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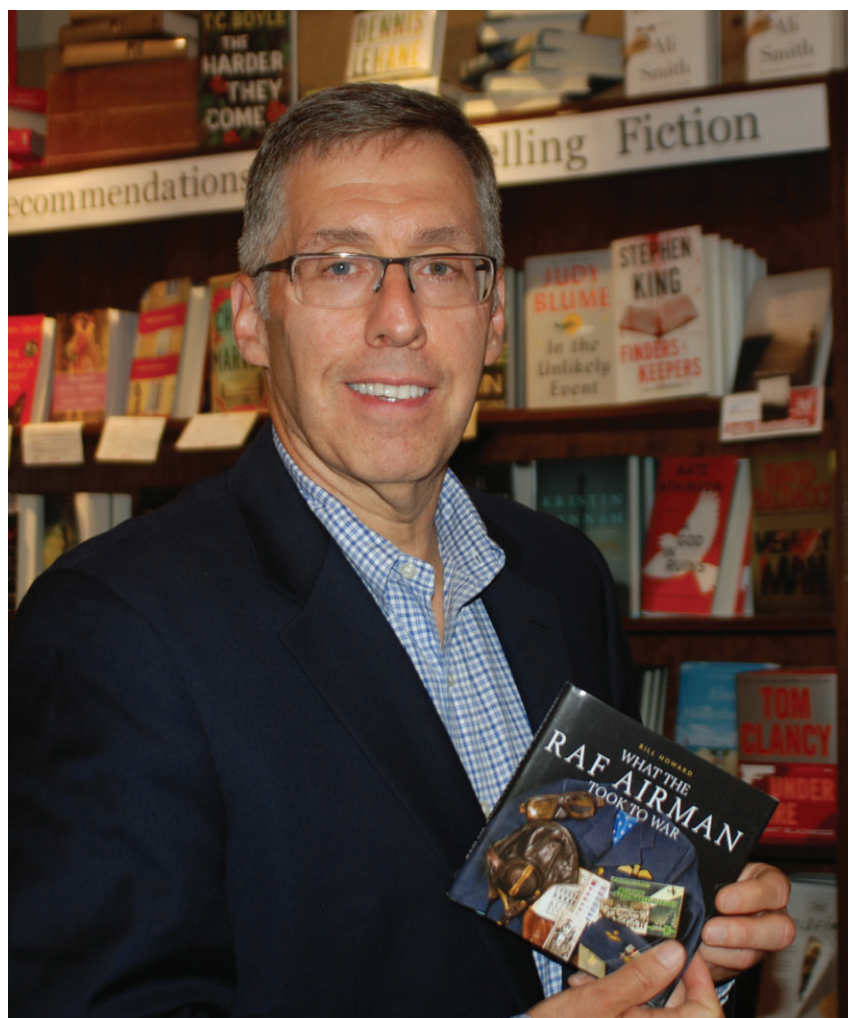
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TOP STORY



Bill Howard pays tribute to the men of the British Royal Air Force as they fought in World War II. His personal collection of wartime artifacts help tell these stories in his book "What the RAF Airman Took to War." Each trinket tells a larger story within a time span in history that shaped the world as we know it today.

Photos by Tricia Cremo/Spotlight

Trinkets of a story

Local Author Bill Howard releases new book "What the RAF Airman Took to War"

By TRICIA CREMO

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BETHLEHEM — Superstitious luck charms, parachutes, helmets, and goggles: these are the objects that local author and historian Bill Howard used to chronicle the stories of British Royal Air Force (RAF) pilots during WWII for his latest novel "What the RAF Airman Took to War." With photographs and essays, Howard uses the things these men carried to war to form a historical narrative of their struggles and victories.

"In this book I didn't just want to just tell the story of the battle. I wanted to take these larger than life personas and take them back to who they were as people. I thought the best way to do that was to use the artifacts that remain — the things that they touched — the things that they used."

As Howard described at his book signing at The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza on Thursday, June 25, these British pilots were revered almost as the knights of old. So few of these elite pilots existed, and their role was so vital to the war effort they were known as "the few" after the famous Winston Churchill quote, "Never was so much owed by so many to so few," taken from the speech he gave following the Battle of Britain. RAF victory in that battle, the first major battle to be fought entirely by air forces, is considered by most historians to be the turning point of the war.

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Look who's 50

Villa Italia celebrates their golden anniversary this year. And as the years go by, things just keep getting sweeter for the Mallozzi Group.

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Bethlehem's Nine took it to the New York Mutuels in a vintage base ball game this past weekend.

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■ COMMUNITY

Taking in a breath of fresh air

Fresh Air Fund buses NYC children to spend time with Capital District families

By **EMILY DREW**
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CAPITAL DISTRICT
— Most of the families

waiting at Christ Our Light Catholic Church for the Fresh Air Fund bus knew the routine, having already hosted children from the southern end of New York, but others were new.

"This is our first year hosting," said Melissa Faustel of Slingerlands. She waited with her 7-year-old niece for Grace,

a New York City child the same age as Faustel's niece. They held a handmade sign welcoming Grace and a large balloon with Disney princesses.

"I had never heard of the program before. I saw a sign while I was out and asked about it. And I thought, isn't that the coolest program ever?" Faustel said.

Faustel's was one of several families waiting for the Loudonville-bound bus that departed from New York City Monday morning, June 29. Over a dozen children from the five city boroughs, aged 6 to 18, will spend from one to two weeks with the Capital District families through the Fresh Air Fund.

The non-for-profit organization provides free bus trips to children from low-income families from New York City, so children can spend parts of their summers outside of the urban landscape in a suburban or rural environment.

Families hailed from Schenectady, Bethlehem, Colonie, Ballston Spa and East Greenbush. The plan, many said, was just to make sure the children got to spend as much time outside as possible. Since the trip came just in time for Independence Day, plans included family barbecues and picnics.

Faustel said that after Grace got off the bus, they would head to The Crossings of Colonie. Later in the week, she scheduled a pony ride for Grace and her niece. In between, the two would swim and play in the backyard.

Lynne Cuva, of Colonie, whose family was hosting 15-year-old Tatayana, planned trips to the Great Escape and Schroon Lake, along with bike riding and trips to the park.

"Just things that she would never have the opportunity to do at home," said Cuva. They would also be going to get their nails done. Tatayana has stayed with the Cuvas for four years, but the family has been hosting

for nearly twelve.

"Our first child aged out," said Cuva, who had been hosting a now-22-year-old college graduate. "We decided back after 9/11 that our family needed to do something to help people in need. We started looking around. How could we help a child? We came upon the Fresh Air Fund and have been doing it ever since."

Laura Vazquetelles of Bethlehem had a similar story. Dominic Canesh first stayed with her family when he was 10 years old and still does five years later.

"Ours is the one coming up with a big full beard," said Vazquetelles, who waited with a video camera, her twin daughters and her son. She began to tear up when a Fresh Air Fund chairperson announced the bus was only minutes away.

She said her family

participated in the program when she was a child, and she and her husband hosted before taking a break to have kids of their own. They started hosting again once their kids were old enough.

"We taught him how to ride a bike," said Vazquetelles, reminiscing about Canesh's stay with them. She said they usually take Canesh biking, hiking and camping. And, like true older brothers, he and Vazquetelles's son Andrew tease her twin daughters, she said.

Also like family, Vazquetelles said she speaks to Canesh and his mother regularly about academics. "I talk to his mom about how school is going. That's contingent. He has to keep his grades up," she said.

For information about the Fresh Air Fund or to donate, go to www.freshair.org.



TOP: Laura Vazquetelles of Bethlehem welcomes 15-year-old Queens native Dominic Canesh, who has been staying with her family since he was 10.

LEFT: The children of the Cuva family of Colonie with 15-year-old Tatayana.

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■ FEATURE

Local mom is Ms. American Beauty

Rookie pageant contestant wins national title

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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GUILDERLAND

— As a first time beauty pageant contestant, Erin Ford of Guilderland is now the latest crowned winner of the Ms. American Beauty Pageant.

After winning the Ms. New York Beauty preliminaries in October, Ford became winner of her division at the Orlando finals on Friday, June 26. She was the only beginner in the competition.

Ford decided to enter the competition after the birth of her son Max, an event that inspired her to start crossing items off her bucket list.

“When I found out that I was having child at 30, I felt like I’ve accomplished so much already, but what else do I want to accomplish?” said Ford.

“I remember watching the Miss America pageant as a kid with Mom. Pageants were something on my bucket list so I said, ‘Let me do it now!’ At least then I can say that I tried it and went for it. I wasn’t expecting to win.”

But Ford did win the competition, and in doing so, she has inspired women from across the region to take risks and try new things at any stage in life. It’s an amazing feat when you consider the fact that

the contagious message of risk-taking she has spread across the region was all started by a single woman who competed in one pageant.

“I’ve had a lot of people come up to me – young and old – people who you wouldn’t think would be interested in pageants, and they tell me that I’ve inspired them to do something new. I had no idea that [my competing] would have this kind of impact,” said Ford.

Though Ford expressed surprise at her win and her newfound celebrity, her win comes as no surprise to those who speak with her, as she is able to navigate even the most difficult question with ease – a skill that no doubt helped Ford during the interview portion of the competition.

When asked what she thought about the effect that pageants have on young girls, Ford explained, “There are a lot of misconceptions with pageants ... But the essence of a pageant is presenting best of yourself — a presentation of being a woman, of someone people can look up to.”

Ford attributes her success largely to her performance during the interview and says she chose to compete in the American Beauty pageant for the emphasis it puts on the interview portion rather than on to the beauty portions. Forty percent of competitors scores came from their interview, where contestants were asked everything from

their opinions on politics, health care, and war to love and marriage. The swimwear and evening gown competitions in the pageant accounted for 30 percent each.

Now that Ford has won the crown, she plans on using her position to do some good for the community. During her reign as Ms. New York Beauty, Ford coordinated a charity fashion show, which benefitted the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Make a Wish Foundation. The March event was held at The Venue in Cohoes, a place she has also chosen for her upcoming wedding in October.

Next, as part of her platform focusing on women and children’s issues, she plans to work with the charity organization Dress for Success this summer. The organization helps disadvantaged women find a career by giving them the skills, attire and confidence they need to succeed.

Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Jeffrion Aubry, Majority Leader Joseph D. Morelle and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara of the New York State Assembly recently thanked Ford for her service to the community on June 9.

“I’m proud to represent the capital region and especially Guilderland, and I’m looking forward to working in the community,” said Ford.



Erin Ford, 32, of Guilderland, was crowned the winner of the Ms. American Beauty Pageant in June. She was later recognized for her success by the New York State Assembly.

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COMMUNITY

Bennett family legacy lives on

Family business marks 100th anniversary

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BETHLEHEM — The Bennett name has long been woven into the fabric of both the Albany and Delmar communities through the years.

Bennett Contracting, Inc. established a home in the storied section of Albany's South End. Signage to the store has cast a shadow upon the back entrance of the old Doane Stuart School ever since Gregory Jackson moved the business to South Pearl Street more than 30 years ago. In the following years, the company has flourished along with a city rejuvenated by economic growth. Some of which coming from

real estate investors looking to preserve the architecture of Victorian Age brownstones peppered throughout Downtown Albany.

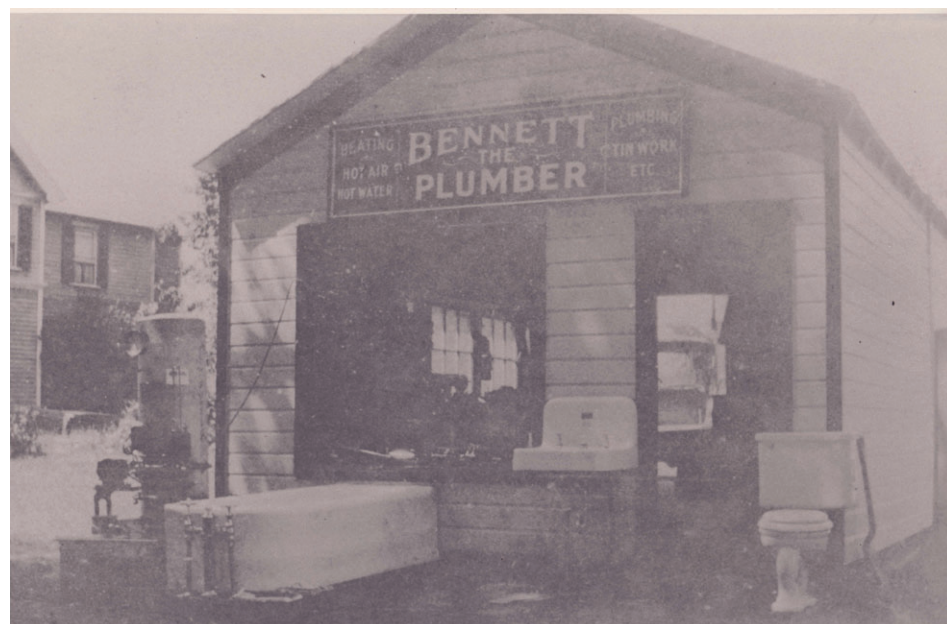
Venture a few miles south towards the Town of Bethlehem, the Bennett family's place in area history becomes more apparent than the handy work left behind in those bathrooms and kitchens.

"My ancestor got off the boat in 1647 and he was an indentured servant to Van Rensselaer," said Jackson, whose mother was born a Bennett. "A lot of what Delmar is now, was all once a family farm."

Now, a different legacy is celebrated as 2015 marks the 100th year since Dan "D.A." Bennett started the family plumbing and heating business out of a rented garage just off Four Corners, in the center of Delmar. To this day, it's not uncommon for

a home in Old Delmar to still possess a service reminder for D.A. Bennett plumbing and heating, though Jackson and his business partner Paul Gutman sold that branch of the business three decades ago. In 1915, however, the family patriarch moved on from being a railroad steamfitter to embrace the new technology of the time.

"My grandfather was a very interesting guy," said Jackson. "He and a bunch of business men [also] started a bank." The purpose of which, outside the obvious business plan of providing mortgages and loans to would be homeowners in the community, was to create a steady stream of customers in need of a plumber. The Bank of Delmar was erected on Delaware Avenue, now occupied by TD Bank — also next door to where D.A. Bennett conducted



Bennett Contracting had its humble beginnings in a rented out garage off of Delmar's Four Corners a century ago. Many a home in Delmar and farther still show evidence of D.A. Bennett's work on their home's plumbing. Today, the Bennett family business has a home base in Albany, just north of the old Kenwood neighborhood.

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business, presently occupied by *SpotlightNews*.

"One of the things that continues to amaze me is how often people call

upon D.A. Bennett as the service expert for heating and plumbing, though it was sold off 30 years ago," said Jackson, who got

involved in the business straight out of college in 1976, at the height of the Energy Crisis. The insulation business was born, and less than ten years later, the business model evolved to a full-service home remodeling firm. Bennett Contracting has since expanded their services to include windows, siding, kitchens and baths. "I have friends who still ask me about D.A. Bennett."

As he has from the start, Jackson looks at consumer trends and sees one that hits close to home for the 61-year-old. Customers, particularly Baby Boomers, are remodeling their homes to make it easier as they age, replacing doorknobs with levers, adding seats to showers, and lowering kitchen cabinets. For the patriarch of a business employing 60 people, with 60 families dependent upon its success, Jackson finds himself thinking about preparing for the future.

"Somewhere in the next ten years, I will not work here anymore," said Jackson. "It's important to me for the business to continue... To accomplish that, I have a partner, and his children will be the fourth-generation of the Bennett family business."

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GOVERNMENT

Town accepts AED donations

New automated defibrillators given throughout town

By TRICIA CREMO
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BETHLEHEM — Eight automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), each costing about \$1,500, have been donated to the Town of Bethlehem

The town began campaigning to have the

defibrillators donated in August of last year. At the time of their request, two AEDs were being rotated between the town hall, the town park pool, the park's maintenance shed and its sports fields, and the remaining defibrillators were about to expire in January.

With these donations, the town now has a total of ten AEDs. One remains at the town hall year-round, and one is housed in both the park's maintenance and sports sheds. The Police

Department has four defibrillators that rotate between police vehicles so that there is a device in every in-service vehicle at all times. Two additional town AEDs were replaced with money from the town's budget.

"It's great to see so many of the town's AEDs come from donations. Eight out of ten is a lot," said Deputy Controller Richard Webster.

The Town Hall's new AED was donated by

Bryant Asset Protection insurance and investment agency. The four police department devices were donated through a grant from CSX Corporation that was facilitated by the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association and Supervisor's Union. The three AED donations to the town park were made through the Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation group, with two donations made anonymously and the third donated by the Albany law

firm Brown and Weinraub.

"Obviously with newer technology it's always better to get new stuff," said Steven Kraz, president of the Bethlehem Police Supervisor's Association. And when the technology behind these devices makes it possible to save lives thousands of lives around the world every year, keeping these devices working is crucial.

Defibrillators are currently the only effective treatment for sudden

cardiac arrest. According to the American Red Cross, for every minute that use of a defibrillator is delayed, the chances for survival are reduced by 10 percent. The devices are required by New York State law to be in places of public gathering, and are required to be replaced regularly. The lifespan for a properly functioning AED is about ten years.

All of the new AEDs that were donated are currently being used and in service around town.

COMMUNITY

Continuing a legacy of summer fun

Huck Finn's grand opening, announces initiatives to help Albany teens and youth

By EMILY DREW
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ALBANY COUNTY — Huck Finn's Playland marked its grand opening with a train ride and a vow to help the Albany community and its younger residents.

The park celebrated its grand opening Wednesday, July 1, with not only a vow to help the growing economy in Albany, but to also give jobs to the city's

youth. As well, Huck Finn's donated the proceeds from its Hoffman's Playland memorial brick sales to local charities benefiting youth programs.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region and the City of Albany Police Athletic League will both see proceeds from the brick sales, which have been laid just inside of the Playland's fence. The bricks are carved with messages of Hoffman's memories, memorials for loved ones and family names.

"Nine months ago, we stood in front of a group like this and promised that the Playland would be saved," said Huck Finn's Warehouse and More President and CEO Jeff Sperber

Wednesday afternoon.

"Today, we are here to say welcome to Huck Finn's Playland."

Sperber recalled first proposing the idea to help keep the Hoffman's Playland rides in the area to his brother and business partner, Reid.

Sperber wasn't sure how his brother would react to the idea, but when Reid agreed helping save the Playland was a good idea, "that was the day that I knew this was going to happen," said Sperber.

The effort to buy the Hoffman's rides, which held over 60 years of local memories, was a \$2 million investment. Local organizations and businesses covered \$650,000 of that cost in grants.

Once the project got underway, it took most of the winter for crews to transport the amusement park rides from the Latham-based Hoffman's property to the land just beside Huck Finn's Warehouse on Erie Boulevard in the City of Albany.

Those crews were still working to get Playland rides up and ready for businesses just a week before the soft opening Wednesday, June 17. Even so, the day was attended by hundreds of young kids and parents alike, ready to ride the Iron Horse Train and take a spin on the Ferris wheel once more.

The kids enjoying the rides were not the only familiar sight at Huck Finn's. On top of the park rides, Hoffman's was also

known for giving thousands of local teenagers their first summer jobs in its 60 years of operation. Some of those teens, like David and Ruth Hoffman themselves, met future spouses at the park.

Huck Finn's Playland is looking to keep that tradition going as Sperber announced the park would participate in the City of Albany's Summer Youth Employment Program.

"I got my start working in an amusement park, standing out in the hot sun, selling little goodies, and you know, it was a great opportunity," said Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan. "This is a great opportunity for the young people in the City of Albany."

Since Huck Finn's Warehouse is a significantly

closer location than Latham, Sheehan said more teens will be able to look to the park for summer jobs. More than 130 jobs will come from the Playland with more than 50 going to city teens each summer.

In lieu of a ribbon cutting ceremony, Sperber and Sheehan took a ride around the park in the iconic train that so many Capital District residents remember from their childhoods.

"It took a lot of good, hardworking, dedicated people to make this dream come true. We've been working on it for almost a year. We basically started something that took 60 years to build and recreated it," said Sperber. "Let me be the first to say, from the bottom of my heart, thank you."

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■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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.

NSHA seeks marker nominations

NEW SCOTLAND — The New Scotland Historical Association is accepting suggestions and nominations of historical sites within the town that may be worthy of a historical marker.

After a site is nominated for historic recognition, its qualifications will be reviewed by the NSHA's officers, trustees and committee chairs. Primary resources validating a location's history will be assessed, along with all other evidence supporting historical marker assignment.

To nominate a site, please call the NSHA's Historic Sites Committee Chairperson Timothy Albright at 765-2396, or send information to the NSHA, PO Box 541, Voorheesville 12186 or email newscotlandhistoriccassoc@gmail.com. All information should arrive no later than July 31.

Wading for fish at Thompson's Lake

VOORHEESVILLE — The Thacher Nature Center is hosting the Thompson's Lake Fish Wade Saturday, July 11, at 1 p.m.

Learn about what is swimming in the lake with ecologist Dr. Doug Fraser. Participants will use seines and dip nets in shallow areas to capture, look at and discuss the ecology and behavior of fish in the lake. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet. There is a 20-person limit, and children under 12 years old may attend with a parent.



Tennis team wins in the classroom, too

The Guilderland boys tennis team — which won the Section 2 Class AA title for the third year in a row — received the Scholar Athlete team award from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. This is the third time in the last four years Guilderland has won the award, which is given to the team in a particular sport with the highest grade point average.

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Earlier in the day, the Thacher Nature Center and Friends of Thacher Park will be doing a highway cleanup in the park, beginning at 9 a.m. Participants should meet at the Hop Field picnic area.

For more information about these programs, call 872-0800.

Take the butterfly census at Five Rivers

BETHLEHEM — The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, offers two guided programs on Saturday, July 11.

At 10 a.m., there is a guided walk along the 2-mile long North Loop Trail. And at 2 p.m., families are invited to participate in the annual Five Rivers Butterfly Census. Participants will gently catch, identify and release specimens unharmed. Nets are welcome, and parents and children must accompany each other.

For more information, call 475-0291.

N.S. Presbyterian Church sets schedule

NEW SCOTLAND — The Presbyterian Church in New

Scotland is having worship services this summer at 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship July 12 and Aug. 16, 23 and 30.

July 18 and 26 joint worship services take place at the Presbyterian Church. Aug. 2 and 9 joint worship services take place at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

There will also be a Giffy's BBQ at 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 & butter, beverages and homemade cookies for dessert. The cost for the dinner is \$10 presale and \$11 the day of the event.

To guarantee your dinner, preorder by calling the church office at 439-6454.

Lupus support group meets July 9

ALBANY — The Lupus Alliance of Upstate New York has a Lupus Support Group that will meet Thursday, July 9, from 6-7:30 p.m., in the conference room at The Center for

Rheumatology, 1367 Washington Ave.

The support group will provide attendees with an opportunity to discuss issues about coping with Lupus and other aspects of dealing with a chronic illness. Family and friends of those affected by Lupus are also welcome.

For more information, call the Lupus Alliance of Upstate New York at 800-300-4198 or email info@lupusupstateny.org.

Volunteer with Community Caregivers

ALBANY — Here is a chance 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: Thursday, July 23, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 4, at noon; and Monday, Aug. 17, at 5:30 p.m. All orientations are located at 2021 Western Ave.

For more information, contact the office at 456-2898 or email volunteer@communitycaregiver.org.

Picturing nature in the Pine Bush

COLONIE — The Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center offers a program called "Picturing Nature: A Practical Guide to Nature Photography" on Sunday, July 12, from 1-4 p.m.

Suitable for all levels of photographers with a variety of equipment, this program covers the basic elements of nature photography including light, composition, and focus. Center staff will discuss how these elements apply to close-ups, landscapes and wildlife photography. Also included is discussion of simple editing and where to photograph nature in Upstate New York.

There will be a two-hour workshop, followed by a one-hour hike around Pine Bush to practice the skills being taught. Participants are asked to bring a camera, from a cellphone camera to a digital SLR.

The program is suitable for people ages 10 and older. There is a special program fee of \$10 per person.

For more information, visit www.albanypinebush.org.

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Tree time

Our friends from Five Rivers will be swinging by on Friday, July 10, to talk about all the ways trees come to our rescue every day. The "Generous Giants" presentation turns the spotlight on these silent, towering heroes with a reading of Shel Silverstein's "The Giving Tree" and



a fun craft for kids and families. The program starts at 10 a.m.

More music on the Green

On Wednesday, July 15, well-known local performer Skip Parsons will bring the high energy sounds of Dixieland jazz to the library for the third concert in the 2015 Evenings on the Green series. Parsons and his Clarinet Marmalade Quintet will be holding a "licorice stick summit" featuring Parsons on reeds, Rennie Crain on piano, Dick Waldburger on bass, Tim Coakley on drums, and Ron Joseph on clarinet. You won't want to miss the evening's exciting clarinet duets.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair. The event will move indoors if it rains.

Summer hours reminder

During the summer, the library will be

closed on Sundays, with regular Sunday hours resuming Sept. 13. You can access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at www.bethlehempublib.org.

Board of Trustees to meet

The Bethlehem Library Board of Trustees meets Monday, July 13, at 6 p.m. The board will be swearing in two new trustees — Lisa Scoons and Brian Sweeney — and assigning officers. As always, the public is encouraged to attend.

Upcoming events

Friday, July 10

Tai Chi on the Green

Meet on the Green for some Tai Chi and Qi Gong practice. No prior experience is necessary and all ages and abilities are welcome. Will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. 9:15 a.m.

Friday, July 10

Summer Cinema

Bring a blanket or pillow; popcorn provided. Call 439-9314 for details.

Kids and families. 2:30 p.m.

Monday, July 13

Tiny Tots Summer Storytime

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children up to age 35 months with caregiver. 9:30 a.m.

Monday, July 13

On My Own Summer Storytime

Stories, songs and fun for children age 3-6, while parents wait at our café tables. 10:30 a.m.

Monday, July 13

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.

Monday, July 13

Tabletop Gaming

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

— Kristen Roberts

See an Agatha Christie play

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.

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

Socialize and enjoy breakfast with other seniors at Tool's Restaurant on Delaware Avenue in Delmar on Wednesday, July 17, at 10 a.m.

Enjoy a summer day



Town of Bethlehem

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.

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

— Wilma DeLucco

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Super Summer Family Film

On Friday, July 10, at 3 p.m., GPL begins its Super Summer Family Film Fest by showing the sixth movie in the Big Hero series. This movie traces the special bond that develops between plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax and prodigy Hiro Hamada, who team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes. This 2014 movie is rated PG, and runs 102 minutes. Popcorn? Oh, yeah.

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A Morning of Bugs with WMHT

Kids are invited to join WMHT's Barbara Lukas for some "buggy fun" on Saturday, July 11, at 10:30 a.m. You'll hear some books about bugs, watch a DVD about the little crawly guys, create a buggy craft and receive a "Big Bugs" book to take home. Make sure you bring a parent or caregiver along, but please, no real bugs allowed.

Polar Bear Night Book Party

Kid's ages 3 to 7 years old — and a caregiver, of course — are invited to GPL on Monday, July 13, at 2 p.m., to hear one of the cutest books on the planet, "Polar Bear Night." You'll hear the book, do a

craft, have a special treat and get a free book to take home.

Here's a tease of what the book's about: One keen, clear night, a polar bear cub wakes inside her warm den. Something in the moonlit stillness quietly beckons. What is it? The little cub sets out for the snow and sky and sea and ice, and the moon follows ... Okay, how cute is that?

Hometown heroes

Kids, do you want to meet some of the amazing people and animals that live, work and serve in your community? Come to GPL on Tuesday, July 14, at 7 p.m., and meet a fighter pilot and check out his flight gear. (Unfortunately, the pilot cannot land on Western

Avenue, so he or she will have to leave the fighter aircraft behind.)

In other Hometown Hero events on Tuesdays at GPL, you'll meet a police officer and his K-9 partner, fire fighters, soldiers, a service dog and his owner and other community heroes.

Experiments with nanoscience

It's teeny, it's tiny, it's science and it's happening at GPL on Wednesday, July 15, at 1 p.m. "Experiments with Teeny Tiny SUPER Nanoscience" is an introduction to nanotechnology presented by the CNSE Children's Museum of Science & Technology.

You will explore the world of the amazingly small (but amazingly effective), and get to experiment with the unusual properties of nanoscale things. Join us

as we get really small and investigate the new trend in science that is really, really big.

How big is nanoscale? A nanometer is 1/1,000,000,000 of a meter. Can't wrap your mind around that? Try this: Your fingernails grow at the rate of about 1 nanometer per second.

Registration required; please call 456-2400, ext. 4, or go use the Events and Registration calendar at www.guilpl.org. For kids entering grades 5 through 8.

Heroes in space

Blast off from Cape GPL on Wednesday, July 15, at 2 p.m., and go on a visual journey through our amazing solar system while learning about some of the great heroes who made space history. Through enjoyable hands-on activities, you will learn about the relationship between Earth, the sun and the

rest of our solar system.

Registration required; please call 456-2400, ext. 4, or go use the Events and Registration calendar at www.guilpl.org. For kids entering grades 1 through 4.

Even Bigger Better Books Sale

We have to be candid: We don't know where all these great books, CDs, and DVDs are coming from, but you're the ones who will benefit when you come to the next Better Books Sale on Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The last sale was huge; this one's humongous.

Summer hours reminder

During July and August, GPL will be closed on Sundays, and will close at 6 p.m. on Fridays.

— Mark Curiale

Teen tech time

Middle and high school students can drop in on Friday, July 10 or 24, at 2 p.m., to make something high-tech or low-tech.

Use the Leap Motion to sculpt in mid-air, or create an object in Minecraft. Then, 3D print your creation. Explore applications like Twine and Animoto on our laptops, or use the sewing machines to work on a project.

Craft supplies will be available if you just want to

Voorheesville Public Library

tinker around with friends, too.

Preschool and Summertots in July

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

On Tuesday, July 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.

Both programs begin at 10:15 a.m.

— Lynn Kohler

Writers boot camp

Write a book in a week. The library's Writer's Boot Camp will meet for one hour a day for the week of July 20. At the end of the program, kids will have completed their story and see it in printed form or as an eBook. Ages 8 and up; registration required.

Book discussions

Noontime Books will discuss "I'll Give you the Sun" by Jandy Nelson on Wednesday, July 15.

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Last Tuesday Books will discuss "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald on July 28.

New members are always welcome, and copies of the books are available at the library.

Be heroic

Afternoons at the library

will be filled with epic activities for kids. Drop in at 3 p.m. each week on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and discover a new super power.

Tuesday, July 14: hang out with a firefighter.

Wednesday, July 15: be super-crafty making a beaded arm cuff.

Thursday, July 16: unearth and reassemble dinosaur bones.

— Carol Melewski



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■ **PICK OF THE WEEK**



Jeremy Kittle

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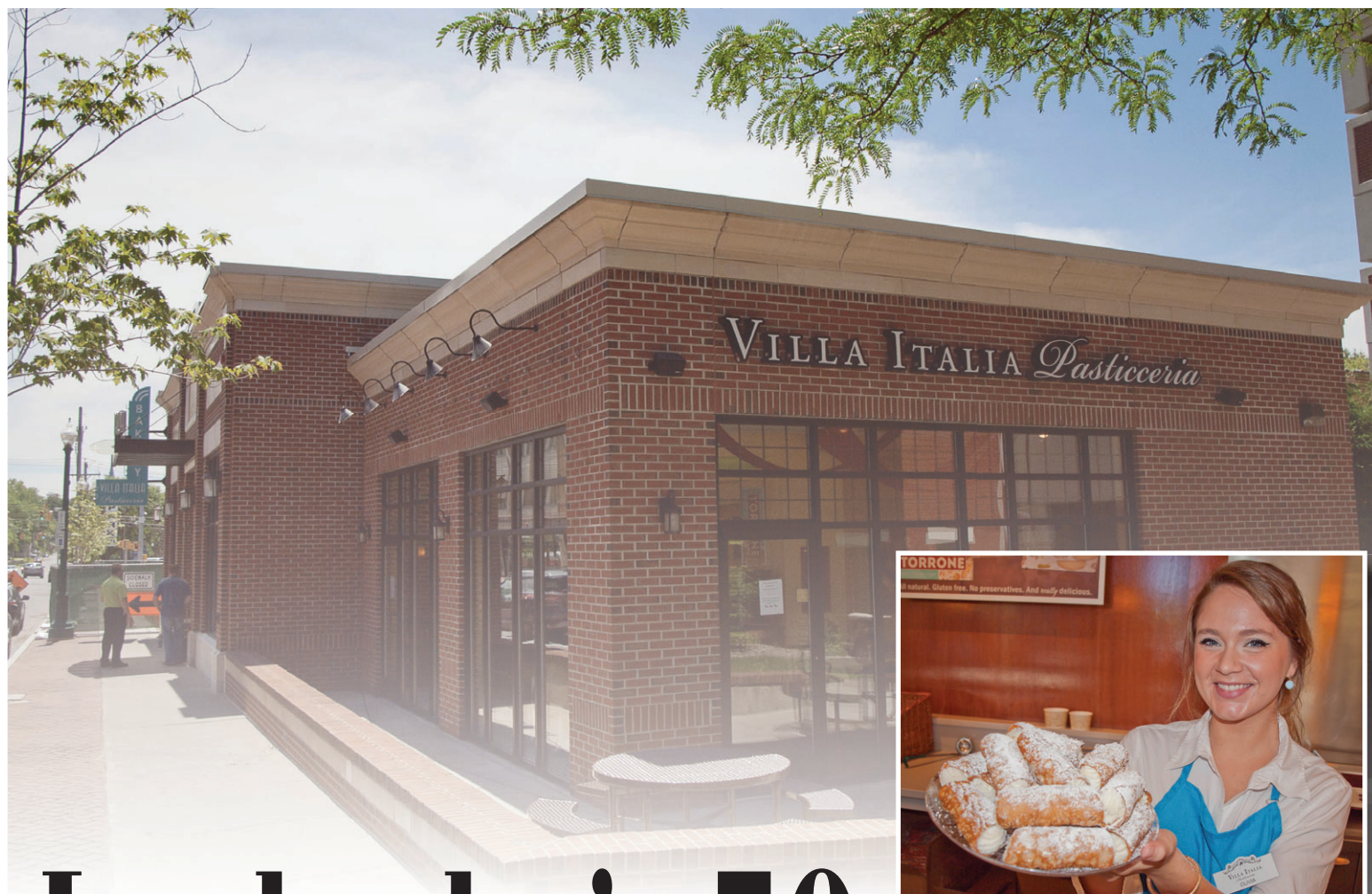
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■ **BUSINESS**



Look who's 50

The Mallozzi Group celebrates a Golden Anniversary

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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The Mallozzi family has stirred, baked and sprinkled their name onto and into the mix of the Schenectady community. Say “cannoli” while walking Main Street and chances are good the person next to you will say, “Villa Italia,” the family bakery — now known as Villa Italia Pasticceria — that is celebrating 50 years of business this year.

Three generations of this clan have made it their job to provide a taste of Italy to the local community, ever since Joseph Mallozzi purchased a pizzeria out of Rotterdam in 1965. “If the next generation wants to carry on with the business, I’m okay with that,” said Mallozzi Group co-owner Bobby Mallozzi. “And, if they don’t, I’m okay with that, too.”



Hard work, folded in with a pinch of luck, a lot of faith seems to be the right recipe for what has been the secret to Villa Italia’s longevity through the years. Now, the ol’ girl represents all that’s going right in the city of Schenectady, and the future is only getting sweeter for everyone involved.

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Hunter Hayes doesn't skip a beat as he steals a moment to take a selfie with adoring fans.

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Summer is the best time to go out and enjoy yourself, whether that be finding a place of solitude to read a book, or hanging out with friends and family.

Then, there are many of us who like to hit the big concerts that are scheduled throughout the summer. One of the defining moments of summer is hitting a concert at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, where you can sit on the lawn and take in the tunes of your favorite band. If you're fortunate enough to get close to the stage, you just may get the opportunity to have someone like Hunter Hayes snatch your phone and snap a "selfie" with you, him and a few hundred strangers who happen to be standing around you.

Even if you're not hitting the big show, and

you're just spending time in your backyard garden, playing Wiffle Ball with friends, or hanging out in the back of a boat on Lake George for the day, feel free to share your pictures with us. 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 — on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. If you do, your picture may appear on our pages here, like the one below.

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Some of our readers have taken to our official hashtag, and it's been a lot of fun for everyone involved. Feel free to join in.

— Michael Hallisey



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A little Dave on the Holiday

One of our own staffers took in a show at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center this past holiday weekend, as Dave Matthews Band took to the stage for a two-night set.

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■ ARTS

The Long Walk

Opera's world premier
in Saratoga on Friday

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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A contemporary American opera based off a critically acclaimed memoir from a first-time author, will have its world premiere.

Brian Castner, a former Air Force officer, served as commander of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit in the Iraqi War. His unit's responsibility focused on dismantling and disposing enemy explosives. When a "road-side bomb" was discovered, his unit was called in.

His 2012 book, "The Long Walk: A Story of War and the Life That Follows," is a piece he started writing while still battling with anxiety.

Castner's story had an immediate impact on Lawrence Edelson, artistic

and general director of Opera Saratoga.

"The piece really hits home for me, said Edelson, who first read the book in 2012. "My grandfather was in World War II. ... For me, war is very much far away — over there. This opera brings it home. It tells the story of how our servicemen and women come back home to a world that has changed in their eyes."

More than two years later, the book has now become an opera.

"We thought it was an important subject to engage head-on," said Edelson. How do our soldiers intergrate back into society once they return home, come back to work and are introduced to their children," he said. "It's a moving and beautiful piece."

"The Long Walk" is just another example of Edelson's efforts to bring American contemporary operas to his audiences. Fans of traditional opera will still enjoy it, while novices can

gain appreciation for the art without stumbling through language barriers. "I believe that every opera company is obligated to present a contemporary American Opera. It's powerful and moving at times. ... There are emotional scenes that happen in this opera, but it does end giving one a sense of hope."

Castner recalls the phone call from his literary agent, when he first learned about the idea. "He called to say he had a proposition [and said], 'but you have to promise not to laugh.'" The author said Edelson had pitched the idea to his agent. Through time, librettist Stephanie Fleischmann penned words to an opera composed by Jeremy Howard Beck. "I heard the music one evening last summer," said Castner, "and the next morning I was signing it in my head."

For tickets and information go to www.operasaratoga.org/the-long-walk.

MORE

Tunes in Troy

Troy is going to be nothing but music this weekend, as not one, not two, but three live music events will be happening across the Collar City. Troy's native son Vito Ciccarelli provides us with the details on who to go see, where to go see them, and what else to enjoy along the way.

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Get Up Jack CD

The boys formerly of Hair of the Dog will have a CD release performance at The Parting Glass in Saratoga. The 15-track, live CD was recorded on St. Patrick's Day at Revolution Hall in Troy and includes a load of favorite, traditional Irish folk songs.

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LIVE MUSIC

Kicking into high gear

Live music to be everywhere on Saturday

By VITO CICCARELLI
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TROY — The special events season will kick it up a notch this week, with the kick off of Troy Pig Out, Powers Park Concert Series, and another high energy local music showcase at Rockin on the River.

Rockin on the River has been drawing its largest crowds ever this season, with its combination of national touring tribute's, and top local entertainers. The ball keeps rolling on July 8, with two of the area's biggest names in local music, Blue Hand Luke, and Super 400 joining the party. Both groups have long been staples of the local scene. Blue Hand Luke features Mick Jagger reincarnate, Tommy Love on vocals,

with the enigmatic, well-traveled sax man, Luke McNamee leading the charge. Super 400 changed the face of the local music scene in the 90's, by bringing national attention, and recognition to the Collar City. This show will be held under the Green Island Bridge behind Ryan's Wake, beginning at 5 p.m.

Now in its eighth year, the annual Troy Pig Out on July 11th, will challenge barbeque masters from across the Northeast to duke it out for the top prize in the categories: Best Pulled Pork, Best BBQ Chicken, Best Pork Rib, Grand Champion, Mayors Choice and the Dinosaur BBQ People's Choice Pork Rib Contest. The event is an official Empire State competition, sanctioned by New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo. This year's edition will kick off at 10 a.m., on July 11, with the music beginning

at 11 a.m., offering a mixed bag of entertainment. Appearing will be John Pipino, Holly & Evan, the Matt Mirabile Band, Super 400, and Capital District favorite party band, The Refrigerators. For the tentative schedule of Pig Out events, visit downtowntroy.org

The Powers Park Concert Series will be entering its 12th season on July 11th. At its first show in 2004, the event drew 35 – 50 people. Last season, over a two week period, more than 4,000 music lovers filled the historic park. Dubbed, 'SPAC for the Burgh', the lawn chair concerts now attract people from as far away as Western Massachusetts, and Southern Vermont for select shows. The relaxed atmosphere of the gated, historic park offers music lovers a chance to kick back and enjoy a hot summer night, listening to some of the top entertainers in the Great Northeast. This year's schedule, as always, offers a journey across the borders of different musical genres.

Everything kicks off on July 11, with a tribute to the great Jimi Hendrix, performed by master guitarist, Jimi Graham. Funk 'n' Soul night comes to Powers Park on July 18 with The Getdown, making their first appearance at the park. Al Bruno returns to Powers for his 12th appearance at the series, headlining 'Oldies Night.' Bruno is the only performer to have played the series every year since

it began. The electric, Chris Dukes will headline, 'Indie Rock Night' on August 1. The area's #1 Classic Rock band, Emerald City makes their fourth appearance on August 8, featuring the unmatched, three guitar tandem of Joe Mele, David Costa, and Gary Tash. Horn bands seem to come and go in this area, but for the past 22 years, the undisputed king of party bands — The Refrigerators have kept it going strong. They make their fifth appearance at the series on August 15. Athena Christian & Lady Strange make their first stop at the concert series on August 22, for '80s and '90s Rock night. All of these shows begin at 6 p.m. Country Night comes back to the park on August 29, with Courtney Shayne Carl performing a tribute to the great Patsy Cline at 4 p.m., with Big Sky Country filling the bill at 6 p.m.

Adding to the allure of the series, a weekly 50/50 raffle is held to benefit local not-for-profits. There are no pets allowed at the event, but coolers are. Festival food's and non-alcoholic beverages are available at each show. So join us for all the fun and excitement each week through the summer at the Home of Uncle Sam. Enjoy Troy!

Vito Ciccarelli is Troy's Special Events Coordinator by day and WVCB radio disc jockey by night. He shares news on all the events happening at the home of Uncle Sam.

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LIVE MUSIC

Alive and still kickin' out tunes

Get Up Jack shows there is life after Hair of the Dog

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Lovers of live music are able to identify the appeal: It's the combination of musicianship, atmosphere, showmanship and crowd participation.

The Irish call it the *craic*.

For those fortunate enough to have watched Eamonn McGirr perform at his joint in Loudonville years ago, it was how the boisterous Irishman singing folk songs from his native land in a thick, handsome brogue. And, when he picked you out from the crowd to ask where you were from, God help you if you answered "England." At Eamonn's, the *craic* was magical.

"It has to be presented," said John Haggarty, "It can't be just waltzed through." The vocalist to Get Up Jack is your expert, this side of the veil, to entertaining a sizeable crowd while keeping tune to a good Irish number. With his own roots established on the western coast of the emerald isle, one would expect that he, too, possesses the gift for gab.

"I don't know. Sometimes I do," he said. "It may depend on the influence of Sir Arthur Guinness."

You can forgive the

stereotype of associating an Irishman with a good brew, when the stereotype puts your seat in a pub, in front of the stage on which Get Up Jack playing. You may recognize the name. Okay, it may be common enough for these parts, say as you can't swing a harp without hitting someone of Irish descent. But, this John Haggarty has played music for crowds in five different decades. He's popular enough to those who followed Hair of the Dog. He was a founding member.

"A couple of years ago, Mike (DeAngelis) and I realized we've been playing together for 40 years," said Haggarty. The two had been playing together since the Reagan administration, in a band known as The Porters. "So, we wanted to put something together to commemorate that."

Get Up Jack first started as a side project, taking a backseat to their work with Hair of the Dog. It was intended to be something of a homage their predecessors, The Dubliners, The Wolfe Tones, The Clancey Brothers and Tommy Makem -- traditional, Irish folk music. "They're the ones who brought the old folk songs to the states."

Hair of the Dog's popularity within the Capital District alone was undeniable. Local venues that advertised their shows were overshadowed in name recognition alone. As their names grew in popularity throughout



Get Up Jack is holding a CD-release party at The Parting Glass in Saratoga Springs on Saturday, July 11.

Photos submitted

the '90s, they played throughout the region at numerous heritage festivals, and later welcomed to play in Ireland.

With Haggarty, DeAngelis and Scott Apicelli more occupied with traditional folk songs, the progressive sound to Hair of the Dog started a divide. In 2014, the three parted ways. "It was hard," said Haggarty. "It's a band that's been like a family. The members of the band weren't co-workers. They had become family." Each

side parted ways like a fork in the road. Haggarty is happy to say Hair of the Dog continues to be successful, while Get Up Jack is starting to take flight. The troupe has a CD coming out, and will perform a CD-release show at The Parting Glass Pub in Saratoga Springs on Saturday, July 11.

The CD, called "Alive and Well, Vol. 1," is an apparent response to how things transpired over the past year. This six-piece band is a veniable

all-star team of local talent. Joining Haggarty, DeAngelis and Apicelli is Crick Diefendorf on guitar, who owns his own music studio and plays along Skip Parson's in his Riverboat Jazz Band. An Ominous Seapod is in the mix as well with Tom Pirozzi on bass. And, the "bon Vivant" rounding things out is Doug Johnson (also known as Harpo Jenkins) at ukulele and harmonica. Back on St. Patrick's Day of this year, the band played to a Revolution

Hall crowd in Troy. The playlist included 30 popular folk songs, which was ultimately whittled down to 15 to fit on the CD. The name of the CD also implies just how easily the band could release a second from that night.

"What most people call ballads, the Irish call up-beat," said Haggarty. "The [songs] we enjoy playing the most are the ones where we get the audience involved. ... Have them be part of the band."

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FASHION

Protection from the sun

Best way to prevent your skin from aging is to use sunscreen

By DENISE BENNETT
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School's out and the pool is open. You are basking in the sun with your favorite device and I am sure the first thing you thought of was your sun protection, right?

Bad girl if you didn't. I know it is repetitive and there is a certain truth to the sun's rays giving you the vitamin D you need, but let's face it, those UVA and UVB rays also age you. I can tell you I have religiously slathered my face, neck and decollete with spf 15 since I was twelve and I do not look 33. So where do we start with sun protection? Sunscreen of course.

There are two main types. Those that protect

you based on chemical means (think avobenzone) and those that are mineral based (think zinc oxide). There is great debate over which is better and whether the chemical category does more harm than good. I will let you do the research and choose for yourself.

I use a product with avobenzone, but that is my preference. I layer my daily moisturizer with sunscreen followed by my coveted BB (beauty balm) cream. Both contain spf 15. I have found anything greater than spf 15 makes me greasy and I can't do that to my skin. I have also heard anything greater than spf 15 really only protects you minimally more. But again, find what works for you with trial and error. Beauty stores as well as other retailers will often allow you to return tried products that don't work for you. Just keep your receipts!

An important side

note here and mind the tangent: If you are going to have your photos done and there will be a lot of flash photography, sunscreen products with zinc oxide will sometimes ghost out your skin where the zinc oxide is leaving a whitish cast or bleach out your face.

With any type of sunscreen, it is important to remember you will have to reapply if you are perspiring or getting wet. Even waterproof formulas won't stay all day if you are in and out of the water and toweling off. Reapplication as directed by the bottle is important. If you don't want to put a liquid formula on your face after you've set your face with powder, find a powder containing spf to do the job for you.

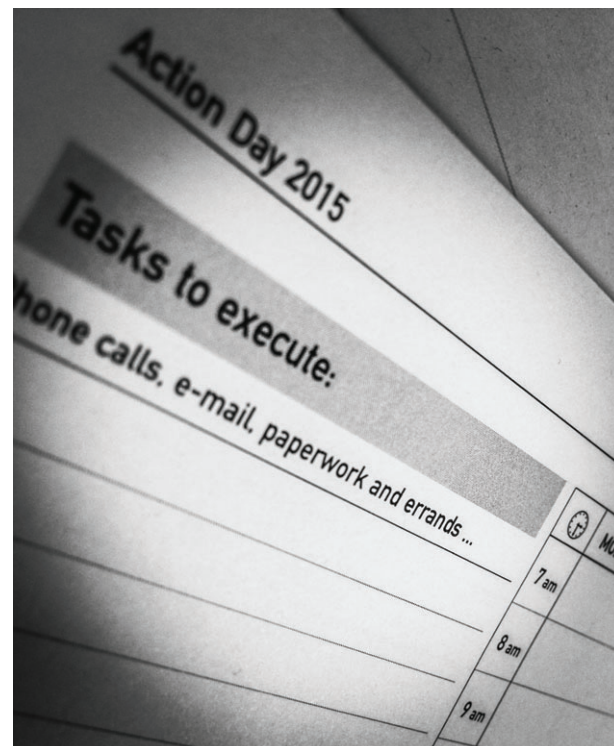
My other way to ensure the rays stay away is with a hat. I like wide brims for all day in the sun as well as for running errands. There are a lot

of us divas out there that have professionally colored hair. We all spend hard earned money on getting it colored; the last thing we want is for the sun to lighten it. In addition to the wide brim covering all of your face and hair, it also shields the back of your neck. Don't forget the neck and chest are susceptible to aging as well.

If wide brims are just not your style and you prefer a little tomboy chic to your daily attire, find a good old fashioned baseball hat. Now mind you, it won't cover the back of your neck and all of your hair, but it does a good job of covering your face. I have a couple of baseball hats I implore based on what I am doing and the look I am going for. My husband had a hat made for himself that just might be my latest fashion accessory as it is

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FITNESS



Plan for success

Weight loss is planned, not wished

By DAN ROMAND
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It probably wouldn't be a surprise to know the majority of people who start exercising do so because they want to lose weight. While that is a great reason to begin an exercise program, more often than not it leads to people getting frustrated, and quitting.

When you first start out it's very common to easily lose the pounds, but when that plateau hits, and it will, your frustration can just as quickly cause you to give up. That's why I don't use the scale as my motivator and why I have my clients set goals that don't involve a number on a piece of plastic or metal.

So what kind of goals should you set?

With my clients, one thing I like to set is performance goals. For example, if someone is a runner we set the goal to improve their 5k time. Not a runner but wants to be? Well then, maybe we set the goal to finish their first 5k. Other goals we've set include doing your first pull up, deadlifting your bodyweight, or in one case, being able to complete a two-day breast cancer charity walk.

This is how my wife and I keep ourselves motivated too. We sign up for events knowing we'll have to train to be able to accomplish them. (The side bonus, it

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■ CULINARY ARTS

Food & Wine

Asparagus Risotto with Prosciutto

By **ANN LINDA CIOTOLI**

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Ingredients: (Serves 2)

4 thin slices of Prosciutto
3 cups of Chicken Broth
12 Asparagus spears cut diagonally into 1-inch pieces
2 Tbs. of butter, divided
1 shallot, finely chopped
3/4 cup Arborio rice
3/4 cup Champagne
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. fresh ground black pepper

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Place the slices of prosciutto on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake until the prosciutto slices are almost completely crisp, 6-8 minutes. They will crisp even more as they cool. Reserve for garnish.

In a medium saucepan, bring chicken stock to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer. Blanch the asparagus in the stock for 2 minutes. Remove the asparagus with a slotted spoon. Set the asparagus aside and keep the stock at a low simmer.

In another saucepan, melt 1 Tbs. of the butter. Add shallot and cook until tender, about 3 minutes. Add Arborio rice, and stir to coat in the butter. Continue toasting the rice, stirring constantly, for about 3 minutes more. Add the Champagne, and stir until the liquid has almost evaporated, about 3 minutes. Add 1/2 cup of the chicken broth and stir until almost completely absorbed, about 2 minutes. Continue cooking the rice, adding the broth 1/2 cup at a time, stirring constantly, and allow each addition of the broth to absorb before adding the next, until the rice is tender, but still firm to the bite, and the mixture is creamy — about 20 minutes total. Remove from the heat. Gently stir in the asparagus, remaining butter, parmesan, salt and pepper. Spoon the risotto into serving dishes and garnish by breaking crisp prosciutto into small pieces over the top of the risotto. Sprinkle with more parmesan (optional). Serve immediately.

Pairing:

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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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ARTS CALENDAR

THEATER

Clever Little Lies

Regional premiere of Joe DiPietro's play. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham. July 10 through Aug. 1. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

Hairspray

Musical based on John Waters' movie about teens in 1960s Baltimore. Presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 New York Route 203, Chatham, July 8-12 and 15-19. Shows: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; 4 p.m. Saturdays; and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: adults \$33-\$34 evenings, \$31 matinees; children under 12 \$14. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

I Know I Came in Here for Something

Original musical comedy about four people navigating through middle age. Presented by Mac-Haydn Theatre, 1925 New York Route 203, Chatham, July 13.



1960s Baltimore comes to life

The Mac-Haydn Theatre's production of "Hairspray" — a musical comedy based on the movie of the same name — continues into its second week. For information, call 392-9292.

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Shows: 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

p.m. Information: 434-0776 or www.parkplayhouse.com.

noon, Empire State Plaza outdoor concourse (next to The Egg), Albany. Free. Information: 473-1845.

Singin' in the Rain

Classic Broadway musical and movie comes to Albany. Presented by Park Playhouse, through July 25, Washington Park. Shows: Tuesday through Sunday, 7:30

MUSIC

Jeremy Kittle Band

Clasical, Celtic and jazz band performs at Made in the Shade of the Egg concert series. July 8,

Super 400

Bluesy power trio, with Blue Hand Luke. July 8, 5 p.m., Along the Riverfront, downtown Troy. Free. Information: 279-7997 or www.downtowntroy.org.

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.

Bopitude

Performing as part of the Jazz on Jay concert series. July 9, noon, Jay Street Arcade, Schenectady. Free. Also performing as part of the Made in the Shade of the Egg concert series, July 15, noon.

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

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■ ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)

Yonder Mountain String Band

Adventurous bluegrass band, with opening act The Blind Owl Band. Performing as part of the Alive at Five concert series, July 9, 5 p.m., Jerry Jennings Landing, Riverfront Park, Albany. Free. Information: 434-2032 or www.albanyevents.org.

Georgie Wonders Orchestra

Capital District big band plays as part of Vellano Corporation Summer Concert Series. July 9, 6:30 p.m., The Crossings, 580 Albany-Shaker Road, Colonie. Information: 456-2136.

Bluz House Rockers

Blues-rock band performing as part of the "Jammin' at GPAC" concert series. July 9, 7:30 p.m., Guilderland Performing Arts Center, Tawasentha Park, Route 146, Guilderland. Free. Information: 456-3150.

Wilber Forest Band

Folk-rock vocal collective, with Hudson singer-songwriter Lorkin O'Reilly. July 9, 8 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.



Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$28. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Alejandro Escovedo and the Sensitive Boys

Acclaimed alt-country singer-songwriter. July 10, 9 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

Alex Torres & His Latin Orchestra

Latin jazz and dance music by way of Amsterdam. July 11, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. Information: www.FreedomParkScotia.org.

Alan Goldberg

Solo singer-songwriter. July 11, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Eilen Jewell

The reigning "Queen of the Minor Key." July 11, 9 p.m., Club Helsinki, 405 Columbia St., Hudson. Information: 828-4800 or helsinkihudson.com.

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Not your father's bluegrass

The Yonder Mountain String Band brings its brand of envelope-pushing bluegrass to Albany's Alive at Five concert series July 9 at Jerry Jennings Landing. Call 434-2032 for more information.

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Leslie Barkman

Original music. July 10, 7 p.m., 16 Handles, 380 Route 9W, Glenmont. Free. Information: 433-1616.

366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Gallery, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. Information: 580-8080 or skidmore.edu.

Upbeat on the Roof

Delmar-based funky singer-songwriter Bryan Thomas kicks off concert series. July 10, 7 p.m., The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art

The Lone Bellow

Indie-country group performs as part of the American Roots and Branches series. July 10, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State

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Red Baraat

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Rymanowski Brothers

Polka band. July 12, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, Schonowee Avenue next to Jumpin' Jacks, Scotia. Free. Information: www.FreedomParkScotia.org.

Sirsy

Popular Capital District indie rock duo. July 12, 7 p.m., Clifton Common, Vischer Ferry Road, Clifton Park. Free. Information: 371-6667 or www.cliftonpark.org.

Sydney Worthley

Aspiring young singer-songwriter. July 12, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Free. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Dana Park Concert Series

Carl Daniels and the Dylan Perrillo Orchestra kick off summer concert series. July 13, 5:30 p.m., Dana Park, Lark Street and Madison Avenue, Albany. Free.

Canjo 10s

Acoustic trio serving up folk, pop, rock and Americana as part of the Pine Hills Summer Concert Series, July 13, 7 p.m., Albany Elks Lodge 49, 25 South Allen St., Albany. Free. Information: www.uppermadison.org.

Octavo Singers

Read through of Schubert's "Mass in G" and "Mass in E-flat," with an ice cream social to follow. July 13, 7 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 153 Nott St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$5. Information: www.Octavosingers.com.

Dale Watson

Texas honkytonk hero and country music

maverick. July 13, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$17. Information: 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org.

COMEDY

Mop and Bucket Company

"Improv Thursdays," a dinner theater comedy experience. July 9, 6:30 p.m., Centre Street Pub, 308 Union St., Schenectady. Cost: \$10 plus food. Information: mopco.org.

DANCE

New York City Ballet

Famed company takes up its summer residency with a slew of performances, July 7-11 and 14-18, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Shows: evenings 8 p.m., matinees 2 p.m. Information: www.spac.org.

FAMILY

Mother Goose Jazz Quintet

Nursery rhymes set to jazz music. July 8, 7 p.m., Evenings on the Green concert series, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Free.

Heard

World jazz band presents an all-ages interactive show with percussion instruments for kids to check out and learn how to play. July 9, 11 a.m., Barker Park Kids' Summer Series, corner of Third and State streets, Troy. Free. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

Sleeping Beauty

Classic fairy tale performed by Mac-Haydn Children's Theatre, July 10 and 11, 1925 New York Route 203, Chatham. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays 10:30 a.m. Tickets: \$10. Information: 392-9292 or www.machaydntheatre.org.

FESTIVALS

Delaware Avenue Street Festival

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Summerfest

Featuring free dance, music and theater performances, along with food and activities. July 11, 10 a.m., Main Street, Chatham. Information: ChathamSummerfest.com.

EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art

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

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Saratoga Springs History Museum

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

Tang Teaching Museum

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

University Art Museum

"2015 Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region," July 9 through Sept. 5. University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum.

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.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Albany Center Gallery

Seeking artists who create work inspired by African-American culture to submit works for the Black Arts and Cultural Festival. Deadline: July 10. Also seeking local and regional emerging and established artists to submit samples of their work for possible selection for exhibition at the gallery. Deadline: Sept. 9. Information: albanycentergallery.com.

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From page B6 ... Plan for success

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Having these types of goals will give you something to work towards and help you stay motivated. When you reach those goals you have what we call "WOW! moments." It's the realization that you accomplished something to which you never thought you'd be able. And, it often leads to you setting a more ambitious goal, and keeps

you moving forward.

Another great type of goal to work towards is one that is health related. For example, I work with many clients who are either pre-diabetic, diabetic, or going through other health related issues. The drive to rid yourself from specialty diets, medicines and insulin shots, is a great motivational tool. While not everyone can get off the medication, some medical conditions can be reversed by getting fitter. Not only do they look and feel better, they don't have to shell out the co-pays all the time, either.

With my older clients, one of the most powerful things to focus on is what

we call everyday goals. These goals might be as simple as being able to carry the groceries in from the car or being able to play with the kids without getting winded.

My favorite moments are hearing a client tell me they see progress — that they feel stronger, that they can do more and that they feel happier and healthier than they have in years. Being able to get up out of a chair and walk to the kitchen without assistance is a life altering event for some, and the improvement in the quality of their life has a far better impact than any number on the scale could ever give.

So, instead of using weight loss as your only goal, try setting a tangible goals that can be realized without looking at a scale. The funny thing is,

you probably own in your closet.

Stay tuned for next week, when we discuss sunglasses. There is nothing more refined than a scarf-wrapped diva sporting oversized shades.

Now, go find your sunscreen!

Denise Bennett maintains a fashion blog on Perfect20.co.

reaching for those goals, whether they be running a 5k, being able to play with your grandkids or being

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On the spirits trail in Schoharie

Newest attraction highlights region's wine and spirits

Schoharie County has spirits. Yes, they do. Craft Mead, Wine, Beer and Spirits producers in Schoharie County recently presented the creation of the Schoharie County Beverage Trail. Representatives from local producers gathered on the lawn of the American Hotel in Sharon Springs to officially launch the county's beverage trail, featuring four, unique destinations for everyone's varied tastes.

The trail, which is officially recognized by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, runs from Richmondville to Charlotteville and Fultonham to Middleburgh.

"The Schoharie County Beverage Trail

is the realization of hard work, collaboration and cooperation between these four Schoharie County producers, said Lori Wortz, owner of KyMar Farm Winery and Distillery, and President of Schoharie County Beverage Trail. "We are so excited to offer a trail that not only promotes local agriculture but creates a unique tourism draw which will encourage people from outside our County and the region to come and stay in Schoharie County."

Currently the trail has four founding members and two founding affiliate members. Members include KyMar Farm Winery and Distillery in Charlotteville, Green Wolf Brewing Co. in Middleburgh, Royal Meadery in Richmondville and Barber's Farm Distillery in Fultonham. Two founding affiliate members include Under the Nose in Middleburgh and Schoharie County Tourism.

KyMar Farm Winery and Distillery, located in Charlotteville, is the first licensed farm winery and farm distillery in Schoharie County since prohibition. Owner, Head Winemaker and Head Distiller Ken Wortz, partners with local growers to source only the best ingredients used to ferment, distill, age and bottle on site. KyMar currently has five spirits and wine available and will introduce an additional two wines and three spirits in 2015, including its sorghum-based Story House Vodka which celebrates the great history of its tasting room and production facility.

"We are pleased to be working with the producers in Schoharie County to not only position ourselves as artisans of hand crafted beverages, but also as a tourist destination Schoharie County can be proud of," said Ken Wortz. KyMar's tasting room open Friday through

Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. Complementary tours of their production facility are offered throughout the day.

Green Wolf Brewing Co. located in Middleburgh, is the only brewery and taproom in Schoharie County. Located on Main Street, Green Wolf offers more than eight beers in a relaxing, brew pub atmosphere. Local entertainment is scheduled regularly and guests can enjoy their brew and snacks in Green Wolf's brand new Beer Garden. Justin Behan, brewmaster and manager of the taproom, sources much of the key ingredient, hops, from local growers in Middleburgh and Fulton.

"We take pride in bringing locally grown Schoharie County agriculture from the field to the glass," said Behan. "We are proud to be creating employment opportunities while promoting

local agriculture. As near as we can tell, we have farmers growing grains and hops exclusively for beverage production for the first time in Schoharie County since 1953."

Green Wolf's taproom is open Thursday through Sunday.

Royal Meadery located in Richmondville, recently celebrated its Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. Royal Meadery is the vision of Gregory Wilhelm's passion for home brewing and beekeeping. As head meadmaker, Wilhelm creates high-quality meads using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. In addition to honey obtained from Greg's bees, Royal Meadery partners with local farms to source its wildflower honey. "I'm proud to be one of the founding members of the Beverage Trail. Having just opened to the public for the first time this month, we are looking

forward to continuing our work with the other producers to not only highlight our products, but to promote Schoharie County as a destination," says Greg. Royal Meadery currently offers three innovative meads with five additional meads planned for release throughout 2015. Royal Meadery's tasting room is open each Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.

Barber's Farm Distillery, located in Fultonham, will release its 1857 Potato Vodka this summer. Using potatoes grown on the 158 year old family farm, 1857 Potato Vodka is distilled and bottled by Barber's Farm Distillery.

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From page B1 ... Look who's 50

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Schenectady has been good for the Mallozzi Group since moving Villa Italia downtown from Rotterdam ten years ago. But, as Bobby Mallozzi explains, that move almost didn't happen a decade ago. In fact, it was one down payment away from not happening at all.

"When they knew that we were looking to move out of Rotterdam, we'd already gone ahead and put down a deposit on a building in Gunderland," said Mallozzi, explaining the chain of events that resulted in Villa Italia moving from Rotterdam to Schenectady ten years ago.

The Mallozzis were

approached by Metroplex Development Authority, with a proposal to move into Schenectady. "They really had a great vision for downtown Schenectady," said Mallozzi. "There's a lot of people who can take credit for it, but it's really been them. They're the driving force behind the development. They were the ones who were funding a lot of these projects that ordinarily, if they had to go through conventional financing, it wouldn't have made since to come to Schenectady."

The proposed business site is where Villa Italia Pasticceria stands today. A building Mallozzi described as "an old, abandoned brick warehouse."

"At the time, there was nothing here," he said. "We were very skeptical."

Despite the deposit that was made on the property in Gunderland, Metroplex was able to convince the Mallozzi family, explaining the plans to help reshape downtown Schenectady. "When it came to creating a deal that was going to make it possible for us to come and justify the investment, they made it

happen. Otherwise, we probably would not have made the gamble.

We celebrated our 40th anniversary in Rotterdam, and we had just decided to make the move to Schenectady. Which was pretty controversial. Not only for our customers, but for the people who knew us and they felt that this was a big gamble. This was a big risk. Downtown Schenectady ten years ago wasn't anything like it is today; wasn't like it is today five years ago. So, ten years ago, it was a big risk, but we had a lot of support from the people in the community who were here in Schenectady, who were already invested in the community."

This networking has become more apparent over the years. Katherine Wolfram, who is heading up the charge for a downtown coop aptly named Electric City Coop, witnessed this first hand. When word spread about her efforts to introduce an urban coop in Schenectady, the Mallozzi Group invited her in.

"We just walked over to Villa Italia for birthday dessert for a friend, after spirits and good German food at the Biergarten," said Wolfram, taking note of the city's changing landscape. "What a

nice city downtown Schenectady is becoming, that one can now have a walkable, global feast! And Villa Italia has scrumptious gluten-free desserts.

Now we just need a grocery market downtown to complete this vision of a walkable community," she said. It's the same game plan to which the two business operators appear to be stepping in unison.

"Ten years ago, the component that they needed to get in was retail," said Mallozzi. "So, they got retail in. Retail helps bring jobs in. You'd think it would be the other way around, that you'd need the jobs to support the retail, but people don't want to locate their business or bring their office into an area with nothing to do."

The game play appears to be working. With the retail, said Mallozzi, has come the businesses. And, as businesses establish themselves, there is now a push for more residential buildings.

In Wolfram's perspective, as she continues to push for the coop, "I think the power of networking between residents, civic and business leaders, and developers in the community and the community-owned Electric City Food Co-op is crucial."

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— Bobby Mallozzi
Villa Italia
Co-Owner

The Mallozzis say their recent growth started prior to moving to Schenectady,

when the group opened the Belvedere Inn in 2001, and later worked itself into an exclusive partnership to cater for both the Western Turnpike Golf Course in Gunderland and the Italian American Community Center in Albany. The marriage between the catering and community centers was a business model conceptualized by the elder Mallozzi, and the same one adopted towards the upcoming casino.

"We've partnered with Rush Street Gaming. We're going to be doing the food service for the casino. It involves four different concepts within the market place. There's a steak house, and there's a banquet facility. Our banquet facility here in Schenectady will provide all the baked goods, the bread rolls. ... As far as expending outside of Schenectady, it's not in the playbook right now. This is where we're comfortable. It always been in our wheelhouse. ... We're just comfortable here. We love the people, the community. We've got a great, loyal customer base. We want to stay here."

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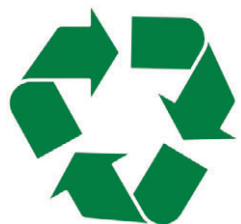


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■ DUTCHMEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Sean Aspinall (Azusa Pacific) was named the Albany Dutchmen's Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, July 5. Last year's MVP slugged a pair of home runs and an RBI triple during the Dutchmen's three-game winning streak.

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Back on track

After a seven-game losing skid, the Albany Dutchmen turned things around last weekend with a three-game winning streak.

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■ VINTAGE BASEBALL



The Bethlehem Braves (red uniforms) played the New York Mutuels in their annual vintage baseball game Saturday, July 4, at Elm Avenue Park. The Braves emerged victorious for the first time in six meetings with the Mutuels.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Special to the Spotlight

A historic victory

Bethlehem Braves rally past New York Mutuels
for first win in vintage baseball game

By **ROB JONAS**

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BETHLEHEM — It was a historic day at Elm Avenue Park.

The Bethlehem Braves defeated the New York Mutuels 13-6 in the annual Fourth of July vintage baseball game Saturday — the first win in six tries for the home team.

"They (the Mutuels) were completely stunned," said Bethlehem player/manager and event organizer Steve Peterson. "With the exception of a couple of guys, it was the same game and the same leaders."

Peterson was the hitting star for the Braves, as he went 3-for-3 at the plate and scored three runs.

"It was really exciting because I'm too old to be running

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Bethlehem Braves player/manager Steve Peterson has a smile on his face after scoring a run in his team's 13-6 victory over the New York Mutuels. Peterson was the hitting star of the game, as he collected three hits and scored three runs.

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The Bethlehem Braves cheer their 13-6 victory over the New York Mutuels. Submitted photo

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A historic victory

the bases," said Peterson, who added that, at the age of 56, was one of the oldest players on the field.

There was a danger the game would be postponed by rain for the second year in a row. Rain moved in during the early morning hours on the Fourth of July, and for several hours it appeared the wet weather would be the winner. But as soon as the rain stopped in the early afternoon, Peterson had his grounds crew go into high gear to

get the field ready.

"We really attacked the field," said Peterson. "We pumped the water right off the outfield."

Once the game started, there were signs the Braves might have a chance at winning. The Mutuels – a traveling club devoted to playing baseball by 19th century rules – scored two runs in the top of the first inning. By normal standards, that would be a good start, but the Braves knew that was atypical of

the visitors.

"My son was pitching in the first inning," said Peterson. "When we came off the field ... my son says, 'We held them to two runs,' because in the past, the Mutuels have scored double digit runs early on."

Still, it took until the fourth inning for the Braves to pull even with the Mutuels at 3-3. Once that happened, the floodgates opened for Bethlehem, as it scored 10 of the next 13 runs to pull away.

"We basically scored in every inning (from the third inning on)," said Peterson.

ALBANY DUTCHMEN

Back on track

Aspinall, Mueller fuel Albany's comeback victory at home

By **ROB JONAS**
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ALBANY — Following a seven-game losing streak and nearly a week of rainouts, the Albany Dutchmen have regained some of their momentum.

The Dutchmen (11-13) extended their winning streak to three games with a 12-5 victory over the Mohawk Valley DiamondDawgs Sunday, July 5, at Bob Bellizzi Field.

Trailing 3-0 in the bottom of the fifth inning, Albany got its bats going against Mohawk Valley starter Marc Iseneker. Bethlehem Central High School graduate Eric Mueller (University at Albany) launched a two-run double and scored on Michael Fitzsimmons' single to tie the score at 3-3. Two batters later, Sean Aspinall

(Azusa Pacific) belted a three-run homer to put the Dutchmen ahead for good.

Fitzsimmons contributed a two-run double as part of a five-run sixth inning, and Aspinall added an RBI triple in the seventh for Albany. Pitcher Chris Amorosi (Siena College) picked up his first victory in five starts.

The victory moved the Dutchmen within a half-game of third-place Mohawk Valley (11-12) in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League standings – this after they had four straight game dates postponed by rain in the midst of their season-long seven-game losing skid.

Albany's slide reached seven games with an 8-5 loss to the first-place Amsterdam Mohawks (21-6) Thursday, July 2. The Mohawks scored five runs in the top of the first inning against Albany starter Nick Cioffi (Towson), and they held on to beat the Dutchmen for the third time in five meetings.

The Dutchmen responded by sweeping a doubleheader against Saugerties Friday, July 3. Albany edged Saugerties (10-16) 2-1 in the first game and then beat the Stallions 8-2 in the nightcap.

Albany pitcher Mike Reitcheck (Penn) turned in a complete-game performance in the opener. Reitcheck scattered six hits in seven innings and struck out nine batters to pick up his third win of the season.

Aspinall gave Albany the lead with a solo home run to lead off the top of the second inning. Adam Gauthier (Dartmouth) doubled and scored an insurance run in the fifth inning.

The nightcap began with a quick four-run rally for Albany in the top of the first inning. Fitzsimmons plated the first two runs with a single. Then following a double by Aspinall, an error on Dominic DiCaprio's bunt attempt allowed Fitzsimmons and Aspinall to score to make it 4-0.

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■ COMMUNITY

Farmers market receives notoriety

Delmar Farmers Market named to best of list

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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BETHLEHEM — The Daily Meal has again named the Delmar Farmers Market to their yearly list of the 101 Best Farmers Markets in America.

Each year, the food website lists community farmers markets from throughout the nation. Listed at No. 73, the Delmar Farmers Market was placed within the ranks of the country's most prestigious farmers markets.

Mark Warford, President of the Board of the Delmar Farmers Market, was grateful for receiving the honor, saying that the recognition shows that "what we are doing works."

After opening in June of 2009, the Delmar Farmers Market has seen a great deal of expansion in recent years. Starting as a 20-vendor project, the farmers market has now become a social fixture of life in Delmar, which draws more than 70 vendors and crowds between 1,500 and 2,000 people.

And while the market was created to supply the town with the fresh organic fruits and vegetables it craved, it has become a bona-fide business tree of its own, sprouting independent businesses under its branches.

Paul Tick, the market manager of the Delmar Farmers Market, says that about a dozen craft and prepared food vendors have been able to open stores following the success they've had at the farmers market, including The Cheese Traveler and Llama Empanada restaurants in Albany. This spirit of local

business growth can even be seen with the free live music the farmers market plays every week, as many of these performances have led to job offers for the local musicians playing.

"At its core, the farmers market is about supporting local businesses," said Tick.

At the heart of this endeavor is the local farmers who rely on the market for their businesses.

According to Tick, "These farmers, especially the beginning farmers just starting their businesses, would have seen financial collapse without the Delmar Farmers Market. Now that they are selling directly to the public, they are making significantly more than they would have selling their produce to wholesalers who then sell to grocery stores."

The impact that this support has had on the community is huge. With more and more people going to the Delmar

Farmers Market, and more and more restaurants coming to the farmers market to get their ingredients, the entire area is becoming increasingly locally-focused and health-conscious.

This year marks the third time the Delmar Farmer's Market has made The Daily Meal's list. It is one of only four New York State farmers markets to make list, including the New York City Union Square Farmers Market, which took the top spot.

Tick says the market is "especially appreciative of the support we get from the school and the many local businesses that have given contributions to help the farmers market grow."

The Delmar Farmers Market is held every Saturday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central Middle School on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.



For the third time, the Daily Meal named the Delmar Farmers Market to its list of 101 Top Farmers Markets in America.

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Notice of Formation of EXG, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/10/14. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: any lawful activities.
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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 of FAT LEMONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/11/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
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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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FRANK TUMMINIA AND 266 HUSSON STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/22/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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

Notice of Qualification of FUNOOGLES, LLC. Authority filed with SSNY on 5/13/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in DE on 3/4/13. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. DE address of LLC: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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GLOBACOS EUROTRI-ADE USA, LLC Art. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/10/15. 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, 90 State Street, Suite 700 Office 40, Albany NY 12207. The Registered Agent and Office of the LLC are New York Registered Agent LLC, 90 State Street, Suite 700 Office 40, Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
Ad#86084

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HANJI PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/27/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
Ad#87364

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:

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All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110.
Ad#86114

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 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.
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FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: K & K NY Properties) LLC
SECOND: The jurisdiction of organization of the limited liability company is: Michigan The date of its organization is: March 4, 2015
THIRD: The county within New York state in which the office, or if more than one office, the principal office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served against him or her is: 14 Commercial Avenue, Albany, NY 12205
Ad#87446

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HALKIAS FAMILY PARTNERSHIP L.P. Certificate was filed with SSNY on

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3/12/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address.. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Term: until 12/31/2050. Purpose: all lawful activities.
Ad#87443

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 of KJM HOLDING GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/30/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
Ad#87366

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION The name of the limited liability company is B & H AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE LLC. The Articles of Organization of LLC were filed with the New York Department of State on FEBRUARY 12, 2015. The office of the LLC is in Schenectady county and the address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served is to STEVEN M

■ COPS, COURT, AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Man drives ATV with baby, no helmet

Guilderland Police arrested Gerard Richard, 39, of 1 Veeder Lane in the Town of Guilderland, on Saturday, July 3, around 6:30 p.m. and charged him with aggravated DWI, endangering the welfare of a child, unlawful operation of an ATV on a Highway,

unregistered ATV traffic infraction and operating an ATV without a helmet. According to Police, Richard was operating an ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) on Morningside Drive in Guilderland while his 16-month-old baby was sitting in his

lap. He reportedly had a BAC of 0.12 percent and is scheduled to appear in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, July 9.

• State Police arrested Joshua Mutagh, 37, of New Scotland Road in Voorheesville, on Saturday, June 27, around 1:30 a.m.

and charged him with DWI. Police arrested Mutas on New Scotland Road in Voorheesville. According to police, there was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle Police observed Mutagh to have glassy

eyes and impaired motor coordination. He had a BAC of 0.14 percent and is scheduled to appear in New Scotland Town Court on Thursday, July 16.

• Colonie police arrested Steven J. Yuhasz, 62, of 21 Myers Lane in East Berne, around 12:40

p.m. Thursday, June 25, and charged him with DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first degree, a felony. Police said Yuhasz was involved in a property damage automobile crash and was found to be intoxicated.

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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#85884

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: LOREDANA'S HAIR STUDIO & SPA LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/20/2015. 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: C/O LOREDANA'S HAIR STUDIO & SPA LLC, 470 Dunham Hollow Rd., Averill Park, 12018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose, latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. Ad#85483

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAYA GAMES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/29/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#87363

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Notice of Formation of MLBK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/11/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#87354

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MOENCH SECURITY CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC On 6/22/2015, Articles of

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Organization of Moench Security Consulting Services, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is Moench Security Consulting Services, LLC, 32 Doorstone Dr. S, Latham, NY 12110. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#86728

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MY COFFEE CUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/24/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#87438

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NOVEL SWIM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/30/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#87365

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of pvb Employee Benefits Consulting, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with New York Sec of State (SSNY) on 06/23/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to the LLC, c/o: 8 Upper Ball Court, Albany, NY 12204, attn.: Paul Bruno Ad#87448

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RWK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/28/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#87343

LEGAL NOTICE

Schmidt Financial Group, LLC LLC was filed with the SSNY on June 9, 2015. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Sanford Schmidt, Schmidt Financial Group, LLC, 2100 Sanders Road, #120, Northbrook, IL 60062. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#86107

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SLOTH BEAR USA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/5/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#87439

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SOMDS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/21/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. Ad#87345

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Notice of Formation of STEVEN L. BROUNSTEIN, ATTORNEY AT LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/29/15. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: To engage in the practice of law. Ad#87297

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of THE AFRICA AMERICA COFFEE TRADING CO., LLC. Authority filed with SSNY on 4/24/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in DE on 3/15/13. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. DE address of LLC: c/o All-state Corporate Services Corp., 1679 S. DuPont Hwy. #100, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. Of Org. filed with the DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#87331

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of domestic Limited Liability Company of "The Boyan Group, LLC." Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 4/7/2015, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State St STE 700 Office 40, purpose is any lawful purpose. Ad#84674

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation The Kindcraft LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/20/15 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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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#83701

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Professional Service Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 1203 of the New York Limited Liability Law
a. The name of the professional service limited liability company is THE PFEIFFER LAW FIRM PLLC.
b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on April 30, 2015.
c. The office of the professional service limited liability company will be located in Albany County.
d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the professional service limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the professional service limited liability company served upon him or her is: THE PFEIFFER LAW FIRM PLLC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd Albany, New York 12211
e. The professional service limited liability company is formed to practice the profession of law. Ad#86708

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of TSZ WB LLC. Authority filed with SSNY on 5/1/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in IN on 4/11/13. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. IN address of LLC: c/o Incorp Services, Inc., 120 E. Market St. #808, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Arts. Of Org. filed with the IN Secy. Of State, 200 W. Washington St. #201, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#87442

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Notice of Qualification of TZF WB LLC. Authority filed with SSNY on 5/4/15. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in IN on 4/11/13. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 54 State St., #103, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. IN address of LLC: c/o Incorp Services, Inc., 120 E. Market St. #808, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Arts. Of Org. filed with the IN Secy. Of State, 200 W. Washington St. #201, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#87441

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for a Vacuum Leaf Machine for the Town of Bethlehem Highway Department. Bids will be received up to 10:00 a.m. on the 17th day of July, 2015 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin
TOWN CLERK
Dated: July 1, 2015
Ad#87555

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Van Dyke Spinney, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 21, 2005, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o Edward R. Feinberg, Esq., One Juniper Drive, Delmar, New York 12054. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. Ad#83693

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Foreign LLC. Name: Venture Property Services, LLC. Certificate of Authority issued 06/15/2015. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of Georgia on 10/22/2012. Office location: Albany County. SSNY as agent of Foreign LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1971 Western Ave #1122, Albany, NY, New York 12203. Purpose: All legal purposes. Ad#87579

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF VF BOX, LLC On 6/17/2015, Articles of Organization of VF Box, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York. The office of the NY limited liability company is located in Albany County. The SSNY is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within New York State to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is VF Box, LLC, 1529

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Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. The purpose of the limited liability company is for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#86204

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Ward of the Wood, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 30, 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 any process to Alan Woodward, 25 Huntleigh Drive, Loudonville NY 11221. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#82374

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: WESTMINSTER 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#86713

LEGAL NOTICE

WICKED GOAT ENTERPRISES LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on June 25, 2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC to Keith J. Roland, Herzog Law Firm P.C., 7 Southwoods Blvd., Albany, New York 12211. No registered agent. Purpose: for all legal purposes. Ad#87456



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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Network yourself like a company

The power of networking compels you.

It used to be said that in order to succeed in the professional world, it wasn't just what you knew, but who did you know. In today's world, that's no longer the case. Now, in order to simply survive, learn a career, land a job or keep a job, it's not just what you know, and it's not just who you know, but who else do you know.

Within the pages of *Spotlight Living*, you'll read the story of the Mallozzi Group, who this year is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the shop that started it all for them, Villa Italia. Today, the family is a business conglomerate on to itself, having a hand in catering, entertainment, hotel service, and the restaurant business. A decade ago, one could still call them a success within the community, but not to the level that can be appreciated in 2015. After all, forty years is nothing to sneeze at. But, when they looked into

stepping out into a different location, Schenectady took it under its wing. Once there, a network of business owners and community leaders hashed out a plan to help pick the Electric City back up from its bootstraps.

Having a business model for yourself is not a bad idea for your own career success. Businesses spend time and money attempting to define who they are, and how to make themselves visible to the world. The economic downturn from 2008 smacked many of us with that same problem on an individual level. It wasn't long ago that the nation's unemployment rate was in the double-digits. In addition to that number were the countless of individuals stuck in sputtering careers, who had plans to leave, only to find themselves stuck.

When we were kids, we were asked what we wanted to be once we grew up. Unfortunately, that assumes we'll stick to that job for 45 years. For most of us,

we're already on our second or third career. Finding mentors and marketing ourselves to future employers as the ideal candidate starts with identifying your personal brand, and networking with the right people. Forget printing your resume on special bond paper, you need to search the Internet for industry advice, marketing hints, interest groups, and simple reading material. Your resume becomes digital by means of services like LinkedIn, and from there your network begins.

The successes of the Mallozzi Group is a feel good story because it's woven into the success story that is still being written for the city of Schenectady. It's an example of what communities here in our suburbs do with our numerous chambers of commerce, and it speaks to what individuals need to for themselves to achieve their own accolades. Don't be afraid to step out. The world doesn't cater to the timid. The taste of personal success can be as sweet as a cannoli.

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Nikki Caruso
Executive Director,
Colonie Youth Center

Town: Colonie
Hometown: Colonie

What are you listening to these days?

I've been listening to a lot of audiobooks. My summer goal is to listen the entire Armand Gamache series by Louise Penny.

What are you reading these days?

I'm currently reading "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr for a book club and "Dinner with Buddha" by Roland Merullo.

What are you currently watching on TV?

Flea Market Flip, Barefoot Contessa and Chopped are favorites!

What was the last movie you saw?

The last movie I saw in a theater was I can't remember! It's been a couple of years. I did watch "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" on television recently.

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

My great-grandmother, Emma Cheavalley. She was a businesswoman in Albany in the early 1900s. I'd really like to talk with her about her life and family.

Describe your dream vacation.

My dream vacation is either spending time in a cabin by a lake with no phones OR traveling to southern Italy.

What is your favorite hobby?

I have more hobbies than I can count. Right now, I am into quilting and gardening.

Describe what your last meal would be.

Really, really, really good macaroni and cheese!

What is your favorite local memory?

When I was little my grandmother lived on Austain Avenue in Albany. Her house was right next door to what is now the Montessori Magnet School. In the early '70s it had a traditional school playground. I would play there with my brother, sister and cousins for hours. We were experts at using wax paper on the slide to speed it up!

What is something most people don't know about you?

My dream job was to be an elementary school librarian. For some reason I never pursued it.

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grab committee meetings on video

Editor, *The Spotlight*,
How does the Albany County Legislature hold a public hearing on a local law without providing the correct version of that law to the public? That's exactly what happened on June 23.

Apparently, there is no requirement to provide the text of the proposed Local Law to the public before a public hearing. Obviously, this makes no sense and needs to be changed. As a result, I have proposed a

resolution to require that the exact final text of a proposed law be made accessible on the County website before a public hearing is scheduled.

Further, I have co-sponsored, along with Legislator Travis Stevens of Altamont/Hilltowns, a resolution to have video of legislative committee meetings available on the Albany County website.

The people we represent have the right to know what is being discussed by their representatives. Only

then can active constituent participation be possible and encouraged.

This level of transparency is necessary in an open government. Should we expect or accept anything less?

I encourage you to contact your Albany County Legislator and express your support of these "good government" initiatives.

*Richard Mendick
Albany County Legislature
36th Legislative District*

Emerging rail trail needs places to park

Editor, *The Spotlight*,
As one of the Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail stewards, I pay close attention to developments on and adjacent to the trail. Everyone who is involved or uses the trail recognizes the vision and support by County Executive McCoy and his staff, so his letter in the last *Spotlight* resonated.

Although work on the trail is proceeding rapidly, there is a growing problem that needs to be addressed before part of the trail is

open this year, and the entire trail completed in 2016.

With the increased attention, problems are popping up as respects vehicle parking. There are few formal places to park, and crowding at some access points coupled with a few inconsiderate users are causing problems with some neighbors. Is it correct that the county doesn't want to address parking access until the trail is near completion?

Lack of planned

parking at popular access points such as Upper and Lower Font Grove roads, Hilton Road, Hudson Avenue, Mason, Gardner Terrace and Gardner Terrace Extension have either safety or "good neighbor" issues. Waiting until the trail is completed is too late for the county to work out parking for the safety and enjoyment of trail neighbors and users.

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AROUND TOWN



Dressing up the Ol' D&H

The old train bridge that crosses Delaware Avenue, marking the border between Elsmere and Delmar, is receiving the attention of area motorists this month. The traffic flow under the bridge is being managed by construction workers as they work on removing crumbling concrete from the old railroad bridge. It's part of the work being done to convert the rail to a pedestrian path. Construction is estimated to continue for another month.

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From page 1 ... Trinkets of a story

Fifty separate objects are featured in the book, most of which come from Howard's large personal collection of wartime memorabilia he has been amassing for more than 20 years. For him, seeing his collection finally published is something of a great personally achievement. According to Howard, "In the end, the most fulfilling aspect is when you look at the pieces you've collected over the course of a lifetime and seeing the story they tell when they come together."

A lifelong RAF enthusiast, Howard first began interviewing RAF pilots as a young boy growing up in Delmar. It was this boyhood enthusiasm that led to the passion you can find in the historical essays that accompany the photos in "What The RAF Airman Took to War." As this year marks the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, it seemed a fitting time for Howard to release his

collection of RAF fighter materials.

Like all WWII soldiers, the RAF pilots are often either renowned for their heroism and skill or pitied for the brevity of their lives and the struggles they faced. And while Howard expressed both of these views toward the RAF fighters, to him their objects also show that, "Despite the things that they did, they really were people just like us."

Of the 2,917 RAF pilots that fought during WWII, 544 were killed during the Battle of Britain and another 800 were killed by the end of the war. The personal objects and war equipment that remain of these men now "stand for the life of a guy who is otherwise forgotten by history." Rather than simply reducing their struggles to tragic numbers, Howard hopes their objects will help give the reader a more realistic sense of what the war was like.



"You think of them as heroes," said Howard. "You think of them as people who were larger than life. But these people – 18, 19, 20 year-old kids – fought and died tragically," said Howard.

Objects like a teddy bear an RAF took on every fight he ever flew;



Local author and historian Bill Howard spoke of his book at The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza on Thursday, June 25. "What the RAF Airman Took to War" tells the story of World War II British Airmen through the artifacts they carried with them into war.

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dog tags with engravings remembering loved ones; and the twisted wreckage of an airplane that ends the book, help show this dichotomy of heroism,

tragedy and reliability.

While only a handful of "the few" are still alive today to remember their trials and triumphs, one of the last remaining

RAF fighters who fought in the Battle of Britain, Jeffrey Wellum, was able to write the forward for the book. Wellum is also an author in his own right, having written the autobiographical "First Flight: The Story of the Boy Who Became a Man in the War" which is now a classic in WWI history literature.

Howard's latest novel "What the RAF Airman Took to War," now adds to his extensive anthology of historical works that also includes "The Civil War Memoir of William T. Levey" and "The Battle of Ball's Bluff: The Leesburg Affair." All three of his novels can be found in local bookstores and on Amazon.com.

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