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Crews battle a short-lived blaze in the woods behind Farnsworth Middle School.

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Survey says ...

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Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens, at the podium, announces \$1.4 million in Conservation Partnership Program grants on Thursday, April 24, at Indian Ladder Farms. Joining Martens, from right, is Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy, Senator Cecilia Tkaczyk, Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy Executive Director Mark King and the Land Trust Alliance's New York Advisory Board Chairman Seth McKee.

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MHLC gets \$68.5k grant

State unveils \$1.4M in Conservation Partnership Program grants at local farm

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Indian Ladder Farms was used as a backdrop and example during the unveiling of Conservation Partnership Program grants totaling \$1.4 million statewide.

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens on Thursday, April 24, announced the annual conservation grant awardees, which included 50 nonprofit land trusts statewide. The Capital District received 14 grants totaling almost \$350,000 to 11 organizations, with the Mohawk Hudson Land

Conservancy receiving the most funds at \$68,500 for professional development.

Grants statewide will also tap an additional \$1.1 million in private contributions and community support.

Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens said the grants would be used to protect "some of finest natural landscapes" in the state.

"You are obviously standing on one of them here at the Indian Ladder Farm," Martens said.

Peter Ten Eyck, owner of Indian Ladder Farms, said about a decade ago his family was weighing whether to retire the development rights of the land.

Through the help of various organizations, Ten Eyck received \$848,000 to sell the development of the 320-acre property.

To watch a video of Peter Ten Eyck talking about how Indian Ladder Farms got its name and other topics, visit spotlightnews.com.

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Dirt-bike dust-up

Owner of Hidden Meadows Golf Course says noise from neighbor's track is driving away customers

By MARCY VELTE
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The owner of a Glenmont golf course went before the Bethlehem Town Board on Wednesday, April 23, with a signed petition in opposition to the noise generated by his dirt-bike-riding neighbors.

Joe Rappazzo said he has lost business since the property next door to Hidden Meadows was purchased and turned into an amateur dirt bike course. The Zimmerman family responded that they purposely purchased the large piece of land in a rural area so their children could practice without disturbing the neighbors.

"We haven't had a single person complain except the owner of the golf course," said Suzanne Zimmerman.

The mother of three said she and her husband bought the property on Wemple Road so their sons could ride their dirt bikes. The family paid \$80,000 for 35 acres of vacant land last October.

In the summer months, the boys compete in motocross racing.

Rappazzo brought forth a petition with 75 signatures from neighbors and another petition with 50 signatures from customer against the

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BIDA wants to nix special tax status for Vista site

Group says that designation would have only applied to Breonics, which is not moving forward

By MARCY VELTE
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Since it was officially made known Breonics will no longer be moving to Vista Technology Campus in Slingerlands, the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency is seeking to remove the project's enhanced abatement status.

BIDA Executive Director Tom Connelly said he was told by developers the Columbia 65 building would not be moving forward in the near future because Breonics is no longer interested in the location and there are no other prospects. The updates were presented at this month's IDA meeting on Friday, April 25.

"I'm concerned about this, and principally because of Breonics," said Connelly. "Breonics is gone. Our enhanced abatement was keyed to Breonics. I don't

know if we would have given an enhanced abatement ... actually I know we wouldn't have given an enhanced abatement to a medical office building."

Breonics was first announced as a potential tenant for Vista last March. The company would have occupied about 6,000 square feet of a 27,000-square-foot building to be constructed behind ShopRite.

Connelly said the Columbia 15 project is also in jeopardy. That project was also supposed to house Cornea Consultants, a surgical eye-care facility, but

the project has not yet received approval from the state Health Department. Developer Joe Nicolla has said in the past he would not go forward with construction of the building until additional tenants were in place.

Site plan approval from the town's Planning Board has lapsed on both projects. Planning Director Rob Leslie said all approved projects must begin construction within one year and be completed within two years. The developers can file for two

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Albany County honors volunteers

Nine area residents receive awards for their service

By BILLY DeLAP
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Slingerlands resident Robert Lamar, 92, has been volunteering to help others ever since he was a young man. These days, he continues that tradition with his work at Colonie Senior Services and as a director or member of 20 other local volunteer organizations.

“It’s like being able to play golf after you had to give up. I’ve loved every minute of volunteer work. I learned about it early in my life when I was still a student in high school and college,” said Lamar.

The Albany County Executive’s office honored Lamar and eight others at an event Thursday, April 24, to recognize those who have dedicated themselves to community service and helping others.

In the Cahill Room of the Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building, County Executive Dan McCoy awarded five people with the County Executive’s Volunteer Award, and four people received honorable mention for dedication to their projects.

“Once again, we come together to honor the great people who live here in Albany County who give themselves for others,” said Albany County Executive Dan McCoy. “Those we honor today are people of all ages and walks

of life who live across Albany County and are taking action to help others.”

Those that received awards volunteered for a variety of different organizations and causes across the county. From Sister Marge Mineau of Albany, who has volunteered with Little Sisters of the Poor for more than 50 years, to Richard Walker of Watervliet, who has spent 16 years as a volunteer on the USS Slater, the volunteers all have contributed to making Albany a better place.

After learning that his mother had Alzheimer’s in 2006, Dave DeVoe has volunteered with the Alzheimer’s Association and also with the Special Olympics torch run.

“The Alzheimer’s Association is something that is near and dear to me, as far as my mom, and I will continue until I can’t do it anymore. The Special Olympics is something that brings you a ton of joy. There is zero cost to the athletes through donations from the public, so these guys go out and enjoy their winter games and summer games,” said DeVoe.

Charlotte Fuss of Altamont coordinates food services for seniors in the hilltowns as well as volunteering with the Bethlehem Seniors, and had computers donated to the senior center among many other projects.

Margy McKenna of East Berne was recognized for her work and dedication to the Capital City Rescue Mission. Her most recent



Nine Albany County residents who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to community service were honored with awards on Thursday, April 24.

Billy DeLap/Spotlight

task was organizing the annual Easter dinner at the mission, where hundreds of people were fed a hot meal and 25 children received Easter baskets. One of her more important tasks is helping to maintain the finances at the mission. She’s also on the board for the Bethlehem Cemetery.

“I feel very blessed to be able to give me time and my skills to the Capital City Rescue Mission. It is such a wonderful place. I’ve seen lives transformed with their ministry ... I just feel so honored to be there,” said McKenna. “I hope to continue to do this for

many years to come.”

Walker served in the Coast Guard and reserves, and wanted to help honor those who served in World War II by working with the Slater. For the last 16 years, he has worked as a tour guide on the ship, as a storekeeper, as a maintenance person and as an event organizer.

“The whole motivation for me was to work with the WWII vets, who were the first ones volunteering on the Slater when it first came to Albany, and having the opportunity with school groups when they bring the kids. They don’t know why they

aren’t bowing to a picture of the emperor or giving a Nazi salute. They find out when they come to the Slater,” said Walker.

The USS Slater played an important role as a minesweeper during WWII, stopping German U-boats from blowing up more allied ships.

“I have the highest regard for the veterans older than I that I have had the honor to work with over the last 16 years, and I like to thank them for letting a shallow water sailor — as they like to call us ‘coasties’ — come down and work on their ship,” said Walker.

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Master parks plan in the works

Proposed plan calls for hiring a consultant

By Marcy Velte
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Bethlehem officials are hoping to move forward with the creation of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the town.

Director of Parks and Recreation Nan Lanahan gave the presentation on Wednesday, April 23. She said various town officials had talked of creating a parks master plan for years, but other projects had taken precedent.

"The purpose would be to develop a comprehensive plan for all of the parks townwide," said Lanahan.

The need for a master plan was established in 2007 with the Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee. It was identified again in 2013 with the Comprehensive Plan Assessment Committee.

The purpose of the master plan would be to take an inventory of existing parks and discuss the needs of the town's existing facilities. The plan would take into account maintenance work that needs to be done, programming and seek recommendations for improvements.

Lanahan said a parks master plan will make the town a better candidate for grants, show new ways to share costs with outside groups, seek efficiencies and prepare a capital plan for future development. The group would be looking into park trends and demographics, what facilities are used the most, how to prioritize investments and usage policies.

The plan would also help the parks department work with youth sports groups to evaluate their needs. Many have said they are in good shape, but some are looking for help.



The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department hopes to develop a comprehensive plan for all of the town's parks.

Spotlight file photo

"The purpose would be to develop a comprehensive plan for all of the parks town wide."

— Director of Parks and Recreation Nan Lanahan

The biggest question from the Town Board dealt with cost.

The plan calls for hiring a consultant. They would also ask residents to join a Parks and Recreation Master Plan advisory group.

Lanahan asked for the Board to consider spending \$50,000 to hire the consultant. This was after Supervisor John Clarkson already asked for the cost to be scaled back.

Councilwoman Joann Dawson asked if a consultant had to be hired or if the department could work with an intern. She

also wanted to know how much the town's Friends of Parks and Recreation group could be of help.

Lanahan said a consultant was needed because of the expertise. She said there are companies that exclusively do parks and recreation master plans. A consultant could provide an objective opinion.

"We just don't have that in-house, and the planning department is over taxed," she said.

The parks and recreation director said she wanted to go forward with the Request For Qualifications process, so she could see what hiring

a consultant would cost and what the town could get for its money. She wanted half of the funds to come from the New York state efficiency grant the town received last year, and half to come from the Parkland set aside.

Some board members

were willing to go forward with the RFQ. Others wanted to wait to see if less money could be used. Lanahan said the RFQ would allow for an estimate, but the idea was tabled for a later date so see if less money could be used.

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Outdoor fire quelled near FMS

Cause of blaze remains under investigation, limited damage to area

By JOHN PURCELL
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Simply getting to an outdoor fire near Farnsworth Middle School was the most challenging aspect for firefighters Monday, April 21, evening.

More than two-dozen first responders were at the scene of a small fire near the edge of the middle school's baseball field. The fire started around 5 p.m. and was extinguished approximately a half-hour later. Firefighters remained on scene for at least another hour and were spraying water on the burnt landscape.

Westmere Fire District spokesman Sean Maguire said there was "a little bit of a fire over the ridge" when firefighters arrived. Westmere firefighters requested outdoor equipment from Fort Hunter and Guilderland Center fire departments because of the fire's



Firefighters work to contain a small blaze in the woods bordering the Farnsworth Middle School athletic fields Monday, April 21.

John Purcell/Spotlight

location. Small trucks and all-terrain vehicles were used to reach the blaze.

Westmere Assistant Chief Tony Carrow said no buildings were in immediate danger.

"Outdoor fires are serious because they are not contained to a specific area and can sometimes be quite challenging," Carrow said in a statement.

Maguire said the danger for this fire was not because of its proximity to the middle school but its surroundings. Pine trees surrounded the area,

and he said there was a lot of "dried out, dead vegetation" in the woods.

"That could continue to smolder, get underground and start to travel, so it's good that we knock it down back here before we have any problems," Maguire said.

The fire reportedly affected less than one acre. There were no injuries reported.

Several 911 calls were received about the fire from nearby Presidential Lane residents and a school groundskeeper, according to local

officials.

The source of the fire remains under investigation, with a local official predicting on Tuesday, April 22, that an answer won't be known for "some time."

"They'll have to get in there and take a look and see if it was just natural from the warmth of the day, or if somebody had been back there," Maguire said at the scene.

Westmere Fire officials urged people to be aware of outdoor conditions, especially when conditions are dry. Local regulations restrict outdoor fires and open burning year-round. Where small outdoor fires are permitted for cooking, it's important to have immediate access to an extinguishing agent appropriate for the fire.

"This time of year, even though the snow has recently melted, we haven't had a great deal of rain so that leads to some dry conditions outdoors," Maguire said. "On a nice day, like today, just a little bit of ignition can cause an outdoors fire."

Police Blotter

Police: Albany woman forged her law license

State Police arrested an Albany woman for allegedly forging documents to make her appear to be licensed attorney.

A background investigation on Carina E. Comiskey, 29, revealed she submitted forged



Carina E. Comiskey

documents for a governor's appointment as a New York State Justice Center attorney, according to police. Comiskey claimed to have passed the state bar examination, but an investigation revealed she allegedly failed the exam during each of her four attempts.

Police arrested Comiskey on Tuesday, April 22, and charged her with criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree and offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree, both felonies, and falsifying business records in the second degree, a misdemeanor.

Judge Margaret Adkins arraigned Comiskey in New Scotland Town Court and released her. She is scheduled to appear in Town Court on Thursday, April 24, at 5 p.m.

Police said Comiskey graduated from Albany Law School with a Juris Doctorate.

Other arrests

• Guilderland police arrested Shannon G. Rooney, 19, of 62 Egmont Court in Delmar, around 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, and charged her with grand larceny in the fourth degree, a felony. Police said Rooney was allegedly

at a store in Crossgates Mall and took property and a victim's money before leaving the store. She was taken into custody without incident, according to police, and released on an appearance ticket.

• Guilderland police arrested Karl John Jakob, 19, of 617 Vanderlyn Lane in Slingerlands, at noon on Sunday, April 6, and charged him with aggravated DWI for having a BAC of 0.18 percent or more and failure to yield the right of way. Police said Jakob crashed into a vehicle stopped at a red light. As the light changed to green, he allegedly rear-ended the vehicle. Police said he "showed a lack of muscle coordination" when walking towards police to say he was involved in the crash. He allegedly almost fell into the roadway as he tried to lean against the vehicle he hit. Police allegedly observed him to have an odor of alcohol and watery, glassy eyes. Police said he failed four standard field sobriety tests.

• Albany County sheriff's deputies arrested Anthony J. Trefzger, 52, of 233A Goodfellow Road in Westerlo, around 3:50 a.m. on Friday, April 18, and charged him with DWI and failure to keep right. Police stopped Trefzger on New Scotland Road at New Salem Road for the alleged traffic infraction, and he told police he was driving home from a friend's house in Albany. Police allegedly observed him to have a strong odor of alcohol on his breath, impaired motor coordination, was "uneasy on his feet" and had bloodshot, glassy eyes. He allegedly admitted to consuming two beers before driving, but later said he consumed three to four beers. A chemical breath test allegedly revealed he had a BAC of 0.12 percent. He was released and scheduled to appear in New Scotland Town Court on Thursday, May 15.

• Albany County sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua M. Askew, 25, of 27 Huckleberry Lane in Colonie, around 11:50 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, and charged him with DWI and failure to stop at a stop sign. Police received a call reporting a property damage auto accident on New Scotland Road, with a man and woman possibly intoxicated at the scene. Police arrived and reportedly found Askew and his girlfriend. When police asked Askew if there was an accident, he allegedly said, "What accident? Who called the police?" in an agitated manner. There was a pick-up truck

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V'ville adopts budget exceeding tax cap

Village spending plan totals \$2.047 million

By JOHN PURCELL
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Voorheesville board members approved a village budget exceeding its state mandated property levy tax cap on Tuesday, April 22.

The 2014-15 village budget, totaling slightly more than \$2.047 million, actually decreases overall spending almost \$75,500. Part of the around 3.5 percent decrease in appropriations stems from the village dissolving its court, which shifts over to the Town of New Scotland. Fund balance usage is also decreasing in the general fund to almost \$50,700. Money is also allocated towards refilling its water and two sewer district fund balances.

The village is increasing its property tax levy 4.5 percent, which totals more than \$287,700. This is the first time the village has exceeded its tax cap limit.

Village Mayor Robert Conway said village is raising an additional \$12,000 in taxes, which is quickly consumed as expenses increase. The cost for street lighting increasing is \$20,000.

“As usual, the board has struggled to maintain the budget as close to zero [percent tax increase] as possible,” Mayor Robert Conway said. “We will

continue to try to maintain the services and the low tax rate. I think so far we have done a good job.”

The tax rate is increasing to \$1.2552 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which holds an increase of \$0.0598 per \$1,000.

There were minor reductions in the adopted budget. Additional funds were allocated to recreation department salaries based on program needs, according to village officials. There was also a reduction for audits to correct levels.

Elected officials and village employees are receiving a 2 percent salary increase. A 2 percent increase was also given in the 2013-14 budget excluding the mayor.

Overall revenue in the general fund is budgeted to increase 1.1 percent and totals almost \$1.37 million.

Mortgage tax revenue was conservatively increased 10 percent and totals \$33,000. The actual 2012-13 mortgage tax revenue totaled about \$36,800 and appears to be on track for similar earnings in 2013-14.

Albany County sales tax revenue is budgeted to increase 1.2 percent totaling \$840,000. The actual 2012-13 sales tax revenue totaled more than \$875,000.

Blotter

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allegedly found parked near the couple. Police said Askew was observed to have a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and glassy eyes. He allegedly admitted to driving the truck and claimed its brakes stopped working, which caused him to go through a stop sign. Askew allegedly told police he was driving and only had one drink before driving, but was “so pissed off” the brakes stopped working that he drank “three to four bottles” of Twisted Tea. Police searched the scene and did not find any open containers. His girlfriend allegedly told police he only consumed alcohol before driving. A chemical breath test revealed Askew allegedly had a BAC of 0.11 percent. He was released and scheduled to appear in New Scotland Town Court on Thursday, May 15.

• Guilderland police Timothy O. Pecoraro, 21, of 68 Wyomanock Road in Stephentown, around 3:20 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, and charged him with DWI, refusal to take a breath test and two counts of speeding. Police observed him allegedly driving 10 mph over the speed limit on Western Avenue, and driving 10 mph over the speed limit on Fuller Road. Police stopped Pecoraro and allegedly observed him to have an odor of alcohol on his breath, impaired motor coordination, glassy eyes, slow speech and slow response to questions. Police said they asked Pecoraro to exit his vehicle several times, but he refused and said, “He



Helping fire’s feline victim

On Sunday, April 27, firefighters responded to a house fire at 3825 Carman Road in Guilderland. One resident was hospitalized following the blaze. Firefighters also rescued two cats from the burning building. One of the cats was experiencing respiratory distress and was given oxygen by Guilderland police officers Joseph Normandin, Donald Jones and Sgt. Michael Minette.

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didn’t feel he had a need to.” Once he was told to exit the vehicle, he complied. He refused a pre-screen device and chemical breath test, according to police.

• Guilderland police arrested Ilgar A. Yakubov, 30, of 365 2nd Ave. in Albany, around 1:15 a.m. on Monday, March 31, and charged him with DWI, improper right turn, illegal signal, failure to obey a traffic device, failure to stay in a single lane and failure to keep right. Police observed Yakubov allegedly commit multiple traffic infractions and stopped him. Police said he had impaired motor coordination while retrieving his license from his wallet and “spilled the papers that came out of his glove box all over his

lap.” He also allegedly had an odor of alcohol on his breath, slurred speech and bloodshot, glassy eyes. A chemical breath test allegedly revealed he had a BAC of 0.1 percent. He also allegedly admitted to smoking marijuana about eight hours before driving.

• Guilderland police arrested Lauren J. Tompkins, 26, of 19 Justine Court in Rensselaer, at 3:20 a.m. on Sunday, April 6, and was charged with

DWI, failure to obey a traffic device and failure to stay in a single lane. Police stopped Tompkins for alleged traffic infractions and observed her to have an odor of alcohol on her breath, impaired motor coordination and glassy, bloodshot eyes. She also allegedly admitted to having consumed one cranberry and vodka drink at around midnight. Police said a chemical breath test revealed she had a BAC of 0.08 percent.



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From the Editor’s Desk

Charter reform can’t wait

Reducing the size of the county Legislature is hardly a new idea, and it’s one that most people — including a number of sitting legislators, Democrat and Republican — agree with. And yet, even with recent charter recommendations that explicitly state the number of seats should be reduced from 39 to 25, we fear we may be no closer to seeing that become a reality anytime soon.

We worry the same foot-dragging that has become a hallmark of this bloated legislative body will keep the Charter Review Commission’s recommendations from making it to the voters in November so they can finally weigh in. What, you may ask, could possibly hold things up? Well, true to fashion, the Legislature has formed a committee to review the review commission’s recommendations (yes, you read

that correctly), and we suspect the back-and-forth that could ensue will make it impossible to meet the Sept. 30 deadline for any revisions to make it on the Nov. 4 ballot.

Granted, there are probably plenty of kinks to work out of the commission’s proposal and some logistics to get squared away as to how a downsizing and redistricting will work, but we certainly hope the committee moves quickly and with voters in mind. The bottom line is, this reduction has to happen because a county legislature this size — the biggest in the state — is tripping over its own feet more often than not.

Some may argue that cutting the size of the legislature will reduce the close interaction residents have with their lawmakers, but a ratio of one legislator to about 7,000 residents is hardly an advantage when some of

those legislators make very little effort beyond showing up at the monthly meetings. Others say the taxpayer savings from a downsizing would be lost if the remaining lawmakers have to increase staffing to deal with their bigger districts. We doubt that would be necessary, and, in an economy where private sector employees have been asked to do more with less for years, voters have little tolerance for wasteful spending. We can hope that our county legislators care as much about our money as we do.

Let’s also not forget that the charter reform recommendations include so much more than just the proposal to downsize the legislature. It is a clunky document in dire need of updating. We’d like to add our voices to those calling for the legislature to prepare a final charter revision for voters this fall.

Guest Commentary

Tough choices, times three

By JENNIFER STEUER

This article appears in the April edition of Capital District Parent Pages. The author is an Albany mom whose busy household includes her husband, Harlan, and 6-year-old triplets Olivia, Benjamin and Rebecca.

If you only have one child at a time, you make choices for each child, one at a time. When you have triplets (or a litter as my daughter now calls them), there are so many decisions that need to be made and so little time to really make them. You feel like a failure if you do not examine all the possible outcomes. Even when I do try to think of everything that can happen, I still manage to get things wrong sometimes.

April is a time for warm breezes that feel like light caresses. This is the time of year when I again feel real hope for the future.

This spring, I must decide if the kids will continue to share a classroom next year. This is a hard one! For pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, the kids have been with the same two teachers and in the same class. Keeping them together was the right decision. They helped each other blossom, grow, become less dependent and not as shy. They made friends. They made progress as individuals and as a group.

The Tremont Montessori School keeps the first- and second-graders with the same teacher and classmates as they move up. I wonder if the kids will continue to grow and progress as individuals if they share a classroom. I also wonder if they are in three different classrooms, if I can I handle three different teachers, homework styles — and what about open houses? I already feel my stress level rising.

When you have triplets ... there are so many decisions that need to be made and so little time to really make them.

This decision is so hard.

When you have multiples, there are so many parts of life that a singleton parent may not think about. When the time comes for the kids’ physicals, do I make three back-to-back appointments or come three different days? Does this doctor meet the needs of all the kids? Fortunately, we have a great pediatrician who has been a wonderful resource for us and given us strength when we really felt weak. The receptionists, nurses and whoever is on call are kind and know that the kids are the center of your world and treat them as such. Each child has a different relationship with the doctor and staff.

Birthday parties are a source of stress for us, too. The kids are 6 now and know that other families have parties with other children who are invited. They realize that there are different themes available. If each kid invites 10 kids and wants a different theme ... how do I make this work? Our theme for the last six years has been “family,” and the celebrations have taken place mostly at our synagogue. The exception was their first birthdays, when I made 172 cupcakes and only half the guests

showed up due to a snowstorm. I guess that happens when your kids are born in January!

What about extracurricular activities? Three kids with varied interests and a mom with a minivan ... Sounds like a perfect chance to have tenderhearted moment or find a school of orange fish crackers crushed into the back seat.

Right now the cherubs are all in the same class at religious school and also attend the same Israeli dance class. Olivia wants ballet, Rebecca wants to do any dance class, and Benjamin might do well with tap. But we cannot afford the tuition for three dance classes. Olivia and Rebecca want to be in Girl Scouts. Benjamin wants to be in Boy Scouts. They all want to play baseball. At some point Harlan will be working just to pay for the kids to enjoy extracurricular activities.

All these choices have left my brain in such a state I want to sit down with a pint of Ben and Jerry’s and a spoon. The bottom line is, I have my family’s best interests at heart. Some of the things we do or don’t do may leave people scratching their heads, but they work for us. My children are very important to me, and because they are so important, any decisions that might affect them in the future are thought through and contingencies planned.

I would like to think that I am making good decisions. I would like to think that maybe what I do makes a difference. The big picture is bigger with my “litter” of children. Each child deserves a mom who can see the big picture for each individual and for the family. I am that mom.

Get to know ...



Daniel McCoy
Albany County Executive

• Hometown: Albany

What are you listening to these days?

“80’s on 8” on Sirius, Harry Connick Jr., Toby Keith, Frank Sinatra and Jay Z.

What have you been reading?

“The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York” by Robert A. Caro.

What have you been watching on TV?

“Modern Family,” “The Amazing Race,” “The Blacklist” and “Parks and Recreation.”

What was the last movie you saw?

“Frozen” with my daughter.

What would your dream vacation be?

Anywhere on a warm, sandy beach.

What are some of your hobbies?

Skiing with my kids, camping, golfing and collecting commemorative coins.

What would your last meal be?

Chicken parmesan.

Who would you most like to meet, dead or alive?

Martin Luther King Jr. and Pope Francis.

What is something you think most people would be surprised to learn about you?

I took karate for several years.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Casinos make bad neighbors

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

I would like to applaud Supervisor Clarkson’s attempt to temper Albany’s “enthusiasm” about the economic potential of casinos by reminding us that there are many unintended consequences. As the potential casino’s next door neighbor, the traffic problems created from added cars and trucks and more inebriated drivers are real concerns.

Recently, my husband and I stopped in Las Vegas on our way to Death Valley National Park and had a chance to wander through the labyrinth casino floors. As we wandered from one casino to another, the glut was apparent. The gambling tables were devoid of customers while most gamblers, plied with a continual stream of pro-offered alcohol, sat mesmerized at the slots like zombies. With daylight banned and cigarette smoke omnipresent, we were relieved after some effort to finally locate the exit and get outside.

While standing on the sidewalk, an alleged drug-related drive-by shooting occurred outside the ritzy Bellagio, causing the car driven by the victim to lose control. It plowed into a taxi cab hauling tourists and unfortunately, several innocent people died that evening. Be prepared Albany. A casino may create jobs, but at what price? Students of economic development policies are familiar with the idea of “aggregation;” that is, one big project attracts complementary and competing actors creating nodes of activity. I fear that a casino will do the same; attracting more trafficking not only of vehicles driven by drunken drivers, but also the most unsavory kind of trafficking... human and drug. Surely, the good residents of the City of Albany and their neighbors deserve a better roadway to economic vitality.

Carole Nemore,
Delmar
Bethlehem Community
Voices

Fresh Air host families are needed

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

For several years our family has hosted a child from NYC through the Fresh Air Fund, Dominic, and we’ve learned so much as we experienced upstate summers through his eyes. We began hosting because as a child, Lara’s family hosted children through the Fresh Air Fund and it was a memorable, positive experience. Dan grew up in NYC and understood what summers in the city were like, knowing what a great opportunity this would be for everybody involved. Together with our children we decided to try out the Fresh Air Program. It was a match. Dominic and our children have made lifelong memories and enjoy a yearround friendship.

Hosting a child is simple, easy and fun. The commitment is one week, during which you can share activities your family enjoys during the summer such as hiking, cookouts, riding bikes or a drive-in movie. These are all things we’re used to in Delmar, though perhaps novel to a child growing up in NYC.

While our children are enjoying a carefree summer, many children in NYC have responsibilities and safety concerns that keep them inside and limit their ability to enjoy all that summer can be. Hosting a child gives them a chance to be a kid and enjoy summer. For many, it is their only summer vacation.

The Fresh Air Fund is a well-established program, having provided positive experiences for NYC kids for over 100 years. The program is

open to children from the age of six to 12.

Hosts are not limited to families with young children, nor are they limited by family size or income. The only requirements are that you open your home and your heart and be ready to have fun.

For more information please contact us at (518) 275-0414 or lvazquetelles@gmail.com.

Lara and Dan
Vazquetelles,
Bethlehem Fresh Air
Fund Chairpersons

Scouts appalled by tossed litter

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

We are two Cub Scouts who were helping to pick up trash on Delaware Avenue last Saturday morning for the Bethlehem Community Cleanup. We found cigarette butts everywhere! People who were smoking just threw them on the ground. We think this is annoying and obnoxious! People should put their garbage in garbage cans. If there aren’t enough garbage cans then maybe the Town should put more out.

Lincoln Green and Silas Elliott,
Delmar

This week in history in The Spotlight
Highlights from a half-century ago

- From *The Spotlight*, April 30, 1964
- Alan Hilchie, 39 Alden Court, Elsmere, ten years a member of the Bethlehem business community, has filed for the vacancy on the Bethlehem Central High School Board of Education, presently held by Whitman Daniels, who recently announced his retirement.
 - “City of the Bees,” a movie produced by the Moody Institute of Science, will be presented Friday evening, May 1, at 8 p.m. in the Community Room of the National Commercial Bank under the auspices of the Women’s Bible Study Group of Delmar. The movie, ten years in the making, is currently being shown at the Sermons From Science Pavilion at the New York World’s Fair.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Town looks at ways to keep land values fair, affordable

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

Reassessments are never easy, but using inaccurate and out of date values is far worse. It's the Town's responsibility to make sure assessments and related tax burdens are shared equitably. Homeowners in Bethlehem have been carrying too high a tax burden, and the vast majority will benefit from the reassessment this year. However, the process is causing some friction and concern, as it almost always does.

When the Town committed to reassessment several years ago, we knew that parts of the commercial sector, including big box stores, shopping centers and apartment complexes were undervalued, and the only way to recapture that value was to reassess. We did not know, however, that vacant land was even more significantly undervalued, and that it had not been covered comprehensively in the 2006 and 1998 reassessments. The inescapable result in this year's reassessment, which fully covered all types of property, was that vacant land saw a spike in assessed value.

Sharp increases in preliminary assessments for vacant land understandably shocked owners. But many of these values are being revised downward through the informal review process set up especially for the reassessment. In addition, taxpayers can still grieve their assessment formally, by appealing to an independent Board of Assessment Review. For active farms there is an agricultural exemption, which like other exemptions wasn't included in the preliminary assessment numbers. This exemption covers about 60 farm properties still operating in Bethlehem and reduces taxable value of farmed land by about 75-85% on average, and prevents growth spurred by land values for farmed land. We would like to see more use of this exemption, as well as the DEC forest land exemption.

Town Boards do not set assessments, and you would not want them to – many will remember the bad old days when assessments were used as a tool of politics. In this year's project, Bethlehem used a professional consultant to assist our Assessor's Office in revaluing the 13,000 properties in Town. The consultant made multiple presentations explaining the valuation methods, and I and other Town Board members have looked at many individual cases. These evaluations tell us that universal and accepted professional methods were used, and that following corrections through the informal and formal review process we will have a properly valued tax base, fairly apportioned. But it still leaves us with a dilemma, because we recognize that sharp increases are difficult for any taxpayer.

We are concerned both with the impact on farm families and with preserving green space. In February, the Town Board adopted an Open Space Program, including a commitment to evaluate all methods of encouraging open space preservation. Although state law prevents the Town from assessing any land below value, we are exploring options to legally provide tax relief for conserved land. The Town Board and I hope to be in a position to offer such options soon.

John Clarkson,
Bethlehem Town Supervisor

Assessor's work flawed

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

The reassessment project in the Town of Bethlehem is flawed in several ways. The most obvious is how the values were established for agricultural and vacant land. Comparable sales of ag land in Bethlehem are non-existent, so GAR took values from Schoharie and Columbia counties and used a formula assessing the land incrementally on the acreage.

In Schoharie and Columbia counties there are more full-time and larger scale farms than in Albany County, especially in dairy, livestock and grain. Bethlehem is NOT an agricultural community. The land values given by GAR on farmland ranged from \$2600 to over \$5000 per acre. There is a high demand for land anywhere with a strong presence of agriculture like Washington, Rensselaer, Schoharie and Columbia. Competition is high for ag land and of course, the land is an essential part of the business itself. In Bethlehem, all farms are part-time or substantially subsidized by off-farm income. The revenue generated by farm activities here will never be self-sustaining. Soil quality is lower in Bethlehem, which GAR could have seen from soil and water maps.

As an example, if I rented 100 acres to farmer for \$30 an acre, I would collect \$3,000. If the land is assessed at \$4,000 per acre, I would have to pay roughly \$10,500 in taxes. STAR and ag assessments will not relieve this kind of burden. How many landowners would want to keep their land with that scenario? There would be no buyer for this quality of land for \$400,000.

Then there is the non-agricultural undeveloped (or vacant) land. In many cases this classification was hit even harder. Most of it is not profitable in any manner by its use. It may be land that extends one's yard; some of it is not buildable and some of it is too wet to do anything with. The land is, however, valuable to the community by the character it preserves, the wildlife habitat it supports and the viewsapes enjoyed when one walks or drives through the town. It does all of this while not demanding services provided to the residentially developed community.

The Bethlehem Town Board, lead by Supervisor John Clarkson, needs to demand that GAR do the work it was paid to do and provide a quality product to our town. GAR did not do their due diligence, did not visit one parcel of land, used comparison values and formulas which do not apply. This is an injustice to those who have stewarded farmland and held onto open space for the sake of privacy and the beauty it gives to the community. It serves no good purpose to destroy greenspace when there is no call to do so, and in fact, there is a call to preserve it. GAR has not fulfilled its contract. Mr. Clarkson and the Town Board need to put a stay on this project until the job is done correctly.

Thomas E. Newell
Glenmont

Be wary of one-party rule

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

In your April 23 issue, Bethlehem Democrat Party Chairman and Deputy Town Supervisor Jeff Kuhn commented on a protest that was staged outside of the Democrat Party's April 17th fundraiser. According to report he said, "A more appropriate forum to have these discussions is at the Town Board" and opined that the Bethlehem re-assessments weren't supposed to be a political issue and they had nothing to do with the Democratic Party.

Setting aside his insensitivity to the plight of many Bethlehem residents, business owners and land owners, Chairman/Deputy Superintendent/Town Board Member Kuhn's comments demonstrate either naiveté or a galling effort to mislead Bethlehem residents. Specifically, the Democrat Party exercises one party control over our Town government and has the means and motivation to control the Town Board, its agenda, and its every decision. The reason we had a public reaction to the Town's reassessment misadventure on April 17th is because the Democrat controlled Town Board has turned a tin ear to the concerns of residents on this issue. The result is that an operational decision has become a political issue that reflects squarely on the Democrat Party.

Bethlehem Democrats share a belief, sotto voce, that the next election will be decided in the Democrat primary. This is largely true due to the degree of control exercised by the Party over the local electoral process. With this "absolute control" by the Democrats every decision has the appearance and/or the reality of being "political". Add to that the Board's demonstrated disregard for the voice of the minority, our experience becomes one with a Town Board that cannot truly represent the interests of the community when those interests conflict with the welfare of the Democrat Party.

It is evident to everyone, except perhaps Chairman Kuhn, that there is now no distinction between the Democrat Party and the Town Government.

By virtue of his position and his comments he seems implausibly unaware of this and the obstacle it creates to democracy in government.

Dan Cunningham
Delmar

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Nanotech Night May 8

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M S W o r d : A B e g i n n i n g – Learn to create quality documents like letters, business

cards, agendas and more with tips and templates. You will become more comfortable with editing and sharing your written thoughts at home or at work. Wednesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Excel Clinic: Tables & Illustrations — Excel is a great way to track your schedules or resources for work or things at home. This clinic will briefly review Excel basic skills and build your confidence in including tables and illustrations. Wednesday,

May 14, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Presenting With PowerPoint — Learn the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint. Learn how to design slides for a presentation. Discover the effects available to add interest to your presentation. Tips for creating an effective slideshow will be discussed. Basic computer skills needed. Wednesday, May 21, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m.

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CU2PM at Star Wars Day Sunday

Library proposes budget

May the Fourth Be With You! Kids in grades K-7 and their families are invited to celebrate Star Wars Day at Bethlehem Public Library this Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m.

We'll transport ourselves to Jabba's palace for an intergalactic feast. Bring a Star Wars themed snack to share and enter our costume contest. Trivia, crafts and more are in store. Call 439-9314, option 4 to sign up. As Yoda would say, "Glad to see you we will be!"

Calling all teens

We're looking for volunteers who will be in grade 6-12 in September to help with the library's summer reading program. Our teens staff the summer reading desk, assist with online submissions, read to children, review books, and help with programs and activities.

Since this is a popular choice for teens, we are accepting up to 175 volunteers. Applications are available beginning tomorrow, May 1, online at www.bplteens.org and in the library. Applications will be taken until June 8 or until all positions are filled, whichever



comes first.

All volunteers must attend an orientation session. Volunteers should plan to work at least six hours this summer.

This is a community service opportunity that looks great on a college resume. It's a win-win situation for all.

Read It Forward

No due dates, no late fees, no worries! We invite teens in grade 6-12 to read "The Paladin Prophecy" by Mark Frost, tell a friend about it, and pass it on! A limited number of books will be available at the library. Stop by the youth services desk to learn more.

Dog Stories

Friday, May 9, at 10 a.m. A furry guest will join us for some dog tales. Ages 3-6 with family.

Teen Advisory Group

Friday, May 9, at 4 p.m. TAG meets monthly to talk about teen programs and activities at the library. Grades 6-12.

Daybooks

Monday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. "We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves" by Karen Joy Fowler. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

Bethlehem Public Library Board

Monday, May 12, at 6 p.m. Budget review. Open to the public.

Afterdinner Books

Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

Grant Writing Basics

Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. An overview for artists, nonprofit administrators and others presented by grant specialist Joan Oliver.

— Louise Grieco
Public Information Specialist

The Guilderland Public Library's Finance Committee has proposed, and the Board of Trustees has unanimously approved, a 2014-2015 budget of \$3,541,967. This represents an increase of \$49,832, or 1.42%, over the 2013-2014 budget.

The proposed budget maintains the service levels the community has come to expect from its public library, assures a continued supply of quality materials for public use, maximizes use of current resources, dedicates funds for building maintenance and is below the mandated tax cap. Specific budget allocations are available on the library's website at www.guilpl.org/budget-2014-2015.

There will be a public briefing and comment session on the library's budget on Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in the library's Tawasentha Room. The public is encouraged to attend.

The public vote on the proposed budget will be on Tuesday, May 20, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at local elementary schools.



Also, part of this vote is the election of Trustees to fill four open seats on the library's board. Information on the candidates is available at www.guilpl.org/budget-2014-2015.

Generally speaking, individual line items on the proposed budget hold to the same spending levels as the current year's budget. There are three notable exceptions: One is that funding for salaries and benefits are reduced because of retirements and by bringing on replacement staff at earlier stages of their careers. Though staffing is down slightly, current levels of service and programming are maintained.

Another reduced item is under business operations, which offers savings in printing and postage costs by shifting the library's monthly postcard content to a local publication, Guilderland Our Towne. The staff and Board agree that it's vital to keep the community informed about the library's programming; partnering with an established local publication offers a more efficient, economical

solution.

The third exception is that the savings noted above are being devoted to investing in the library's upkeep through the establishment of a "Capital Reserve Fund." Initially funded at \$90,000 in the proposed budget, the purpose of the reserve is to set aside funds for fixing anticipated maintenance needs in our 22-year-old building.

The proposed budget is in line with the rate of inflation and is a prudent, responsible approach to underwriting the library's operations for the coming year.

The Trustees and staff are grateful for the community's continued support.

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/GuilderlandLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/GuilderlandLibrary) and follow the library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib).

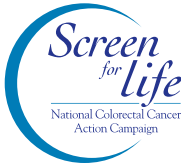
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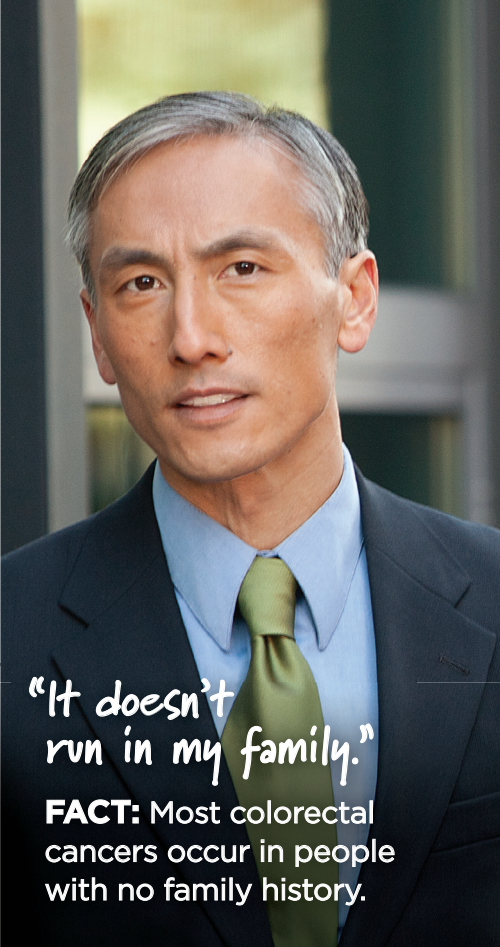
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Tween advisory board meeting May 9

The library has formed a tween advisory board (TAB) to discuss programming and library services for tweens. On May 9 at 4 p.m., TAB will meet with librarian Debbie Sternklar to discuss fall programming. If you're a tween interested in helping plan for the future, please stop by the library and let your voice be heard.

Make It and Take It Mother's Day project

Tweens grades 4 thru 6, bring your mom on Sunday, May 4, at 1 p.m. to the library to do a project together. Use colorful felt and buttons to create something you can keep or give on Mother's Day. We've got all the materials; you supply the creativity. Please register.

Saturday Morning Storytime

Pre-schoolers through second grade, come celebrate National Children's Book Week with Miss Amy on Saturday, May 17, at 10:15 a.m. Miss Amy will share her favorite children's books, songs, rhymes and



a fun art activity.

Sign up for The Bookworm

Beginning in June, the Bookworm will be posted at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org. If you don't have Internet access, just give us a call at 765-2791, ask for Lynn and we will put you on the mailing list.

Middle School Book Club

This spring, librarian Debbie Sternklar will hold Middle School Book Club meetings at 2:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Books can be picked up and registration completed at the public library or the high school library where the club meets. Refreshments will be served. We will be discussing "Life As We Knew It" by Susan Beth Pfeffer on May 22.

Artist of the Month

A big thank you goes out

to our March/April gallery artists, John Elberfeld and Jane McLean, along with the Knox Historical Society, for their Michael Henry Barckley Civil War memorabilia and barn quilts display. And a big thank you to our April display case artists, The Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America. For those interested, they will be having a large exhibit at the Pruyn House in May.

Our May Artist of the Month is photographer Anthony Giminiani. Anthony will be displaying his photos in both the gallery and the display case. Please be sure to stop by and enjoy his work.

Budget hearing

The 2014 budget hearing for the Voorheesville Public Library will be held in the library community room on May 19 at 7 p.m. during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Video game donations

The Voorheesville Public Library is starting a videogame collection for children and tweens. If you'd like to help get this project off the ground, we will be accepting donations of console videogames that you've outgrown or beaten. Games not added to the library collection will be traded in to purchase needed titles. Donation receipts are available on request.

Chamber names new president

The Board of Directors of the Guiderland Chamber of Commerce has named Erika Gauthier, currently the Interim President, to President of the Guiderland Chamber of Commerce. Gauthier was named Interim President in October 2013 when Kathy Burbank stepped down to become Executive Director of Community Caregivers.

Gauthier was previously the Program and Membership manager at the Guiderland Chamber since 2009 and has previous experience working with the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Montgomery County Chamber

of Commerce, as well as the Guiderland Public Library.

"This is an exciting time for the Chamber, and I am happy I get to continue my work through some new initiatives we have been working on the last few months," Gauthier stated.

Gauthier said right now the chamber is focused on some new ideas in order to bring more value to chamber membership.

"Our priority right now and always has been our members and continuing to build on benefits, programs and opportunities to help

them in any way we can," she said.

Board of Directors Chairperson Jenni Bliven stated, "The board and I are happy to give Erika this continued opportunity to continue the success that Erika has accomplished in the last 6 months."

Gauthier holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Relations from SUNY Oswego and is currently obtaining her MBA from Excelsior College. She currently resides in Duanesburg with her husband Michael and son Randy.

Large landowners seek relief

Many turn out to protest as town looks into ways to ease the burden of increases

By MARCY VELTE
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As large landowners once again turned out in protest against Bethlehem's townwide reassessment, officials said there was little they could do to help other than urge residents to go through the grievance process.

Large landowners, and some residents standing in solidarity, spoke out against the assessments for nearly two hours at the Wednesday, April 23, Town Board meeting. Those protesting had asked the town to hold off on the assessments for one year while officials looked into a possible tax credit for open space. Others were upset by the job performance of GAR Associates, the company hired to do the assessments.

"It seems like there is a bit of an inequity here, in terms of the way this is impacting (landowners) for something that is really beyond their control," said Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn.

Supervisor John Clarkson said it is believed that the previous assessment in 2006 did not appropriately assess vacant land. Kuhn said if that is true, then landowners would not have known about it

and had gone about their lives thinking their assessment was correct for the past eight years.

"It really wasn't their fault that their assessment on vacant land was so wrong, if in fact it was," said Kuhn. He then asked what tools the town has to mitigate the dramatic increase in assessments, even if the properties are now assessed at full-market value.

Clarkson said the problem is there is very little the town can do, but he's been looking. The process of taxation is established by the state legislature in real property tax law, so towns have little jurisdiction.

Town Attorney Jim Potter said in a later interview that the town cannot simply stop the reassessment now that preliminary assessments have been sent to property owners.

"We now have the data of what is believed to be the fair market values of people's property," said Potter.

According to Potter, if the reassessment were stopped, it wouldn't be fair to those who had their assessments go down. Since the preliminary assessments were already sent, those people could then use the data provided to go to court for a lower assessment. He also said state law does not allow for the assessments to be introduced gradually, or for what's called a "circuit breaker," to be introduced.

"We can't allow some residents to pay their taxes at a greater percentage than others," he said.

Clarkson said he was looking into if the town could allow a conservation easement for open space, but "the area is gray legally."

Potter is now looking into the matter more closely.

In response to assertions that the process was flawed because comparisons were used with vacant land outside of the town, Clarkson said this is sometimes a necessity because sale comparisons were usually hard to find

for vacant land, with much of it in the town sold to developers.

For those who went through the preliminary hearing process, the results from those hearings will be available through the Assessor's Office on May 1. Residents who went through the process will receive letters soon after.

Anyone who did not go through the process or still believe their assessments are too high can grieve the assessment on May 27.

Because of the large amount of people who will likely opt to grieve, the Town Board voted to increase the number of members of the Board of Assessment Review from three to five. Appointments are first come, first serve, and will continue into the next day if need be.

Town Board members asked if there was anything that could be done to help Interim Assessor Laurie Lamberstan over the next month. Lamberstan said she was worried if newly trained workers joined her office, they would give out the wrong information to residents.

Kuhn suggested adding some staff from other departments so letters could be sent to large landowners who hadn't gone through the process of a preliminary hearing. He said some people may not have realized they could go through a preliminary hearing or that the time period to do so was over. He wanted those people to know there was still time to grieve their assessment and how to get the information they needed when appearing before the Assessment Review Board.

The rest of the town board liked that idea and thought it would be helpful, particularly for older residents.

Clarkson said they are going forward with that plan, but they can't begin until the new assessment rolls are updated on May 1.

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Thacher Park awarded \$3.8M for visitor center

State and private funds tapped for key step in park's master plan

By JOHN PURCELL
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John Boyd Thacher State Park nabbed \$3.8 million in state funding to build a new visitor center, which was a main element in the park's recently completed master plan.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Tuesday, April 22, announced the funding as one of the 69 projects to improve or repair 53 state parks and historic sites. Projects statewide received a total of \$90 million, with the Capital District receiving \$8.675 million for nine projects at five locations. The new visitor center at Thacher

Park will feature new exhibits highlighting the parks history and geology, a multi-purpose space for the gatherings and visitor orientation services. Administration office space for park staff will also be included.

Chris Fallon, park manager at Thacher, said he was "thrilled" the state awarded funding for the new visitor center.

"We had been talking about it and were optimistic it would be put on the funding schedule, but to see it become official is thrilling," Fallon said. "We really had no place to showcase an exhibit — all the great things about our history and geology — so this will enable us to do that."

Fallon said the visitor's center is needed because

the main road into the park lacks an orientation spot for visitors. Unless someone has been to the park before, he said, they would not know where to go for information.

He said construction on the visitor's center is expected to start later this year with a hopeful opening, next year.

The location of visitor center will allow visitors to take in the park's views and easily access the nearby Indian Ladder Trail.

"It is going to be in a spot that takes advantages of some of the spectacular views we have here," Fallon said.

Cuomo, who made the announcement on Earth Day, said the statewide investment shows commitment to parks and



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historic sites.

"New York is proud to have the nation's oldest state park system, and we will continue to do all that we can to preserve and guard these natural resources so that they can be enjoyed for generations to come," Cuomo said in a statement.

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Rose Harvey said the funding would help make "much needed repairs," along with preserving our heritage, connecting people with recreation opportunities and "rev the engines of local economies."

Another area site receiving funding is Saratoga Spa State Park, which was awarded \$1.775 million for four projects. Gideon Putnam Hotel Projects and Victoria Pool area improvements each total \$500,000. The rehabilitation of the existing Geyser Creek Building to serve as an Environmental Education Building was awarded \$375,000. The remaining funds would be used to expand bike paths.

Vista

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90-day extensions before the projects have to go back before the planning board.

Supervisor John Clarkson said the Columbia Development representatives met with him and Leslie to seek a zoning change from Mixed Economic Development. Clarkson said that discussion was tabled until a later date.

Developers do have a prospective technology tenant for Vista but said they are not ready to announce who it is. That tenant is apparently interested in occupying 85 Columbia, another building adjacent to where 65 Columbia is to eventually be built.

Connelly said he was concerned that none of the resolutions mentioned Breonics, but Scott said they were mentioned as criteria in the application, so they could move forward. He also recommended getting it in writing from the developer that the project is not going forward and then formally responding about the enhanced abatement being pulled.

Other IDA members recommended putting a rule in place for future projects, so as to be fair and make sure it wasn't done on a case-by-case

basis. Venezia said a good benchmark is to follow the same financial approval timeline for projects as the planning board does for site plans.

Scott said other IDA clients have a policy that gives developers one year. The IDA then reaches out to the developer for a status update, and if nothing has moved forward, they can apply for a one-year extension.

Venezia suggested crafting how the new policy will be worded over the next couple of weeks. The BIDA will then vote on it at the May meeting.

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Grant

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“A lot of money was raised by more than a thousand people,” Ten Eyck said.

Ten Eyck brought his 14-year-old granddaughter with him when he signed over development rights of the land, despite her reluctance to sit with him during the long process.

He said to her, “Some day you are going to be my age, and chances are you might have grandchildren your age, and they are going to ask you why there is this one patch of green that is still left in a giant housing development at the base of the mountain. You can say ... ‘I was there.’”

Indian Ladder in the Town of New Scotland was the first farm to obtain a state agricultural protection grant ensuing the natural landscape would remain.

Seth McKee, chairman of the Land Trust Alliance’s New York Advisory Board and land conservation director for Scenic Hudson, said the farm was a “great example of the value of agricultural lands to the state.”

McKee said the farm, while producing more than 20 varieties of apples, enhances the quality of life for the community and provides an economic benefit.

“Local communities across the state are benefiting from the increased capacity of local land trusts ... to engage land owners, educate the public and protect the special places that New Yorkers love,” McKee said. “This increased capacity is due in large measure to the Conservation Partnership Program that we’re celebrating today.”

Since the program started in 2002, more than 570 grants totaling \$9.5 million in EPF funds have been awarded to

85 different land trust organizations across the state.

The state’s investment has also leveraged more than \$11 million in additional funding from communities and private donors. The Land Trust Alliance administers the program’s grants in coordination with DEC. The grants are funded through the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF).

“This program is a powerful example of the partnerships that have made a huge difference in preserving open space, keeping working landscapes working and protecting the base of New York’s billion dollar outdoor recreation industry,” Martens said.

State officials said the Outdoor Industry Association claims outdoor recreation in the state supports 305,000 jobs and generates \$15 billion in wages and tax revenue.

A 2011 study by the Trust for Public Land found every dollar invested in the state’s Environmental Protection Fund generates around \$7 in total economic benefits from tourism, reduced government costs and public health.

Martens said EPF funding has increased more than 20 percent over the last three years. The “bad practice” of “sweeping unspent balances” has

also stopped, he said. This year’s budget also provided a \$9 million increase in EPF funding.

The 11 organizations awarded conservation program funding will go towards a variety of initiatives, he said.

“The grants will leverage additional funds to expand the area’s network of trails, protect natural areas, increase community connections to their food, strengthen land owners and community outreach and implement national standards for land trust excellence,” Martens said.

Mark King, executive director of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy, said the funding its receiving will be used to hire an additional staff member.

“We really are fortunate to have so many opportunities, and there is so much more we can do,” King said. “So, building this capacity is really the key to it.”

King said he has seen land trusts evolve over the years. The focused used to be on plants and animals, he said, but it has shifted to people.

“People are really at the key to what we are doing,” he said. “Our vision is really to connect communities and people to land. We’ve all heard many times of how discontented we are becoming; well, land trusts are really the key to bringing that connection back to us.”

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Noise

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noise. He said since the start of spring, the boys have been riding their dirt bikes on nights and weekends, and the noise is upsetting his golfers.

Zimmerman said her family was willing to work out certain times to ride that would suit the golf course, but the expectations had to be reasonable. Her oldest son, Kenny, works and goes to school, while her other children attend Glenmont Elementary. They typically only have time to ride on evenings and weekends.

“In the summer, they shouldn’t be riding on the weekends because they will be away competing,” said Zimmerman after the meeting.

She said the family has two acres at their house on Bender Lane, but the bikes were ruining the yard so they purchased the extra property.

Rappazzo said working out times has been an issue because the same times someone would want to ride a dirt bike, are the primary times people like to golf. Gilda Rappazzo also said the noise has been disturbing the sleep of her grandchildren.

The Town of Bethlehem has a noise policy for anything above 65 decibels, but it is only in effect from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Town Attorney Jim Potter said those times were selected because a lot of average tools that a homeowner may want to use are louder than 65 decibels, like a lawn mower or leaf blower.

Kenny Jack, Suzanne’s oldest son, said he uses the property along with his

brothers and five of his friends. Anyone who uses the property that isn’t family has been asked to sign a waiver.

“It’s my sport. It’s what I enjoy doing with my free time,” said Jack, 23.

Both the police and town building inspector visited the property at Rappazzo’s urging, but said there was nothing that could be done. The town also said there were few options.

“Is there any type of noise mitigation device that you could put on these things?” asked Councilman Jeffrey Kuhn

Jack said there are, but they hamper the performance of the bike. Zimmerman said later in the week that Jack spent \$190 for a new muffler at his stepfather’s urging because his bike is the loudest.

Board members also asked if each side could pay to have a fence installed. Neither party thought a fence would help and said money was an issue.

“People don’t have money to throw out like other people,” said Wendy Muller, Rappazzo’s daughter. “This is their livelihood you’re throwing out. These are my parents. I’m not going to see them thrown out of their house because you have recreational problems.”

Zimmerman said she brought her kids to the meeting because she wanted the board to see they were not teen delinquents but normal athletes like anyone playing baseball or soccer.

“They’re not going out and getting into trouble, and they try to be respectful,” said Zimmerman.

Rappazzo said after the meeting that if more people stop using his golf course because of the noise, he will have to close.

“I don’t know if mufflers will solve the problem, but it may help. It took us years to build this business, and someone moves in one year, and we may have to go out of business,” said Rappazzo. “It doesn’t seem right.”

Potter said it would be nice if the two parties could come to an agreement on their own, but he realized that’s why they came before the Town Board.

If the families can’t come to an agreement, the town could mandate a muffler restriction on dirt bikes. The issue will be revisited at a later date.

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Your Community in The Spotlight

Church debuts restored organ

The First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar will host a concert and demonstration of its newly upgraded chancel pipe organ Sunday, May 4, at 3 p.m.

Alfred Fedak, a nationally renowned concert artist and composer, will highlight the pipe organ with a performance of his solo pieces. Recently described as “one of the country’s leading church musicians” by The American Organist, Fedak has performed and lectured throughout the country and has appeared in concert with nearly every choral and instrumental ensemble in the Capital District.

During the May 4 morning service, there will be a Methodist rededication ceremony that will feature the pipe organ played by Ken Loiacono and a ceremony led by Senior Pastor Rev. Deborah O’Connor-Slater. Members of the Organ Upgrade Support Team Sally and John Ten Eyck (chairmen), Bev Heineman, Barbara Wiley, Ed and Nancy McEwan, Alan Robertson, Joe Farrell and Ken Loiacono will participate in the service.

The organ upgrade project began in 2010, and the contractor — Rosenberry & Myers Organbuilders of Stuyvesant — has added many new sounds and a new resonance to it. The upgrade project was made possible by the support of the entire church community.

Moh-He-Con-Nuck Preserve opens

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is holding a grand opening and ribbon cutting for its new Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m.

The preserve is located at 806 River Road in Glenmont, between Simmons Road and the Glenmont Job Corps. The Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation will also be hosting an “I Love My Park Day” event at 9 a.m. to help clean up the trails and plant flowers.

To help with “I Love My Park Day,” contact Nan Lanahan at 439-4955, ext. 1601.



Guilderland YMCA honors Musto family

Tuesday, April 22, marked the Capital District YMCA’s annual President’s Award banquet, which commemorated the YMCA mission champions of the region. Each YMCA branch selects a volunteer annually to receive this award. The Guilderland Y honored Erin and Matt Musto for founding Maddie’s Mark Foundation, named after their 5-year-old daughter, Madeline, who passed away from an inoperable brain stem tumor. In April 2013, the Guilderland YMCA received a grant from Maddie’s Mark to help it provide a safe and enjoyable outdoor environment for its childcare programs. Pictured are, from left, (top) Matt Musto, Erin Musto and CDYMCA President and CEO Dave Brown; and (bottom) Lucy and Amelia Musto.

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Double D Trio performs May 3

The Double D Trio will perform its mix of southern rock, blues and classic hits Saturday, May 3, from 8 to 11 p.m. at The Boathouse Grille in New Baltimore.

The show is the first of Donovan’s Shady Harbor Marina’s summer series of live music. Shows take place the first Saturday of each month at the restaurant.

For more information, visit Boathousegrille.com/events.

Opening reception for art exhibit

Albany Art de Cure is holding an opening reception for its new exhibit, “Celebrating Health and Happiness,” Thursday, May 1, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at its new gallery at the Family and Children’s Services of

the Capital Region, 650 Warren St., Albany.

Art de Cure is a unique concept that brings art to an audience not likely to explore art galleries. Exhibits of local artists are housed in medical practices, and the galleries are permanent with multiple shows and receptions scheduled each year.

Art de Cure galleries are open to the public and to the practices’ patients during regular office hours.

Wellness center hosts film night

The Delmar Wellness Center will show the independent movie “First Earth: Uncompromising Ecological Architecture” Monday, May 5, at 6:45 p.m. at 323 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The movie looks at building healthy houses using the earth’s natural

resources and living together by recreating ancient villages. The film was shot over four years on four continents and proposes that earthen homes are the healthiest housing in the world. A discussion will follow the film.

The film is free and open to the public. Space is limited, and reservations are required. Call 439-5077 for reservations and more information.

Farmer’s market begins Tuesday

The Delmar Farmer’s Market at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue returns Tuesday, May 6, and runs until Nov. 25.

The market features fresh fruits and vegetables, grilled chicken by Geurtze Bar-B-Q, artisan breads, homemade desserts, herbs and perennials for sale, local honey,

massages by Laberge Massage Therapy and more.

Prison songs program May 6

“Of Dartmoor Prison I’ll Tell All I Can: The Prison Songs of Thomas Mott in the War of 1812” will be the program presented by Paul Mercer Tuesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, Route 85 in New Salem.

Mercer will tell in music and words the little known tale of the War of 1812 American prisoners of war imprisoned in England’s notorious Dartmoor Prison. Mott was a 17-year-old seaman serving aboard the privateer Yorktown in July 1813 when he was captured off the coast of Newfoundland and eventually transported to Dartmoor, where he spent the rest of the war. His satirical songs railed

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against prison conditions, cheered American sea victories and recorded the lives of his fellow prisoners.

Mercer has a masters degree in folklore from the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada and a masters in information science from the University at Albany. He worked for more than 30 years at the state library and has published books and papers on state history, folklore and popular culture.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 765-4212.

Orchestra holds spring concert

The Delmar Community Orchestra, under the direction of Vincent Bonafede, will present a spring concert on Monday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

French horn soloist Bryn Coveney will perform Mozart’s “Concerto in E flat for Horn” with the orchestra. A Colonie Central High School graduate, Coveney has performed with a number of ensembles around the world including the London Philharmonic Orchestra, the Orchestra of St. Paul’s and the London Firebird Orchestra.

The rest of the concert features the Delmar Community Orchestra’s blend of classical selections, folk tunes, pops and movie music. The show is free.

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Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service contract signed

Town hands over reserve funds to VAAS, village holds onto reserves

By JOHN PURCELL
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This year's Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service contract signing with the village didn't go quite as smoothly as predicted months ago, but it's still around two months earlier than last year.

The Voorheesville Board of Trustees on Tuesday, April 22, signed a contract with its local ambulance service provider, but board members declined signing an addendum giving reserve funds directly to Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service. The funding has been a contested issue between the village and VAAS. The New Scotland Town Board chose to give reserve funds directly to the ambulance company.

This is the first year the ambulance service has had one, unified contract with the village and town.

Previously, contracts were negotiated and written up separately.

The village previously created a reserve account earmarked for VAAS, which was funded in this year's budget at the contracted amount of \$4,680. New Scotland's portion of reserve funding totaled \$7,320.

New Scotland Town Supervisor Tom Dolin said the Town Board approved signing the contract and addendum after an executive session, which is closed to the public, at its Wednesday, April 9, meeting. The board did not indicate it would approve the contract after leaving executive session.

"We don't normally take action afterwards, but we had been without a contract since Jan. 1. They had been providing a service, and we hadn't paid anything," Dolin said.

There were two addendums attached to the contract, one for each municipality to sign, which stated the reserve funding would be given directly to VAAS by May 1. The addendums,

though, were not needed for such an action because the contract states a reserve account "may be maintained" by the village and town in respective accounts.

An addendum is considered an addition to the contract rather than a condition.

Dolin said the town opted to include the addendum to "expressly document" what action the town took this year. He said ambulance service members felt "very strongly" about maintaining its reserve account in-house.

He added the board also did not see why it should make a distinction for VAAS, because reserve accounts are allowed to be maintained within other ambulance service and fire companies in the town.

"It worked out fine in the past, so we didn't see any reason not to continue," Dolin said.

Voorheesville Village Attorney Rich Reilly and Mayor Robert Conway said they had not seen the addendum until

shortly before the April 22 meeting. Dolin said town officials notified village officials it was turning over reserve funds, but did not send the new addendums.

Dolin said the addendum was included as "a courtesy" if the village wanted to pursue the same option. Village officials have been adamant about holding onto reserve funds until VAAS made a vehicle purchase.

In the village's newsletter mailed to residents last September, Conway had laid out five instances where the Town Board felt the company did not act as "fiscally prudent" as board members preferred. Conway has continued to say the village must protect taxpayer's money.

"I would not recommend signing the addendum," Reilly said to village board members during its workshop meeting before the regular meeting April 22.

Terence Hannigan, an attorney representing the ambulance company, said VAAS was looking to purchase a new ambulance soon. Hannigan did not see why the village could not hand over reserve funds, since a purchase was planned.

Hannigan said the ambulance targeted for replacement is 12 years old, which has exceeded the standard useful life of the vehicle.

"The village, for some reason, has objected to the ambulance (company) having reserves, so they have fashioned this remedy," Hannigan said. "We will see if they mean what they say by turning it over or not."

Village board member Jack Stevens said the company already has enough funds in its reserve accounts to purchase a new ambulance.

"If anything was to happen in the future, ... whereby the ambulance was to shut their doors

for whatever reason, then monies would be given away to a like or similar organization," Stevens said. "The village is looking just to protect that money, that's all."

"It would be money held in an account for them, and when they need it we would give it to them. Pretty simple concept."

Stevens reiterated the village was only looking to protect taxpayer money. He said the village had heard "rumors" the company was looking to purchase an ambulance, but only recently was told it would make such a purchase.

The contract did include a measure previously discussed to have both municipalities cooperate with VAAS to study and development a comprehensive town-wide ambulance service plan. The 2014 contract, including reserves, totals \$90,240, with the town covering 61 percent and the village covering the remainder.

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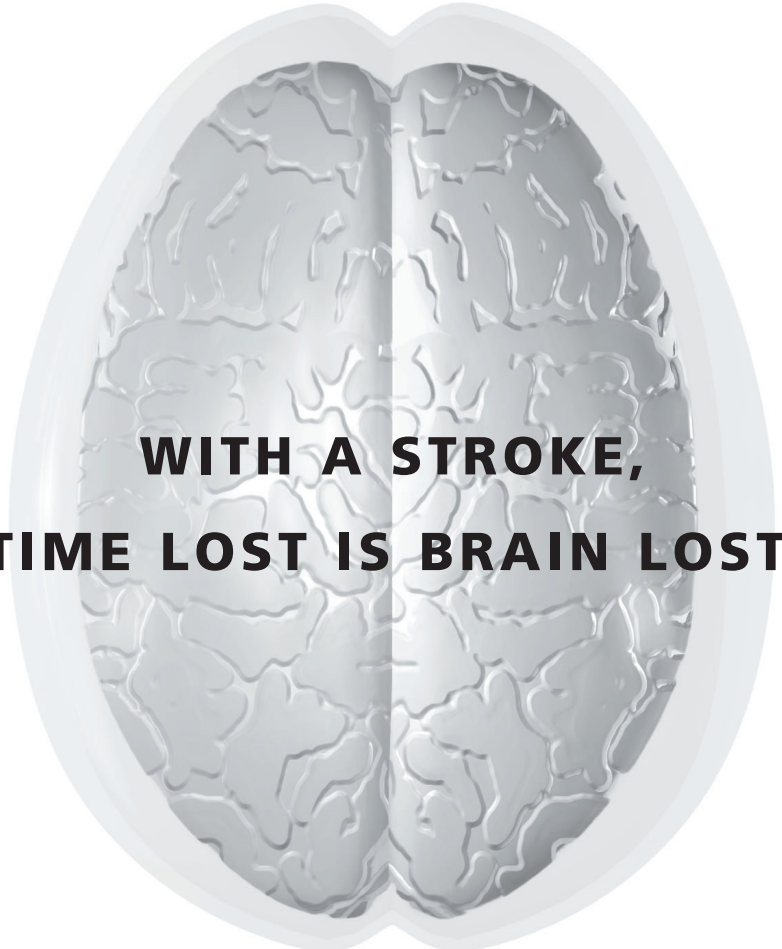
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANYArticles of Organization of 28 Hampton LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 6, 2004, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at P.O. Box 11179, Loudonville, New York 12211. The principal business location of the LLC is 15 Imperial Drive, Loudonville, New York 12211. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#44480

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300 SMITH RD REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/7/2014. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 32-56 46th St., Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 300 Smith Rd., Rensselaerville, Albany, NY 12469. Ad#44106

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Notice of Formation 4115 48 St Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/8/2014 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#43980

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Notice of Formation of 43 North Haven, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/15/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., New York, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#44806

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Notice of Formation of 504 McDONALD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/14/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail

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Notice of Formation of AH 783-787, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/25/14. 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#42920

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AK Funding LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/18/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 464 Neptune Ave., Apt. 18C, Brooklyn, NY 11224. General Purposes. Ad#45315

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: Alex Real Estate Holdings, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/10/14. 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, P.O. Box 109 Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#44115

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vailing Time. The budget will be available for review commencing on April 30, 2014 at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School and the High School of the District.AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the election of candidates to the Bethlehem Central School Board of Education and the budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, Albany County, New York, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine on the following items:PROPOSITION #1 To adopt the annual budget of the Bethlehem Central School District for the fiscal year 2014-2015 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.PROPOSITION #2 To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education as follows: one to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2014 and expiring on June 30, 2017 to succeed the seat formerly held by Ms. Laura Bierman, and two to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2014 and expiring on June 30, 2017 for the seats held by Mr. Matthew Downey and Dr. Caitrin Navarro, whose terms expire on June 30, 2014.PROPOSITION #3Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library be authorized to expend for the operation of such library for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, the sum of \$4,040,421 and that the Board of Education of Bethlehem Central School District of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, County of Albany, New York, be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor. PROPOSITION #4To elect one (1) trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2014 and expiring on June 30, 2019.PROPOSITION #5RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District, is hereby authorized to (1) acquire school vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$879,000 which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, (2) expend such sums for such purpose, (3) levy the tax necessary therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$879,000, or enter into a lease-purchase agreement at a principal amount not to exceed \$879,000 to acquire such vehicles.1. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.The election and budget vote shall be by voting machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the

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polling place at 9:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for the 2014-2015 school year, exclusive of public monies, and Basic STAR exemption impact report may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, at the Bethlehem Central High School, Business Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, and the offices of each Elementary School, the Middle School, the High School of the District, the School District Website and the Bethlehem Public Library between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time and also at said District Election.AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and for the office of Trustee of the BethlehemPublic Library shall be filed with the District Clerk at the District Clerk's office at the Bethlehem Central High School, Superintendent's Office, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, not later than April 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Each petition must be directed to the District Clerk, must be signed by at least seventy-seven (77) qualified voters of the District and must state the name and residence of the candidate. A copy of such petitions may be obtained at the Office of District Clerk in the Bethlehem Central School District during regular school hours.AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, from the District Clerk. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2014.A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on each of the five days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18, 2014, and on the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Chief Election Inspector before the close of the polls.AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident with the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c.

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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

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Extell Living, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/28/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. Ad#45314

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FIRST DEGREE CAPITAL, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 1232 Carroll St., Bklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45636

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: FM PROMONTORY CAPITAL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, April 10, 2014. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to Francis M. McCloskey, 18 Locust Street, Albany NY 12203. Ad#44199

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 FUTURE CAPTURE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/20/14. 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#42632

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gerstenberger Tile & Natural Stone Installation, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/8/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon

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whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Rudi Gerstenberger, 2 Kenmore Ave., Schenectady, NY 12304. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#45675

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF HDM Services LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law-FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is HDM Services 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:Steven E. Goessler1 Lapham Drive Albany, NY 12205 Steven E. Goessler, Organizer (signature)Steven E. Goessler, ORGANIZER 1 Lapham Drive Albany, NY 12205 Ad#42531

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF HIGH-POWER RESTORATION AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: HIGHPOWER RESTORATION AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Articles of organization were filed on March 14, 2014 with the Secretary of State (SS). The office of the LLC is in Albany County, N.Y. The LLC shall dissolve on December 31, 2064. The SS of NY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him is the LLC, 20 Collins Place, Albany, New York 12208. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without NY State. Ad#42908

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company: Name: Hot Stuff Deals LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/10/2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designed as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Hot Stuff Deals LLC, 44 Brent St Albany, NY 12205 For any lawful purpose Ad#43325

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HTR01 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

Notice of Qualification of International Distribution & Management, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/3/14. Office location: Albany County.

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LLC formed in North Carolina (NC) on 4/19/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. NC address of LLC: 701 S. Battleground Ave., Grover, NC 28073. Arts. of Org. filed with NC Secy. of State, 2 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27601. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#43983

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF IPHONE DROID REPAIR LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/18/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 1534 Selwyn Ave. #5L, Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45667

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Janus International Group, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/24/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/25/13. 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: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#42903

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JENNIFER UFKO, LCSW, PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/13/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 18 Princetown Ave., Smithtown, NY 11787. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45310

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JOHN RENZO LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/6/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 271, Radio City Sta., NY, NY 10101. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45624

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-Jules Wood Fashion LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/21/2014 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#42629

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Karen Josue Design LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/3/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Northwest Reg. Agt., 90 State St., Ste. 700, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad# 45671

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is KELLEHER HERKENHAM LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on May 13, 2010. 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 17 British American Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. Ad#43679

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Kendall Law Firm, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/25/2014. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#43240

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ADOBESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)The name of the LLC is LD Exec LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 28, 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#42046

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: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#42904

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company: LTW HOMES, LLC.The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Secretary of State wasDECEMBER 10, 2013.The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is SCHENECTADY.The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to 1512 Giffords Church Road, Princetown, NY 12306The name and address in New York of the company?s registered agent upon whom process against the company may be served is Larry Wilkins, 1512 Giffords Church Road, Princetown, NY 12306.The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and

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all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. Ad#43691

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC)The name of the PLLC is MACK & ASSOCIATES, PLLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on March 18, 2014. The purpose of the PLLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the PLLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is the designated agent of the PLLC upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process is 270 Mount Hope Drive, Albany, New York 12202. Ad#42649

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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

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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

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Notice of Formation of MIMESIS PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/22/14. 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#42640

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Notice of Formation of MJL Partners, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/24/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#42907

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Notice of Formation of MOGGIO, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/8/14. 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#44478

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Notice of Formation-MONU LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/28/2014 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#43206

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MORAVIA HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/25/14. 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#42919

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Organization of Nani's Iced Tea LLC ON MARCH 13, 2014, NANI'S ICED TEA LLC (THE "LLC") FILED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS LOCATION OF THE LLC IS P.O. BOX 251, DELMAR, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK. THE NEW YORK SECRETARY OF STATE IS DESIGNATED AS THE AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS SERVED AGAINST THE LLC IS P.O. BOX 251, DELMAR, NY 12054. THE LLC IS ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANY AND ALL LAWFUL BUSINESS. Ad#43196

LEGAL NOTICE

Ocean Mamo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/09/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3049 Ocean Pkwy, Ste 303, Brooklyn, NY 11235. General Purposes. Ad#44619

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ORCHARD NEWBURGH LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on January 29, 2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#45322

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ORGANIZATION MAVEN, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/10/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process

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to: PO Box 1467, Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45626

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Otsego Holdings, LLC. Fictitious name in NY State: Otsego NY Holdings, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/8/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/16/13. 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., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#44741

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Notice of Formation of Phoenix Rising Healed LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/20/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Thea J. Kerman, Esq., 10 Roxbury Road, Port Washington, NY 11050. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#42905

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY ULTRA, PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/26/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 150 W. 51 St. #1123, NY, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45311

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION FORMATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206 1.The name of the limited liability company: PINNACLE INNOVATIONS, LLC 2.The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Secretary of State wasFEBRUARY 26, 2014. 3.The county in New York in which the office of the company is located in ALBANY 4.The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served, and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to 3275 Marilyn Street, Schenectady, NY 12303 5.The name and address in New York of the company's registered agent upon whom process against the company may be served is Adrienne Kleiber, 3275 Marilyn Street, Schenectady, NY 12303 6.The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. Ad#42928

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PREMIER PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law-FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Premier Property Enterprises, LLC.SECOND: The County within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany.THIRD: The

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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:c/o James Haslam 80 Colabeck Road Feura Bush, NY 12067 FOURTH: Purpose of company. The purpose for which the company is formed is to engage in any lawful acts or activities for which limited liability companies may be formed under Section 203 of the limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.SUBSCRIBED this 14th day of March, 2014. David R. Green, Organizer Ad#42910

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL Pursuant to Section 505 and 1526 of the Real Property Tax Law Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year and that a copy is available at the office of the Assessor at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY and on our website www.townofbethlehem.org where it may be seen and examined by any interested person beginning on May 1st.HEARING OF COMPLAINTS-YOU MUST FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN GRIEVANCE (RP-524 form) WITH THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW NO LATER THAN MAY 27, 2014 BY 8 PM.The Assessor will be in attendance with the tentative assessment roll Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday evening, May 14th 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 17th 9 a.m. to noon by appointment only.The Board of Assessment review will meet on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 9 a.m.- noon, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 8 p.m. to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved. Laurie Lambertsen Acting Assessor, Town of Bethlehem Ad#45526

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Notice of Qualification of Quest Events New York, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/3/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 3/13/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 2591 Dallas Parkway, Ste. 201, Frisco, TX 75034. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad# 44091

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of REDMOORE VENTURES 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#42917

District keeps budget under cap

Cuts to staff and equipment purchases help BCSD close gap

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Central school board has adopted a spending plan for the 2014-15 school year that does not challenge the state tax cap.

The adopted plan calls for more than \$92.6 million in spending for the coming school year and a tax levy increase of 2.99 percent. The proposed budget increases spending by \$2.2 million from the current school year.

The Board of Education adopted the budget at the Tuesday, April 22, meeting. This is the first time in three years the district will not be

challenging the state's tax cap.

“We’re hoping this plan maintains as much of our educational programs that we have, as well as provides what we hope would be reasonable to present to the community,” said Douglas.

The district was facing a \$4.8 million budget gap for the coming school year. About \$1.2 million in fund balance will be used to close the gap, along with taking in an additional \$1.8 million through the tax levy. The district also received an additional \$580,000 in state aid.

To close the gap, the board needed find to \$768,000 in reductions. It was decided the district could do away

with one social worker. An additional 3.8 full-time equivalent teaching positions would be reduced because of decreased student enrollment projections.

Other money was found though lowering equipment additions in both the technology and operations and maintenance departments. Money was also saved by purchasing supplies early.

The public hearing on the proposed budget is set for Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m.

The budget vote will take place on Monday, May 20, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Also on the ballot is the election of three Board of Education members and a referendum to replace several buses.

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Notice of Formation- Robert J. Smith Heating and Plumbing, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/24/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 2 S Bertha Street, Albany, NY 12209. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#42641

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ROKKO INTERNATIONAL LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/6/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 72 Cedar Rd., E. Northport, NY 11731. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45625

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ROYAL DIVISION ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 38202, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45632

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of SANDWICH LIFT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 382 Central Park West #18Y, NY, NY 10025. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45658

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SAPONI LLC . Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 4/15/14. 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#44575

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: SCHUYLER HOMES LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/12/2014. Office location: Albany

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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: C/O SCHUYLER HOMES LLC, 65 Rifle Range Rd, Albany, 12205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. Ad#42932

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Notice of Formation of Select Title Agency LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Lemery Greisler LLC, 60 Railroad Place, Ste. 502, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#43982

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SPUR FITNESS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/23/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 7014 13 Ave. #202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any-lawful activity. Ad#45656

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Notice of Formation of STANNARD REALTY HOLDINGS LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on January 6, 2014. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 10 Madeline Lane, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#45372

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TANRU, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on December 18, 2013. Office location: Schoharie County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#45224

LEGAL NOTICE

TEHINOCH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/18/14. Off. Loc.: Al-

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bany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1102 E 26th St., Brooklyn, NY 11210. General Purposes. Ad#44201

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Notice of Formation of TGL WEST VILLAGE LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on March 28, 2014. Office location: New York, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at 115 Central Park West #10H, New York, New York 10023. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#45226

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE ANTAGONIST HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC. Art. of Org. filedw/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/24/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 238 Malcolm X Blvd. Grd. Fl., Bklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45646

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE JAMES INDUSTRIAL CLEANING LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/3/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 2009 Lexington Ave., NY, NY 10035. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#42913

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE SALT AND SEA PRINT HOUSE LLC. Art. of Org. filedw/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/17/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 323 Montgomery Ave., W. Babylon, NY 11704. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45641

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW. 1.The name of the limited liability company is TINTSTAR, LLC. 2.The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on January 10, 2014. 3.The office of the limited liability company is to be located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York

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is hereby designated as agent of the limited liability company on whom all process of any action or proceeding against the limited liability company may be served, and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of such process: TINTSTAR, LLC, 22 Pinewood Avenue, Albany, New York 12208. 5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York. Ad#42317

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LEGAL NOTICE Trinity Plus LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/11/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 401 Broadway, Ste 1108, NY, NY 10013. General Purposes. Ad#44621

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FIRST: The name of the Professional Limited Liability Company is TWO MUTTS, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on April 18, 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 Laurence Naviasky, Esq. 1802 Eastern Parkway Schenectady, NY 12309-FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. Ad#45471

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V'ville school board adopts budget

Tax levy would increase 2 percent; state aid boost restores cuts

By JOHN PURCELL
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An infusion of state aid restored some of the most contentious cuts slated for Voorheesville school district's 2014-15 budget, which stays within its state-mandated tax cap.

The Voorheesville Board of Education on Monday, April 21, unanimously adopted a spending plan totaling \$22.89 million, which remained essentially unchanged from its March 31 meeting. The property tax levy is increasing 2.04 percent, or almost \$328,000, which totals just under \$16.44 million. An additional \$144,000 of state aid was included in the state budget, with overall state aid totaling nearly \$5.15 million.

Board of Education President Timothy Blow said he was "relieved" with the final budget.

"We were able to restore many things that we had never wanted to cut to begin with," Blow said. "Not to mean that they are not potential cuts for next year. ... Until something changes in this

formula of out of control expenses ... and fixed revenue it is not good for the school district."

Even with the boost in state aid, Voorheesville is still receiving less than it did during the 2008-09 school year.

The district is holding a mandated budget hearing on Monday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction (LGI) room at the middle school. The budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, from 2 to 9 p.m. in the middle school foyer.

Restorations and reductions

The boost in state aid shrunk the district's budget gap to around \$175,000. This allowed the board to restore two of the most contentious cuts, which were the elimination of one section of the fourth grade next school year and the phasing out of French classes.

Some school board members expressed reservations over limiting foreign language options to only Spanish. Part of the push toward phasing out French is declining enrollment in the language.

"Our plan is to continue offering French for the seventh grade next

year, but going forward, enrollment is going to play a big part of that," Blow said on March 31.

Reductions remaining in the budget targeting outside of the classroom include:

- Reducing clerical and aide time — \$67,900 in savings
- Eliminating one full-time equivalent (FTE) custodian position — \$40,900 in savings
- Reducing the humanities coordinators — \$4,650 in savings

Reductions hitting the classroom include:

- Reducing 0.2 FTE speech position — \$13,700 in savings
- Reducing 0.2 FTE in English, resulting in four eighth-grade sections — \$12,715 in savings
- Eliminating family and consumer sciences offerings at the high school — \$19,180 in savings

Other positions restored in the budget include one computer teaching position, 0.5 FTE music teacher position and one elementary school science teaching assistant.

Combined classrooms eyed

School board members at the March 31 meeting also talked about the possibility of having

combined classrooms during the 2015-16 school year. A combined classroom would involve two grades of students in one room.

Board member Diana Straut said combined classrooms could be effective if done carefully. She said parent volunteers could also help support a teacher in a combined classroom.

Superintendent Teresa Thayer Snyder said a prior district she worked for that implemented combined classrooms found the "payoff" was in the second year. Students did not lose any time learning new rituals in the blended classroom and stayed with the same teacher for two years, she said.

Voorheesville Teacher Association President Kathy Fiero expressed concern over the proposal to create multi-age classrooms without prior conversation with staff members.

Board member Kristine Gravino said the proposal is not planned for next school year, but as a future option.

"In the future, things are going to get worse in terms of budget cuts, and our enrollment is declining and it has been over the years," Gravino said.

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RCS Schools flip the switch to solar

Over the next 20 years, solar collectors sitting atop the four school buildings and bus garage are going to harness enough energy to clip at least \$800,000 from RCS utility bills – all at no cost to taxpayers.

The collectors have been installed on the roofs at the high school, middle school, A.W. Becker Elementary School, Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School and the bus garage. Estimates from US Light Energy, the contractor working with RCS to develop the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the project, show that electric charges will drop by \$807,076 (a 11.34 percent drop) over the next 20 years at a minimum.

“Solar energy is not the exotic, experimental power source it may have been 30 years ago,” said Interim Superintendent Dr. Alan McCartney. “It is now providing energy in a big way around the globe and here at RCS.”

McCarney noted that the sun’s rays pouring onto the Earth creates more than enough energy in one hour to satisfy global energy needs for an entire year. Solar energy is the technology used to harness the sun’s energy and make it useable. Solar energy produces no pollution and causes no harmful environmental effects.

McCartney also noted that schools across the nation

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-Interim Superintendent Dr. Alan McCartney.

spend more than \$6 billion on energy costs every year.

“That is more than the amount that schools spend every year on text books and computer technology combined,” he said.

The RCS school district is

doing their part to cut those energy costs. The system on RCS rooftops will provide a maximum of .79 Megawatts (790,000 watts) of solar power each day. A typical home uses about 20,000 watts of power each day, so the RCS system will produce enough power for nearly 40 homes each day.

Solar panels will also produce electricity even on cloudy days, usually around 10 to 20 percent of the amount produced on sunny days. National Grid will continue providing power to all of the buildings, so when the skies are cloudy, the current power grid will make up the gap between the solar-produced power and the needs of the

buildings.

The estimated 20-year savings looks like this: high school, \$180,059; middle school, \$173,701; AW Becker, \$179,302; PB Coeymans, \$171,179; and bus garage, \$102,835. The amount of savings is determined by the number of solar collectors on the particular roof. Because of the roof designs and elevations, each school has a different number of collectors resulting in a different savings figure.

McCartney also noted that in case a roof needs to be replaced or rehabilitated, the contractor will remove the solar panels and reinstall them at a small cost.

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Losing streak continues for Lady Eagles

Bethlehem's Maeve Owens, left, battles a Columbia player for possession of a loose ball during a Suburban Council girls lacrosse game Thursday, April 24, in Delmar. Columbia handed Bethlehem its third straight league loss by edging the Lady Eagles 8-6. Emily Conway and Kaylee Rickert each scored twice for Bethlehem. The Lady Eagles looked to end their losing streak Monday when they visited Ballston Spa. *Rob Jonas/Spotlight*

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

□ Eagles

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Dan Comber. The Stony Brook-bound junior made 16 saves before leaving late in the fourth quarter with the outcome secured.

John Fredette paced the Bethlehem offense with four goals and an assist. Brad Bettinger and James MacKrell each contributed a hat trick and two assists, and Mitchell Calabrese added two goals and two assists.

The Eagles looked to keep their winning ways going Tuesday when they met Colonie in a Suburban Council contest. Rounds said he was hoping the game would be different from the last nine showdowns between Bethlehem and Colonie, where the outcome was determined by one goal each time.

"They've got a very good offense, and they're going to be tough to stop. But our defense has been a strong point for us all season, so we'll see," said Rounds.

G'land boys win invy title

Feil, Carey and Bickmore earn individual victories

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Guilderland boys track and field team finished first at the Luciano Memorial meet Saturday, April 26, at Hudson Falls High School.

The Dutchmen turned in a dominating performance as they finished with 96 points. Saratoga Springs was second with 61 points, and Shenendehowa placed third with 46 points.

Jon Feil and Noah Carey each won distance races for Guilderland. Feil took first place in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:00.69, and Carey won the 3,200-meter run with a time of 9:42.73.

Feil also ran the anchor leg on two winning relays for Guilderland. He teamed up with Xavier Flowers, Sean Murphy and Joe Cornell to take first place in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 3:30.21, and he helped the 3,200-meter relay team win with a time of 8:24.45. Matt Pasquali, Drew Burns and Knute Armstrong ran with Feil on the 3,200-meter relay.

Harrison Bickmore added victories in two field

events for Guilderland. The junior finished first in the high jump by clearing the bar at 6 feet, and he won the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 8 inches.

The Guilderland girls placed second to Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake in the team standings at Hudson Falls. BH-BL won with 73 points, while the Lady Dutch finished with 56.2 points.

Emily Burns led Guilderland with second-place finishes in the 800- and 1,500-meter runs, while the 3,200-meter relay team of Jenna Robinson, Dani Martino, Mary Tenuta and Sarah Forman placed second to BH-BL.

While Guilderland was at Hudson Falls Saturday, Bethlehem attended the Cohoes Relays.

Noah Bell and Simon Powhida swept the top two places in the boys 3,000-meter steeplechase. Bell won with a meet record time of 9:47.1, while Powhida placed second with a time of 10:45.2. Bethlehem's 1,200-meter hurdles relay trio of David Morrill, Conor Kimmey and Scott Mistler-Ferguson also set a meet record with a time of 2:55.7.

Najee Barnette, Ben Young, Ethan Strauss and Steven Booker won the sprint medley relay for Bethlehem with a time of 3:38.5, and the duo of Ryan Kennedy and Ben Greenberg finished first in the long jump relay with a combined distance of 38 feet, 4.5 inches.

On the girls' side, Bethlehem's hurdles trio of Samantha Gifford, Sarah Gifford and Julia Nugent swept the two relays. They won the 300-meter hurdles relay with a time of 55 seconds, and they claimed the 1,200-meter hurdles relay title with a time of 3:39.8. Sarah Gifford also teamed up with Rachel Poe to win the triple jump relay with a combined distance of 58 feet, 6.25 inches.

Holly Machabee took first place in the 2,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 7:47.4.



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Losing streak continues

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team suffered its third consecutive Suburban Council loss with an 8-6 setback against Columbia Thursday, April 24, in Delmar. The Lady Eagles have not won a league game since beating Averill Park 21-9 on April 14.

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Weekly poll

Which softball team will have the best record in the Suburban Council this season?

- Bethlehem
- Colonie
- Columbia
- Guilderland
- Shenendehowa

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- Columbia 35%
- Shenendehowa 23%
- Guilderland 16%
- Niskayuna 13%
- Shaker 13%

Eagles find their wings

Bethlehem wins two consecutive Suburban Council games

By ROB JONAS
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After two lopsided losses against the Suburban Council's elite boys lacrosse teams, Bethlehem is beginning to hit its stride.

The Eagles (2-5 league, 4-5 overall) edged Saratoga Springs 6-5 in overtime April 22 and downed a short-handed Columbia squad 13-3 April 24 to earn their first two Suburban Council victories.

"We had a brutal run of four (league) games in a row where we played some tough competition," said Bethlehem coach Dave Rounds. Included in that stretch was an 18-6 loss to Shenendehowa April 10 and a 17-1 loss to Niskayuna April 17. "But now, we're at a part of our schedule where if we play good defense and get some goals, we can get a string of wins together."

The Eagles had their best quarter of the season against Columbia (0-7, 2-8). They jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first quarter, and they didn't allow the Blue Devils — who had only four healthy players on their bench — to score until the fourth quarter. By then, Bethlehem increased its lead to 10-0.

"Columbia is a little deceptive because even though they haven't won much ... they have three guys who can score," said Rounds.

Even with the impressive start,



Bethlehem's Brad Bettinger spins away from a Columbia defender during a Suburban Council South Division game Thursday, April 24.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Bethlehem had some problems on offense. Passes were dropped, and the Eagles struggled with picking up ground balls. However, Columbia struggled equally in both categories.

"The last couple of games, we've been a bit careless with the ball," said Rounds. "We've

been inconsistent on offense this season. Sometimes, we've handled the ball well. Other times, we give teams opportunities because we turn the ball over."

Fortunately for Bethlehem, it has strong support on the defensive side from goaltender

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Lady Dutch win two

Guilderland sweeps Foothills foes in doubleheader

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Guilderland softball team swept its two games against Foothills Council opponents Sunday, April 27.

The Lady Dutch began the day with a 10-2 victory over Queensbury. Guilderland broke open a close game with a seven-run fifth inning. Tori Greco led the offense with a 4-for-4 performance at the plate and three runs scored, while Gabby Marino drove in three runs on two hits. Ali Reiner added a pair of hits and a run scored.

Guilderland wasted no time in pulling away from South Glens Falls in the second game. The Lady Dutch scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning and cruised to an 8-1 victory.

Torie Rathwell pitched a five-hitter, and she helped herself at the plate with a double and a single. Reiner and Madison Harrigan each contributed a pair of hits.

In Suburban Council action, Bethlehem rebounded from a 3-2 loss to Columbia by beating Ballston Spa 4-3 Saturday, April 26. K.K. Palmerino drove in the tying and go-ahead runs for the Lady Eagles with a single in the top of the seventh inning.

Blackbirds lose pitcher's duel

Brandon Begin works out of several jams for Lansingburgh in win

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Voorheesville baseball team lost for the second time in Colonial Council play with a 2-1 setback against Lansingburgh Friday, April 25, at Joe Bruno Stadium in Troy.

Each team scored a run in the first inning, and then Lansingburgh grabbed the lead on Craig Craven's RBI single in the top of the third. Knights pitcher

Brandon Begin worked his way out of several jams after that to earn the complete game victory.

Voorheesville pitcher Zach Childs also went the distance. He

allowed three hits and struck out nine Lansingburgh batters over seven innings, but received the hard-luck loss.

Bethlehem also suffered a hard-luck loss, as it fell to Columbia 12-11 in a wild Suburban Council contest April 25 in East Greenbush. The Eagles scored four runs in the top of the fifth inning to take an 11-10 lead, but the Blue Devils tied the score in the bottom of the sixth and won the game on Codey Piel's solo home run in the ninth.

Mike Faas doubled twice, singled and drove in three runs to pace Columbia's 19-hit attack. Jake Generali doubled, singled and had two RBI for Bethlehem.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Guilderland edged Averill Park 1-0 in another April 25 Suburban Council South Division game. Pitcher Chris Czekay limited Averill Park to three hits, and Zach Formica had a double for the Dutchmen.



Voorheesville's Zach Childs pitched a three-hitter, but Lansingburgh prevailed 2-1 in an April 25 Colonial Council game. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Pick of the week



Flower power

In honor of the upcoming Tulip Festival, held May 10-11, the Bethlehem Art Association will host an art show titled "Festival of Flowers" at the Albany Visitors Center.

Beginning Monday, May 5, visitors can enjoy artistic visions of tulips, flowers and spring. The free exhibit will be in place until June 27.

The Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center is located at 25 Quackenbush Square (the corner of Broadway and Clinton Avenue), Albany. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information, call 434-0405.



Coming attractions

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

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Not just a family affair

The live version of 'Family Feud' promises the same antics and energy as the TV show

By DANIA BIANCHI
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Game show fanatics who have always wanted the chance to answer "the number one question on the board" are in luck. The popular TV game show "Family Feud" in its live version, will take over the Palace Theatre on Friday, May 2.

Sean Allen, spokesperson for the Palace Theatre, said the live version is the same game everyone knows, but with a twist — no family is required and everyone, including the audience, will have a chance to win.

"They don't actually pick a family," Allen said. "They pick randomly from the audience to act as a family ... you don't have to bring your whole family to play the game."

Prior to the show, audience members will have a chance to register to become contestants, and just before the show begins, the contestants will be announced and makeshift families will be created.

One eager ticket holder is thrilled about the slight deviation from normal "Family Feud" play.

☐ **Feud** Page B2

IF YOU GO

- **What:** "Family Feud Live"
- **When:** Friday, May 2, at 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany
- **How much:** \$27.50-\$47.50
- **Info:** 465-3334 or visit palacealbany.com

More peas, please

Popular children's book comes to Proctors' stage

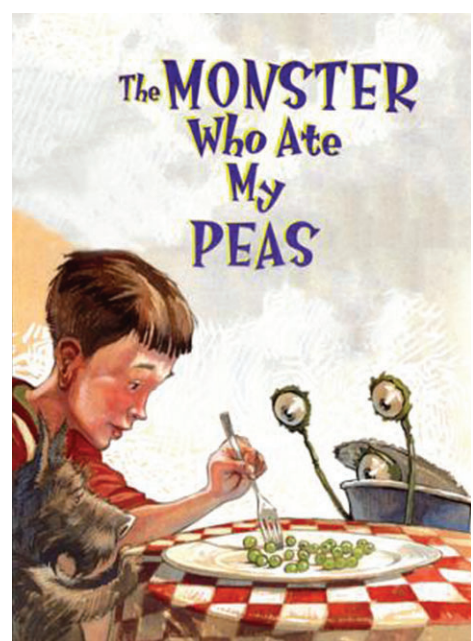
ArtsPower National Touring Theatre's newest original musical production, "The Monster Who Ate My Peas," brings a fresh meaning to the well-known phrase, "It's not easy being green," at least, if you're a kid with a plateful of unwanted green peas.

ArtsPower's "The Monster Who Ate My Peas," designed for young people in grades K-2 and their families, is based on the book of the same title by Danny Schnitzlein and illustrated by Matt Faulkner. It was adopted for the stage by ArtsPower's artistic director

Greg Gunning, who wrote the script and lyrics, and composer Richard DeRosa, who also orchestrated his score.

ArtsPower's musical follows the daily dinnertime dilemma that our hero, Danny, must face: eating his peas! Not the first, and certainly not the last, this young man, like countless other children, would do just about anything to make those dreaded peas disappear, including making a deal with a monster. After much wishing, the monster Danny was hoping for finally appears, ready to make a deal every time Danny

☐ **Peas** Page B8



IF YOU GO

- **What:** "The Monster Who Ate My Peas"
- **When:** Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m.
- **Where:** Proctors, 432 State St. Schenectady
- **How much:** \$7-\$9
- **Info:** www.proctors.org



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□ **Feud**

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“I am going with a couple of my friends from back in college ... sorority sisters count as family, right?” said Elizabeth Rose of Slingerlands.

Rose said she is a huge fan of “Family Feud” and will do anything for a chance to play.

“I love the show on TV, and I feel like I am always coming up with what I think are the most obvious answers that no one ever seems to guess,” Rose said. “The things people actually do guess crack me up, though. But I feel like I would be awesome at playing in real life so as soon as I heard it was coming to the Palace,

I called up a bunch of my friends to see if they wanted to go too.”

The show is played in the same manner as the TV show, and contestants will experience the same family drama with the opportunity to win as much as \$10,000.

Other than the “no family requirement,” the other main difference with the live version of the game is audience members will also have a chance to win.

“There will be additional smaller games as well,” Allen said. “Everyone will get game cards to play along with the game.”

Audience members will receive a game card that will allow them to win prizes throughout the show or win an opportunity to compete in the Fast Money and Super Fast



In the live version of “Family Feud” teams made up of audience members who are not necessarily related compete for prizes.

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Money challenges.

Family Feud has been around for more than 35 years, remaining one of TV's most popular game shows most recently with host Steve Harvey and his unexpected antics.

“I love it when Steve Harvey rolls his eyes at people,” Rose said. “I grew up watching the old ones though, so I have been watching since I was a kid.”

Though the live show won't be hosted by Harvey, it promises the same drama and hilarious survey results that have kept audiences tuning in for close to four decades.

Live versions of TV shows are becoming very popular with audiences. Last year's “The Price

“Me and my friends are planning on wearing neon outfits so we hopefully get noticed. I will do anything I can to get on this show!”

— Ticket holder Elizabeth Rose of Slingerlands

is Right Live” show at the Palace sold out two shows, and the recent showing of “America's Test Kitchen” was also a success, according to Allen.

“We had people win a lot of big prizes,” Allen said about “The Price is Right” show. “The biggest prize was a new car. No one won the car, but a few people won trips and expensive home electronics.”

Allen said the audience was very involved without a dull moment.

“The audience was really into it ... waiting to be called, not knowing what was going to happen,” he

said.

Allen said he believes the live game shows bring something different to the stage.

“We have the ballets, symphonies, rock, comedians,” he said. “Game shows been around forever, the demand is here and people enjoy them.”

For Rose, it's an opportunity that she couldn't pass up.

“I hope I get on stage, get my buzzer ready and lead my team to victory,” Rose said. “Me and my friends are planning on wearing neon outfits so we hopefully get noticed.

I will do anything I can to get on this show!”

Rose hopes to walk away with some cash to pay off some student loans, but said she would also do something fun with the money.

“If I had enough for a trip, I would probably go to Vegas with my friends because I have always wanted to go, but I never have the money to go, but the smart thing to do would be to put it toward my loans that I have been paying off for years,” she said.

See “Family Feud Live” at the Palace Theatre on Friday, May 2, at 8 p.m. For an opportunity to be selected as a contestant, guests must register at the box office three hours prior to scheduled show time. Contestants will be selected in a random draw just before the show. For more information or for tickets, visit palacealbany.com.



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Arts and Entertainment

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Room Service

Classic comedy about a Broadway producer who needs a hit play. May 2-4 and 7-11, Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Shows: Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17. Tickets and information: 346-6204 or www.civicplayers.org.

The God Game

Suzanne Bradbeer’s play about a Senator who must balance his views on religion with being the running mate for a more conservative Presidential candidate. May 6-25, Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Special 2 p.m. show May 14. Tickets: \$20-\$60. Tickets and information: 445-SHOW or www.capitalrep.org.

Flashdance — The Musical

Stage adaptation of 1983 hit movie. May 6-11, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$20-\$75. Tickets and information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

MUSIC

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POETRY

Margo Mensing and Matthew Spireng

Two area poets read from their work, with an open reading to follow. May 7, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Tickets: \$5. Information: 583-0022 or www.caffelena.org.

DANCE

First Friday Capital Swing Dance

Featuring music by Jan Marie & the Mean Reds. May 2, 8:30-11:30 p.m., Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Free beginner lesson at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: general admission \$15, Dance Flurry members \$12, seniors/students/limited income \$10. Information: www.danceflurry.org/swing.

Old Songs Community Dance

Simple participatory dances from around the world including folk, square and contra. Music by Fennig’s All-Stars and calling by Fern Bradley. May 3, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: adults \$8, children 12 and under free. Information: 482-9255 or paul@homespun.biz.

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Featuring music by Hip Boot Boys. May 7, 7:30-10 p.m., Colonie Elks Lodge, Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham. Tickets: \$6. Information: 753-4692.

COMEDY

Mop and Bucket Company

“Theatresports,” a weekly show of improv comedy and music, May 2, 8 p.m., Underground at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$14, students and seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Comedy Works

Comedic hypnotist Flip Orley headlines. Performing April 25 and 26 at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$50 in advance, \$55 day of show. Information, 275-6897. www.thecomedyworks.com.

EXHIBITS

Brookside Museum

“Ballston Spa High School Juried Art Exhibition,” featuring the work of local students. May 1-13. 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information: 885-4000. Opening reception: May 2, 5-8 p.m.

Albany Center Gallery

“T.E. Breitenbacj: Then and Now,” an exhibition featuring his earliest interests in carpentry, architecture and surrealism to his most recent interests in musicals. May 2 through June 20. 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information: 462-4775. Opening reception: May 2, 5-9 p.m.



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Sorelle Gallery

“Heart of Art,” featuring the works of Eden Compton and Ragellah Rourke. Through May 8. Stuyvesant Plaza. 1475 Western Ave., Guilderland. Information: 482-2000 or www.sorellegallery.com.

The College of Saint Rose

“2014 Graduate Show,” featuring the works of Kara Joyce and Trina Quandt. May 2-9, Esther Massry Gallery, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 485-3902 or www.strose.edu/gallery.

Albany Public Library

“Homespun,” an exhibition of art in a variety of mediums from artists exploring notions of “home.” May 2 through Sept. 27. Pine Hills Branch, 517 Western Ave., Albany. Hours: noon to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Opening reception: May 2, 6 to 8 p.m.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Saratoga Children’s Theatre

Holding auditions for its production of “The Wizard of Oz,” May 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saratoga Senior Center, 5 Williams St., Saratoga Springs. Open to children entering grades four through 10. Actors should come with a prepared musical theater song and sheet music. An accompanist will be provided.

Home Made Theater

Holding open auditions for its production of “The Addams Family,” May 5, 7-9 p.m. and May 6, 6-7:30 p.m., Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park. Roles for men and women ages 18 and older, as well as one boy age 10-14. Actors should prepare a 16-bar excerpt from a song of their choice and bring their own sheet music. Upbeat songs only. Information: 587-4427 or homemadetheater.org.

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