members occupying the lobby at the NYS Nurses Association in Colonie on Friday, March 21. Caraballo was hospitalized the following morning after he became ill.

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Activist encampment stretches on

Protestors occupy Nurses Association building, clash over nursing law

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Around a dozen disabled people, with some leaving and others joining, have been living in the lobby of the New York State Nurses Association in

Latham after the union and activists clashed over a proposed amendment to the Nurse Practice Act.

Members of ADAPT, which stands for American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today, met with the state Nurses Association representatives on Wednesday, March 19, to discuss fully implementing the Community First Choice. The provision

would create a new category of workers called "advanced home health aides" to provide assistance with tasks only nurses are allowed to perform, such as giving medication and assistance with ventilator or feeding tubes. ADAPT members argue this would allow many disabled people to move out of nursing homes and into their own homes.

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Jump in BOCES costs a surprise

Budget talks continue as board hears from athletic, maintenance departments

By MARCY VELTE
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As budget discussions continue for Bethlehem schools, district officials were recently notified that program tuition charges from BOCES would be significantly increasing for the coming year.

Superintendent Tom Douglas said the district is now calculating what the impact will be for Bethlehem schools. An initial estimate found the increase could be as much as \$300,000. Douglas said they are evaluating alternatives.

"This increase was not expected," said Douglas on Wednesday, March 19.

The additional costs come at a time when the district is facing a more than \$4.8 million

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Tech Valley High School makes its case

G'lland school board hears presentation, more collaboration promised

By JOHN PURCELL
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Listen very long to any area school board meeting, and most likely talk of Tech Valley High School will come up, assuming the district is still sending students.

Recently, some Guilderland Board of Education members have voiced concern over continuing to send students to Tech Valley High School. During a tight budget, spending additional money on a single student while reductions affect many children can be hard to justify. Tuition to TVHS is about \$13,000 per school year, but state aid covers around 55 percent of the cost.

TVHS Principal Dan Liebert on Tuesday, March 18, gave a presentation to board members after some members had requested more information on the regional school.

Liebert said the school aims to teach to a different set of learning outcomes, which is what industry and academic leaders said

should drive the school. "It is not that Tech Valley High School is better or superior," Liebert said. "It is attempting to learn how to teach to those set of skills that both higher education and business are encouraging us to teach."

In September, the school is moving to the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, which is actually within the Guilderland school district. Liebert said the school has the capacity to hold 40 students in each grade level, but it currently has about 30 students per grade.

"Fingers are crossed that we may be hitting our first full enrollment class for our incoming ninth-graders," Liebert said.

The program takes a student-centered learning approach and students make around 150-160 presentations annually to their class. Liebert said this allows students to build confidence speaking in front of a group and learning how to best convey their ideas to others. Students are also responsible for giving feedback to each other, too, along with teachers.

"We need to teach deliberately to not

just content ... but we also measure students on their performance, collaboration, communication ... and they get graded on how well their work displays critical thinking," Liebert said.

TVHS representatives admitted at the board meeting that the collaboration it had promised to offer schools had not been delivered, but it was working to correct the problem. Part of the problem was simply focusing on making sure the school was up and running properly, according to TVHS leaders.

Four teachers from Guilderland shadowed teachers at TVHS on Monday, March 17, as part of the collaboration with the regional public high school. Teachers learned about project-based learning (PBL) and how TVHS students learn solely through this method.

"We are implementing PBL and we are here to learn how it is done at Tech Valley," said Lara Lilly, a science teacher at Guilderland, in a statement. "It's very interesting, especially here [in biotechnology



ABOVE: Guilderland teacher Chris Gockley observes TVHS sophomore Lucas McBath, of Guilderland.

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LEFT: Tech Valley High School senior Sara Sisson, of Guilderland, tells the Guilderland Board of Education on Tuesday, March 18, how the regional school helped her open up to new experiences.

John Purcell/Spotlight

class] where the students are learning about evolution."

Guilderland teachers first visited the school in February. Later this year, Stacia Snow, a TVHS teachers and professional development coach, will visit Guilderland to pick up

some techniques from the district's teachers.

"This is an excellent example of schools working together to improve and better the education delivered to students," Liebert said.

TVHS senior Sara Sisson, who Guilderland

sent to the school, said she was grateful for her experience

"My experience at Tech Valley has been great," Sisson said. "They really helped me come out of my shell because before I went there I was really, really shy, and I wouldn't talk to anyone."

Sisson is planning on going into physical therapy, which is something she can't imagine herself doing without having gone to TVHS. She said the idea of working with strangers was a "scary" thought to her before, but now she welcomes the challenge of meeting new people.

"You have to be open to new things to be challenged and that is really what Tech Valley is about," she said. "Challenging you to go beyond your comfort zone and really going outside your box."

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School plays offer entertainment, showcase talent

By JOHN PURCELL
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This weekend, prepare to take a journey with a mischievous cat, cheer for a take on America's favorite pastime, witness a man's morally questionable rise in business, and groove to a royal exploration of popular music.

Four local school productions are opening this week, showcasing high school and elementary students at three school districts. Careful planning can also allow for all four productions to be seen across four days.

Altamont Elementary School will present its spring musical, "Seussical, Jr.," on March 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Beloved characters imagined by Dr. Seuss will travel through several zany scenes, with set pieces and costumes designed by parent volunteers.

Robert Whiteman, director of "Seussical," said he got the idea for the musical after seeing it performed at Voorheesville Middle School a couple years ago, where his daughter was attending. He said "Seussical" requires a lot of singing and voice acting, which suited the fifth-grade students.

"Our music teacher and I knew it would be a good fit for them," Whiteman said. "They are absolutely in love with this show and this process. They are a particularly highly motivated and very talented group of kids."

Emily Russo, who plays JoJo, said her favorite part about the play is the song "It's Possible."

"I just like singing and seeing all the fish swimming around," Russo said.

The costumes add some fun to the show for students, too. Kendall Reihs, who plays a bird girl, said, "Dancing with the feather tails is the best."

Whiteman acknowledged many parent and staff volunteers helped bring the production to life.

"This has been an absolute joy for me working with the set of parents and my staff here that have really stepped up the game," he said. "I just sort of gave my vision and discussed some details with them, and they have run with it and done an unbelievable job."

He said everyone comes together to offer the kids a memorable experience.

"We all do it because

we know how meaningful this experience is going to be for these kids long after it's over," he said. "In this climate in education, there are less and less of these things possible sometimes."

Time to play ball
"Damn Yankees" will be performed Bethlehem Central High School's drama club at 7 p.m. on March 27, 28 and 29 and at 2 p.m. on March 30. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students at the door.

James Yeara, director of "Damn Yankees," said the students chose it, with a large group of senior boys helping fill out the male-heavy cast. Yeara said he and Musical Director Jason Dashew are able to connect with the show on a personal level, too.

"We've got the male talent to do 'Damn Yankees,' and both us are big baseball fans," Yeara said, "but unfortunately we are Mets fans, so we understand the suffering part."

Yeara said "Damn Yankees" should please baseball and musical fans.

"It is a good old fashion musical about a good old fashion sport," he said.

Senior Trevis Lipnicky plays one of the lead characters, Mr. Applegate, and Yeara said it's the first high school play Lipnicky's tried out for since performing in a middle school musical. Yeara said Lipnicky has been "outstanding" and very committed to the

production.

The production will even take on the feel of watching an actual TV broadcast because Yeara borrowed one of the district's projectors to add multimedia elements. There are also several paintings and drawings students made for set pieces, with around 50 kids participating in the design.

"I'm surprised we haven't done it before, and I'm glad the seniors boys pushed for it this year," Yeara said.

Business climate
Set in the decade following "Damn Yankees" is Voorheesville High School's drama club production of "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying." Performances will be March 28 and 29 at 7:15 p.m., and Sunday, March 30, at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students at the door.

"We wanted a show that was fun and somewhat light and interesting to watch," Portia Hubert, advisor of the Voorheesville drama club, said. "We also like to be able to cast it properly, so we look at the kids we have and try to look at a range of shows they would work out best in."

Hubert said this is the first time the school has taken on "How to Succeed in Business," and the students have had fun learning the story. The humor did take a little while to understand, she said, but students are



getting the jokes now.

There are several lead roles in the play, which she said allows more students to take on larger roles.

"It works out very well, because we always have more than one or two students who are capable of carrying lead roles," she said.

The most challenging aspect has been learning all the dances, because most students had very little background in dance.

"It is very funny, so we thought it would be fun for the kids," she said. "It is a very fun evening, full of a lot of laughter and a lot of enthusiasm. It will engage the audience as much as it engages the students."

Another engaging musical might also have



ABOVE: Altamont fifth-graders rehearse for an upcoming production of "Seussical, Jr."

LEFT: Bethlehem high school students will present "Damn Yankees" March 27-30.

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the audience moving in their seats.

Slingerlands Elementary School's fifth-grade choir will be presenting "The Knight the Castle Rocked" on March 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. The musical, guided by a

band of lively minstrels, takes the audience on a journey of the history of popular music and dance. The story follows the royal Windabag family and their home at Trotsworthy Castle. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

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Music nourishes interfaith program

First United Methodist hosts benefit concert

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For some, music is a source of joy and entertainment. For other, it provides food and security during an uncertain time of year.

Since 2003, the First United Methodist Church of Delmar has hosted the Voices of Hope Benefit Concert as a member of the Interfaith Partnership of the Homeless. The concert raises funds for Interfaith's summer youth programs, which provide activities, field trips and healthy lunches to hundreds of children each year.

"I think this event speak highly of not only our faith's community, but the Capital District community as a whole," said Nan Rabinow, event

director and the church's office manager.

Nearly \$16,000 has been donated to the Interfaith Partnership of the Homeless since 2009. The concert is in its 19th year and features musicians from throughout the Capital District. It was held in another location before the Delmar congregation picked up the event 11 years ago.

For 15 years, the congregation has worked to support the Albany communities of Arbor Hill and Sheridan Hollow by helping to provide a refuge for the children of those neighborhoods when school is out. Members also often help serve meals at local shelters and raise funds for the Interfaith Partnership's various programs.

Eric Guzman, Interfaith Partnerships's marketing director, said the summer youth program unofficially

began in 2007.

"The program really started as our executive director just making sandwiches and going to spend some time with the kids at the park," said Guzman. "It's now a full summer program, which lasts 11 weeks."

Kids do not have to register, and there is no cost. Each day at noon, all of the children in attendance are served a healthy lunch. They also spend the day playing games, making crafts and staying active. Last year about 1,770 lunches were served, and 986 children participated for the summer. The program sees about 40 children per day.

"It's something to keep the kids of the neighborhood engaged when school isn't in session," said Guzman.

All of the funds raised by the Delmar event go toward purchasing food



The Capital District Youth Chorale performs at the 2010 Voices for Hope Children's Benefit Concert.

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and supplies, as well as paying for some minor field trips.

At the end of the summer program, 75 children are given a backpack full of school supplies for the coming school year. All of the items are donated and purchased with funds from SEFCU and Community Resource Federal Credit Union.

Performers at this year's event will include the Capital District Youth Chorale, the Chancel Choir of Delmar Methodist and pianists from The Music Studio of Albany. New to this year's concert is the Saint Rose Chamber Choir and soprano vocalist Jean Leonard.

"I'm always impressed that new groups are so interested in participating

in this event," said Rabinow.

The Capital District Youth Chorale will perform for the entire second half of the concert. The act is an award-winning group of 106 singers in its 31st year of existence. It consists of three ensembles of students from fourth grade to high school seniors.

"When you look at these different choral groups and musicians, they create a repertoire for this concert and put in hundreds of hours of rehearsal time," said Rabinow. "That's a lot of time and effort put into this event on their behalf. I think it's sweet that many performers are kids, and they are doing this to give back to other children."

About 400 people attend the event each year, and \$4,700 was raised last year

alone.

Each year, the Norm Elfeldt Award is also presented at the concert. Named after a parishioner who worked tirelessly to give back to the community, the award is presented annually to a hardworking Interfaith Partnership volunteer.

Russell Greene will be presented with the 2014 award. Greene was once homeless and was one of the many people to make use of the Interfaith Partnership's Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center six years ago. After struggling with addiction and mental illness, he is now in recovery and donates his time helping to stock shelves, do dishes and organize donations

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Kingston woman killed in Bethlehem thruway crash

State police say one woman is dead and three others were hospitalized following a motor vehicle accident on the thruway in the Town of Bethlehem this morning.

Police said they received a report of a rollover accident with ejection on Wednesday, March 19, at approximately 8:30 a.m., traveling northbound on I-87. Troopers and emergency personnel arrived to find three of the four occupants ejected from a 2000 GMC sport utility vehicle.

All 4 victims were transported by ambulance to Albany Medical Center. Rear-seat passenger Margaret Seyfarth, 64, of Kingston, was later pronounced dead at the hospital

The driver, 65-year-old Paul W. Seyfarth, also of Kingston, was hospitalized in critical condition. Two other passengers, Susan L. Cottingham, 60, and Doris Seyfarth, 86, also of Kingston, were treated at Albany Medical Center.

Preliminary investigation shows the three ejected from the vehicle were not wearing seat belts. Doris Seyfarth, the only occupant wearing a seatbelt, sustained the least amount of injuries.

State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit and Bureau of Criminal Investigation responded to the scene. No other vehicles were involved in the crash. At this time no charges have been filed and the investigation is ongoing.

Cops: Troy man had BAC of 0.27

One drunk driver was intoxicated to the point that police were not able to get a booking photo of him, with officers having to constantly hold him up, according to police reports.

Albany County District Attorney David Soares announced Alfonzo Hicks, Jr., 58, of 256 9th St. in Troy, pleaded guilty to felony aggravated DWI on Wednesday, March 19, before Judge Peter Lynch in county Court. Hicks faces up to one to three years in state prison, installation of an ignition interlock device for three years following his release, a \$1,000 fine and having his driver's license revoked for a minimum of one year. He will be sentenced on May 14.

Guilderland police on Monday, Feb. 3, observed Hicks in his car, with the vehicle running, at Mike's Diner located at 3767 Carman Road. Approximately five minutes later police received a call claiming someone was attempting to enter the restaurant while it was closed. When police arrived at the diner he was allegedly pulling on the locked front door while attempting to enter the business.

Police said Hicks had an odor of alcohol, bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and unsteady motor coordination. He also admitted to driving

the vehicle and told police he was going to visit his mother, who was later discovered to be living in the Long Island area.

Two police officers allegedly had to hold Hicks while giving instructions for and during standard field sobriety tests. At one point, he fell over onto his back with "his feet in the air," police said. After placing him into custody, police said a half empty bottle of vodka was found in his car.

A chemical breath test at the SUNY Police Department administered around an hour after he was arrested revealed he had a BAC of 0.27 percent, which is more than three times the legal limit.

He was returned to Guilderland Police Department for processing and at one point he became "very irrational and mildly violent," according to police. He fell out of his chair during processing and at some point urinated in his pants.

Police were also unable to take a booking photo because of his "intoxicated state" and he "needed to be repeatedly held up by

officers," according to the county District Attorney's Office.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter is prosecuting the case.

Other arrests

Guilderland police arrested Leighton Myle Ashbaugh, 21, of 938 Western Ave. in Albany, around 8:10 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, and charged him with grand larceny in the third degree and grand larceny in the fourth degree, both felonies. Ashbaugh was transported from Albany County jail on a bench warrant to Guilderland Town Court for the charges.

Guilderland police arrested Terea Cylon Barrett, 26, of 325 Hamilton St. 317 in Albany, at 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17, and charged her with criminal mischief in the third degree, a felony, criminal trespassing in the third degree and resisting arrest. Best Buy in Crossgates Mall called police because employees were allegedly having trouble with a customer. Police found Barrett sitting on

the counter of customer service and she claimed to have problems with her phone, with employees telling her she needed to have her phone repaired. She allegedly refused to leave the store when asked by employees and police asked her to leave. Police later found Barrett wanted out of Albany. When she was placed into a police car she allegedly hit the rear passenger window with her head several times in an attempt to break it. Police said she also kicked the car's plastic partition window several times, attempting to break it.

Guilderland police arrested Justin M. Sowalsky, 27, of 8 Birch Drive in Averill Park, around 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, and charged him with

aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first degree, a felony, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and false personation. Police said Sowalsky was involved in a property damage auto accident and he left the scene. Police located him at a gas station on Western Avenue and he allegedly said he was waiting inside the store because his friend drove off the road. Police said he did not have any ID and gave a false name. He was later found to have a suspended driver's license and admitted to driving the vehicle that crashed. He also allegedly possessed a bottle of Diazepam containing 69, 5mg pills. He was remanded to Albany County jail on \$10,000 bail.

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From the Editor’s Desk

Heroin doesn’t discriminate

Whether it’s on the streets, in the homes or in the schools, heroin’s influence is spreading throughout the Capital District.

It’s not just the urban areas, either. Overdoses are increasingly being reported in the suburbs and rural communities, as well as across all socioeconomic boundaries. Only a couple of months ago, a Shenendehowa High School student was arrested for injecting a classmate with the drug in a locker room. And at a March 11 forum on the heroin epidemic at the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health, Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple said there was an overdose case in Westerlo – about as far removed from the urban landscape as you can get in this county.

Stemming the tide of heroin addiction isn’t going to be easy. Law enforcement will do its part by trying to get as much of the drug off the streets as possible, but it’s a slow process. How slow? The “war on drugs” that began in the 1980s is still going. Three decades of pursuing cocaine dealers, crystal meth purveyors and other sources of illegal drugs has only resulted in more crowded prisons and temporary shifts

in the drug of choice.

Furthermore, pharmaceuticals, which, when prescribed by a doctor have the air of legitimacy and safety, have become the gateway to addiction. When someone gets hooked on one of those drugs, studies are showing that they then turn to heroin to continue their opiate habit.

Obviously, getting rid of prescription drugs isn’t the answer. Doctors are being more careful about writing those prescriptions these days, but the risk of addiction will always be there.

So in addition to stricter law enforcement and clamping down on prescribing opiates isn’t going to stop the spread of heroin addiction, what else can be done? One answer may be in how law enforcement treats people who overdose on the drug.

In the past, heroin addicts and those closest to them have been afraid to contact emergency providers when there is an overdose for fear that the addict and his or her associates will be arrested. This resulted in a number of preventable deaths. In 2011, New York passed the 911 Good Samaritan law, which protects witnesses of an overdose against arrest in most cases.

This is a good thing because, these days, emergency responders have a very important tool in their arsenal that can prevent many overdose deaths — naloxone.

The Colonie Police Department is having its officers treat overdose cases by administering the drug, which counteracts the effects opiates have on a person’s nervous system. Bethlehem and Guilderland are making similar plans to make it available. It won’t cure a person’s heroin addiction, but it may save a life.

Ultimately, that is only a stop-gap measure. If any progress is going to be made in the battle against the spread of heroin addiction, it will have to be with those closest to the addicts – parents, family members and trusted friends. While it’s never easy to confront someone on a serious issue such as addiction, it’s important that family and friends become involved. If they don’t, it’s a safe bet that law enforcement and the medical community will.

We know that heroin’s reach has now crossed into all communities and all demographics. It’s up to us to turn the tide.

Guest Commentary

Weaving past and present

By JENNIFER STEUER

This article appeared in the March edition of Capital District Parent Pages. The author is an Albany mother of triplets.

We all have a past. Things we have done that we are proud of; things we wish that would never be remembered; and things that our kids will ask questions about, creating a moral dilemma.

What do I tell? What do I save back? What do I use as a lesson on what not to do?

I am married to my second husband. Our 6-year-old triplets ask lots of questions, and they are starting to understand that they were not always part of our lives. The fact that Harlan had a few girlfriends before we married and that I was married to someone else is just so frustrating to them. Rebecca is the most vocal about this when she asks, “Well, where were we?” My response is, “You were not born yet.” With a hand placed on her hip, she gives me a look that makes me think she will make an amazing mom and asks “Why NOT?”

On the walls of my bedroom, I have pictures of my two older sons from when they were small. In April, my oldest will turn 17, and seven days later, his brother will turn 15. I keep their pictures close to me since they live in North Carolina with their father and stepmom.

Olivia, Benjamin and Rebecca know

about their half brothers. My five children have never met, but this is going to change during an upcoming visit. The two older boys have decided that their half-siblings are old enough to spend a some time with.

Benjamin is enamored with the idea of having two other boys in the family. He really loves his sisters. He loves his mom and grandma. But he is surrounded by estrogen until Dad gets home from work.

Rebecca cannot fathom her mom being married to anyone other than her dad. She cannot picture a life where she did not exist. She is very Rebecca-centric. I look through picture albums with her to show her what my life used to be like. I show her pictures of me as a child. Rebecca

has decided that I look like her ... not that she looks like me.

Olivia gets very upset, the way I used to when my mom and grandma tried to explain that my mom was her daughter. She also wants to know how come her half brothers live so far away.

Trying to explain my history to 6-year-olds is a bit overwhelming. So many questions! I try to give answers that work for right now.

Some parts of my past should stay there. The kids do not need to know that the summer I was 15, I painted one wall of my bedroom a flat black. I don’t think that they need to know how mad that made their grandmother. I am sure she will tell them, just in time for them to do it to me.

Make your point

The Spotlight welcomes longer opinion pieces for the Point of View section.

Do you have a hobby or cause you feel passionate about? We’d love to share it with our readers.

Do you have information you think others would benefit from hearing about? Let us know.

Point of View submissions should be around 600 words and can be submitted via email to news@spotlightnews.com with “POV” in the subject line. They can also be mailed to The Spotlight at P.O. Box 100, Delmar, NY 12054.



Get to know ...



Geoffrey Kirkpatrick
Bethlehem Public Library
Director

• *Hometown: Ithaca, NY*

How long have you lived in the Capital Region?

Lived here 23 years with 14 years at the library.

What are you listening to these days?

Getting ready to listen to a Terry Pratchett audio book, “Raising Steam.”

What are you reading?

I’m reading a lot of articles about Makerspaces for libraries. The 3D printer is part of that, along with the idea of making things in libraries. I just got back from a conference and there’s lots of excitement about the maker movement.

What are you watching?”

Can’t get away from the “Big Bang Theory,” and my daughter makes me watch “Frozen” a lot.

What’s the last movie you watched?

“The Lego Movie.” We went and saw it last weekend.

Dream vacation?

I get to do it frequently. I love to go to the Adirondaks and go hiking, fishing and kayaking. But in my dream there are no black flies. Kayaking is my new passion. People don’t think librarians can be outdoorsy, but it’s not true.

Last meal?

Lobster from Maine. Last meal on Earth has got to be that.

Meet any person living or dead?

I would have loved to have had the chance to meet J.F.K. because it seems like the country was going someplace very interesting. It was a time that seemed like there was a lot of hope.

Favorite local moment?

I love the Memorial Day parade in Bethlehem. We were in it for the 100th anniversary of the library last year with my truck, and I felt like we were the rock stars of the community. Never felt like more of a hero in my life. Doing it again this year.

Something people would be surprised to learn about you?

I was born in Houston, Texas.

“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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Deadline nears to register

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.

The buffet luncheon

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

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 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 26

Scheduled Shopping
No 9 a.m. Cardio Circuit
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Thursday, March 27

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Movie "The Butler"
12:30 p.m. Mahjongg
1 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, March 28

Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
No 10 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Lions Club thanks community

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Bethlehem Lions Club wants to thank the Bethlehem community for the support of our 27th Annual Christmas Tree Sale. Special thanks go to: The Spotlight for a front page article; 3D Rigging and Construction for our site on Route 9W; the Town of Bethlehem Highway Department for providing fencing; Saratoga Surveillance for

providing security services; Our Towne Magazine for ad space; and Northeast Career Planning for providing wooden pallets used for tree stands.

The Tree Sale is our major fundraiser each year and provides funds for the many Lions projects supporting the community. These projects include two annual scholarships for graduating seniors, the purchase of eyeglasses and

hearing aids, the File of Life, Little League sponsorship and cooperating projects with Bethlehem Senior Services, just to name a few.

We sincerely appreciate the support of everyone and look forward to many more years of serving the needs of the Bethlehem community.

- Daniel Ryan
Co-chairman
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Town mails new assessment forms

The Town of Bethlehem, along with GAR Associates, Inc., has mailed change of assessment forms to all property owners.

Instructions are included with each notice indicating the procedures for requesting an informal review, how to obtain forms and where to get information. The town and GAR Associates are also offering informational classes focusing on how assessments are determined, a review of the notice property owners are receiving and how to prepare for the informal review process.

For more information, visit www.bethlehem.oarsystem.com. or pick up a form at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., in Delmar.

Community spelling bee

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is sponsoring its annual Community Spelling Bee at 7 p.m. Friday, April 4, at Bethlehem Central High School.

Teams of three to five members will compete for prizes and the honor of being recorded as Bethlehem's spelling champions. Competitors must be at least 14 years old to enter.

Last year's inaugural spelling bee attracted nearly 20 teams from the community and the school district, and families also competed. This year's teams are expected to come from area elementary school staffs, the middle and high schools, Price Chopper and Kinderhook Bank.

Team registrations will be accepted through March 29, with space-available registrations accepted after that. The cost is \$100 per team, but there are sponsorships available from area businesses and community organizers. Registration and sponsorship forms are available at bethlehemschools.org.

Admission to the spelling bee is \$3 for students, senior citizens and veterans; \$5 for adults; and \$10 per family.

Family music jam March 29

The Helderberg Music Together Family Jam takes

place Saturday, March 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Families are asked to bring instruments or drums to play, and there also will be some at the church to play. Participating musicians include Cathy Winter, Andy Morse, Brenda Fisher, Terri Lukacko, John Rice, Deb Cavanaugh and more.

The admission price is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 12-18 and free for children under 12. All proceeds benefit the scholarship fund for Helderberg Music Together.

War of 1812 commemoration

Historian Robert Mulligan presents a program about the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, at Clarksville Community Church, Delaware Turnpike in Clarksville.

The program features artifacts from that era and goes into the historical significance of the war within New York state.

Mulligan is a member of the Clarksville Historical Society, a native to the region and was, for 25 years, the associate curator of military history at the New York State Museum.

The program is open to the public, and refreshments will follow the presentation. For more information, call 768-2870.

Hudson River Bells perform

A Lenten musical celebration featuring the Hudson River Bells takes place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, at the Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32 in Feura Bush.

The Hudson River Bells are a handbell choir whose members of the First Reformed Church in Athens. Refreshments follow the performance.

Dance Flurry sponsors events

The Dance Flurry Organization is hosting two community dances the weekend of April 5 and 6.

The first dance is Saturday, April 5, at 7 p.m.



A dog has his day

Brick, a doberman pinscher, holds a certificate New York State Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk presented to him, along with his handler, for work he does in the community during a March 13 ceremony marking the 72nd anniversary of the United States Army establishing its K-9 Corps. Brick and his owner, Pam Burns, help train dogs for Homeland Security duties. The event brought together police and service dogs, along with their trainers and handlers, to call for establishing March 13 as "K-9 Veterans Appreciation Day."

Submitted photo

Five Rivers hosts two events

Two classes take place Saturday, April 5, at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar.

The center is offering a free map and compass clinic at 10 a.m. Forest ranger Karen Glesmann will demonstrate how to read and understand a map and use a compass for direction, distance, scale and detail. Participants will then practice finding their way outdoors along the center's trails.

The center is also offering a Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Project WET uses activity-based learning to instruct children about the importance, properties and effects of water in the world around us. Activities are suitable for use in classrooms, Scouting and

after-school programs, and summer camps. Participants should dress for outdoor activity.

Both programs are free but require pre-registration by Wednesday, April 2. For the map and compass clinic, call 475-0291. For Project WET, call 402-8015 or email projWET@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Cliff top walk in Thacher Park

The Thacher Nature Center in Voorheesville is offering a cliff top walk at Thacher State Park Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m.

Take in the views from the cliff edge on this early spring walk. Participants will take the Long Path out to Hailes Cave and walk the escarpment trail back, stopping to take in a cliff top perspective of the Indian Ladder Trail and the rushing water of Outlet Falls.

The walk is approximately

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1.5 miles long and over fairly level terrain. The trail may be muddy in some places and the weather could be damp, so dress for the conditions.

To register or for more information, call 872-0800.

Food and Fellowship

The Food and Fellowship Luncheon program at the New Baltimore Reformed church, located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street, continues at noon on Wednesday, April 9.

The menu features vegetarian lasagna, tossed salad, Italian bread and butter and Spumoni ice cream for dessert.

In commemoration of spring, the guest speaker will be Craig Thompson of the Audubon Society of the Capital Region. He will present a program called, "John Burroughs' April," an overview of the life and times of the renowned Catskill naturalist who brought millions of Americans to a heightened appreciation of nature during a critical time in U.S. environmental history. Thompson recently retired as director of the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

The luncheon is open to all members of the community, and reservations are encouraged as dining space is limited to 60 seats. For information or to make a reservation, call the church office at 756-8764. Also, call the office if you require transportation.

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You must see “Gypsy” on Wednesday, April 2, at Capital Repertory Theater. The cost for the 10 a.m. matinee performance is \$13, payable to Town of Bethlehem. The story portrays ugly ducking Louise, who rose to fame as Gypsy Rose Lee, and her pushy backstage mother, Mama Rose. We will do a late lunch at Panera Bread, cost on your own. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make your reservation.

The Senior Discussion Group, facilitated by Jane Sanders, will meet on Wednesday, April 2, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Join others to talk about current events, human interest stories and reminisces about the past. Call 439-5770 to arrange transportation.

Bethlehem Seniors staff members can provide advice on H.E.A.P., which helps individuals on fixed or



low incomes with energy related bills, as well as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance, formerly known as food stamps. Call 439-4955, ext. 1174.

A.A.R.P. Tax Counseling Service will be available at Town Hall on Wednesdays from through April 9. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment.

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

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy, and clinic appointments, grocery stores, and a variety of social and recreational programs. The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and accepts donations of non-perishable food, as well as paper and household products. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org. You can also make an appointment for counseling on health insurance, housing issues, health and income related programs and heating costs support.

— Wilma DeLucco

Celebrate Spring Sale Saturday

Spring is here – according to the calendar, anyway – and that means it’s time for the Celebrate Spring Sale on Saturday, March 29, at the Guilderland Public Library.

Vendors of every type will pack the Helderberg Room to create a bargain-hunter’s delight. This is an ideal event to get a jump on your shopping for Mother’s Day, graduations, birthdays, and showers.

The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., giving you hours of browse time. Here’s a partial list of who’s going to be there: Arbonne • Cerese’s Paparazzi Jewelry • Gotta Have It • Guilderland YMCA • Larisa’s Needlework Art • Mary Kay • Origami Owls • Pampered Chef • Scentsy • Short & Stout Tea Company • Stagecoach Coffee • Tastefully Simple • thirty-one • Tracie Anteman Photography • Tupperware • Whitney Cooper • and more...

What makes this event special is that there’s “no party, no pressure!” You can browse the items available from the various direct-sales merchants (Tupperware, for example) without having to attend a party. If you see it and like it, you can buy it. No pressure to buy.

Doors open at 10 a.m. See you there!

“Poetry scholastic, pedantic and medievalistic...”

Those five words open Bijay Kant Dubey’s “The Definition of Poetry,” a poem about poems. It will be among the 30 or so works that will be highlighted in



GPL’s Facebook-based celebration of April’s National Poetry Month.

Starting on Tuesday, April 1, the Library’s Facebook page – at facebook.com/Guilderland.Library – will feature a poem a day. These are the favorite poems of some of GPL’s staff, and Board and Foundation members. You’ll also be able to see these poems displayed near GPL’s Circulation Desk.

According to poets.org, National Poetry Month was started “...by the Academy of American Poets in 1996; [it] is now held every April, when schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers, and poets throughout the United States band together to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture. Thousands of organizations participate through readings, festivals, book displays, workshops, and other events.”

You, too, can take part in this! Mark Thursday, April 24, on your calendar as “Poem in Your Pocket Day.” That’s when you and millions of other poetry-lovers throughout the nation will carry a favorite poem with them, and share it with friends, colleagues, and other poetry fans. Have fun with it. But please, no poems with “Nantucket” in them.

‘What’s that on your head?’

To cap the craziness of

this long, cold winter, the GPL staff is having “Crazy Hat Day!” on Friday, March 28. You might see our librarians modeling leopard-print lids, the circulation staff sporting silly sombreros, the pages wearing Panamas, and the taller staffers topped with beanie copters.

Join the fun! Wear your craziest hat to the library. If you want, we’ll even take your picture with your hat and your favorite book.

Also, you may have noticed that some of the staff wears jeans on select Fridays. One of those Fridays past was a “Jeans for Charity” day where staff members who chose to do so made a small donation. Almost \$100 was collected that day, and is being donated to Guilderland’s Smith Center, part of the Center for Disability Services.

These “Jeans for Charity” days will be a monthly event. It’s a modest way for the people who work at your public library to help others in the community.

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, April 3, 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.

Recover yourself

Every Recovery Sports Grill item you enjoy the evening of Thursday, March 27, between 5 and 9 p.m. means a donation to the Library Foundation! All you need to do is present a “Dining to Donate” coupon to your server when you order; this program works for both eat in and take-out orders. You can pick up your coupon at the library’s circulation desk.

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).



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Conversations about dementia set

Last fall, our series “Alzheimer’s Disease: Help for Caregivers” was well received and well attended.

Next Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m., Erica Salamida of the Alzheimer’s Association of Northeastern New York offers suggestions for beginning three difficult conversations with a loved one exhibiting signs of dementia: seeking a diagnosis, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial decisions.

Registration is required for this program; to register, call the Alzheimer’s Association at 867-4999, ext. 200. The program will be held at Bethlehem Public Library, in the community room.

“Conversations About



Dementia” is cosponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association of Northeastern New York.

Beatle retrospective

A reminder that “She Loves You!” is scheduled for this 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.

“She Loves You” is cosponsored by New York Living Legacy, a program of the Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center.

Board candidate information

A reminder that packets containing information and petition forms for a seat on the library board are now available at the information desk. Petitions require 77 signatures (this number is a correction to the number published here last week) 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.

Afterdinner Too

Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. “Wool” by Hugh Howey. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

Pajama-Rama

Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. Bedtime stories and fun for children up to age 6 and families.

Paws to Read

Thursday, April 10, from 3:45 to 5 p.m. Drop in and read to Maggie, a gentle dog who loves stories. Grades 1-5.

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for IPH. Greene “will soon be moving out of homelessness and into one of IPH’s supportive apartments, where he will continue receiving support and guidance as he works toward his ultimate goal of obtaining employment,” according to the organization.

Each day, the Interfaith Partnership’s Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center serves 70 to 115 individuals and families. About 86 percent of the individuals served are between 18 and 29 years old, with the average length of stay being 22 days.

The concert will be held on Sunday, March

30, at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar. Admission is free, but donations for the youth summer program will be accepted and are appreciated.

“Those in attendance are asked to give from the heart because it goes to a good cause,” said Rabinow.

According to Rabinow, for those who cannot attend, donations are always accepted for the wish lists of those Interfaith serves at the shelter and drop-in center. Popular items include cleaning supplies, toiletries, sewing kits and cookware.

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If you would like to read your poem, choose a poem five minutes or less in length. Complete a "poem coupon" (found at the library or on our website) and return it to the library by Wednesday, April 2. Names will be drawn at random if there are more readers than time permits. The library will contact all readers about five days before the event.

Poetry is for all ages and we hope to have readers of all ages participate! Questions? Contact Judy at 756-2053.

April Book Discussion Group

Join the Library Book Discussion Group in April as they discuss "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larson. A former bestseller, the book recounts the story of the construction of the Chicago World's Fair and

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the serial killer who used it as a lure. The New York Times said, "[Larson] relentlessly fuses history and entertainment to give this nonfiction book the dramatic effect of a novel. Mr. Larson has written a dynamic, enveloping book ... it doesn't hurt that this truth is stranger than fiction."

Copies of the book are available through the library. New members are always welcome. The group will meet on Wednesday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Windows 8: A little more — Find useful apps and fun games. Practice the basics and get more tips on getting comfortable with your new computer. Wednesday, March 26, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Facebook: Messages and Pictures — Get in touch with old friends, children or colleagues online. This class is your opportunity to learn in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Wednesday, April 2, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m.

OneDrive — Work on your documents anywhere: At no charge, view, edit and create real Microsoft Office documents, spreadsheet and PowerPoint presentations on any device that can access the internet. Wednesday, April 9, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Windows 8: Making it your Own — Find the desktop, open the Charms Bar, change the background picture and find some new free and paid apps. Wednesday, April 16, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome spring with storytime

I think we can all agree that it has been a long and cold winter! On Saturday, April 5, at 10:15 a.m., join Miss Amy as she shares stories about warmer days, budding flowers and all the things that spring brings.

Beaded jewelry for beginners

Are you 14 or older? Looking for something fun to do? Why not stop in the library on Wednesday, April 9, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for a beaded jewelry program. You can learn some basic beading techniques to make necklaces, bracelets and earrings. There will be a



small (up to \$3) materials fee, and you should call ahead at 765-2791 to register.

Elder care

Are you at that place in your life where you are, or are going to be, responsible for an elderly relative or friend? If so, please join us on Sunday, April 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. Albany Law students in conjunction with the Elder Law Project will be giving a presentation and answering questions on topics such as Medicaid, advance directive

documents and estate planning. If you have questions and need answers, please stop by.

Egg-cellent Adventures

Do you crack up at eggs-tra special stories? Giggle yourself silly at funny yokes? On Tuesday, April 15, at 10:15 a.m., you can eggs-plore the many answers to the question, which came first, the chicken or the egg. Turn your funny side up at this egg-ceptionally egg-citing storytime. Please pre-register for this special K-2nd grade storytime, or we'll really have to scramble for supplies.

Carhart, Gladys W.

SELKIRK — Gladys W. Carhart, 82, entered into eternal life surrounded by her loving family on March 16, 2014 following a brief illness.

Born and raised in South Bethlehem, Gladys graduated from Ravena Coeymans High School in 1950. She retired from part-time work at Community Care in Delmar in 2013 after 17 years, served as Business Manager at Hillside House of Coeymans for 17 years, as deputy

Milestones

town clerk of the Town of Coeymans in the mid-1970s and as a secretary for the State of New York following high school.

Where ever she was, Gladys brightened the lives of the people around her. Her greatest joy was in being a wonderful and cherished wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend and companion.

She is survived by her children Suzanne Lambert (Steve), Bill Dunn (Laura), Dianne Patterson (Kevin), stepchildren Patty Verardi and Skip Carhart (Evelyn) and grandchildren Robert W. Dunn, Justin Carhart,

Laura Lambert and Kyle Patterson, dear friend Anthony "Bud" Lalima, and several nieces and nephews. Gladys is pre-deceased by her husband Ray Carhart, brother Robert Wright and sister Evelyn Schultz.

Calling hours were Wednesday, March 19, at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Funeral service immediately followed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mohawk Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, N.Y. 12204.

Dean's list announcements

• Neil Sanders of Slingerlands, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology.

• Alexa Seidner of Slingerlands, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology.

• Calla Jacobs, of Glenmont, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at The Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

• Apryl Jacobs, of Glenmont, has been named to the fall 2013 dean's list at The Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Glenmont woman named to Rho Chi Honor Society

The Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences announced the induction of Apryl Leah Jacobs of Glenmont into the Rho Chi Honor Society on March 9.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: 144 STATE STREET MANAGING MEMBER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 4, 2014. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#40994

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY156 S Swan, LLC (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 24, 2014. New York office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is 385 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. Ad#40500

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 405 SIXTH AVENUE MECHANICVILLE LLC Under Section 203 of the New York State Limited Liability Company Law FIRST:The name of the limited liability company is: 405 SIXTH AVENUE MECHANICVILLE LLC. SECOND: The county, within this state, in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany. THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:405 SIXTH AVENUE MECHANICVILLE LLC210 Morris RoadSuite ASchenectady, New York 12303 FOURTH: The limited liability 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 statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that my signature typed below constitutes my signature.Dated: February 7, 2014 Albany, New York Alexander Powhida, Organizer Law Office of

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2/24/2014 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. Ad# 39721

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY INDEX NO.1141/13 AMERICAN TAX FUNDING, LLC Plaintiff,Plaintiff designates SCHENECTADY County as the against GEORGE H. ELLIOTT,JR., deceased, any and all persons who may claim and devisees, distributees, legal representatives, successors and interest of the said defendant, all of whom and whose nams and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., MBNA AMERICA (DELAWARE), N.A., THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICEThe address of the real property is 1118 WAVERLY PLACE, SCHENECTADY, NY 12308 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein.NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the tax lien holder who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.Sending a payment to the tax lien holder will not stop the foreclosure action.YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (TAX LIEN HOLDER) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.Dated: March 19, 2014 Garden City, New York STAGG, TERENCE, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff By: Patrique Denize 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 300 Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 812-4500 The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage covering: 1118 WAVERLY PLACE, SCHENECTADY, NY 12308 JUDGMENT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$1,759.75 plus interest Ad#41994

location: Albany County. LLC formed in Missouri (MO) on 11/26/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the MO address of LLC: 1901 E. Meadowmere St., Springfield, MO 65804. Arts. of Org. filed with MO Secy. of State, 600 West Main St., Jefferson City, MO 65101. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad# 39758

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of AmeriPride Home Care, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/30/14. Office

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location: Albany County. LLC formed in Missouri (MO) on 11/26/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the MO address of LLC: 1901 E. Meadowmere St., Springfield, MO 65804. Arts. of Org. filed with MO Secy. of State, 600 West Main St., Jefferson City, MO 65101. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad# 39758

LEGAL NOTICE

APPLE TREE FORT, LLC- Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Apple Tree Fort, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 12, 2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process c/o the LLC, 219 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY 12110. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn,LLP, 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#40490

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of AREC 20, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/6/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 2/24/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. Principal office of LLC: 2727 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 202 N. Carson, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#41443

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Band of Real Estate Investors, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: real estate investments and any lawful purpose. Ad#38839

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Professional Limited Liability Company is BARBARA F. PATS, PHD, PSYCHOLOGIST, PLLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on February 3, 2014. THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 413 Kenwood Avenue Delmar, New York 12054 FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the company is to engage in the profession of psychology. Ad# 39347

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)The name of the LLC is BBL Executives III LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 12, 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 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#42044

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Qualification of Bimbo Foods Bakeries Distribution, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/6/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/20/1996. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#41442

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BIOSCIENCE EDITING SOLUTIONS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/23/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 909 3rd Ave. #6203, NY, NY 10150. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#40130

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Brookens Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/18/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad# 39763

LEGAL NOTICE

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: Cancer Prevention Lifestyle, LLC Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 01/31/2014 Office location: County of Saratoga Purpose: any and all lawful activities. Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to:100 Great Oaks Blvd., Suite 121 Albany, NY 12203 Principal Business location: 486 Stage Road Ballston Lake, NY 12019 Ad# 40199

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Carolina K Collective LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/4/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process

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to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#40740

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 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# 38952

LEGAL NOTICE

CellSmart POS Intl. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/21/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 139-79 85th Dr., Apt. 1C, Jamaica, NY 11435. General Purposes. Ad#41437

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CHRISTINE HEALEY LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/20/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 435 E. 117 St. #3, NY, NY 10035. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#40604

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: COEYMANS' MARINE TOWING LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/31/2013.Office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 2170 River Road, PO Box 890, Coeymans, NY 12045. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. City: Coeymans Ad# 39569

LEGAL NOTICE

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 address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad# 39176

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: CROSSINGS PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 13, 2013. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad# 39216

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CWITSLAND LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 3/3/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process

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cess to 84 Woodside Ave., Gloversville, NY 12078. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#41647

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Cyan Too 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad# 39727

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Dark Horse Racing Stable LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 3/4/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 22 E. Wiggand Dr., Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#41646

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)The name of the LLC is DRL Development LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 11, 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 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#42041

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation EFLUENT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/27/2014 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#40330

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EMBEDDED CREATIONS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/11/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 504 E. 63 St. #4T, NY, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#40603

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EMV MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/11/14. 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#41964

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EVENTUM ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/27/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 16 E. 18 St. 9 Fl., NY, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#40606

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FAB Property Development, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/30/14. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated 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

FARMAN LAB LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/10/2014. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Corporate Service Bureau, Inc., 283 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12206, which is also the registered agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose : Any lawful purpose. Ad# 41348

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Farmland Renewal, LLC (the “LLC”) were filed with the Department of State of New York (“SSNY”) on October 31, 2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#40995

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-Floating Point, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/26/2014 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#40329

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FULLY DETAILED SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/14/14. 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#41967

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GENIUS ORGANIZING 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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Herion Productions, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/3/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc-

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umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#40746

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HICKS DESIGN, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/4/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 202 W. 40 St. #402, NY, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad# 40139

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HTROI LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/7/14. 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#41965

LEGAL NOTICE

HUDSON CALVERTON SOLAR 1, LLC Foreign LLC Notice of NY Publication Pursuant to Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law Hudson Calverton Solar 1, LLC App. For Auth. filed NY Dept of State on 11/05/13. Juris and date of org: DE 11/01/13. County of loc: Albany Cty. Princ. bus. loc. Executive Woods, 5 Palisades Dr., Ste. 300, Albany, NY 12205. Sec. of State designated as agent of foreign LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Sec. of State shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Executive Woods, 5 Palisades Dr., Ste. 300, Albany, NY 12205. Addr. of Foreign LLC in DE is 615 South DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Auth. Officer in DE where Cert of Form. filed: Jeffrey W. Bullock, Sec. of State of the State of DE, Division of Corporations, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#40496

LEGAL NOTICE

HUDSON GENERATION 1, LLC Foreign LLC Notice of NY Publication Pursuant to Section 802 of the Limited Liability Company Law Hudson Generation 1, LLC App. For Auth. filed NY Dept of State on 11/05/13. Juris and date of org: DE 11/01/13. County of loc: Albany Cty. Princ. bus. loc. Executive Woods, 5 Palisades Dr., Ste. 300, Albany, NY 12205. Sec. of State designated as agent of foreign LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Sec. of State shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Executive Woods, 5 Palisades Dr., Ste. 300, Albany, NY 12205. Addr. of Foreign LLC in DE is 615 South DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Auth. Officer in DE where Cert of Form. filed: Jeffrey W. Bullock, Sec. of State of the State of DE, Division of Corporations, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#40497

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

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process to: 153 E. 110 St. PO Box 726, NY, NY 10029. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad# 40136

LEGAL NOTICE

JAMAICA INN, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Jamaica Inn, LLC (the “LLC”) were filed with the Department of State of New York (“SSNY”) on November 12, 2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process c/o the LLC, 219 Forts Ferry Road, Latham, NY 12110. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn,LLP, 29 British American Blvd., Latham, NY 12110 Ad#40494

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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# 39177

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-Jonathan Landscape & Design LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/3/2014 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#40749

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 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 designated 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 process against the LLC is:123 North Reineman Street, Albany, NY 12203; The duration of the LLC is perpetual; The character and purpose of the business of the LLC shall be to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York, including the ownership of real property. Ad# 39975

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KIRKLAND HOLDINGS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/4/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 166 W. 18 St. #8C, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#40138

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LAHIJANI REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with

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SSNY on 2/3/14.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# 39175

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Notice of Formation of LEIGH LEIGH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/14. 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# 39336

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LIBERTY GARDENS ASSOCIATES III, L.P. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 2/26/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Liberty Gardens Associates III, L.P., c/o Omni Housing Development LLC, 40 Beaver St.5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#41447

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MANIS 13, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/29/14. 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# 39173

LEGAL NOTICE

Maple Payments, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/30/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 132 W 36th St., 3rd Fl., NY, NY 10018. General Purposes. Ad#38958

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Notice of Formation of MBRR EQUITY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/26/14. 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# 40474

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: MCD MECHANICAL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 18, 2014. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 138 Sicker Road, Latham, NY 12110. Ad#42092

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MEATOS NY ONE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/28/14. 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#40478

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MERCER & STATE HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/6/14. 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#41961

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of MIKE GELDNER & SONS LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPING, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/2014. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 424 Fox Creek Road, Medusa NY 12120 and the reg. agent at that address is Michael Geldner. Purpose: any lawful act. Ad# 41971

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation MNA Superior Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/25/2014 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# 39943

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of MYGUEST, LLC. Art. of Org. filedw/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 246 Ontario St., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#40131

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Notice of Formation of NAI CONTEMPORARY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/14. 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# 39954

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OFAS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/28/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 885 Preston Rd., E. Meadow, NY 11554. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#40608

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF OLIVER SYSTEMS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/6/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 366 6th St. #2, Bklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#40602

LEGAL NOTICE

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 lawful activity. Ad# 40135

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NOTICE OF FORMATION P Alvaro LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/5/2014 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#40998

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation P & P Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/12/2014 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# 39836

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF AN LLC On the 10th day of February, 2014, Premier Cheer Athletics LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Premier Cheer Athletics LLC c/o Jamie Harrigan, at the street address of the principal business location, 30 Perry Avenue, Latham, NY 12110. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. Ad#41197

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Notice of Formation of Q-LABS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/18/14. 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# 39953

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK-BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Quick Strike Technologies, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 2/25/14. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to One Mustang Drive, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad# 39957

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Space

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Officials and residents have worked to make sure there is a balance between new development and land preservation, and a number of former citizens groups have discussed the topic, such as the Citizens Advisory Committee on Conservation and the more recent Comprehensive Plan Assessment Committee.

The new program is meant to create the criteria the town deems most important, such as recommending the preservation of land, establishing a capital reserve fund for purchases and working on outreach. Once land was obtained, it would also be the group's mission to decide what would be the best way to preserve the land, through zoning or a land trust.

Supervisor John Clarkson said the committee would not act as a regular citizens advisory committee, but members were selected based on their backgrounds and qualifications in land use matters. The Open Space Committee would be considered a working group similar to the Budget Advisory Committee, and most of the communication would not happen outside of public meetings.

"It's an opportunity for members of the community to serve the town with their specific skills, and it's also a wonderful thing for the town because we get assistance without paying for it, which is always good," said Clarkson.

Planning Director Rob Leslie said the main function is to act as additional support for Planning Department staff. Any recommendations would then be presented to the Town Board and the public, with no decisions or laws passed without public input.

According to Leslie, little would or could be done without the consent of landowners. He said if a property owner approached the town about wanting to preserve their land, the criteria established by the committee would help the town consider the best actions to take. No laws would be made with the intention of taking away the rights of property owners, and they would still be able to develop or farm their land as they wish.

"The intention is not to preclude landowners, but give them other options for their property," said Leslie.

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Budget

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budget gap. The district now estimates Bethlehem will only receive about \$1 million in state aid. Another \$1.9 million would be raised if the school board put forward the maximum allowable tax levy of 3.12 percent. The district has about \$1.75 million in fund balance reserves it can use to offset costs for the coming year, according to District Business Officer Judi Kehoe.

The same night, both the Operations and Maintenance Department and the Athletics Department presented their budgets for the coming year.

New Athletic Director Len Kies said he was proposing no changes for the coming year, with the only budgetary increase being for officials fees, tournament fees, professional services and pay for trainers. The district has 75 sports teams between the modified, freshman, junior varsity and varsity levels.

Kies said if cuts were needed,

he would look to reduce the number of levels from four to three. Although it costs relatively little to pay for a sports team compared with the rest of the budget, Kies said Section II is one of the few in the state to still have freshman level sports teams.

"As an educator, I think having modified is imperative," said Kies. "Community teams are great, but there's a difference between learning to represent your school and be a part of a team."

Board member Joann Cunningham said she was worried about eliminating a level because if those kids are unable to make a junior varsity team, it is unlikely they would try out for sports the next year.

"I would want to be really thoughtful when working through that," she said. "When they're gone, they're gone."

Kies said if there was any money that could be put back into programs, he'd like some money to go back to hockey, golf, gymnastics or bowling. All those sports are being

supported by booster clubs. Board members said many of the district's sports are being supported by booster clubs and they have to be careful about picking who gets money put back in the budget. Kies said those sports were picked because the boosters pay the rental fees for the competition space.

"A golf green is like a basketball court or baseball diamond. Without those items, they couldn't play," Kies said.

Operations and Maintenance Director Gregg Nolte said his main budget-to-budget increase would be for contractual raises in salaries and supplies.

The department has been seeing a large decrease in utility costs because of a newer contract with BOCES, which allows all 500 districts participating to be able to bid for utilities at one entity. With the projected amount of money to be saved next year from that contract, the department's budget would only increase about \$11,000

"It takes some guess work, but the costs keep coming

down so we are projecting the same for next year," said Nolte, although the contract will expire in April 2015 and will need to be re-negotiated if the Board opts to do so.

Nolte did propose an additional \$175,000 in equipment purchases. The list included 10 items such as two vans, a light duty plow and two new scrubber units for the janitorial staff. "No new equipment or vehicles have been purchased from our department since 2008-09, so this is the list of things that could be replaced," he said, adding that the equipment is aging and costing more to repair as time goes by.

Some board members felt budget presentations were going in the wrong direction as costs increased and department heads asked for more purchases to be made.

"Every reduction is eclipsed by put backs," said board member Charmaine Wijeyesinghe. "Right now anything people put up as an addition, I'm putting on a list to the side."

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ADAPT

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The group has occupied the building since Wednesday night after the union would not agree to the amendment, according to Bruce Darling, an ADAPT organizer from Rochester. As of Monday, March 24, morning, when *The Spotlight* went to press, the encampment was continuing.

If the union supported the amendment, Darling said it would also be approved in the state Legislature. Without the support, he believes it's unlikely to pass.

"These people are the ones who are blocking it,"

Darling said.

Darling on Friday, March 21, said protesters hadn't seen anyone from the nurses union over the last couple of days in the building.

Jensen Caraballo, who has muscular dystrophy, was hospitalized the morning of Saturday, March 22, after he became he ill, according to Darling. He had been at the encampment since it started. He was still in the hospital as of Monday morning.

"He said, 'I need to go to the hospital now,' so we took him," Darling said. "He is doing better and we are not sure what the plan is. ... He will probably go back to Rochester."

Caraballo, on Friday, said he used to live in a nursing home,

and he does not want to return. He said not having the choice to live at home is a civil rights issue.

"Every day I do this advocacy work because I am afraid one day I might end up in a nursing home," Caraballo said. "We put ourselves in this position, and some of us will get sores on our bottoms, but we do it because that's how important it is."

Darling said the Nurses Association sent them some language it believed would address the situation, but then another lawyer believed it would create a conflict with state law.

"We are between two sets of policy wonks," he said. "One set says it works, and the other says it doesn't."

A representative from the

Nurses Association could not be reached before going to print.

The National Organization of Nurses with Disabilities (NOND) sent ADAPT a letter in support of its effort to fully implement the Community First Choice.

"Currently, people with disabilities in New York who are not in programs where they hire and manage their own attendants must use nurses for health-related tasks," NOND said in its letter. "Although people in New York may be unfamiliar with this approach, other states have successfully implemented nurse delegation. Studies have demonstrated this is a cost-effective and appropriate way to provide assistance."

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Arts and Entertainment

THEATER

The Price

Arthur Miller’s drama about a reunion between two estranged middle-aged brothers. April 4 through May 3, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Shows: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$23. Tickets and information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

Gypsy: A Musical Fable

Classic Broadway musical about an aspiring actress and her pushy stage mom. March 18 through April 13, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$20-\$65. Tickets and information: 445-7469 or www.steamer10theatre.org.

Robin Hood and the Good (and Bad) Fairies of Nottingham

A different take on the classic story about a man who steals from the rich to give to the poor. March 29-30, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Shows: 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$15. Tickets and information: 438-5503 or www.capitalrep.org.

The Understudy

Theresa Rebeck’s clever indictment of contemporary theater. March 26-30, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St, Schenectady. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$17. Tickets and information: 346-6204 or www.civicplayers.org.

Everywoman

Staged reading of Carolyn Yalkut’s play, featuring Jennie M. Jadow and Brittany Morgan from Shakespeare & Company, and Yvonne Perry from Capital Repertory Theatre and Saratoga Shakespeare. April 3, 7:30 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center,

uptown campus, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany. Tickets: adults \$5 advance, \$8 at the door; students, seniors and UAlbany staff \$3 advance, \$6 at the door. Tickets and information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

MUSIC

Memorial Concert Band of Colonie

Performing works by John Philip Sousa, Jacques Offenbach, Richard Wagner, Gustav Hoist, Camile Saint-Saens and Dimitri Shostakovich. April 2, 7:30 p.m., Colonie Central High School, Sand Creek Road, Colonie. Free.

Cris Williamson

Feminist singer-songwriter’s CD release party. March 28, 7:30 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$26 advance, \$28 at the door, \$35 Gold Circle seats. Tickets and information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

DANCE

Spring Fling Dance Party

Welcome spring with the return of Singles Outreach Service’s Friday night dance party. March 28, 8 p.m., Michael’s Banquet House, 1019 New Loudon Road, Latham. \$15 per person. Information: 250-7566, ext. 115, or DanceSF@sosactivities.com.

Rhythm of the Dance

Featuring the National Dance Company of Ireland and The Young Irish Tenors. March 27, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$50. Tickets and information: 346-6204 or proctors.org.

First Friday Capital Swing Dance

Featuring music by Doc Scanlon. April 4, 8:30 p.m., Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Beginner lessons available at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: general admission \$15, Dance Flurry members \$12, seniors/students/limited income \$10. Information: www.danceflurry.org/swing.

POETRY

Catherine Norr and Susan Riback

Two regional poets read from their works, with an open mic to follow. April 2, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. \$5 per person. Information: 583-0022 or www.caffelena.org.

LECTURE

Robert Storr

Artist, critic and dean of the Yale University School of Art. March 27, 7 p.m., Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, The College of Saint Rose, 985 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. Information: www.saintrose.edu.

Judith Butler

Lecturing on the topic of “Vulnerability and Resistance” as part of the Symposium on Living Philosophers. March 31, 5 p.m., Sarazen Student Union, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Free.

COMEDY

Mop and Bucket Company

“Theatresports,” a weekly show of improv comedy and music, March 28, 8 p.m., Underground at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$14, students and seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.



Shakespeare & Company’s Jennie M. Jadow is one of the featured actresses in the staged reading of Carolyn Yalkut’s “Everywoman” April 3 at the University at Albany.

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Comedy Works

Tom Briscoe and Chris Coccia headline. Performing March 28 and 29 at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897. www.thecomedyworks.com.

EXHIBITS

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.

Brookside Museum

“The Creative Mind,” featuring the work of Karin Vollkommer, March 7 through April 25. 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information: 885-4000. Opening reception: March 7, 5 p.m.

University Art Museum

“Blue Plastic Bubbles: Paintings by Lamar Peterson” and “American Playlist: Selections from the University at Albany Art Collections,” through April 5. UAlbany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave. Information: 442-4038.

Arts Center of the Capital Region

“Ju money 2014: Sang Wook Lee,” through March 30. 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552 or www.artscenteronline.org.

Oakroom Artists Gallery

Original works by Hanan Panek and Steve Kowalski, March 1-31, Universal Universalist Society, 1221 Wendell Ave., Schenectady. Opening reception: Sunday, March 9, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Sorelle Gallery

“Contemplations,” featuring artwork by Chester DeWitt Rose. March 21 through April 3. Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Albany. Information: 482-2000 or www.sorellegallery.com.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Spotlighter’s Theatre Troupe

Holding auditions for “Wonderland!” a silly adaptation of Lewis Carroll’s famous book. Roles for dozens of actors, actresses, singers and dancers age 8 through adult. April 6 and 7. Information and appointments: Elyse Young, 899-4411 ext. 305 or email theater@malta-town.org.

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Fundraising, one letter at a time

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited to hold second Community Spelling Bee

By JOHN PURCELL
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Pull out those dictionaries and brush up on some vocabulary because an annual event is ready to put the F-U-N in fundraising.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is sponsoring its second Community Spelling Bee at Bethlehem Central High School on Friday, April 4, at 7 p.m., with about twice as many teams signed up to compete this year. The not-for-profit organization “promotes prevention, education and safe, healthy activities for the youth in our community.” The spelling bee is the group’s one fundraiser after switching from hosting a basketball classic.

“In some areas, they (spelling bees) are really big fundraisers and the teams pay a lot of money to enter, so we thought it would be a great idea, and it just took a lot of work,” Jayne Deane-White, president of BOU, said. “This year is a little easier, but we decided we wanted to increase the number of teams.”

Many teams last year came with their own signs and unique outfits, some stretching from head to toe. Last year’s champion was team “Words Worth” and the runner-up was Bethlehem Children’s School. Team



Business and organizations can sponsor individual words at Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited second annual spelling bee in addition to teams, such as in last year’s event.

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spellers must be at least 14 years old to enter.

“The teams really get into it,” Deane-White said. “It’s not just for parents and students of Bethlehem. It’s open to anyone in the community.”

The Spelling Bee master of ceremonies this year will be Hamagrael Elementary School Principal Dave Ksanznak. The Bumble Bee, or word pronouncer, will be Paula Fishbein, who is a speech pathologist at Eagle Elementary, and the Honey Bee Court Judges will be David Norman, Dianna Reagan and Andrew Baker.

Deane-White said an official word pronouncer is being brought in since some of the words can be rather

challenging.

“Some of the words are pretty hard, and the pronunciations are tricky,” she said.

There are already several teams registered for the event, including elementary schools, high school staff, LAB school parents and students, Bethlehem Youth Court, Bethlehem Police Department, Kinderhook Bank, Colonial Acres Book Club and the Bethlehem Town Board.

BOU recently extended the deadline for team registrations until Saturday, March 29, with teams allowed to register after the deadline on a space-available basis. Businesses and community organizations are also encouraged to

sponsor a team, with a \$100 registration fee per team.

Registration and sponsorship forms are available on the school district’s website under the “Parents & Community” link on the right side of the homepage. The forms will also be posted with this story on www.spotlightnews.com.

Unlike a traditional spelling bee, where there is one person spelling each word, the event allows for a whole team to spell each word.

“The event is a really friendly competition,” Deane-White said.

In the event of extreme weather on Friday, April 4, the spelling bee will be held the following day at 7 p.m.

Town ambulance merger complete

The Board of Directors of Delmar-Bethlehem EMS announced on Monday, March 10, the completion of the merger of Delmar EMS and Bethlehem EMS. The two organizations integrated their operations in January 2013 and completed a full corporate merger this month.

“By bringing together two outstanding organizations to form Delmar-Bethlehem EMS, we are able to enhance the manner in which we provide ambulance service to the Town of Bethlehem and build a sustainable organization for the future,” said Delmar-Bethlehem EMS President David Scoons.

Delmar-Bethlehem EMS is a not-for-profit community-based corporation. It works in partnership with the Albany County Sheriff’s Office EMS Unit to provide emergency ambulance service for the communities of Delmar, Elsmere, Glenmont, North Bethlehem, Selkirk, Slingerlands, and South Bethlehem.

Delmar-Bethlehem EMS responded to more than 3,000 calls for assistance during 2013. The agency uses a hybrid staffing model to meet the needs of the community. Delmar-Bethlehem EMS is predominantly volunteer from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. every night. Approximately 100 volunteer emergency medical technicians (EMTs), advanced EMTs, paramedics, firefighter drivers, and ambulance drivers use six ambulances to respond to calls for medical assistance. During the day hours, paid EMTs supplement the volunteers by staffing three Delmar-Bethlehem EMS ambulances.

“We are grateful to our volunteer leadership who were the energy and effort that made this merger possible. These same volunteers put in more than 19,300 scheduled volunteer responder hours during 2013,” said Delmar-Bethlehem EMS Chief Steven Kroll.

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Bethlehem Y BAY Rays complete successful season

In just three years since it was formed, the Bethlehem YMCA's BAY Rays swim team has grown rapidly and achieved tremendous success. This year, they made waves across the state. Everyone at the Y is extremely proud of the efforts of the girls and boys on the Rays, their excellent showing at the state swimming championships, and the incredible job done by their coach, Josh Wolin, and the hard work of his dedicated team of assistant coaches.

The Rays finished the 2013-14 season as the ninth-ranked swim team in the state and featured several championship performances. The BAY Rays 8-and-under girls and 9-10 year-old girls both finished first in the state out of 40 teams. The 9-10 year-old boys finished fourth overall. All the swimmers worked tirelessly to get to this point.

Haley Goodrich won the state championship in the 400-yard individual medley. Isabella Walsh won the 8-and-under girls 50-yard freestyle. Cecilia Cao won the 8-and-under girls 25-yard breaststroke. And, Olivia Martin won the 9-10 year-old girls 50-yard breaststroke.

Coach Wolin has won the respect and admiration of the kids and their parents for his outstanding leadership and the job he



has done in growing the program from 12 swimmers in 2011 to 170 today.

Of course, the success of the BAY Rays is a team effort involving many people working in and out of the pool. Coach Wolin described the teamwork it takes to support such a large and successful swimming program:

"I would like to extend my overwhelming appreciation and thanks to the entire Bethlehem Area branch team, as this would not have been possible without the continuous support of the entire facility. Thank you to Membership for checking in 170+ swimmers every night of every week and assisting the families with lost and found, membership options, and payment assistance. Thank you to Wellness for allowing the team to hold weekly dry-land workouts in the studio and on the track for the appropriate conditioning. Thank you to the rink staff for allowing the team to use the sport court to allow for team-building activities and training. Thank you to the property staff who, day after day, returned lost bathing suits, caps and goggles and



The Bethlehem Area YMCA's BAY Rays swim team was ranked ninth in the final statewide standings following a strong showing in the 2013-14 season. Its 8-and-under and 9-and-under girls teams won state titles, and its 9-10 year-old boys team finished fourth. Submitted photo

cleaned up what hopefully is not too bad of a mess after each practice. Thank you to all of the volunteers and supporters, who have assisted the development of the program. Finally, thank you to the aquatic staff, coaches, instructors and lifeguards, who keep our kids safe, teach them great techniques and moral character."

The BAY Rays' success extended beyond the water. The members of the swim team held a very successful swim-a-thon that raised more than \$8,000 for the Y's Annual Campaign to help low-income families in Bethlehem use programs and services at the Y.

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BAY Rays excel at state level

The Bethlehem Area YMCA's BAY Rays youth swim team finished the 2013-14 season ranked ninth in New York. Two of its girls teams won state championships, while one of its boys teams placed fourth in its age group. The BAY Rays have only been in existence for three seasons.

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Weekly poll

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- V'ville boys basketball 6%
- Grace Smith's title 4%
- Gunnar Zemerling 3%
- Giacone sisters 1%



Bethlehem's Brad Bettinger, left, is closely guarded by a Colonie defender during a joint practice and scrimmage session last Thursday at Union College in Schenectady. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Experience matters

Bethlehem seeks improvement following sub-.500 finish

By ROB JONAS
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Can a year of experience make a big difference in the win-loss column? Bethlehem boys lacrosse coach Dave Rounds said that's what he's hoping for.

The Eagles return most of their starters from a 2013 squad that finished with a sub-.500 regular season record and an early exit from the Section II Class A playoffs. Rounds said that experience will make his team better this season, especially at the offensive end.

"It's so hard to tell offensively where we are right now because we haven't been outside that much," said Rounds. "We should be better based on the number of guys we have back."

The key to Bethlehem's success lies with senior midfielder Brad Bettinger, who Rounds describes as a do-everything player.

"He's our best all-around player," said Rounds. "He can score on offense, he can pass the ball and he can get back and help out on defense."

On attack, Rounds said he's looking for a big year from junior John Fredette.

"John Fredette has come a long way since last year, and we're going to rely on him at attack to score some goals for us," said Rounds.

Defensively, the Eagles will be sound once again. Junior Dan Comber – entering his third year as Bethlehem's starting goaltender – will be flanked by a veteran long-stick group featuring seniors Sean Spellman, R.J. Santaski, Vincent Ferrera and Rob Wildermuth.

"Obviously, Dan is an exceptional goaltender, but our whole defense has a year of experience under it," said Rounds.

Even with a veteran lineup, it may take a while for the Eagles to get their feet under them. A prolonged cold snap kept Bethlehem inside until last week while it waited for its fields to thaw.

"It's been a tough spring for everyone," said Rounds. "We're going to have to push some games back at the start of the season, which means come May, we'll have to play back-to-back games a couple of times. That's where team depth is going to come in handy."

Bethlehem is scheduled to start its season Thursday with a non-league game at Schenectady, which has an artificial turf field. The Eagles are then supposed to open their Suburban Council schedule Tuesday, April 1, by visiting Guilderland.

Modified field torn up

Cars park on FMS girls lacrosse field for state exams

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A Farnsworth Middle School field used for modified girls lacrosse and physical education classes in the spring is unusable.

The field near the entrance to the main parking lot was used as an auxiliary lot when hundreds of people taking State of New York exams flocked to the Guilderland school. The tire tracks on the soft, muddy ground created a mess that Guilderland athletic director Regan Johnson said can't be fixed in time.

"I was there first thing (Monday) morning and I don't have a monetary figure (for the damage) for you, but it's not looking good," said Johnson.

Johnson said he didn't know who authorized the use of the field as a parking area, but his focus is on finding a new field for the girls lacrosse team and the physical education classes to use.

"We do have the upper field behind the school, so we will have room," said Johnson. "We're fortunate in that there is enough space at the school to accommodate everyone."

The field is also used in the fall for modified soccer, and Johnson said he hopes it can be fixed by then.

Young Dutchmen have a lot to learn

Key injuries affect Guilderland before the season begins

By ROB JONAS
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The Guilderland boys lacrosse team is facing hardships already, and the start of the regular season is still four days away.

First, the Dutchmen graduated most of their starting lineup from a 2013 squad that reached the Section II Class A semifinals. Then they lost five players to season-ending injuries, leaving them with 21 active players on their roster – only three of whom saw significant playing time last year.

"We're very, very young. We've got 10 kids who are freshman or sophomores out of 21 players," said Guilderland coach Sean McConaghy. "It's the

youngest and the smallest team I've ever fielded."

The key injuries are to senior midfielder Marcus Knodler, who has been Guilderland's primary face-off man the past two years, and junior attacker Alec Cardinal. Without Knodler, McConaghy said he will use a variety of players to handle face-offs.

Minus Cardinal, McConaghy said Guilderland will rely more heavily on seniors Jake Smith (attack) and Brad Johnston (midfield) to carry the offense.

"Both had really awesome football seasons, and now they're ready for lacrosse season," said McConaghy. "They're also doing a great job of getting the other guys ready."

Defensively, McConaghy is turning to Sam DiPace to start in goal this season. DiPace helped

Guilderland's junior varsity team excel last season, and McConaghy said the sophomore is making his presence felt among his teammates this year.

"He's already got the respect of the returning juniors and seniors, so that's a good start," said McConaghy.

DiPace will also benefit from working with new goaltender coach Dan McKeown, who helped Syracuse-area power West Genesee win two state championships several years ago.

"We're lucky to have a person like that on our staff this year," McConaghy said of McKeown.

Still, McConaghy said he anticipates a long learning curve for his team as the freshmen and sophomores are introduced to varsity-level lacrosse.

"The speed of the game and the different nuances of the

varsity game – as opposed to the JV game – is going to take some time for them to learn," said McConaghy.

McConaghy said he's okay with his team taking some early lumps if it means that Guilderland will be playing better as the season goes on.

"We just want to be playing in May at the best of our ability," said McConaghy. "We want to focus on three things. We want to focus on building individual skills, we want to focus on building team skills and we want to focus on our lacrosse I.Q."

Guilderland's first game is Saturday against defending Section II Class B champion Queensbury at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. The Dutchmen's first scheduled Suburban Council contest is Tuesday, April 1, against Bethlehem.

Inside



Counting on curb appeal

Whether you are selling a home or planning to stick around, local experts say it's important not to underestimate your home's first impression.

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Coming up



Water features

The Great Upstate Boat Show in Queensbury will take place Friday, March 28, through Sunday, March 30, and Friday, April 4, through Sunday, April 6, at the Adirondack Sports Complex.

Vendors will be on hand to discuss watercraft and dock options, and the boat show also includes daily live seminars, door prizes and activities for the whole family.

Show hours are 11 a.m.-8 p.m. March 28; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. March 29; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 30. In April, hours are 11 a.m.-8 p.m. April 4; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. April 5; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 6. Admission is \$8 for adults and free for children under 12. For more information, call 791-0071.

MAKING THE RIGHT MOVE

The decision to downsize can be a difficult one for seniors and their families, but plenty of local organizations are there to help every step of the way

Some milestones in life can be exciting, some sad and others just downright overwhelming. The decision to sell a family home and downsize can be all three. The process of moving from a home full of memories into a smaller place with less maintenance can be a physically exhausting and emotionally draining experience. Most people just don't know where to begin.

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"Once you have identified it's time to move on, financial decisions have to be made. It's both a financial and a mental decision, but quality of life is the most important thing," says Charles Carrow, from Carrow Real Estate Services in Albany. "Why live in a house with four bedrooms, a big yard and high heating costs?"

But all too often, it's the house that is the biggest obstacle in transitioning into a smaller, lower maintenance living situation.

Sally and Ted Jennings were in their late 70s when they decided it was time to move out of their Bethlehem home of 31 years.

"The time came where we couldn't take care of the property the way we wanted to and knew it was time to downsize," Sally says. "The thought was daunting, we didn't know where to start or what to do."

This is often the case for many seniors. Markets have changed, new rules have emerged, personal possessions have collected in attics and basements, and for many, adult children live far away.

Cathy Cooley, a Realtor with Realty USA in Delmar has worked with hundreds of seniors over the years.

"It can be daunting for a senior ... so many choices to be made ... selling, buying and emotional

hurdles to overcome as well," Cooley says. Cooley's advice first and foremost is to ask for help and don't try to do it by yourself. "Realtors are there to make downsizing easier," she says.

A good real-estate agent can help coordinate the sales process, assist with property enhancement and knows people who can help with packing, moving and repairs that may be necessary to sell the house.

"We can make suggestions and help improve the salability of the home, recommend stagers, movers and senior organize companies," Cooley says.

Cooley, who is a certified Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES), says it's particularly important to look for the SRES credentials when looking for the right Realtor.



- Older homeowners looking to make a move into a more manageable house often find the task of clearing out years of accumulated clutter daunting.



- Some real estate agents specialize in working with seniors to help them find the right fit.



Part of helping seniors downsize is really listening to what they are looking for in terms of housing.

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Stringent lending policies and the escalating costs of home ownership have led many prospective home buyers to consider condominiums instead of single-family homes. Condos are typically less expensive than single-family homes, which makes lenders and borrowers alike feel more comfortable. Lenders feel better because the loans aren't as large, while borrowers are more

comfortable because such loans allow them to improve their standing with lenders, potentially setting the table for a low-interest home loan down the road.

But the differences between buying a condo and buying a single-family home go beyond the bottom line. The following are a few things prospective buyers should know about condos before they view any properties.

* Condos come with fees. Unlike single-family homes, condos come with homeowners association fees. These fees cover the cost of maintenance and repairs to the property. This includes landscaping and garbage collection, as well as general repairs throughout the condominium complex. Fees vary significantly from community to community, and the best deal is not always

the one with the lowest homeowners association fees. Low fees tend to provide less bang for the buck, generally covering only the most basic services. Higher fees often mean the community offers more amenities, such as a private pool and gym for residents. Some people prefer such amenities, while others would rather find better deals on their own. But prospective condo buyers must include fees in their monthly budgets when determining how much they can afford to spend.

• Condos come with rules. Owners of single-family homes can create their own rules for their households, while condo owners must agree to follow rules established by the homeowners association or the property management firm responsible for maintaining the community and enforcing the rules. Rules may not allow pets or only allow pets of a certain size. Other rules may restrict how owners can decorate their condos during the holiday season or how they can furnish the exterior of their properties, limiting patio furniture to a set number of chairs or tables. Some condo owners are

glad such rules are in place, while others might find such stipulations intrusive. Each community has different rules, and prospective buyers should familiarize themselves with a community's rules before buying any properties within that community.

• Condos often have management firms. Property management firms can be great to deal with, but they can be troublesome as well. A good property management firm produces satisfied community members who speak glowingly of their communities, while a poorly run management firm can frustrate homeowners who feel they are not getting what they're paying for. Some property management firms fail to collect homeowners association fees for months at a time, only to send letters demanding back dues down the road. Others simply don't live up to expectations, failing to make repairs in a timely manner while letting the property fall into disrepair. If possible, speak to current community residents about how the property is managed. If residents

are not available, potential buyers should attempt to attend a homeowners association meeting, which can shed light on what it's like to live within a given community and how accessible the management firm is to community members and how well it tends to those members' needs.

• Condos are not as private as single-family homes. Much like apartment dwellers, condo owners often share walls with neighbors. That means condo owners will have to sacrifice some privacy. Prospective buyers who consider privacy a top priority may want to continue living in an apartment until they can afford to buy a single-family home. Though condo owners rarely have someone living above or below them, sharing walls with neighbors is still not as private as owning a single-family home.

Condominiums are great options for people who want to own their homes but don't have enough money or credit history to buy a single-family home. But buyers must educate themselves about condominium life before signing on the dotted line.

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A place to call home

New home buyer gets a crash course in real estate realities

This is my first – and hopefully last – house search.

I realize that my declaration may be rather naive. After all, we're talking about a day and age where people buy homes and put enough equity into them to raise their value so they can sell them for a profit. Then, they can move into a bigger home in a nicer neighborhood and repeat the process until they wind up in one of those half-million dollar "McMansions" where there once was a person's farm.

However, I had the rare privilege of living in only one house growing up. And now that I will be getting married, I want to provide my wife with a house we can call our own for many years to come.

Originally, I was aiming to rent an apartment for us. I figured if we found a nice two-bedroom apartment with a modern kitchen and a decent-sized living room for a price that could include some



utilities, that would be good for a few years. However, it became clear after touring some of the available rental units in my price range that they were too small.

Now, we had done some online house browsing while we were searching for an apartment. Nothing too serious – just seeing what might be available in what I considered a reasonable price range for me, which was anything under \$100,000. Predictably, the vast majority of those homes were in urban locales, with a healthy percentage centered in Schenectady. It wasn't the ideal spot because the property taxes were high, but some of what we saw in pictures

looked interesting. We made a collective mental note to center the search there, if we ever started one.

That day came after we'd seen our fifth apartment and left unimpressed. I met a real estate agent three months earlier – on the night I proposed to my girlfriend, no less – and decided to schedule an appointment for us to meet with him.

Being a first-time home buyer, I wasn't 100 percent certain about exactly what the process entailed. I had been introduced to "House Hunters" on HGTV by my fiancée, but I later discovered the show tended to gloss over all the stuff that happens between when the person, couple or family decides which house they want to buy and when they happily move into their new digs.

Carl, my real estate agent, set us straight upon our first meeting. Once he had gotten our collective wish list (quite extensive, I might add),

he told us about the process that takes place once we chose a house to place an offer on. There is the negotiation between the buyer's agent and the seller's agent for an agreed-upon amount, followed by a home inspection where any major problems are flagged and can be brought to the seller's attention for remediation. Once everything is declared to be good to go, the buyer has to acquire the mortgage loan and then sit through a final meeting between the real estate agents, the real estate lawyers and bank officials, at which the buyer and seller get to sign a stack of forms.

It's enough to make a new home buyer's head spin. In fact, I felt like mine was spinning, but that may have been from the sinus infection I was battling at the time.

As luck would have it, my imagined \$100,000 budget turned out to be my real budget after I was pre-approved for the amount through my credit union. Since



I knew Schenectady had a high percentage of homes in that price range and would be a good location for me and my fiancée (she works in the city and is co-leader of a Girl Scout troop in Amsterdam), I had Carl center his search there.

Carl found several homes that met most of our criteria, including one early contender that my fiancée really liked because of its two fireplaces, large front yard and stonework on the front of the house. But this being Schenectady, neighborhoods are an important consideration. My fiancée's pick was located a stone's throw from a low-income public housing complex, and even though it's not a guarantee you will be the victim of a violent crime by moving close to public housing, sadly the chances do increase. One of the hardest things I had to do was tell my fiancée we couldn't put

a bid on the house. She was devastated, but she understood the situation.

It began to feel like we wouldn't find a house we both liked until we saw one in the southern part of Schenectady, not far from the border with Rotterdam. It didn't have the fireplace, the one-story living or the brick exterior my fiancée wanted, but it had a lot of the features we were searching for, including an updated kitchen, a dining room with loads of character and central air.

With step one complete, we have entered the bidding phase. We've placed our offer on the house, and now it's up to the seller to decide to accept it, reject it or negotiate it.

Truthfully, I don't know where this will lead. All that I can do now is wait and see where this process takes us.

The writer is the associate editor and sports editor at Spotlight News.

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First impressions are everything

Whether you are selling a home or just sprucing it up, a little curb appeal goes a long way

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Whether you are trying to sell your home or just want to help it make a good first impression, there are a lot of ways to spruce up the curb appeal of your home.

Capital District real estate agents and landscapers say a neat and welcoming exterior is a key component in attracting the attention of potential buyers.

“Curb appeal is one of the most important things. It’s the first thing people see when they pull up to a house,” said Jim Olsen, owner of Olsen’s Hardware & Garden Center in Slingerlands.

Having your home in good shape is important, but your neighbors’ homes play a big role as well.

“If you have someone out looking at houses, the first thing you’re going to do, even as a Realtor, is look at the outside of the house. If the roof and the siding are OK that’s going to get the house more attention,” said Wayne Newcomb, president of Yankee Realty. “The houses on either side



Local real estate agents say potential buyers are more likely to want to look inside a house if the exterior is tidy and well-kept.

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are important, too. If the houses on either side are run down it will be even less appealing.”

Realtors said that if a home doesn’t look welcoming or if it looks run down and plain, potential buyers will be less likely to even step inside.

“Many people will drive by and check out the exterior of the home,” said Lisa Rupinski of Bicentennial Realty in Delmar. “If a home is gorgeous on the inside but looks messy, they will probably never enter.”

Since buying a home

is such big investment, the person looking will do a great deal of shopping around before they put an offer.

“When it comes down to it, the average person looks at about 20 houses before they buy one. Before they actually get inside, they probably look at 50 or 60 houses on the Internet and by driving by the house,” said Newcomb. “They are really looking at what they like best; what fits them the best. When people move into a house they’re looking at it collectively. They’re looking at the backyard, the house next door and the neighborhood. They’re looking at the best thing of those houses they like.”

Spending a lot of money on renovating the inside of a house doesn’t always pay off and is only feasible in certain situations.

“Usually money is spent on a new kitchen or bath,” said Newcomb. “To remodel, you’re going to only get back 60 percent. It doesn’t pay to put a lot into a house if you’re selling it. Unless you’re buying a house to flip it, but that’s not what your average homeowner is looking to do.”

Landscaping can be a more cost effective way to help make a home more attractive and draw attention in a positive way.

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Colonie Landscaping said that if you look at a house, and the landscaping is not maintained, it can make the house look worse. The right flowers and bushes combined can add a lot of curb appeal to a home.

“If you’re going to sell the house, absolutely 100 percent clean it up, add new mulch and make it look good,” he said. “The landscaping will make a house sell quicker if looks neat. There’s a lot you can do with different budgets.”

The type of home being sold has a lot to do with the landscaping that would work best to accentuate



Wayne Newcomb, president of Yankee Realty, said buyers are going to look at how well a house was maintained on the outside, as well as the condition of neighboring houses.

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the home.

“If you’re looking to sell a house, if it’s an expensive, beautiful

home, landscaping might be a good idea, but if it’s an average priced home you won’t get a lot of

money back in return for the amount you spend,” Armando said. “You’re better off fixing what

needs to be fixed and have it look neat without clutter.”

Jim Owen said even the smallest exterior updates can add appeal.

“Tidy up and get rid of debris in the yard, of course. Dress up your front door with a blast of color or a custom door, even door knobs, fixtures in the entry,” said Owen.

Some of the easiest, least expensive things a person can do is just

make sure the home looks attractive. A well-manicured lawn, clear of debris and weeds goes a long way. Fresh paint, or siding that doesn’t have dirt or mold on it and gutters without plants growing out of them will do a lot for the appearance of the home too.

“Curb appeal has a lot to do with just getting buyers inside,” said Newcomb.

9 ways to boost your home’s curb appeal

Homeowners who want their homes to make strong first impressions must prioritize curb appeal.

Homes with strong curb appeal sell well and can impart a welcoming feel to all visitors. Improving curb appeal need not be expensive, and the following are a handful of ways to improve the appearance of your home.

1. Install a bold-looking door in a vibrant color or one with a custom design. This helps the home stand out from other properties in the neighborhood.
2. Edge the driveway to create a distinct border between the driveway and the lawn or other landscaping features. This helps homes appear neat and well kept.
3. Use outdoor lighting to make a home more inviting. Outdoor lighting

- also makes properties safer to traverse at night.
4. Clean a home’s exterior to remove mildew or discolorations from the siding, driveway, patio, and other outdoor elements.
 5. Improve landscapes with fresh plants and seasonal color. Homeowners without the time to plant can consider container gardens, which don’t take much time to assemble but still add appeal to a home’s exterior.

6. Prune planting beds and add new mulch to restore color.
7. Add shutters and accent trim to a home’s exterior to improve on the beauty of the house.
8. Install new fencing or give a fresh coat of paint or stain to an existing fence.
9. Replace concrete paths with tile or stone walkways to make entryways more impressive and inviting.

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“We take a course that teaches us the differences of working with seniors,” she says. “It’s really about an educational curve and helping to understand the market.”

A SRES can also help seniors to avoid scams, get them help with the ins and outs of options such as reverse mortgages and explain the differences in housing options like assisted living facilities or age-restricted communities.

“We learn to sit back and relax and listen,” Cooley says. “There are so many wonderful stories about their family and home, and it just takes more time.”

Cooley says she enjoys working with this demographic.

“I have elderly parents, so I understand. It’s the most delicious thing to listen to how they met, who was in the service and all these wonderful stories from the years,” she says.

Cooley also says the certification teaches Realtors to communicate without technology.

“They may not be emailing, so it’s more talking on the phone and more face to face,” she says.

For the Jennings, the move meant finding a place to put 31 years of personal belongings.

“You accumulate things so much,” Sally says. “The idea of having to move was just so dreadful.”

This is where senior move

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— Cathy Cooley,
Realty USA in Delmar

managers come in, and SRES professionals often recommend them.

When downsizing is needed, senior move managers will arrange estate sales, locate and deliver items to storage facilities or arrange donations to charities, and help determine how much space is available where the senior will be moving.

Michelle Kavanaugh of Organize Senior Moves in Glenmont, says it is a step-by-step process, and each step is taken with care.

“We have steps that we take starting with a free consultation. We will take an assessment on what needs to be done. Find out where they are moving and if there is family involved. We will assess if they need help with the layout and sorting. We will help the movers and we will pack up the client and unpack,” Kavanaugh says. “Then we tell our clients go do something fun that day and we will oversee the whole move, hang photos and make it feel and look like home and make sure everything

works when they get back.”

Kavanaugh’s business is part of a large group of businesses all over the United States who are helping seniors make the transition to a smaller home.

In Jennings’ case, a senior move manager was recommended by the senior community they were moving into.

“We just didn’t know where to start. Michelle came and laid out a plan for us and got started,” Sally says.

Kavanaugh says everyone’s situation is different.

“Some want us to do all the packing and some have family members who come into town and help, and we help fill in the gaps,” she says. “We have moved a client within a 24-hour time frame before.”

Kavanaugh says it’s a matter of analyzing the space and finding new places for the possessions that will no longer fit.

“I first ask them to choose what they really want. Then tell the family to decide what they would like to take. If there is a lot left over, we can either recommend an estate sale or items can be donated,” Kavanaugh says. “They would rather see the stuff they are having a hard time parting with being used.”

Sally says Dumpsters and auctions were arranged for her home, and Michelle found someone to buy and take books that they wanted to give away.

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“We didn’t want to junk anything that had any use, and I felt good about that,” Sally says.

Mary Kay Buysse, Executive Director at NASSM tells a story about a woman whose husband was an executive who traveled around the world. The woman had a collection of teapots from her husband’s travels. After her husband died, the woman was ready to move from a large home to an assisted living facility and didn’t know what she was going to do with her collection.

“The manager encouraged her to bring three of her favorites that she would put on a shelf and then took digital photos and had a poster made of the rest of them for her to hang on her wall,” Buysse says.

Buysse says the senior move managers are there to find solutions and respect the dignity of the client.

Sally says Kavanaugh had a solution to every problem she and her husband presented her with.

“The people came to help us clean out and knew where to donate things and what to do with various things ... what could be salvaged,” she says.

Kavanaugh says her goal is to work with the family in an effortless transition, and this is even more important when family isn’t living nearby.

Cooley says she finds the adult children find much relief in knowing she and people such as Kavanaugh are there to help.

“The family loves knowing we are here to help,” Cooley says. “We’ve become the daughter of these people. They hug us and kiss us and thank us. We become their family. They can’t believe the comfort we are able to provide.

“It’s just such an emotional process. I try to reassure them to make the move of downsizing while you can enjoy it,” Kavanaugh says. “I tell them they will make new friends ... that’s what life is all about ... and more important than keeping a house that you have to keep up with. The materials around us aren’t as important.”

Buysse says without a senior move manager, the first instinct is sometimes to grab a box of garbage

bags and get rid of things.

“The family tries to downsize a home of 40 or 50 years in one or two weekends. There is a dumpster in the driveway and things get tossed. They just don’t feel they have the time or energy. Then six months later everyone is like, why did we give away blank or save blank,” Buysse says.

Buysse says often times seniors feel as if they are burdening their children by asking them to take care of the tasks needed to downsize. The Jennings said this was especially important to them.

“We wanted to be able to make the decisions ourselves and not put the burden on them,” she says.

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Things to consider before downsizing your home

Personal finances

Your financial situation merits significant consideration when deciding if the time is right to downsize your home. If your retirement nest egg is not as substantial as you would like it to be, then it would seem as though downsizing to a smaller, more affordable home is a great opportunity for you to start catching up on your retirement savings. But that's only true if your new home won't incur any additional expenses that are already taken care of in your current home. For example, your

current home may be fully furnished, while a new, smaller home may require you to buy all new furniture because your existing items simply won't fit. The cost of such furnishings can be considerable. If you plan to move into a condominium, you can expect to pay monthly homeowners association fees, and such fees are often substantial. So while the condo itself might be smaller, the additional expenses associated with the property may end up making the smaller home more expensive and prevent you from saving more money for retirement.



Real estate market

There are seller's markets and there are buyer's markets, and ideally you would like to sell your home in a seller's market. But keep in mind that this might be the same market in which you hope to buy a new home. The nature of the real estate market depends on a host of factors, including geography. If the city or town where you currently live is in the



midst of a seller's market and you are planning on moving to a location where buyers have the upper hand, then now might be a great time to move. But if you currently live in a buyer's market and hope to move

home and into their next one. This gives them ample time to make the real estate market work for them.

Space

How much space do you really need? Once the kids have moved out, couples may feel like all of that extra space is going to waste. But that can be a knee-jerk reaction, and upon a more thorough examination of the space and your needs you may just find that you can put all of that extra square footage to good use after all. If you have always wanted your own art studio, then now might be the perfect time to make that a reality. Always wanted a room devoted to home theater? Get to work on converting your basement from an all-purpose game room to your own private movie theater. If, after considering the space in your home, you find that the extra square footage really is just upkeep you aren't especially interested in doing, then you would no doubt like a cozier home that's less of a responsibility to maintain.

to a seller's market, then you may end up paying a steep price, even when downsizing to a smaller home. Things may even themselves out if you want to downsize to a smaller home within your current community, but do your homework nonetheless, researching the time of year when you're most likely to get the most for your home and find the best deal on your next place. The advantage men and women considering downsizing have is that they are rarely in a rush to move out of their current

Move

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How to find the right real estate lawyer

Buying or selling real estate is rarely free of complications. Unforeseen issues often arise during real estate transactions, and in such instances a real estate attorney can prove invaluable. While buyers, sellers or veteran real estate investors might be able to handle minor or routine issues on their own or with the help of their realtor, more complex matters are best left in the hands of a real estate attorney.

One of the benefits to hiring a real estate attorney when negotiating a complex or potentially complex real estate transaction is the expertise that lawyers can bring to the table. Realtors may have vast experience buying and selling homes, and many are adept at negotiating as well. But realtors are not licensed to practice law, and even the savviest realtor would admit that offering legal advice is not his or her forte. Men and women involved in complex or potentially complex real estate transactions would be wise to hire a real estate attorney, and the following are a few things to consider before hiring someone to represent you.

Experience

One of the reasons to hire a real estate attorney is to make use of their experience. Hurdles have a tendency to spring up during complicated real estate transactions. Men and women involving themselves in development deals or buying rental properties likely won't see potential red flags as clearly as a veteran real estate attorney will. When interviewing a real estate attorney, ask how long he has been working as a real estate lawyer and how long

he has been practicing in your particular state and city. Zoning laws and other restrictions vary from state to state and city to city, so look for a lawyer who has considerable experience in your state and city or the state and city where the transaction is taking place.

Plan of action

When interviewing prospective attorneys, don't assume each one knows the best way to approach your particular case. Provide the details of your transaction and then ask each attorney to explain how they would approach the case. A veteran real estate attorney should be able to provide a detailed account of how he plans to represent you, including what needs to be done to get the transaction off the ground, any potential hurdles that might need to be cleared and how to clear those should they arise. Avoid attorneys who give general or ambiguous answers, as such answers may be poor attempts by the lawyer to mask his or her inexperience with transactions such as yours. Some attorneys may request time to develop a plan of action, and you should not immediately remove them from consideration, especially if they ultimately answer the question in thoughtful detail.

Billing

Attorneys are expensive, so it's best to discuss the billing process before hiring someone to represent you. Attorneys tend to bill by the hour, but their rates may be negotiable depending on the service they're providing. Those who will be overseeing your

real estate transaction and continuously representing you will likely bill by the hour, but if you're hiring a real estate attorney to examine a potential agreement or draft a contract then you can probably negotiate a flat fee for those services. But be sure to discuss billing before hiring an attorney. Real estate transactions are rarely inexpensive, so you don't want to be blindsided down the road when your legal bills come due.

Representation

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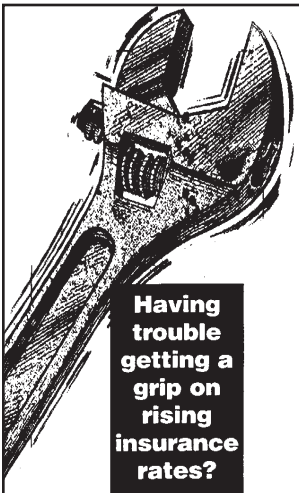
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current law school student who is interning with the firm. These people might be perfectly capable of handling your transaction, but you should meet them before hiring the firm to represent you. A good rapport with the person who will be working on your case can ease the stress

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Real estate attorneys can help men and women navigate the sometimes turbulent waters of real estate transactions, and it helps to consider a host of factors before hiring a firm to represent you.

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On the heels of a recession that saw home values drop, many would-be investors have shied away from buying investment properties. But real estate has historically remained a sound investment, boasting a long-term appreciation rate that makes it a worthwhile investment for those who can withstand temporary setbacks in housing prices and hold on to their properties over the long haul.

But investors are often nervous as they look for their first properties. Uncertainty about housing prices aside, investing in real estate also is risky, and first-time investors need to be comfortable with such risk in order to make the most of their investments. The following are a few things potential real estate investors should consider as they decide if investing in real estate is right for them.

Personal ability

Real estate investors typically have tenants, and those tenants inevitably have needs. Investors who have experience as contractors may not find it difficult to renovate a property and make it more attractive to tenants, nor are they likely to be inconvenienced when minor issues on the property need to be addressed. Investors with no such experience will need to hire contractors to do the work for them, cutting into potential profits down the road. In addition, investors who don't have the ability and/or the time to address minor issues like a clogged drain or a drafty window on their own will need to hire a property management firm to tend to such needs. Such firms are effective, but also expensive, further cutting into your profits.

Even those investors with contracting experience may have little or no knowledge of how the leasing process works, forcing them to rely on a real estate firm to write up leases and ensure all leases stay current. This, too, can cut into an investor's profits. Investors who don't bring any relevant expertise to the table can still make a profit from their real estate investments, but those profits likely won't be as significant when outside companies must be hired to ensure the property is in good shape and all necessary documents are in order and up-to-date.

Time

Real estate is often a time-consuming investment. Tenants pay good money to live in attractive rental properties, and those tenants will have a host of needs that must be met.

Investors must be sure they have the time to address their tenants' concerns, especially investors with no plans to hire property management firms. Potential investors who already have full plates at work and at home may not be able to devote the time necessary to make the most of their real estate investments, and therefore might be better off finding another way to invest their money.

Time also must be considered when considering profits. Real estate is not the type of investment that turns a profit overnight. Even investors who are looking to invest in an up-and-coming neighborhood must be prepared to hold onto their properties for at least a few years, if not much longer, to maximize their investments. Though real estate is a sound investment,

it is not a get rich quick type of investment.

Size

First-time real estate investors might be wise to choose a smaller property for their initial investment. Larger properties can be overwhelming to manage, and investors often rely on property management firms to tend to these properties. Such firms charge more to manage bigger properties, which can eat into investors' finances. Veteran investors can handle such overhead costs, but first-timers might find themselves caught off guard upon realizing the gravity of their financial commitment. A good rule of thumb for first-time investors is to stick to smaller properties.

Costs

The cost of a real estate investment goes beyond the purchase price of the

home. In addition to the mortgage on the property, investors must pay the taxes and insurance on the property, as well as any costs associated with maintaining and managing the property. Certain tax breaks are available to real estate investors depending on where they live. For example, in the United States, taxes on the profits when a property is sold may be deferred if those profits are immediately rolled into another property (such a deferment is only available to those investors who arrange this exchange prior to selling the initial property). Potential investors need to consider all of these costs, and might want to hire a real estate lawyer to help them make the most of their investments and any profits they yield. But even hiring an attorney is an additional cost investors must consider before investing.

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