



Wacky weather

In a prelude to Memorial Day weekend, storms swept across the Capital District, leaving destruction in the paths.

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A house restored

Schoolcraft House in Guilderland holds Lawn Fest to celebrate its history and drum up interest in its future.

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G'land falls in finals

Julia Lennon's goal with less than one minute left in regulation lifted Shaker past Guilderland 8-7 in the Section II Class A girls lacrosse final May 21.

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G'land denies chicken request

Town could still revise code to allow backyard coops

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Neighbors won the battle in one man's request to keep chickens, but the war of backyard pet politics is not yet over in the Town of Guilderland.

The Guilderland Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, May 21, denied Dale Owen's request to keep chickens behind his family's house on

Mohawk Drive. Board members voted 2 (yes) to 1 (no) on the request for interpretation allowing Owen to keep laying hens. Since there were only three voting members, Owen needed unanimous support for approval.

Owen said he was "a little surprised" his request was denied. When asked, he admitted "a little part" of him wished he had just built the coop without going before the board. Although he said he would never consider taking that approach.

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Guilderland Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Thomas Remmert, center, on Wednesday, May 21, outlines proposed conditions for Dale Owen to keep chickens outside his home. The resolution failed.

John Purcell/Spotlight

Little kids, big choices



During the Bethlehem Board of Education budget vote on Tuesday, May 20, elementary students were also asked to weigh in — on what kind of new playground equipment they'd like. Find out the results on Page 3, along with the results of the budget vote. Results in Guilderland are on Page 7, and those in Voorheesville are on Page 8.

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Library archive of *Spotlight* complete

Project comes in ahead of schedule; some gaps remain

By MARCY VELTE
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The headlines of the past are more easily at hand now that nearly a half-century of Bethlehem history has been digitally archived.

The Bethlehem Public Library has completed its project to digitize 50 years of *The Spotlight*. The effort was done in conjunction with the local newspaper to help preserve the town's narrative.

The library used donated funds and a matching grant to pay for the initiative.

"Local papers tend to get ignored by the larger historical projects," said Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick. "The local news happens locally, and it's a piece that's easily missed if no one is paying attention, and that's where community libraries need to step in."

The whole process was expected to take six months, but only took three.

The library's entire collection of *Spotlight* newspapers from 1955 to 2005 were sent to a company in western New York that scanned

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IDA: No break for housing plan

Agency says abatements for residential buildings do not fit with its mission

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency did not approve tax abatements sought by a residential development after deciding at their Friday, May 23, meeting that approval of the tax credits did not fit with the agency's mission.

The developers of Glenmont Abbey Village, formerly known as Glenwood Village, were seeking both a sales tax and a

mortgage recording exemption worth more than \$500,000. The project has been before the town since 2005.

Project Manager Tim Haskins said the money was needed because the project's funds have degraded over time. The developers had first planned to get funding through a government program that could have helped them obtain 90 percent of the project's cost, but that program was disbanded after the recession. Now, nearly \$4.8 million in equity needs to be raised, and the exemptions would help offset those costs.

"This is quality and affordable

housing for Bethlehem seniors," said Haskins, adding the development will target middle-income seniors who are looking to downsize but remain in the community.

The project has been through seven different site plans since 2005, before finally getting approval this year. The plans call for a 148-unit senior housing development with 48 individual parking garages. Multiple site plans were needed because the property on Glenmont Road consists of five acres of wetlands, and there were concerns from neighbors that needed to be

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A lightning strike Thursday afternoon took down a tree at a Fuhrman Street residence in Bethlehem. No injuries were reported and a crew from Haslan Tree Service removed it on Friday morning.

Marcy Velte/
Spotlight



Heavy runoff contributed to a sinkhole that formed around a utility pole on Delaware Avenue Thursday, May 22. DOT crews had filled the hole and patched it by the following morning.

Kristen
Roberts/
Spotlight



Spring storms slam region

The skies opened up a couple of times Thursday, May 22. First at around 8:30 a.m. when Bethlehem experienced a deluge of pea-sized hail, causing the roads to overflow with runoff, and second, in the afternoon, when a quick-moving storm brought thunder, lightning and high winds to the area.

FAR LEFT: A car powers through a water-soaked Delaware Avenue Thursday morning. The early morning storm was brief but left drifts of hail along the roadways.
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LEFT: The morning storm dropped pea-sized hail in Bethlehem. Hail as big as golf balls was reported in the western part of the Capital District following the afternoon storms.
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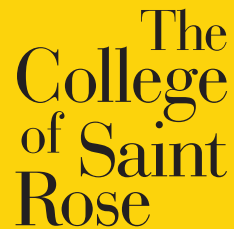
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Voters approve \$92.6m budget

Fewer residents at the polls, but approval rating at almost 70 percent

By MARCY VELTE
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Voters in the Bethlehem Central School District approved a 2014-15 school year budget Tuesday, May 20, by a margin of 2,496 votes to 1,140 votes.

Nearly 69 percent of voters approved of the \$92,627,000 spending plan, which carries a 2.99 percent increase to the property tax levy. Spending will increase by more than \$2.2 million for the coming year.

“As every year, the results of the budget vote is really the will of the people,” said Superintendent Tom Douglas. “I think the board has done an outstanding job throughout the whole process of trying to keep in mind the fiscal realities of the state, as well as the community.”

This year’s budget was below the allowable tax cap of 3.12 percent.

To balance the budget, the district used about \$1.4 million from its fund balance. Bethlehem schools also received some restoration of state aid to close the \$4.8 million budget gap, along with spending reductions and savings from district contracts, such as utilities and insurance.

The spending plan will mean a net reduction of 3.8 full-time equivalent instructional staff and the reduction of one social worker. This is mostly due to shrinking enrollment rates. Some money would be restored for field trips, technology purchases and the purchase of a snow removal instrument for the Transportation

Department.

“In general, I hope with an almost 70 percent approval rating that that shows something about this community’s dedication to education,” said Douglas.

School officials said there was a drop in the number of voters this year. About 200 fewer people voted for this budget than for the 2013-14 spending plan.

Douglas said he and the school board always hope the majority of the community will show up, adding it’s the one vote across the state where the people get to decide on a municipality’s budget.

“We always wish there was more participation. However, with four or five years of fiscal slashing, we’re still on that trend, but we’re trying to dig ourselves out of a hole that was made to bail out the state government,” said Douglas. “What happens is people get numb to it, even if we hope they don’t.”

The superintendent said Bethlehem is one of the top school districts in the state, and school officials feel students receive an excellent education for the money.

“We know it still does cost a lot for some in the community, and we try to be as respectful of that as possible,” said Douglas.

Also passed was a proposition to replace eight large buses. The measure was approved 2,156 to 1,445.

In addition, incumbents Matthew Downey and Joanne Cunningham will remain on the school board for three-year terms. Joining them will be Christine Beck, who will be taking over the position left by Caitrin Navarro.

Downey said he would

focus on addressing the Gap Elimination Adjustment in the coming year. “Until we get the finances in order in terms of growing programs — because we’ve been cutting every year — there isn’t anything else we can do.”

Cunningham said she wants to continue further work on transparency, while Beck said she wants to help implement a three-year budget plan for the district instead of working on it each year.

RCS budget passes

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk budget passed 1,009 to 423. The \$42.3 million spending plan will raise taxes by an estimated 1.88 percent.

Voters elected three new Board of Education members, Michael Jones, William McFerran and Tina Furst-Hotaling.

Kids vote too



Each year during the Bethlehem Board of Education budget vote, elementary students are asked to vote on a matter important to them. Last year, students voted on a new cafeteria snack. This year, students were asked to vote for new playground equipment. New field equipment won with 249 votes over new blacktop equipment with 138 votes. The largest number of students who voted came from Hamagrael Elementary.

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Police Blotter

Woman reports assault along G'land road

Police searched the area around Old State Road on Tuesday, May 20, for a man who reportedly assaulted a woman walking along the roadway, but a suspect was not immediately located.

The Guilderland Police Department at around 12:15 p.m. responded to reports of an assault area west of Old State Road and a closed bridge. The victim said she walking along the road at approximately 11:38 a.m. when an unknown white man assaulted her.

The victim sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene, according to police.

Local police and State Police aviation searched the area but did not locate a suspect. Police did not release the identity of a suspect before *The Spotlight* went to press the afternoon of Friday, May 23.

Police described the man as approximately 5-foot-10-inches tall, medium build, around 40 to 50 years old, with cropped light or grey hair and facial scruff. He was reportedly wearing a white shirt, blue pants, and flip-flops.

Guilderland Central School District sent a School News Notifier message regarding the incident and said all students were safely dismissed from elementary schools.

“The incident did not happen on school grounds nor did it involve any students or school personnel,” school district officials said in a statement around 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. “Y-Time is ongoing at Pine Bush Elementary School, however all children will be kept indoors for the afternoon.”

School district officials encouraged residents to be alert and aware, along with reporting to police any suspicious people in the area of Old State Road.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact the Guilderland Police Criminal Investigation Unit at 356-1501 ext. 1063.

Arrests

• Guilderland police arrested Philip J. Papas, 24, of 1245 Western Ave., Albany, around 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, and charged him with rape in

the third degree, a felony, assault in the third degree, obstruction of breathing or blood circulation, menacing in the second degree and endangering the welfare of a child. Police said Papas was arrested following an investigation into allegations he had sex with a minor and the crimes he was charged with committing. Papas was arraigned and remanded to Albany County jail on \$15,000 bail.

• Guilderland police arrested Frederick Juerg Struck, 50, of 1385 Township Road in Altamont, around 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, and charged him with aggravated DWI for having a BAC of 0.18 percent or more. Police received a call reporting a man who appeared to be intoxicated “to the point he could barely stand.” Police stopped a vehicle matching the reported description, which Struck was driving. Police allegedly observed a strong odor of alcohol coming from Struck’s truck, along with him having glassy eyes and slurred speech. He admitted to drinking “a few” at a local bar, according to police. After police asked

him to step out of the vehicle, he allegedly lost his balance and “stumbled into the driver’s side door,” which he then used to balance himself. A breath test indicated a BAC of 0.22 percent.

• Albany County Sheriff’s Office arrested Gregory T. Briggs, 24, of 68 Locust Park in Albany, around 1:40 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, and charged him with operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs, failure to keep right and two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree. Police observed Briggs traveling eastbound on New Scotland Road in New Scotland where he allegedly committed a traffic infraction. Briggs told police he was driving from a friend’s house in town and was following a friend to a gas station so they could put \$10 worth of gasoline into his vehicle. Police observed Briggs’ hands and legs shaking. Briggs allegedly denied consuming alcohol or using any drugs before driving. He tested negative for alcohol, but police noticed he had a “green in color tongue and yellow teeth.” Police searched his vehicle and allegedly found “multiple pieces” of marijuana on the carpet and in the center console area of the vehicle. Police also

said they found him to be in possession of an opened package of Suboxone containing a quantity of sublingual film, a “green in color” oxycodone pill, two pens containing a quantity of burnt substance and a piece of tin foil containing a quantity of burnt substance. Police said it appeared the tin foil had the remainder of a burnt pill on it, and the pens were being used to inhale smoke created through applying heat. Briggs submitted to a chemical blood test.

• Guilderland police arrested John T. Stuto, 18, of 115 Spyglass Court in Albany, around 2:50 a.m. on Friday, May 16, and charged him with DWI, refusal to take a breath test, failure to stay in a single lane or speeding. Police observed Stuto allegedly driving 13 mph over the speed limit on Western Avenue. Police stopped Stuto and allegedly observed him to have an odor of alcohol on his breath, bloodshot eyes, dilated pupils and slurred speech. He was allegedly unable to provide any documentation for himself or his vehicle. He refused to take a chemical breath test. During processing at the police station, police said he allegedly clenched his fist and told police they were not going to take his fingerprints because he was not under arrest.

• Albany County Sheriff’s Office arrested Madeline R. LaMountain, 25, of 154 Maple Ave. in Altamont, around 4 a.m. on Friday, May 16, and charged her with DWI and speeding. Police allegedly observed LaMountain allegedly driving 10 mph over the speed limit on New Scotland Road in New Scotland and stopped her. She told police was driving home from a concert in Kingston and allegedly admitted to consuming two beers during the concert and one after it at a bar in Kingston. Police observed her to allegedly have a strong odor of alcohol on her breath and bloodshot, glassy eyes. A chemical breath test allegedly revealed she had a BAC of 0.07 percent.

• Bethlehem Police arrested Oneil Lollis, 57, of 84 Delaware Avenue in Bethlehem following a dispute with his neighbor over the heat. Police said Lollis was arrested on Sunday, April 27, after violating an order of protection. Lollis claimed his neighbor had turned off the heat in his apartment. Lollis then allegedly banged on his neighbor’s door, yelling “I’ll kill you or find someone to kill you, you low life, nasty cracker bastard.” Lollis was charged with felony criminal contempt in the first degree and harassment in the second degree. He was remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

• Bethlehem Police arrested Caroline Twarog, 28, of 17 Hariss Ave., Albany on Saturday, April 19, on charges of driving while intoxicated. Police said Twarog was allegedly speeding while driving on Delaware Avenue when she was pulled over by police. Police said they witnessed Twarog to have glassy eyes and smelled of alcohol. Twarog refused a preliminary screening device. She was taken back tot he station for a chemical test, where her BAC was found to be .15 percent. She was processed and released.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Be a part of the parks discussion

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

Bethlehem residents support eight parks, as well as numerous recreational activities. Do you use them? Are you satisfied with them? In your opinion, how could they be improved? The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department needs your input to better serve you.

I am writing to encourage every Bethlehem resident

to take the 2014 Parks and Recreation Survey online at friendsofbethlehemparks.org. Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation is conducting this survey to understand how the Town can best meet the needs and desires of its residents with respect to the provision of parks and recreational services.

Personally, I believe that our parks and recreational activities

are outstanding. Can they be improved? Of course. Demographics change, recreational trends change. And our parks and recreational offerings need to adapt accordingly. How? I have my ideas -- what about you? Please don't pass up this opportunity to participate in the decisions that affect the parks and recreational activities you support.

Will everyone's wish

list be granted? No, unfortunately. I think we all understand that resources are not unlimited. Will every response receive serious consideration? I guarantee you that it will. But first it's up to you to respond — visit friendsofbethlehemparks.org and please take the survey today.

Joan Gavrilik
Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation

Panel to review crude oil safety

The Albany County executive has created a new Expert Advisory Committee to lead a public safety review on the transportation of crude oil through out the county.

County Executive Dan McCoy appointed former acting Commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Conservation Peter Iwanowicz as chairman. He will “advise and coordinate the hiring of specific consultants to review, investigate and report on the broad range of concerns relative to crude oil issues” that were the subject of the county executive’s moratorium on crude oil processing.

Iwanowicz, now the Executive Director of Environmental Advocates of New York, will be volunteering his time and expertise for the position, which is unpaid.

“As more information and concerns come to light, it’s clear the scope of this investigation requires that we bring in independent experts to help us,” said McCoy in a statement. “Peter Iwanowicz has devoted his life to public health issues, and there’s no one

better qualified to help identify the experts and stakeholders we need at the table in order to get to the bottom of all the concerns that exist.”

The transportation and processing of crude oil in the Capital District has become a growing concern as an increasing number of trains carrying the substance have derailed throughout the country in the last few years. A number of communities have come together to protest the cars, which have increased in part because of the lack of pipelines to move the oil.

“County Executive McCoy recognizes that moving crude oil presents unique dangers, that this is an industry that has not been forthcoming with their motives or data, and that the public deserves a broad-based analysis into the dangers that exist both now and down the line,” said Iwanowicz in a statement. “My family and I are residents of Albany County, and I’m honored to help in this effort to ensure we’re asking all the questions necessary to keep our community safe.”

— Marcy Velte

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Highlights from a half-century ago

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- Opposition to a proposed bypass connector through Slingerlands is nearly unanimous among Bethlehem residents polled by the Bethlehem-New Scotland Roads Association during its May 13 information meeting.

Frederick C. Stimmel, president of the association, today released the figures showing some 97.7 percent of the votes objected to the Department of Public Works plan to link the Delmar and Slingerlands bypasses with a four-lane divided highway through the heart of Slingerlands. Predictably, the bulk of the opposition came from Slingerlands residents. But, Stimmel pointed out, about 17 percent of the tallied opposing the DPW plan came from residents of Delmar, Elsmere, Glenmont, New Scotland, Voorheesville, Feura Bush and Albany. A majority of the voters making comments wanted a return to the 1958 DPW route, which called for the two bypasses to join west of Slingerlands at routes 85 and 85A, Stimmel said.

- The new Bethlehem Memorial to Veterans in Delmar is to be unveiled May 30 by Mrs. Anna M. de Heus, widow of the late Otto D. de Heus. A leading citizen in his community, Mr. de Heus, a World War I veteran and active in veterans organizations, had a major share in the establishment and preservation of the Bethlehem Memorial Park. The new granite monument is replacing the wooden board that had been in Memorial Park on Delaware Avenue. Unveiling of the new memorial takes place at the close of the Town of Bethlehem’s annual Memorial Day parade. The dedication ceremony is set for 11 o’clock.

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From the Editor's Desk

You get what you don't vote for

Another round of school budget votes came and went last week, and voters in our coverage area approved every one of them.

But, let's not pat ourselves on the back. The continued low turnout indicates that the average resident is willing to go along with school budgets that cut services and staff, and yet still take the lion's share of our property tax dollars.

The trouble is, people should be taking a keener interest in what's going on with our school districts at all stages — from the decreasing state contributions and the way those dollars are allocated to the everyday decisions that aren't even tied to budget time like programming choices and personnel issues.

As Bethlehem resident and longtime school board gadfly (and we mean this as a compliment) Philip Carter recently pointed out in a letter to the editor that appears online at spotlightnews.com, it's "a disgraceful reflection on the community" when people don't participate in school board votes or question board members at meetings. Even though we don't always share Carter's views, this is one we most fervently agree with.

Take a look at what happened in the South Colonie Central School District. People initially turned out in droves to protest the dismissal of a popular physical education teacher and varsity football coach due to budget cuts. But

when it came time to go to the polls May 20, only 2,448 votes were cast with 1,693 in favor of the \$95.2 million budget, which also included cuts to the transportation staff.

Maybe voters were satisfied with the explanations they received from South Colonie school administrators during the budget debates, or maybe they felt like it didn't matter what they thought and they should just vote for it. Either way, they were quick to accept a budget that leaves a football team searching for a new coach and several bus drivers scrambling for additional income now that they are forced to become part-time workers.

Of course, voters might also be motivated by Gov. Andrew Cuomo's incentive of tax rebates for communities that approve local and school budgets that remain within the state's tax cap limits. As we pointed out four months ago, this incentive doesn't address the issue of how municipalities and school districts can continue to give their residents the services they desire with less money coming from both tax revenue and state aid. All some voters see is their share of a \$2 billion tax relief initiative, despite the fact that a tax cap falsely assumes that one size fits all New York school districts.

Voorheesville Central School District Board of Education President Timothy Blow talked about the issue of making do with less following last week's vote, in which residents

approved the district's \$22.7 million budget. He said between the tax cap restrictions and the rising costs of retirement benefits and healthcare the school district faces, it "makes it difficult to do anything" when it comes to offering programs for students.

This is the tricky part. School districts could ask taxpayers to pick up a greater share of the tab by going above the tax cap, but recent history teaches us that it's an exercise in futility because those budgets have not normally received the number of "yes" votes necessary to pass them. Meanwhile, the state continues to restrict the amount of aid given to school districts to help them meet their obligations. And with the possible implementation of Common Core lurking a few years down the road, school districts are at a loss as to how to balance their budgets.

Voters, too, seem to be at a loss. They don't want to see more services and personnel cut, but they don't want their taxes to rise significantly. So either they're ready to accept some cuts either by voting "yes" to budgets within the tax cap, or they just stay home.

We don't have a solution to this problem, but we believe people should be more involved in the process of finding solutions. That begins by being more involved in their school districts and letting their state legislators know how they feel about the state of education in New York.

Get to know ...



Cindy Pollard
Owner, Home Front Cafe

- *Hometown:* Albany
- *Current home:* Altamont

What are you listening to these days?

I love the music out of the early 40s and 50s. I like soft music. I love big band music.

What have you been watching on TV?

I like to watch "Shark Tank," I just find it fun. I do watch "Dancing with the Stars" — I like the costuming. I watch "The Voice" occasionally. I used to like the History Channel, but I don't like what it has become. I like things that are going to relax me.

What are you reading?

I recently finished reading "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. I found that really interesting. Other than that, I read the newspapers every day.

What would your dream vacation be?

We have a time-share in Florida, and we have loved it because the same people come back every year. It is like going back to an old neighborhood. I have always wanted to see a redwood tree. I'd love to go to the Grand Canyon. If I were to go abroad, I would love to see Scotland ... some of the old castles.

What would your last meal be?

If I could chew, it would be filet mignon. If I couldn't chew, it would probably be spaghetti, one strand at a time.

What is your favorite local memory?

One of my favorite things was when we were trying to raise money for the World War II memorial in Altamont, and I wanted to involve my community. I thought if we could raise a \$1,000 and send it in to the village, it would be wonderful. We ended up having such a successful campaign that we raised more than \$1,700. I was very proud of that moment.

What is something about you that would surprise people to learn?

I am probably shyer than they realized. I always was a shy person. It took some years of my getting confidence in myself to stand up and speak in front of people.

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

Guest Commentary

More cousins equal more fun

By JENNIFER STEUER

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

My immediate family is the somewhat precise combination of three children of the exact same age and two parents that makes owning a minivan a necessity if we all want to travel together. Try putting three infant seats or boosters in the back seat of a sedan, and you will understand.

My extended family is even bigger. I have a brother and a sister, each with children. Right now, there are four boy cousins, with another cousin arriving at the end of the month.

My kids have discovered the joy of cousins. My brother brought his kids over recently, and all of the cousins played together at my house. I am so lucky he only lives an hour away because my kids just can't get enough of them. "Cousins! Cousins! Cousins!" This is the chant I hear from my kids on most afternoons. "When do we get to see the cousins again?"

The magic of playing with a cousin

is something I don't know much about because mine were spread all over the country. Harlan was in a similar boat. His cousins were all 30 years older than he and his siblings.

My kids are 6, and the cousins range from two-and-a-half to 10 years old. My brother's kids teach my kids, who in turn teach my sister's kids. The never-ending flow of ideas and passing of toys from one family to the next is hard to keep up with. When we visit my sister's family in Connecticut, the toys that my kids had long since given up once again become the center of attention. Go figure.

My brother and I did not always get along. Neither did my sister and I. That's what siblings do, I guess. But family bonds are strong, and as I watch my brother go through a divorce, I take comfort knowing my kids can be there for his kids just as I can be there for him.

In May, we are going to have a family

shower for my sister. Baby No. 3 means no baby shower; thus the reason for the "family shower." There is much to celebrate. My sister's youngest son will become a big brother for the first time, and his big brother will earn that title a second time.

The thought of seeing all the cousins together is just so cool. This hasn't happened since September 2010. Watching them play and have fun is something we all remember very fondly. My mom loves it because she can see seven of her grandkids together at the same time. I love that we can all be together.

I think that the relationships of all the cousins might just be what make this family so strong. My son, who is usually surrounded by girly things, feels like he has allies in his male cousins. In the future, these children will know that they have someone who they can lean on when life gets a little rocky and someone to celebrate with when life is happy.

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District's vehicle proposition approved; library budget passed

Guilderland school district voters passed the proposed \$92.13 million budget, along with a separate proposition to purchase seven new buses and a maintenance plow truck for almost \$1 million.

Approximately 66 percent of voters on Tuesday, May 20, supported Guilderland Central School District's proposed 2014-15 budget, with 1,735 voting in favor and 900 opposed, according to unofficial results. The budget holds a property tax levy increase of 1.94 percent, which is \$12,500 below the district's tax cap limit.

Tax rates for Guilderland residents are projected to increase the same as the property tax levy, according to the district.

Voter turnout dropped about 150 people compared to last year's budget vote. This year's margin of approval was similar to last year, with about 65 percent in favor. The 2013-14 budget did hold a larger property tax levy increase at 3.39 percent, but was also within the district's tax cap.

Over the past decade, fewer than 3,500 on average annually have cast a ballot, according to the district. This represents less than 15 percent of eligible voters on average actually voting. This year's turnout fell significantly below that average, with approximately 2,635 people voting, according to unofficial results.

Superintendent of Schools Marie Wiles could not be reached for comment before *The Spotlight* went to press.

There are 33.85 full-time

equivalent positions cut in the budget, which include 8.5 FTE classroom and special education positions, 9.15 FTE teaching assistant positions and 16.2 FTE support staff positions districtwide.

School board members did include 5 FTE unassigned teaching positions in the budget, which district administrators have discretion to allocate based on need.

Music Department teachers have lobbied the district administrators to allocate 0.25 FTE from the unassigned teachers, which would nearly restore the budgeted cut of 0.3 FTE. The teachers claim meeting the needs of students would be difficult after the cut.

"The decision to cut the program is based on inaccurate data and should be reexamined, with both the music supervisor and the staff for clarification," music teacher Diana Ackner previously said.

District voters also approved purchasing six 66-passenger buses for \$694,000, a 66-passenger bus with chains for \$120,000, a full-size wheelchair bus for \$145,000 and a \$36,000 maintenance truck. State aid would cover about 50 percent of the \$995,000 purchase, according to district officials.

There were 1,642 votes in favor of the vehicle purchase proposition and 959 voting against it.

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Three school board members were also elected to a three-year term in an uncontested race. Incumbents Judy Slack and Allan Simpson respectively received 1,856 and 1,803 votes, and newcomer Chris McManus fell in between at 1,839 votes.

Slack and Simpson were both re-elected to their third three-year term. Simpson works as the director of accounting operations for the New York State Insurance Fund. Slack is retired and worked as a teaching assistant for 24 years at Lynnwood Elementary School.

McManus is the associate budget examiner for the economics and revenue unit of the state Division of Budget. He has lived in the district for two years with his wife and two children.

Voters passed Guilderland Public Library's 2014-15 budget totaling \$3.54 million by a margin of 1,545 to 1,047. The library's budget increases spending by almost \$50,000, or 1.42

A voter signs in before casting his ballot on Tuesday, May 20, at Pine Bush Elementary School in Guilderland. The school district budget and vehicle purchase proposition passed.

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Spotlight

percent.

The library's budget holds a 1.8 percent property tax levy increase, which represents a \$62,300 increase, and totals almost \$3.44 million.

"I was very pleased that the library budget passed by a healthy margin," Guilderland Public Library Director Tim Wiles said. "I understand that it's a little bit better margin than we passed last year. I think we enjoy a nice level of support at this point and time, and hope to pass by a wider margin in the future."

This was the first library budget vote for Wiles, who took over leadership in January. He said the budget development process

was a “great exercise” in prioritizing services, collections and “doing the best” with a budget during tight economic times.

Part of the library's spending increase was from board members allocating \$90,000 towards a newly established capital reserve fund, which will be used towards anticipated maintenance needs.

Spending reductions were included in portions of the budget, with the largest reduction coming from salary and benefits decreasing \$56,700 and totaling almost \$2.57 million.

Voters also elected four Library Board of Trustees members out of five candidates, with two incumbents and two new

faces securing a seat.

Carolyn Williams, a newcomer, received the most votes at 1,449, according to unofficial results, with longtime board member Barbara Fraterrigo falling close at 1,426 votes. Karen Carpenter Palumbo, another newcomer, received 1,388 votes, and incumbent Robert Feller received 1,300 votes.

Carroll Valachovic was not elected and received 1,233 votes, according to unofficial results. Valachovic served as trustee from 2007 to 2012 and was tapped to fill a vacancy from September 2013 to June 30 of this year. She also ran as a write-in candidate in 2012 and lost.

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Voorheesville voters pass \$22.7M school budget

District's vehicle purchase and capital improvement plans approved; library budget passed

By JOHN PURCELL
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Voorheesville Central School District's proposed \$22.7 million was handily approved on Tuesday, May 20, along with both propositions before voters.

There were 590 ballots cast for Voorheesville's proposed 2014-15 budget holding a 2.04 percent property tax levy increase, with 414 votes (70.2 percent) in favor and 176 votes (29.8 percent) opposed, according to unofficial results. Spending next school year will increase around \$151,000, or 0.67 percent, compared to this school year. The budget taps \$600,000 from the district fund balance.

Superintendent of Schools Teresa Thayer Snyder said she was "relieved" after hearing the budget and both propositions passed.

"It has been a tough year," Snyder said. "This particular year, I felt like we got our feet on the ground and went into this knowing a little bit more about the tax cap. ... Everybody pitched in and

I think it puts us in a very optimistic position for the future."

Board of Education President Timothy Blow echoed Snyder's remarks and was happy the budget passed.

"I think it's reflective of the community's understanding it was a ... reasonable budget under the circumstances we are facing in today's economic environment," Blow said. "I think they were appreciative of the process the board went through to solicit input, evaluate alternatives and decide what was important."

Throughout the budget process, Blow stressed presenting a budget cognizant of what the community could financially support, while trying maintain programming.

"I know a lot of senior citizens and several of them spoke to me that they support the school and everything, but enough is enough," he said. "They want to live here, too. They don't want to be forced to move because they can't afford to live here."

Snyder credited Sarita Winchell, interim assistant superintendent for Business, for helping "restructuring" the district's "concept of revenues and expenses."

Winchell had worked at the district for 37 years, retiring in 2011, but returned on a part-time basis following the departure of Gregory Diefenbach in February. Diefenbach left the district to work for the State Education Department.

Voter turnout significantly declined this year compared to the prior budget vote, with about 200 less ballots cast.

"I was worried today's nice weather would keep people away with so many things to do outside," Snyder said. "It's a small number. We usually run around 800." She was pleased though at the margin of victory this year.

Last year's budget vote was also more closely decided by a margin of 459 for and 341 against. The approved 2013-14 budget had a higher property tax levy increase at 3.23 percent compared next school year's budget edging over 2 percent. Both votes only required a simple majority approval.

The 2012-13 budget had even greater voter turnout with around 1,000 ballots cast.

Blow is expecting next year's budget to be another difficult process, with similar cuts presented again.

"I think we will have the same challenges and pressure next year on being able to maintain programs," he said.

He said increasing healthcare and benefits costs, along with the state mandated tax cap, "makes it difficult to do anything."

Benefit expenses have



Voters cast their ballot shortly before polls closed at Voorheesville Middle School on Tuesday, May 20. The school district's proposed budget and propositions were approved.

John Purcell/Spotlight

increased about \$2 million since the 2008-09 budget to the 2014-15 budget, according to Blow, which is nearly equal to how much the property tax levy increase has risen during that time. The largest benefits cost driver is retirement.

"All the increases in taxes over the last few years have been to fund the increases in benefits," Blow said.

Propositions, school board results

The district's proposition to purchase a 72-passenger bus, a wheelchair bus and a one-ton truck for \$220,000 was approved by a similar margin to the budget, with 410 in favor and 180 opposed. State aid would cover about 50 percent of the cost, according to the district.

Snyder said approving the bus purchases was important, so the district could maintain its purchasing schedule and keep costs steady throughout the years. A new truck was also long overdue.

"Our old truck has pretty much out-lived its life," Snyder said. "It's been a good truck."

Voters also approved the proposition to allocated \$99,800 from the district's repair reserve to replace the fire doors and one exterior door at the middle and high school facility. There were 424 votes in support and 163 against it.

Tapping repair reserve funds only required voter approval to generate state aid, which would cover almost two-thirds of expense, according to the district.

Incumbent Board of Education candidates Kristine Gravino and Cynthia Monaghan were re-elected in an uncontested race for another four-year term. Both have served on the board since 2010.

Library budget approved

Voters passed Voorheesville Public

Library's \$1.15 million 2014-15 budget by a closer margin than the school district's budget, with 364 votes for and 227 against. Unlike most budgets this season, the library decreased spending around \$13,000, or 1.11 percent.

The library's budget holds a property tax levy decrease of 0.97 percent, or almost \$11,000, and totals \$1.11 million.

"We continue to look for opportunities to connect with the community outside the library building and innovative ways to provide residents with information," Library Board of Trustees President Robert Kent and Director Gail Alter Sacco said in a joint message before the vote. "We recognize the need to be more dynamic in our response to the continuing changes in our district and in the broader environment in which public libraries operate."

The budget increased capital projects funding \$12,000, totaling \$42,000, for repairs to the roof, gutters and lighting. The greatest savings was attained through not allocating any money to its capital reserve, with the prior budget allocating \$40,000.

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Library thanks voters for passing its budget

The proposed library budget passed on May 20 by a vote of 995 to 419. Congratulations to Trustee Josie Bruno, who was re-elected to a three-year term. There were many write-in votes for the second open seat. The outcome is not determined yet.

The Library Board meets in the community room at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.

Duct tape project for tweens

The warmer weather soon will be here to stay, and flip flops will be the shoes of choice. Duct-tape fans age 8 to 12 are invited to the library’s Tween Saturday/Monday program. They will choose whether to make a pair of flip flops with duct tape, or to bring last year’s flip flops to create a brand-new look. Either way, we should be seeing some fancy footwear around town this summer!

Join in the fun on

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Saturday, June 7, at 11 a.m. or noon. The program will also be offered on Monday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Call (756-2053) or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org to register!

Summer library programs for school-age children

With Memorial Day behind us, it is time to start making plans for the summer. STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math — is everywhere in the school landscape! The library adds an “A for Art” to bring you a STEAM-powered summer of library fun. The following programs require registration.

- **The Writing Workshop** — Young authors age 8 to 14 will write their own stories. The format will be new.

The workshop will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for six weeks. Families may choose which weeks they will attend when they register. Three sessions is the minimum amount of time to guarantee a finished, bound book.

- **My.video.project** — Participants ages 8 to 14 will plan their own short videos using storyboard and a script. Then they can film the project with staff help at the library or family help at home. Staff members help edit and create special effects, and then securely upload the projects to the library’s invitation-only YouTube account. Each session meets for three days. See the full schedule in your Newsletter or on our website, www.rcscommunitylibrary.org.

- **Summer Reading Club** — Families can join the Summer Reading Club independently at the library. The library also makes weekly visits to town recreation programs at A.W. Becker School,

P.B. Coeymans School and Cecil Hallock Park, to local daycare centers, and to Adventures in Reading at both elementary schools.

Check this space next week for information about library programs for teens and adults

Computer/tech classes

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

- **Office 2013: Putting it all Together** — Share information across Microsoft tools. “Quickly form business insights

with Excel. Bring ideas to life with PowerPoint and Word.” Review tips from the past three sessions and try a few new ideas. Wednesday, May 28, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m.

- **Spring Clean My PC** — Come in and discover tips and tricks to help your computer look and run better. We will discuss cleaning tips for the case, screen and keyboard. You will also learn how to free up space on your hard disk by targeting you unused computer programs and using built-in system maintenance tools. Wednesday, June 4, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m.

- **Smart phone Smarts** — Experiment with us and discover some great tools on your smartphone like texting, a camera, a calendar and maybe some games to help pass the time in

lines or waiting rooms. Wednesday, June 11, at 11 a.m. or Thursday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Did you get your newsletter?

The annual newsletter with budget and summer activity calendars was mailed to every RCS household on May 7. If you did not receive it, you can read it online at www.rcscommunitylibrary.org or pick up a copy at the library.

New audio books

“And the Dark Sacred Night” by Julia Glass
“Apart at the Seams” by Marie Bostwick
“Chestnut Street” by Maeve Binchy
“Unlucky 13” by James Patterson
“The Goldfinch” by Donna Tartt
“The Husband’s Secret” by Liane Moriarty

Author, illustrator speak about book

Local author Richard Maturro will read from his latest novel, “Medea,” at Bethlehem Public Library Sunday, June 8, at 2 p.m. He will be joined by artist Mary Trevor Thomas, whose line drawings and photos illustrate Maturro’s work. Maturro and Thomas will share their views and insights on artistic collaboration.

A native of Rye, New York, Maturro holds a doctorate in English with a specialization in Shakespeare and Greek mythology. His novels cast classical mythology in a modern setting. Maturro has taught literature at UAlbany and lives on an old farm in the foothills of the Berkshires. “Medea” is his sixth novel, preceded by “Perseus” (2010), “Troy” (Walker, 1989), and a trilogy set in Albany’s tri-city area: “Luna,” “Leslie” and “Janie” (Livingston Press, 2006-2012).

Thomas is a South Dakota native and a graduate of Smith College and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Her work has been shown in Boston and Munich. She will soon retire as assistant director of Bethlehem Public Library, where she has worked for 12 years.

A book sale and signing will follow the talk. The program is cosponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Budget thank you

Library staff and trustees extend their



thanks to the Bethlehem community for passing the 2014-15 library budget by a vote of 2,561 to 1,038. We welcome Joyce Becker to her second full term as library trustee.

Construction Storytime and Craft

Friday, June 6, at 10 a.m. Age 3 and up with caregiver.

Lego Club

Friday, June 6, at 4 p.m. We supply the Legos, and you supply the imagination. Try Lego challenges and

build friendships. Kids and families.

Daybooks

Monday, June 9, at 1:30 p.m. “Dreams of My Russian Summers” by Andrei Makine. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

Afterdinner Too

Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. “The Other Typist” by Suzanne Rindell. New members welcome. Copies available at the information desk. Audio copies may also be available.

— Louise Grieco

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Capital District YMCA honors high school students

The Capital District YMCA recently honored 16 local high school students for their outstanding leadership, not only in school but also in their community. Each of these students was recognized at the Y's 17th annual Student and Educator Awards breakfast held at the Appel Inn. Their contributions, spirit and dedication to helping others is truly inspiring.



Bethlehem High School

- Noah Poust has been part of the Boy Scouts for the past seven years and recently received the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, he coordinated a large-scale service project to benefit the Farano Center for Children who have situations that prevent them from living with their own families. Noah also volunteers at the Regional Food Bank.
- Taylor Rohan is a volunteer member of the Town of Bethlehem Youth Court. Taylor participates in two trials per month and has held numerous roles during the trials. He has been assigned the role of judge, prosecuting attorney, jury foreperson, court clerk and victim advocate.
- Emily Stento is a junior counselor at the YMCA's Camp Chingachgok on Lake George and is very involved in her community through her Girl Scout Troop and the St. Thomas Parish. She is also a member of the High School Orchestra.

- Jacob Stryker is involved with the Friendship Circle, where he works one-on-one with children who have autism and other spectrum disorders. He is also very active with Bethlehem Youth Court and is a camp counselor at Camp Givah.
- Gabrielle P. Turi volunteers at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar, works at vacation bible school and cooks meals for the homeless. She also helped raise money for the Bethlehem Food Pantry.
- Annie Burdick is highly involved with the Girl Scouts and was recently a recipient of the Silver Award for her work on the "Birthday Blessings" project for children of St. John/St. Ann's Outreach Center. She is also part of the JumpStart reading program, providing weekly assistance to elementary school children who struggle with reading.
- Guthrie Diamond is actively involved in the 4H Earth Club, conducting experiments such as testing the pH levels in streams and measuring the effects water pollution has on wildlife. She also tutors students in French.
- Siena Marcelle has been a volunteer lacrosse coach for the middle school girls' team for the past year. Siena has traveled on service trips



Local high school students from Bethlehem, Guilderland and Voorheesville are recognized for their outstanding leadership and contributions to their schools and their communities during the Capital District YMCA's annual student-educator awards breakfast at the Appel Inn. Joining them are educator honoree Heather Culnan, Senator Neil Breslin (left), Dr. James Gozzo, President of the Albany College of Pharmacy, Bethlehem YMCA Executive Director Derek Martin, and Guilderland YMCA Executive Director Ryan Venter (right).
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- with her youth group to Harrisburg, Pa., Niagara Falls and Puerto Rico. She also volunteers at an elderly home and works with teens who are in a drug rehabilitation center.
- Gabriela Wemple is involved in Environmental Club, where she makes crafts with the elementary school kids. She is also the Vice-President of her schools S.A.D.D. club and spends her Saturdays with the S.T.E.P program, which is a program that helps promote science and technology to other students. She is also involved in the science and technology entry program at Albany Medical College.
 - Collin Wittmann is co-founder of New York State's first ever Youth United chapter of Habitat

for Humanity. They are working to raise \$50,000 to build a home for a family in need. Collin is also a member of Key Club, a tutor for French and mathematics, a member of Students for Peace and Survival and the student council.

Guilderland High School

- Monica Beach volunteers at the local YMCA and assists with the Autism Swim Clinic and special events such as the Brenda Deer Race, Pinebush Triathlon and Membership Appreciation Picnic.
- Sean Setzen gave school tours to incoming ninth graders, conquered his fear of heights on a zip

line in Costa Rica, helped bring toys to students at a local elementary school and used his Spanish to communicate with the children. Sean also provides religious instruction to elementary school children in Guilderland.

Clayton A. Bouton High School

- Alexandra Cunningham is the President of the Class of 2015, Treasurer of Key Club and helps with local swimming instruction.
- Sarah Murray received a scholarship to go to South Africa last summer to study African wildlife and conservation. She volunteered to collect data in the field, where they would

use the information to develop a better understanding of how to protect the animals and preserve the land.

Isabelle Lombardi, a junior at the Academy of Holy Names, is active in the Diocese of Albany and attended the Christian Leadership Institute to focus on Christian leadership skills. She is also active in figure skating, dance, track and field and cross country.

Heather Culnan is the Assistant Principal at Bethlehem High School and is deeply involved with the YMCA Student Educator Program. She creates programs and effective strategies to assist students, coordinates the ICan Program and Girls Night Out programs.

Town teens available to assist elderly

The Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service is available to assist with housework, yard work, babysitting, animal care, handyman work, etc. Call Y.E.S. at 439-4955, ext. 1608, to arrange a job match.

Shop with us on June 2 at Walmart and Glenmont Plaza. Call 439-5770 to sign up.

The Senior Discussion Group, facilitated by Jane Sanders, will meet on Wednesday, June 4, from

Senior Action

Town of Bethlehem

10:30 a.m. to noon. Join others to talk about current events, human interest stories and reminisces about the past. Call 439-5770 to arrange transportation.

A rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets will be held on

Tuesday, June 3, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Bethlehem Senior Volunteers will assist with pet registrations. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, for more information.

The Friendship Singers will present "Rockin' n' Rollin'," a free spring concert on Saturday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. A voluntary donation to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. will be taken. We will have dinner before the concert at Mangia

in Slingerlands, cost on your own. Suggested van donation: \$5. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to arrange for dinner and transportation to the concert.

Bethlehem Seniors staff members can provide advice on H.E.A.P., which helps individuals on fixed or low incomes with energy related bills, as well as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance, formerly known as food stamps. Call 439-4955, ext. 1174.

Senior Artists League has June show at library

The Town of Guilderland Senior Artists league will be exhibiting their work at the Guilderland Public Library during the month of June. You are cordially invited to the opening reception of the exhibit on Sunday, June 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library located at 2228 Western Ave. Light refreshments will add to the festivity.

Town of Guilderland

SENIOR CALENDAR

11, on your regular "mall" shopping day. Please call Neil at 356-2920 to sign up.

Wednesday, May 28
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones

Special shopping trips planned

Bus trips to the Christmas Tree Shop in Colonie Center are scheduled for the following dates: June 9 and

Thursday, May 29
10 a.m. Log Cabin Lobster Feast trip
10:30 a.m. Movie: "The Butler"

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Summer reading program begins

The Voorheesville Library will once again host a summer reading program. Beginning June 2, you can register online at voorheesvillelibrary.org for our Fizz, Boom, Read program.

We will explore, observe, measure, compare and predict through exciting, engaging and educational programs that complement the STEM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Explore topics ranging from chicken farming to dinosaur digs and Lego building to owl ecology and so much more.

Reading will still be a big part of SRP, and prizes will be awarded for top readers! The library will be the place to be this summer!

Computer care for teens

Learn how to keep your laptop or desktop computer running smoothly. On June 9 at 7 p.m., join IT professional John Love as he walks you through installing updates, scanning for viruses and keeping your data secure.

For children, teens and families

Join us for our annual ice



cream social on Thursday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. We will say good-bye to the school year and say hello to summer with make your own sundaes, generously donated by Stewarts. We will have book lists for summer reading suggestions and you can sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Bring the whole family!

Community service credit for teen volunteers

Students entering grade 7 and up can earn community service credit for assisting with summer programs at the library. Jobs include helping prepare crafts, working with younger kids during programs and some computer tasks.

Fill out a volunteer form (available on the teen page of our website) prior to a mandatory orientation at the library at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 13. Teens should also bring their summer calendars so they know which dates they are available to volunteer. For more information, please contact Debbie Sternklar at

the library, or email teens@voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Movie screening: Art of the Bag

Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on June 11 for a screening of a 2014 Catskill Mountains Film Festival finalist "Art of the Bag: A Speed Bag Story." This feature-length independent documentary follows the history of the speed bag and its ties to the Capital District area. Writer/director Joe Saba is a local filmmaker/photographer/musician and founder of ZazaCast Films. Joe will be attending the screening and available for Q&A after the show. Light refreshments will be served.

June Artist of the Month

The library is proud to welcome artist Rose Lawson, displaying her paint/pen and ink drawings in our hall gallery. Our display case will feature a Hess Truck collection, owned and shared by Joe McDonnell. Please be sure to stop by the library and enjoy these two exhibits! And a big thank you to our May Artist Anthony Giminianni for sharing his beautiful photographs!

Milestones

Friedberg and Davies engaged

Donald and Jo Ann Davies of Feura Bush, New York are happy to announce the engagement of their son Brian Richard, to Amber C. Friedberg, daughter of Peter Friedberg of Stockton, California and Debbie Friedberg of Modesto, California.

The future groom graduated from Rider University of Trenton, New Jersey in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in Marketing & Public Relations. He is employed as an Interior Specialist for the #88 NASCAR Sprint Cup race team of Hendrick Motorsports of Concord, North Carolina.

The future bride is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Management and is currently employed by Lake Norman Infiniti of Cornelius, North Carolina.

A June 2015 wedding is planned and the couple will reside in Concord, North Carolina.



Brian Richard Davies and Amber C. Friedberg

Celebrate Sonny's 80th



Ambrose "Sonny" Alberts

Family members of Ambrose "Sonny" Alberts are hosting an open house birthday party for his 80th. All are welcome. The party will take place Saturday, May 31, from noon to 5 p.m. at Westerlo Town Park. There will be food and music. If you have a story to share, he would love to hear it. Stop by and wish him a happy birthday.

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International art auction

The International Children's Art Auction takes place Thursday, May 29, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

More than 100 pieces of art by children and professional artists from China, India, Russia, Costa Ricas, Belize, Italy, Sweden, Uganda and the United States are up for auction. Sports cards, coins and paper money will be auctioned, as well.

Children from more than eight countries are collaborating and using their talents to help educate impoverished children in Belize and Uganda. These children are part of a local project based at the middle school called "The Global Coalition for Peace, Education and Cultural Awareness."

The project, coordinated by middle school social studies teacher Bill Reilly, creates a small international community of teachers and students who communicate, educate and collaborate to make the world a better place. Each year, the children send their art to be sold at the auction. Over the years, the proceeds have helped to build schools in Belize, Zimbabwe and Uganda.

This year, half of the proceeds will fund high school tuition for students in Belize through Albany-based non-profit World's Window, Inc. The other half will fund solar panels for the Busoga school in Uganda through Saratoga-based, The Giving Circle Inc.

The admission cost is \$2.

Bethlehem Tennis Play Day

Bethlehem Tennis Play Day takes place Saturday, May 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Elm Avenue Park tennis courts in Delmar.

Tennis Play Day is open to children ages 5 to 10, and participants will play fun games, various challenges for prizes, short continuous matches and enjoy refreshments. Participants are asked to bring their own racquets, but some loaners will be available.

The Bethlehem Tennis Play Day is organized by the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department and is part of



A reminder about boater safety

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, right, announced Wednesday, May 21, at the Coeyman Landing Marina that the sheriff's Marine Patrol and Saratoga Eagle are teaming up for Safe Boating and Boating While Intoxicated initiatives. The sheriffs department and Saratoga Eagle will provide kits to help educate boaters about safety procedures on the water. Chief Deputy Kerry Thompson, third from right, added that the Marine Patrol will be teaming up with local police agencies along the river communities, including the Coeymans Police Department, during special events held along the banks. Joining Apple at the press conference was, from left, John Rogan, Vice President of Saratoga Eagle; Deputy Sheriff James Waldo; First Sergeant Martin Zaloga; Thompson; and Coeymans Police Chief Gregory Darlington.

Submitted photo

the Capital District Tennis Play Day series. The event is made possible by a grant from the United States Tennis Association.

For information about other Tennis Play Day events and locations, visit www.youthtennis.com.

Thacher Park hosts native plant sale

The Thacher Nature Center will hold its annual native plant sale Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Thacher Park's Overlook parking lot.

More than 25 varieties of "easy care" perennials and shrubs will be available. All are species that require minimal care once established. The selection will include hardy plants adapted to light conditions from sun to shade, moisture conditions from wet to dry and a variety of soil types. Staff will be on hand to help select the right plants and shrubs for your garden.

The native plant sale is sponsored by the Friends of Thacher Park. For more information, call Thacher Nature Center at 872-0800.

Wellness Center presents movie

"Symphony of the Soil" will be shown Thursday, June 5, at 7 p.m. at the Delmar Wellness Center, 323 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

"Symphony of the Soil" is a documentary that explores the complexity and mystery of soil. Filmed on four continents, it features some of the world's most highly regarded scientists, farmers and activists talking about the state of the world's soil and what it means for the future.

The movie is free. Space is limited, so reservations are required. Please bring a healthy snack or beverage to share.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 439-5077.

Garden Club slates tour

The Bethlehem Garden Club invites the public to attend its annual Garden Tour Wednesday, June 11, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Several local gardens will be featured on the tour, including the organic garden at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

The other five gardens will be at private residences.

The tour is held rain or shine, and tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the tour. Proceeds will be reinvested in the Bethlehem community through the many gardens the club maintains, tree plantings and other initiatives.

Tickets may be ordered by calling 439-6833 or emailing BGC.GardenTours@hotmail.com.

The Garden Club will also hold its annual plant sale on June 11 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Delmar Presbyterian Church on the corner of Delaware and Cherry avenues. Many of the plants have been grown in members' gardens, and they come with recommendations as to where they should be grown. Proceeds from the plant sale go to fund education grants.

For more information, visit BethlehemGardenClubNY.org.

Riding center seeks volunteers

The Albany Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. is looking for volunteers to join its team. The center serves

cognitively and physically challenged individuals using horseback riding as therapy. Training is provided for all volunteers.

For more information, call 355-8650 or email clmasullo@nycap.rr.com.

Golf tourney raises \$30K for charity

The Capital Financial Planning Charitable Foundation held its fifth annual golf tournament and dinner party Monday, May 19, at the Albany Country Club in Guilderland.

More than \$30,000 was raised for the foundation. A check for \$10,000 was presented to Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in honor of Mark Neary, father of Senior Vice President Adam Neary, who received life-changing services at the hospital following a stroke.

The Capital Financial Planning Charitable Foundation supports matching gifts made by financial advisors and associates within its eight-state network, as well as donates to a wide range of not-for-profit organizations throughout the year.

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Submissions are subject to approval and may take up to 24 hours to be approved.

* News briefs for our community page must be sent via email to news@spotlightnews.com and may not appear online.

Friendship Singers show Saturday

The annual Friendship Singers spring concert takes place Saturday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The women's song and dance group will present a program of familiar and popular show tunes, as well as upbeat numbers from the Elvis Presley era.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 439-5224.

BCMS hosts tech camp

Hudson Valley Community College is offering its Technology Enrichment Program at Bethlehem Central Middle School this summer for students entering grades five through eight.

The program takes place the week of July 7-11. Sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and helps students discover and grow their interests in science and technology through hands-on, interactive learning. Topics include microscopic observation, product design, rocketry and sports science.

Bethlehem Central School District science and technology teachers are the course instructors, including Andrew Cancio, Timothy Connelly, Todd Tyler and Cheri White.

The cost for the camp is \$255. For more information, call HVCC's Office of Community and Professional Education at 629-7339 or visit www.hvcc.edu/kidscamps.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of 1ST Street 571, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 21, 2002, 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#45332

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Notice of Formation 240 RIVERSIDE AD. LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/20/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#48480

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LEGAL NOTICE

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69 St. Marks Place LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/09/14. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Robinson Brog, et al., Attn: Leonard B. Nathanson, Esq., 875 Third Ave., 9th Fl., New York, NY 10022. Purpose: General. Ad#44581

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing as part of its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, 06/03/2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY regarding a Site Plan / Special Use Permit Application, submitted by Claudia Dean and Mark Haskins to establish an Accessory Apartment at 7 Maple Avenue, Slingerlands. Documentation related to the application can be viewed in the Planning Dept. at Town Hall, M-F, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Notice of Public Hearing was mailed to property owners within 200' of the subject property. Said notice will also be published in the 05/28/2014 issue of the Spotlight Newspaper. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Ad#48624

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of ABLE ACQUISITIONS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/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: 1280 Montauk Hwy., Mastic, NY 11950. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45638

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Action for a Divorce Supreme Court State of New York

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County of Rensselaer Plaintiff: Cynthia M. Robinson Defendant: John W. Robinson Summons Index No: 245681 Date Filed: 1/17/2014 To the above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the date of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Ad#46832

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Advantafirst Capital Financial Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/5/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/1/07. 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 Street, Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#47491

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Notice of Formation of All Out Freestyle LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/17/14. 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 255 Patroon Creek Blvd., Apt. 4476, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#46819

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AMERICAN REALTY 50 TO 51 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/30/14. 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#46825

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of AMVIRK HOLDINGS 1 LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/16/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 124 W. 93 St. # 9B, NY, NY 10025. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45663

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of AMVIRK MANAGEMENT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/16/14.

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Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 124 W. 93 St. # 9B, NY, NY 10025. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45665

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of APPLICATIONFORM-FILLING LLC. Art. of Org. filedw/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/27/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 420 Second Ave., Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45648

LEGAL NOTICE

AR-RAFAI (USA) Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/03/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Sheikh & Company Muhammad Padela, 25 New Bridge Rd., Hicksville, NY 11801. General Purposes. Ad#44620

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ARM CATALPA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/23/14. 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#46028

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Arnold Sales Company, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/23/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/19/99. 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 Street, Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#46030

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ASCEND GROUP COVERAGE, 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 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#45318

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ASJO Properties, L.L.C. (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 23, 2013. New York office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is 47 Fiddlers Lane, Latham, New York 12110. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. Ad#45320

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AT Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/15/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1485 5th Ave., Apt. 11D, NY, NY 10035. General Purposes. Ad#48621

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BARWON 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#44572

LEGAL NOTICE

BAY CONSTRUCTION AND ELECTRIC LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/5/2013. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 129 Sheridan Ave., Albany, NY 12210, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#45480

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BECKER CONSULTING GROUP LLC. Authority filed with Sec.of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 5/5/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in DE on 09/30/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC., 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 S. Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Sec.of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#46920

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BURGER HEIGHTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/2/14. 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#47246

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Castle Barbershop, LLC. Arts. Of Org filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on 4/24/2014. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Castle Barbershop LLC., 24 Kimberly Street, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#46999

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Chubb Engineering, L.L.C., Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/10/13. Office location: Labette County, Kansas. SSNY designated as agent of L.L.C. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 210 S. 18th, Parsons, KS 67357. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#46198

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of CLIENT CENTERED SOLUTIONS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/7/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 13 Maryea Ln., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45634

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of FormationJ. Collorafi & Sons, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/2/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 3311 Delaware Turnpike, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#47226

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CROSSMARK CONSUMER ENGAGEMENTS, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/16/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/30/13. 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., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#45470

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of D.S. FOURTEENTH AVENUE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/7/14. 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#48648

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DANIELLE GADI PR, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/18/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#45319

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of DREAM REFINERY LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/11/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 2454 Webb Ave. #2C, Bronx, NY 10468. Purpose: Anylawful activity. Ad#45659

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation-DRKR LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/28/2014 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#46036

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Elizabeth Bragg LMT PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/14/2014. Off.

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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#45221

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Notice of Formation of Exotic Car Export LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 5/15/14. 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 745 Albany Shaker Rd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#48443

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Fulton Newsstands LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/28/2014 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#46041

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 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

Notice of Formation of Gutches East LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/15/14. 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., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#48273

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation HAC Holding, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/29/2014 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#46315

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Hanley Media Lab LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 4/23/14. Office location: Albany

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County. SSNY designat- ed as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro- cess to 595 New Loudon Rd #278, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. Ad#48392

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANI- ZATION OF HB OF LATH- AM, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Li- ability Company Law- FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is HB OF LATHAM, 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 li- ability company upon whom process against it may be served. The ad- dress within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any pro- cess against the limited liability company served upon him or her is:HB OF LATHAM, LLCc/o DAVID R. GREEN, ES- Q.P.O. BOX 11177LOUDONVILLE, NEW YORK 12211- FOURTH: Purpose of company. The purpose for which the company is formed is to engage in any lawful acts or activi- ties for which limited li- ability companies may be formed under Section 203 of the limited Li- ability Company Law of the State of New York.SUB- SCRIBED this 12th day of May, 2014. David R. Green, Organizer Ad#48044

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Healthy Minds, Physi- cian, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/13/2014. Off. Loc.: Al- bany Cnty. SSNY desig- nated 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#48019

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: HIGH GROUND RISK MAN- AGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of the State of New York (SSNY) on 4/15/14. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent to the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the pro- cess to the LLC, 150 Knox Street, Albany, NY 12208. For any lawful purpose. Ad#46997

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Hoffman Brothers Realty LLC. Articles of Organi- zation filed with Secre- tary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/05/2014. Office loca- tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro- cess to: Hoffman Broth- ers Realty LLC, c/o Tab- ner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP, 18 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Suite 8, Albany, New York 12211. Purpose: to en- gage in any lawful act or activity for which a limi- ted liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Li- ability Company Law. Ad#47576

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF IPHONE DROID RE- PAIR LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/18/14.

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Office location: Albany County. SSNY designat- ed 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 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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JF Zheng Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/8/14. 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 Sys- tem, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the regis- tered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful ac- tivity. Ad#47581

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF JOHN RENZO LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/6/14. Office loca- tion: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of pro- cess. 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 of JRH PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/9/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom pro- cess against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#48658

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JTM Capital Properties LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secre- tary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/7/14. 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, 425 Delaware Ave, Delmar, New York 12054. Pur- pose: For any lawful pur- pose. Ad#47261

LEGAL NOTICE

K.A.I. Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/08/14. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 129 9th St., Staten Is- land, NY 10306. General Purposes. Ad#48622

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 pro- cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Northwest Reg. Agt., 90 State St., Ste. 700, Al-

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bany, NY 12207. Pur- pose: any lawful activi- ties. Ad# 45671

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation LCDJ LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/25/2014 Off. Loc.: Al- bany Cnty. SSNY desig- nated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc- umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad#46042

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation- LeaderLife Fitness LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/5/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc- umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad#47228

LEGAL NOTICE

Lee Pietrocola LLC Arts of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/14. Office in Al- bany Co. SSNY desig- nated of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to P.O. Box 10873, Albany, NY 12201 Ad#45801

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Liquor Intelligence LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/12/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc- umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad#47721

LEGAL NOTICE

Ma Lumiere, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/16/13. Off. Loc.: New York Co. SSNY de- sig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Bernard Figueroa, 511 3rd Ave., Asbury Park, NJ 07712. General Purposes. Ad#48619

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC): Magnolia Home Improvement Company LLC, 90 State Street #700 Albany NY 12207, in Albany County, filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 14, 2014. SSNY is designat- ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy process to the LLC at P.O. Box 12691 Albany, NY 12212. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#48279

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Manhattan Hathor, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/6/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207, the registered agent upon whom pro- cess may be served. Purpose: any lawful ac- tivity. Ad#47499

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MB10 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/7/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process

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to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same ad- dress. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad#48662

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation MD RE Holdings, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/4/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY des- igned as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 125 Pecksland Road, Greenwich, CT 06831. Purpose: all lawful activi- ties. Ad#46034

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MIH CONSULTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/16/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom pro- cess against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#48640

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Millennium Laboratories, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/25/14. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 4/11/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom pro- cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Ser- vices, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. CA address of LLC: 455 Capitol Mall Complex, Ste. 217, Sacramento, CA 95814. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#46306

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LI- ABILITY COMPANY (LLC).Name: MJBK LLC. Articles of Organi- zation filed with NY Sec- retary of State, April 30, 2014. Purpose: to en- gage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for pro- cess against LLC and shall mail copy to Kate Novitsky, 42 Whipple Way, Altamont, NY 12009. Ad#47590

LEGAL NOTICE

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 pro- cess against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#44478

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation MOJO Health and Well- ness, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/12/2014 Off. Loc.: Al- bany Cnty. SSNY desig- nated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc- umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad#47720

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 pro- cess may be served. SSNY shall mail process

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to: The LLC, 3049 Ocean Pkwy, Ste 303, Brook- lyn, 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 pro- cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Al- bany, NY 12207. Pur- pose: any lawful activity. Ad#45322

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Otsego Holdings, LLC. Fictitious name in NY State: Otsego NY Hold- ings, 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 desig- nated 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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation- Parkville Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/28/2014 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY des- igned as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc- umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad#46037

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PCH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/9/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same ad- dress. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad#48654

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: PHOENIX LAND GROUP LLC. Articles of Organi- zation were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/15/14. Office Loca- tion: Albany County. SSNY has been desig- nated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 65 Queen Anne Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#46255

LEGAL NOTICE

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 OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Pryde Rock Properties III, LLC (LLC). Articles of Orga- nization filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/29/14. Office location: Albany County. NY Sec- retary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of pro- cess. SOS shall mail copy of process to 11 Rosemont Street, Al- bany, NY 12203. Pur- pose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#46214

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Renatus Portfolio Com- pany LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/15/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom pro- cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o United Corporate Services, Inc., 10 Bank St., Ste. 560, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: any lawful ac- tivity. Ad#42875

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ROKKO INTERNA- TIONAL LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/6/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY desig- nated 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 ROLEVATE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/24/2014 Off. Loc.: Al- bany Cnty. SSNY desig- nated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Acc- umera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all law- ful activities. Ad#46044

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ROYAL DIVISION EN- TERTAINMENT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/13. Office loca- tion: Albany County.SS- NY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 38202, Al- bany, NY 12203. Pur- pose: Any lawful activity. Ad#45632

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is here- by given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Del- mar, NewYork, to take action on an application by Ray Signs represent- ing Bethlehem Town Center II, 241 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York for an area variance(s) under Article VI, Section 128-59, J, Signs in

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The name of the limited liability company is Tiffany & Lam Enterpris- es LLC.The Articles of Organization of LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on October 3, 2012. The office of the LLC is in Albany county

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addressed — mostly about traffic.

Supervisor John Clarkson said he did not believe the IDA's mission statement fit with the project.

“It states specifically, the agency’s mission is to assist the town implementing non-residential development components of the (Comprehensive) Plan, by actively promoting, attracting, obtaining, developing, high quality jobs and capital investment in the town,” read Clarkson.

Joseph Scott, bond counsel for both the town and BIDA, was asked if other IDAs across the state have approved similar projects. Scott said residential developments have been given exemptions, but it usually happens in places like inner cities where a need has been determined.

BIDA members asked Economic Development Coordinator and Senior Planner Elizabeth Staubach if there was a specific need in the town for senior housing. Staubach said no, and there were multiple senior housing projects already in the pipeline.

Ultimately, no one on

the Bethlehem IDA forwarded the motion to approve abatements for the project and they were not granted.

Webcasting to continue

Also at the Friday meeting, BIDA members voted to continue webcasting the meeting through the Town of Bethlehem’s Meeting Portal on its website.

Some members said they believed discussions were not as open as before the meetings were webcast, while others thought participation had dropped because residents no longer had to attend the meetings.

Clarkson said Jeff Dammeyer, the town’s director of management of information services, is working with the company who hosts the website to eventually get the number of viewers for past webcasting.

The IDA eventually opted to continue webcasting for the sake of transparency but is seeking feedback from residents about whether or not the videos are useful. Members also want to work on better community outreach in the future.

Archive

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the publications, digitized them and turned them into microfilm copies. They were then uploaded to the Internet to create a digital database.

For years, the library kept copies of the paper and bound them by year. Library volunteers also began clipping certain articles and obituaries to keep an index. Kirkpatrick said eventually they had so many clippings, it became unworkable. Another problem the library faced was residents cutting out articles or pictures from the bound copies that were meant to be preserved for public record.

In order to compete the digitization, a copy of each edition had to be unbound and scanned. Some issues

were also out of order, and archivists worked to put them back in place.

Nearly every edition of The Spotlight through 2005 can now be viewed by visiting the library’s website. The newspaper will continue to work with the library so digital copies of up-to-date issues can be added in the near future.

“We felt this was an important initiative to not only help preserve the history of Spotlight Newspapers, but the greater community as well, for years to come,” said Spotlight Publisher John McIntyre.

The first four editions of the paper are missing, as well as all of 1957. If any members of the community have any of the missing editions and would like to donate them, they can be brought to the Bethlehem Public Library.

G’land

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“I don’t think my neighbors are mad at me, but I think they would be in that case,” he said. “That never crossed my mind.”

Several neighbors had spoken out against the request, fearing negatives outcomes could result. Residents not in Owen’s neighbor had expressed support for his request and chickens being allowed in residential neighborhoods townwide.

Zoning Board Chairman Peter Barber previously recused himself from discussions and casting a vote on the application because he lives in Owen’s

neighborhood. This left Owen needing three of the four remaining members to vote in favor.

Owen’s application had been scheduled for the May 21 meeting because the remaining board members said they would be able to attend, but one member, Sharon Cupoli, was absent on the day of the vote.

Spotlight News was not able to find out why she wasn’t at the meeting. Board member Thomas Remmert, who acted as chairman for the application, said after the meeting he was not aware Cupoli would be absent. Barber, near the end of the meeting, indicated he also was surprised Cupoli was absent.

Board member Sindi

For the past 14 years, the library has wanted to get the project under way, but they lacked the funding. The project was able to move forward because of donations made last year.

Kirkpatrick said a similar initiative, called the New York State Newspaper Project, was undertaken by the state from 1987 to 2007 to preserve larger, daily papers. However, the small, community papers were ignored.

The money is being provided by donations from the estates of two local residents and money given to the library by a defunct acting troupe in the town. A matching grant of \$12,000 was then provided by the town’s Friends of the Library Association.

With the digitized copies uploaded, Kirkpatrick said the library will now work

to better focus the system’s searchable function so residents can look for certain names or events throughout the entire archive. The library will also keep microfilm copies on hand, while another copy will be sent to the NYS Library to be archived with the rest of the NYS Newspaper Project.

Kirkpatrick said there are lots of ways the archive can be useful. Some students need primary sources for school projects, while other people may want to do genealogy research or look up past town business.

“We’re incredibly excited about this project,” said Kirkpatrick. “This is one of those things that no one else in the world is going to do but the local library, and we take our part in curating local history very seriously.”



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Beverwyck residents donate scholarships

For the past 10 years, the residents of Beverwyck in Slingerlands have come together to donate money from their savings to a scholarship fund for local students who are also employees in the retirement community's dining facility.

Over the years, thousands of dollars have been raised helping to pay for the higher education of dozens of local students. This year, 12 students were selected, the most in the scholarship's history. Each student will receive \$5,000 to be split evenly throughout their years in college or a trade school,

be it two or four years. The awards were presented to students on Wednesday, May 21, in front of their parents and Beverwyck residents.

The award recipients include: Bethlehem High School; Tristan Canova, Trevis Lipnicky, Emily Welter and Samantha Woolford; Guilderland High School: Morgan Bourque, Emily Harding, Ian Kelly and Kylee Nicklas; Academy of Holy Names: Kathleen Smith; Stillwater High School: Connor Bryant; Schuylerville High School: Kyle Trimboli; Lady of Lourdes in Poughkeepsie: Sarah Wilamowski.



Awards were presented to the recipients of The Beverwyck's scholarship fund on Wednesday, May 21.

Marcy Velte/
Spotlight

Beltrone class keeps seniors cruising

A local senior center is hosting a driver safety fair with seminars and advice on the best vehicles and techniques to keep seniors safe.

The fair, titled "Keep on Cruising, The Secrets to Driving Safer, Longer," will be at the Beltrone Living Center to give seniors the tools they need to stay on the road on Wednesday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We have been in the driver safety business for four or five years. We created driver fitness centers. This came

with the recognition that older drivers and families come to a difficult time where they have to decide if they can keep driving or need to look for other modes of transportation," said Ed Neary, executive director at the Beltrone Living Center.

As seniors age, things such as their sight, decreased mobility and medications can make it unsafe for them to be on the road.

"If it's not the right thing to keep them on the road, we help them to see

what other options they have. Family is quick to volunteer, but follow through can be difficult. ... This is just another way to get the message out and encourage older drivers that there are solutions out there to help them maintain their independence," said Neary.

Fair organizers are bringing in Roger Dames, a former police officer who has also instructed driver safety classes for AAA.

Another item that will be discussed at the fair

is the Yellow Dot Kit, which is promoted by the Albany County Sheriff's Department and helps first responders provide aid effectively in the event of an accident. First responders will see a yellow dot on the windshield or door and know they can go to the glove box and see what medications or health issues the driver may have.

"The info is kept in the glove box, so first responders can go to the glove box to get them the right information as quickly as possible.

Time is very important obviously," Neary added.

The driver fitness centers are located at numerous local senior living centers and offer a variety of information for seniors and their families.

"People don't want to give up their keys because that's how they get around, and we want to tell them all about the different ways to get where they need to go. The idea is to keep em' cruising and keep em' safe," said Neary.

— Billy DeLap

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Taco Bell seeks OK for Glenmont site

Developers get the go-ahead from ZBA but must return before Planning Board

By MARCY VELTE
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Developers of a proposed Taco Bell in Glenmont received variances for parking and facade signs from the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals, but the proposal still needs Planning Board approval, which hinges on whether or not a direct access point is necessary.

The project is being developed by Hospitality Syracuse Inc., for the Bethlehem Town Center shopping plaza at 241 Route 9W. The project calls for the construction of a 2,595-square-foot restaurant with drive-thru, and will be placed near the current Panera Bread.

Final variance approval was granted on Wednesday, May 21. The continued public hearing was the same night, with

no one speaking for or against the project. One neighbor at a previous meeting had expressed concerns about traffic.

“I’m inclined to grant both variances for the following reasons: With respect to the sign variance, they did ask for three sides instead of four, which I thought was a reasonable compromise,” said Chairman Steve Coffey. “With respect to the parking, I’m very aware of the site ... and I agree with the parking study. That parking lot is underused.”

Other board members agreed the parking lot was underutilized and that the three signs were needed to attract business from the road and within plaza.

The parking variance was being sought because construction of the building will remove 25 parking spaces, which will not be replaced. The developers said parking should not be an issue because “approximately 70 percent of the proposed customers are

said to use the drive-thru.”

The building is being proposed for that space because of its location to other fast-food restaurants and because developers believe the parking area to be “underutilized.”

A new, freestanding sign is not being proposed in order to go through the process with the least amount of variances needed. Instead, the restaurant would look like the Wendy’s across the plaza, with signs on all three facades of the building.

The same project is also now before the town’s Planning Board. The initial presentation on the site plan was presented on Tuesday, May 20.

The town’s Planning Department recommended more pedestrian connectivity on the site to other locations in the plaza. Developers said they were willing to install sidewalks, but needed to have further

conversations with the landlord and owners.

Planning staff also had concerns about the right-in access point that was being proposed for the site. Developers argued the right-in access was key to the project to keep traffic flowing and to attract more customers. The proposal could possibly be pulled if the access point was removed because a large number of customers are “pass-by trips,” not people intending to go to Taco Bell.

“I’m not convinced that separate driveway is a good thing,” said Chairman John Smolinsky. “You told us there’s no stop signs on it, and that’s a good thing for you but a bad thing for through traffic. People will use it to get to Panera Bread and speeding through that aisle way.”

Planning Board members asked developers to return with another site plan that uses the existing driveway.

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Lennon

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team was clear: don't forget what happened one month earlier when Shaker rallied for a 12-11 overtime win against the Lady Dutch.

"Just stay composed. We were down two goals with 40 seconds left in the second half in that game, and we came back and won," said DePaula-Lynch.

Slowly but surely, Shaker clawed its way back into the game. Maeve Lennon got the Blue Bison on the board with 15:18 left in the first half, and Carlie Maxwell tallied slightly more than four minutes later to close the gap to 3-2.

Shaker goaltender Julia Maloney made a big save on Hardt's point-blank shot with less than five minutes left in the first half to keep it a one-goal game. Hardt, though, got her revenge two minutes later when she stormed in front of the goal and stuffed a shot past Maloney for a 4-2 Guilderland advantage.

Julia Lennon – who had been rendered silent by Guilderland's defense through the first 23:30 – brought Shaker back before halftime. Dodging between three Lady Dutch defenders, Lennon fired the ball past goaltender Kaitlyn Hess to trim Guilderland's lead to 4-3.



Guilderland's Morgan Hardt, red top, reacts after Shaker goaltender Julia Maloney, left, makes the save during the Section II Class A final Wednesday, May 21.

Gabrielle Dungan/Special to the Spotlight

That was only the beginning from the elder Lennon. She got her second goal 2:03 into the second half to tie the score at 4-4. Later with Guilderland leading 7-6, she fired a shot over a Lady Dutch defender's stick and Hess' left shoulder to knot the score again.

Shaker also received second half contributions from unlikely sources. Junior Darby King put the Blue Bison ahead 5-4 with her third goal of the season, and Kailey Dodd

assisted on Lennon's third goal of the night for her 20th point of 2014.

"She's been waiting to peak all year, and when it mattered the most she came through," DePaula-Lynch said of King.

Maloney and Shaker's defense kept Hardt off the scoreboard in the second half, but other Guilderland players stepped up. Shannon Mackesey and Rebecca Golderman tallied in a 2:01 time span to put the Lady Dutch

ahead 6-5, and Mackesey scored 91 seconds after Shaker's Kailyn Hart knotted the score at 6-6 to give Guilderland another one-goal cushion.

Ultimately, though, it was Julia Lennon who had the final say as her fourth goal of the night sent Shaker into the regionals Wednesday, May 28, in Kingston against the Section IX champion.

"It feels really great to get the game winner," said Lennon.

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Bickmore placed third after he cleared 5 feet, 10 inches.

Bethlehem's Steve Booker finished second in two events. Booker was leading the 1,600-meter race on the final lap when Saratoga's Joe Verro passed him to claim the title with a time of 4:21.55. Booker finished with a time of 4:22.05.

Another Saratoga runner defeated Booker in the 3,200-meter race, as Aidan Tooker finished first with a time of 9:23.00. Booker was second with a time of 9:28.95, and Guilderland's Noah Carey placed third with a time of 9:29.61.

Tooker later claimed the 3,000-meter steeplechase title with a time of 9:34.76. Bethlehem's Noah Bell was second with a time of 9:47.34.

The 400-meter intermediate hurdles produced a photo finish as Saratoga's Corey Briggs edged Bethlehem's Conor Kimmey at the finish line. Briggs won with a time of 56.90 seconds, while Kimmey finished second with a time of 56.98 seconds.

Other second-place finishes for Bethlehem included Luke Dutcher in the pole vault and the Eagles' 3,200-meter relay team.

On the girls' side, Guilderland placed fourth in the team standings with

38.5 points, and Bethlehem finished ninth with 19 points. Shenendehowa defeated Saratoga 160-153 for the Group 1 championship.

Guilderland and Bethlehem each produced one Sectional champion. Guilderland's 3,200-meter relay team of Sarah Forman, Jennifer Hoffman, Jenna Robinson and Emily Burns won with a time of 9:22.32, and Bethlehem's Grace Smith claimed the high jump title by clearing the bar at 5 feet, 5 inches.

At the Group 3 cham-

pionships Thursday, May 22, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk placed in the boys team standings with 55.25 points and eighth in the girls team standings with 28.5 points.

Craig Brozowski led the Indians with a victory in the boys pole vault after he cleared the bar at 12 feet. Angel Colon (3,000-meter steeplechase), Carlos Rueter (800-meter run) and Kevin O'Connell (shot put) had third-place performances, as did Ravena's three boys relay teams.



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Neighbors battle in quarterfinal

No.4 Guilderland was scheduled to host No. 5 Bethlehem in the Section II Class AA softball quarterfinals Friday, May 23. The Lady Dutch were looking to defeat the Lady Eagles in Sectionals for the second year in a row. Last year, Guilderland accomplished the feat in the Sectional final. The game was played after deadline, so see www.spotlightnews.com for results.



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Do you think the New York state Legislature should approve mixed martial arts as a sport?

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Who is the best playmaker in Suburban Council boys lacrosse?

- Brad Bettinger (Bethlehem)
- Michael D'Amario (Nisky)
- Peter Herrick (Columbia)
- Liam King (Shaker)
- Kyle Marr (Shen)

Lennon's heroics lift Bison

Senior scores game winner in final minute to defeat Guilderland

By ROB JONAS
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Julia Lennon saw a small opening, and she took advantage of it.

The senior scored the game winning goal with two defenders in her face to lift Shaker to an 8-7 victory over Guilderland in the Section II Class A girls lacrosse final Wednesday, May 21, at the University at Albany.

FINAL SCORE

- Shaker Blue Bison, 8
- Guilderland Lady Dutch, 7

Lennon's shot went around the two Guilderland defenders and tucked inside the post with 50.7 seconds left to give Shaker (16-0) its second Sectional title in the last three years.

"I just saw the opening really fast, and I had to release it very quickly to catch the goalie off guard," said Lennon.

"She's really good. That's all there is to it. She's just that good," said Shaker coach Kara DePaula-Lynch.

Guilderland (14-5) did everything in its power to stop Lennon, who entered the game with 83 goals on the season. But despite being double teamed on a regular basis, Lennon still scored four goals.



Guilderland's Shannon Mackesey, right, charges past a Shaker defender during the Section II Class A championship game Wednesday, May 21, at the University at Albany. Gabrielle Dungan/Special to the Spotlight

"Their defense played very well in this game," said Lennon. "We just figured out we had to spread it out and pass the ball around, and the openings would come."

"She usually scores six to eight goals a game. She didn't today," said Guilderland coach Carrie Britt. "We played very well, considering we were on

defense most of the game."

The first five minutes of last Wednesday's final was similar to last year's Class A championship game between the two Suburban Council powers in that Guilderland took advantage of a yellow card penalty to strike for two goals. Cara Quimby got the first one 40 seconds after Sarah Cheney was sent off, and

Katie Becker tallied the second one 40 seconds after Quimby's goal to put the Lady Dutch ahead 2-0.

DePaula-Lynch called a time out with 19:12 left in the first half following a Morgan Hardt goal to give Guilderland a 3-0 cushion. The message she gave her

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BC boys take second at Sectionals



Greenberg, Martens lead the Eagles at Group 1 meet

By SPORTS STAFF
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The Bethlehem boys track and field team placed second to Saratoga Springs at the Section II Group 1 Championships Tuesday, May 20, at the University at Albany.

The Eagles finished with 96 points, 40 points behind the Blue Streaks. Guilderland finished eighth with 25 points.

Brian Greenberg was Bethlehem's top individual performer. Greenberg won the long jump with a distance of 21 feet, 1.75 inches, and he was second to Shaker's Ronel Forde in the triple jump with a distance of 44 feet, 9 inches. Forde earned the Sectional title with a distance of 45 feet, 11.25 inches.

Liam Martens also won an individual event for the Eagles. The senior claimed the high jump by clearing the bar at 6 feet. Guilderland's Harrison

Bethlehem's Conor Kimmey, right, battles Saratoga's Corey Briggs in the boys 400-meter hurdles at the Section II Group 1 Championships Tuesday, May 20, at the University at Albany. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

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Pick of the week



Wildlife fest in Wilton

Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park will be hosting a Wildlife Festival at Historic Camp Saratoga on Scout Road in Gansevoort from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Enjoy presentations with live hawks and owls, Karner blue butterfly walks, live reptile and amphibian displays, and pond exploration with dip nets. The event will also feature crafts and hands-on fun. Activities will take place throughout Camp Saratoga to encourage people to get out and explore the trail system.

Events are free to the public. For more information, call the Preserve & Park office at 450-0321 or visit the website at www.wiltonpreserve.org.



Coming attractions

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

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Albany women host talk at Bethlehem Public Library discussing the existence of extraterrestrials

Seeking answers

IF YOU GO

- **What:** The Presence of Extraterrestrial Life: We Are Not Alone
- **When:** Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar
- **How much:** Free

By DANIA BIANCHI
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Seventeen years ago, when thousands of people reported seeing strange lights in the sky spanning the size of a football field over Phoenix, Ariz., the U.S. Air Force concluded the lights were from A-10 aircraft dropping flares over a military bombing range. Some however, didn't buy it.

Albany therapists Marilyn Gewacke and Diane Saunders, are among that group, and they are ready to present their findings about the presence of unidentified flying objects and about some of the sightings in the Albany area. Their free talk will take place at the Bethlehem Library on Wednesday, June 4.

It was with some skepticism that Gewacke and Saunders went on their first expedition in search of extraterrestrial beings in the Outer Banks of North Carolina five years ago, but it didn't take much to change their minds.

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Diane Saunders (left) and Marilyn Gewacke (right) discuss the Disclosure Project at a recent library talk.

Photo submitted

On the lawn of history

Schoolcraft House
Lawn Fest offers look
into town's past,
fun activities

By JOHN PURCELL
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About 170 years ago John Schoolcraft built his grandiose home in what was known at the time as the hamlet of Guilderland. After suffering years of degradation, a local group is returning the home to its original grandeur.

"We've been trying to restore this house for ages and it is just coming to fruition," Guilderland Town Historian Alice Begley said.

The Friends of the Schoolcraft Cultural Center will feature the historic home located at 2299 Western Ave. during the Schoolcraft House Lawn Fest on Saturday, June 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be house tours offered at noon and 2 p.m.

There will be several items for sale including books, antiques, plants and flower bouquets and Christmas decorations. Light refreshments will be served and Stewart's ice cream will be for sale. There also will be a 50/50 raffle.

"We are going to have two fiddlers that will give a little atmosphere. ... They are wonderful," Begley said.

The Schoolcraft House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its architectural significance featuring gothic styled ornamentation. The

☐ **Lawn** Page B3

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Schoolcraft House Lawn Fest
- **When:** Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m.-3p.m.
- **Where:** 2299 Western Ave., Guilderland
- **How much:** Free
- **Info:** 456-3032



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Answers

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“It was absolutely amazing. We were blown away,” Gewacke said. “We learned how to use the CE-5 protocols to make conscious contact with extraterrestrials and had the opportunity to see many craft.”

Both women left that day believers.

The expedition was part of the Disclosure Project by Ufologist Steven Greer. A medical doctor, Greer began the research project to disclose the facts about UFOs, extraterrestrial intelligence and classified advanced energy and propulsion systems.

“We began to work with Steven Greer in 2009, and that’s when we began to find out about the wealth of info about the disclosure,” Gewacke said. “We have learned info from him about the truth of this phenomenon and how is it going to change.”

Greer believes extraterrestrial civilizations are on Earth to help advance civilization, but the government has covered it up out of a fear

“People come from all around the Northeast, including people from all walks of life - lawyers, scientists, doctors, farmers, policemen, firemen, nurses and many others ranging in age from 18 to 80.”

- Dr. Marilyn Gewacke

of unwanted technological advances.

“As with all transitions, this can create fear and confusion, and so we in the disclosure movement hope to dispel this fear by presenting both an understanding of the historical cover up of this, especially in the ’40s and ’50s, and the truth about contact and the resulting knowledge,” Gewacke said.

The women have continued to go on the expeditions and eventually established a contact group in the Albany area.

“People come from all around the Northeast, including people from all walks of life — lawyers, scientists, doctors, farmers, policemen, firemen, nurses and many others ranging in age from 18 to 80,” Gewacke said. “We meet monthly and go out at night, often in an open field in the country away from light

pollution and do our protocols.”

Gewacke said she and Saunders will talk more about the protocols used at the expeditions at the library.

“This has been most life changing for both Diane and I and everyone in our group. There are many such contact groups throughout the world now,” she said.

James Landoli, a group member from Westchester, said working with the group has been a transformative experience.

“Being involved in the contact, not speculatively but first hand, has given me such a greater view of the universe and has made me have to rethink what I think is possible,” he said. “It has shown me that there is so much more to everything we think we know, and it’s absolutely wonderful.”

Gewacke and Saunders will discuss and share their personal experiences with the Disclosure Movement and extraterrestrial life at the talk titled, “The Presence of Extraterrestrial Life: We are Not Alone.”

“We are going to be talking about the Disclosure Movement, which is, in my mind, the most important historical movement ever on Earth,” Gewacke said.

Gewacke said the movement involves three parts. First, that there is extraterrestrial life in the universe. Second, that there has been a lot of technology that is a result of crafts that have crashed here on Earth, including fiber optics and microchips, and lastly, how to make conscious contact with extraterrestrials.

“We will talk about the details of our expeditions. We have laser lights that go 200 miles up, tones that we play, and we have conscious contact protocols using the ability to be in higher consciousness to make contact,” she said.

Gewacke said crafts of all shapes and sizes have been very close to the group.

“Some are triangular shape, some are cigar-shaped and some just a golden white ... as close as 1,000 feet,” she said.

Gewacke adds that it’s normal to be somewhat skeptical or afraid at first, but after witnessing an expedition, people often realize there is nothing to be afraid of.

“It would be a little foolish not to be scared. When we first went out, we were a lot

more afraid, but our protocol is realizing we don’t have to be afraid and nothing bad has ever happened. After a while, you realize there is nothing to be afraid of, which is why we are doing the library talk,” she said.

She adds that, “unlike in Hollywood, we feel that most ETs visiting us are here to help us, to give us hope that we as a human race can get beyond resolving conflicts through violence. A lot of these civilizations have gone through that and made it.”

The Bethlehem Library discussion is the third talk the women have done in the area. They find the most common questions they get are about why they believe the sightings have been kept secret and why the crafts don’t land in front of everyone.

Gewacke said these and many other questions will be answered at the talk.

“We will also talk about the involvement of presidents and knowing about the cover up,” Saunders said.

Gewacke said their hope for the talks is to inform and educate the public about extraterrestrial presence and the technology that has resulted.

“We just want to be helpful and will let people come to their own conclusions,” she said.

The talk will take place on Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.



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building stands out from its surroundings along Western Avenue.

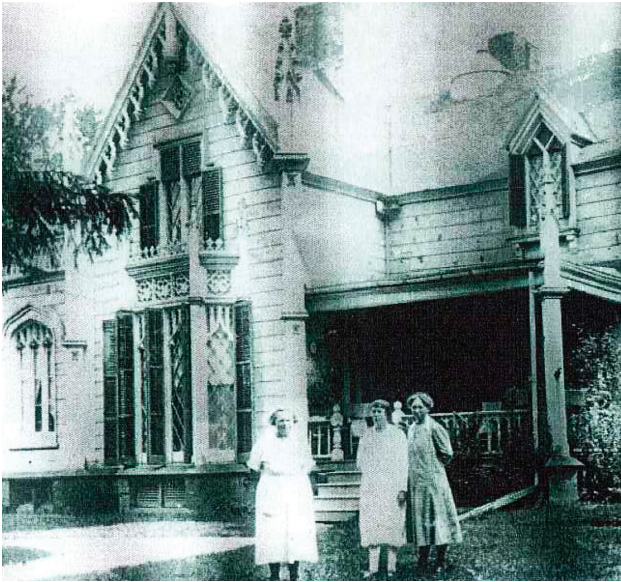
In 1994, the Town of Guilderland purchased the building to preserve it. The Guilderland Historical Society and the Friends of the Schoolcraft Cultural Center, in partnership with the town, have been working to restore the home.

“People would say, ‘It’s an old decrepit house.’ Well, it was,” Begley said. “The supervisor of the town at that time was history minded and she just wanted that house to be kept. There was a lot of difficulty about it, but we got it.”

Begley does believe restoring the house, despite the difficulties, was the right choice because local historical landmarks are always fading away. She eventually joined the Friends of Schoolcraft to assist with its efforts.

“You can’t tear everything down. You need a little something to look back at,” she said.

Tour groups during the event will not be able to go upstairs, but several renovations have been completed along the lower level. The first story floor planks were recently cleaned up and refinished and rooms were painted.



Edna and Nellie Magill, pictured in white, owned and lived in the Schoolcraft House at the turn of the 19th century. Their adopted daughter stands with them. Edna Magill gave religious lessons at a local church and taught children how to paint iron figures made at a nearby iron factory.

Historical Archive Photo

Removing milk paint from the stairs leading upstairs was a difficult process, but has been completed. “We had a terrible time getting it off,” Begley said. She is thinking of possibly installing carpeting on the stairway.

She said the Lawn Fest doesn’t yield much profits for the group, but the bigger aim of the event is to get people interested in the home. Maybe some people will even join or help with preservation efforts.

“There are young people coming in to our group,” she said. “At our last meeting we had six

new young people ... and they are all interested. ... I think they see the house as a little different than most old houses.”

Begley released a book called “Congressman John L. Schoolcraft ... and his house” last year. In the book, she describes how the house built in the rural 1840s clearly stood out.

“The elegant mansion was slightly out of place amidst much more modest bungalows that had been built in previous decades for the workers of the glass factory across the road that was supervised by Schoolcraft’s uncle,



The Schoolcraft House Lawn Fest on Saturday, June 7, will feature the historic home on Western Avenue in Guilderland.

John Purcell/Spotlight

Lawrence Schoolcraft,” Begley wrote in preface. “Inside, a white marble fireplace and hand-carved paneling below the tall, slim Gothic windows that have indoor shutters suggest an elegance rarely seen in Guilderland homes of that era.”

Some of the unique features include a large “conical-shaped” skylight, a “bee-hive own” inside a brick fireplace and the basement’s “red-brick herringbone floor,” Begley described in her book.

John Schoolcraft was born into a well-off family and he expanded his wealth through buying property and “through his keen business acumen in legal and land enterprises,” Begley wrote. He also became “absorbed” banking, rising to become the vice president of the Albany Savings Bank.

Schoolcraft was also politically minded and was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1848 and served consecutive two-year terms.

The hope is for the Schoolcraft House to become a cultural center holding educational events, musical performances, art exhibits and other community events.

“Unless you can look back and remember the past, sometimes you are liable to do it again,” Begley said. “There are not many towns anymore that still keep some of the old buildings.”

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Circle Theatre Players’ production of Neil Bartlett’s adaptation of Charles Dickens’ classic play. May 30 and 31, June 1 and June 5-8. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 New York 43, Averill Park. Shows: 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$16. Tickets and information: 674-2007 or emailreservations@slcactp.org.

The Phantom of the Opera

Classic Andrew Lloyd Webber musical. May 28 through June 8, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 1:30 and 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday – plus 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1. Tickets start at \$25. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

MUSIC

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Veteran regional folk duo, 7 p.m., May 30, Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100.

Georgie Wonders Orchestra

Capital District big band. May 31, 7:30 p.m., Danceland, 639 Columbia St., Latham. Tickets: \$12.

Dave Hart

Singer-songwriter who can play acoustic guitar and mandolin, 7 p.m. May 31, Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100.

DANCE

Single Squares of Albany

Modern western square dancing. Caller is Matt McGovern, and cuer is Maureen Wall. May 28, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, Wattervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. Admission: \$6. Information: 753-4692.

First Friday Capital Swing Dance

Featuring music by the Josh Fialkoff Band. June 6, 7:30 p.m., Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Tickets: general admission \$15, Dance Flurry members \$12, seniors/students \$10. Information: www.danceflurry.org/swing.

POETRY

Walt Whitman Tribute

Poets and other citizens gather at the Robert Burns Statue in Albany’s Washington Park to read “Song of Myself” in honor of Whitman’s birthday. May 31, 6 p.m. Information: Dan Wilcox dwlcx@earthlink.net or www.hvwg.org.

Suzanne Parker and Shira Dentz

Two area poets read from their work. An open reading will follow their presentation. June 4, 7:30 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Cost: \$5. Information: 583-0022 or www.caffelena.org.

COMEDY

Mop and Bucket Company

“Theatresports,” a weekly show of improv comedy and music, May 30, 8 p.m., Underground at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$14, students and seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

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Albany Center Gallery

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- 23 Gooden’s glove
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- 28 Fuss
- 29 Lennon’s widow
- 32 Inter ____
- 33 Man’s man
- 34 ERA sponsor
- 35 Early jazz pianist
- 39 Air Force ____
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- 41 Slip gently
- 42 Beam
- 43 Purposes
- 44 Reagan nickname
- 46 A little night music
- 47 Biblical miracle site
- 48 Pesto base
- 51 Vexed
- 54 Gilbert and Sullivan

- role
- 58 Hero
- 59 The Count of ____
- Cristo
- 60 Wagnerian earth goddess
- 61 Neck part
- 62 Lecher of myth
- 63 One-to-one conflict

DOWN

- 1 Lid
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- 3 She loved a swan
- 4 Part song
- 5 Look at
- 6 Dunne or Castle
- 7 Genetic structures
- 8 Performed
- 9 Hedge shrub
- 10 Portion out
- 11 Great number
- 12 Thanks ____!
- 13 Repudiate
- 18 Protuberance
- 19 As a whole
- 23 Gangsters’ gals
- 24 Footnote word
- 25 More important
- 26 Actress Verdugo

- 27 The Life of ____
- 28 Stories
- 29 Ready
- 30 Rope loop
- 31 A purchase creates one
- 33 Ballots
- 36 Southern pronoun-plus
- 37 Grate
- 38 Mended
- 44 Bridalwear
- 45 Concerning
- 46 Name
- 47 Spitefully snide
- 48 Russian pancake
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A taste of opera

SUNY art exhibit opens

The 2014 Best of SUNY Student Art Exhibition presents artwork selected by a panel of jurors from fall 2013 and spring 2014 student art exhibitions. The Museum exhibition features a wide range of media used by the students. The traditional areas of drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, ceramics and sculpture are enhanced by the addition of digital imaging and

mixed media installations.

The exhibit is open from May 31 through Aug. 31 in the West Gallery.

Gallery talks

Join Museum illustrator and curator Patricia Kernan for a tour of the art exhibition “Focus on Nature XIII,” a juried selection of cultural and natural history illustrations.

The museum initiated the series in 1990, and

this year’s exhibition features the work of 71 artists from 14 countries. Talks take place on Wednesday, June 4, and Wednesday, Aug. 20 from noon to 1 p.m.

Cinema Sunday

On Sunday, June 1, see “Encounters at the End of the World” at the state museum. Director Werner Herzog becomes the first director to film on all seven continents as he takes his camera to the

Antarctic community of McMurdo Station where a hearty crew of 1,100 people spend the austral summer. This group of researchers, scientists and assorted adventurers show us life at the bottom of the world as we see that we are not as invincible or as dominant as we like to believe.

Cinema Sunday’s are free and take place on the first Sunday of June, July and Aug. at 2 p.m. at the Huxley Theater.

Opera Saratoga’s 2014 Summer Opera Festival is scheduled to kick off on June 1 with its dinner-theater opera event “Pasta & Puccini.” The event is presented by Opera Saratoga and The Friends of Opera Saratoga at Saratoga National Golf Club on Sunday, June 1, at 5 p.m. Pasta & Puccini features a program of Italian opera favorites paired with a three-course meal from Prime at Saratoga National.

Prime at Saratoga National provides the backdrop for Opera Saratoga to introduce a “taste” of opera to many first-timers who are new to the art form. At the same time, enjoying the sights and sounds of Italian opera favorites while savoring Prime’s treasures is a delight for the seasoned opera lover too.

Pasta & Puccini offers a lavish three-course dinner finished with an indulgent opera cake, a sponge cake soaked in coffee

simple syrup layered with ganache and coffee butter cream and covered in chocolate.

Performing at the event are Principal Artists from Opera Saratoga’s summer 2014 production “The Elixir of Love.” Soprano Maureen Francis, tenor Brian Downen and baritone Gregory Gerbrandt have performed for leading companies across the country including Boston Lyric Opera, Fresno Grand Opera, and Gotham Chamber Opera to name a few. Pianist Keith Chambers, whose recent credits include work with Dallas Opera, New York City Opera and Opera New Jersey will direct the program, and General Director Curtis Tucker will host the program and lead the audience in Neapolitan sing-a-longs.

For tickets and information, visit www.operasaratoga.org or contact the Opera Saratoga office at 584-6018 or info@operasaratoga.org.

New photography exhibit to open at dance museum

On Friday, May 30, at 6 pm, The National Museum of Dance will host an opening reception for a photography exhibition titled “Dance Magic: The Photography of Richard Calmes.” The guest of honor will be Richard Calmes himself. This exhibition is part of the annual Art in the Foyer program, which highlights dance-inspired fine art.

Calmes is a trained architect, artist and an internationally

recognized dance photographer. He was honored with the Atlanta Press Photographer Association Award in 1972, as well as became the official photographer for the Southeastern Regional Ballet Association in 2006. Calmes also served as the official photographer for The Regional Dance America Convention of 2007, where he photographed dancers from 81 different companies.

Calmes’ photography has been featured in many national and

international magazines. His work has also been published in two successful photography books: “Dance Magic” and “Water Dance.”

Celebrate the opening of the new ‘Art in the Foyer’ exhibition of Calmes’ dance photographs. Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Meet Richard Calmes and listen to him discuss and share his work.

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