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District head hands in notice

A local superintendent handed in his notice last week to take a job closer to his family.

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Flash on wheels

Quick thinking 11-year-old avoided accident, but lost his bike

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — A bike ride with friends to get ice cream last month turned into a scary situation, as one local boy had to think fast to avoid a car accident.

Rylan Gaffney and a friend were riding their bikes over Memorial Day weekend from their Delmar homes to the Four Corners so the group could get ice cream. On the return trip, two cars collided on the corner of Delaware and Rowland avenues, flipping one car, which landed directly on Rylan's bike.

Fortunately, the Hamagreal Elementary student was unhurt, as his fast reflexes led him to jump from the bike seconds before the collision occurred.

"It was scary," said Rylan, 11. "I heard the other car get hit."

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Rylan Gaffney, his mother Amy Gaffney, Bethlehem Police Supervisor's Association President Stephen Kraz, Mad Dog Bicycles owner Matt Devlin and members of the town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee were all on hand to gift young Gaffney with a new bike on Friday, June 26, after his old one was destroyed in an accident.

Photo by Marcy Velte/Spotlight



Rylan Gaffney rides his new bike, courtesy of Mad Dog Bicycles in Delmar.

Photo by Marcy Velte/Spotlight

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Crossing bats

A vintage baseball game bridges the miles between two teams, one from Delmar and the other from Long Island, with a tradition to educate and entertain.

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Another storied year for scholastic athletics that ended with a few team and individual accolades along the way.

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Playground 2.0

A face lift is coming to the playground at Elm Ave Town Park

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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BETHLEHEM — The town park's playground will soon see the long-awaited revamp that it needs.

With a grant of \$150,000 from state capital funding and matched donations from the Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation charity organization, plans are now in place for the 23 year-old wooden structure to be replaced with a playground made of more modern, safer materials.

"This is a long time coming," said Town Supervisor John Clarkson amidst the sound of laughing children at the Friday June 26 announcement made in front of the playground on

261 Elm Ave. in Delmar. "Many families have enjoyed this facility over the years, but we need a new playground and new equipment".

Wooden structures such as the one at the Bethlehem Town Park, which were once the go-to for playground construction, have become largely outdated in recent years. Maintenance of wooden playgrounds is difficult, as they require constant upkeep. Rotting and splintering wood becomes a growing health and safety concern as these structures age--concerns that are especially alarming given these structures are meant to be used by very young children.

More recent playground designs are able to usurp these problems by constructing playgrounds out of different materials. The new playground at the town park is set to be made out of plastic and metal, and will feature new wood

chips at its base.

The Town of Bethlehem is the first district in Albany County to clear plans for the state's annual economic development budget. "This [playground construction] really is local economic development," said Assemblymember Patricia Fahy of the 109th district of New York. "By investing in our parks and recreation we are investing in the future of our towns"

A similar playground revamp was undertaken at Elsmere Elementary School when community members led a campaign to build a new playground to replace Elmer's 20 year-old wooden playground. Construction on that project required an enormous amount of donations from the community over a two-year period, but the playground was able to open after only a few months of construction last summer.

According to Nan Lanahan, director of parks



New York State Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy stands in front of the 23-year-old playground slated for replacement at the Bethlehem Town Park with members of Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation.

Photo by Tricia Cremo/Spotlight

and recreation at the Bethlehem Town Park, preliminary plans for the renovations were first brought to the Bethlehem Town Board in January as part of a master plan to renovate the entire park facility.

Designs for the playground are now completed and the town will look at bids from construction companies. The design will soon be available for viewing on

the town's website where public is encouraged to submit their suggestions for the new playground. The final plan will be publicly presented to the town board in September.

This grant from the capital economic development also sees to the fitness trail at the Bethlehem Town Park receive \$50,000 in funding for updates to its fitness equipment and the Henry Hudson park is Selkirk

will additionally receive \$50,000 in funding for construction of a new canoe and kayak launch site. The boat launch will be the first of the three projects to begin construction.

"Our community is thriving because we take care of those things that our community knows and loves" said Town Supervisor Clarkson, "and that's something that I'm very proud of."

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■ EDUCATION

BC super stepping down

Douglas moving-on to Southern Tier district

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — After more than three years with the district, Bethlehem Central Superintendent Thomas Douglas has opted not to renew his contract and will be leaving for a new district in the Southern Tier.

The announcement was made on Friday, June 26, after Douglas was appointed as the superintendent of Horseheads Central School District. He is expected to stay on in his role with Bethlehem schools until August in order to help with the search for a new superintendent.

“Leaving BC is bittersweet,” Douglas said in a letter to staff. “When I arrived in January 2012 from Central New York, I did so with my wife and

then two-year-old son, Carter, in tow. We chose Bethlehem in part because we knew Carter would have great educational opportunities here. And he has, having just completed his kindergarten year at Slingerlands. What we did not count on in making that decision was how the distance from the large extended family we left behind would become a burden, and how important those family ties would become for our son.”

Douglas said his new position will bring them closer to their extended family.

His contract expired this month.

Douglas was appointed to the position of superintendent in September 2011, leaving his role with Chenango Valley Central School District. He began the following January, replacing Michael

Tebbano, who retired after three years with the district.

“On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank Dr. Douglas for his service to the Bethlehem Central School District and to our larger community since January 2012,” said Board of Education President Matt Downey. “During his tenure at Bethlehem, Dr. Douglas has been a tireless advocate for our educational program, students, staff, and faculty”

Downey commended Douglas on his advocacy efforts in restoring funds to local districts from the Gap Elimination Adjustment. He also thanked the superintendent for his “skill and vision,” which helped lead the district through hard times financially.

In the 2012-13 school year, Bethlehem faced a \$4.4 million budget gap. To minimize damages, voters approved a challenge

to the state’s Tax Cap formula, but the district still needed to use about \$1.7 million in fund balance, and eliminate staff.

“Under his leadership, our educational programs continued to expand, evolve, and be recognized at local, state, and national levels,” he said. “Dr. Douglas has been instrumental in developing and implementing the district’s current capital project.”

The Board of Education will be meeting mid-July to develop a timeline for the district to select a new superintendent. In the 2011 search, the district received more than 40 applications in a posting through Capital Region BOCES. Of those applicants, the School Board interviewed 11 and a panel of about 60 community stakeholders — teachers, parents and community leaders — interviewed three.

At the time of his



BCSD Superintendent Thomas Douglas announced he will step down from his post to head the Horseheads Central School District in Central New York. The announcement came just hours before he attended what would be his last graduation commencement at Bethlehem.

File photo

selection, Douglas said being superintendent of a district like Bethlehem had always been a dream.

“My time with Bethlehem has been wonderful,” said Douglas. “Over the past four years, we been able to enhance

every aspect of education here at Bethlehem, from arts and sciences to athletics. The district might be in the best shapes it’s ever been. I want to be remembered for how I exit the district, and all we have achieved in that time.”

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Bicyclist hospitalized

Car is said to have hit one of three bicyclists

SELKIRK — An accident involving a motorist and a bicyclist sent the latter to the hospital with serious injuries on Friday, June 26.

Bethlehem Police said the crash occurred around 2:45 p.m. when a black

KIA allegedly crashed into one of three bicyclists traveling south bound on River Road, just north of Beaver Dam Road, in Selkirk.

Bethlehem EMS and Albany County Paramedics treated the male rider on

the scene and transported him to Albany Medical Center, where he is reported to have non life threatening injuries.

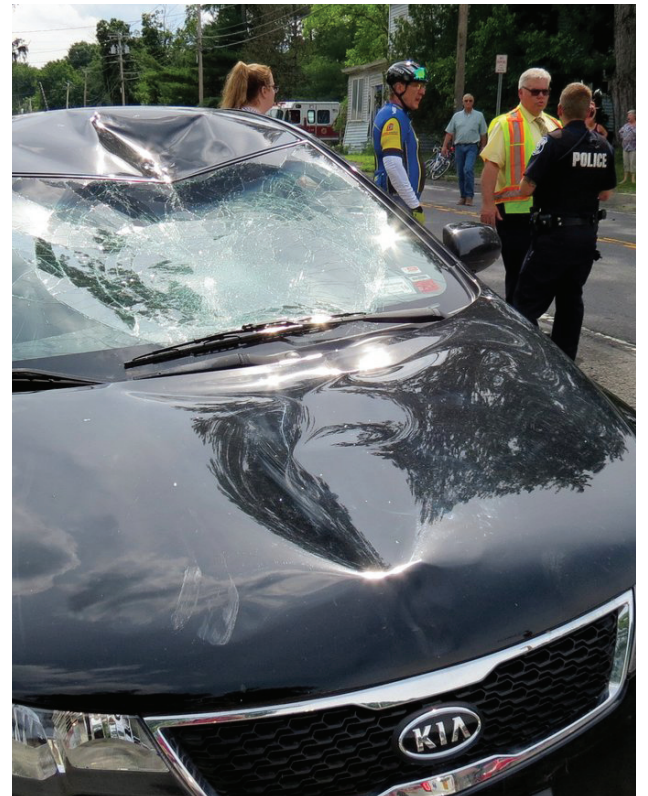
Bethlehem Police are investigating the cause of the crash.

Other arrests:

- State Police in Clifton Park arrested Jennifer

Hoech, 40, of Clifton Park. Wednesday, June 24, and charged her with aggravated DWI. Police said Hoech was stopped for a traffic violation on Park Avenue. Afterwards, police administered a field sobriety test in which she allegedly had a BAC of 0.22 percent. She is scheduled to appear in Clifton Park Court at a later date.

- State Police in New Scotland arrested Julie Morriesy, 57, of Altamont, around 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 21, and charged her with aggravated DWI. Police said they stopped Morriesy on Depot Road in the Town of Guilderland after a traffic violation. Upon interview, police said they detected an odor of alcohol emanating from Morriesy's breath. A test was administered and she allegedly registered a BAC of 0.21 percent. Morriesy was scheduled to appear in Town of



Damage is visible on a vehicle involved in a motorist-bicyclist accident in Selkirk Friday, June 26.

Photo by Tom Heffernan, Sr.

Guilderland Court on Thursday, June 25.

- State Police arrested Richard Starr, 51, of Ravena, in Albany around 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, and charged him with DWI. Police said they stopped Starr after

observing a traffic violation on I-87 at Exit 23. He was later administered a sobriety test, which he allegedly resisted a BAC of 0.17 percent. He is scheduled to appear in Albany City Court on Thursday, July 16.

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Department heads advance



Hornick named Police Commander, Heffernan to Deputy Police Chief

By **MARCY VELTE**
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BETHLEHEM — Two Bethlehem Police Department supervisors were promoted last week by the Town Board.

Lt. Thomas Heffernan Jr. will fill the role of deputy police chief, left vacant by Timothy Beebe nearly two years ago. Det. Sgt. Adam Hornick will be moved into the newly created position of Police Commander.

"I think there will be a positive effect within the department with these new positions," said Bethlehem Police Chief Louis. "The ability to manage is almost impossible for one person to handle, and this will give me some added help."

The Town Board approved the promotions on Wednesday, June 24. Tensions have been high between the police and town in recent months as the Town Board looks to cut overtime spending. The promotions will only add one new position, but will

provide more balance to the department's command structure.

Supervisor John Clarkson said Heffernan and Hornick were "men of integrity," and just the type of people the town wishes to employ.

"It's always a pleasure to be able to promote excellent public servants, and the Board and I are very proud to make these appointments in particular," said Clarkson. "Tom Heffernan, as Deputy Chief, and Adam Hornick, as Commander, will help shore up management and build for the future of the Bethlehem Police Department.

"Both individuals exemplify the highest values of public service, and their experience, integrity, dedication and talent will serve the Town well. Tom Heffernan's 25 years in law enforcement, including 12 years as Lieutenant well prepare him to serve as Deputy Chief. Adam Hornick's energy, determination and skill have been demonstrated in many ways over his 19 years in law enforcement, particularly during his tenure as Detective Sergeant for the past two years," Clarkson said.

The department will be looking to fill the detective role left open by Hornick. It is still undecided if someone will be hired to fill Heffernan's position, since one lieutenant is out on medical leave and is expected to return. The department is also looking to replace one police officer after one unexpectedly quit last month.

"I'm confident with both of their abilities and they both will do a fine job," said Corsi. "I think trying to put the command structure back in place is great. I'm grateful to the town for moving forward with this. I wasn't comfortable at the level it was, and I feel we can move forward to get some initiatives done."

With the change, Heffernan and Hornick will be moved to management confidential roles, which are not part of the union. They will now be salaried, but will be granted many of the same benefits supervisors see in their contracts.

Bethlehem Police Supervisor's Association President Stephen Kraz said he was happy for the promotion of two members of the department, but did not like that it would take away two members of his

union.

"There will be a learning curve on both sides," said Kraz. "This will alleviate some of the command issues that weren't being addressed, and having a new deputy chief is big. There are a lot of issues to keep track of, such as training, equipment, dispatch, technical problems, ect. Oversight is needed."

Kraz said he was worried the detective unit could become vulnerable if a replacement was not found fast enough. He also wondered what the police commander position would entail, since detail of that role have yet to be announced.

Heffernan has been in law enforcement for the past 25 years, previously with the State Troopers and a telecommunications officer with the town. He has been with the command staff serving as a lieutenant for the past

12 years. He was hired at \$105,000, and will receive pay increases for longevity and education.

"I'm grateful to the opportunity," Heffernan said. "I'm thankful for the confidence the chief and the Town Board has in my abilities, and that they recognized me and offered me the promotion."

Hornick has been in law enforcement for 19 years. He was previously a county sheriff's deputy and a town telecommunication officer. He has been with the detectives unit since 2006, but a detective sergeant for the past two years.

"I think it will be challenging," said Hornick. "We're at a difficult dynamic with finances and a society that seems to be not very pro or supportive of police for a variety of reasons. At times, it effects the decisions we make. We're in a public service profession, and we want to insure public safety. We

want to be sure to keep the same level of safety and security in the town."

Hornick said although he is excited by the new position, it will be difficult to leave behind some of the investigations he has become entrenched in. He's had success in recent years with solving some of the numerous bank robberies in town, but said he knows he'll be leaving the unit in capable hands.

"One of the biggest changes for both of us is that we will be non-union," said Heffernan. "I look forward to continuing to work with them and resolving the issues that have been challenging us as a department. Once we resolve those issues, we can get back to doing what we do best, in preserving public safety to the community."

An official swearing-in ceremony took place on Monday, June 29, at Town Hall.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Meander in the moonlight

BETHLEHEM — Visitors are welcome to come to New York State's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, on Wednesday, July 1, at 8 p.m. for a late evening walk.

As the night goes on, visitors will have an opportunity to listen for the animals that are active at this hour and will have a chance to learn why the full moon is sometimes called the Thunder Moon. Meet at the nature center. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled.

For more information, please contact Five Rivers at 518-475-0291.



Getting dunked for a good cause

A Guilderland Police Department patrolman dunks Captain Curtis Cox during a fundraiser for the Rodino family Thursday, June 25, at Five Guys Burgers and TCBY on Western Avenue in Guilderland. The dunk tank was a new addition to the annual fundraiser for the Rodinos, who have been battling Huntington's Disease since 2008. This year's event raised more than \$3,000.

Submitted photo

The Puppet People's 'Wizard of Oz'

BETHLEHEM — Come see the Puppet People perform the "Wizard of Oz" at Elm Avenue Park, 261 Elm Ave. on July 2, at 7 p.m.

Join the Puppet People as they follow the yellow brick road to The Emerald City and beyond, in the magical land of Oz.

This puppet fantasy features marionettes, shadow puppets, rod puppets, a large parade puppet, music and more.

Family Day at Elm Avenue Park

BETHLEHEM — Come to the Elm Ave. Park Pool and nearby grounds for a day of fun from noon to 4 p.m. On Saturday, July 4.

The afternoon will start off with a magic show at 12:15 p.m. near the pool area and Guertze's famous BBQ at noon. Saxophone Sam plays at 12:45 p.m., and at 1 p.m., there will be a 1864 Vintage Baseball game between the NY Mutuals and the Bethlehem Braves at Field No. 5.

From 1-3 p.m., there will be a balloonist by the pool area and Air Bounces by Bounce A Lot. From 2-4 p.m. there will be "About Face" air brush face painting near the pool area. Also from 2-4 p.m., there will be live music by Blue Hand Luke by the pool area.

Indian Ladder Trail guided walk

VOORHEESVILLE — Thatcher Park Nature Center, 87 Nature Center Way, is hosting a guided walk along Thatcher Park's Indian Ladder Trail on Saturday, July 4, at 10 a.m.

Visitors will have the opportunity to descend the cliff and learn about the geological and cultural history of the Heldebergs on this scenic and historic trail. Come see underground streams, look for fossils and step inside the crevice cave along the trail. Wear sturdy shoes and meet at the Indian Ladder picnic area. The walk lasts about 1.5 hours.

Call 872-0800 to register.

TrustCo receives national ranking

CAPITAL DISTRICT — TrustCo Bank Corp NY was named among the top performing financial institutions in the country, according to one information firm dedicated to analyzing financial services.

SNL Financial LC recently released their ranking of top performers within the thrift industry. In a field of 100

institutions, TrustCo was ranked 12th. SNL is a financial information firm headquartered in Charlottesville, Va. The firm collects, standardizes and disseminates corporate, financial, market and M&A data, as well as news and analysis, for the following industries: banking, financial services, insurance, real estate, energy and media/communications.

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Town offers summer camps and events

BETHLEHEM — The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department has a wide variety of summer activities and events for the whole family.

Toddler and pre-school age activities include Little Dudes Playtime, Start Smart, Toddler Splash and Tiny Tot Swim. The department also offers school age day camps, specialty camps and activities including basketball,

flag football, field hockey, pee wee soccer and more.

For more information, visit www.townofbethlehem.org.

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GUILDERLAND — Here is a chance for you to make a difference this summer with Community Caregivers.

Community Caregivers is a volunteer organization that provides transportation, friendly visits, respite for family caregivers, shopping assistance, prescription pickup, telephone assurance calls, help with meal preparation, and paperwork and chores as needed. Volunteers provide non-medical services at no charge to residents in Bethlehem, Guilderland, Altamont, New Scotland, Voorheesville, Berne, Knox, and in the city of Albany.

If interested, please register for one of the following volunteer orientation dates: Tuesday, July 7, at 1 p.m.; Thursday, July 23, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 4, at noon; and Monday, Aug. 17, at 5:30 p.m. Invite neighbors to join you in volunteering. All orientations are located at 2021 Western Ave.

Contact the office at 456-2898 or volunteer@communitycaregiver.org.

The Joyful Noise reunion

BETHLEHEM — A reunion for the contemporary Christian music ministry The Joyful Noise is planned for Oct. 10 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

This Christian music ministry group was well known in the Capital District region during the years of 1969-1993. The reunion will consist of a barbecue dinner and an evening Praise and Worship service. During these early planning stages, we are interested in help with locating former members and identifying folks to assist on various committees that have been formed.

Please visit the Facebook page for Christian Music Ministries if you are a former member and want to connect, or contact us at joyfulnoisereunion@gmail.com.

Giffy's BBQ at Presbyterian church

NEW SCOTLAND — Giffy's BBQ visits New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, on Tuesday, July 14, beginning at 4 p.m.

The menu includes half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and butter, beverages and homemade cookies for dessert. The cost for the dinner is \$10 presale and \$11 the day of the event.

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Leave it better

Guilderland Superintendent Mare Wiles held up her grandmother's glasses in front of her graduates with a bit of advice. Her grandmother always told her that when she borrowed something, always leave it better than how she found it. And, as Bernard Bott addressed the class as guest speaker, he expressed how impressed he was with their empathy and friendliness towards him as the schools librarian the past two years. He looked at the students as the men and women who would inspire his children down the road.

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VOORHEESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2015




Birth of a Blackbird

Voorheesville Central School District's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2015 was on Friday, June 26, in the Lydia C. Tobler Performing Arts Center. There were 99 students in the class, with 33 graduates achieving academic high honors and 20 graduates receiving academic honors. Before the processional there was a senior memories slideshow video, which can be viewed through a link on the district's website. The Class of 2015 gift to the district was hydration stations for a number of the school's water fountains. Superintendent Teresa Thayer Snyder also wrote and recited a poem called, "Birth of a Blackbird" for the class.

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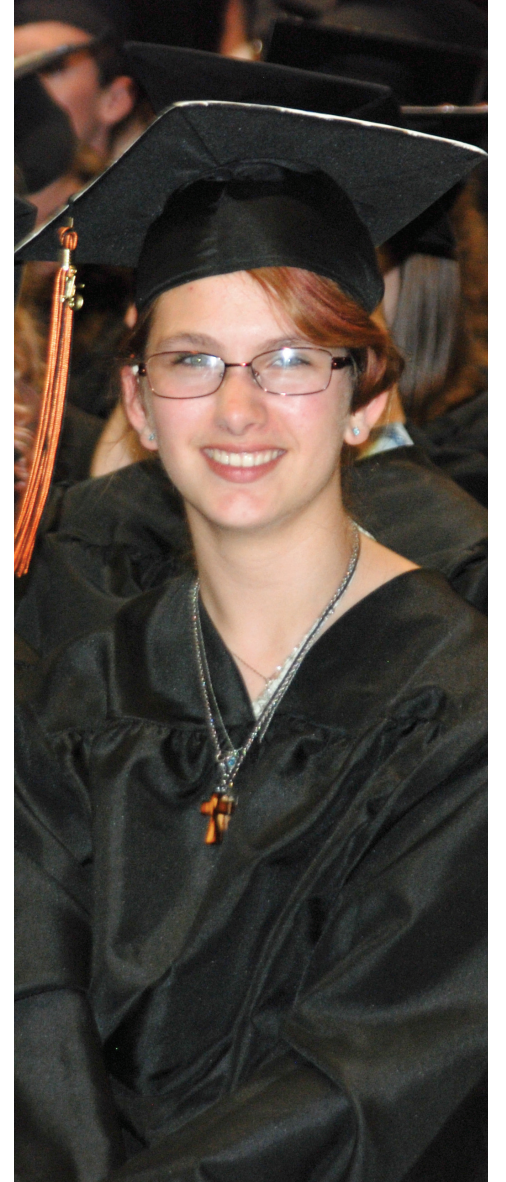
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BETHLEHEM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2015



Eagles leave nest

Bethlehem Central School District's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2015 was on Friday, June 26, at the University at Albany SEFCU Arena. There were 381 students in the class, with 37 graduates achieving high honors, and 169 graduates receiving honors. The procession leader was Thomas Fris, BCHS mathematics teacher, as voted on by the graduating students. Opening speech and senior address were given by graduating seniors Sarah Coffey and Anne Furman respectively, with a closing speech given by Anna Dempf and Samuel Gibney.

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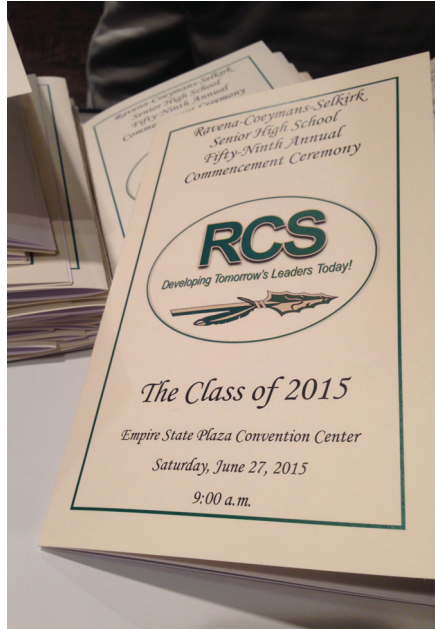
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Thank you

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School principal Tom DiAcetis thanked his students for wearing the Green and Gold at the district's 59th annual commencement ceremony held at the Empire State Plaza on Saturday, June 27. Michael Jones reminisced on how he and his fellow students persevered through tough studies in his Salutatory Address, while Valedictorian Kate Houghtaling reassured her classmates that it was "okay" to feel a myriad of emotions as they approached the next chapter in their lives.

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Let it rain

Albany's Park Playhouse presents "Singin' in the Rain," the classic Broadway musical immortalized by the iconic Fred Astaire on the silver screen. The show premieres today, and runs through Saturday, July 25.

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ENTERTAINMENT



A vintage baseball game bridges the miles between two teams looking to preserve, educate and entertain

Crossing bats

Local rooters are sure to unite when the Bethlehem nine cross bats with the visiting New York Mutuals in a base ball match at the Bethlehem Elm Ave. Town Park in Delmar on Saturday, July 4.

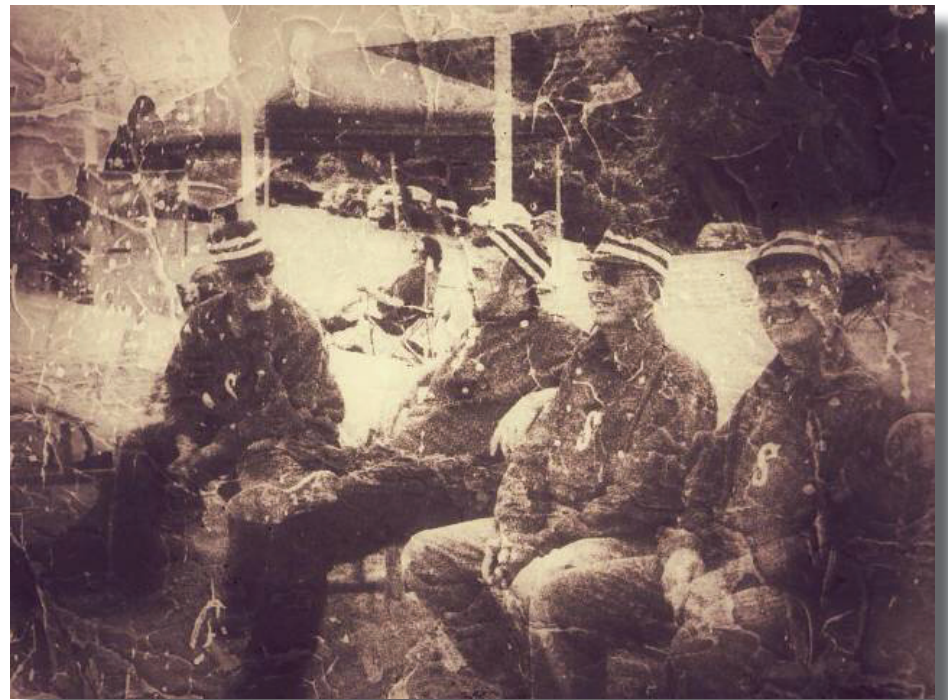
Steve "The Prez" Peterson, manager of the Bethlehem Braves, shared his expectations for a tough match with this reporter the other day. Peterson said the Mutuals is a tough and competitive lot with a winning reputation.

"They're dedicated guys," said Peterson. "They enjoy playing us. They enjoy beating us. I hope we can put together a good team this year, and give them a little better run."

The Braves is a young and speedy aggregation out of Bethlehem that doesn't often see many opportunities to match wits with such formidable opponents. These young cubs may be wet behind the ears compared to the boys from the Big City, but they won't for a second hesitate to go hammer and tongs when the occasion calls for it.

"Bethlehem always has a strong team, and though they have not beaten us yet, it is just a matter of time," said Tom "Big Bat" Feslowich, the Mutual's team president. "They have the support of the home rooters, and that is always an advantage. We always expect a well-played match with enthusiasm and muckle. If they use the willow and hit daisy cutters, they should fair well."

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The Bethlehem Braves host their annual match up against the New York Mutuals of Long Island in a vintage baseball game on Saturday, July 4. The game is played true to the rules as they were back in 1864, which means pitchers under hand the ball and fielders wear no gloves!

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Some may be accustomed to calling our home “Smallbany” in reference to the unwarranted reputation for being boring.

That can't be further from the truth.

Take into account the proximity music lovers have to live music. Not just

to the Saratoga Performing Arts Center or the Pepsi Arena. There are several free concerts throughout the summer in Albany, Schenectady, Troy and everywhere else in between. Not to mention the local bars and eateries that offer up live entertainment on a near-nightly basis.

There is plenty to do and a lot to discover. We ask if you can share with us where you like to go. Snap a picture and share through social media by using #spotlightliving on a public post. If you do, your picture may appear on our pages here, too.

— Michael Hallisey

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Happy 100th Birthday!

Evelyn MacMillen recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born on May 13, 1915. Joining her on her special day was her daughter Shirley Fellows, son-in-law Ward Fellows, son K. James MacMillen, Jr., daughter-in-law Elvina MacMillen, and granddaughters Debbie Madden and Connie Tully. Evelyn resided in Delmar for 75 years and currently resides at Ellis Healthcare in Schenectady. She is the wife of the late Kermit James MacMillen, Sr.

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This year, the weekend starts early with Kid Rock and Foreigner each taking the stage on Thursday, July 2.

Originally from Detroit, Kid Rock has embraced a country style of singing and living since breaking out into mainstream radio with his rock/hip-hop album "Devil Without a Cause" in 1998. Since then, he has invoked Lynard Skynard with "All Summer Long," taking a sample from "Sweet Home Alabama, and has taken to waiving the Confederate

Flag at his live concerts.

The Confederate Flag — more specifically, The Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia, with 13 stars formed in a criss-cross pattern across a field of red — has been the topic of controversy of late. Nine church patrons were shot and killed in Charleston, S.C. two weeks ago. Each victim at The Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church was black. The alleged assailant, 21-year-old Dylann Roof, is white. Roof reportedly told police he targeted his victims specifically for the color of their skin. In the days that followed, South Carolina was criticized for not lowering its state flag, one that depicts the Confederate Flag, which some see as a symbol of slavery and racism.

Kid Rock is immediately followed by a two-night set to be played by the Dave Matthews Band on Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4.

The two-night format of one night for acoustic, the other for electric instruments, was a trend started in January of last year with "A Very Special Evening with Dave Matthews Band" at a show at the Saenger Theatre in New Orleans.

Dave Matthews Band kicked off the summer tour from Raleigh, N.C. on May 22, and reportedly debuted new material, "Be Yourself," along with "Black" and "Blue Bird" which both premiered on Legends on Letterman two weeks before.

— Michael Hallisey



Kid Rock and Foreigner take to the stage at SPAC on Thursday, July 2, followed by a two-night stint by Dave Matthews Band on Friday and Saturday, July 3 and July 4. All three nights are certain to bring a large crowd to the Spa City for the holiday weekend.

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MORE Music Haven Concert Series

The Summer 2015 Music Haven Concert Series rolls on with Red Baraat's powerful, inventive fusion of New Delhi and New Orleans. The series plays out on Sunday evenings at Central Park in Schenectady at 7 p.m.

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For the kids

In Troy, the Barker Park Kids' Summer Series kicks off Thursday, July 9, at 11 a.m. Inside you will find information on each of the weekly events scheduled for the summer.

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Music Haven Concert Series rolls on with Red Baraat

SCHENECTADY — The Summer 2015 Music Haven Concert Series rolls on with Red Baraat's powerful, inventive fusion of New Delhi and New Orleans. Sunny Jain's uniquely explosive combo pits a thumping horn section against the expressive two-sided Punjabi dhol drum. When Red Baraat throws a party, the whole world listens.

"We feel comfortable not knowing exactly where we're headed," says Jain about his band's enthusiastic explorations. "We're very much about trying things out and taking risks. Sometimes it doesn't work, and

sometimes we stumble upon things that are really exciting."

Landing squarely in the latter category is "Gaadi of Truth," the third and latest full-length studio effort from the hot and hip New York ensemble. While still retaining many of the propulsive and uplifting musical elements that fired their first two albums, 2010's "Chaal Baby" and 2012's "Shruggy Ji."

Red Sox fans are already familiar with Boston's stomping Hot Tamale Brass Band. The second line combo has performed at every Sox home game since the year 2000, nudging up against 2,000 shows in Fenway Park alone. They've also strutted down the street in founder Mickey Bones' hometown of New Orleans, the spiritual Mecca of every

brass band worth its salt. A perfect complement to Red Baraat's Bhangra thunder, the Hot Tamales will heat the Music Haven right up.

Home Style Caterers will be on site with a variety of complete meals, snacks and beverages, beginning at 6 p.m. each Sunday—including special entrees themed to each evening's entertainment, with Tandoori Chicken with Rice and Jambalaya for Red Baraat's performance. And Ben & Jerry's will scoop premium ice cream at each show.

In the case of inclement weather, performances will be held at Proctors.

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Red Baraat with special guests Hot Tamale Brass Band take to Schenectady's Central Park's Music Haven Concert stage on Sunday, July 12, at 7 p.m.

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FASHION

Setting off the fireworks



Wondering what to wear on that first date?

By **DENISE BENNETT**
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Anear and dear friend came to me recently with a question about dating attire; not only about what to wear in general on dates, but specifically first dates.

So, I figured since this question looms in the back of everyone's mind at least once in their adult life, I would expound on it here.

The season is heating up, so should your love life! If you're happily married, like moi, then take these tips into consideration for date night! Now come on, you don't want to be late! Pssst ... That is unspoken rule Number One.

So, what was the outfit advice I shared with my dear, sweet friend? Quite simply, a little black dress, kitten heels and a clutch. She and her date planned on a meeting at

a local restaurant in Albany, so I suggested something casual but chic. She will also be coming from work and I didn't want to add stress by suggesting an outfit change. That would be just cruel.

So why the little black dress? It is classic. It is sophisticated. It also says, you are a woman and you should be taken seriously. Would other colors do? Perhaps. I would stick to classic colors, nothing trendy or bold. If it is the middle of summer, white would do. Keep the length to the knee or just above. Nothing short and nothing overtly long. You never know what will happen next; perhaps a walk around town, the park, or an impromptu movie.

Keep it simple. Think about this when selecting your shoes. Hence, I said a kitten heel. You don't want to be walking all over town in four-inch stilettos.

Word to the wise, if heels aren't your thing and you are clumsy, leave them at home. The last thing you want

to do is take a flyer. Show confidence in yourself. If you prefer sandals, wear gladiators. Keep hair and makeup simple and understated. Let your inner beauty shine through.

Gentlemen, the same goes for you. You need to make a good first impression as well. Keep your worn jeans at home. It's a grand idea to wear dress pants or khakis. As for shirts; polos, dress shirts, anything you can tuck in is in your best interest. Showing up in a band tee circa 1995 isn't a good move. Save that for when you go out with your buddies. Make sure you are wearing clean shoes that go with your outfit. No work boots with black trousers. If you are the geeky, hipster type, clean black sneakers will work. You don't have to hide your true self, just make sure the best self is shining through.

Clean yourself up. Five o'clock shadows are fine as long as they aren't a week old. Just be overall neat and tidy and she won't know you don't do your laundry every week. If you want to make your lady

swoon, some nice aftershave or cologne is a welcomed touch. Don't bathe in it, as you don't know if she's allergic, but wearing cologne will show you took time and looked forward to the evening.

Going back eight years ago, on the first date with my husband, I wore a cotton green sundress from the Gap (It was late July). I wore white wedge sandals and carried my Dooney & Bourke handbag. We were having dinner at a mutual friend's house. I kept my hair down and casual. Makeup was just eyeliner and mascara. He wore denim shorts, a tee and sneakers. My husband is a handsome tee shirt and jeans kind of guy.

As for never knowing what's coming next, our first kiss was that night in the rain. The dress persevered (thank you cotton). The makeup quasi held its place. I still have the purse and we've been married for four years.

Denise Bennett maintains the fashion blog Perfect20.co.


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■ FITNESS

Handling stress

By **DAN ROMAND**
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Stress: We all have it in some shape or form, and some more than others.

In the short term, stress is not necessarily a bad thing. However, for those who suffer from chronic stress, the ill-effects on your health is well documented.

Stress has been linked to a myriad of diseases and health issues that include depression, insomnia, diabetes, gastrointestinal issues and asthma. But, the two most well know, ranking among the most common of ailments, would be obesity and heart disease.

Stress can be a killer, regardless of how long one experiences it. Doctors have noted that sudden emotional stress can lead to serious cardiac problems, including heart attacks.

Obesity can be the result of stress. It's been

found that those with higher levels of stress release a hormone called cortisol, which prompts the body to store more fat. Ever been the type to "stress eat?" That is cortisol causing you to crave for sugar and fat.

What is stress?

Stress is a response that has evolved over millions of years to protect us from danger. Known as the *fight or flight response*, the brain sends out a warning to the adrenal glands which then release hormones such as cortisol. It once helped us survive against predators millions of years ago but our bodies weren't designed to sustain prolonged stress. As a nation, it seems to be ever increasing. Worries over our jobs, families, the economy or major life events such as death and divorce can lead to serious health issues and even death.

Some estimates have shown that as many as 70 percent of all medical

visits and 80 percent of serious illnesses may be exacerbated or linked to stress.

So, what can you do?

While some believe stress is something you "deal with" the truth is, it isn't that simple. Yes, trying to laugh it off or tell yourself it's ok may work for some. In my experience, those methods don't always work, especially if the source is from, say, your job.

There are five methods I found that can reduce stress and help one cope with life's worries. While certainly not the solution for everyone for many they can bring about relief.

Exercise – The facts are indisputable. Raising the heart rate releases endorphins in the body. These "feel good" chemicals act as natural painkillers and sharply reduces stress.

Meditation/ Deep Breathing – This is my go-to to relieve stress and one I practice on a daily basis,

both in yoga classes I teach and on my own. For the morning, I set my alarm 10 minutes earlier than I need to and use the 10 minutes to lay in bed and just focus on deep breathing. When I'm lucky, I can hear the birds chirping and just let myself focus on that.

Enjoy a hobby – Immerse yourself in a hobby, even if it's only for just a few minutes. When I'm really stressed I'll pick up my guitar, and after playing just a couple of tunes, I find that my stress level has decreased and I feel rejuvenated.

Spend time with a pet – Dogs, cats, fish are all good companions. A few minutes spent with an animal are a proven method of reducing stress. If you don't have a pet, go visit a friend and ...

Get/Give a Kiss – Yep. Grab your spouse or loved one and lay one, or several, on him or her. Many studies have shown that kissing and love making



release chemicals that ease the hormones related with stress. Not to mention, the side effect is you strengthen your relationship, which is a great way to help reduce stress and anxiety in the long run.

Give some of these a try and I'm sure you'll find it

easier to deal with stress, be more productive and enjoy life more.

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■ CULINARY ARTS

Summertime Food & Wine

Strawberry Shortcakes

By ANN LINDA CIOTOLI

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Shortcake Biscuits (Serves 8-10)

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 Tbs. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbs. sugar
- 6 Tbs. ice cold butter - cut into cubes
- 1 cup heavy cream

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 450.
- Mix all dry ingredients in a bowl.
- Cut butter into flour until you have a consistency of coarse crumbs.
- Add in heavy cream, and stir until it forms dough (you can flour your hands) roll and cut with a round cutter (8-10).
- Place them on a baking sheet touching. You can bake them in a cast iron pan or on a baking stone also.
- Bake for 13 to 18 minutes.
- Take one and a half to two pounds of strawberries; wash, trim and slice them. Place the strawberries into a bowl and add enough sugar to make a syrup.

Homemade Whip Cream

Ingredients:

- 1-1/2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 2 Tbs. extra fine sugar or confectioners sugar
- 1/4 tsp. pure vanilla extract

Instructions:

- Whip cream until it becomes stiff.
- Add sugar and vanilla.
- Once everything is ready, cut biscuits in half, and spoon some strawberries and liquid on top of biscuits.
- Add whip cream.

Pairing:

I've paired two dessert wines that go very well with fruit based desserts - one white and one sparkling rose.

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Let's eat strawberries and biscuits, and drink lots of dessert wine.

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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Erin Powers

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Glens Falls Symphony

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Johnny and the Jukes. July 4, 3 p.m., Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany. Free. Information: www.empirestateplaza.org.

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Cello and guitar duo. July 4, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 512-5100.

Cello Voce

Classical combo. July 5, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue, Scotia. Free. Information: www.FreedomParkScotia.org.

Red Molly

Vocal trio. July 5, 7 p.m., Clifton Common, Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park. Free. Information: 371-6667 or www.cliftonpark.org.

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Jeremy Kittle Band

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Kim Waters & Alex Bugnon

Headlining the Capital Concert Series' final show. July 8, 5 p.m., Empire State Plaza Concourse, Albany. Free. Information: www.empirestateplaza.org.

Washington County Line

Bluegrass band. July 8, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. Information: www.FreedomParkScotia.org.

Jade

Kicking off the Concert Series in the Barn. July 8, 7

p.m., Buhrmaster Barn at the Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham. Free. Information: 783-1435 or www.pruynhouse.org.

COMEDY

Mop and Bucket Company

"Improv Thursdays," a dinner theater comedy experience. July 2, 6:30 p.m., Centre Street Pub, 308 Union St., Schenectady. Cost: \$10 plus food. Information: mopco.org.

DANCE

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Featuring music by the El Dorados and a swing demo by Russ Testo and Laurie Farino, plus a free east coast swing lesson. July 3, 7:30 p.m., Albany Elks Lodge, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Cost: adults \$15, Dance Flurry members \$12, seniors/students \$10.

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EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art

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

Esther Massry Gallery

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

Mabee Farm Historic Site

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

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"Earth Exposed: Discover Our Planet's Hidden Secrets." Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

National Museum of Dance

"125 Years of Tango — A Walk through the History of the Dance," featuring costumes, music, artifacts, rare film footage and historical materials of the origins of this famous dance. Through March 2016. 99 South

Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org.

New York State Museum

"Empire State Plaza at 50," a look back at the history of downtown Albany's most recognizable feature, through Jan. 17; plus "Binghamton University Paleobotany Collection" and "The Passenger Pigeon: From Billions to Zero." Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Saratoga 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, 1475 Western Ave., Albany. Information: 482-2000 or www.sorellegallery.com.

Spring Street Gallery

"Saratoga Springs: Magic and Loss," featuring photographs by journalist

Thomas Dimopoulos. 112 Spring St., Saratoga Springs. Information: www.springstreetgalleriesaratoga.org.

Tang Teaching Museum

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

Waterford Historical Museum

"The Best of the Waterford Museum," a recap of exhibits from the past 10 years. 2 Museum Lane, Waterford. Information: 238-0809 or www.waterfordmuseum.com.

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Meet in downtown Albany on Broadway at the footbridge to the Corning Preserve/Jennings Landing, where a CDTA special shuttle transports travelers to the Albany-Rensselaer Rail Station. An Amtrak train leaves at 12:05 p.m. to Hudson for an approximate arrival time of 12:30 p.m.

Once in Hudson, the group will be free to explore Hudson on foot, to shop, browse, take in the architecture, and have lunch before catching the boat for a return trip. Trip goers will receive a "Hudson Passport" filled with discounts at shops

and restaurants throughout downtown, including The Spotty Dog Books and Ale, Red Dot and Cafe Le Perche. The passport will be valid from July 11 through Labor Day, to encourage return visits to Hudson to claim discounts.

Additional events include hors d'oeuvres and a tasting of beers by C. H. Evans Brewing Company at Helsinki Hudson, and a sunset cruise back to Albany on the Dutch Apple II serving a light dinner fare and dessert treats by Sweet Sue's of downtown Troy, N.Y. Also included are local cheeses and fruits by Honest Weight Co-op.

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FAMILY

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Free Summer Film Series at The Palace highlights effort to prevent bullying

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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ALBANY — The Palace Theater in Albany is set to host a free summer film series. The series will offer family-friendly movie screenings at the historic theater every Tuesday at 1

p.m. in July and August. The film showings give families the chance to cool off from the summer heat while watching classic films like “The Sandlot” and “The Mighty Ducks” as well as new classics like “Big Hero 6” and “The Lego Movie” on the big screen at The Palace theater, located at 19 Clinton Ave. in Albany. Holly Brown, the executive director of The Palace said that as The Palace has such a large community presence it is

“important that we work to enrich the lives of our community. ... Movies are a great way to create memories for people.” The series, entitled Summer In The City will begin July 7, with a showing of “The followed by a showing of “Toy Story” on July 14. Summer In The City was created by the Albany County District Attorney’s Office and financially sponsored by the phone service provider AT&T’s Aspire Kids program.

Albany County District Attorney David Soares said that he “jumped at the opportunity to partner at The Palace” and commended the theater for “opening its door so that we can create events that bring neighbors into your seats” Each film showing will be preempted by an educational public service announcement from the Words Hurt Or Heal campaign created by the Albany District Attorney’s Office. The public service

announcements highlight the issue of bullying in schools and empower students to stop bullying when they see it. According to Soares, “Bullying is about words — spoken and written. ... But words can either work to break people down or bring them up”. As bullying — especially online bullying — has become such a prevalent issue in our society, this project brings local focus to the problem. “One of the greatest, most

personal crimes among all of the violent crimes out there is when a child is being bullied and tortured with words” said Soares. The film showings at The Palace will help the campaign’s anti-bullying message reach more children in the region. The campaign encourages students to be kind to one another by awarding acts of kindness that are submitted to the campaign’s site. Students

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Kid's concert series kicks off

TROY— Local jazz band Heard, led by Elizabeth Woodbury Kasius, kick off the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall's free summer Barker Park Kids' Summer Series

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"Last year was our first season presenting the Barker Park Kids' Summer Series and it was terrific. We worked with the City of Troy and local volunteers who have championed the park as a community gathering place," said Jon Elbaum, the Executive Director of the Music Hall.

For more information about this series, contact the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall at 518-273-

0038, or visit us online at www.troymusichall.org.

Performances will take place rain or shine, in case of inclement weather the performance or activity will be moved inside.

Schedule:

July 9 – Heard

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Barker Park Kids' Summer Series kicks off with Heard - World Jazz on Thursday, July 9, at 11 a.m. The concert is free at Barker Park in downtown Troy at the corner of 3rd and State streets. Photo submitted

rock to calypso, swing to funk.

August 6 - Andy The Music Man

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August 13 – Sensemaya

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From page B13 ... Take in a movie

may submit photos and descriptions of the acts of kindness that they see in schools to the Words Hurt or Heal website. The District Attorney's Office

hopes that with each act of kindness shared, students will be encouraged to pay that kindness forward. With the project, the

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that happen, now we're shouting from the rooftops at all of the positive things that the community is doing" "Be more than just a bystander" said Soares, "Use your words to make a difference. Make your words count."

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From page B1 ... Crossing bats

On the slab for the home team will be Josh "Sweet Pete" Peterson with Tony "Meatball" Sanchez behind the dish. Sweet Pete has shown some prowess with whitewashing his opponents (in games allowing him to throw overhand). "Dollar" Bill Bogatz will be pitching for the visiting nine, while Pockets will be his battery mate. News has it that Dollar is a gentleman and a bachelor, so if any ladies are present and unattached, they should come dressed in their finest dresses.

On the offensive, the Mutuals boast a skillful lot. Thom "Dirt" Fioriglio is said to be very skilled at the fair-foul. That is when you chop down on the ball so it hits in fair territory (and therefore a fair ball) and then heads towards the benches in foul territory and is in play. He can place the ball anywhere he wants, while Derek "Legs" Fesolowich is fast and not an easy out.

Baseball was very much a different game a century ago, complete

with different rules and language more suitable for a Jane Austen book than the Sporting News. Fights with umpires, games disrupted by fans with money on the line, was not uncommon. Nevertheless, it was dubbed a gentlemen's game, and later the National Pastime. Soon after the Civil War ended in 1865, the popularity of the game blossomed across the nation. Johnny Evers, baseball Hall of Famer, once described how every vacant lot in his South Troy had a baseball game played upon it.

"Playing in front of a crowd is the most fun thing we do," said Feslowich. His Mutuals was founded in 1999, a homage to the original team that played the game from 1857 to 1876. His team made of individuals that are part athlete and part thespian, travel the region playing vintage baseball. It's the game many of us played in Little League and later, but they hold true to the archaic rules that have been

amended over the past century. "It is one of the main reasons we do this. Part of our mission is to educate and entertain and show people the history of the game of baseball and how it was played in the 19th century. It is very satisfying to see the smiles on people's faces or to answer questions or to pose for pictures. Especially when kids are involved."

For more than five years now, the Mutuals have made an annual trip to the Capital District to play off against a team in the Town of Bethlehem. Steve Peterson, president of the Bethlehem Mickey Mantle association that fields youth amateur baseball teams, established that team in 2008. The pairing between the two teams was out of happenstance.

Peterson said the town was organizing a celebration to recognize the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's landing on the shores of the river that would eventually bare his name. "I attended the meeting because I'm very interested in American history. I just started the club, and I'm thinking, 'What can I do to help? Is there something that I can

do?'"

Peterson recalls people sharing ideas of showcasing wooden shoes and Dutch pottery, to pay tribute to the region's Patroon heritage. A baseball fan, Peterson voiced his idea for a vintage baseball game.

"So, I sat in on the meeting, and not to name names," said Peterson, "but ... the quote was, 'What does baseball have to do with America?'"

Peterson recalls responding with a chuckle before admitting that baseball may not have had much of a cultural impact in the area 400 years ago, but did so 150 years ago. To further support his idea, Peterson said he researched the idea of an old-time baseball game over the Internet, and reached out to a handful of teams across the region, comprised of individuals dedicated to playing baseball based on vintage period rules.

"The Mutuals answered my e-mail, and they latched right on to it." What has since transpired is an annual event that welcomes a traveling vintage baseball team out

of Long Island to play ball in Delmar each holiday weekend. Members of each team have an apparent respect for one another. This spring, the Albany Institute of History and Art debuted "Play Ball!" a baseball exhibit showcasing the history of the game in the Capital District. The Mutuals traveled from Long Island to participate with Peterson and his players to dress up and play a few exercises on the institute's front lawn.

Each year, the event plays out as if the relics from the Baseball Hall of Fame escaped from Cooperstown and had come to life like dream match-up only W.P. Kinsella could conjure. Players play period authentic uniforms, long-sleeved and wool. Pitchers throw underhanded, and nearly 20 feet closer to the batter than from where they throw today (60 feet, six inches). And, perhaps the most noticeable difference among them all, none of the players on the field wear gloves.

The players who dress the part can't help but feel as if they are putting on a production suitable for Proctors.

"There is a sense of showmanship," said Feslowich, who goes by the nickname "Big Bat." Some participants take to wearing fake facial hair, reminiscent of the lamb chops that were popular during the Victorian Age. For others, the handlebar mustaches that would make Rollie Fingers proud, are very much real. All play to the crowd to make it an interactive experience. "Part of it is having the skills to play the game the right way, but also, the humor and joy that we show while playing. The more we can get the crowd involved, the better. If we can pull off a trick play, like the hidden ball trick or a well-executed fair-foul, the better."

Peterson has been known to use public figures throughout the Capital District to field his nine each year, some from the local media, others from politics. His made it a point to make it an event for everyone to enjoy.

"It's a great town event," said Peterson. "People like to come out and see that."

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■ DUTCHMEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Infielder Grayson Lewis (Rice) is the Albany Dutchmen's Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, June 28. Lewis reached base in all four games last week, drove in three runs and scored five runs. Lewis is batting .310 this season.

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■ INSIDE



Dutchmen slide

A six-game losing streak has the Albany Dutchmen looking up at the rest of the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League's East Division.

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■ SPRING REVIEW: BETHLEHEM

DeMaria leads the way



Junior's state pole vault title headlines
BC's spring sports season

By **ROB JONAS**

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BETHLEHEM — The spring season at Bethlehem featured several achievements, but none bigger than what Tedi DeMaria accomplished.

The junior won the Section 2 and state girls pole vault titles during her first outdoor track and field season at Bethlehem. DeMaria saved her best performance for last, as she set a Section 2 record in the event by clearing the bar at 12 feet, 3 inches at the state meet June 12 at the University at Albany.

DeMaria came close to tying Michelle Quimby's Sectional mark of 12-1 at the state qualifier one week earlier, but she brushed the bar on her second attempt and couldn't clear it on her third try. But when she got the chance at states, she made the most of it as she soared over the bar on her first try at 12-3.

DeMaria couldn't clear 12-6 at states, but neither could the other finalist, Monroe-Woodbury's Catherine Walker.

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Tedi DeMaria won the pole vault title at the New York State High School Track and Field Championships; Bethlehem baseball players hang out in the dugout during a non-league game against Christian Brothers Academy; and Kaylee Rickert battles a Guilderland player during a May 5 home game.

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DeMaria leads the way

DeMaria earned the state title based on being able to clear 12-3 in fewer attempts than Walker, who entered the meet as the top seed.

DeMaria was stunned by her victory. "I said top five, I'd be so happy with that. This is crazy," she said shortly after winning the event.

Girls lacrosse

The Bethlehem girls lacrosse team reached the Section 2 Class A semifinals before losing to Shenendehowa 12-10.

The Lady Eagles made waves during the regular season. After a 2-4 start, Bethlehem rattled off a string of nine wins in 10 games, including a 10-5 Sectional quarterfinal victory over defending Class A champion Shaker.

Senior Kaylee Rickert led the Lady Eagles with 38 goals and 38 assists, but it was Bethlehem's sophomore class that came of age. Sophia Calabrese was second on the team in goals with 37, while Natalie Cook contributed

29 goals and 27 assists. Sophie Powers added 21 goals and 21 assists.

Boys lacrosse

The Bethlehem boys lacrosse team had its share of ups and downs in 2015.

The Eagles began the season with a 16-4 loss to eventual state Class A champion Niskayuna and ended it with an 11-10 loss to Sectional finalist Shaker in the quarterfinals. In between, the Eagles posted a pair of three-game winning streaks on their way to an 8-9 record.

First team All-Suburban Council goaltender Dan Comber posted one more outstanding season at Bethlehem before departing for Stony Brook this fall. The senior stopped 262 shots and posted a .630 save percentage.

Brad Bettinger and John Fredette led Bethlehem's offense. Bettinger scored a team-high 48 goals, while Fredette posted 51 assists.

Softball

The Bethlehem softball team had high hopes for another run at a Sectional title, but the defending Class AA champions struggled through a 7-9 Suburban Council season. The Lady Eagles successfully petitioned to enter the playoffs, where they were bounced by Shaker 8-4 in the quarterfinals.

Still, the season was a success for Bethlehem. Following a 1-4 start, the Lady Eagles won six of their last 11 league games to get close to the .500 mark in the highly-competitive Suburban Council. They closed the regular season with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Colonie, which featured a walk-off home run by Olivia Miranda.

Baseball

Bethlehem's baseball team struggled to a 5-9 Suburban Council record and an overall mark of 6-12 as it failed to make Sectionals. At one point, the Eagles had a 3-8 league record, but they won two of their last three games to create some momentum for the 2016 season.

ALBANY DUTCHMEN

Dutch fall on hard times

Albany sinks into last as losing streak extends to six games

By **ROB JONAS**
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ALBANY — The Albany Dutchmen are staring at a long road to making the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League playoffs.

A six-game losing streak placed Albany (8-12) in the basement of the five-team East Division, and rainouts Saturday, June 27, and Sunday, June 28, mean two more doubleheaders lie ahead for the Dutchmen. Albany has back-to-back doublebills against Saugerties Tuesday, June 30, and Wednesday, July 1, and now a doubleheader at Glens Falls July 15.

Glens Falls (11-11) has

owned Albany this season. The Dragons took three games from the Dutchmen last week, sweeping a June 24 doubleheader by scores of 10-9 and 7-4 and beating Albany 12-3 June 25.

Errors were Albany's undoing in the doubleheader losses to Glens Falls June 24. The Dutchmen made 10 miscues in the two games, including six in the opener. The defensive lapses overshadowed a continued power surge by the Dutchmen, as they ripped five extra-base hits in the two games, including a home run by Michael Bollmer (Louisville) in the nightcap.

The Dutchmen didn't muster much in Glens Falls the following night. Albany managed three hits off Glens Falls pitchers in the 12-3 loss, one of which was an RBI single by Patrick

Hisle. Meanwhile, the Dragons racked up 12 hits, including three doubles and a home run.

Returning home to Bob Bellizzi Field didn't help Albany, as it lost to Adirondack 5-2 Friday, June 26. The Trail Blazers (9-11) scored twice in the top of the third inning and never relinquished the lead.

Albany fared better at the plate, as it recorded nine hits in the loss. Bethlehem Central High School graduate Eric Mueller (University at Albany) had an RBI single in the bottom of the fourth inning, and Grayson Lewis (Rice) added a run-scoring triple in the ninth.

Albany starting pitcher Mike Reitcheck had another strong outing, striking out eight Adirondack batters in seven innings of work, but he picked up the loss.

Tri-Village Little League standings

Major Division	W	L	Intermediate Division	W	L
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Swiftly's	8	5	National Bank of Coxsackie	9	5
Bryant Asset Management	7	6	Hidden Cafe	8	5
Russell's Reds	6	7	Davies Office Refurbishing	8	6
Andriano's Pizza	5	9	All-Stars Academy	6	8
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Make your mark

It's time to set loose your inner Picasso! Returning this year as part of the Summer Reading Program is our bookmark contest, open to ages 3 and up. Kids are invited to share their artwork depicting this year's Summer Reading themes – Every Hero Has a Story and Unmask. Entries will be accepted through August 31, with winners announced in late September. Forms and rules are available at the library and at bplkids.org.

Winning bookmark designs will be printed in color for distribution in the library.

Free job coaching

Don't forget that the library offers free, one-on-one job coaching services for adults, college students and high school students preparing to enter the job market. Get expert help with various job-hunting skills: resumes, cover letters, written and online applications, interview



protocol, and LinkedIn accounts. Call 439-9314, ext. 3009 to set up an appointment.

Holiday dosing and summer hours

The library will be closed this Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Remember also that the library is closed on Sundays in July and August, beginning July 5. Sunday hours resume the weekend after Labor Day. You can access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

An evening to remember

Join us Wednesday, July 8, for our second

Evenings on the Green performance featuring Mother Goose Jazz Quintet. The concert starts at 7 p.m. and is sure to be a hit with all ages. An ice cream social that night held by the Friends of the Library is just the cherry on top! While you're enjoying your night out, consider becoming a Friend. The organization, which is a major supporter of library programs, is now offering first-time memberships for only \$10.

Correction

In the July/August Footnotes, the date for the Antiques Appraisal is not correct. The Friends will once again be hosting this popular fundraiser, but a date has not yet been set. We will keep you posted.

Upcoming events

Monday, July 6
Book Buddies

Children are matched with a teen volunteer to

practice reading skills and build confidence. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Call 439-9314, option 4 to sign up. For grade K-5. 3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7
Book Buddies

Children are matched with a teen volunteer to practice reading skills and build confidence. Bring a book or choose one from the library. Call 439-9314, option 4 to sign up. For grade K-5. 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 7
Kindergarten Bootcamp

Children can work on different skill-building activities at their own pace and pinpoint areas that need practice. For children entering kindergarten this fall accompanied by an adult. 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 9
Lego Club

We supply the Legos; you supply the imagination. For kids and families. 3:30-5 p.m.

— Kristen Roberts

Summer reading is important



Studies show that elementary aged children who don't read regularly over the summer vacation lose a portion of their learned skills. This is called the "summer slide." You can help your kids avoid the summer slide by participating in a summer reading program at the library of your choice. At Voorheesville, we're doing the "Every Hero has a Story!" program this year.

We're excited to help keep our community's young people reading and learning through the summer.

Preschool and Summertots

This year, the Voorheesville Library will provide preschool and toddler programs throughout the summer.

On Tuesday, July 7, 14, 21 and 28, we will have a theme-based, multi-age

level storytime (for ages 2 to 6, with caregiver) with an emphasis on early literacy. Books, rhymes, songs, and an art activity comprise the program.

On Thursday, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, Summertots (for newborns to 36 months, with caretaker) will join Miss Amy for an early literacy program that emphasizes sharing books, flannel board stories, music, rhymes, and playtime together. After the short program, children will have the opportunity to play with age-appropriate toys and learning activities either indoors or outdoors. Water play activities will take place outside, so don't forget to wear your sunscreen, and bring a towel and an extra change of clothes.

Both programs will begin at 10:15 a.m.

— Lynn Kohler



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That's why "Imagine, Discover, Connect" display prominently on GPL's new library card. Available now to customers young and old, your new card is your passport to all that you can imagine, discover, and connect with at the Guilderland Public Library.

Your current GPL card does all that the new card does; there's no need to replace it. But if your current card, or that mini-card you have on your key ring, is starting to look a little shabby, stop by GPL and get a new card. It will last longer; they're much sturdier than the card you now have.

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www.guilpl.org

While on the subject of library cards: GPL's youngest readers are invited to create a design for the new GPL Kids Library Card. Entry forms are available GPL's youth desk. All entries will be displayed in the library, and the public will vote on the winner. It's going to be so exciting to see what you create.

'Send a Kid to Camp'

For the last 18 months, the staff at GPL has been involved in donating money to local charitable organizations; their contributions amount to well over \$1,000. And now, they are asking you to join in an extraordinarily worthwhile effort: Sending a child who suffers from Muscular Dystrophy to an MDA camp where he or she can enjoy many of the activities children enjoy, but who, because of their affliction, they cannot.

The staff is trying to

raise \$850, and is asking you to donate along with them. Donate \$1 or \$5; this modest sum will go to helping one child discover a world created specifically for them, and meet many other kids sharing the same needs and experiences. MDA campers dream about summer camp all year; some even say it's changed their lives. Almost all campers agree that it's "the best week of the year."

MDA camp offers a fun and safe outdoor experience, along with opportunities to engage in a variety of activities such as horseback riding, swimming, adaptive sports, arts and crafts, camp dances and much more. In addition to all of the fun and friendship it offers, MDA camp enables campers to stretch their comfort zones and grow in independence as they spend a week away from home; permit someone other than their parents to provide personal care; and make new friends.

Thank you, in advance, for your contribution.

Are you a Super-Summer Reader?

If you missed the Super Summer Reading Adventure Kick-off (and Super Summer Sundaes), there's still plenty of time to sign up.

Come to GPL to get a brochure — check out the cool summer reading display in the lobby — or to sign up, or you can go online to check out the kids' programs, "Every Hero Has a Story," at guilpl.org/supersummer, and the Teens' "Unmask!" programs at guilpl.org/teensummer.

Holiday and summer hours

GPL will be closed for the Independence Day Weekend: Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4. This first weekend in July starts GPL's Summer Hours, when the library is closed on Sundays during July and August, so GPL will be closed on Sunday, July 5, as well.

— Mark Curiale

Day camp for seniors

Enjoy a summer day camp experience at "Elise's Place" in Selkirk on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18-19, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Camp will include nature studies, crafts, music, hikes and a closing campfire with s'mores. The cost is \$30, payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to register.

Join us at The Theater Barn in New Lebanon for the Agatha Christie puzzle, "A Murder is Announced," on Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m. We will stop at Gardner's Ice Cream and Coffee on the way home. The cost for the show is \$22, check payable to Town of Bethlehem. Suggested van donation: \$15. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation.

Sign up now for a Broadway trip to see "An American in Paris" on Sunday, Oct. 18. We will have dinner after the show at the Crow's Nest

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in Hackensack, N.J. The show is a Tony Award winner and will be sure to entertain. The cost is \$225, including show ticket, bus, dinner and donation to Bethlehem Senior Projects. Your check, payable to Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., is your reservation.

Town Hall is closed on Friday, July 3, for Independence Day. There will be no senior transportation on that day.

Take advantage of the summer sales at Colonie Center and Northway Mall on Monday, July 6. Call 439-5770 to arrange transportation.

Exercise to music at Bethlehem Town Hall each Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. Cost is \$3 per session.

— Wilma DeLucco

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GRADUATES AND DEAN'S LIST

• Cara Mooney, of Delmar, was offered a Fulbright grant to South Korea for an English teaching assistantship. Mooney attends Marist College.

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• Jenna Klein, of Delmar, graduated from Boston University in May with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

• Christine Donovan, of Delmar, graduated from Boston University in May with a juris doctor in law.

• Ryan Corbett, of Voorheesville, graduated from Castleton State College in May with a bachelor's degree in sports administration.

• Michael Hathaway, of Delmar, graduated from the College of William & Mary with a bachelor's degree.

• Noah Greenstein, of Glenmont, graduated from Colorado College May 18 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

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The following students graduated from SUNY Polytechnic Institute with degrees May 9:

Nicholas Austin of Schenectady

Delaney Corbitt of Schenectady

Tammy Quinn of Schenectady

Frances Rosario of Schenectady

Nicholas Santucci of Schenectady

Katherine Vitello of Schenectady

The following students graduated from Union College with bachelor's degrees June 14:

Reynalyn Canchela of Altamont

Michael Donadio of Schenectady

Martina Glab of Slingerlands

Julianne Quinn of Slingerlands

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The following students graduated from Western New England University May 16 with bachelor's degrees:

Jeffrey Cooley of Delmar

Philip Dubuc of Schenectady

Colton Vickery of Glenmont

Erica Wegrzyn of Glenmont

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The following students graduated from The College of Saint Rose in May with degrees:

Altamont

Samson Dikeman and Amy Armstrong

Delmar

Jessica Serfilippi, Kristin Wagner, Michael Wordelmann, Meg McCarthy, Amer Cecunjanin, Rebecca Languish, Micaela Townsend, Leigh Denning, Jessica Karn, Willow Zielenski, Peter Ragsdale, Rohini Patil, Emily Knapp, Stephanie Toniolo, April Zwack, Kasey Agneta, Coleen Spath, Janice

Kaelin-Kee and Kelly Glaser

Feura Bush

Mark Mullens, Emily Willwerth and Jason Ellis

Glenmont

Rachel Dymond, Caitlin Willey, Rebecca Gosselin, Dana Wideman and Heather Hill

Guilderland

Kayla Rouse, Elizabeth Biondo, Deepika Patlolla, Jennifer Kingsley, Rebecca Tommell, Shannon Coleman and Majd Alhamsh

Schenectady

Jessica Le Pore, Rachel Newman, Emily Sobieski, Theresa Whittemore, Mallory Collier, Andrew Pugliese, Danielle Cunsolo, Ashley Giaquinto, Lauren Febraio, Caroline Kuligowski, Christina Noval, Ariane Seifert, James Ducharme, Tracy Falvo, Nicole Miele, Sandra Hatfield, Rochelle King, Kayla Casey, Kendra Shedina, Breanne McCabe, Laura Sprague, Amber Dempsey and Jessica Benedetto

Selkirk

Simone Arrington and Sarah Hughes

Slingerlands

Brendan Gallagher, Tyler Flood, Kayla O'Hare, William Coyner, Dylan Moss, Elizabeth Tryon, Lauren Burgasser and

Deepak Dhakal

Voorheesville

Amber Moak, Michael Tesch, Christina Hoult, Kurt Pahl, Heather Kiegle, Heather Bates and Lynne Washburn

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The following students graduated from SUNY New Paltz with high honors:

Sarah Alloush of Guilderland

Sean Hill of Glenmont

Eirinn Norrie of Selkirk

Michael Schaffer of Schenectady

• Megan Davitt, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Macalester College.

• Hannah Brackett, of Voorheesville, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Mount Ida College.

• Riley Ford, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Mount Ida College.

• Adam Zeh, of Selkirk, was named to the vice president's list for the spring 2015 semester

at Mohawk Valley Community College.

• David Wilsey, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Emmanuel College.

• Owen Pace, of Delmar, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at Rochester Institute of Technology.

• Matthew Zanotta, of Schenectady, was named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Bryant University.

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OBITUARY

Raymond "Corky" Humphrey

Raymond Kenneth "Corky" Humphrey passed away quietly in Pompano Beach, Fla., on June 20, 2015.

He was born Aug. 5, 1932 to Anna and Kenneth Humphrey of Delmar. The oldest of three sons, he attended Bethlehem Central High School and graduated in 1950. After attending college at Morrisville, he met and married his wife Adriana Paul in 1959.

Ray worked 34 years for City and County Savings Bank at various branches

in downtown Albany, Rotterdam and Delmar. He was a lifelong member of the Delmar Reformed Church.

In 1991, Ray retired and enjoyed almost 24 years of spending time with family and friends, travel, gardening and "home renovation projects."

He is survived by his wife, Adriana "Ada," of Pompano Beach, Fla.; three children, Suzanne (Alejandro) Soto,



Raymond Humphrey (right)

Carrie (Robert) Fuhrer, and Scott (Kathleen) Humphrey; five grandchildren, Alex Ray Soto, Kristen Humphrey, Meagan Humphrey, Adriana Fuhrer and Michelle Fuhrer; brothers Dr. Donald E. Humphrey (Abigail), and Stephen T. Humphrey (Cyndi); nieces Cynthia, Catherine, Collette Humphrey, Denise (Joseph) Allen; and nephews Curtis (Susan) and David Humphrey.

A private interment will be at the Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 34-51 9th Street Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/30/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#83113

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

BB BRILL LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/19/15. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 230 Park Ave, 10th Fl, NY, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#86717

LEGAL NOTICE

BRINIC PROPERTIES, LLC Application for Authority filed with SSNY on June 1, 2015. Certificate of Organization filed with Division of Corporations and Commercial Code of the State of Utah on December 9, 2014. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC c/o Veil Corporation, LLC @ 911 Central Ave #188 Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#86289

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Caswell Creek Critters Daycare, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/23/15. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to

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10 Caswell Creek Way, Feura Bush, NY 12067. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#86732

LEGAL NOTICE

CHARLES LETOURNEAU LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/1/15. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO Box 37 Medusa, NY 12120. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 145 Kenyon Rd., Medusa, NY 12120. Ad#84935

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: DRL SCHENECTADY COMMUNITY HOUSING LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 9, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#86933

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: FAIRVIEW SIHP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Delaware Secretary of State, February 23, 2015. Application for Authority filed with NYS Secretary of State, June 11, 2015. Purpose of LLC - to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: to be located in Albany County. Secretary of State shall mail copy of process against LLC to 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. Ad#86715

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Fashion News LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/5/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#83110

LEGAL NOTICE

First NC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/02/08. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, P.O. Box 137, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Purpose: General. Ad#86935

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Notice of Formation gardenform llc Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/6/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC,

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911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#83109

LEGAL NOTICE

HONEYWELL LAW FIRM, PLLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Articles of Organization of Honeywell Law Firm, PLLC (the "PLLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on 4/30/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process c/o the PLLC, 3 Coventry Rd., Glenmont, NY 12077. The PLLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110. Ad#86114

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Integrity Place, LLC (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 23, 2015. New York office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is PO Box 271, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. Ad#83156

LEGAL NOTICE

JAY & DEV, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on April 9, 2015. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1221 North Westcott Road, Schenectady, NY 12306. Purpose: General Ad#83659

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: JKM Builders, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 4, 2015. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 2035 West Old State Road, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. Ad#86112

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION The name of the limited liability company is JOSEPH FITZPATRICK AND SON LLC. The Article of Organization of LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on JANUARY 21, 2015. The office of the LLC is in SARATOGA

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county and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served is to STEVEN M SARGENT; 20 S CHURCH ST; SCHENECTADY, NY 12305. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity to which the LLC may be organized under the LLCL of New York State. Ad#84079

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation KJ&A Consulting, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/26/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#84067

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Kumi Creative LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/20/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Accumera LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#83702

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LAROSE'S DEERFIELD FARM LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/24/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 32 Edgecomb Street, Albany, NY 12209. Purpose: For holding real estate. Ad#83649

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CRIME

Elderly fall prey to crime

Crime ring sparks awareness to elder abuse

By **EMILY DREW**
drew@spotlightnews.com

CAPITAL DISTRICT — After a nearly seven-month long investigation, members of a countywide hate crime ring targeting the elderly were arrested and arraigneded, just in time for Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

As the culmination of June signals an end to Elder Abuse Awareness Month, county police departments are working to make residents aware of scams targeting elderly victims. Even more efforts came after leeway was made in late May to catch a hate crime ring that involved house-related repair scams.

On Thursday, May 28, the Albany County District Attorney's Office announced two members of a hate crime ring pled guilty, while four others were arraigned. Members include residents of Watervliet and

Schenectady, while charges ranged from several degrees of grand larceny to conspiracy and scheming to defraud.

However, their crimes spanned throughout Albany County.

"A whole group of people were going to the elderly, specifically targeting elderly people, and approaching them for a variety of scams," said Det. Sgt. Adam Hornick of the Bethlehem Police Department.

He said scams included alleged paving, painting, fencing and housing issues. A paving scam involved contacting an elderly victim claiming the victim's driveway needed to be repaired. The person would then buy a bucket of pitch for a relatively small amount of money and paint the driveway to make it appear like work had been done, said Hornick.

The victim would then be charged hundreds of dollars, and the scammers would keep returning to

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— Det. Sgt. Adam Hornick, Bethlehem Police Department

the same victim to make alleged repairs on the driveway, he said.

Another scam involved knocking on an elderly person's door, asking to come in for a drink of water to get out of the heat, then using the bathroom and clogging the sink to make it overflow. The scammer would repair the clog while another person went into the house to steal money once the victim was distracted.

Two people in this hate

crime pled guilty after being arrested by Colonie police. Henry Hick, 58, of Albany, pled guilty May 14 to grand larceny in the third degree as a hate crime and grand larceny in the third degree as a hate crime, both felonies. He faces nine to 18 years in state prison.

John Waterson, 37, of Albany, pled guilty April 1 to grand larceny in the third degree, a felony, and conspiracy in the fifth degree, a misdemeanor. He faces three and a half to seven years in state prison.

According to the Albany County District Attorney's office, Hicks and Waterson, both alone and with others, overcharged several people more than \$3,000 under false pretenses of performing work. The victims were chosen due to their age, said the district attorney's office.

"The biggest thing is we know there are other victims out there," said

Hornick. Some elderly victims are unable to identify who scammed them, or are embarrassed to have been defrauded.

Hornick said a neighbor contacted police in regards to someone picking up their elderly neighbor several times in Bethlehem, allegedly for trips to the bank to take out money.

The timeline of the investigation just happened to fall around Elder Abuse Awareness Month. "These crimes do occur," said Hornick, and police are working to raise awareness.

Both Bethlehem and Colonie police departments, among other district departments, have programs to make people aware of scams and how to prevent them.

Lt. Robert Winn of the Colonie Police Department said the department works closely with senior service programs in the town.

"We have good, open lines of communication" with the town's senior service and the Colonie Senior Service Centers, said Winn. The department also has a Community Services division with an officer assigned to the Senior Resources Department.

As well, Bethlehem police works with senior services and sends department members to functions in order to describe possible fraudulent activities. There is also inter-departmental collaboration between police departments in the area, said Hornick. When cases like that involving Hicks and Waterson come up, all angles district wide are investigated, he said.

"We can't reach the whole (senior) population, but a long-term approach is beneficial," said Hornick. "It's even more of a sense of satisfaction to bring a sense of security back to these individuals."



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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Navigating the future

Graduating from high school is a coming-of-age event that often weighs heavily on everyone fortunate enough to attend.

First, seniors are progressing through unfamiliar territory that, for many, involves leaving family, friends and the friendly confines of home. Associating one's self with the school name, with pride or not, binds one to a community. Within this place, a student has learned to navigate through a system of obligations, expectations and rules established to help everyone along a path for success. Through the eyes of an 18-year-old, it's hard to fathom that some overzealous adults, who held on so strongly to order and discipline, had the best intentions to help guide them to the next step. In one night, at graduation commencement, stone faces once thought to be frozen in a scowl beam with joyous smiles over the individual accomplishments of each student. It's truly a bridging ceremony that celebrates the passing through the threshold, from student to peer.

Second, for the adults in the room, and

too is a fearful moment as much as it is one of which to be proud. It seems with the passing of each class, with the passing of each generation, there is a laundry list of problems we feel guilty over leaving for our children to pick up — global warming, a delicate economy, a stressed social-economic system, a fractured government, an agriculture struggling to sustain a global demand for food. It seems the list has grown since us parents graduated decades ago. And, in many cases, our kids know it, too.

The Class of 2015 is collectively more prepared for what the world will hand them than graduates from years ago. The events of the world — good, bad or indifferent — revealed themselves through the news and the internet, Facebook and Twitter. As much as you wanted to shelter your child from the evils of the world, your kids are smart; they know what's going on. And as they strike out to the world, they're hitting the ground running. Some may not know what they want to do yet, but many more seem to have an idea as to what they are passionate about, and

wish to go out and find it.

For those graduates who still seem lost, don't ask yourself what you want to be. That's a question your parents were asked and led them nowhere. Instead, ask what it is you love to do and find your niche. Find your passion, and don't let anyone tell you that you can't follow that light down a career path. You have your whole life to figure things out, so don't sweat the details.

And for you parents, just breathe.

TALK BACK

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Neil Breslin
Senator

Town: Delmar
Hometown: Albany

What are you listening to these days?

I don't listen to a great deal of music, but I listen to jazz music everyday when I swim.

What are you reading?

I read a lot of nonfiction. I like a lot of biographies, like of Rockefeller and of Lincoln and of John Adams.

What are you watching on TV?

I generally do news shows, like MSNBC and the four network news shows.

What was the last movie you saw?

I watched "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." It was very light and very enjoyable.

Who is one person living or dead you would like to meet and why?

I would like to meet Robert Kennedy because he had a passion for economic justice. He had the courage of his conviction to promote economic justice during the 60s.

Describe your dream vacation.

It would be in a warm climate without any expectation of running into anyone from New York state. I visited Sierra Leone when my daughter was in the Peace Corps, and I would love to go back.

What is your favorite hobby?

I think playing golf.

Describe what your last meal would be.

I think a baked lobster with a baked potato with a fresh romaine lettuce salad.

What is your favorite local memory?

I think growing up in a family oriented Irish neighborhood in the city of Albany.

What three things would you bring with you to a desert island?

Enough food to eat, a good book and an iPad.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rail Trail is important

Editor, *The Spotlight*,
Earlier this month, the Albany County Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail was bustling with activity for the Summer Solstice Festival, an event that signals the start of the summer and the unique experience the rail trail provides.

Now in its fourth year, the festival — hosted by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy and the Friends of the Rail Trail — showed that with partnership, hard work, determination and creativity, we can work together to enhance the quality of life for residents and provide a great recreational asset for the public. There's nothing better than spending a summer day outdoors with family and friends and the rail trail provided a great back drop for the community event to celebrate the true public nature of the rail trail.

Since 2008 when Albany County purchased the 9-mile section of the abandoned Delaware and Hudson line linking

Albany to Voorheesville, we've worked closely with Mohawk Hudson, the Friends of the Rail Trail and local government leaders in the towns of New Scotland, Bethlehem and the village of Voorheesville to advance funding requests with the state and federal government to pay for planning and construction to move the project off the drawing board and get the work done.

We've been successful to this point, and the final section of the rail trail, from Delmar to the city of Albany, is under construction. The work is expected to be complete later this year. The next phase of this ambitious project is to fully link the rail trail to the Albany's riverfront then north to Cohoes and on to Rotterdam Junction in Schenectady County. This would result in over 50 miles of continuous bike and hiking trail in the region, which is surely something that would add to our recreational resources.

At a time when more

people are utilizing mass transit to get to work and more people than ever are biking to work, the completion of the rail trail will provide a viable asset and alternative transportation option for people in Albany County and beyond. The rail trail adds economic benefits to the community by making the region more attractive for hikers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Albany County, the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy and Friends of the Rail Trail have demonstrated that collaboration and cooperation can yield positive results for the public.

It's been a long road to get to where we are today, and I join those who are looking forward to the completion of the rail trail. It's true what they say, the only place success comes before work is in the dictionary. Together we've done great work, and now we are starting to see the success.

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

Why does this happen?

Editor, *The Spotlight*,
June 25 on NYS Route 144, three cyclists were riding along the shoulder when the last cyclist was hit from behind by a vehicle. The cyclist was wearing a bright yellow high visibility cycling jersey. The cyclist sustained serious injuries.

The number of cycling and pedestrian accidents continues to increase in the US and in our own community due to several reasons: Distracted driving, talking on cell phones, texting, drugs and alcohol all contribute to the incidence rate.

The Town of Bethlehem has a committee called the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee. This committee has been working on ways to increase safe cycling and pedestrian awareness in our own community. The main points have been engineering, education and enforcement. Engineering is for safe road and sidewalks for cyclists and pedestrians to travel about in our community. Education to increase

awareness and promote a share the road concept for vehicle drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Enforcement as necessary to encourage positive behavior and if necessary provide tickets for inappropriate behavior. In spite of the efforts in our community there continues to be accidents that have tragic results.

The schools have just closed for the summer, and many young people will be out and about in our community. Many of them will be walking and use the designated crosswalks that exist. Most vehicle drivers still do not stop for a pedestrian in the cross walk. The vehicle law says drivers must stop no matter what portion of the roadway the pedestrian is in — even if they are not in your lane, you are obligated to stop. It would even be courteous to stop if you see someone waiting at the curb waiting to cross. It is risky business to step off the curb at a crosswalk not knowing if a driver will stop.

For cyclists, it is even

more challenging. A cyclist is considered a vehicle and is allowed to use the lane as necessary and should ride to the shoulder, except when potholes or debris prevents them from doing so. As a cyclist, I have had many incidents over the years, including being pushed off the road by a truck mirror, had objects thrown at me, had a driver pass me and make a right turn in front of me, had drivers yell at me to "get off their road," and even had a driver cross the yellow line to play "chicken" with me. I do not understand this behavior, nor do I understand how today, a driver could have been so irresponsible to hit a cyclist from behind who was doing all the right things on what was meant to be an enjoyable summer afternoon.

It is imperative that we all behave responsibly as drivers, be courteous and "Share the Road." Is that too much to ask? It just might save the life of your friend or neighbor.

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From page 1 ... A flash on wheels

According to Bethlehem Police Supervisor's Association President Stephen Kraz, there was one car traveling westbound down Delaware Avenue, while another car traveled eastbound. A group of kids on bikes were riding along the Roweland Avenue side of Delaware, headed eastbound. The car traveling eastbound tried to make a left onto Roweland. Kraz said the driver saw the kids out of the corner of his eye, and attempted to make the intersection before the group of kids got there.

"I don't know if the driver wasn't paying attention to the car coming westbound, but those two cars collided, and that caused the car turning left to enter a flip," said Kraz. "Rylan Gaffney saw what was unfolding, had to jump off his bike because the car that was flipping was headed right towards him, and the car actually came to rest on top on his bicycle, destroying it."

Amy Gaffney said she was back at home with her husband, when Rylan ran

back to tell his parents what had just happened. After realizing what happened, Rylan and his father walked back to the scene of the crash to speak with the police.

"We were in disbelief and shock," said Gaffney. "But obviously, then reality sets in and he was fine."

Kraz said he was on the scene of the crash on May 22, and immediately after seeing the damages and meeting Rylan, he wanted to do something for him. His first thought was to help get him a new bike, since Rylan's dad said he just picked the bike up from getting repaired at Mad Dog Bicycles before the accident.

"We were in shock of how alert and aware a kid this age could be," said Kraz. "We're pretty amazed at his attention to what was unfolding before him, and I'm at a loss of words to describe how much admiration I have for him."

To repay Rylan, both of the town's police unions and Mad Dog Bicycles split the cost of a new bike. It was given to him

to weeks ago, and was followed up by a short event at Mad Dog on Friday, June 26.

Rylan said it was exciting to get a new, bigger bike, since most of his plans this summer involve needing a bike for transportation. "I usually take it to my friend's house," he said.

Part of the event was to highlight the town's efforts in promoting bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Oliver "Skip" Holmes, president of the Mohawk Hudson Cycling Club and a member of the town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, said another accident happened last week. Three cyclists were riding on the shoulder of state Route 144 on Thursday, June 25, when one was hit from behind and sustained serious injuries.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has started a new initiative based on the signs warning drivers to watch out for motorcycles. The group had 100 signs printed from donation money, warning drivers to watch for bicycles and pedestrians. In about two weeks, most of the signs are gone. There are still about 20 signs left, and the committee is looking for residents who

would be willing to place one on their lawn as a community service.

The initiative is spreading throughout Albany County, and the plans calls for more signs to be printed in the coming weeks.

"It's about getting drivers to pay awareness to what's going on," said Holmes.

"Take that extra second or two when you're passing a cyclist. It's going to save somebody's life, and that's what we're trying to do in town with these signs."

Kraz agreed, adding more residents will be outside now that summer is here. The goal is to spread the word and cut

down on injuries. "Rylan's lucky to be alive," he said.

"I think the moral of the story is his observation and the driver's observation," said Amy Gaffney. "He's 11 years old, and we all say kids don't pay attention, but they really do. And that's what's important."



Ryan Gaffney, and his mother Amy, are engaged in conversation at Mad Dog Bicycles, where Ryan was gifted a new bike to replace the one lost in a two-car accident from which he barely escaped. He and a friend were riding their bikes to fetch ice cream when the accident occurred in front of them. Gaffney and his friend escaped harm, but not his bike.



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