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### Not in our backyard

Slingerlands residents voice concern over a proposed plan impacting New Scotland Road.

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### Storm winds

Sever storms blew through the Capital District on Tuesday, June 9, producing strong winds that resulted in a number of area homes reporting downed trees.

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# Tickets are complete

Each side of the aisle, the Democrats (top row) and the Republicans (bottom row), have chosen their candidates for Election Day.

Photos submitted

### All but one race will be contested in November

#### **By MARCY VELTE**

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**BETHLEHEM** — The town's political parties have finalized their endorsements for 2015, after making initial announcements earlier in the season.

For the coming elections, every race will be contested except for receiver of taxes. Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans have put forward anyone for the 38th legislative district, which is only partially in Bethlehem.

"Tm incredibly enthusiastic about our slate of candidates," said Bethlehem Democratic Chairman Jeffrey Kuhn. "They represent both some elected officials that have been effectively managing the town over the last several years, and the town is in the best financially position it's been in in some time — along with new candidates who have not been in elected office, but who are extremely knowledgeable and community minded. They will bring a fresh preservative to town government and the county legislature."

The final Democratic slate was announced on Monday, June 8.

Kuhn had formerly announced he would not be seeking re-election to the town board to run for the county legislature in the 34th election district, but the new maps accepted in federal court drew Kuhn out of his district. Kuhn said he would not primary against incumbent Charlie Dawson, who would now be drawn into that district. Democrat endorsements for county legislative districts were

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### **Champions of music**

A charitable group under the Albany Symphony Orchestra collects used musical instruments to help local school districts in need of them.

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### SPORTS



### Sets the bar

Tedi DeMaria, a Bethlehem Central junior, took home State Title honors in last week's State Tournament. Vaulting herself to a height of 12-feet and three-inches, DeMaria established the Section 2 record in the girl's pole vault.

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### COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

# **Cops: BC teacher arrested for kissing student**

A Bethlehem Central art teacher was arrested Tuesday, June 9, after he allegedly invited a 13-yearold into his backyard and kissed her, according to court documents. Police said Peter T.

Ruggiero, 45, of Delmar, was arrested on an active arrest warrant issued by the Bethlehem Town Court. This was following a report they received of an individual who engaged in unwanted behavior

with a minor in a Delmar neighborhood.

Court documents reveal Ruggiero allegedly invited a 13-year-old girl into his backyard to see and pet the rabbits he breeds. Ruggiero was talking to the girl about

school and a new club he was thinking of starting, and asked if she would like to join.

"He told me to look up at him," said the victim in her statement. "I looked up, and he took my chin in his right hand and kissed my mouth. I didn't know what to do, so I just looked at the rabbit in my hands. He went back to breeding the rabbits as if nothing had just happened."

The victim stated she then said she had to go because she was expected home for dinner. When she got home, the girl said she was very upset and crying. Her mom asked her what happened, and she explained everything. The girl told police she felt "extremely annoyed, scared and unsafe."

The school district said Ruggiero has since been put on paid administrative leave.

"Student safety and well-being are the district's top priority," said Bethlehem Central Superintendent Tom Douglas. "Whether the reported incident takes place inside or outside of school, we do not tolerate misconduct with students in any form and will investigate any allegation."

Police said the student and parent came forward with the initial complaint Monday, June 8, and it was investigated. The district said it was reported that the teacher acted "unprofessionally and inappropriately" in the presence of a student.

Ruggiero will remain on paid leave during the district's investigation, as is protocol. The parents of students in his class have been notified and class will be taught by a certified substitute, according to the district.

Lt. Det. Adam Hornick said no other charges are pending in the case.

"We don't believe there are other victims, but he does work in an environment that is rich with minors. It's a good

opportunity to talk to students about the behavior to see if there are other victims," said Hornick.

Ruggiero was charged with a misdemeanor count of endangering the welfare of a child and harassment, a violation. He was arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court and released on his own recognizance to reappear in Town Court on July 7 at 4 p.m.

While the investigation is continuing, at this time there is no indication that there are other victims; however, police are encouraging individuals who had contact with Ruggiero, to speak to their children and contact police at 439-9973, with any concerns or questions in reference to this contact.

### **Suspicious** vehicle

The Bethlehem Central School District sent a letter home to parents last week after two students walking home reported a suspicious vehicle.

The police recently alerted the school district to a potentially suspicious vehicle driving around Darroch Road. in Old Delmar this morning. Two students and an adult reported that a man in a vehicle was asking students if they'd like to come into his car and pet his dog, which was medium-sized with short brown curly hair. The students refused contact with the driver, and were not harmed in any way.

Officers have not spotted, but are watching for, this vehicle. We ask that anyone who has information about this situation, or sees anything suspicious, to please call the Bethlehem Police Department at 439-9973. The driver is a heavy-set white male in his mid-50s with a cane in his car. The car is a two-door gray sedan.

Police do not believe there is any imminent

danger to students at this time. Yet, incidents of this nature always serve as a good opportunity to remind students of necessary safety precautions when walking to and from school, or other locations in the community.

The district suggested parents talk with students about safety tips, like walk home in groups, walk against traffic, not talk with strangers and tell an adult if a strange incident occurs.

#### Other arrests:

•State police arrested Marcelle S. Walker, 21, and Milan D. Robinson, 21, both of Schenectady, on Sunday, June 7, following a traffic stop on I-87 for alleged speeding and tinted windows. Police said the investigation revealed the driver, Walker, and the passenger, Robinson, to be in possession of a counterfeit \$20 and a garbage bag of fireworks. Robinson was also found in possession of a metal smoking pipe containing marijuana. Walker was charged with felony possesion of a forged instrument in the first degree, and misdemeanor unlawful sale of fireworks. He was arraigned at the Town of Bethlehem Court and remanded to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$5000 cash bail or bond. Robinson was charged with felony possesion of a forged instrument in the first degree, misdemeanor unlawful sale of fireworks, and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. Robinson was arraigned at the Town of Bethlehem Court and remanded to the Albany County Jail without bail.

•State police arrested Kabir A. Persaud, 23, of Schenectady, on Friday, June 12, and charged hin with DWI, and unlawful possession of marijuana. He was stopped on I-87 for a traffic violation. Persaud was turned over to a sober third party and released on appearance tickets returnable to the Town of Bethlehem Court on July 7.

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# GOVERNMENT New Scotland Road proposal upsets residents

Town holds final community meeting in Slingerlands

#### **By MARCY VELTE** veltem@spotlightnews.com

**BETHLEHEM** —

Residents have voiced their concerns about a proposal to further develop New Scotland Road by the Windsor Companies.

Representatives of the developer attended the town's final community Town Hall meeting on Thursday, June 11, to discuss the project. With about 30 residents at the meeting, some felt the meeting wasn't publicized enough to allow more neighbors to attend.

"This is just the first step in the process," said Supervisor John Clarkson to the audience. "Nothing has been approved and there will be many more meetings like this ... This is far prior to anything that is legally required."

Dave Sussman from Windsor Development said the company itself plans to hold at least two workshops to collect input from residents.

A main concern for those at the meeting was traffic. Many said construction of the Delmar By-pass was supposed to divert traffic from neighborhood roads, but instead drivers take New

Scotland Road as a shortcut The next two phases to the next roundabout. Sussman said the new development should ease some of those problems because it will be more pedestrian friendly, with crosswalks and signage, so drivers should want to lower their speed.

Many did not feel this will be the case. They also felt it will increase the number of delivery trucks that would need to take the road, and the turning lanes into Price Chopper Plaza should be reconfigured.

"I have questions about the restrictions of a hamlet, " said one resident. "Like a four-story building versus a two-story building, building near the street versus set back, ruining the community in general."

Director of Economic Development and Planning said traffic studies would need to be submitted by the company, and the town would hire an independent consultant to then verify the reports. The project is part of 2006 charette attended by property owners, developers, residents and town officials. About 100 people participated in three different sessions. At the time, it was determined the area should be turned into a pedestrian-friendly hamlet, with small shops and eateries.

The project would be an extension of The Hamlet housing development already built on New Scotland Road last year.

of development would include mixed-use retail and commercial buildings below apartments and luxury residential units. The development would be built on the corner of New Scotland and Maher roads.

The town previously asked Windsor to present on the next phases of the project because Town Board members would need to approve either a new overlay zone in the area, or create a planned hamlet district. An area variance has already been approved by the town's Zoning Board because of the height of the project, while the second phases is now under review by the town's Planning Board.

The first phase of The Hamlet, which has already been built, included 50 rental homes. The second phase would be four buildings, four stories high with 92 rental units and 7,000 square feet of rental and commercial space on the bottom floor. The third phase would have an additional 250 rental units, an enclosed garage and 15,000 square feet of retail and commercial space. The entire development would include a pool for residents and about 7,000 square feet of flex space for meetings or those who may wish to rent office space below their apartments.

Sussman said Windsor is entering into purchase agreements, or had already purchased, the homes and properties along that patch of land.

The developers said rent for the retail space would be below market rates because they want to attract small businesses that are able to survive. The plans call for between six or 10 small shops to be included in the third phase, with suggestions like a cafe, yoga studio and boutiques. The site will also have a pedestrian network for residents and shoppers to easily access the entire site, from Price Chopper Plaza to Maher Road.

Development of the third phase of the project would need future Town Board approval for a change of the area's zoning.

Clarkson later said the meeting provided an opportunity to hear from residents about the The proposed New Scotland Road Hamlet Development Project to be developed at the corner of New Scotland and Maher roads. proposal, clearly many in attendance were not

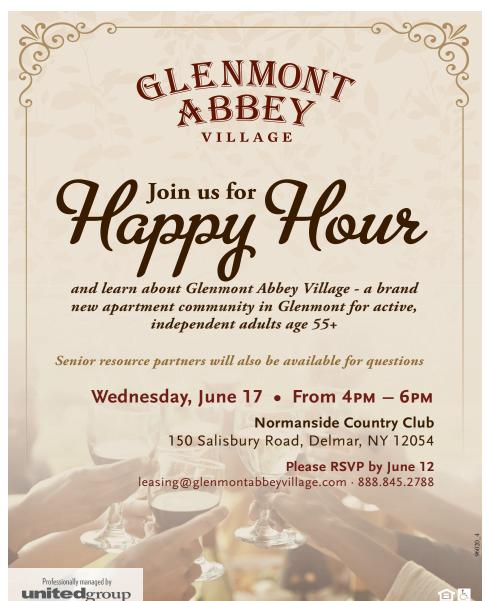
supportive of the height and scale of the proposal. "Many also felt that it did not match their expectations from the

earlier visioning process for example, some wanted to see more public space and a more modest, scaled back proposal," Clarkson

said. "We want to see a proposal that residents support, and the workshops and other meetings to come are an opportunity to air their concerns and help shape the proposal.'

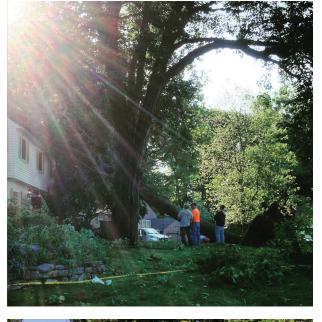
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To learn more, visit www.townofbethlehem. org/708/New-Scotland-Road-Hamlet.













### Sounded like "an earthquake"

A string of storms rushed through the Capital District with concerns of possible tornadoes, one of which did touchdown in Scotia on Tuesday, June 9. A tornado was not to blame for the damage that occurred throughout town, however. Straight wind caused scores of trees to be uprooted and limbs sheared off in both Delmar and Glenmont — the brunt of the damage witnessed in Colonial Acres. Ann Drucker, of Coventry Lane, said she was on her way home when the storm struck. When she pulled her car to the side of the road to wait out the downpour, she received a text from her son. "He said he heard the rain, and then he thought it was an earthquake." A couple of Poplar trees were downed by the storm on Drucker's property, and a tree limb rested upon her home's roof, but she suffered no property damage. Photos by Thomas Hefferman, Sr. & Michael Hallisey/Spotlight



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### COMMUNITY

# Huck Finn's Playland to open

### Fun park finds a new home in Albany

#### **By EMILY DREW** drewe@spotlightnews.com

**ALBANY COUNTY** - Construction crews are hard at work preparing Huck Finn's Playland for its grand opening this week, when local residents can come and test out the former Hoffman's Playland rides in their new home.

After months of anticipation, Huck Finn's Warehouse and More will finally open its gates to the Playland, just beside the store's downtown Albany location on Erie Boulevard. Although the rides were still being assembled and secured last week, Capital District residents will get the chance to ride the train again on Wednesday, June 17.

Area residents have been waiting for the day to see the now-closed Hoffman's Playland rides up and running again after the 60-year-old park closed last October, a day that came after park owners



The familiar Ferris Wheel can be seen rising tall over the newly assembled amusement park, although a different view will be seen from the top car. Emily Drew/Spotlight

David and Ruth Hoffman announced their retirement in summer 2014.

After a rallying cry from the community to keep the park rides together in the area, it was announced that Huck Finn's purchased the equipment. Now, after \$1.8 million, \$650,000 provided through grants, and months of work to get the rides up, Huck Finn's placed the Playland's opening date as this week.

Some rides still read "Hoffman's" on the side, like the balloon lift, while others, like the children's

airplane ride, displays the Huck Finn's logo. While the view from the train won't be the same Loudonville landscape, park goers will still be met with familiar rides and concessions. Even the same old clown will greet everyone as they walk through the gates.

Ticket prices for the Playland can be found on www.hucksplayland.com, where bulk purchases can also be made. Check back with The Spotlight next week for coverage on the park's opening day.

Huck Finn's Playland is nearly ready for its June 17 opening to provide a whole new generation with memories and summertime entertainment. Emily Drew/Spotlight



# **Crafting local**

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New craft store opens at Delmar's Four Corners

#### **By PEGGY HOGAN-RAO** intern@spotlightnews.com

**BETHLEHEM** —

Behind a law firm and next to Perfect Blend in the heart of Delmar's Four Corners is Merriman and Pfister's Marketplace, a craft store with almost all handmade products.

The quaint shop opened its doors at 388 Kenwood Ave. in early May. This craft shop shares the parking in the back of I Love Books bookstore and the Perfect Blend.

Merriman and Pfister's Marketplace is competition for larger stores like Ten Thousand Villages in Stuyvesant Plaza. But what makes this shop different is that most of these products are from local artists, which need the support.

The shop has not had



guess, that people will you know like it," Agenta said. Agneta loves handmade

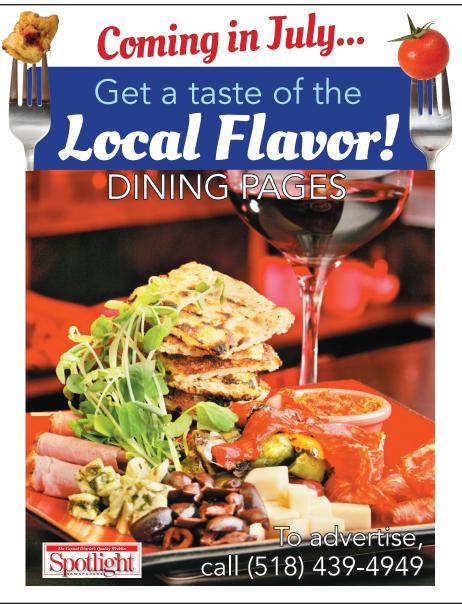
crafts and wanted to make this passion for homemade gifts into a business. "I like going to craft fairs and I like the sand artist things and I just like going to the galleries and looking around."

Although she doesn't go to craft fairs anymore, Agenta still goes to the Acre Trade Show in Philadelphia each year. She said that's where she gets a bulk of the products for her store. Other than stuff from the Acre Trade Show, products seen around the shop are from local artists around the Capital Region.

A couple of the artists who have their work on display are doctors at Albany Medical Center, as Ellis Tobin made a living fox and his friend Philipp Palmieri makes oil paintings. Christine Shea, whose work is often featured at the Delmar Farmers Market, makes mosaic art and is now a vendor at the shop. Terry Weaver, an Averill Park native, makes glass objects like vases and has a company called Woven Glass. Stephanie Pirrone, from East Greenbush, is a featured graphic artist.

Store manager Taylor Kennedy said she sees how people will like the variety the shop has to offer. "There's something for everyone here...from paintings to jewelry to glassware to ties," she said.

These are only a few of the local artists on display at Merriman and Pfister's Marketplace. For a thorough list of the artists, visit www. merrimanpfister.com/ourartists/.



# **Bethlehem Y Car Show and Family Fun Day**

1984: I love you for your pink Cadillac, Crushed velvet seats, Riding in the back, Cruising down the street

1966: Mustang Sally, think you better slow your mustang down; You been running all over the town now, Oh! I guess I'll have to put your flat feet on the ground

1971: My pappy said Son, you're gonna drive me to drinkin', if you don't stop drivin' that Hot Rod Lincoln

1955: As I was motivatin' over the hill, I saw Maybellene in a Coup de Ville. A Cadillac a-rollin' on the open road, Nothin' will outrun my V8 Ford, The Cadillac doin' 'bout ninetyfive, She's bumper to bumper rollin' side by side.



E very generation has its great cars, and each has its great, catchy car songs. The Bethlehem YMCA is ready to take you on a ride with some of the coolest cars ever made on Saturday, June 27. It's the 2015 YMCA Car Show and Family Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the back parking lot and pavilion of the Bethlehem Y.

The cost is just two dollars; kids 12 and under are free. We expect to have more than 60 cars and trucks in our back lot. This year we will have a DJ, food and drinks, bounce houses, cotton candy, face painting, vendors and basket raffles. If you would like to enter a car, be a vendor or have any questions, please contact Rusty Decker at the Bethlehem Y at 439-4394.

### Junior Pacers Running Program

The Junior Pacers program welcomes both new and experienced runners to learn proper running form. Classes include warm-ups, stretching, and cool-down. The class takes place on the upstairs indoor track at the Bethlehem YMCA. It is for kids ages 5 to 12, and each class lasts 45 minutes. A typical class is a three lap warm up, five minutes of stretching and 10 minutes of calisthenics. This is followed by pacing the runners with each other, and then doing relays or racing with partners. Please check with the Bethlehem Y for scheduling information.

### **First Tee Golf**

The First Tee program provides young people, ages 6 to 13, an opportunity to develop life-enhancing values and through golf and character education. This program will introduce young people to the sport of golf. Local golf pro John Andrews of Colonial Acres will be instructing. Please check with the Y for a start date.

### YMCA column summer hiatus

The Bethlehem YMCA column is going on hiatus for the summer, but will return in September. Thank you to the many dedicated readers who have given me positive comments and feedback. I'm glad you enjoy reading about the Y's efforts to contribute to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

The YMCA has become such a big part of our community, and it's important to let people know what the Y is doing — not only to help our 10,000-plus members, but also to make a difference for thousands more people in the Bethlehem area. If you want to look up any of my past Y columns, please check out the archives at baycolumns.blogspot. com. I've had almost 1,000 views of my Bethlehem Y blog, including people from Russia, Sri Lanka, China, Germany, Romania, Denmark and all over the world.

Until this column returns in September, I urge you and your family to keep going to the Bethlehem YMCA to exercise, have fun, see old friends, make new friends and remember what Ben Franklin once said: "We do not stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing." — Mark Hansen

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### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Summer Solstice Festival

**BETHLEHEM** — The Fourth Annual Summer Solstice Festival will be held Saturday, June 20, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Albany County Heldeberg Hudson Rail Trail in Bethlehem and Voorheesville.

The festival brings together community members and local organizations to kick off the summer with food, performances and exhibitions. A new part of this year's festival is a two-hour Hike-A-Thon, to be held from 10 a.m. until noon. There will be five guided hikes taking place simultaneously on the Rail Trail and at four Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy preserves.

The festival will be concentrated along a one-mile stretch of the Albany County Heldeberg Hudson Rail Trail between Adams Street in Delmar and the Firefighters Park in Slingerlands, as well as the Village of Voorheesville trail head. You can get to the festival from four points: the intersection of Gardner Terrace and Hudson Avenue in Delmar, the intersection of Adams Street and Hudson Avenue, Firefighters Park in Slingerlands, and the intersection of Voorheesville Avenue and Grove Street in Voorheesville.

For more information, visit www.solsticecelebration.org.

### New art exhibit at Bethlehem Chamber

**BETHLEHEM** — There is a new art exhibit at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce displaying artwork by members of the Bethlehem Art Association during June and July at the Chamber of Commerce office 318 Delaware Ave., Suite 11.

This is an opportunity for people in the Bethlehem area to see the range of artistic talent that exists within the community. Every two months, a new array of artwork goes on display. The Chamber of Commerce office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To find other locations where local artists show their work, visit www.bethlehemartassociation.com.

### Evening bird walk at Five Rivers

**BETHLEHEM** — Join the staff of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, on Friday, June 19, at 7 p.m. for an evening walk to look at birds.

There will be an opportunity to observe bird feeding and nesting activity. Visitors will possibly get a chance to see swallows and swifts catching their evening meal over Wooduck Marsh. Bring binoculars if you have them, or Five Rivers has a few to for visitors to use. This program may be cancelled in event of inclement weather.

Then on Saturday, June 20, come to Five Rivers for the following events:

Find hidden treasures of the Vlomankill with the help of a Five Rivers educator. Please register by Wednesday, June 17, and wear rubber boots or old shoes that can get wet.

Listen for squirrels and chipmunks along the Woodlot Trail at 2 p.m. The hike is suitable for all ages and abilities.

At 7 p.m., take a walking tour of the natural and cultural history of wildflowers of the summer solstice.

For more information about these programs, contact Five Rivers at 475-0291.

### History of Heldeberg Mountains hike VOORHEESVILLE —

Learn about the history of the Heldeberg Mountains on Saturday, June 20, at 10 a.m., at Thatcher Park Nature Center, 87 Nature Center Way.

Join historian Tim Albright for a hike through the Heldebergs. Learn about the cultural history of the Indian Ladder Region, from early settlement by the Dutch in the 18th century to the creation of the park in 20th century. Walk from Hop Field through Yellow Rocks and Glen Doone to the Overlook Escarpment while hearing tales from former residents in the area. These tales from the former residents will give visitors a feel for the local life. The hiking level is easy to moderate. Binoculars may be helpful.

Please call 872-1237 to register.

### Summer Science Lecture Series

**RENSSELAERVILLE** — Come to Hyuck Preserve for the first summer lecture in the Summer Science Lecture Series on June 18 at 6:30 p.m.

There will be dessert and a science talk and discussion at the research station. This year's theme is "Plants and wildlife of the Hudson Valley under past, present, and future climates." Each week, there will be a different scientist leading the discussion.

### 'Beach Party' Vacation Bible Camp

**VOORHEESVILLE** — The First United Methodist Church will have a Vacation Bible Camp called "Beach Party" Monday, June 29, through Thursday July 2, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Activities include Bible stories, snacks, crafts and music. Each child will receive a CD of the music they learn. Children ages 4 years to fourth grade are eligible to attend.

Registration is \$25 per child, and a registration form can be obtained by stopping by the church Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon., or visit the website at www.fumcv. org.

Please preregister as soon as possible.



### Money-smart advice for the recent college grad

Be money

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that cash? Here are

By RUTH MAHONEY, President. Capital Region, KeyBank

or recent college graduates, a recent Economic Policy

Institute study paints a good-news, bad-news picture of your job prospects. The good news: you're more likely to land a job than your peers in recent graduating classes. The bad news: you're probably going to be underemployed and underpaid.

Seem grim? It's not. There's something to be said for gainful employment. Besides gaining valuable work experience, you're also bringing home a paycheck. That's huge, because while many people say a penny saved is a penny earned, the truth of the matter is your pennies won't amount to much unless you earn and spend them wisely.

#### Be a wealth engine

We all have to start somewhere, and unless you're the boss's kid, it's usually not very close to the corner office. The important thing to remember is that you have to continually jump at opportunities and invest in your success. As financial analyst Paul Clitheroe says, "Your career is the engine of your wealth."

Investing in yourself may seem daunting, especially now that you have student loans to repay. However, you don't have to spend big—or anything at all-to invest in your future.

Here are four things you to leveraging your earnings to Rather, they lack the knowledge • *Network*. The importance can start doing today that will build wealth. pay big dividends

tomorrow: • Keep learning. The reason we go to college in the first place is to learn a set of marketable skills. Being a college graduate doesn't make that any less important. In fact, for most of us, our earning potential directly

**Ruth Mahoney** corresponds with our skills and talents.

So close Facebook Messenger app, stop giving so much thought to being witty in 140 words or less and start reading industry publications and money management magazines and books. It's a great way to get more in depth information from industry experts and insiders.

If your employer offers tuition reimbursement, take advantage of it and enroll in some courses that will help with your professional development. It demonstrates commitment to your career and will boost your resume.

Also look for courses and programs offered by local chambers of commerce, industry associations, libraries and business groups. You'd be surprised by the number of free to low-cost offerings there are that can help you improve everything from developing a

a couple of ideas.

One, start a savings fund. Nothing can derail your financial future more than having to finance unexpected expenses at a high interest rate.

Two, begin investing. No, it's not too early. Put the power of compounding interest to work for you by directing a small portion of your weekly earnings into an investment account. Even investing in an online index fund that collects interest is a great lesson in savings and investments.

Also consider scheduling an appointment with a financial advisor. The act of setting goals and discussing basic money management principalsfrom setting a budget to learning the difference between good/bad debt and maximizing contributions to your retirement plan-is an important exercise.

Most people don't choose to budget to landing a better job make poor financial decisions.

to make informed ones.

Get insurance. Do not ٠ underestimate the value of your health and safety. Yes, you're young. Yes, you think you're invincible. But guess what? You're not. Illness and accidents happen, and they can be very costly.

Under the Affordable Care Act you are eligible to be insured as a dependent on your parents' health insurance plan as long as you are younger than age 26 and are not offered coverage through your employer. In addition, it is important to understand that regardless of your life stage, you should minimize your exposure to financial loss.

Think of it this way. Insurance is giving up a small piece of the whole today in order to preserve it in its entirety for tomorrow.



#### of making connections and building relationships with other professionals cannot be overstated. In fact, most successful business leaders will attribute their own accomplishments to lessons learned from a mentor, and they are eager to pay it forward.

Your local chamber of commerce, industry associations, nonprofit volunteering and even your workplace are all great places to meet such people. It's important to keep in mind that the goal of networking is to expand your sphere of influence and to do for others what you hope they can do for you-create opportunities for growth.

#### Step out of your comfort zone

Entrepreneur Robert Arnott says that "what is comfortable is rarely profitable." As a college graduate with your life ahead of you, take this to heart. You will get from your life what you earn. What you earn will be the direct result of the actions you take and decisions you make, and much like the principal of compounding interest, the younger you start and more disciplined you are, the easier it will be and more likely you are to achieve and even surpass vour goals.

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### Surviving the financial transition from high school senior to college freshman

ust as students have a checklist of what they need to do the summer prior to enrollment, as well as a checklist of what they should bring with them to campus, there are some money management basics that every student should understand and be equipped to handle.

The following is a list of five things parents can do to help their children make strong financial decisions on campus.

• Create a spending plan. Budgeting is at the core of financial responsibility, and it is an exercise that most financially independent individuals have mastered. It may take a month or two on campus to develop a good idea of what is offered around a school, so it's realistic to think that the budget may need to be adjusted. Still, having one, whether it is weekly or monthly, will help students control spending.

• Work on organizational skills. The key to staying under budget is organization. Students should be encouraged to create an easy to use system to track all of their expenses, transactions, insurance information, and bank and credit card statements. Today, technology makes this easier. Software and apps such as Quicken, Mint, Bill Guard and a host of others allow people to manage all their accounts in one place.

It's important to remember that although bouncing checks may seem Stone Age to today's wired kids, overdrawing bank accounts is still very real, and it can be very costly, both in terms of dollars penalized and damaging credit.

• Discuss student loan obligation. Government loans and grants account for only 60 percent of a student's borrowing needs; therefore, it is incumbent on parents to help their kids fully understand the terms of these loans. Students should also be aware of deferral options and the option of making payments on interest during the course of their education.

• Talk about credit. Credit cards are not inherently bad. They can be a good way to provide funds, monitor student spending and build credit. The main thing students should know about credit cards is this: not all offers are the same. Students should compare fees (e.g., annual fees, transaction fees, late fees and over-limit fees) and understand how the card provider calculates interest.

• Raise awareness about identity theft. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, college students are five times more likely to become victims of identity theft than the general public. Simple behaviors like monitoring their credit report, reviewing bank and credit card statements, shredding financial information and ensuring secure online activity can greatly reduce your child's risk of becoming a victim.



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Pillowcase sewing party of a to a to a m

30, at 6:30 p.m., students can be part of the Albany Chapter of ConKerr Cancer's pillowcase project. All materials will be provided, teen power is needed to pin material, run the sewing machine, and iron pillowcases. Participants will earn two hours of community service. Students entering grades 7+, please register.

### 3D printing

**Public Library** 

Drop in on Monday, June 22, at 6 p.m. to check out the library's new 3D printer. The library received a generous grant from the Albany County Legislature to purchase the Cub printer and the Sense 3D scanner. All ages are welcome to try it. — Lynn Kohler



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## Star Wars, fireworks and baseball

he Guilderland Public Library invites you to attend an event that blends two iconic American traditions with one blockbuster movie: Star Wars Night — with post-game fireworks - at the Tri-City ValleyCats baseball game on Saturday, July 18, at 7 p.m., at Joe Bruno Stadium in Troy. And your tickets to this all-American event come to you at a discount and earn money for your library.

What's even better is that these exclusive seats are behind home plate (section 120, if you want to check), on the first base side. The ValleyCats are going up against the Aberdeen Ironbirds, affiliated with the Baltimore Orioles.

You have three convenient ways to get your discounted tickets: at the library's circulation desk, or online via a dedicated ordering page on the ValleyCats' website at tcvalleycats.com, or by clicking on the "Star Wars Night at the ValleyCats" GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY www.guilpl.org

image on library's website at guilpl.org. You might be asked for a password, but just click past that page; the password should be pre-populated.

Hint: tickets for seats close to the field are available at the library. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

## Slime Time with dad or mom

Bring your dad, mom or an adult caregiver to GPL on Saturday, June 20, at 10:30 a.m. for a morning of fun as we make slime. You can keep the slime or give it to your dad on Father's Day. (That's a marvelous idea, by the way.) Barbara Lukas from PBS station WMHT will help you mix the ingredients and get messy with slime.

Please register for this program online or by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

### Getting "carded" at the sold-out beer tasting

Thank you for all your calls and inquiries, but all 100 tickets for the "Upper Hudson Valley Beer & Tasting" on Saturday, June 20, are spoken for. There may be a cancellation or two, but don't count on it.

For those who do have tickets, please remember that you'll need them to come into the tasting, and your ID will be checked. (As we are sure you understand, we have to be very careful.)

The event starts at 2 p.m. when local author Craig Gravina presents a short history of beer in our area. Then, everyone will settle in for a library first — a tasting of various local beers. You can even buy your very own "GPL Hudson Valley Beer" pint glass (another first: library pint glasses).

Gravina will also have copies of his book, "Upper Hudson Valley Beer," available for purchase and autographing. (Father's Day is the next day, June 21.)

There are still openings for the "Local Hops and Tour," on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 2 p.m. That's when attendees will gather at the library for a talk by Dietrich Gehring and Laura Ten Eyck of Indian Ladder Farmstead Brewery and Cidery about growing heritage hops and barley at their farm in Altamont. This talk will be followed by a special tour of the farm. At 3 p.m., everyone will drive themselves to the farm, arriving by 3:30 p.m. so the farm tour can begin. Then at 4:30 p.m., refreshments will be served; non-alcohol beverages will be provided for those under 21. The tour will end by 5 p.m. Tour happens rain or shine. Wear comfortable shoes. You must register for this program; register online or by calling 456-2400, ext. 2.

— Mark Curiale

**SPAC concert June 29** 

J oin us for a performance of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir on Monday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m., at SPAC. The program will include classical, popular\ and patriotic works, from Bach to Broadway. The cost is \$38.50, payable to Town of Bethlehem. Suggested van donation: \$10. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

The Caregiver's Support



#### Town of Bethlehem

Group will meet on Wednesday, June 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Join others who are caring for a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia. Call Jane Sanders at 439-4955, ext. 1174.

The Legal Services Program, staffed by the Legal Aid Society, will be available on Thursday, June 25, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The program provides legal advice and service at no cost for residents of Albany County who are 60 years of age or older. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, for an appointment.



"Take Me Out to the Ballgame" on Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m. at Joe Bruno Stadium. The ticket cost is \$10.25, payable to Town of Bethlehem. There will be fireworks after the game. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation. Suggested van donation: \$3.

Save the date for Elsie's Camp, on Friday, Sept. 11, and Saturday, Sept. 12. Details to follow.

Outreach workers are available to assist with counseling on heath 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.

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.'s website is bethlehemseniorproject.org. — Wilma DeLucco





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### PICK OF THE WEEK

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### **Rhys Tivey**

Jazz trumpeter and his quartet perform original material. June 20, 8 p.m., Conkling Hall, 8 Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville. Tickets: adults \$15, children 12 and under \$8. Information: 797-3114.



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



#### By MICHAEL HALLISEY halliseym@spotlightnews.com

The gift of music leaves a lasting impression on those who

receive it. For the Troy City School District, the charity of one local organization played a large part in launching its new high school orchestra program.

"[Last] September we weren't sure what we were going to do because we didn't think we had enough instruments for all of the students in grades 3 through 9," said Kristen Obermayer, of the school district's orchestra program. "Thankfully, there were string instruments donated through Vanguard. The students were above and beyond excited."

Vanguard was originally founded in July 1963 as a fundraiser for the Albany Symphony Orchestra, and it immediately began helping with publicity, mailing, advertising sales, and ushering. They opened their homes to visiting artists and provided transportation for them. At the request of ASO's Conductor Edgar Curtis, Vanguard turned rehearsals into youth concerts and helped during concerts at schools. A fund was started to give annual scholarships to orchestra members for further study. In 1972 Vanguard was incorporated.

Since that time Vanguard has concentrated efforts on family and children through a number of different programs, such as Tiny Tots and the Sunday Symphony for Family concerts.

For more than 20 years, the Tiny Tots concert series has performed in front of preschool and first grade audiences. The concerts reach approximately 1,500 children per year. These classical repertoire concerts take place in Albany and Saratoga, twice each morning during a week in May. Vanguard provides partial transportation fees for some needy schools to bring the children to the concert and provides financial support toward the concert venue rental.

The Sunday Symphony for Family Concerts introduces families to classical and symphonic music, while also assisting the audience by providing music-related educational activities before the concert and

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# **Champions of music**

Charitable group under Albany Symphony Orchestra fights to keep music alive in area schools



The hard work of the Vanguard charitable group, which focuses on providing musical instruments to school districts in need, does not go unappreciated. Photos by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight



### **FASHION**

# Rain on your parade

### You can let it rain with these fashion tips

#### **By DENISE BENNETT** news@spotlightnews.com

ost folks think the rain is limiting. You can't go outside. You can't go sightseeing. Can't take awesome photos.

You're just stuck indoors.

I say *au contraire mes amies*. I think you can go outside, you can go sightseeing — photos may just be difficult — and you can do whatever you want to do in the rain with the proper rain attire.

You just lose one hand while holding a chic umbrella. Walk and splash with me, won't you?

What is the first thing

you need when talking proper rain fashion? A stylish umbrella. Yes, I want you to find an umbrella you are in love with and works for you. Don't skimp and get a shoddy one that folds up into a fraction of its size because it won't work well. Trust me...

So what kind of umbrella do you need? Depends on your lifestyle, but I love big clear plastic umbrellas. This style is readily available and popular these days and the best part, you can see out if you have to bring it down closer over your face. They create a see through bubble so you can look out and be seen. Plus, they go with whatever outfit you have on. No conflicting prints. If you aren't into the clear look and preppy chic is your style, find a Burberry or Burberry inspired plaid. This timeless pattern will go with whatever you are wearing. Plus, if you have a super chic umbrella, it guarantees your diva status to onlookers.

So you have your umbrella, but what's next? Boots of course. Rain boots have come a very long way and I am a full on supporter of knee high rubber boots in loud colors! I am talking reds, yellows, oranges. Be bold! The sky is dark and miserable, but you don't have to be. There are a plethora of high end rubber boots (think Hunters or Wellingtons) as well as your mid-range finds in box stores and



the insides. So how

discount shoe stores.

Find whatever works for

you. There are even high

heeled or wedge styles. I

personally own a pair of

black wedge rain boots

from Target. I have seen

lace up oxford styles and

I am not sure how they

low shaft versions as well.

will keep a strong rain out,

but if you love them, wear

them! If you have sensitive

find boot liners to cushion

feet or legs, you can also

So how do you style rain boots? Depending on the temperature outside, you can wear shorts with them, leggings tucked into them, knee length or shorter skirts, or anything you can either stick into the shaft or pull down and over it. I think a super chic look is olive green shorts with patch pockets, a gray raglan sleeve fitted sweatshirt and yellow rain boots. How cute would you be walking to get a cup of coffee?

Despite the fact this is summer rain we are talking about, sometimes you need a little more on than a tee. Enter the trench coat or rain coat. A trench coat is a classic jacket style that everyone needs — male or female — in their outwear wardrobe. I have a total

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### LIVE MUSIC

# Ramblin' down the Hudson

#### Live music everywhere to welcome in Summer

artists.

#### By VITO CICCARELLI & MICHAEL HALLISEY

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**TROY** — What do you get when you mix a beautiful day, some incredible food and great music, with an artsy component thrown into the mix?

Troy's River Fest –that's what.

For more than a decade, this staple of the Troy event season has drawn thousands of festival and music lovers alike to the Collar City.

Traditionally held the day before Father's Day, Troy River Fest offers an eclectic mix of art, crafts, food and music, while bringing in a mixed demographic of both young and old to enjoy all Troy has to offer.

The 12th Annual River Street Art's Festival is returning to its artistic roots with the help of local Re-branded as the Troy River Fest, the festival is placing key emphasis on locally crafted hand-made goods, and local cuisine – all located throughout the scenic, historic Downtown District.

While the streets will host craft, art, food vendors, and entertainment, each shop, restaurant and historic venue will have their own activities as well.

The Troy River Fest is an organic, grassroots fest, designed to mimic the flow of the Hudson by encouraging visitors to ramble throughout the streets of Downtown Troy.

The music component of the event has given visitors over the years a wide range of national recording artist of different musical genres including, Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes, Los Straitjackets, They Would Be Giants, Paula Cole, Stroke 9, Naked Eye's, Chris Barron (Spin Doctors), and Mike Doughty (Soul Coughing).

This year's edition will feature on the Main Stage, Carl Daniels, Hard Soul, Troy Blues, and headliner, Albert Cummings. Troy River Fest takes

place on June 20, beginning at 11 a.m. For information visit downtowntroy.org, or call 279-7162.

#### **Dad Fest**

Put the tie down, and slowly walk away. You know your father doesn't want that. Instead, get him out of the house this Sunday, and hit up Albany's Jennings Landing for Dad Fest.

The City of Albany presents Dad Fest, a brand new, free Father's Day event to feature live music, food, vendors, games, competition, and a lot of fun for the whole family. "We've been brainstorming event ideas for Father's Day for a few years now," said Jason Bonafide, public relations coordinator for Albany's Office of Special Events and Cultural Affairs. "We've had Father's Day events for a number

of years, but this is a new take on it. And, it's something we plan to build upon in the future."

Entertainment includes live music from The Neanderthals, Eddie Angel's Guitar Party, Super 400, and the WonderBeards.

For 67 years, the moms of the Capital District have held the spotlight at the Albany Tulip Festival, the famous Mothers Day weekend spectacular culminating in the crowning of Albany's Mother of the Year. Generations of mothers have celebrated their special day at Tulip Festival. "Personally, I'm quite excited about the doubleheaded headliner featuring The Neaderthals and Eddie Angels' Guitar Party," said Bonafide.

The fest runs along Albany's Hudson

Riverfront on Sunday, June 21 from 1 to 6 p.m. In the

event of inclement weather, Dad Fest will be held at the Corning Preserve Boatlaunch.

For more information on Dad Fest and all of the City of Albany's free, familyfriendly events, visit www. albanyevents.org, 434-2032 or follow albanyNYevents on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

#### Juneteenth

June 19th marks a special anniversary in the timelines of both American and African-American history.

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and office, 2 loading docks & two 14 ft over head doors providing drive through capacity. Also additional office space on second floor. Building 2 is approximately 1,728 SF and has two 14 ft over head doors. Plenty of land to drive around the building and to park vehicles outside. Both buildings are spray foam insulated which provides for minimization of energy consumption. Asking price is \$275,000.

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### FITNESS

# Time's on my thighs

Those who don't exercise say it's because they don't have the time

#### **By DAN ROMAND** news@spotlightnews.com

ne of the things I hear all the time as a Fitness Trainer is "I don't have time!" In fact it's the number one reason people use when it comes to avoiding exercise. But is that reality or is it just an excuse?

Let me tell you about Jane. Jane came to me a few weeks ago after her recent physical. Jane was about 100 pounds overweight with high blood pressure and was pre diabetic. As you can imagine her doctor had told her she needed to lose weight and exercise. He also prescribed her two medications she had to take daily and they weren't cheap.

As I met with her she had a litany of excuses for why she didn't have time to exercise; getting the kids off to school and other day to day family "stuff", graduation parties, barbeques with friends, cleaning the house and so on. Hey we've all been there right?

So as we continued to talk I said that sounds stressful, What do you do to relax? Her answer... "I like to watch TV at night and have a glass of wine". We talked a bit about the shows she likes and so on and what we found was that she spent on average about three hours each night watching TV.

Yet she said she didn't have time to work out?

Now you might think that's not me, I really am

too busy! But are you? In 2014 it was reported that the average American spends five hours a day watching television. Another report in 2013 found the average 35-49-year-old spent three hours a day on social media. That's a combined eight hours a day spent

doing leisure activities.

Think about that for a second. How much time do you spend in front of the television or looking at your phone? In Jane's case we found she was less than the average yet still spent more than three hours a day watching television. Even if you are below average I'd be willing to bet you're spending a number of hours each week in front of the television or on Facebook.

Long story short, she came to realize that it wasn't a matter of having enough time but that she didn't' prioritize her time, and now the time had come to pay the piper (not to mention all those medical and prescription bills).

It is recommended that you get at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week. That's

less than three hours per week or a little over 20 minutes a day. Getting back to Jane had she taken just 20 minutes of the over three hours a night she spent watching TV and went for a walk, instead she likely wouldn't have to be taking those medications which cost her almost \$150 a month. The good news is Jane

did make the time to exercise. She committed to going for a walk daily and works with me a couple times a week also. The result? She's already lost 20 pounds and to quote

her, "I have more energy than ever".

She's also feeling less stressed and able to cope with the day to day things that pop up in life. Yet no matter what life throws at her she will not give up her "me time" as she calls it.

Even more interesting as she said the other day: "I don't miss that 30 minutes in front of the television at all and I'm spending less and less time sitting on the couch because I 'm out enjoying life!"

So if you don't exercise stop using the "I don't' have time" excuse and make exercise a priority. Your body and wallet will thank you.

Dan Romand is owner and operator of Full Circle Fitness NY in Albany, where he is also a certified fitness trainer.





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SCOTIA — The NY Air National Guard's 109th Arilift Wing hosted a major accident response exercise on June 14 at Stratton Air Base with local emergency agencies. The exercise simulated a tanker truck explosion and included simulated victims played by members of the Civil Air Patrol and Cadets.

'Today's objective was to utilize the wing's mutual aid agreements with community first responders. The interoperability between (the109th ANG) and the community when a disaster like this strikes is crucial to ensure a quick and effective response," Lt. Col. Ronald Ankabrandt, 109th



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Inspector General said. "Everyone worked very well together today, from the base to the local fire departments, emergency management teams, and the ambulance teams. We couldn't have done this without our community partners and all of our volunteers who really helped pull everything off today."

The simulation also has training implications beyond the base with the increased volume of transportation of fuel via rail in the Capital District. County, State agencies, CTX and Global Partners provided support and equipment for the drill.

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### From page B1 ... Champions of music

during the concert's intermission for the attending children.

The Musical Instruments for Students launched with the aim of giving the gift of music to students at public schools in the Capital District. Working with the music programs in the local schools, Vanguard collects "little used" musical instruments, repairs them as needed and donates them to the participating school programs. That task is placed on the shoulders of Delmar's Jill Rifkin.

"[The instruments] are donated to schools with various needs throughout the Capital District," said Rifkin. "And, music teachers in those schools then distribute them to kids whose parents can't afford to purchase them. [Otherwise] those kids can't be in their orchestra or bands and that's heartbreaking."

Rifkin describes herself as a longtime "proud audience member" of the orchestra, and has long known about the charitable

program. A creative person by nature, Rifkin is a retired managing editor for a newspaper and is an aficionado of the arts, joined Vanguard just last year.

"Income inequality breaks my heart," said Rifkin. "Music is tremendously important to kids. ... First of all, it's fun. Second, you're less likely to drop out of school. You become more motivated. And, learning a difficult instrument has got to do wonders to your self-confidence. You're contributing to the community, contributing to your school. Those are attributes I would think would carry out for the rest of your life. Not to mention a love for music. ... It gives kids a purpose."

Studies recently support that musical training not only improves selfconfidence but aides students in the classroom. Yale tied music to strengthening language development, leading to increased social skills. The University of Toronto

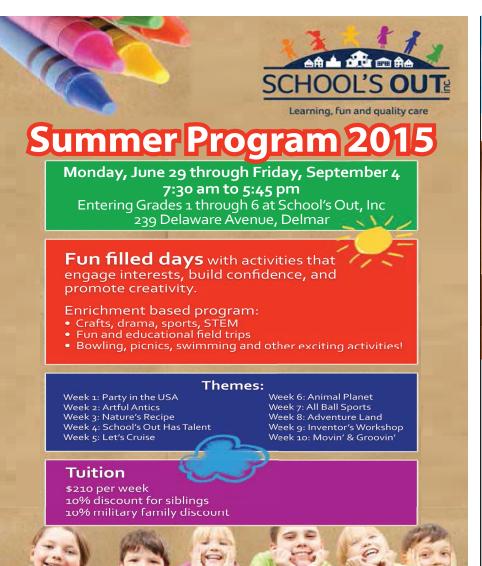
found children with music lessons saw a modest increase in IQ over those without music. And, the University of Kansas went as far to state elementary students enrolled in superior music programs were apt to score 20 percent higher in math and English, versus those with subpar programs. Despite these studies, Rifkin said, "School budgets are cut left and right, and what's the first to go? Music and art."

Now, more than a half century later, the Vanguard program continues to make an impact on local music programs desperate for help. For Obermayer, the children in her program can't be more appreciative.

"They made numerous cards as a thank you because they were so grateful for the donations," said Obermayer. "Now as the next school year approaches, and we add another grade level to the High School orchestra we are wondering what will happen as the need for instruments keeps increasing."

To donate an instrument, contact Jill Rifkin at 439-1843.

Jill Rifkin collects used instruments that are eventually donated to local school districts in need for their individual music programs.



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### **CULINARY ARTS**

#### **By ANN LINDA CIOTOLI**

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Shrimp Sliders (makes 18)

#### Ingredients:

1 lb. raw shrimp 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs 1/2 cup green onion 1/2 cup finely grated carrot 1/2 cup mayonnaise 2 Tbs. Dijon mustard 1/4 tsp. coarse salt Few dashes of hot sauce Olive Oil for cooking

#### Instructions:

Mix all ingredients and form into 2 inch patties Roll in more bread crumbs Cook patties in olive oil on medium heat...3 minutes per side

Mix 2/3 cup of finely shredded cabbage 1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 Tbs. lemon juice 1 tsp. finely grated lemon peel

Top patties with slaw and serve on slider buns

### Grilled Eggplant Sliders (makes 18)

#### **Ingredients:**

2 long narrow eggplants Salt 1 fresh mozzarella Pesto (either homemade or jarred) 1 small jar of sliced roasted red peppers Olive oil for cooking

#### Instructions:

Cut the eggplants into thick slices

Brush each with olive oil and sprinkle with salt

Use a grill pan, or frying pan and cook on medium heat, turning once, until tender About 12-14 minutes

- Top with a slice of mozzarella and cook until melted
- Cut to fit buns
- Spread buns with pesto
- Top with eggplant and sliced red pepper

#### Pairing:

#### For the Shrimp Sliders

Bodegas Ramon Bilbao - Albarino - Avenida del Santo Domingo de la Calzada Haro, Spain - this white wine has a golden straw color with green hues. It is a bright aromatic wine with flavors of pineapple, lychee, and minerals. This is a great summer wine. Albarino's pair great with seafood.

### For the Grilled Eggplant Sliders

Efeste Evergreen Vineyards - Riesling - Woodinville, WA - aromas of honey flower and white peach - flavors of lemon zest, nectarine, and honey.

Ann Linda Ciotoli owns a catering business called Good Enough to Eat, and is well educated at pairing wines with meals. For questions and information, email Ciotoli at sodeliciousalc@yahoo.com.



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### THEATER

### I Know I Came in Here for Something

Original musical comedy about four people navigating through middle age. Presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 New York Route 203, Chatham, June 22 and July 13. Shows: 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25. Information: 392-9292 or www. machaydntheatre.org.

### Kalamazoo

Comedy about two 70-yearold people who meet on an Internet dating site and have a crazy first date. Presented by the Adirondack Theatre Festival, Charles Wood Theater, 207 Glen St., Glens Falls, June 23 through July 3. Information: 480-4878 or www.atfestival.org.

### Rent

Modern rock opera about young artists struggling to make it in New York City. Presented by Mac-Havdn Theatre, 1925 New York Route 203, Chatham, June 18-21 and 24-28. 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





### **Seasons of love**

Mac-Haydn Theatre in Chatham presents its production of the rock opera "Rent" June 18-28. For more information, call 392-9292 or visit www.machaydntheatre.org. Submitted photo

\$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

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who has drawn comparisons to Woody Guthrie and Nina State Plaza outdoor concourse (next to The Egg), Albany. Free. Information: 473-1845.

### Chrisette Michele

Grammy Award-winning soul singer performing as part of Albany's Alive at Five concert series, with opening act Bell's Roar. June 18, 5 p.m., Jennings' Landing, Riverfront Park, Albany. Free. Information: 434-2032 or www.albanyevents.org.

### **Rachel Grimes** Ensemble

Genre-bending pianist whose works straddle rock, jazz and classical music, with guitarist Alexander Turnquist opening the show. June 18, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

### The Gypsy Lights Indie, retro folk-pop duo. June

19, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www. ebalbany.com.

### **Blame Arthur Guinness**

Irish band. June 19,7 p.m., 16 Handles, 380 Route 9W, Glenmont. Free. Information: 433-1616.

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#### Mike Gordon

Phish bassist performs with his own band in support of his latest album, "Overstep." June 19, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$31.25. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

### **Michael Powers** Frequency

Blues/roots rock band. June 19, 9 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

#### **Dave Hart**

Acoustic guitarist and mandolin player. June 20, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany. com.

### **Rhys Tivey**

Jazz trumpeter and his quartet perform original material. June 20, 8 p.m., Conkling Hall, 8 Methodist Hill Road, Rensselaerville. Tickets: adults \$15, children 12 and under \$8. Information: 797-3114.

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Folk duo. June 21, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany. com.

### Trio de Cuerdas

Maria Zemantauski, Sten Isachsen and Ray Andrews perform innovative arrangements of Baroque, classical and flamenco music on guitar, mandolin, banjo, guilele and percussion. June 24, noon, Empire State Plaza outdoor concourse (next to The Egg), Albany. Free. Information: 473-1845.

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### DANCE

### **Single Squares** of Albany

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### **USA Dance**

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### LECTURE

### Megan McCabe

Leading a discussion based on "The Blessing of a Skinned Knee" by Wendy Mogel to kick off The Sage Colleges' Colonie Jewish Community Association Lecture Series. June 19, 9:15 a.m., Jewish Federation, 184 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. Free. Information: 783-7800, ext. 229 or email adrucker@jewishfedny. org.

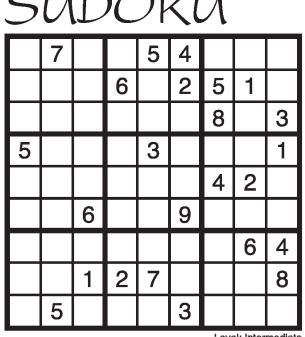
### LITERARY

#### **Bill Howard** Local military

historian talks about and signs copies of his new book, "What the

RAF Airman Took to War." June 25, 7 p.m., The Book House of Stuvvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave., Albany. Information: 489-4761 or www.bhny.com.

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### 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.

### 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. **Sorelle Gallery** 

"New Works by Ronald Tinney," through July 2. Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany. Information: 482-2000 or www.sorellegallery.com.

### Spring Street Gallery

"Saratoga Springs: Magic and Loss," featuring photographs by journalist Thomas Dimopoulos. Opening reception: June 18, 6-8 p.m. 112 Spring St., Saratoga Springs. Information: www.spring streetgallerysaratoga.org.



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### From page B2 ... Rain on your parade

of three styles. I have an animal print trench, black sateen trench and a black rain coat. Now, rain coats aren't what your child has in their closet. I am not talking plastic and noisy items with giant rubber duck hoods. Adult coats are made from polyester and nylon and you can't even tell they're waterproof in most cases.

The sky is the limit with styles. So what do I

suggest? Keep it classic. If you don't have a trench coat or a rain coat, invest in a stone colored trench. This piece will be your work horse for when you are running around in the rain and even into cooler temperatures. Don't skimp on the quality. A solid piece will be a one hundred dollar or more investment, but it is worth it. I have had mine for years. Don't jump into the purchase, go

on the hunt and find one that is just right for you. You will wear it for more than just rain protection.

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



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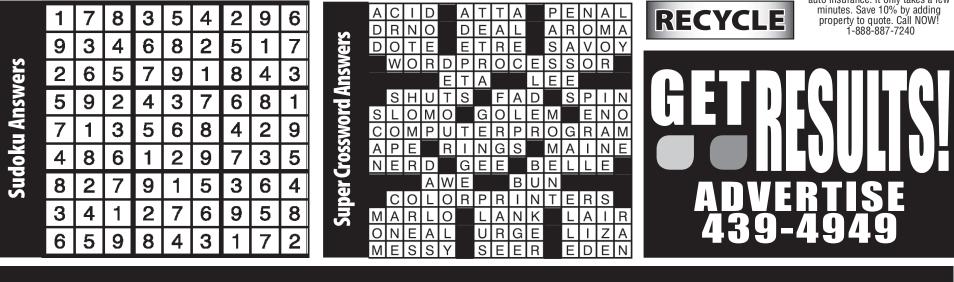
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### **From page B3 ...** Ramblin' down the Hudson

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, and this year the event reaches its 150th anniversary. The day itself marks the specific date in which Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, TX with news that the American Civil War had ended. It's of particular interest across the nation, as it signifies the release of the last known slaves in the country — more than two years after the passing of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation into law. Albany's Washington Park will host the annual Juneteenth celebration, featuring a wide variety of family friendly entertainment, educational opportunities and food and beverages for sale on Sunday, June 14, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Stage entertainment

includes performances by Out of the Box Jazz Band, East Coast Playaz and local gospel choirs, as well as poetry readings, a Sgt. Henry Johnson memorial program and a variety of children's performers on the Kids Stage. Community and family activities will include www.spotlightnews.com

a chess tournament, a Zumba class, a community discussion and a history treasure hunt.

Vito Ciccarelli is Troy's Special Events Coordinator by day and WVCR radio disc jockey by night. He will share news on all the great events happening in Troy — the home of Uncle Sam.



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Starting pitcher Mike Reitcheck (Penn) was named the Albany Dutchmen's Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, June 14. Reitcheck pitched five strong innings in a 9-2 victory at Saugerties Saturday, June 13.







After beating Saugerties Saturday, June 13, the Albany Dutchmen were shut out by Mohawk Valley Sunday, June 14.

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### TRACK AND FIELD



Bethlehem's Tedi DeMaria stands by the sign marking her Section 2 pole vault record after finishing first at the New York State High School Track and Field Championships Friday, June 12, at the University at Albany. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

# **DeMaria sets the standard**

Bethlehem junior wins state title in pole vault with a Sectional record

### By ROB JONAS

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**ALBANY** — All Tedi DeMaria wanted to do was place in the top five.

She did much more than that.

The Bethlehem junior won the girls pole vault title with a Section 2-record height of 12 feet, 3 inches at the New York State High School Track and Field Championships Friday, June 12, at the University at Albany. DeMaria was seeded second entering the

state meet, but she harbored no thoughts about winning the title – especially with Monroe-Woodbury's Catherine Walker in the field.

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Guilderland's **Emily Burns**, left, sprints ahead of the pack of 2,000-meter steeplechase runners at the state meet saturday, June 13, at UAlbany. Burns placed second with a time of 6:56.52. Cornwall's Beatrice **Boylan finished** first with a time of 6:52.70. Rob Jonas/Spotlight





# **From page 9 ...** DeMaria sets the standard

Walker cleared the bar at 12 feet, 7 inches at the Section 9 qualifier one week earlier to earn the top seed at states, while DeMaria's personal best was 11 feet, 9 inches.

"I said top five, I'd be so happy with that (finish)," said DeMaria. "This (title) is crazy."

DeMaria had one miss on her way to matching her personal record at 11-9, while others fell by the wayside. When the bar was set at 12 feet, DeMaria was one of five competitors remaining out of the original 26.

DeMaria had few opportunities before Friday to attempt clearing 12 feet. One chance came at the Section 2 qualifier June 5 at UAlbany when she went after the state meet qualifier record of 12 feet, 1 inch. She came close, but she missed all three attempts.

Facing the 12-foot barrier once again at states, DeMaria missed on her first try, but she easily cleared the bar on her second attempt to advance.

"I haven't had that many

shots at it ... but to finally get it feels so good," said DeMaria.

Only three competitors remained when the bar was raised to 12-3 – DeMaria, Walker and Hamburg's Taylor Thurnhurr. DeMaria easily soared over the bar on her first attempt, while Walker needed three tries to clear the bar. Thurnhurr was eliminated after three failed attempts.

The bar was raised to 12-6 - nine inches higher than DeMaria's previous career mark, but only one inch shy of Walker's personal best. DeMaria came close a couple of times, but she failed to clear the bar. Therefore, she needed Walker to miss on her final try to win the state title. Walker dug down deep, but she kicked the bar off its supports, which gave DeMaria the championship.

The victory not only gave DeMaria her first state track title, but also some new personal goals for next season.

"(Clearing) 12-6 is next," said DeMaria. "After that, the goal is 13 (feet) plus. Hopefully, I'll get it by the end of next year."

DeMaria's performance highlighted a strong weekend effort by local runners at the state meet. Guilderland's Emily Burns placed second in the girls 2,000-meter steeplechase, and the Dutchmen's boys 3,200-meter relay team finished second to Shenendehowa on Saturday, June 13.

Burns couldn't keep up with Cornwall's Beatrice Boylan, who won the steeplechase with a time of 6:52.70. But, Burns passed Huntington's Suzie Petryk and North Rockland's Alex Harris on the final lap to claim second place with a time of 6:56.52.

"With one lap to go, I knew this was the last time I was going to be wearing a Guilderland singlet, so I had to go if I wanted to place in the top three," said Burns.

The Guilderland boys 3,200-meter relay team of Noah Carey, Noah Tindale, Jonathon Feil and Drew Burns crossed the line third, but they received second place when Arlington dropped the baton on the final lap. Guilderland's time was



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Bethlehem's Simon Powhida competes in the boys 3,000-meter steeplechase at the New York State High School Track and Field Championships Saturday, June 13. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

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Carey also competed individually in the boys 3,200-meter final on Friday. The sophomore placed fifth with a time of 9:20.70. FayettevilleManlius' Bryce Millar defended his state title in the event with a winning time of 9:18.61. Bethlehem's Simon

Powhida finished 12th in the boys 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:45.59, and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Ciara Miller placed 13th overall in the girls high jump. Miller's height of 5 feet, 2 inches, placed her fourth among Group 2 high jumpers.

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### Albany manages four hits in loss to Mohawk Valley

#### **By ROB JONAS**

jonasr@spotlightnews.com ALBANY — The Albany Dutchmen fell back to the .500 mark with a 10-0 loss at Mohawk Valley in a Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League contest Sunday, June 14, in Little Falls.

The DiamondDawgs (5-5) rode the pitching of Payton Coddou and two relievers to beat the Dutchmen (5-5). Coddou allowed only two hits in seven innings of work, while Ryan O'Connor and Erik Bauer held Albany to no runs on two hits in the final two frames.

Albany starting pitcher Jon Reid (Azusa Pacific) took the loss, despite allowing two earned runs on five hits in nearly seven innings of work. Mike Fitzsimmons (Ole Miss) doubled for the Dutchmen.

**Shut out in Little Falls** 

Albany entered Sunday's game off a 9-2 victory at Saugerties Saturday, June 13. The Dutchmen scored seven runs in the first three innings, and they never looked back.

Saugerties starter Austin Von Herbulus struggled with his control early on. Albany scored its first three runs off of two walks, a hit batsman and Zach Remillard's bases-clearing double. The Dutchmen scored two runs in the second inning and two more in the third to chase Von Herbulus.

By contrast, Albany starter Mike Reitcheck was in control. The Penn hurler allowed one earned run in five innings of work, walking one and striking out four batters in the process.

Remillard (Coastal Carolina) also singled, had a stolen base and scored a run in his first game back with the Dutchmen. The Latham native played with Albany in 2012 and 2013. Adam Gauthier (Dartmouth) went 3-for-4 at the plate, including a two-run single in the top of the third inning.

Saturday and Sunday marked the second time over the past seven days where Albany successfully played consecutive games. Rain washed out a June 9 home game against Newark, and thunderstorms suspended a June 12 home game against Glens Falls.

In between the stormy weather, Albany suffered consecutive losses to Amsterdam and Victor. Amsterdam (7-3) rallied for four runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat the Dutchmen 6-5 Wednesday, June 10, in Amsterdam, and Victor beat Albany 12-1 Thursday, June 11, at Bob Bellizzi Field.

### HEALTH

# Walk-in medical care facility opens

Albany Med opens its first urgent care facility in the county

#### **By EMILY DREW** *drewe@spotlightnews.com*

ALBANY COUNTY — Albany Medical Center celebrated the opening of its first Albany Med EmUrgentCate facility in Albany County early last week.

The facility, staffed by emergency medical providers and Albany Medical specialists, is located in the Hannaford Plaza on Wolf Road in the Town of Colonie, residing in the old Calico Corners suite. There, people can receive examinations, pediatric care and eye exams.

The grand opening was celebrated Friday, May 29, with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by county, Colonie and Albany Medical officials. The facility began accepting patients on Monday, June

"Our expansion of Albany Med EmUrgentCare to Wolf Road and the town of Colonie supports our missions of bringing the high-quality care that our physicians provide every day at the Medical Center to the surrounding communities, especially when and where patients need it most," said Ferdinand Venditti, Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs and President of Faculty Physicians at Albany Medical, in a released statement.

The walk-in facility offers treatments for common ailments like ear, sinus and throat infections, rashes, insect bites, and cuts and lacerations, as well as providing digital x-rays to diagnose sprains and fractures.

"Occupational medicine services will be provided to local employers with the focus on getting employees back to work in good health," said Albany Medical officials. This includes providing urine and blood samples, and immunizations for the flu or tetanus.

The Colonie location marks the fourth EmUrgentCare in the area. The others can be found in Coxsackie, Saugerties and Glenville. According to the EmUrgentCare website, the facility is open to anyone, from those who don't have a physician, to those who are unable to see their family physician, or it can take the place of an emergency room visit.

The facility is open year around from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. More information can be found at www. emurgentcare.com.

### COMMUNITY

# **AARP meetings**

he Guilderland Area AARP Chapter 980 holds meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. at Christ the King Church on Sumter Avenue. Park in the back lot, enter the double doors and go left down the hallway to the Chapel Room.

#### Delivery person needed

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#### Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

### Defensive driving class

The AARP Defensive Driving Class on July 20 and 22 still has openings. Call the Senior Office to sign up.

### **Trips update**

The June 17 trip was cancelled due to a lack of participants. We are now including deadlines for trip sign-ups. This deadline is to ensure the interest and participation in the trip, and to get a full refund from the venue and Brown Coach if there is not enough participation.

#### Sept. 29 Gavin's Country Inn, Cornwallville Deadline: Aug. 26

Start with a welcome of coffee/tea, scones and bingo. There will be an all-you-can-eat luncheon buffet of prime rib, shrimp cocktail, baked ziti, lasagna, tossed salad and makeyour-own sundaes. Live music to follow at 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$56.

Oct. 7 Lake George Dinner Theatre: "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" Deadline: Sept. 8

A fast-paced, madcap, Reader's Digest romp through all of the Bard's plays, performed in the hilarious style of Monty Python and the Marx Brothers. This familyfriendly "send-up" of Shakespeare features three overachieving actors attempting to perform all 37 of his plays in 90 minutes.

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The name of the limited liability company is SCH-ENECTADY 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 pro-cess served is to STEVEN M SARGENT; 20 S CHURCH ST; SCH-ENECTADY, 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

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANI-ZATION 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 desig Albany County. nated as agent of LLC for service of process SOS shall mail copy of process to P. O. Вох Albany, NY Purpose: Any 38306. 12203 act or activity. lawful Ad#83120

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lawful purpose. Ad#82711

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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

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice of formation of Triple M Management, LLC. Articles of Organi-zation were filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on February 20, 2015. Office location: Al-bany 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 Delmar, Avenue, NY



Purpose:

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### GRADUATES AND DEAN'S LIST

• Julia Mosley, of Selkirk, graduated from Mount Saint Mary College with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

• Victoria Harmony, of Altamont, graduated from Clarkson University on May 9 with a bachelor's degree with great distinction in biomolecular science, biology and interdisciplinary liberal studies.

• Brian Reed, of Slingerlands, graduated from Lehigh University May 18 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

• Matthew Zanotta, of Schenectady, graduated from Bryant University May 18 with a bachelor's degree in economics: public policy track.

• Adrienne White, of Slingerlands, graduated from Bowdoin College May 23 with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

• Brian Reed, of Slinglerlands, graduated from Lehigh University May 18 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

• Victoria Kocsis, of Altamont, graduated from Clarkson University May 9 with a bachelor's degree with great distinction in biomolecular science, biology and interdisciplinary liberal studies.

• Lindsey Vogel, of Schenectady, graduated from Keene State College May 9 with a bachelor's degree in health science/ nutrition.

• Garrett Bernardo, of Glenmont, graduated cum laude from Anderson University May 2 with a bachelor's degree in business, management.

• Lindsay Brown, of Schenectady, graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a master's degree in architecture. The following students graduated from SUNY Potsdam with bachelor's degrees:

Catherine Africano of Glenmont Jonathan Bintz of Altamont Jamaul Daniels of Schenectady Daniel Evans of Delmar Andrew Lammly of Selkirk Erin O'Mahony of Guilderland Center Patrick Skelley of Delmar Cecilia Snow of Schenectady Peyton Snyder of Altamont Casandra Wickham of Slingerlands The following students graduated from St.

Lawrence University with bachelor's degrees May 17: Oma Cecil of Schenectady Hannah Cohen of Slingerlands Jordan Duke of Slingerlands Courtney Goodrich of Glenmont

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bachelor's degrees May 9: Nathanial Casaregola of Glenmont William Matthews of Schenectady Jacob Polfleit of

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The following students graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with bachelor's degrees: Ashley Rosano of

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• Nicholaus Jasinski, of Altamont, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

• Christopher Parisi, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

• Howell Morris, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Springfield College. • Patrick Joyce, of Glenmont, was named to the president's achievement

list for the spring 2015 semester at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. • John Geis, of Schenectady, was named to the president's achievement list for the spring 2015

semester at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. • Nicholas McBride, of Schenectady, was named to the president's achievement list for the spring 2015 semester at SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

• Nicholas Austin, of Schenectady, was named to the president's excellence list for the spring 2015 semester at SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

• Jared Ports, of Schenectady, was named to the president's excellence list for the spring 2015 semester at SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

• Carylann Geddes, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Coker College.

• Brian Reed, of Slingerlands, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Lehigh University.

• Alexandra Rathjens, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at James Madison University.

• Danielle Sentz, of Altamont, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at James Madison University.

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• Timothy Dickson, of Schenectady, was named to the president's list for the spring 2015 semester at SUNY Canton.

• Kassidi Morrison, of Voorheesville, was named to the president's list for the spring 2015 semester at SUNY Canton.

• Stephanie Resila, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Lyndon State College.

• Nicolas Garza, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Coastal Carolina University.

• Garrett Bernardo, of Glenmont, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Anderson University.

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

he New Scotland Corridor that runs through Slingerlands has seen drastic changes over recent years, and the idea of further development has local residents concerned. In Colonie, the scene looks altogether different on the surface. Scores of automobile dealerships have earned Central Avenue the nickname "Million Dollar Row." The roadway between Albany and Schenectady stopped resembling a residential neighborhood decades ago, yet you can find plenty of families who live just off Central Avenue sharing similar concerns with the Colonie Planning Board about plans for another dealership in the works.

Slingerlands' past is still visible on the landscape today. From one of the four roundabouts motorists drive through to reach I-90 or Crossgates Mall, the Sager family farm still stands as it did more than a century ago, a stone's throw away from the Price Chopper Plaza. Twenty years ago, however, there was no Price Chopper, and there were no roundabouts. All of which were proposed



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ideas themselves. Including the housing development between McCormack and New Scotland Roads, in which one road is named after Henry David Thoreau, he himself a modern-day environmentalist. Ironic in that, despite the scenic trees that surround the houses that stand there today, residents of the past did not care to see the woods disappear twenty years ago. They, too, said there was going to be an increase in traffic, a disruption in lives.

Billy Fuccillo is looking to convert three separate lots into a huge automobile dealership on a busy road already saturated with dealerships, shopping plazas and various businesses that serve the community. That doesn't take away from the scores of family homes just off Central Avenue, behind those businesses. They all have a voice too, and they spoke out last week with concerns over prospective car buyers speeding through their roads. Not to mention the run-off of rainwater potentially polluting their property.

It seems development is going to continue despite the wishes of others who desire to maintain how our neighborhoods appeared when we were all younger. That does not, however, keep us from voicing out and making sure steps are made to maintain our safety and well being. In both cases, it's clear local government is taking the necessary steps. In Colonie, through the obligatory steps of an environmental review; in Bethlehem, the call for town hall meetings designed to provide local residents with a formal forum to allow them to speak out now. Perhaps such town hall meetings can help save our old neighborhoods and maintain the charm that encouraged us all to live here in the first place.

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What three things would you bring

My iPad, white wine and my makeup.

Share something you feel most people

would be surprised to know about you.

Have you found your life's passion yet? If

so, what is it?

Yes. My husband and children.

with you to a deserted island?

I can be shy, sometimes

### GET TO KNOW ...



**Denise Bennett Spotlight Living** correspondent

Hometown: Rotterdam Residence: Delmar

#### What music are you listening to these days?

Country, new age and classical.

#### What are you reading? The free Prime books on my Kindle. Nothing too specific and everything in between.

What are you watching on TV? QVC, HSN and HGTV.

What was the last movie you saw, and what did you think?

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory —

amazing! Love the remake.

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

My maternal great grandmother. She was supposedly quite the spitfire.

Describe your dream vacation. A winter cottage escape during a snow storm

What is your favorite hobby? Fashion and beauty.

Describe what your last meal would be. A cannoli and a bottle of Chardonnay.

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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# **On the ballot**

### Democrats

Town of Bethlehem Town Supervisor — John Clarkson Town Board — Joann Dawson Town Board — David VanLuven Highway Super. - Brent Meredith Town Clerk — Nanci Moquin Receiver of Taxes — Alicia Roney

#### **Albany County Legislature**

District 33 — William Reinhardt **District 34**— Joanne Cunningham District 35 — Charles Dawson District 36 — Matt Miller District 38 — no endorsement

### From page 1 ... Tickets are complete

then postponed, after new maps were accepted as a result of ongoing litigation concerning the Voting Rights Act.

Instead, Bethlehem Board of Education member Joanne Cunningham was recently endorsed. Kuhn said Cunningham, who is the wife of town Highway Superintendent Brent Meredith, was given the nomination because she has a fresh perspective and want to see many of the recommendations for the County Review Commission come to fruition. She was also the only one to interview with the committee for the position.

Incumbent Tom Cotrofeld did not interview with the committee, and many had heard he would not be seeking reelection. He did not return calls or emails for comment.

Bill Reinhardt also previously announced his intention to run for the county legislature for the 33rd district, but would not be stepping down from his town board seat until after the election. He has not been drawn out of his district, and if he is successful in his bid, he would leave an open town board seat. It would then be possible for other town board members to appoint

Kuhn to the seat if they wish.

However, Kuhn said that is not the plan. He may step back from politics for a while after his time as chairman has finished.

"I'll continue to advocate out of office for the same things I have in office," said Kuhn. "I plan to do everything I can to help transform and maintain Bethlehem as a model municipal government, and try to bring about effectual good government reforms consistent with principals of (the) Democratic party in the county and community at large. There are many ways to do that. I don't need to hold elected office to advocate for those positions."

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Republicans

Town of Bethlehem Town Supervisor — Jim Foster Town Board — Bridget Zigrosser Town Board — Davie Harrington Highway Super. - John Anastasi Town Clerk — Melanie Dumers **Receiver of Taxes** — No endorsement

**Albany County Legislature** District 33 — Andy Holland District 34 — Douglas Schultz District 35 — Kate Pope **District 36** — Rich Mendick District 38 — no endorsement

committee was still seeking

candidates for highway

superintendent and one

Town Board seat.

group of candidates,

bring solutions to the

many problems facing

Republican Chairwoman

Retired Bethlehem

nominated for the Town

contractor and developer,

highway superintendent.

With a full slate of

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and I feel they will

Bethlehem," said

Melissa Kermani.

police officer Dave

Harrington has been

Board. John "Tiger"

Anastasi, a building

The town's GOP has taxes, public safety and maintaining the quality of also finalized its list of candidates, after making town services as talking an initial endorsement points. announcement in April. At The Albany County the time, the Republican

Independent party has also announced their endorsements. County

Independents

**Town of Bethlehem Town Supervisor** — Jim Foster Town Board — Joyce Becker Town Board — Bridget Zigrosser Town Clerk — Nanci Moquin Highway Super. - Dan Morin

**Albany County Legislature** District 33 — Herb Reilly

District 34 — Tom Cotrofeld District 35 — Kate Pope District 36 — Matt Miller District 38 — Mike Mackey

Chairman Paul Caputo said they found their slate to have a good grasp on the issues.

"I think it's a good mix of people, from Democrats and Republicans to incumbents and

challengers," said Caputo. "One thing I was most impressed with was the passion everyone of these individuals have for their community."



### COMMUNITY

# **Experience** Oz at the library

n Wednesday, June 24, the yellow brick road leads to the library.

The Puppet People will present two performances of "The Wizard of Oz" at the library, at 2 and 6 p.m. The family-friendly shows kick off our Summer Reading Program.

- Every Hero Has a

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school-age kids; Unmask

young people to take their

reading to the next level.

summer long, the library

will be hosting programs

featuring superheroes,

heroes, and the most

you.

animal heroes, everyday

important hero of all —

person, and check out

upcoming programs in

the latest version of our

Summer reading

isn't just for kids

We don't think that

adults should be left out of

all the Summer Reading

fun, and that's why we

have a special Summer

Reading Program for the

Footnotes newsletter.

Sign up online or in

begins July 6, but all

Reporting for prizes

for teens — will inspire

The show brings L. Frank Baum's classic story to life with hand-crafted puppets and marionettes of several types and sizes. Past Puppet People events at the library have been a huge hit with audiences.

Puppet People Mark Carrigan and Michelle Smith-Carrigan are members of Puppeteers of America. They have performed at many venues throughout New York State, Massachusetts and Vermont for over 20 years.

Seating is limited; please arrive early. All ages welcome.

### Speaking of summer reading

Sign up begins Monday, June 22, for all ages. This year's superhero theme **Check** BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY PUBLIC LIBRARY Coposing Doces It Out It Out It Out It Out

> It's easy to take part, just fill out a Bingo card with your reading adventures for a chance to win great raffle prizes.

### See you on the rail trail

If you are out and about enjoying the Summer Solstice Festival and Hike-a-thon this Saturday, June 20, be sure to look for us along the trail. We are thrilled to be a part of this great event, now in its fourth year. The festival, which is a celebration of the Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail, takes place from noon-4 p.m. along the Voorheesville and Bethlehem portions of the trail. We'll see you there.

Upcoming events Friday, June 19 Preschool Films Join us in the

The library replaced the threadbare couches and added a play kitchen in the Children's Place Friday, June 12, and young patrons quickly put them to good use. Submitted photo

Community Room for short films based on picture books. For children up to age 6 with family. 10-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21 Creation Station: Special Edition Get creative in the Children's Place and decorate a tie for Father's Day. Saturday 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 20 Time Out for Tales Stories and fun for children up to age 6 and families. 11 a.m. Monday, June 22 Sign-up for Summer Reading Program Begins

Be eligible for weekly and goal prizes as well as special events. Starting today, sign up in the library or online. For preschoolers-high schoolers. — Kristen Roberts



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