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Delmar wine bar

Owners of Perfect Blend, the popular Delmar coffee house, see potential for a wine bar proposed for Kenwood Avenue.

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Cheers

The first of three state sanctioned cheerleading tourneys took place Saturday, Feb. 21, at Guilderland

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Capturing wastewater's wasted potential

Pilot program in Guilderland explores waste as energy source

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Rep. Paul Tonko, D-Amsterdam, listens to ClearCove President Gary Miller explain the company's technology to change how wastewater is processed. Tonko is standing on a platform at the company's pilot tank in Guilderland.

Photo by John Purcell/Spotlight

GUILDERLAND — Municipalities could eventually view processing wastewater as a much more worthwhile endeavor, ripe with energetic potential.

ClearCove Systems, a Rochester-based company, showcased its New York State Energy Research and Develop Authority funded pilot site in Guilderland to Rep. Paul Tonko on Wednesday, Feb. 18. The company's renewable energy and wastewater treatment technology is housed at the town's Nott Road Wastewater Treatment Plant. Grant funding was awarded to demonstrate the new technology, which aims to shift wastewater treatment facilities to resource recovery facilities.

In Ithaca, a similar pilot program was run for eight months, operating 24/7, and processing approximately 12,000 gallons of wastewater daily, according to ClearCove President Gary Miller. NYSERDA funding totaling \$600,000 was pivotal to both pilot sites.

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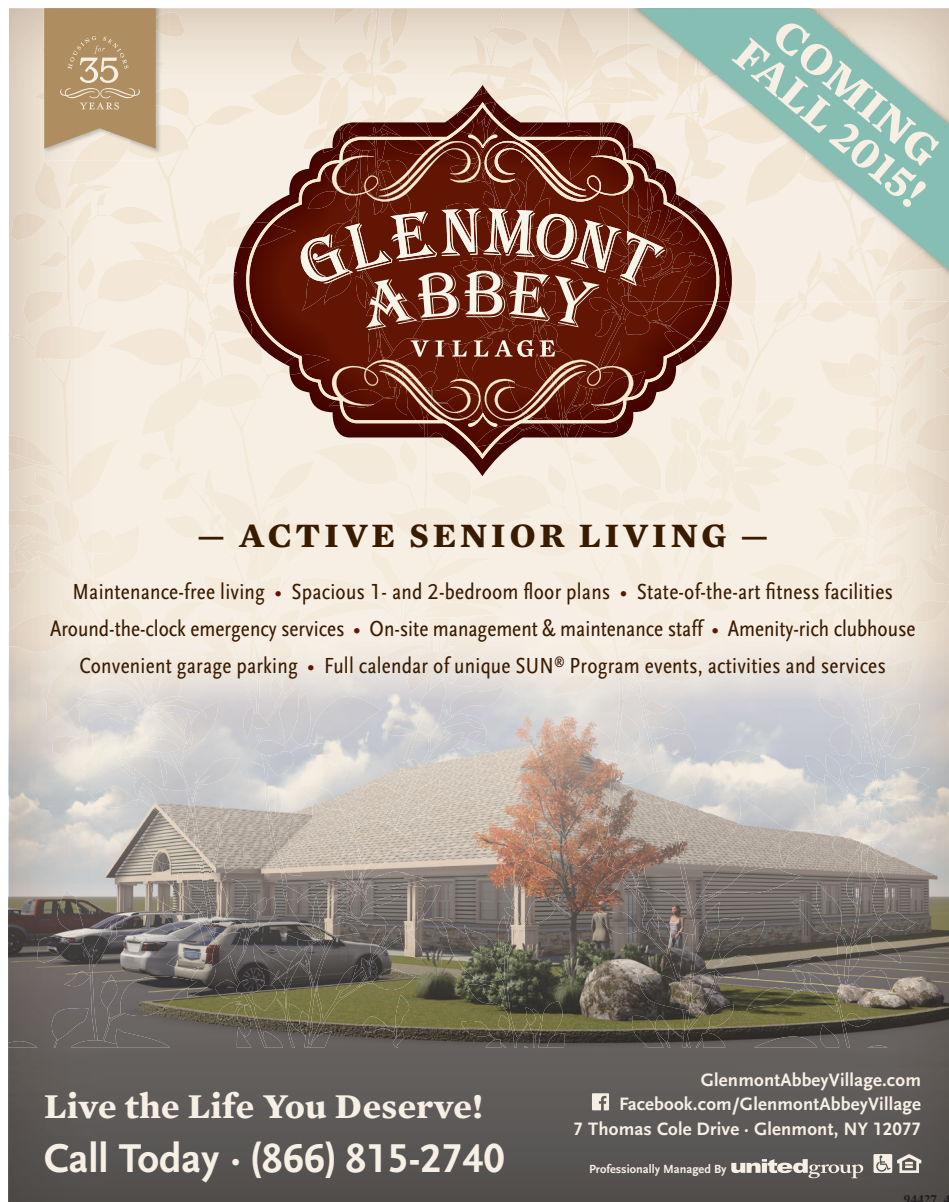
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LOCAL BUSINESS

New wine bar

Perfect Blend management eyes new business

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — The owners of Perfect Blend and Make Me A Cake Next Door are collaborating with a member of their management team to open a new wine bar at Delmar's Four Corners.

The project went before the town's Planning Board on Tuesday, Feb. 17. The new business is proposed for 384 Kenwood Ave., the former site of Buddy's Ice Cream that closed after a few months this fall.

"We began discussions relatively recently," said Brenden McCann, who plans to open the new venue with Perfect Blend co-owner Dan Casey and general manager Chris Torncello. "I'd say we first talked about it in January, and we're really excited about it."

Steve Bolduc of Keystone Builders, who owns the building, went before the planning board last week to seek permission for a small addition to the building. The expansion would be about 148 square feet. McCann said Bolduc would continue to own the building, with the bottom of the building rented for the wine bar. The top of the building has an apartment.

Bolduc told members of the planning board he felt the trio would be great tenants, as Perfect Blend has grown to be "a real asset to the community."

In a later interview, McCann said it was always in the business plan for Perfect Blend to eventually offer wine,

"We want people to relax and hang out for a while. It's not going to be extremely upscale, but a place to appeal to everybody."

— **Brenden McCann**
of Perfect Blend

beer and small plates. However, the coffee shop eventually evolved into a welcoming, family atmosphere. "We thought it would be bad to disturb that atmosphere by introducing alcohol," he said.

So the idea was shelved for a time, but recently more and more customers expressed the need of a relaxing hangout space that was open later and was walkable. Since McCann, Casey and Torncello like to take cues from their customers, they began to seriously talk about the subject of a wine bar.

"The location is obviously great for us," said McCann. "We've been at Perfect Blend for six years, and the Four Corners is great because it's pedestrian friendly. This will help us to extend our portfolio, but won't have us spread too far so we can give the appropriate attention to all three businesses."

A name for the wine bar has yet to be announced.

McCann said he and his partners want the bar to have a similar feel to Perfect Blend. The plans call for occupancy for 50 people.

"We want people to relax and hang out for a while," said McCann. "It's not going to be

extremely upscale, but a place to appeal to everybody."

Plans already call for the space to be decorated by the trio's friends at Silver Fox Salvage in Albany. Instead of a modern atmosphere, the business partners felt using upcycled décor fit better with the community.

"With Delmar being what it is and its affinity for the Buy Local campaign, we thought it would be great to have a lot of reused and reclaimed items to have a more rustic look, said McCann.

Besides small plates and cheese, McCann said they will also incorporate desserts and coffee from their other businesses for those looking for a late-night treat.

Bolduc told board members last week none of the 12 parking spaces would be impacted by the addition and explained other parking options in the area. He also said he is looking for a new tenant to move into his other building next door when the Stram Center moves to 90 Adams Place in the near future. Bolduc said the adjacent building could be used to store construction material, since work also needs to be done in that location.

"We are very excited about this project," said McCann. "It's going to be fun. We think the town will be receptive. We want people to know we have a vested interest in the town. Both Dan and I have our homes where, as well as our business."

Site plan approval is expected at the next meeting on March 3.

■ GOVERNMENT

McCoy eyes a healthier county

County executive focuses on nursing home, veterans, heroin scourge initiatives

By **JOHN PURCELL**
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ALBANY COUNTY — County Executive Dan McCoy touted the county's financial health before outlining plans to improve the health of community members.

McCoy delivered his fourth State of the County address Tuesday, Feb. 17, which emphasized last year's accomplishments and introduced new initiatives for his administration. Unlike prior years, he lauded the county nursing home for "turning a corner," with taxpayers' subsidy of the facility nearly halved. The now county wants to utilize unused space in its Colonie nursing home to provide primary medical care through seeking state grant funding.

"It is the hope that this new initiative will allow us to expand our

on-site services to include a Primary Care Health Center," said McCoy. Programs proposed for the center include dialysis, radiology, mental health, diabetes, podiatry, hypertension and dentistry.

The center would allow for most services to be provided on-site to nursing home residents, which reduces transportation costs to hospitals. The general public would be able to access the site, as well.

McCoy also touted the center's proximity to the proposed homeless veteran housing at the former Ann Lee Home. County officials are working with Solider On, a non-profit, to build housing at the long vacant facility. Last year, the county Veterans Service Bureau helped more than 600 veterans seeking services.

"This center has the potential to provide not only more effective quality

of care to our nursing home residents but to residents countywide including (county) employees, and the utilization of this space has the further potential of actually turning our nursing home facility into a revenue generator for the county," McCoy said.

Nursing home administrators are seeking some of the approximately \$8 billion of state Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) funding, which seeks to reduce the amount of inpatient hospital admissions and restructure Medicaid.

"The savings we have achieved to date at the nursing home coupled with the very real possibility of this transformational project, signals very clearly that in Albany County good management and creative thinking are the order of business," said McCoy.

This year, the nursing

home is budgeting a \$6.3 million operational deficit, which is down from \$12 million, according to McCoy. There was \$4.2 million less budgeted to operate the nursing home this year, primarily stemming from employee unions concessions.

McCoy had wanted to privatize the facility, similar to many other counties, but he comprised with county legislators to establish a local development corporation tasked with taking over the nursing home, along with hiring Larry Slatky as its new director.

The county is bonding almost \$2.46 million for capital projects at the facility, which includes various common area renovations, room furnishing replacements and unit living area alterations.

The largest project, totaling \$1.5 million, is

modernizing resident rooms and living areas. This would include new drapes, cubicles, HVAC units, bathroom improvements and updating flooring in the units. Two-sixths of the units would be completed this year.

Heroin

Another main focus of McCoy's address was a three-part approach — Action, Awareness and Progress — to dealing with opiate addiction countywide.

"Problems with prescription drugs, heroin and other opiates are as commonplace in our suburban and rural communities as they are in our cities and require a coordinated call to action," he said.

County officials will work with law enforcement, prosecutors, public defenders and local courts to "develop

or adapt programs to divert offenders to drug education programs or to social service programs where offenders can seek appropriate treatment as an alternative to arrest or incarceration," according to McCoy.

County departments will reach out to children in schools through developing educational pamphlets and posters, along with where to get resources for help. The county Health Department is working with BOCES and other partners to ensure education programs countywide specifically deal with opiate usage.

The Health Department will offer bi-weekly Narcan training classes to the general public. Narcan is used to save the life of overdose victims.

McCoy also proposed creating an opiate response board, which would be

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■ COPS, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

Police: Duo robs driver at gunpoint

Guilderland police arrested half of a duo that allegedly attempted to rob a taxi cab driver, but authorities are still seeking the second suspect.

A Capitaland Taxi car was transporting two young men to Crossgates Mall Tuesday, Feb. 17, and arrived at its destination around 8:40 p.m. at the Cafe Court parking area. Once stopped, an unidentified suspect allegedly pointed a black semi-automatic handgun at the driver and demanded money.

Police arrived on scene and arrested Eric N. Hines, 16, of Albany, and charged him with attempted robbery in the second degree, a

felony, and criminal mischief in the fourth degree. Hines was arraigned Wednesday morning, Feb. 18, in Guilderland Town Court.

Police are still searching for the second suspect, described as a young black male wearing all black, who reportedly fled the scene on foot with the handgun. Authorities were unable to locate him during an extensive search of the surrounding area.

Anyone with information or that may have witnessed the incident is asked to contact the Guilderland Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit at 356-1501.

Bank robber headed back to prison

Rodolfo Rios was sentenced to 13 years in state prison followed by five years of post-release supervision in Albany County Supreme Court Friday morning, Feb. 20, after pleading guilty to attempted robbery in the first degree.

Albany police on Dec. 18, 2013, responded to the M&T Bank, located at 80 State St., for a reported robbery. Rios had entered the bank and demanded money from a teller while brandishing a knife, according to county District Attorney David Soares. The teller complied, and Rios

fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Shortly after the incident, an Albany police officer saw Rios, who matched the robber's description. Rios was in possession of the stolen money, a knife and a plastic bag containing crack cocaine, according to police.

Rios was previously convicted for armed robbery of another downtown Albany bank in 2006 and was sentenced to nine and a half years in state prison. He was released under the supervision of State Parole on Oct. 9, 2013.

Other arrests:

- Colonie police

arrested David M. Johnson, 46, of 25 Forest Drive in Voorheesville, at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, and charged him with insurance fraud in the second degree and falsifying business records in the first degree, both felonies. Johnson turned himself in following an investigation conducted by the State Department of Financial Services. The insurance fraud allegedly totaled more than \$5,000.

• Albany County Sheriff's Office arrested Devin L. Jerome, 22, of 35 Iroquois Road in Ossining, around 2:20 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and charged her with aggravated DWI, criminal possession of

a controlled substance in the seventh degree, unlawful possession of marijuana, failure to stop at a stop sign, failure to keep right and illegal signal. Deputies observed Jerome driving westbound on New Scotland Road in the Town of Bethlehem and commit a traffic infraction. The deputies followed the vehicle and saw it commit more infractions before stopping it on Swan Place. Police observed Jerome to have a strong odor of alcohol emanating from her breath, impaired motor coordination, and bloodshot, glassy eyes. She reportedly told police she was driving from a bar in Albany to her boyfriend's home. Police said she admitted to consuming "three large cranberry and vodka mixed drinks" before driving. She allegedly failed three field sobriety tests. A chemical breath test revealed she had a BAC of 0.25 percent, which is more than three times the legal limit. During an inventory of her vehicle, police found one zip-up case containing a plastic container with marijuana, a smoking pipe and a metal grinder, along with a plastic bag containing a quantity of MDMA, also known as ecstasy. She is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, March 3.

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Clarification

In a Feb. 18 article about Vista Technology Park, the headline should have read "Vista fights to land \$1 million." We regret the error.

■ GOVERNMENT

House of worship to medical practice

Use variance granted for church conversion; community meeting on Van Dyke road power project set

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — The former Community United in Methodist Church in Slingerlands is set to become Delmar Family Practice after the town's Zoning Board of Appeals granted a use variance for the project.

The resolution was unanimously passed on Wednesday, Feb. 18, following approval of the project's environmental impact statement. An informal vote on the project was taken at the zoning board's last meeting and also had unanimous support. The area is zoned as a Core Residential district, where apartments and medical offices are not permitted, so a use variance was needed.

"The alleged hardship necessitating the use variance has not been created by the Owner,

but results from changing demographics which necessitate the closing of the house of worship," according to the resolution.

Dr. Peter Forman of Delmar Family Practice is looking to purchase the entire property, with the church renovated into his new offices. Purchase of the building will go forward after the project has gone through the town's zoning and planning boards.

The proposed project would see the 200-year-old church turned into a medical office and four apartments. The rectory, which would also be purchased as part of the deal, would remain a single-family home. The applicant promised the church would essentially look the same from the outside, and the stain-glass windows would remain intact.

The church was forced to close last summer after facing several years of low membership and financial difficulties. The original goal was to find another congregation that may be interested in the site, but after several months of little interest, sale of the property was opened up to the general public.

The majority of neighbors and former congregation members who spoke at the public hearing were in support of the project. Many felt the plans would appropriately conserve the building and were happy the stain glass windows would be saved.

The project saw a bit of a setback after it was discovered the inside of the church was vandalized.

The burglary was discovered at the end of January. Forman and his real

estate agent went to inspect the project. The damage looked to be the work of teens, with graffiti in the sanctuary and school, and a fire set in the middle of the auditorium floor. Foreman claimed there were also items scattered around that looked like there could have been a party. The police are still investigating.

The project still has to pass the town's planning board. Forman is planning on about six months of construction before he can make the move from his Delaware Avenue office.

Van Dyke Road power substation

National Grid is planning a community informational meeting on the proposed substation at 109 Van Dyke Road.

The utility said the

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— Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals

new substation is needed in order to provide more power to the area's growing community and prevent brown outs. Others are concerned about the substation's proximity to Eagle Elementary and Bethlehem Central School District's bus garage. A use variance is needed for the project, since the area is zoned residential.

National Grid purchased the property in the 1960s

with the specific purpose of building a substation at that location. Nothing came of it at that time, and eventually the area was developed and rezoned as residential.

A variance can be granted for a utility if there is a need, and there are no other alternatives that could minimize the disruption to the neighborhood. An environmental assessment has already been done.

Two sessions will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040-American Legion, for residents to ask questions and learn more on the project. The first session will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., with the second from 6 to 8 p.m.

The project is tentatively scheduled to appear before the zoning board again on March 4.

Monolith update

BETHLEHEM — Approval of tax breaks for the first tech company inside Vista Technology Campus could take place this week, as the Bethlehem IDA meets Friday, Feb. 27.

Monolith Solar and SAE Sun and Earth Energy Inc. are seeking a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement from BIDA to move its headquarters for Rensselaer to Slingerlands. The two companies are seeking about \$680,000 in tax exemptions, which would only incorporate about four acres the new building would sit on.

It was announced

at a media event in October that Monolith Solar would be moving its headquarters from Rensselaer to Vista. The project includes a 16,000-square-foot administration building, a 10,000-square-foot building for warehouse and manufacturing and an additional solar farm to potentially provide energy to Vista's other tenants.

Tax breaks are no longer being sought for the additional acres needed for the solar farm. The \$4.9 million project is expected to retain 49 jobs, with the possibility of creating 76 additional jobs within the next five years.

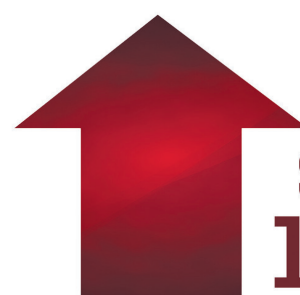
Although the project is still on the agenda for this week's BIDA meeting, questions still remain if the project can move forward given a new state regulation ruling that could hurt the profitability of solar companies. Enforcement of the ruling could harm Monolith's customer-base and its ability to expand.

For more on this subject, check back with next week's edition of The Spotlight.

—Marcy Velte

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Church hosts huge book sale

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More than 33,000 books are available for purchase. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and 6-8 p.m. on Feb. 25, 26 and 27. There will also be a mini-rummage sale, and breakfast, snacks and lunch are served Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call 731-8076 or 765066888.

Talk focuses on laundry worker's strike

NEW SCOTLAND — "Kate Mullany and the National Significance of a Laundry Worker's Strike" is the subject of the New Scotland Historical Association's next program Tuesday, March 3, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center off Route 85 in New Salem.

P. Thomas Carroll presents this program about Mullany, a 19-year-old Irish immigrant who organized the shirt collar laundry workers of Troy into the nation's first all-female labor union. Carroll is a cultural historian who specializes in the history of American science and technology.

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

Snowshoe in the moonlight

VOORHEESVILLE — Snowshoe by the light of the moon Saturday, Feb. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at Thacher Park.

With snow-covered ground and a clear, bright night, there will be no need for flashlights. The route will be chosen based on conditions, and participants should plan on walking for an hour.

Please call 872-0800 to reserve a spot and for information about the meeting place. Snowshoes are available to rent for \$5 per pair.

Read-a-thon and guided walk

BETHLEHEM — Five Rivers Environmental Education



Helping veterans

Tech Valley Office Interiors celebrated its 10th anniversary Friday, Feb. 13, by donating \$1,000 to the Veterans Miracle Center, a nonprofit that gives free supplies to military veterans. Rod Dion, left, holds a check with Veterans Miracle Center CEO Rabbi Barry Feinman and General Manager Jimmy Pratt.

Submitted photo

Center, 56 Game Farm Road, is hosting a Dr. Seuss Read-A-Thon and a guided walk on the Old Field Trail Saturday, Feb. 28.

The read-a-thon commemorates Dr. Seuss' birthday with continuous readings of his classic nature-themed books. It also features a visit from The Cat in the Hat and prizes for anyone dressed as a Dr. Seuss character.

The guided walk takes participants along the Old Field trail, which offers a diversity of habitats and scenic views. The terrain is flat, and the trails are wide.

The read-a-thon goes from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The guided walk begins at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 475-0291.

Farmers' marketing conference

VOORHEESVILLE — Cornell Cooperative Extension Center is hosting the Capital Region Farmers' Direct Marketing Conference Tuesday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the center, 24 Martin Road.

The conference features presentations about customer service, using social media, expanding sales and other topics. A panel of farmers will also discuss budgeting concepts.

The cost is \$30 per person. Register by phone at 765-3518, by email at spl67@cornell.edu or by visiting cornell.edu.

Historical Association offers scholarship

NEW SCOTLAND — The New Scotland Historical Association offers a \$1,000 High School Junior Award for a town resident who is a junior in high school with a strong interest in history, museum studies or education and is planning to further his/her education at the college level.

Each applicant is required to submit an application form with a copy of his/her resume and high school transcript, along with a 250-word essay on a specific topic. The application form is available at local public schools and libraries. All New Scotland juniors are invited to compete for the award, whether they attend public school, private school, parochial school

or are home schooled.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1.

For more information, call Sherry Burgoon at 765-4387.

Winter/spring activity registration

BETHLEHEM — The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting 2015 winter and spring activity registration.

Adult activities include Active Aging, badminton, basketball, chair yoga, 30+ indoor soccer, pilates, three levels of volleyball, yoga, zumba and more.

Youth activities include pee wee basketball, Create Waves, Creative Kids Yoga, field hockey, Kitchen Kidz, Mommy or Daddy and Me, taekwondo, Toddler Splash and more.

To view all of the activities and/or register, call 439-4955, ext. 2131, or visit www.townofbethlehem.org.

Caregivers sets orientation dates

GUILDERLAND — Community Caregivers is

holding a series of orientations at its office at 2021 Western Ave. to train volunteers. Sessions take place:

Thursday, March 12, at 8 a.m.

Monday, March 23, at 6 p.m.

Since 2010, Community Caregivers has had more than 230 volunteers provide services to nearly 500 individuals including visitations, transportation, shopping assistance, prescription pickup, help with paperwork and chores, and more.

To reserve a space at an orientation session, call 456-2898.

Selkirk F.D. offers fish fry dinners

BETHLEHEM — Selkirk Fire Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a series of fish fry dinners through April 3 at the firehouse, 126 Maple Ave., in Selkirk.

Meals are served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and include fish fry or chicken nuggets, French fries, homemade coleslaw, a drink and dessert. New England clam chowder is also available. Meals can be eaten on site or taken home. Please bring your own take out containers.

The cost of a meal is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. An extra piece of fish, extra chicken nuggets or an extra bowl of clam chowder costs \$3.

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Pillowcase party

Students can be part of the Albany Chapter of ConKerr Cancer's pillowcase project. ConKerr provides emotional support to area cancer patients by providing them with fun pillowcases while they are receiving treatment. On Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., teens in grades 6 and up are needed to pin material, run the sewing machines and iron pillowcases. All materials will be provided. You will earn three hours of community service during this pillowcase party. Grades 6+, please register.

Author visit

Aspiring writers in grades 4 and up are welcome to attend An Evening with Author Leslie Connor

On Friday, March 20, at 4:15 p.m., Leslie will lead young writing enthusiasts through a fun and creativity-based one-hour session. The author's workshops are all about nurturing the writer within. Leslie will run a few mind-loosening exercises, often using props to kick the imagination into gear. The process will not focus on producing finished works, but rather the participants will look for spark and note how a story, poem or lyric can grow from one small idea. Please register. This author event is funded through a special legislative project from the New York State Education Department.



Managing credit card debt

Have you been looking for a way to manage your debt? Do you use a credit card that charges a monthly fee? Are you juggling high credit card bills? On Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m., you will learn how to select and use credit wisely. You will also learn strategies for paying down and prioritizing existing debt. Maria DeLucia-Evans from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will be leading this workshop and will supply informational materials for you to take home. Space is limited, so please register early.

Special Circle Time

Come join Miss Amy for a whole month of Circle Time. Every Tuesday in March from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., we will be exploring a variety of preschool concepts such as letter and number recognition, positional words and counting skills through art, literature, music and playtime. This will be great hands-on learning experience whether your child is already attending a preschool program or if you are just curious to see if they might be ready to attend one. For children ages 3 to 5 with caregiver. Registration requested.

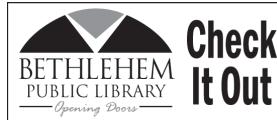
— Lynn Kohler

Board candidate information

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library information desk beginning March 1 for two seats on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees, each for a full term of five years.

The Bethlehem Public Library takes very seriously its responsibility to serve the community by providing access to resources and programming that enhance the quality of life of our residents. Our trustees make this possible through their dedication and vision, and they fill a very important public service role that affects every tax-paying resident, whether that person has ever stepped foot in the library or not. Serving as a library trustee benefits the library and the community as a whole.

Board meetings are held at the library monthly and are open to the public. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. and last



about two hours. Trustees are expected to regularly attend.

Petitions must contain at least 74 signatures of voters residing in Central School District No. 6 of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar by 4:30 p.m. on April 20.

Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 19, from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School.

Duo Marchand closes library concert season

The 2014-15 season of A Little Sunday Music at Bethlehem Public Library closes on Sunday,

March 1, at 2 p.m. with a performance of Renaissance music by Duo Marchand.

Lutenist Andy Rutherford and singer/harpist Marcia Young named their duo after a family of court musicians that flourished in 17th-century France. In recent seasons the duo has performed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Cloisters, the Connecticut Early Music Festival, Yale University, West Point, and the historic Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C.

Duo Marchand performed a series of concerts under the auspices of the New York Public Library's exhibition of illuminated manuscripts, "The Splendor of the Word." They also performed as part of the New York Botanical Garden's special exhibition, "The New Renaissance Garden." Their program of songs from the Shakespeare

plays has been broadcast nationwide over Sirius XM Radio.

A Little Sunday Music is generously underwritten by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Upcoming events

Monday, March 2 — Tabletop Gaming

Drop in for games and snacks. Adults, teens age 16 and up. 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3 — Lego Club

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Book wreaths at the library

Wreaths made from book pages can be found at local gift shops — for quite the price. It doesn't take much to make one, and the library has discarded books to supply the pages. Come make one for yourself on

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m., or Saturday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m.

Dissect a computer

On Saturday, March 7, at noon, kids are invited to take apart a PC and other donated small appliances to see what makes them tick. Then, use all the parts to make a one of a kind sculpture.

— Carol Melewski

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Palmerino's YMCA story



Tell me a fact and I'll learn. Tell me a truth and I'll believe. Tell me a story, and it will live in my heart forever.

Everyone who comes to the Bethlehem YMCA has their own, unique "Y story." A story about why they joined, what activities they enjoy, how they have benefitted from the Y, and how the YMCA's mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility have given them an opportunity to give back to our community.

Here is a story about a young woman who has been a member of the Bethlehem YMCA family for many years and has gone from being in child care to providing it.

Mary Kate Palmerino joined the Y when she was just 9 years old. She came to our Primetime after-school care program every day. She had so much fun, especially throwing paper airplanes off the running track into the gym below. She couldn't get

enough of the Y, begging her mother to take her there as often as possible. Mary Kate loved the friendly welcome she got every time she walked in the door.

As she grew older, Mary Kate started working out in the Y's wellness center to stay in shape for softball and volleyball. Now a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, Mary Kate continued her Y journey by becoming a member of our staff, working in the child care center as well as in the wellness center.

"I've learned so much from working at the Y, teaching young kids about problem solving and how to get along," Mary Kate said. "And I've worked upstairs with older people, talking with them and learning something new each day. These varied experiences

have taught me a lot about leadership and responsibility."

In the fall, Mary Kate Palmerino will be off to Endicott College in Massachusetts, but she will stay a part of our YMCA community. Her story about growing up at the Y will serve as an inspiration to others.

Summer camp registration

The Four Corners are frozen. The snow is still piled 10 feet high in parking lots around town. The landscape is a tundra of white, grey and brown. So let's think some warm thoughts about green grass, leaves on trees and fun in the sun.

Registration is now underway for the Bethlehem YMCA's 2015 summer camp. When camp concluded last summer, the Y received a tremendous amount of positive comments and feedback. Parents appreciated the camp organization, liked how their kids were kept busy all day

and they enjoyed hearing them talk about the fun activities they enjoyed.

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— Mark Hansen

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Cat in the Hat storytime

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The Other Two Guys: A Local Connections Film

On Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 pm, GPL's Local Connections Film Series shows a film about "two mismatched New York City detectives seize an opportunity to step up like the city's top cops whom they idolize — only things don't quite go as planned." Review courtesy of the Internet Movie Database. Chase scenes for this movie —starring Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell — were

filmed in downtown Albany. The film is rated PG-13; the free popcorn is rated "Good."

'Rabbit? What Rabbit?'

Many of us had "invisible friends" as children, but they generally fade away as we get older. Not so in the charming 1950 flick, starring the adult Jimmy Stewart and his long-eared companion "Harvey," which screens at GPL on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m.

According to the Internet Movie Database, "due to his insistence that he has an invisible six-foot rabbit for a best friend, a whimsical middle-aged man is thought by his family to be insane — but he may be wiser than anyone knows." Popcorn will be served.

— Mark Curiale



Emanuel Ax to ASO

The Albany Symphony draws another big name.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Gospel Gala 2015

The Albany Palace Theatre will host Gospel Gala 2015, Friday Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.. The event is free and open to the public. Performances include Capital District Youth and Adult Mass Choirs, Macedonia Chamber Orchestra, Tonesetter, and more. For more information, visit www.palacealbany.com

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Check out our expanded calendar of events at www.spotlightnews.com/events.



EDUCATION



The little school that can

Saint Rose's music industry program is one of nation's best

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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On the College of Saint Rose campus, within the walls of a building bearing the name of an iconic media mogul, lies a music industry program with the might and will to surpass the expectations of those in larger cities.

Last September, Billboard magazine featured Saint Rose with ten other schools that offer a music business degree, an impressive enough distinction when considering the metropolises in which the other schools call home: Boston, Toronto, Nashville, New York City, Denver, Miami.

Maybe a David versus Goliath analogy would be in order too, when noting the names associated with those other programs. SONY/ATV Music Publishing chairman/CEO Martin Bandier has a music program at Syracuse University named after him. There's blues artist Bruce Hornsby partnering the Creative American Music Program in Miami. Oh, and New York University has none other than Rock and Roll Hall of Fame music executive Clive Davis.

Saint Rose?



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ARTS

Continued success ahead for ASO

Two Grammy-winning artists headline upcoming season



Albany Symphony Orchestra Music Director David Alan Miller shares details of the upcoming 2015-2016 season, which is to include the performance of world renowned pianist Emanuel Ax.

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By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Standing before one of the Palace Theatre's ornate staircases, Albany Symphony Orchestra (ASO) Music Director David Alan Miller announced last week yet another ambitious project for the small city orchestra.

The ASO will kick off their 86th year in October with a gala performance from world-renowned pianist, Emanuel Ax. Securing the Grammy-winning artist shows Miller won't be letting off the throttle to promote the brand of the orchestra he first joined in 1992. His passion and excitement, when speaking in front of a group of reporters and dignitaries, was contagious.

"An orchestra is something that is such a source of pride," said Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, prior to Miller's announcement. "it is something that helps us to stand out. And, I am not going to talk anymore because I'm so excited to get to what the season is going to be."

The past handful of years has made for an historic timeline for the orchestra. Miller and his performers debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2011, and have since played again. Less than two years later, the ASO welcomed world famous cellist Yo-Yo Ma to play with them in Albany. And, last January,

the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences of the United States recognized the orchestra with a Grammy Award.

"It's about building the brand and it's about the perception, because not many orchestras in the country - especially when you go past the Big Six or the Big Seven - not that many orchestras have won Grammys." Said Miller. "If I had to list the three most important things we've done to enhance our visibility and brand in our community, and nationally, recently, they would be the two visits to Carnegie Hall for 'Spring for Music.' We were the only orchestra to ever visit twice, so that really elevated our stature here. And, then playing with artists like Yo-Yo Ma, and then, as well, the Grammys. So those are three different ways to enhance the visibility of the orchestra in the community and in the larger, national discussion. They've done different but equally, powerful valuable things for us."

Last June, the Orchestra also earned their 31st American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Award, receiving the John S. Edwards Award for Strongest Commitment to New American Music. The honor is bestowed upon orchestras of any size, pitting Albany's troop

against those from the metropolises of New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles. The 31 awards the ASO has earned, is more than any other orchestra in the country.

Miller's focus on playing contemporary American music has been steadfast through the majority of his near 23-year career with the ASO. Miller said, this focus is what sets the ASO apart from other orchestras.

"Many orchestras spend 95 percent of their time playing dead Europeans, all of whom are great. We spend 50 percent, or 60 percent of our time playing dead Europeans and the rest of our time playing living Americans. And, all of our recording activities have been of new pieces that are not otherwise available, or haven't been recorded. All of our commissioning and work, has really elevated our visibility. ... So I attribute all our national successes to the daring, artistic projects we pursue."

In 2003, Miller received the Ditson Conductor's Award from Columbia University for commitment to American music.

The 2015-2016 season launches with "An Evening with Emanuel Ax" on Oct. 10, where Ax is expected to mingle the classics of Verdi, Franck and Mozart in with contemporary work from Jessica Montgomery. The line-up of performances is

"We've got the grand tradition of Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Sibelius, and we've also got really exciting new things happening that other orchestras aren't even beginning to try. I feel that's what makes us so special."

— David Alan Miller
ASO Music Director

to include violinist Benjamin Beilman, featuring Tchaikovsky in November; pianist Joyce Yang playing Rossini's William Tell and more in December; and cellist Roman Mekinulov, with guest conductor JoAnn Falletta, showcasing works from Leonard Bernstein, Miguel del Aguila and Brahms in January.

Percussionist Evelyn Glennie, who earned the Grammy with the ASO for recording John Corigliano's "Conjurer Concerto For Percussionist & String Orchestra," is scheduled to return for two-day performance of "Dream Machine" in April.

"You've got all Beethoven for a solid weekend in February, then you have this incredibly adventurous thing in March that is really as edgy as any orchestra is doing," said Miller. "To me that kind of reflects who and what we are. We've got the grand tradition of Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Sibelius, and we've also got really exciting new things happening that other orchestras aren't even

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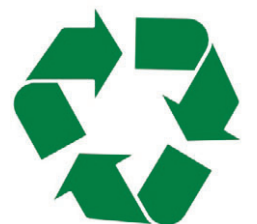
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**Recycle
this paper**

From page B1 ... Little school that can

Saint Rose has Sister Mary Anne Nelson. And, Madison Avenue is happy to have her.

"We were one of the first schools to start a program like this," said Nelson, who took over the program in 1981. She was first involved with the plans to restructure the curriculum in 1978, changing the focus from educating music instructors on vocals and keyboard, to branching out into the music industry. "We saw a need for other occupations in the music field that wasn't necessarily teaching, and of using a variety of instruments."

The number of students enrolled in the music industry program has blossomed in recent years. Sean McClowry, assistant music industry professor, credits some of that success to the school's facilities. In the past five years enrollment has nearly doubled from 56 students to 106. Within that same timeline, the Hearst Center opened.

In January 2010, the private school opened The William Randolph Hearst Center for Communications and Interactive Media, an impressive state-of-the-art facility that houses the music program, as well as the print and broadcast journalism programs. The old elementary school that once stood is now a 20,400 square foot, all-digital facility with a high definition studio and control room, Internet radio station and production lab, journalism media lab, two recording studios, a 1,200 square-foot live performance venue and computer labs used by the school newspaper, graphics and media writing classes.

Before becoming the newspaper giant that inspired Hollywood, William Randolph Hearst traveled to New York City to make a name for himself, and in doing so, threw his punches against the likes of another journalistic icon, Joseph Pulitzer. The storyline follows a common enough theme for Gotham later crooned in a Frank Sinatra song. Saint Rose grad Jimmy Fallon would follow the same path, leaving the Albany college

a semester short of a degree to "make it there" too.

Conversely, prospective students now fly in from across the globe to audition for the music program. Within the past few years, high school grads from as far as Alaska, Mexico and Northern Ireland have come to visit Madison Avenue.

"I think what differentiates us from the big cities, it's not just the smallness of Albany, but the smallness of this college," said McClowry, now in his fourth year with the school. "The program is designed to have small classes. Also, access to these spaces; bigger colleges that do have spaces like this, it's very difficult for students to really use them." McClowry added, despite the "smallness" of the student body, the schedule for each recording studio is often full from the early morning, to when the building closes.

Another unique aspect to the program involves a student run record label.

On Friday the 13th, the Rose Record Label Group hosted 300 attendees for a launch party at the Hearst Center. The group, a conglomerate of various companies each involved with publishing, production and legal responsibilities, was on display as much as the artists playing on stage. Senior Ellie Decker is credited for the idea for Rose Record Label Group, an idea she said is one that was born through

the hard work of her peers and faculty. Decker said she recognized flaws in the logistics of the Recording Ensemble class and worked with her classmates to improve upon it. "We try to create as authentic an experience as we can," said Decker. "We research, read material and find tips from professionals." Last year, she interned with Warner Music Group's Atlantic Records in New York City. Relationships built there helped provide more insight to improve upon the school's record label. "I'm sorry I have to leave the label behind," said Decker, who will graduate at the end of this semester. "But, I leave it in good and capable hands."

Before students graduate, they will create a music CD. Everything, from writing, performing, producing, engineering, and final production, falls into something of a senior thesis. Artists and sound engineers work together in the Saints and Sinners Recording Studio, equipped with Avid Pro Tools, the industry standard in recording software.

"I love that our program here is extremely hands-on," said junior Amelia Rossettie, vice president of Sman Publishing. "Even our classes, like record engineering and record production classes, we have smaller lab groups. Outside of the classroom, a few of the students can get together and do the actual projects themselves. I'm definitely learning instead of just listening to lectures or watching a PowerPoint. I actually get to handle the equipment... It's just a

MUSIC

Summer with Kid Rock



It's going to be like 1985 when Kid Rock comes to Saratoga Performing Arts Center July 2, as he'll bring along the iconic '80s rock group, Foreigner. Tickets went on sale Tuesday, Feb. 24. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster, Live Nation or SPAC.

Photo by Jim "JT" Gilbert / JTGPhotos.com

really good experience."

The growth of the program, one of the best in the nation, leaves Nelson humbled.

"Oh, we've come a long way, absolutely," said Nelson. "We've had tremendous support from the college, from the

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The Hound of the Baskervilles

The most popular of the Sherlock Holmes stories becomes a farcical comedy where three men play all of the roles. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Feb. 27 through March 15. Shows: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

The Penelopiad

Margaret Atwood's contemporary twist on

"The Odyssey" by focusing on Odysseus' wife and 12 maids. Feb. 27 through March 4, Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs. Shows: 8 p.m. except March 1, which is a 2 p.m. matinee. Tickets: general admission \$12, students/seniors \$8. Information: 580-5439 or email boxoffice@skidmore.edu.

The Three Little Pigs

Opera Saratoga's performance of a children's tale. Feb. 28, 2:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Free.

Information: 382-2081.

Laughter on the 23rd Floor

Neil Simon's comedy presented as a staged reading. March 1, 2:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Free. Information: 382-2081.

Middle School Madness

Original musical about three middle school students, featuring local members of a theater arts program. Feb. 28, 2 p.m., and March 1, 2 and 5 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Riggi Theater, National Museum of Dance, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets: adults \$15, students \$10. Information: 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org.

MUSIC

Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy

Two of the world's best fiddlers get together to perform a blend of traditional and contemporary music. Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$29.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Saint Rose Wind Ensemble

The Empire State Youth Orchestra's Wind Orchestra performs with its collegiate counterparts. Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., Kathleen McManus Picotte Recital Hall, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. Information:

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Tom Paxton

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songwriter, with special guest John Kirk. Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors (Fenimore Gallery), 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$25, day of show \$28, Gold Circle \$35. Information: 434-1703, 346-6204 or 8thstep.org.

Jubilee Riots

The band formerly known as Enter the Haggis. Feb. 28, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$28. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Capital Trio

Pianist Duncan Cumming, violinist Hilary Cumming and cellist Solen Dikener perform. March 3, 7:30 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Tickets: adults \$8, students/seniors/UAlbany staff \$4. Information: 44203997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

Justin Townes Earle

Son of Steve Earle and acclaimed singer-songwriter. March 4, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$28. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

FILM

Women of the Civil Rights Movement

"Free Angela and All Political Prisoners" Feb. 26; and "Chisholm '72" March 5. All movies start at 5:30 p.m. Albany Housing Authority, 200 South Pearl St., Albany. Information: www.cflj.org/cflj/2015-flier-Blue.pdf.

William A. Wellman Film Festival

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reading and discussion about the work of the acclaimed director May 1. Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

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POETRY

Marilyn McCabe

Published poet reads

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from her works, followed by an open reading for audience members. March 4, 7:30 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Cost: \$5. Information: 583-0022 or www.caffelena.org.

EXHIBITS

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Saratoga Auto Museum

Dino Petrocelli exhibit featuring the work of the highly-regarded automotive photographer. Through June. 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: saratogaautomuseum.org.

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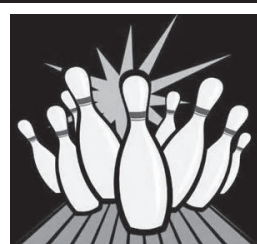
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The Albany Civic Theater, in Albany's South End, is celebrating 60 years of operation this month, and 50 years at its Second Avenue location.

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Look who's 60

ALBANY — The community playhouse in Albany's South End is celebrating a milestone achievement this month.

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"We have some of our original performers from the early '60s, and later, returning to reprise their stuff," said King.

"Bells are Ringing", "Gypsy", "Man of LaMancha", "Cabaret" and "Kiss Me Kate" are only some of the productions already scheduled for the upcoming months.

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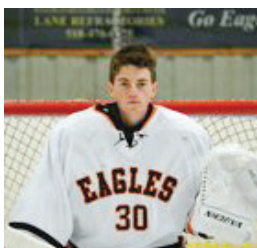
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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



CARL CUSACK

Bethlehem hockey goaltender Carl Cusack is the Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Saturday, Feb. 21. Cusack helped guide the Eagles to the Section 2 Division 1 semifinals with a 12-save performance in Bethlehem's 2-1 quarterfinal victory over LaSalle Wednesday, Feb. 18. Cusack then made 24 saves in a 5-2 semifinal loss to top-seeded Saratoga Springs Friday, Feb. 20.

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If you have a high school athlete you'd like to nominate for our Player of the Week, please e-mail Sports Editor Rob Jonas at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

■ INSIDE



Track champs

Bethlehem and Guilderland competed at the Section 2 Division 1 Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday, Feb. 21.

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■ CHEERLEADING

Cheering a new era

Guilderland regional a precursor to statewide cheerleading championships in 2016

By **ROB JONAS**

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GUILDERLAND — Patty Palmer has taken her Guilderland High School cheerleading team to the national Contest of Champions at Disneyworld 13 times.

Never before had she been able to host something of that magnitude until this year.

The first of three New York State Public High School Athletic Association-sanctioned regional cheerleading championships took place Saturday, Feb. 21, at Guilderland, with 80 teams competing in five divisions. NYSPHSAA officially recognized cheerleading as a sport last year, and it's offering a state championship in 2016.

"This year being a sport for the first time and hosting the biggest regional ever known is amazing," said Palmer. "I didn't expect 80 teams — 80 varsity teams — from all over the state to come here."

"It's something we've been working towards," said Colonie coach Ann Grasso-Little. "For New York state to see us as athletes and give them the recognition that they deserve for all the hard work that they do is great."

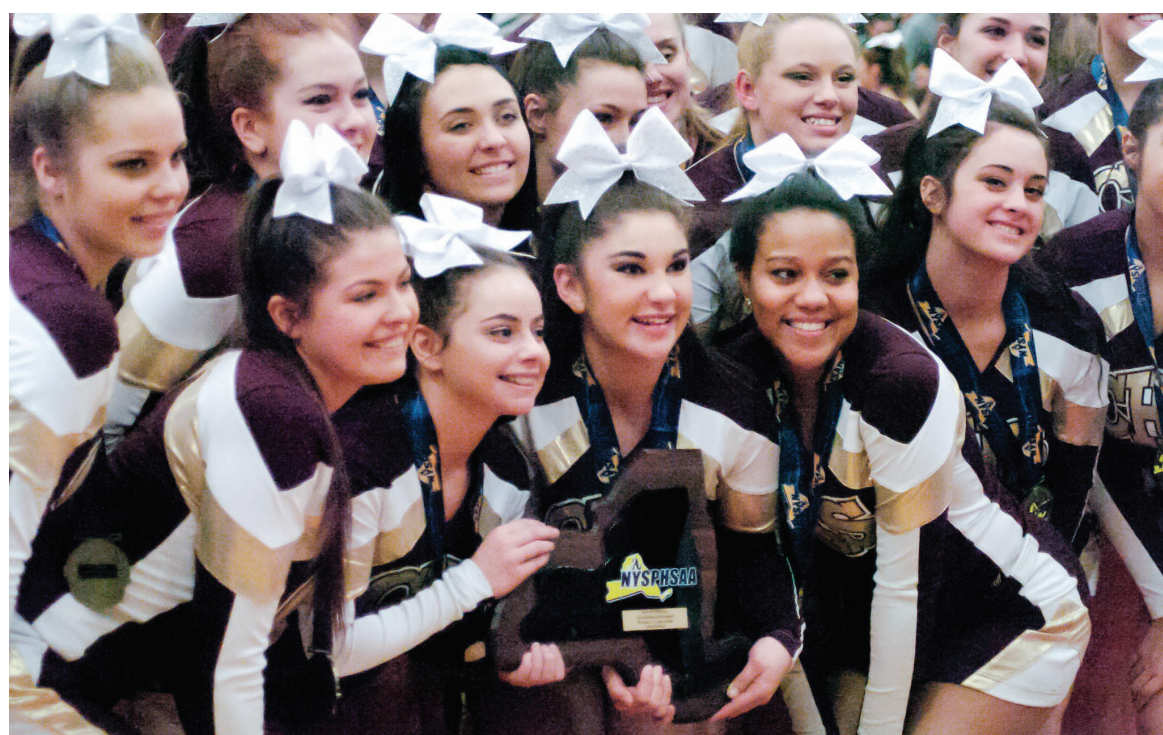
Guilderland athletic director Regan Johnson said the school was honored when the decision was made to have one of the three regionals contested there.

"Patty, being the Section 2 coordinator, got the conversation going," said Johnson. "Then, Todd Nelson (from NYSPHSAA) talked to us about hosting this."

Though it was considered a regional, the tournament was open to all teams from New York state. Schools from as far away as Buffalo, Rochester and Long Island trekked through the snow to Guilderland to compete for trophies.

Colonie was among the five teams to win regional championships. The Lady Raiders claimed the Division I Large title, ahead of runner-up Ballston Spa.

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▲ The Guilderland cheerleading team competes on its home floor at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association regional Saturday, Feb. 21. The Dutchmen placed fourth in the coed division.

◀ Colonie celebrates winning the Division I large squad title at the Guilderland regional.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight



The Avon cheerleading team traveled from western New York to compete in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's regional Saturday, Feb. 21, in Guilderland. Schools from as far away as Buffalo and Long Island sent squads to the first of three regional competitions.

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Colonie wins division title

"I think (the tournament) shows the athleticism of this sport, and to bring together teams from all over, it means a lot for us to be No. 1," said Grasso-Little.

"It's our first time coming here and showing the region what we can do," said senior co-captain

Alexandra Summa. "It feels real good to be a champion."

Guilderland used the opportunity to showcase the routine it will perform at the Contest of Champions this weekend in Florida. The routine was full of challenging lifts and moves, not all of which were executed cleanly at

the regional event, which led to a fourth-place finish in the co-ed division.

While placing fourth at regionals wasn't what Guilderland wanted, the goal remains to bring back a seventh national title from Disneyworld.

"Every performance is kind of a warm-up (for nationals)," said co-captain Taylor Stott. "We try to hit everything perfectly, but we also try to have fun with it."

Next year's goals will be different for Guilderland, Colonie and every other Section 2 cheerleading team. There will be a Sectional tournament to determine the teams that will compete at the first NYSPHSAA championship in Syracuse.

"We start now in the off-season — just keeping the kids working in the weight room and preparing them for the fall," said Grasso-Little.

TRACK AND FIELD

DeMaria leads BC

Junior wins two events at Section 2 Division 1 championships

By ROB JONAS

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ALBANY — Thanks to its field athletes, the Bethlehem girls track and field team placed third at the Section 2 Division 1 championships Saturday, Feb. 21, at the University at Albany's SEFCU Arena.

Teddy DeMaria led the Lady Eagles with victories in the pole vault and triple jump. DeMaria cleared the bar at 11 feet to win the pole vault, and she leaped a distance of 35 feet, 1 inch to claim the triple jump title.

DeMaria was also second to teammate Grace Smith in the high jump. Smith repeated as Sectional champion by clearing the bar at 5 feet, 3 inches, while DeMaria finished second after clearing 4 feet, 10 inches.

Samantha Gifford placed third in the long jump for Bethlehem, which finished with 56 points in the team standings.

Guilderland's Emily Burns turned in a pair of top-three finishes at Sectionals. Burns was second in the 1,500-meter race with a time of 4:50.14, and she took third place in the 3,000-meter race with a time of 10:35.41.

Burns accounted for

14 of Guilderland's 17 team points, which placed the Lady Dutch seventh overall. Saratoga Springs out-dueled Shenendehowa 153-145 for the Sectional championship.

On the boys' side, Guilderland placed third in the team standings with 66 points, while Bethlehem finished fourth with 49 points. Saratoga took first place with 131 points, and Shen was second with 119 points.

Guilderland's Harrison Bickmore and Zaviir Berry each won individual events. Bickmore claimed the high jump title by clearing the bar at 6 feet, 6 inches, while Berry finished first in the triple jump with a distance of 42 feet, 7.5 inches. Berry was also second to Bickmore in the high jump after he cleared the bar at 6 feet, 2 inches.

David Lennard took second place in the pole vault, and Andrew Burns finished third in the 1,000-meter run for Guilderland.

Bethlehem came close to winning relay titles twice. Schenectady edged Bethlehem by .03 seconds to claim the 800-meter relay title, and Saratoga nipped Bethlehem at the finish line to win the 1,600-meter relay.

Malick Diomande (high jump) and Luke Dutcher (pole vault) each had third-place finishes for Bethlehem.

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COMMUNITY

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Hannaford gives back to Wounded Warrior Project

By JOHN PURCELL
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Receiving a backpack might seem like a small gesture, but one veteran credits that initial act of compassion followed by ongoing support for saving his life.

In 2005, about a year after retired Army Spec. Jason Brasse was deployed to Iraq, an improvised explosive device blasted shrapnel into just below the knee of his right leg. While in a hospital from his injuries, he received a backpack from Wounded Warrior Project, which contained “every piece of clothing” he owned for more than a month.

“Freedom is the only reason that I stand here today,” said Brasse. “After I was devastatingly wounded by an IED, it was Wounded Warrior Project, honestly, that brought my freedom back.”

Wounded Warrior Project received a \$50,000 donation Wednesday, Dec. 18, from Hannaford Supermarkets officials at the Navy Operational Support Center

in the Town of Glenville. Hannaford’s donation was generated through the “Believe in Heroes” program in partnership with Acosta Sales & Marketing. Brasse, a spokesman for WWP, accepted the donation for the non-profit organization.

“The servicemen and women of our country make enormous sacrifices to protect our freedoms each day, which is why organizations such as Wounded Warrior Project are so vital to our community,” said Brian Fabre, spokesman for Hannaford. “The programs offered through Wounded Warrior Project offer injured veterans critically important services designed specifically to meet their unique needs.”

Brasse is a peer mentor with WWP, providing the support that helped turn him from the brink of suicide to nearly full recovery. He also travels to various events to share his story.

“After 13 surgeries, with numerous doctors telling him he’d never walk again,” said Fabre said about Brasse, “today, he walks, swims and mountain

bikes with little pain.” WWP’s Combat Stress Recovery Program specialists help veterans overcome physical and mental issues, said Brasse. Health and wellness events are also held nationwide to help injured veterans “adapt to their new normal.”

“I’m fortunate to have scars to show as the majority of my brothers do not,” said Brasse. “This leg stopped me from doing 10 things, but my head stopped me from doing a thousand things. And it truly was all that support that helped me realize that I still have a purpose here.”

For about two and a half years, Brasse went to therapy three times a week to regain mobility in his leg. He regained 95 percent mobility in his right leg. However, during recovery he never felt “safe and secure,” even with his family in his home.

“Daunting as the physical rehab was, the mental issues I faced were far worse and far more debilitating to my lifestyle than my leg was,” he said.

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implementation of policies and making any necessary modifications, along with developing additional policies.

Last month, representatives from the County Executive’s Office, departments of Health and Mental Health, and the County Sheriff, Public Defender and District Attorney offices accompanied Albany Police Department leaders to Seattle, Wash., to learn about the city’s arrest diversion program, LEADS.

This program provides law enforcement the opportunity

of giving offenders the choice — be arrested or meet with a counselor at a social service agency and avoid the court system all together,” McCoy said.

Oil transport

Two recent derailments of trains shipping crude oil also renewed McCoy’s focus on assessing the local impacts of potential disasters caused by railway oil transportation.

Nearly a year ago, he issued an executive order directing the county Commissioner of Health to issue a moratorium on the expansion of crude oil processing at the Port of Albany pending a public health investigation by the

County Health Department. McCoy has also called for legislation imposing jail time and penalties for not reporting spills in a timely fashion.

The same day as McCoy’s address, state Department of Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald and state Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joseph Martens urged the federal government to “not wait any longer to adopt tougher safety regulations for shipments of crude oil.”

McCoy said any processing and shipping of crude oil locally must be safe and potential impacts on air quality evaluated.

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Passion and Success

Seldom do you find a successful person who lacks passion in what it is they do.

Listen to motivational speaker Tony Robbins and you will come to recognize a shared characteristic between all successful people. Forget what is said, or what you may measure success by, you only need to listen to the inflection of his voice. It's similar in trait to how an 8-year old boy talks about his favorite toy, or how he shares his dreams of being a Power Ranger. "It would be so *cool* to be the Black Ranger," he would say. The words play out like a song. A dramatic cadence and a prolonged *cool* in the middle, wraps you into the dream and conjures a smile on your face, regardless of how impossible the dream may be.

Most of us are surrounded by negativity and lack the confidence to see something through, whether it be a project at

work, a career change, or a much needed vacation. For one reason or another, there is a downward, driving force that keeps people from seeing success and obtaining it.

Successful people have the same way of thinking like an 8-year old. Listen to the late-Steve Jobs talk about the projects he had planned for Apple back in the 1970s or the 1980s. In retrospect, the information he shared with people sounded like science fiction. Who would think "personal" would be a practical pronoun to place in front of an office machine like a computer? Yet, he had the same inflection in his voice that was able to persuade Steve Wozniak and Bill Gates to build the hardware and software for the first Apple computers. Computers with a graphic interface, word processing with a catalog of fonts and spreadsheet processing capabilities, wowed

people from all walks of life, and it happened because one person was able to make people believe he could be the next Black Ranger.

Speaking with Albany Symphony Orchestra Music Director David Alan Miller, you hear that inflection again. Miller has been the Maestro of our city's orchestra for nearly a quarter century, and he's had the ASO walking a different path from its peers. Last year, the small city orchestra dared to win a Grammy. They did so performing contemporary American music, and not the old stand-bys of Mozart, Bach and Beethoven. The musical troop spends twice as much as other orchestras playing modern, domestic music, and stands above the tall shoulders of orchestras from New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago. Miller does this with a passion that is infectious, and

drives people around him to catch up with him.

Last year, it was surprising to see the Albany Symphony Orchestra's name among the nominees for a Grammy Award. Today, there is no mystery as to why our orchestra receives the accolades bestowed upon it. Passionate people like Miller should be role models to the many of us who sit at our miserable day jobs and wish time away. Find your inner 8-year old and have a talk as to why you're not the Black Ranger yet.

TALK BACK

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Lynne Lenhardt
Bethlehem Central
School Board Member

• *Hometown: Delmar*

What are you listening to these days? (music, podcast or audio book):

A variety of music including "oldies," Josh Groban and "easy listening."

Reading?

I'm presently reading: "The Other Wes Moore" by Wes Moore. It's about two individuals having the same name and growing up in similar circumstances but having different outcomes in their lives.

Watching on TV?

I enjoy Madam Secretary, Modern Family and Downton Abbey.

What was the last movie you saw and why?

I recently saw "Boyhood" because I was curious of how you film over a period of twelve years and capture the essence and

reality of a boy's growth from child to adult in a variety of circumstances.

One person living or dead you would like to meet and why?

It would be interesting to sit down with Abraham Lincoln and discuss the issues he faced and the tough decisions he had to make during a very troubling time in our country's history.

Describe your dream vacation.

I would like to leisurely travel around the world with my husband and visit all the great wonders of the world.

What is your favorite hobby?

It used to be sewing, which I hope to focus on when I'm less busy! I also enjoy reading.

Describe what your last meal would be?

If I was healthy enough to eat something, I would enjoy a romantic, gourmet dinner with my husband and drink very fine wine while overlooking the water at sunset.

Favorite local memory?

Having lived here for over 40 years, I have a lot of memories so it's difficult to select a favorite one. However, I fondly recall taking my young children to visit the "Pumpkin Lady" on Fisher Boulevard when it was a quaint country road.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IDA needs accountability

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

Within days of reading of the Bethlehem IDA's struggle obtain infrastructure funding in a recent *Spotlight* article, doubts began to appear. Meanwhile, the *Times Union* reported almost concurrently, that the Monolith Solar deal may be off. This latest snafu at the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency (i.e. BIDA) after nearly a decade of "languish and letdown" at the Vista Technology Campus, suggests that accountabilities need to be strengthened at the Agency and among its Board members.

BIDA has as its stated mission "...to assist the Town in implementing the non-residential development components of the (Comprehensive) Plan by actively promoting, attracting, retaining, and developing high quality jobs." To that end, BIDA's seven member board regularly considers business opportunities and provides tax concessions to worthy candidates as an inducement to locate in Bethlehem. Over the years, and largely outside the scrutiny of taxpayers, BIDA has earmarked significant sums of tax payer resources in its quest for "high quality/high tech" jobs to Bethlehem and the Vista Technology Park in particular.

Vista, as envisioned in 2007, was to be the future home of 5,000 tech jobs here in Bethlehem. For a number of years, the project languished until in 2012, BIDA stepped in

to help securitize funding for the construction of roads and infrastructure at the park. That roll of the dice followed assurances by Vista's developers (Columbia Development among them) who promised, "build it and the jobs will come." This became the BIDA's business strategy for the park and resulted in the investment of millions of tax payer dollars. Today, despite these efforts, technology businesses have stayed away, no technology jobs have been created, and Vista has become a "retail park" with a large number of retail, "minimum wage" jobs. As a strategy, "build it" didn't work, and along the way BIDA has strayed from its mission. BIDA needs to be reeled in.

As an independent agency, BIDA acts outside the purview of our elected town government. Moreover, its members are appointed to open ended terms; their terms don't expire and board members do not have to stand for re-appointment. As a result, BIDA members don't answer to the taxpayers, even as they expend millions of tax payer dollars. In the absence of accountability, and given its track record at Vista, it is hardly surprising that its most recent attempts take on an air of desperation. *The Spotlight's* Feb. 18 article illustrates the point. In another deal, BIDA is betting that nearly \$1.5 million in tax giveaways and tax payer funded grants will attract 75 Monolith jobs at \$13,000 per job. And we all recall that in 2013,

BIDA authorized nearly \$1 million in tax breaks for Breonics, a company that had defaulted on \$200,000 owed to Dutchess County. What goes mostly unmentioned is that Shop Rite benefited from \$1M in tax concessions by locating 300 or so retail jobs at Vista.

Against this backdrop of poor results, it's time to introduce accountability measures at BIDA. As it stands, BIDA is an independent agency that acts outside the purview of our elected town government. Moreover, its members are appointed to open ended terms; their terms don't expire and board members do not have to stand for re-appointment. BIDA is not accountable to taxpayers, even as it is empowered to authorize expenditures of millions of tax payer dollars. In a culture where sloppy discipline and poor results have become the norm, structural changes at BIDA are long overdue.

First and foremost, term limits for BIDA board members should be imposed by the Bethlehem Town Board. By implementing this type of control, the Town Board will bring the BIDA into line with the practices in other towns and in other agencies of the Bethlehem Town government. This type of control is needed and is appropriate in sending the message that BIDA board members will be held to the highest standards of public accountability.

Dan Cunningham
Bethlehem

Time for goodwill

Editor, *The Spotlight*;

The YMCA motor includes "Together we can achieve so much more."

During these cold, snowy days, I would like to share a story with you that is guaranteed to bring you warm feelings of comfort and hope.

As a physician at Albany Medical Center, I am privileged to have the opportunity to participate in medical mission trips every year, sponsored by the Department of Anesthesiology. Ecuador, Guatemala and Haiti, during the aftermath of the disastrous 2010 earthquake, are countries that I have worked with other health care workers. Amazingly, serving the poorest of the poor who do not have access to health care provides a magnetic pull to many physicians, young and old. The conditions in under served countries generally are primitive with unique food choices. Volunteers spend long hours with few supplies and equipment, while enduring language and cultural barriers. Cold showers, or no showers, and limited or no electricity requires flexibility and serious commitment to the cause by all volunteers. In spite of the challenges of mission work, many physicians and health care workers return annually, or more often, to the countries that need their help.

On a personal note, my main job on mission trips is to provide anesthesia services to patients. Surgeons of varied specialties are present. We see pathology that we never see in the United States because so

many diseases go untreated in these countries. We see patients of all ages. Children frequently fear us because we are strangers. They require a lot of reassurance before they come close to us to be examined. Lacking the standard working conditions that we are used to back home makes it challenging for doctors and nurses to work, but we strive to give the best care, comparable to what we provide in the United States. The gratitude and joy on the patients' faces are unforgettable and a source of strength I carry with me always.

When I walk outside the hospital grounds to the neighboring community, I am always greeted by a flock of smiling children who have heard that, "American doctors are here!" They wait eagerly for me to hand them gifts that came from the United States. Before going on any mission trip, I collect items such as clothes, toys, coloring books and crayons for the locals. This is where my story connects to the Bethlehem YMCA.

While participating in a class at the YMCA I began talking to other members about my medical mission trip experiences and my recent trip to Guatemala. Additionally, my enthusiasm spilling over and I mentioned

my upcoming missions trips to Ecuador and Honduras in March and April respectively. Shortly thereafter, on my doorstep was a large bag of clothes sewn by carious YMCA members. The word had spread that I was headed for another mission trip. With enthusiasm, love and a deep sense of compassion for other human beings, several YMCA members had rolled up their sleeves and quickly began sewing. Other members donated jewelry and hats, with promises to provide me with any additional items I would need. The outpouring of generosity has renewed my pride in the Delmar community, with a special affection for the members of the Bethlehem YMCA. I believe the world can only become a better place when individuals make an extra effort to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate. I am extremely grateful for my connection with the YMCA and the outstanding people in the Delmar community who have, through their actions, extended warmth, comfort and hope to struggling and ill people in other countries.

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Wastewater's wasted potential

In Ithaca, a similar pilot program was run for eight months, operating 24/7, and processing approximately 12,000 gallons of wastewater daily, according to ClearCove President Gary Miller. NYSERDA funding totaling \$600,000 was pivotal to both pilot sites.

"I can safely say, without the support of NYSERDA and this grant, we would not be going into production with our customer," said Miller.

The first in-ground site is projected to be operational early this summer in the Town of Bath. ClearCove's technology could be timely for many other municipalities, too.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation's Infrastructure Workgroup released a report in March of 2008 on the wastewater infrastructure needs of the state. The report conservatively estimated repairing, replacing, and updating municipal wastewater infrastructure would cost \$36 billion over 20 years.

Many of the 610 municipal wastewater plants statewide have exceeded their expected useful life, according to the report. There are approximately 1,060 sewage collection systems holding 22,000 miles of sewers, which has more than 30 percent exceeding 60 years old.

According to a NYSERDA report, the state's wastewater industry consumes about 25 percent more electricity than the

national average on a per-unit basis.

ClearCove offers municipalities the chance to install a new system reducing energy consumption at least 50 percent, producing three times the amount of biogas, and potentially double plant capacity. The system could also reduce a plant's landfill waste up to 65 percent.

"There are no moving parts in the actual tank itself, which is very unique," said Miller. Treatment tanks can be retrofitted into existing tanks.

Energy consumption is primarily reduced through improving the efficiency of a plant's secondary treatment process.

"We remove 100 percent of the grit, 100 percent of the fiber, and nothing larger than 50 microns gets into the secondary process," Miller said. "We believe by taking the organics out up front and taking out the inorganics that cause problems downstream in technology that we will help enable that technology to function better."

The impact of combined sewage overflow into water bodies during storms is also lessened through its enhanced primary treatment, which removes organic matter from before aeration begins.

Tonko said ClearCove's technology would create jobs and control costs while enhancing the quality of life for surrounding communities. Greg Westbrook, chief executive

officer of ClearCove, said the company will "create a lot of jobs" through manufacturing parts needed in-state and construction jobs created with installations.

The DEC's 2008 report cited the Albany area as a location for "particular concern" regarding the impacts of combined sewer overflows, which "contain untreated domestic, commercial and industrial wastes as well as surface runoff."

"This is where our economy needs to be — embracing the American intellect, allow for the patents to flow and energy savings to come," said Tonko.

Supporting grant opportunities and research investment is vital to the nation's economy, said Tonko, because it can lead to prototypes like ClearCove's pilot sites. Simply cutting programs does not help the economy, because companies are competing on a global scale.

"These folks allow us to make energy efficiency our fuel of choice by doing very clever prototypes and concepts where they test them and grow those concepts in a way that reduces what is a 4 percent stream of energy demand ... across the country," said Tonko.

The U.S. Energy Department's National Renewable Energy Laboratory honored ClearCove with an Outstanding Venture award at its Industry Growth Forum in October.

ClearCove is also piloting some systems for food and beverage processing companies.

Rep. Paul Tonko looks at the difference between wastewater processed through a traditional treatment system and ClearCove's cleaner, enhanced primary treatment process.

