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Bethlehem Police nabbed local retailers for selling alcohol to underage customers

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Area elementary students learn first hand how to exercise their right to vote.

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TOP STORY



Low tax levy = Passed budget

BCSD voters pass school budget 2,376 to 671

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — Following a restoration of state aid, Bethlehem residents passed the district's \$94.1 million spending plan for the 2015-16 school year by a wide margin.

On Tuesday, May 19, the budget passed by a margin of 2,376 votes to 671 votes. Voters will now see a tax levy increase of just .45 percent, which is the second-lowest increase ever presented to district voters.

Voters turned to the polls last week to express their approval over their respective proposed budgets.

Photo by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

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ENTERTAINMENT



Bringing it home

Sawyer Fredericks captured the hearts of a nation, and won NBC's The Voice.

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SPORTS



Dreams dashed

Bethlehem girls lacrosse had their championship dreams dashed by Shenendehowa last week, as the Plainsmen dealt the Eagles as 12-10 loss.

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■ COP, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Underage alcohol sting nets arrests

Bethlehem Police conducted an alcohol compliance check on multiple local establishments last week in an effort to stop underage drinking during prom season. Over the weekend, and with the assistance of The New York State Liquor Authority, and persons under twenty-one years of age, police checked twenty-five retail establishments that sell alcohol. As a result of this compliance check five subjects were arrested for selling alcohol to a minor.

Najee M. Barnette, 19, of Slingerlands, was arrested while working at the Slingerlands Shop Rite

Miriam P. Castro, 20, of Albany, was arrested while working at the Delmar Mobil

Benjamin S. Gaspar, 27, of Delmar, was arrested while working at the Delmar Hess

Patrick A. McVinney Jr., 22, of Albany, was arrested while working at the Slingerlands Hess

A 16-year-old male from Ravena, was arrested while working at the Glenmont Price Chopper (his name is being withheld due to potential youthful offender status).

All five subjects were issued an appearance ticket for Unlawfully Dealing with a Child in the first degree, a misdemeanor, and are due to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, May 19. Further administrative charges against the establishments that sold alcohol are pending.

Other arrests:

• Bethlehem police arrested David J. Ross, 30, of 5 Norbrick Drive,

Albany, on DWI charges on Saturday, May 16. Police said they saw a black Ford heading westbound on Feura Bush Road allegedly cross the fog line twice, and then fail to stop at a stop sign after turning onto Elm Avenue. Police then stopped Ross, who said he was the designated driver for the evening. Ross said he had picked up a friend in Albany was was taking him back home to Elm Estate. Police said Ross admitted to driving on a suspended license, and appeared to have watery eyes and and a smell of alcohol coming from the car. Ross told police he had "absolutely no alcohol" that night and the odor was coming from his passenger. Ross agreed to a breathalyzer tests to show he had not been drinking, said police. However, results allegedly showed he had. Police said Ross

failed three field sobriety tests and then was placed in custody. At the station, Ross ultimately agreed to a chemical test, but later refused. Police said Ross placed his lips around the mouthpiece and said he was blowing, but actually wasn't. He was informed non-compliance would result in a refusal to take the test, which is what ultimately occurred. Ross was charged with DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, and several traffic violations. He was released to appear in court at a later date.

• Bethlehem police arrested Kais Z. Al-Atwi, 22, of 258 Lake Road, Berne, on DWI charges Sunday, May 17. Police said a black Chrysler was driving westbound on New Scotland Road where the car was allegedly seen traveling at a high rate of speed with half its vehicle

in the eastbound lane. Police said when they attempted to pullover the car, the driver refused to comply and continued driving westbound at a high rate of speed. The vehicle then stopped about another half-mile up the road. Police said they immediately asked Al-Awi to exit the car, where he was seen to have bloodshot eyes and smelled of alcohol. He was also said to be unsteady on his feet, so police asked him to sit on the ground. When asked how much he had drank throughout the night, Al-Awi reportedly said "a lot," and that he was coming home from Albany. He also said he did not immediately stop because he did not notice the police car behind him. Police said they noticed Al-Awi's vehicle to be extremely damaged along the driver side and front bumper. At

this point Al-Awi became emotionally distraut and threatened harm to himself. Police said they were eventually able to calm Al-Awi down to perform field sobriety tests. He failed two of the three field tests and a preliminary breath test was positive for alcohol. He was then transported to the Bethlehem police station, where his chemicle test yielded a BAC of 0.13 percent. He was charged with felony aggravated unlicesed operation of a motor vehicle and DWI. He was also charged with operating a vehicle without insurance, having an uninspected vehicle, failure to comply, speeding, and several other traffic violations. Al-Awi was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and sent to Albany County jail in lieu on \$5,000 bail. He was set to appear in court on Today, May 19.



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■ EDUCATION

Kids vote too

Elementary students learn first hand how to exercise their rights

BETHLEHEM — Elementary students from all Bethlehem Central schools were once again invited to participate in a mock vote, as their parents voted for the school budget last week.

The event was held at the Bethlehem High School during the evening of Tuesday, May 19. This is the fourth year the vote has been held for kids in

TOP: Rosie Pastore, 7, and her brother Abe, 5, of Hamagrael Elementary, listed as Laurel Jones explain the voting choices.

MIDDLE: Ben and Lizzy Cable, 7, of Elsmere Elementary register to vote.

BOTTOM: A student mulls over her choices before casting her ballot.

Photos by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

kindergarten through fifth grade. Previous votes have included selection of a new snack for the cafeteria and a new activity for outdoor recess. This year's vote was to select a new indoor recess game.

The game Scattergories and drawing with markers out-won playing the game Boggle and crafting brackets by 58 percent of the vote. A total of 453 students participated in this year's mock votes.

"It all began the first year when we wanted to bring in more adult voters because it was the year we were challenging the tax cap," said Laurel Jones, a teacher at Eagle Elementary who coordinated the event. "It gets the kids excited and then encourages the parents to vote. It's been wildly successful, with about 800 kids voting the first year."

Each student was given an explanation of the choices they had to pick from, before registering to vote by writing their name and circling their school. They then got to vote electronically on an iPad.

"It's a great opportunity to teach the students about voting, the budget and what rights they have as they get older," said Jones. "And the kids look forward to it."

Jones coordinated a similar mock vote in 2012 for the district's elementary students during the presidential election. President Barack Obama received 2,868 votes, winning the Bethlehem Central School District 2012 Mock Election. Challenger Mitt Romney garnered 1,514 votes out of the 4,382 votes cast district-wide.

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GOVERNMENT

Roads and traffic of concern

Residents meet in Delmar for second community meeting

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — Delmar and Elsmere residents gathered last week for the second community

meeting of the year held by town officials to discuss upcoming projects and resident concerns.

Supervisor John Clarkson led the meeting on Thursday, May 21, at Elsmere Fire Station on Poplar Drive. The forum lasted for about two hours, with about 40 people in attendance. Town officials and staff took questions and comments

from the crowd, and presented updates on several development proposals for the area. Topics ranged from the Delaware Avenue improvements, the town's new tree program, sidewalk installation and development.

All of the town's board members and several department heads also attended the meeting.

Delaware Avenue Hamlet Streetscape Project

Following the completion of the Delaware Avenue Improvement Study in 2011, the town is planning to update the corridor between Hudson Avenue and the Four Corners.

The \$3.1 million project would see improvements to sidewalks and curbing, while adding landscape buffers and a bike lane. There would also be updates to crosswalks and more defined on-street parking. The design elements call for new developments to be built closer to the street, with dedicated parking in the back for a better aesthetic.

The \$3.1 million project would be paid for through a \$1.2 million grant already received by the town, and a \$1.9 million town match. The match by the town would need to be bonded. The Town Board still has to approve the project once its scope is finalized. The engineer design is expected to be complete by 2016, with construction taking place in 2017. Approvals would also be needed by the state Department of Transportation.

"Will this include upgrades to the road under the bridge?" asked one woman in the audience. "It looks like a third-world country over there."

Planning and Economic Development Director Rob Leslie said the project

includes repaving of that section of Delaware Avenue, but he expects DOT may choose to pave sooner than 2017 because of the deterioration.

The town is also planning a traffic study for the section of Delaware Avenue from Elsmere Avenue to the City of Albany. The study would look at the feasibility of a "road diet" to possibly bring that section of road down from four lanes to two, with a turning lane in the middle. Leslie said most of the accidents in the area are from drivers attempting to turn left across three lanes of traffic. The study would also look at adding more crosswalks and other improvements for pedestrians.

Rail Trail

Improvements to the Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail began, with this year's focus from Delaware Avenue to South Pearl Street in Albany. About 3.1 miles are set to be paved by September. Tree trimming and grade work have already been done, with work on the Elsmere Avenue bridge set for this month. In June, concrete removal will begin on the Delaware Avenue bridge, with the work lasting two months.

One member of the audience was concerned by the amount of trees removed from the trail. She said homeowners who live along the trail have lost a lot of their privacy; the "fairy tail feeling" of being out in the woods is now missing.

"I'm not concerned so much about me, but those homeowners," she said. "If someone's having a barbecue or something, we're there too." Leslie said he would try to find more out more information from the county.

Development

Several new buildings have been proposed along Delaware Avenue. One of the more interesting projects is a 4,000-square-foot building proposed at the site of the former Getty gas station. The building would consist of commercial on the first floor and three apartments on the second. Parking would be in the rear of the building to conform with the Delaware Avenue Improvement Study.

The second proposal is for a 2,525 square foot building at 200 Delaware Ave. Similar in nature, the project consists of commercial businesses on the first floor and two apartments on the second floor.

Leslie also said a new housing development has been proposed for Rockefeller Road, but is in the initial stages. The proposal calls for 60 apartments, 27 town homes and about nine acre of preserved open space.

Several people asked what the advantage was to more apartments in town over single-family homes, since the new development would need to be rezoned to a planned development

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district. Leslie said they found apartments are less likely to house school-age children, which is less of a burden on the tax base. There is also less maintenance for public works, since apartment complexes maintain their own water and sewer, while more land is preserved because there are fewer roadways.

Street tree program and sidewalks

The town is looking for residents or business owners who may want to take part in its new Street Tree program.

Those with property along Kenwood, Elsmere or Delaware avenues can apply to have a tree planted in the right-of-way in front of their property. The application deadline is June 15, and the cost of the tree is \$75. However, the town will plant the tree and do most maintenance. About 450 property owners are eligible, but so far only 14 have applied. The trees will be bought this summer and planted in the fall.

Sidewalks will also be installed next year along Delmar Place and Furbank Avenue as part of a \$500,000 Safe Routes to School grant the town received last year. The project needs no funding from the town, and approximately one mile of sidewalk will be installed. The project is beneficial to the Bethlehem Central Middle School, Hamagrael Elementary School and St. Thomas the Apostle

School. Construction will be complete in 2016. Some residents will receive letters since temporary easement access will be needed, but all installation will be in the right-of-way.

Substation

Leslie said the town is continuing to work with National Grid to find an alternative site for the substation originally proposed for Van Dyke Road.

One such site was the DPW yard on Route 9W, but National Grid found the site to be unsuitable because of the amount wetlands and construction constraints. The second site is the town's Dog Park and water tank reservoir on the outskirts of Elm Avenue Park. The town will most likely be getting rid of the water storage tank, since storing water for long periods of time is no longer an acceptable practice. National Grid has said that location is feasible.

Kuhn asked how that location could be used, since it's deemed parkland. Leslie said the town would need to sell the land to National Grid. The town originally acquired the land in 1980 from the Albany Catholic Archdiocese to expand the park system. To sell the land to National Grid, the town would need to go through an alienation process to remove the property from the town park system. This would need approval from the state legislature and the governor's signature.

The town is now waiting on National Grid to further review the site before going back to the zoning board.

The next Community Town Hall meeting is Thursday, June 11, at 7 p.m., at the Slingerlands Fire.

■ POLITICS

Health bill moves forward

Municipal Health Insurance Savings Act moves through senate, assembly

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ALBANY COUNTY — A bill currently moving through the senate and assembly would allow municipal employees to join with Albany County in its self-insured health plan, saving local municipalities thousands of dollars.

Assemblyman Phil Steck, D-Colonie, and Senator Joseph Griffo, R-Rome, introduced "The Municipal Health Insurance Savings Act" about one year ago. The bill proposes that local governments, including villages, towns, cities and school districts, join the county self-insured health plan in order to share services and put revenue into other resources.

Currently, many municipalities contract with often private insurance companies to cover the health care costs of employees and dependents. Albany County, however, is self-insured and takes on the financial risk of claims for benefits.

That financial risk is often too high for municipalities to take a chance on, but were they to join with Albany County, the financial impact would be spread among more employees, reducing the cost.

"We have to do whatever is possible to make sure we make our municipalities not burdened with unnecessary mandates and free to explore options for providing benefits to their employees," said Steck. "One of the key areas, probably the most expensive... is healthcare."

Steck and Griffo both agreed that this would be an opportunity for local municipalities share services

with the county, something the county has been pushing for to help both the county and municipal governments save in costs.

"We always talk about how we want to share services. We have not really done as much as we can, or should," said Griffo. "This is something that's a win-win."

Self-insured plans are significantly lower in cost than fully insured plans,

especially with rising health coverage costs, which cannot be controlled by municipal governments.

By joining with the county, municipalities would not only reduce costs as a whole, but for its employees as well. Steck said he recalled the large jump in price from going from a county self-insured plan to a community-rated plan.



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The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 of the American Legion would like to thank all the participants and spectators at this years Memorial Day Parade.

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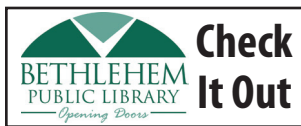
Library hosts Preschool Prom

Who doesn't love a good reason to get fancy? Our youngest patrons will be dressed in their elegant best as they celebrate the end of spring storytime with dancing, games and a promenade around the library on Friday, May 29, at 10 a.m. Families will want to have their cameras handy because this event has photo opportunities galore!

Most preschool prom activities will take place in the library's community room.

Conclusion of career series

The final two programs in our Career Crossroads



series are scheduled for the coming week. The first, held Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m., will discuss technology career training at Schenectady County Community College, with an emphasis on the Supply Chain Management program. A Resume Writing workshop on Wednesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. wraps everything up, giving participants the skills they need to market themselves to potential employers.

The series, which began in April and has covered local training opportunities

and job-seeking skills, was made possible through NYS Assembly Priority Project funding facilitated by Assemblymember Patricia Fahy. The funding is also being used to purchase additional library computers for resume and cover letter writing, as well as computer classes, so the career search can continue even after the series has ended. In addition, the Bethlehem Public Library offers free job coaching by appointment throughout the year.

For more information about these programs, call 439-9314, visit the library's website at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org or pick up a flyer at the information desk.

Budget passes; board welcomes new members

The library would like to thank voters for approving our \$3.7 million budget for 2015-16 on Tuesday, May 19, by a vote of 2,437 to 678 – a margin of just over 78 percent. Your continued widespread support has allowed us to remain a vibrant and dynamic institution.

Voters on Tuesday also elected newcomers Brian Sweeney and Lisa Scoons to five-year terms on the board of trustees. We welcome them to the board, and would like to remind everyone that our board meetings, which typically take place on the second Monday of the

month, are always open to the public.

More board news

Coming up in June, there will be a slightly amended board of trustees schedule. The board will meet on June 15 at 5:30 p.m. Please note that this is the third Monday. The earlier time is to accommodate ongoing long-range plan discussions. We will resume the standard schedule and start time in July. The board schedule is always online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Upcoming events

Saturday, May 30 — Time Out for Tales

Stories and fun for children up to age 6 and

families. 11 a.m.

Monday, June 1-Sunday, June 7 — Creation Station

Get creative in the Children's Place with the theme Eric Carle Caterpillar. Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Saturday 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Monday, June 1 — Tabletop Gaming

We provide Dominion, Munchkin, and Ticket to Ride with its USA 1910 Expansion Pack. Feel free to bring your own favorite tabletop games. Snacks will be served. For adults and teens age 16 and older. 6:30 p.m.

— Kristen Roberts

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Friendship Singers spring concert

BETHLEHEM — The Friendship Singers present their annual spring concert Saturday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave.

This year's concert, "Sisters in Song," will include familiar show tunes and light-hearted songs typical of the group, with close harmony and some choreography on display. Marie Liddle leads the group, with accompaniment by Peg Dorgan, Linda Drew and Bill Reusswig.

The concert is free and open to the public. Free will donations will be accepted and given to "To Life!" — a nonprofit organization which provides breast cancer information and support to patients, family and caregivers.

Dragonflies at Five Rivers

BETHLEHEM — Summer is on its way, and dragonflies will soon be hovering over the ponds at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

Join the center at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, in a program exploring dragonflies and how they maneuver through the wetlands. The event includes an outdoor exploration of the center's ponds in search of nymphs and dragonflies.

At 2 p.m., the public is invited for an easy stroll around the Beaver Tree Trail in search of turtles and other animals around Beaver Pond.

For more information, call 475-0291.

Learn about fly fishing

BETHLEHEM — Families can come learn about fly fishing with the Capital District Fly Fishers club at the Fly Fishing Demonstration Day on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Colonial Acres.

Families can learn how to tie a fly and how to cast a Fly Rod. The Golf & Learning Academy at Colonial Acres has many activities throughout the year such as a DiscGolf Course and a Nature Trail around the entire golf facility.

For more information

about more Golf & Learning Academy events, visit www.golfandlearning.com

For more information about the Capital District Fly Fishers, visit www.cdflyfishers.org

Celebrate anniversary of native plants

VOORHEESVILLE — Thatcher Park is having its 10th annual Native Plant Sale on Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be over 50 hard to find species of perennials, ferns, and small trees. These native plants will attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. These plants will provide seeds for migratory and winter birds. Experienced staff will be able to help each person find the right plant.

Families at the Native Plant Sale will be able to join a guided hike, meet a beekeeper from Bees of the Woods Apiary, and purchase books. There will be face painting and kids' crafts such as planting a "Milkweed for Monarchs" to bring home.

Also on tap, Woodland Wildflowers at Thatcher Park on Saturday, May 30, at 2 p.m., is a

day where visitors can see the late spring wildflowers bloom.

Visitors can walk in the woods along the Hop Field Trail and look for Gaywings, Starflowers, Pink Ladyslippers and many more wildflowers. The trail is a 1.5-mile loop of wetlands, rocky cliffs and many species of ferns. Visitors are to meet at the Hop Field parking area.

For more information, call 872-0800.

Iris Show at Bethlehem Library

BETHLEHEM — The Capital Hudson Iris Society is having its annual Iris Show at Bethlehem Public Library from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, for Iris lovers all around the Capital Region.

The judged cut flower show will have a display of irises of all sizes and varieties grown by iris lovers from all over the Capital Region. This is an opportunity for the public to see the many colors and sizes that irises come in. The public that attends the Iris Show will be able to see tall bearded irises, dwarf bearded irises, Siberian

and Louisiana Irises, and many more. The Capital Hudson Iris Society meets montly from September through April, with free meetings and talks from gardening experts.

For additional information, call 952-4995.

Delmar Farmer's Market celebrates 2015 season

BETHLEHEM — The Delmar Farmer's Market will celebrate its seventh anniversary when it opens on May 30 for the start of the 2015 season.

There will be over 50 local vendors providing seasonal produce, prepared foods and crafts. Delmar Farmer's Market promotes sustainable farming, environmental awareness, and healthy foods to support local and fair trade businesses. Delmar Farmer's Market's goals are to provide healthy food options in a friendly atmosphere and to make their products as diverse as possible.

For more information of a list of vendors and performers for 2015, visit www.delmarmarket.org.

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Dollars and Sense at GPL

We're bringing in the experts for an informative, four-part financial-wellness series. Sign up for one, or sign up for all four; it's up to you. All programs are held on Tuesday evenings in June, at 5:30 p.m.

June 2: Brian Doherty, author of the book "Getting

Paid to Wait: Bigger Social Security Benefits the Simple and Easy Way," will discuss how to maximize your Social Security benefits.

June 9: Emily Bacon, a financial services representative with First Investors Corp., will present on the basics of investing, with a look at tailoring your portfolio to meet your needs.

June 16: Sheila Cervera, a certified long term care specialist and estate planner with SEFCU, will talk about options for long-term care.

June 23: Frank Roylance, an associate financial advisor with Key Bank, will present a program on retirement readiness and estate planning.

These programs are sure to be popular, so sign up soon. Be sure to sign up for each individual date/program you would like to attend. Call 456-2400, ext. 2, or go to guilpl.org and register via the events and registration calendar.

Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy

Prized above all other traditional Chinese arts, calligraphy reflects Chinese culture's devotion to the power of the word, and you have the opportunity to learn a bit of this art on Thursday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m., when Dr. Wei Zhang will present "Introduction to Chinese

Calligraphy" at GPL.

Unlike alphabetic or phonetic systems, each written Chinese word is represented by its unique symbol, an abstract diagram called a character, which not only denotes specific meanings, but also reveals energy and vitality in its natural way. Calligraphy is the perfect tool to express the aesthetic forms and dynamic energy embodied within Chinese characters.

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— Mark Curiale

Thank you for passing the budget

The proposed library budget passed on May 19 with 70 percent approval. We appreciate your support.

Congratulations to Trustee Laurie Dickerson, who was re-elected to a 3-year term, and to new Trustee Sheila Schwartz. The Library Board

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

meets in the Community Room at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. The public is always welcome to attend.

Book sale

The Village-wide Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 6. Stop by the library's book sale beginning at 9 a.m. We are accepting donations Thursday and Friday, June 4 and 5, and seeking volunteers for Friday and Saturday. Call us at 756-2053.

Makedo Construction

The library will be a construction zone on Saturday, June 6, starting at 2 p.m. Kids will use their creativity and imaginations, along with special kid friendly tools, to build an awesome project with

cardboard. For more information, check out the projects at mymakedo.com

Mac and cheese bake-off

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to make it. Our bake-off is on Saturday, June 13, at 1 p.m. Sign up to bring your mac and cheese masterpiece by emailing info@rcscommunitylibrary.org, or calling the library at 756-2053.

If you would like to be a judge, email us or call us. — Carol Melewski

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That sounds like fun. Is there more? Glad you asked; yes, there is more. How about our weekly Y camp themes: hometown heroes honoring police, firefighters and veterans; wide world of sports; wizard academy; hakuna mattata; superheroes



versus villains; color wars; seashore escapades water fun; a blast from the past enjoying music, cloths and culture from the 60's, 70's 80's and 90's; dinosaurs and explorers; and aloha summer.

In addition to a high-quality summer camp experience for your child, we offer before and after care — 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. — at no additional charge, a savings of up to \$40 per day compared to other camps. Also, with our sibling savings option, the more kids you send to camp, the more you save. For each additional child who attends camp, you save \$10 each week. With just

one additional child, you save \$100 for 10 weeks of camp at the YMCA.

You can register for Bethlehem YMCA summer camp at CDYMCA.org, or stop by the Y front desk and register in person.

YMCA open house — Care for a closer, first-hand look? The Bethlehem YMCA will be holding an open house all day on Saturday, May 30. Please come and check out our pavilion and other summer camp programs and facilities, and meet the staff who will be making camp run smoothly for parents and kids.

In addition to the summer camp open house, the entire YMCA will be free and open to the public for anyone who wants to take a tour, take a swim,

take a class or just take some time to exercise in any of our outstanding facilities.

Drive-In Family Movie Night — That sounds like a great day, but is there's more? Yes, there is. The fun that day keeps on going into the night when the Y has a "drive-in movie" night under the pavilion. On May 30, at 7 p.m., we will be showing the hit movie "Big Hero 6," and children will be given large cardboard boxes to decorate and make into cars that they can sit in while they watch the movie. And if that's not enough, there's free pizza for families.

So what more could you ask for? A fun day for the whole family at the Bethlehem YMCA to kick off summer, and a great camp experience to make for an action-packed summer-long experience for your kids. Please check out the Bethlehem YMCA because fun happens here.

— Mark Hansen

Upcoming concerts

The Friendship Singers Spring Concert, "Sisters in Song," will be held on Saturday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the Delmar Reformed Church. There will be show tunes, popular songs, dancing and refreshments. A free will offering will be taken to benefit "To Life!" which supports those with breast cancer. We will have dinner before the program at the Garden Bistro 24, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Join us for "Afternoon Music With Bob and Tom," featuring Bob Altschuler and Tom Thorpe, performing a mix of bluegrass, folk, blues and originals. It will be at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, June 5, at 1 p.m. We will have lunch before the program at Emma

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Clery's, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, for lunch reservations. Suggested van donation: \$5.

A rabies clinic will be held at the Elm Avenue Warming Area on Tuesday, June 2, from 4-5:30 p.m. for cats and ferrets, and from 5:30-7 p.m. for dogs. Senior Services volunteers will be available to help with pet registrations. Pets must be on leashes or in carriers. Bring a record of prior vaccination.

Outreach Workers are available to assist with counseling on health insurance, housing issues, food stamps, health and income related programs or heating costs support, make an appointment by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

The Bethlehem Food Pantry at Town Hall is in need of tea, coffee, cleaning products, toothpaste and deodorant. Donations may be dropped off at the Senior Services Office.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and play pinochle, bingo, or mah jongg. Or just come for a chat with friends. Call Yvonne Mendleson at 472-0202 for more information.

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy, and clinic appointments, grocery stores, and a variety of social and recreational programs. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org.

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.'s website is bethlehemsenioproject.org.

— Wilma DeLucco

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Catching up with Moz

Before Sawyer, we went crazy over Moz.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Lady Antebellum

The country trio starts things off at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center when they take the stage Sunday, May 31. They are accompanied by fellow artists Hunter Hayes and Sam Hunt. For tickets and information go to Livenation.com

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



ENTERTAINMENT



Bringing it home

Local teen takes title of NBC Television's The Voice

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Sawyer Fredericks, the "aw, shucks" teen out of Montgomery County, went from obscurity to nationwide sweetheart while on his path to winning Season Eight of NBC Television's "The Voice" last Wednesday.

When reporters asked the 16-year-old whether he had plans to move out of Upstate New York to start up his signing career, he laughed.

"No," he said. "I'm not moving to L.A."

Fredericks outlasted a field of 20 performers since the season first aired in February. It all ended Wednesday night as he was named winner out of four remaining finalists. Meghan Linsey was named runner-up, while Joshua Davis and Koryn Hawthorne finished third and fourth respectively.

With each finalist's songs made available for purchase through iTunes, the music site served as an early indicator to the end result. Hours before the live broadcast, Fredericks had two songs listed among the top downloaded files, indicating a substantial lead in popularity over his competition.

At 10:59 p.m. Eastern time, show host Carson Daly called out Fredericks name as the winner. Immediately afterwards, Katy Cole's phone sparked to life with a constant barrage of messages and phone calls.

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Fultonville teen Sawyer Fredericks went the distance on NBC Television's The Voice, and won it all last Tuesday in front of a nationwide audience. Viewing parties were all over the Capital District, including Proctors in Schenectady and The Palace Theatre in Albany.

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FASHION

Welcome to the Real World

On job interviews, your appearance is as important as what you say

By DENISE BENNETT
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Congratulations to the Class of 2015. You're probably thinking, now what? What do I have to do to get a job?

Well, once you send your resume, let's hope you're lucky enough to get called for an interview.

This process, which is becoming painstakingly longer, is the make-it or break-it point for many applicants. It isn't just a question and answer session where your skills and personality are assessed. In many cases, your overall persona is brought into account.

I happen to be on the interview panel for my company and let me tell

you, there are quite a few things I look at when I see an applicant arrive for an interview. First impressions are everything, and if you don't take the time to dress the part, the sorry fact is, I'm probably not interested in what you have to say. I know this is harsh, but it is true. If you can't take the time to be presentable, you're not worth my time.

First, there is the matter of cologne or perfume. If I can smell you before you sit down, that's not a good thing. I recently sat in an interview with a gentleman who wore so much cologne, by the conclusion of the interview, all the office windows were open. My throat was sore and I had a dizzying headache. Rule of thumb with personal fragrance: Skip it. You never know if your

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interviewer has sensitivities or allergies.

On a similar note, personal hygiene. Please shower. If you're a man, please shave and comb your hair. If your hair needs a cut, step to the local barber. Ladies, this isn't the time to try new

makeup or look like you're heading to the club. Keep the eyeshadow to neutral colors and skip the glitter. Keep nails simple and neat. Don't wear OPI's Lincoln Park after Dark (black nail polish) and expect rave reviews.

Sadly, I speak from experience when I share all this with you. I have had folks show up that may have just rolled out of bed. If you tend to have sweaty palms, take a stick of deodorant and swipe it down your hand. You don't

have to be perfect, but show you can keep yourself clean and tidy. If you keep yourself this way, your work probably reflects this.

Shoes.

I love shoes. I love big, tall wedges with peep toes. Would I wear these to an interview? Absolutely not; especially if I wanted the position.

Keep the shoes to a three inch heel or less and go neutral. Classic almond toe pumps are elegant, timeless and will show you

have style. Men, please wear clean shoes. Don't show up with work boots, sneakers or Crocs. Loafers, Oxfords and moccasins are perfect. Please shine them and take the scuffs out. There is nothing worse than a suit and tie and muddied shoes. Yes, I have seen this too.

Overall dressing is above all important. There are a lot of gray areas with do I wear a suit (men and women) or do I not? It

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■ POP CULTURE

It's evolution, baby

Contrary to what you may think, card collecting is very much alive

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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The hyper-attention afforded to sports card collecting back in the '80s created a paradoxical environment for today's collector. The factors that propelled the hobby's popularity thirty years ago, mainly the aging of the Baby Boom generation, is coming to fruition with the aging of Generation X.

The children of the '80s grew up in a time that witnessed card collecting turn from a child's pastime to an adult's attempt at investing. They also saw an industry become self-aware, greedily exploited its own popularity to a point where the casual collector saw wax packs sell for 65 cents in 1987, to \$1.50 in 1989, to nearly twice that by 2000. Today, the cards of yesterday's sports stars are more easily obtainable than those players who are playing right now. Intrinsically, it should be reversed. But, with today's prices on wax packs, and the overabundance of old, quality conditioned cards available in hobby stores and Internet sites,

present day collectors best resemble Michael J. Fox than Justin Bieber.

Next year will mark the 65th anniversary in baseball cards for TOPPS, Inc. And, for many former collectors, this era is arguably the lowest point in popularity for sports cards. In some cases, they've moved on to other things, like video games.

"Comic books, toys, baseball cards – find a hobby that didn't drop significantly in price – There is none," said Ryan Hughes, co-owner of Jay Street Video Games, a retail chain of stores devoted to the sale of vintage video games and game consoles. "But, if you found one, I'm assuming you made it up. ... Eventually they'll trickle down, because the generations have moved on. ... Someday, these cased \$100 games will be selling for \$2.99. It's just reality."

Today, kids collect Pokémon cards more frequently. And, adults, have still held onto their childhood collection hoping to cash in on multiple Barry Bonds, Jose Canseco and Mark

McGwire rookie cards. Neither party sees the value in buying a pack of baseball cards today.

"Yeah, I still got a bunch," said 34-year-old Albany native Thomas Sgori. "I was into it years ago, did shows when I was a kid." Sgori said there's still nothing like opening a fresh wax pack of cards, but that it's tough to invest since the '90s crash. The over production [of cards] killed [the hobby], as well as that damn Pokémon."

The industry makes it more difficult for a kid to buy cards. For that matter, the game itself even makes it impossible for kids to even watch the game, with most games played in the evening, just short of a child's bedtime. And, those collectors who matured through the '80s and '90s still feel the sting from having card companies take the hobby away from them.

Jeff Finnigan, owner and operator of Finnigan's Sports cards in Colonie, remembers when local conventions drew Hall of Famers for autographs, and

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Tap a stranger on the shoulder and chances are they got caught up in the baseball card collecting craze of the '80s and '90s, only to see them as nothing but pictures of ballplayers they knew little about. One local expert has never strayed from the hobby. Where most people see the hobby for what it was, and see it in decay, Jeff Finnigan of Finnigan's Sports cards in Colonie has witnessed a transformation that has kept the hobby alive.

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Food & Wine

Blueberry-Balsamic Glazed Rosemary Chicken

By ANN LINDA CIOTOLI

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The sweetness of the blueberries and maple syrup will blend with the acidity of the balsamic vinegar and the flavor of the rosemary, to make a rich sauce.

Please use a good quality balsamic vinegar, and maple syrup (Grade B is great for cooking, and the darker the better).

You can use boneless, skinless breasts(or skin on), or a combination of thighs and drumsticks if you prefer dark meat. The recipe is usually good for 4 to 6 servings, but you can adjust the amounts for more. You will have to adjust the cooking time if you use bone-in chicken with the skin on.

Ingredients:

2 Tbs. of extra virgin olive oil
 2 Tbs. unsalted butter
 4-6 parts chicken
 2 shallots thinly sliced, about 1/4 cup
 2 cups blueberries
 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
 1/3 cup maple syrup
 1 Tbs. rosemary coarsely chopped
 1 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. freshly ground pepper

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350

Heat one Tbs. olive oil and butter in a heavy skillet. Season the chicken with salt and fresh ground pepper and add to the pan. When the oil and butter are hot and bubbly add the chicken and sear on medium high heat, until the chicken is golden brown. About one-two minutes per side, or until a light crust forms. Remove chicken to a baking dish and set aside. Add the remaining olive and butter to the pan. Once heated stir in shallots until caramelized (4 minutes). Add blueberries and sauté about 1 minute, then balsamic vinegar, maple syrup, and rosemary, salt and pepper (about 10 minutes). Pour blueberry mixture over the chicken in the baking dish. Put in the oven and cook another 15 minutes, until the sauce is thick and glazes the chicken.

Wine pairing:

My choices are great with chicken, on the lighter side, which also makes great for the spring/summer season.

Franciscan Sauvignon Blanc - Napa Valley, Cal. — Pale, straw color, with scents of lime zest, white grapefruit, lemongrass, and guava. It has flavors of lime, and citrus, with a refreshing finish.

Lieb Cellars -Bridge Lane Rose - Mattituck, N.Y. — Light bodied, dry rose with jolly rancher, strawberry, and rosemary flavors, with a clean finish.

Ann Linda Ciotoli owns a catering business called Good Enough To Eat, and is an expert at pairing wines with meals. For questions and information, Ciotoli can be reached by email at sodeliciousalc@yahoo.com



■ RELATIONSHIPS

Rules of marriage ripe for change?

New research suggests why open relationships are gaining favor

By **MICHAEL FOSTER & BARBARA FOSTER**
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Despite the prevalent view that married partners should remain faithful to each other, a certain segment of society has long preferred open relationships.

Now new research may provide a clue as to why.

A study by researchers at the University of Oxford and Northumbria University in England showed that people may naturally fall into two distinct groups: those seeking a long-time love, and those interested in more casual encounters.

Both men and women sorted into the two groups, though slightly more men tended to seek short-term encounters, the researchers found.

These findings are not surprising to those involved in open marriages.

"More people are in open relationships than you would think," said Michael Foster, who has such a relationship with his wife, Barbara. "They just aren't open about their open relationships."

He said studies that find just 5 percent of Americans in "consensual non-monogamous" relationships are lowballing reality. Half of all marriages end in divorce, and websites that encourage cheating have millions of followers.

"We have not divorced and we haven't cheated," said Barbara Foster. "Wouldn't you rather have a commitment to honest and open communication about how to make your relationship work, rather than a lot of deceit?"

The Oxford and Northumbria researchers analyzed data on the sexual attitudes of 575 British and American men and women. Some of their questions looked at how willing people were to engage in casual sex or short-term affairs.

Both men and women split into two groups: one made up of people who valued being faithful and another with people seeking flings. Slightly more than half of the men could be classified as having the promiscuous orientation, compared with slightly less than half of the women.

During their over 40 years of marriage, the Fosters have both had affairs – and neither is upset or ready to file divorce papers.

"We are well matched and we get along," Barbara said.

Sidebar

"Us against the world," is an article with a competing point of view on the matter of open marriage.

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As an example of just how well, Michael wrote the foreword for Barbara's latest book, "Confessions of Librarian: A Memoir of Loves," in which she recounts many of her dalliances as she traveled to faraway and sometimes dangerous places.

Their open marriage didn't start out that way. They were brought up strictly middle-class, worked hard at school and college, and married at age 20. They once had a more traditional marriage, but over time the situation evolved.

"For several years we had great sex that precluded outside involvements," Barbara said. "Monogamy, the first stage in our romantic cycle, gave way to a 'tolerant marriage' then an 'open marriage.'"

"We were ahead of the curve in more ways than one," Michael added. "Younger people are marrying less, older people divorcing more. But with open marriage you can have security and self-expression, too."

Openness and consideration of the other's



needs are the keys to their successful marriage. They live, love and work together as authors and educators.

"An open marriage is about more than affairs," Barbara said. "It's about each partner pursuing what matters to him or her. That includes travel, hobbies, being away sometimes, anything that helps to define you."

The Fosters are joint authors of two biographies of heroic women and of the sensational "Three In Love" published through Harper/Collins.

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On Friday, June 5, at 1 p.m., the Bethlehem Public Library will host a concert featuring Bob Altschuler and Tom Thorpe, who play what they call "American acoustic music," a mix of bluegrass, country, folk, blues and originals.

Best friends and musical partners, Altschuler and Thorpe have performed together for more than 30 years. These two seasoned musicians play an extensive repertoire in a spectrum of musical genres.

Altschuler is a banjo performer, instructor and writer. He performs and records with four

bands, and is in two bands with Thorpe. Banjo Newsletter showcased Altschuler and has published his articles. He also has written more than 100 online instructional articles for banjo. A certified Wernick Method jam instructor, Altschuler has been on the faculty of Banjo Camp North since 2003 and

teaches at Pete Wernick's Bluegrass Camp. The 2008 book "Banjo Camp!" has a workshop chapter by Altschuler. His playing has been heard on National Public Radio and on radio and TV commercials.

Born into a musical family, Thorpe started playing guitar, piano and accordion when he

was 5 years old. He now plays all of the traditional instruments found in a bluegrass band and a few that aren't. A multi-instrumentalist/singer/songwriter, he was a member of Albany's beloved Irish band The Galway Blazers and has also been part of folk, country, rock and bluegrass groups in

New Jersey, Massachusetts, Vermont and Upstate New York.

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From page B1 ... Bringing it home

"I'm freaking out!" stated Cole through a text message. "And, my phone is exploding. And, Facebook is blowing up!"

Just a few years ago, Cole was instructing an adolescent Fredericks as his vocal teacher. A relationship they maintained for three, formidable years that involved coaxing the shy youngster to overcome his performance anxiety. The young singer started out performing from the hallway in Cole's home in Cobleskill, as she played piano in the living room. Ultimately, she would bring him out to local music venues to perform in front of audiences.

Cole maintains contact with the family, speaking with Kirsten, Sawyer's mother, on a weekly basis. She said she hasn't played a large role in Fredericks' career over the past few years. Through the course of the season, Cole said, "A lot of people were asking 'What do you think? And, it's weird. His journey the last two years, with me, hasn't been as prominent as it used to be.'"

Nevertheless, Cole was called upon when Fredericks struggled with a strained voice deep into the competition. Fredericks' mother reached out to Cole because, as Cole explained, she could "speak his language."

Otherwise, the local music teacher that coaxed who is responsible for coaxing the performer out of the shy adolescent remains humble while her former student receives attention.

"I'm just a spectator at this point," she said, with a smile in her voice. "There's only so much you can do from sitting in your living room."

Since working with Fredericks, Cole has made strides in her own music career. Her band, Last Daze (featured in *Spotlight News Living* in April) signed with a record label out of Los Angeles, and will soon be out touring in support of their latest album, which is due out for release soon. But, the joy she's had in seeing her student doing so well, she said has been "surreal."

In recent interviews,

Fredericks has not waived in expressing his wishes to come back home to Fultonville, where his family lives on 88 acres of farmland. "He's super grounded," said Cole. His humble attitude towards the attention he's received has endeared him to fans across the county, some of whom have described him as a young man with an old soul. That notion all the more accentuated by his signature derby atop a mane of long, blond hair.

Fredericks is the second performer in two years to come out of the Capital District. Dani Moz, a Delmar native, qualified for the live playoff round before her elimination in Season Six.

"I couldn't be more excited that Sawyer took home the win representing the Capital Region," said Moz, who now lives in Los Angeles. "To be so young on a platform like *The Voice*, it's a launching pad for him, especially because his career is just getting started. There are only amazing things to come after the show."

■ STORY REVISITED

Living for what she loves

Dani Moz is in L.A. living her dream

Sawyer Frederick's new-found fame rings something familiar to the Capital District, and that's because we've all been down a similar rollercoaster ride before.

Just last year, Delmar native Dani Moz was capturing the attention of television viewers on the same show, *The Voice*. Ultimately, she reached the live playoff round, being among the top 12 performers before her elimination.

She's since used her successes from the show to live her dream.

"I'm based out of

L.A. now as a full-time musician," stated Moz through a text message. "I'm doing what I've always dreamed of doing since the show ended."

Moz released "When It Comes To Love" last November and is available on iTunes for download.

Her career in public relations remains on hold as she follows her love for music. While competing on the show, she captured the attention of fans with a beaming smile and a booming voice, both of which have become characteristic of an image she maintains through a professional website and all facets of social media.

Since her television appearances, she has served as an inspiration to people



Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

in the Capital District. "Live for what you love. Love what you live for," shows predominately upon her website. It falls in line with the words of encouragement she has shared with children from her high school alma mater, Bethlehem Central, at a visit to the school last year.

"Being on a show like *The Voice*, there's big misconception that, just because you're on that platform, things will come easy to you after the show," she said. "Or, if you make it to a certain point, [people] think 'oh, you're definitely going to be famous. Label deals are going to be thrown at you.' And, to a

certain degree, there is that. Now more than ever is the time to work hard and hustle."

Moz put her marketing skills to work once her run on the show ended. The experience from public relations taught her the importance of timing. She knew to hit the metal while it was still hot.

"I've been in the studio collaborating with amazing artists, writing and arranging songs for both myself and others," stated Moz. "I've got a lot of projects lined up and am performing throughout the city on a weekly basis with various grounds and promoting my EP as well."

— Michael Hallisey



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■ ARTS CALENDAR

THEATER

The Baker’s Wife

Stephen Schwartz musical about a baker and his young wife settling into a small French village. Presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 New York Rout 203, Chatham, Through May 31. Shows: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; 4 p.m. Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: adults \$33-\$34 evenings, \$31 matinees; children under 12 \$14. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike

Tony Award-winning comedy about a movie star who brings her boyfriend home to meet her family. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. Through June 27. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

Pippin

Revival of Stephen Schwartz musical. May 27-31, The Mainstage at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Shows: Wednesday through



Indian music comes to Troy

Dhrupad classical vocalist Uday Bhawalkar performs May 30 at the Arts Center of the Capital Region in Troy. Call 273-0038 or visit troymusichall.org for more information.

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Sunday; call for showtimes. Tickets: \$20-\$80. Information: 346-6204 or proctors.org.

Be Scene

Capital District actors and directors present an evening

of brief scenes, highlights and monologues from some of the world’s finest plays. May 30, 7:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Free (or pay what you will). Information: 382-2081.

MUSIC

Steve Forbert

Folk-rock singer-songwriter best known for “Romeo’s Tune” and “Goin’ Down to Laurel.”

May 28, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

Brian Murphy

Acoustic show featuring originals off his latest record and covers from James Taylor to the Plain White T’s. May 29, 7 p.m., 16 Handles, 380 Route 9W, Glenmont. Free. Information: 433-1616.

Rick Sacchetti and The Anonymous Figg Leafs

Original folk/country/rock songs and classic covers. May 29, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio’s, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Tommy Sands:

Journey of a Songman

A one-man evening of song, story and images from Northern Ireland. May 29, 7:30 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors (GE Theatre), 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$27-\$50. Information: 346-6204, 434-1703 or proctors.org.

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

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Answers on Pg. B17

■ ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)

'Greetings from Rock n Roll USA'

A tribute concert to American rock and roll of the 1950s, 60s and 70s starring Brian McCullough as Roy Orbison and featuring Joey Pucci and The American Longboards. May 30, 3:30 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$40. Information: 346-6204 or proctors.org.

Andy Baker

Acoustic covers and originals. May 30, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Uday Bhawalkar

Dhrupad classical vocalist brings the North Indian music tradition to the stage. May 30, 8 p.m., The Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River St., Troy. Tickets: \$10. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

Pete Furlong and Sarah Puig

Singer-songwriter. May 31, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.



American acoustic music

Tom Thorpe, left, and Bob Altschuler will perform their mix of bluegrass, country, folk, blues and originals June 5 at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Bethlehem.

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'Song for the Earth'

A benefit show for the Hawthorne Valley School featuring Blue Ribbon Trio and Patchwork Symphony. May 31, 7 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson.

Information: 828-4800 or helsinkiHUDSON.com.

'Down with Rent'

The anti-rent rebellion in New York portrayed in song and stories by local musicians

in period costumes. June 2, 7:30 p.m., Old Songs Community Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: \$10 for non New Scotland Historical Association members; donations are welcome. Information: 765-4212.

Alex Torres and Friends

Playing a blend of salsa, merengue, cha-cha, bomba, plena and Latin jazz to open the "Made in the Shade of The Egg" outdoor concert series. June 3, noon, Empire State Plaza outdoor concourse, Albany. Free. Information: 473-1845.

Afternoon Music with Bob and Tom

Bob Altschuler and Tom Thorpe play their brand of "American acoustic music" — a mix of bluegrass, country, folk, blues and originals. June 5, 1 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Bethlehem. Free. Information: 439-9314 or www.bethlehempublib.org.

COMEDY

Mop and Bucket Company

"Spontaneous Broadway," an evening of improvised comedy and songs. May 29, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

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DANCE

Single Squares of Albany

A night of modern western square dancing featuring caller Don Bachelder and cuer Jo Yakimowski. June 3, 7:30 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, 11 Elks Lane (off Watervliet-Shaker Road), Latham.

USA Dance

Monthly ballroom dance with a free lesson at 6:15 p.m., followed by three hours of dancing at 7 p.m. and a mid-dance demonstration at 8:30 p.m. by the Hershell Allen Dance Team. June 21, Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. Tickets: USA Dance members \$10, non members \$13, students \$5, 18 and under free. Information: 233-0957 or capitalusadance.com.

EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art

"Triple Play: Baseball at the Albany Institute," featuring three exhibits about America's pastime and the sport's connection to the Capital District, through July 26; plus "Ancient Egyptian Galleries" and "The Hudson River School and the Nineteenth-Century Landscape." 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-4478 or albanyinstitute.org.

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"Two Painters + One Sculptor: The Karene Faul Alumni Art Exhibition," featuring works by College of Saint Rose alumni Ginny Casey, Steve Pearson and Patrick Cuffe. June 5 through July 31 and Sept. 4-20, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 485-3902.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

"Visualizing the Lexicon of a Loving Hand," featuring works by Brennan Goodwin and Jackie Zysk. 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information: 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

miSci

"Making Sense of Sound," a hands-on exhibit from San Francisco's Exploratorium. Through June. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

National Museum of Dance

"125 Years of Tango — A Walk through the History of the Dance," featuring costumes, music, artifacts, rare film footage and historical materials of the origins of this famous dance. Through March 2016. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org.

New York State Museum

"Binghamton University Paleobotany Collection" and "The Passenger Pigeon: From Billions to Zero." Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

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.

Saratoga Springs History Museum

"Mapping A City: Saratoga Springs as Seen Through 250 Years of Maps," through Dec. 31. Canfield Casino, Congress Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-6920 or www.saratogahistory.org.

Tang Teaching Museum

"Nicholas Kruschenick: Electric Soup," through Aug. 16. Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs. Information: 580-8080 or www.skidmore.edu/tang.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Hyde Collection

Seeking album covers from 1973-87 for upcoming community exhibit, "Can You Dig It?" The exhibit celebrating the art of music coincides with the Hyde's major summer exhibition, "The Late Drawings of Andy Warhol: 1973-87." Submissions taken through May 29, and all album covers will be returned after Sept. 30. Information: Evi Fisher, 792-1761, ext. 327 or email efisher@hydecollection.org.

Mop and Bucket Company

Offering a series of Monday night classes called "Fundamentals: Character!" 7 p.m. June 1, 8, 15 and 22, MopCo Studio, 309 Union St., Schenectady. Cost: \$100. Information: Michael Burns, 577-6726 or www.mopco.org.

Schenectady Civic Players

Holding open auditions for "Dracula" by Steven Dietz, June 2 and 4, 7:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Roles for five men (20s through 40s) and two women (20s through 30s), plus four male/female (with basic dance and movement skills) to play various roles throughout the show. Information: 382-2081 or www.civicplayers.org.

POINT OF VIEW

Us against the world

Marriage may be archaic, but it's worth fighting for it

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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It's growing ever apparent that the Sexual Revolution cooled by the AIDS epidemic of the '80s is back in full swing. Either that, or the open-mindedness expressed towards sex is less revolutionary today than it is an observation of what has always been natural behavior.

Opinions on social morality aside for a moment, there are less topics considered taboo in 2015 than there were just 15 years ago. Good, bad or indifferent towards the matter, individuals are more comfortable with, or more empowered to, openly express themselves; not without fear of ridicule,

but with an increased confidence of finding more people like themselves, thanks in part to the Internet.

Chat rooms, websites, social media, all – if you have a unique interest in something, chances are you can find a group of likeminded individuals within 30 minutes of searching Google. Hence, technology has made hooking up more efficient than the key parties of the '70s.

So, again, there is a clash between those liberated by this forum of general acceptance and conservatives who can't compartmentalize certain behaviors with traditional roles of family and marriage. It's like forcing a square peg into a round hole. Simply, you can't do it.

Perhaps it falls under the natural evolution of things. A relationship involving pre-marital sex was commonly considered

wrong. Now, it serves as a trial basis before marriage. Marriage in and of itself has been a hot bed of contention, especially within the context of homosexuality. Truth be told, matrimony is a flawed and archaic system. The latest numbers indicate that more than half of marriages end in divorce. So, why conservatives fight to maintain its sanctity from homosexuals is curious.

But, a couple involving themselves in an open relationship may be just as curious. The term alone appears as an oxymoron that has no place being together in the same sentence. In an intimate relationship between adults, sex is the one common denominator that differentiates a common acquaintance from a loving partnership. It's the manifestation of two people submitting to one another in an act of shared vulnerability, creating a

unique bond based under a trust that the other won't share such an experience with someone else.

Far be it for me to be screaming damnation from a top of a pulpit upon those who do engage in such relationships. Relationships are diverse and complex in nature, and the different facets that come together to help define an individual couple is unique compared to that of the next. What works well for one, won't work for another. Michael and Barbara Foster reveal they have an open marriage, and it is an arrangement that evolved through more than 40 years of marriage. It's not my place to cast judgement on them individually, or their relationship. It's something that works for them.

The concept of open marriage is a jagged pill to swallow for those fighting to maintain their own marriages. Yes, it is a fight. Matrimony is flawed

because monogamy is a relatively rare occurrence in nature. People in today's society have a penchant for acting upon individual wants and needs over that of a relationship or a community. (Read into that last sentence all you will, it covers a lot of different subjects.) Marriage is archaic because it is deeply rooted in traditions of the past. People who have fought against the views of traditional roles have defined this past century. Women, alone, have gone from having no say in government, no role in the workplace, and no equal pay. Single-income households, with the wife staying home to raise the kids, are yesterday's norm compared to today's exception.

Today's world creates a different dynamic for which marriages to succeed. Hollywood defines romance with unrealistic expectations, instantaneous gratification

and devoid of struggle. What we want, we can get now, and should because the movies and the Internet show us we can. But, it's fake. It's not real. It's not fair.

The first night I met my wife, I professed my views on marriage. She later told me it broke her heart. But, the way I play out the images in my head of the night we met, and the times we had during our courtship, it's like a Hollywood romance. Obviously she changed my views. Yeah, we fight. But, when we do, it's for our marriage. You know that scene from "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" when the two are fighting back-to-back through a barrage of gunfire, it was the best analogy Hollywood ever provided for a good marriage.

When you're married, it's the two of you against the world.

Michael Hallisey is a happily, married man.

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From page B2 ...

Welcome to the Real World

is personal preference.

For men, I will be biased and say I love a nice suit. Give me a tie and I am listening.

For women, a suit is lovely and if you'd like to wear a skirt, great. However, be warned with a skirt. Anything higher than above the knee and you're questionable.

Ladies, do not go sleeveless, regardless of how hot it is. If you're not into blazers, wear a cardigan. Keep the necklines modest and wear good supportive undergarments. Pantyhose or tights, depending on the season, are a must.

Keep jewelry to a minimum. If a piece gives you a pause for thought, put it back in the jewelry box.

Handbags are my thing and I will judge a woman on her bag the moment I see it. So keep your everyday bag at home. Case in point, I carry a very large tote, as you know from this column,

and my blog. How would that look if I showed up for an interview? It comes off as unorganized.

Assume the people interviewing you know nothing of style or fashion. My suggestion, keep it ladylike and carry a satchel.

So, I will ask you. How do you like me now (Thank you, Toby Keith)?

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Good luck graduates!

Denise Bennett maintains a fashion blog on Perfect20.co and is a regular contributor to Spotlight News Living.

From page B3 ...

It's evolution, baby

collectors by the thousands. He operated tables at those shows back then, and has never left the hobby.

"If you bought cards in 1991," said Finnigan, "yes, if you look at what you paid then, and what they're worth today, you lost. There's no doubt. But, if you bought a 1968 TOPPS Nolan Ryan, even if you paid at the top price in the price guide of \$1,000 back in 1990, if you have the right one that was in good enough condition, I'll show you examples that have sold for more than \$20,000."

Finnigan hasn't quite invented the hobby, as the vintage video game proprietor would assume. What he has done is observed an evolution of how sports memorabilia is purchased. One overwhelming factor that differs between today and yesterday is the Internet.

"One thing that didn't exist while we were kids was the international market," said Finnigan. "The international market pays outrageous numbers.

Like, a LeBron James rookie, for instance. His top rookie is \$12,000. Michael Jordan's rookies are barely that."

The Information Super Highway that people once called the Internet back then plays a number of different roles. First, it opens the market up to a global audience. eBay, for one example, allows a dealer to sell a single card to anyone across the globe. Consumers dictate the acceptable price for an item through live auction. In the past, the price of a given card would be determined by published price guides. What Kelly Blue Book is to automobiles, Beckett Monthly was to sports cards. But, even the price guide couldn't factor regional bias. Where the price of a star player out of Seattle could be sold at a premium in the Pacific Northwest, the same card could be obtained for cheap on the East Coast. The Internet obliterates the regional market.

Finnigan also said

the Internet changes the price of cards in a real-time atmosphere. If a player throws a no-hitter or suffers a potentially career-ending injury, the value of that player's cards drastically changes within the hour.

"In our youth, there might have been a wider breadth of customers back then," said Finnigan. "But, they did not buy into it as deeply as they do today. It's maybe a narrower market today, but the money spent can't be compared. High-grade vintage stuff is at unbelievable values: 20, 30, 50, 100 thousand dollars a card. There was never a time, until now, that there was that market."

Kids still like to buy baseball cards, said Finnigan. It's not as evident as in years past, he said, because children have more interests. But, he said, Major League Baseball has recognized the importance of maintaining the interest from younger fans through baseball cards. The league sold exclusive rights to league property to TOPPS, Inc. until the year 2020. The hobby is a tradition, said Finnigan, and often times the first contact kids have with the sport.

"My store is about fun, entertainment, and history," said Finnigan, whose love for sports comes through with each conversation he has with returning customers. "But, there is a side of it that has an investment quality. I bought stock since I was 18-years old. That market has crashed three times, terribly. Real estate: We just saw the worst real estate bubble in our lifetime, in our parents' lifetimes. You look around, great companies come and go. Baseball cards have been around for 150 years, and people always want to say, and I have people comment a lot, who collects cards anymore? I see 20-year olds who make ten times what my parents made and they will spend, like a Mike Trout card just sold for \$60,000. There were whole product runs that didn't sell for \$60,000 in 1980. So, it's definitely different."

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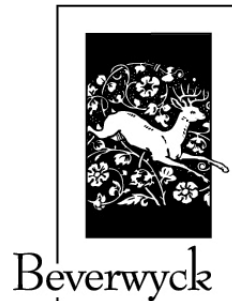
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Like Doucet and Melissa McClelland, the Canadian alternative-rock duo known as Whitehorse, entertained a crowd gathered at The Low Beat on Albany's Central Avenue on Wednesday, May 20.

The two have developed a reputation as hard working performers on stage, due in part for having to replicate percussion beats on their recorded albums without a drummer.

"We want to be on our toes when we're playing," said McClelland. "We've always liked that element of being on the edge. And, if it all goes wrong, we can laugh about it because we're sharing this fun, creative experience with the audience."

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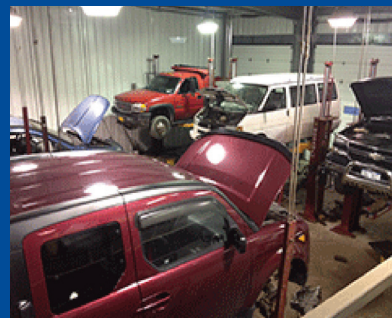
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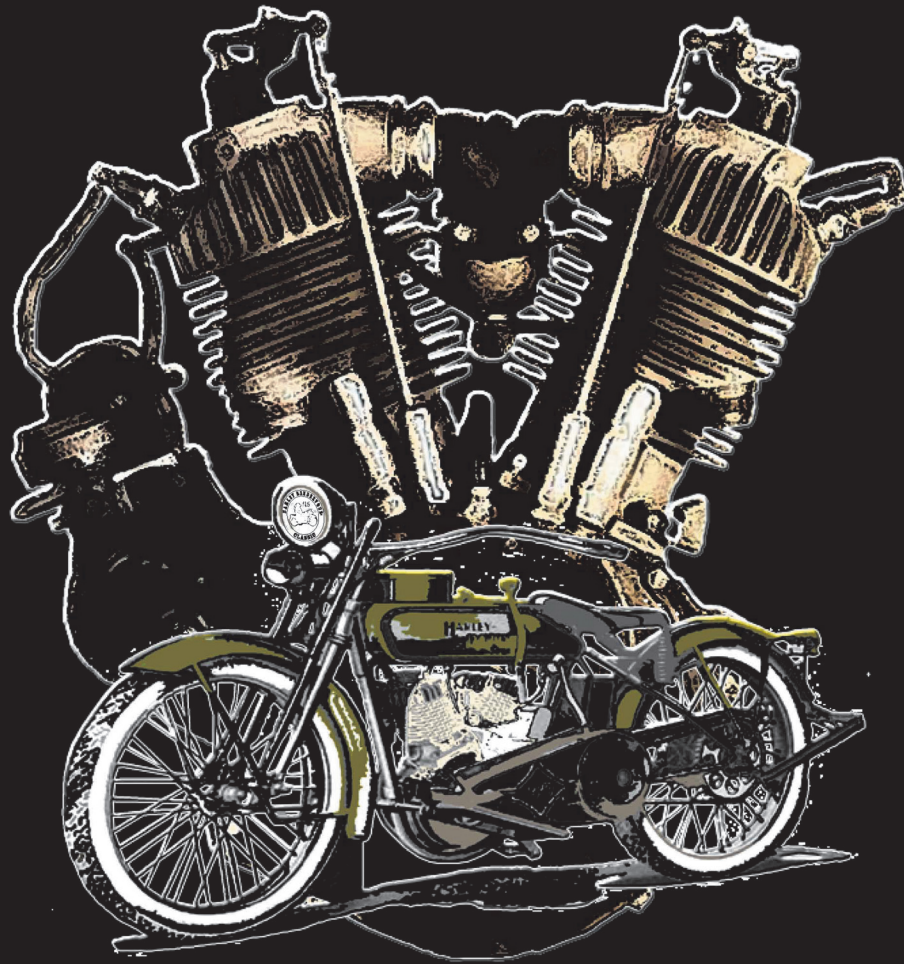
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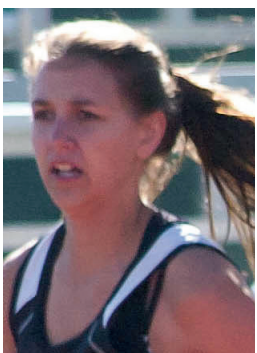
TEDI DeMARIA

Bethlehem's Tedi DeMaria is the Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, May 24. DeMaria won the girls pole vault at the Suburban Council Track and Field Championships Wednesday, May 20, by clearing the bar at 11 feet, 6 inches. DeMaria also placed fifth in the triple jump.

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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.

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League meet

The Suburban Council Track and Field Championships took place Tuesday, May 19, and Wednesday, May 20.

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■ GIRLS LACROSSE PLAYOFFS



Bethlehem's Kathryn Sancillo, left, scores a second-half goal in the Section 2 Class A semifinal against Shenendehowa Thursday, May 21, in Clifton Park. The Lady Eagles couldn't rally from a 10-4 deficit in a 12-10 loss to the top-seeded Plainsmen. John McIntyre/Spotlight

Shen fends off BC

Guilderland advances to the Sectional final by beating Saratoga Springs

By **ROB JONAS**
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CAPITAL DISTRICT — The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team's season ended with a 12-10 loss to top-seeded Shenendehowa in the Section 2 Class A semifinals Thursday, May 21.

The fourth-seeded Lady Eagles trailed 10-4 in the second half before getting their offense in gear in the second half. However, the Plainsmen scored just enough goals to hang on for the victory and a berth in the Sectional final Wednesday, May 27.

Kaylee Rickert tallied twice and added a pair of assists to lead a balanced Bethlehem attack. Sophia Calabrese, Natalie Cook and Kathryn Sancillo also scored a pair of goals apiece, and goaltender Siena Marcelle made seven saves.

Rachael Picchi had five goals, and goaltender Lexi Keen stopped nine shots for Shen.

Bethlehem advanced to the Sectional semifinals with a 10-5 quarterfinal win against No. 5 Shaker Monday, May 18. The Lady Eagles built a 5-3 halftime lead before pulling away in the second half.

Calabrese scored four goals and assisted on another to pace Bethlehem's attack. Rickert and Sancillo each tallied twice, and Marcelle made 14 saves.

Aubry Conti and Maeve Lennon each scored two goals for Shaker.

Bethlehem finished the season with an 11-5 record.

Shen meets No. 2 Guilderland in the Sectional final after the Lady Dutch defeated Saratoga Springs 18-9 in the other semifinal Wednesday, May 20.

Cara Quimby had a big afternoon for Guilderland, as she scored 12 times. Isabella Sericola contributed a goal and four assists.

Hanna Wise recorded a hat trick for No. 3 Saratoga.



Bethlehem's Natalie Cook turns upfield during the Sectional semifinal at Shen. John McIntyre/Spotlight

■ TRACK AND FIELD

DeMaria, Burns win league meet titles



▶ Bethlehem's Tedi DeMaria won the pole vault title at the Suburban Council Girls Track and Field Championships Wednesday, May 20, at Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park. DeMaria cleared the bar at 11 feet, 6 inches to take first place. No other competitor cleared 11 feet.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Bethlehem girls track places fifth in the team standings

By **ROB JONAS**
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CAPITAL DISTRICT— Bethlehem placed fifth in the team standings at the Suburban Council Girls Track and Field Championships Wednesday, May 20, at Shenendehowa High School.

The Lady Eagles finished with 52 points, eight points behind fourth-place Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. Shen edged Saratoga 180.5-177.5 to claim the team title.

Tedi DeMaria led Bethlehem with a victory in the pole vault. The junior was the lone competitor to break the 11-foot barrier, as she cleared the bar at 11 feet, 6 inches. DeMaria also took fifth place in the triple jump with a distance of 34 feet, 7 inches.

Julia Nugent and Grace Smith contributed second-place performances for the Lady Eagles. Nugent was second in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:06.81, while Smith placed second in the high jump after she cleared the bar at 5 feet, 2 inches. Nugent was also fourth in the 100-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.90 seconds.

Guilderland was seventh in the team standings with 40.5 points. Emily Burns led the Lady Dutch with a victory in the 2,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 6:54.62. Sarah Forman placed second in the 800-meter race with a time of 2:18.23, and Amanda Rice finished third in the pentathlon with a score of 2,183 points.

Guilderland was third, and Bethlehem placed sixth at the Suburban Council Boys Track and Field Championships Tuesday, May 19, at Colonie Central High School. Guilderland

had 73.5 points, while Bethlehem finished with 48.25 points. Saratoga won the team title with 132 points.

Guilderland's Noah Tindale broke the state record for eighth graders in the 1,600-meter race by edging Shaker's Thomas Hale for first place with a time of 4:22.80. Hale placed second with a time of 4:22.82. Tindale set the state record for eighth graders in the 800-meter race three days earlier at the Eddy Meet in Schenectady.

Noah Carey also won an event for Guilderland. The sophomore claimed the 3,200-meter race title with a time of 9:30.92. Zaviir Berry added second-place finishes in the high jump and the triple jump for the Dutchmen.

Simon Powhida provided Bethlehem's lone individual victory at the boys meet. The senior finished first in the 800-meter race with a time of 1:58.55.

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Semifinal scenes

TOP: Bethlehem goaltender Siena Marcelle has her eye on the ball during a Section 2 Class A semifinal game against Shenendehowa Thursday, May 21, in Clifton Park. LEFT: Bethlehem's Annie Quinn guards Shen's Meghan Pendergast. BELOW: Bethlehem's Natalie Cook attempts a shot while being guarded by Shen's Ava Katinas.

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Notice of Qualification of Drink Daily Greens LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/10/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 11/19/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 979 Springdale Rd., Austin, TX 78702. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#79598

LEGAL NOTICE

Name: DTB NXT LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/12/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC P.O. Box 253 Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#80019

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of E-FLUX REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The

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registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79588

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Notice of Formation Fashion News LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/5/15 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#83110

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Notice of Qualification of Ferrara Bros., LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/9/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/30/15. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 21 Ludlow Drive, Chappaqua, NY 10514. DE address of LLC: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Ad#79602

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Notice of Formation gardenform llc Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/6/15 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#83109

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Notice of Formation of HAYA MARAKA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/8/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79315

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Notice of Formation of HMK CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/1/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79586

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Integrity Place, LLC (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with

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the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 23, 2015. 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 PO Box 271, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. Ad#83156

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of J K Avis LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 3, 2015, 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 33 Wade Road, Latham, New York 12110, which is the principal business location of the LLC. 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#79318

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of J K Loudon LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on April 3, 2015, 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 33 Wade Road, Latham, New York 12110, which is the principal business location of the LLC. 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#79317

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JR Legal LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/14. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o John Paul Roman, 33 Sound Beach Blvd., Sound Beach, NY 11789. Purpose: General. Ad#82699

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Notice of Formation of K-N-M SALES & MARKETING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/31/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process

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against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79595

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Notice of Formation KarmaS Wholesale LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/21/15 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#80792

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MANDJ LLC, a domestic LLC, filed with the SSNY on 2/5/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 305 E. 85th St., Apt. 19A, NY, NY 10028. General purpose. Ad#81687

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Notice of Formation Medallion Capital Partners LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/30/15 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#83112

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Notice of Formation Merrick AA LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/14/15 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#83107

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Notice of Formation MioBox, LLC Application for Authority filed with SSNY on 4/30/15. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. Arts. of Org. filed with SSDE on 4/16/15. 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. Address required to be maintained in DE: 3500 S Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19903. Name and address of the authorized officer in DE where copy of Arts. of Org. is filed: Delaware Secretary of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#83116

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Notice of formation of NEW YORK 52 LLC Articles of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on APRIL 21, 2015, office location: Albany Co., NS is desig-

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Low tax levy = Passed budget

“I would like to personally thank the BC community for its overwhelming support of next year’s schools budget,” said Superintendent Thomas Douglas. “Working to maintain educational excellence through a long stretch of difficult years has required a community collaboration and our community has delivered.”

The district’s tax cap was reduced through an infusion of state aid, which overall totals \$25.55 million. About \$1.1 million withheld through the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was restored in next school year’s budget, with overall state aid increasing nearly 10 percent.

The proposed budget is

estimated to hold an \$11 tax increase for a \$250,000 home. The estimated tax rate for Bethlehem homeowners is \$20.81 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is an increase of 0.21 percent. The estimated New Scotland homeowner tax rate is essentially the same.

“My hope is that with this budget, we are entering a period where we can strengthen education in Bethlehem even further. However, we are not without our challenges,” said Douglas. “Outside of a list of ever-changing state mandates, the district continues to have funds withheld from the state through the Gap Elimination Adjustment, tipping the total GEA loss for Bethlehem over

the \$20 million mark. It is imperative that we keep the pressure on our lawmakers to make good on their promises to eliminate the GEA next year.”

This year’s budget includes increased staffing at all the districts elementary schools. Other budget additions included reducing class sizes, increasing student electives, support services to help struggling learners, bolstering crews to maintain new playing fields and support for extracurricular activities and student-athletes.

Voters also passed two propositions last week. Eight buses will be replaced by the district at a cost of about \$1 million, and the district will establish a Capital Reserve Fund Saving. Funds in the reserve account allow the district to borrow less money for capital projects

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and reduce its debt burden.

In addition, both Lynne Lenhardt with 1,946 votes and Charmaine Wijeyesinghe with 1,725 votes were re-elected to the school board for three more years. Jonathan Fishbein came in third

with 1,620 votes.

The Bethlehem Public Library budget passed by a margin of more than 78 percent.

The \$3.7 million budget was approved 2,437 to 678. The levy was 1.3 percent higher than last year, but within the state’s allowable tax cap. Voters also elected Brian Sweeney and Lisa Scoons to the library board of trustees for five-year terms.

Other districts:

Voorheesville’s \$23.1 million budget passed 573-193. It carries a 1.88 percent tax levy increase.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk’s \$43.2 million budget passed 719-36. It carries a 1.65 percent tax levy increase.

Guilderland’s nearly \$93.7 million budget passed 1,879-737. It carries a 2.76 percent tax levy increase.

NUMBERS



2376

Number of Bethlehem Central voters who voted to pass the budget, over 671 who said no.

36

Only three dozen voters in Ravena’s school district voted against the proposed budget for 2015-2016, thus, an incredible ...

95%

of Ravena voters approved next year’s school budget.

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nated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, purpose is any lawful purpose. Ad#80657

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Notice of Formation of PETALS ON PAGE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/8/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79582

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Notice of Formation of Phaedo LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/30/15 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#83114

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Phone Solutions, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 5, 2015. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY

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shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, 41 Queen Anne Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#83129

LEGAL NOTICE

The name of the limited liability company is PROEXPERT LLC. The Article of Organization of LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on DECEMBER 29, 2014. The office of the LLC is in RENSSELAER county and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served is to IMRAN SELCUK; 108 14th ST; TROY, NY 12180. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State. Ad#83419

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Notice of Formation of ProSeal Sealcoating + Property Services LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/21/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 23 Wendell Drive, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#80791

LEGAL NOTICE

RBGS GROUP LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/24/2015. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 145 E. 15th St., 8H, NY, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#80800

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Notice of Formation Sam Schwartz Consulting, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 5/14/15. 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#83117

LEGAL NOTICE

The name of the limited liability company is SCHENECTADY RENTALS LLC. The Articles of Organization of LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on March 23, 2015. The office of the LLC is in Schenectady County and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served is to STEVEN M SARGENT; 20 S CHURCH ST; SCHENECTADY, NY 12305. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State. Ad#83418

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Notice of Formation Second Circle Partners LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/13/15 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. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79935

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Shriyan Software LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 5/18/15. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to P. O. Box 38306, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#83120

LEGAL NOTICE

SICE Holdings LLC, Art. of Org., filed with the SSNY of 02/17/2015. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o PO Box 831 Albany, NY 12201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#82711

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Notice of Formation Sigma Wholesale NY, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/10/15 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#79941

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Notice of Formation of STAY RESIDENCES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/10/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail

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process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#82698

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Sunset Drive Partners, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on May 4, 2015, 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 c/o Dr. Shalom Kieval, 200 Great Oaks Blvd, Suite 223, Albany, NY 12203, which is the principal business location of the LLC. 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#83131

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Notice of Formation Sutton Collective, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/17/15 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#79936

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Notice of Formation THERESA B. MARANGAS, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/12/2015. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O PLLC, 43 Aspinwall Road, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#80744

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Triple M Management, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on February 20, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designate as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: The LLC at 230 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful act. Ad#82759

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Article of Organization for Harmony Ventures of Albany, LLC was filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 9, 2015. The Principal Office of the Company is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed to Stanley and Lula Tune, 427 W. Lawrence Street, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. The latest date upon which the Company is required to be dissolved is 1/1/2099. Ad#79435

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Notice of Formation of VIRTU PROPERTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/31/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79577

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Notice of Formation VMC 120 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/14/15 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#83108

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qual. of VP Fund Services, LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) on 3/12/15. Office loc: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 3/6/15. SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom proc. against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to c/o CSC, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE office addr.: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purp: any lawful activities. Ad#79958

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Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT BALDWIN VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed

with SSNY on 4/2/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#79578

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Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT EL-MONT VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/2/15. 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, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Limited Liability Company ("LLC") Name: Zoetic Networks LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 23, 2015 Office Location: Albany County. The "SSNY" is designated as agent of the "LLC" upon whom process against it may be served. "SSNY" shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 11 North Pearl Street, Ste. 1412, Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. Ad#79341

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Decoration Day

Despite some of the messages you all may have encountered with the obvious intent to make you feel guilty over hosting a cook out among friends and family on Memorial Day weekend, you may take comfort in understanding your festivities have a justified place in it all.

Memorial Day is the observed national holiday intended for people to set aside time to honor the country's war dead. Each year, tiny American flags are planted alongside the burial grounds of fallen veterans, and most communities traditionally hold parades and local dignitaries present speeches to the community.

Did you know the Confederacy holds the distinction of starting this tradition?

Memorial Day, as we know it presently, took shape with the passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971, when it was determined it would always fall on the last Monday in May. This helped ensure a three-day holiday. But, the traditions

of the day root back more than a century before.

The Civil War took a heavy toll on both sides of the front lines. It is estimated that more than 1.2 million Americans died. To put into perspective, the amount of American soldiers who died in foreign wars did not amount to as much until the Vietnam War.

For the Confederate South, where which much of the war was fought, citizens mourned the death of family and friends as they rebuilt their communities. A day of mourning was set aside to decorate the graves of fallen heroes, which was followed by a day of festivities for the community to come together and partake in games, meals, dancing and more.

This community day was aptly named, Decoration Day, and commonly fell on the last weekend in May. It also marked the start of summer, as we all see Memorial Day as today. Accentuating this threshold into the warmer months would be the start of local semi-pro baseball seasons,

and later the racing of the Indianapolis 500.

There are some arguments over the true origin of the day, as many communities have had similar arrangements, and others continue to differ from the Federal date altogether. Nevertheless, the sentiment is truly to honor those who fought and died so that we could maintain the sense of home and community we enjoy in peace. But, to miss out enjoying the parade, or hosting a barbecue for your friends and family, over the thought that Memorial Day is solely meant to remember the dead, you'd make the mistake of not celebrating the lives our war veterans fought to maintain.

So, as the end of May approaches, remember how we once celebrated Decoration Day. Hoist up the flag, be thankful and grateful for the sacrifices made for our freedom, but remember to celebrate the life you have with friends and family too.

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Mike Mitchell

BCHS Spanish teacher

*Hometown: Commack, NY
Residence: Albany, NY*

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

I just finished the Serial podcast, which I listened to on my drive down to Florida. Music depends on my mood. It ranges from classical to pop, musicals and show tunes. And as I'm teaching myself guitar I listen for easy ballads with few chords.

What are you reading?

I do read. But I'm more interested in reading things that help me whether it has to do with education, home improvement, health, current events, politics.

What are you watching on TV?

I like shows that make me think. Madmen, House of Cards. However I occasionally need mindless distraction that might include Modern Family, Veep, or Rue

Paul's drag race.

What was the last movie you saw and why?

Monsters University because that's what the students chose to watch on our bus ride to colonial Williamsburg.

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

Howard Schultz. He was the cofounder of what we know as Starbucks today. His company and philosophy in many ways has molded me into the educator and leader I have become. And to this day his vision for how to take care of the physical and mental well being of employees while also turning a profit is a rarity.

Describe your dream vacation.

Primarily white sand and blue somewhat

wavy water. However a short walk from the greatest dance party ever.

What is your favorite hobby?

Building things, and learning how to play music. I wish I had more time for those things.

Describe what your last meal would be?

Pizza from the Bronx. Nothing special, dough really good sauce, and cheese.

Favorite local memory?

Moving into my own home.

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's get something straight

Editor; *The Spotlight*

In his recent Letter to the Editor, Dan Cunningham falsely portrayed and attacked my position on a recently passed County Law.

The law has been referred to as the Drinking Water Protection Law, and as the Kinder-Morgan Bill because its intent is to protect water well owners who might be negatively impacted by trench blasting that would occur if Kinder-Morgan gets all required approvals to build their proposed pipeline.

Mr. Cunningham inaccurately claims the bill prohibits blasting in areas where damage to wells might occur. It does not. What it does do is shift the liability to the blaster for any damage that does occur and sets in place a process for establishing baseline data in the form of "pre" and "post" water supply analyses. All of these

elements of the law are important to protect well owners and put the burden of proof on the blaster should any damage to well water occur. For these reasons I TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF THE LAW at the May 11 public hearing on this measure before it was passed by the Albany County Legislature.

For the sake of transparency and openness, I want to be clear that due diligence required me to examine some technical details of the proposed law as it went through several revisions. I spoke with the Bethlehem town attorney and engineers who expressed concern with some bill language. In an effort to achieve a better bill, I discussed these issues with bill advocates and publically expressed my concerns at a recent Town Board meeting and in a communication to several concerned citizens

in Bethlehem and New Scotland. But I never spoke out in opposition to the proposed law or its stated purpose. Mr. Cunningham is wrong, again.

In my May 11 comments to the Albany County Legislature supporting the bill, I did state that one technical aspect of the bill should be monitored, specifically the application of the law to all blasting, not just pipeline blasting. My concern is that farmers and other small businesses might be unintentionally harmed by provisions designed with Kinder-Morgan in mind.

In addition, I stated that the bill did not go far enough by seeking only to discourage the proposed Kinder-Morgan pipeline that passes through our communities. All across New York we should not be building any new fossil fuel infrastructure such as pipelines. We need to

reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, not expand it. We as a region, and the Albany County Legislature specifically, have to more aggressively support the development of energy efficiency and renewable energy alternatives. Towards this goal, I cofounded, and am a director of Solarize Albany, a group of citizens using a bulk purchase program to lower the cost of solar power for residences and small businesses throughout Albany County.

To get involved, contact us at solarizealbany@gmail.com. Let's work together for cleaner water, cleaner air and a sustainable economy for all.

*Bill Reinhardt
Bethlehem Town
Councilman
Candidate for Albany
County Legislature,
District 33*

Puzzled by union's attitude

Editor; *The Spotlight*

I, and most town residents, support the police in Bethlehem. They do a great job. The question is do I, as a taxpayer, support \$100,000 salaries for police officers.

In the Town of Bethlehem taxes go up every year. I recognize that we have great schools and excellent services but costs still have to be controlled. As I look around town I see that most town employees are working hard towards that goal. That's why I am puzzled at the attitude of the Police Union.

In the past few years town government has become "leaner and meaner". Cost savings have been prioritized and gains in productivity have been made. The Highway Department, Water Department, Engineering, Parks and Recreation, Schools and Library have

been tightening their belts, using their personnel more effectively, and working more efficiently.

Why doesn't the police union do the same? Why doesn't the union help the town rather than be so confrontational? Why don't they try to reduce overtime with better scheduling? Why don't they get sick time under control?

I don't understand why the union, instead of saying to Bethlehem residents, "What we can do to help out?" keeps asking for more personnel and more money.

*Terry Rooney
Delmar, NY*



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Thanks to the community for support

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I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Bethlehem community who supported me during the recent campaign and election of members of the Board of Education.

Thank you to residents who posted my signs on their lawns, to people who offered words of encouragement, to individuals who spoke about me and my work on the Board to friends

and families, and to all the residents who expressed confidence in me through their votes.

Appreciation also goes to the League of Women Voters for providing candidates with a forum to communicate their views on pressing issues facing education, and to various District parent groups who encouraged residents to vote.

*Sincerely,
Charmaine L.
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celebrating the beauty of families. Socialize with each other and check out library books. No registration necessary.

Center Families is an emerging program

of the Pride Center of the Capital District. We are dedicated to helping LGBTQ families in the Capital Region achieve their goals of building and sustaining happy and healthy families.

Early detection matters

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— Lynn Kohler



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