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Accidents

Public servants responded to a number of accidents over the past week.

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TOP STORY



Volatile subject

Area teen takes on topic of transporting oil on local rails

By TRICIA CREMO
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VOORHEESVILLE — The topic of oil trains is almost as messy as the oil they carry. Now, 19-year-old college sophomore Alana Fiero is publicly calling out government officials to “stop dragging their feet” and do something about the issue.

“It’s easy to shake it off and pretend an accident like this won’t happen near you, but the reality is they can and will destroy communities if we don’t act now,” said Fiero in the video “How Oil Trains Impact Small Communities,” published Aug. 5 on

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Alana Fiero produced an online video on the dangers of transporting oil through small communities, and included some big names in local government, too.

Video capture



ENTERTAINMENT



Look Ma, no hands

The idea of passenger cars driving by themselves is a thing of the present.

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After beating Troy, Bethlehem lost to Arlington to split this week's pair of matches.

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POLITICS

One Dawson wins, other falls short

Democratic absentee ballot count for town board, county show final race results

By MARCY VELTE
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BETHLEHEM — Following a close race, the results of this month's primary were made known after a count of the absentee ballot at the Albany County Board of Elections.

Although an official count will be released this week, David VanLuven and Joyce Becker each won the Democratic primary race for Bethlehem Town Board, narrowly beating incumbent Joann Dawson. VanLuven received 1,270 votes, Becker 1,263 votes and Dawson 1,232 votes.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed in the result.

It was very close race," said Dawson. "It shows how important turning out to vote in a primary is."

Dawson thanked those who voted for her and congratulated her colleges on a successful campaign. She has served on the board for eight years, and said she was proud to serve the town during that time.

"I would say I hope we can maintain the integrity and professionalism of the primary campaign in the coming election," said Dawson. "We have another six weeks, and it's going to be grueling. I know we will be successful in the end result. I hope the candidates and voters can hang in there. I know everyone is tired. I plan to work for those on the ticket and am looking forward to November."

Becker and VanLuven said they now plan to get to know each other better, so they can

campaign together during the general election. VanLuven is running on the Democratic and Working Families lines, while Becker is on the Democratic and Independence lines. They face Republicans David Harrington and Bridget Zigrosser in the general election.

"This is my first run for office, and as an unknown newcomer I was the big underdog in the primary," said VanLuven. "The race so far has taught me that campaigns are family and community affairs, and I've been overwhelmed by the positive reactions and great support I've been getting from families throughout Bethlehem."

VanLuven continued his platform is focused on managing residential growth, protecting open space, delivering great town services in a fiscally responsible way, keeping



Bethlehem Democratic primary candidates for Town Board Joann Dawson, David VanLuven and Joyce Becker wait for the final absentee ballot count, along with 35th legislative district candidate Charles Dawson.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight News

government transparent and improving the water infrastructure.

The former head of the town's Senior Services Department, this is also Becker's first time running for office.

"I was not the choice of the committee, but many times candidates who were not the choice move on to serve on town government," said Becker. She said she needed time to think about any new approaches she would take going into the general election.

County Legislature
In Legislative District

35, Charles Dawson won his race against newcomer Sean Raleigh, 315 votes to 307.

Dawson said he was relieved by the outcome and was thankful for the opportunity to continue into the general election. He faces Republican Kate Pope in November.

"I definitely think we have some work to do in the county legislature with changing our leadership," said Dawson. "I hope voters in November vote down the sham charter reform that's being proposed, so voters have the chance to decide what the size of our legislature should be."

In a statement, Raleigh thanked those that

supported him, including the Democratic primary candidate for Albany County Executive Dan Egan. However, he said following the vote he would now be supporting current Executive Dan McCoy. He also congratulated Dawson on the win.

"Bethlehem has had its share of tight elections. An eight-vote margin brings new meaning to the saying, 'Your vote matters,'" he said.

Following the absentee count, Richard Mendick of the 36th Legislative district also won the Independence line for the general election through a write-in campaign. He beat Democrat Matthew Miller.

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Child locked in car

Bethlehem Police arrested Sonja Panichi, 37, of Troy, Wednesday, Sept. 16, and charged her with endangering the welfare of a child, obstructing government administration in the second degree and resisting arrest, all misdemeanors.

Police said they received a call from Panichi's ex-husband last week, claiming she had left her youngest child, sick with a fever, locked in her car for several hours in the parking lot of her job at Glenmont Job Corps, where Panichi teaches. In a statement to police, the girl claimed her mother told her to "lay down in the back seat" so no one would see her. Police were informed two days after the incident and arrested her after attaining a warrant.

Police said they conducted a traffic stop on Panichi's vehicle on Corning Road in

Glenmont. Panichi allegedly became uncooperative, pushed an officer in the direction of oncoming traffic, and was then tased by police. Panichi was released on \$2,000 bail in Bethlehem Town Court and is scheduled to reappear in court Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Other arrests:

• State Police in New Scotland arrested Benjamin Rauf, 25, of Westerlo, Monday, Sept. 14, as a fugitive from justice. Police were contacted by New Castle County Police, Del., and advised of an arrest warrant issued for Rauf after a three-week investigation into the death of Shazim Uppal, 27, of Hockessin, Del. Arrest warrants were issued for murder in the first degree and possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a

felony. Rauf was taken into custody without incident at his residence and arraigned in the Town of Westerlo Court. Rauf has been remanded to Albany County Jail and is awaiting extradition.

• State Police in New Scotland arrested Neil J. Desposito, 37, of Ravena, Wednesday, Sept. 16, and charged him with felony DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Police stopped Desposito for an alleged traffic infraction on Pulver Avenue in the Village of Ravena. Desposito allegedly failed a field sobriety tests and police report he later registered a BAC of 0.12 percent. Desposito was arraigned in the Village of Ravena Court and remanded to Albany County Jail. He is scheduled to reappear in court Wednesday, Sept. 23.

New York State Police responded to a rollover accident involving a semi-truck off Route 32 on Speeder Road in Feura Bush on Sunday, Sept. 20. The driver was transported to Albany Medical Center after reportedly exhibiting memory problems.

Photo by Thomas Heffernan, Sr.



An infant appears alert and happy after the vehicle he was traveling in reportedly crashed with a propane tanker on Wimple Road in Glenmont, Tuesday, Sept. 15. Two children in all were in the car when it reportedly crashed into the back of the tanker. No injuries were reported. Bethlehem Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

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■ COMMUNITY

Troop creates nature scavenger hunt

New scavenger hunt at Tawasentha Park earns troop Bronze Award

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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GUILDERLAND — The Tawasentha Park has another fun addition, thanks to Girl Scout Troop 1003 and their nature scavenger hunt.

Using paper-saving technology, park-goers scan the code on the sign at the entrance to the park, and are then directed to an online scavenger list on the town's Parks and Recreation website.

For children, a beginners list features easy-to-find nature items like acorns, ants and pinecones. For the more advanced, scavenger hunters are asked to find a rabbit, feather, the

New England Aster flower, among other items.

"It's digital, so there's no paper involved," said Troop 1003 Co-leader Joe Malone. "The girls came up with the idea to conserve resources."

The project is the final step at the Junior-level for the Bronze Award, and the first large-scale project the troop has worked on together. Now that the scavenger hunt is complete, they will soon be bridging to Cadets. At that level the troop will be required to create a similar project to achieve their Silver Award before advancing to the final Girl Scout level, Senior. To achieve a rank equivalent of an Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts, they will then have the opportunity to do a project to earn their Gold Award.

After the troop stayed at a campsite in Woodhaven this winter, the girls were inspired by

how much fun the nature find sheet they found in their cabin was, and decided to create a similar one in Guilderland.

"They all really enjoy animals and nature, so it was great to be able to incorporate that in their project," said Malone.

The girls broke up into three teams to complete the project. Team one created the scavenger hunt list, team two designed the sign and chose a company to create it, and team three organized the fundraising event. After several months of planning, the sign is now up and running for all park-goers to enjoy.

Part of the cost of the sign were paid for using Girl Scout cookie sales. A car wash, set to be held Saturday, Sept. 26 on Western Avenue in Albany will cover the rest.

Troop members are between 10 and 11 years



Girl Scouts Troop 1003 from Guilderland created a nature scavenger hunt in Guilderland's Tawasentha Park to earn third Bronze Award.

Submitted photo

old, and all 15 members are entering sixth grade. They have been together under the "fearless leadership" of Sherry Braun since they

were in kindergarten, said Malone.

"It's certainly a lot of fun to see them work together and seeing them

mature through years," she said. Malone, alongside Tara Brewer and Peggy Osbourne, act as co-leaders for Braun. All four women are mothers of Girl Scouts in the troop.

Bronze Award projects must be self-sustaining, fulfill a need and be of interest to the girls in the troop. The award is the highest given to Junior Girls Scouts.

Troop 1003's nature hunt can be found at www.townofguilderland.org/Pages/GuilderlandNYrecreation.

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COMMUNITY

Trip of a lifetime for volunteers

Conservation students to visit landmarks in exchange for time

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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BETHLEHEM — Ten months, all expenses paid and touring some of the greatest landmarks New York State has to offer. That is reality for the 50 lucky students who will be chosen for New York State's Excelsior Conservation Corps (ECC).

The program will be a local version of AmeriCorps, with the focus being on wilderness conservation projects across the state. Fifty racially diverse youth and recently returned veterans aged 18 to 25 will be chosen. The announcement was made at a press conference held Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

Just as President Franklin D. Roosevelt did with his Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of old, the state envisions this program as one that will restore parks, while providing employment for underserved youth. Over 80 years ago, the CCC built and restored many of the state parks that millions of New Yorkers enjoy today, including Five Rivers Environmental Education Center.

In exchange for

serving eight-hour service days, students will have all housing and meals provided, receive \$180 per week as a living allowance and be provided with no-cost health insurance. The best part, students who complete the program receive either a \$5,730 college scholarship or have that award reduced from their student loan debts.

"We're going to give these young people the opportunity for leadership, to engage in outdoor activities that are meaningful for our state and to also lead them toward a career. And that's the best part in my judgment- to give them meaningful work," said Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul.

The Student Conservation Association (SCA), alongside AmeriCorps, will be in charge of most of the administrative work. A new position "professional development coordinator" has been created, whose sole role is to act as a career advisor for the students, as this is the emphasis of the program.

According to Kathy Bach, eastern regional director of the SCA, 70 percent of graduates of the program go on to a career in conservation. Graduates of the program have gone on to have leadership positions in many conservation organizations.

"Hopefully they get inspired, and choose to make it a career," said Tom Wallward of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

agency. "I used to work outside. You really do realize that I can make a living supporting the natural world."

Cuomo announced plans to award \$850,000 in federal grants to the Student Conservation Association in January of this year during his State of the State address. Additionally, two New York State agencies, the Department of Conservation and the Commission on National and Community Service, as well as the State University of New York will provide an additional \$1 million total, said Hochul.

Locations of projects have yet to be finalized, but will be decided before the program begins next Jan. 18. Applications are available now through Dec. 31 for adults living in New York, aged 18 to 25 to join. The only requirements are having a high school degree and a passion for the outdoors. Students are encouraged to apply now, and admittance to the program is made on a roll-in basis.

Projects will include protecting native species, creating sustainable energy sources, mapping and monitoring public land, educating children on conservation and maintaining trails.

The 10-month program will begin and be based at the State University of New York at Morrisville State College in central New York. Students will train at the campus for five to six weeks, where



Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul announces creation of the Student Conservation Core- a New York State AmeriCorps program, whose members will refurbish New York parks and trails.

Tricia Cremo/Spotlight

certifications and trainings in wilderness first aid, trail construction, stone and timber construction, carpentry, risk management and emergency response will all be given.

The college was chosen for its emphasis on outdoor careers, such as forestry and farming. From Morrisville, the students will depart for remote, multi-day service trips, staying at satellite SUNY sites or camping in cabins at State Parks and camping grounds.

"Get the word out. There's fifty people whose lives are going to be transformed if they are selected for this program," said Hochul.

"We're very grateful to Gov. Cuomo and his leadership and vision to promote conservation in this great state," said Albany County Legislator Pat Fahy (D- District 109).

When she first entered political office, Fahy said she was inspired by the photos of the Civilian Conservation Corps she

saw lining the halls of her office at Albany County Legislature.

"This program is just a great example of what government agencies can do when they work together," said Fahy.

The Excelsior Conservation Corps was created by collaborating agencies, the New York State Commission on National and Community

Service, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and the State University of New York.

To learn more or apply, visit www.ny.gov/ECC.

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■ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Boy Scout Troop No. 75 appoints scout master

BETHLEHEM — Douglas Kemp of Delmar has been named the scout master for Boy Scout Troop No. 75.

An Assistant New York State Attorney General, Kemp is an Eagle Scout and Vigil Scout recipient. He and his wife are the parents of three children.

Boy Scout Troop No. 75 has been a source of fun for boys ranging in age from 11 to 17 since 1930. For more information about the troop, visit www.delmartroop75.org.

Figure skating club offers group lessons

BETHLEHEM — The Albany Figure Skating Club is offering its popular United States Figure Skating-sanctioned basic skills program this fall at the Bethlehem Area YMCA, 900 Delaware Ave.

Group skating lessons take place Saturdays at noon and 1 p.m. from Oct. 3 through Dec. 12. Skaters may choose between five-, eight- or 10-week options. Skate rentals are available, and skaters do not need to be YMCA members to participate.

Recreational, figure skaters and hockey skaters ages preschool through adult are welcome. Skaters will have a 30-minute group lesson and 30 minutes of supervised practice.

Additionally, specialty classes are offered, including Learn to Freestyle, Synchronized Skating and Theater on Ice.

For more information, visit www.albanyfsc.org.

National Public Lands Day

BETHLEHEM — Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, celebrates National Public Lands Day Saturday, Sept. 26.

This year's theme is "Helping Hands for America's Lands." Visitors can help by joining in a litter pickup at 10 a.m. Registration is not required, but scouts or other organized groups are asked to call 475-0291 so the center can designate trails in advance.

At 2 p.m., families are invited to participate in "Trees



Celebrating a super summer of reading

Bethlehem Public Library celebrated another successful summer reading program Thursday, Aug. 27. Young guests — some dressed as superheroes — enjoyed games, crafts and some balloon sculptures. In a heroic feat worthy of the theme "Every Hero Has a Story," Bethlehem readers far outpaced summer reading totals.

Submitted photo

Please." Learn some tricks to remember which tree is which as you explore different species of trees. A craft project for kids is included in the program.

Then on Monday, Sept. 28, join a center naturalist for an evening walk beginning at 7 p.m. Learn about some of the nocturnal animals at Five Rivers, learn the strategies of the hunting species and what the hunted species do to avoid being caught.

For more information, call Five Rivers at 475-0291.

Deer and tick forums begin Sept. 24

BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Committee on Deer and Ticks is hosting a fall forum series beginning Thursday, Sept. 24, at Town Hall on Delaware Avenue. Each session begins at 7 p.m.

The topics are:

- Ticks and Tick Borne Disease — A Primer: Sept. 24. Learn more about ticks including tick biology and life cycle, as well as the symptomology of various

tick-borne diseases.

- Keeping Ticks Away: Oct. 15. Discover integrated pest management techniques you can implement at home, and learn about managing ticks when you own pets.

- Living with Deer in Bethlehem: Oct. 27. Topics include gardening with deer, traffic safety and hunting options.

The Crossings 5K Challenge

COLONIE — Join Colonie Youth Center, Inc., and CAP COM Federal Credit Union for this year's Crossings 5k Challenge and Kids Runs Sunday, Sept. 27, at The Crossings, Albany Shaker Road, in Colonie.

The 5-kilometer race begins at 10 a.m., with kids runs of one-quarter and one mile following at 10:45 a.m. The 5k race is open to runners and walkers of all ages.

The cost for entering the 5k Challenge is \$22 through Sept. 22 and \$25 from Sept. 23 through race day. The cost for the kids competitive 1-mile race is

\$10, and the kids quarter-mile fun run is free.

For more information or to get a registration form, visit www.capcomfcu.org/crossings-5k-challenge.html.

Guiderland football celebrates 60th season

GUILDERLAND — Guiderland High School celebrates 60 years of football when it hosts Albany Friday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m.

The school will recognize past players and coaches during the halftime program.

"We're very proud of 60 years of Guiderland tradition, and we're very proud of our alumni. We look forward to seeing every generation of Dutchmen represented there," said athletic director Regan Johnson.

For more information, visit www.dutchmenfootball.com.

Italian Night at the American Legion

VOORHEESVILLE — The Voorheesville American Legion

Post is hosting an "Italian Night" Saturday, Sept. 26, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The menu includes lasagna; chicken marsala; sausage, peppers and onions; baked ziti; spaghetti and meatballs; chicken Sorrento; eggplant parmesan; and salad with fresh bread.

The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Take out meals are available.

Legion Auxiliary seeks tag sale items

VOORHEESVILLE — The Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary is hosting its annual Community Tag Sale Saturday, Oct. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

People interested in donating items can call Robin Hull-Pease at 765-4580 to make an appointment for dropping off their donations. The auxiliary asks people not to donate large items, electronics or clothing other than baby items.

Nursery school fall festival

BETHLEHEM — The Tri-Village Nursery School is holding its annual fall festival Sunday, Oct. 4, from 3-5 p.m., at Elm Avenue Town Park.

The event includes pony rides, a bounce house, fall crafting, prize drawings, a fire truck, food and drinks, and more.

Admission is \$5, and children under 2 get in free.

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■ COMMUNITY

Camp is a success

As the hot sunny days of summer faded into the hotter, sunnier days of September, the Bethlehem YMCA put the wraps on its most successful summer camp ever. We had a record number of campers this summer and an all-time record amount of fun.

How do you measure fun? You measure it by the smiles on the faces of children who are learning a new game. You hear it in the laughter of kids and their friends playing with Y camp counselors. You see it in the excitement of campers who can't wait to tell their mom or dad what a great time they had at Y camp when they are picked up in the afternoon ... and they can't wait to come back the next day for another adventure.

One parent commented that the Bethlehem YMCA's summer camp is "the best-kept secret in the Capital District." While that's a nice thing to say, our camp shouldn't be a secret. Every parent and every child that had a great time



at our camp should tell their friends, share it with others on Facebook, put camp pictures on Instagram, send a tweet and just talk it up.

This summer, we had some great road trips to local parks. The Y had special camps — one devoted just to Legos, another to swimming — and they were very successful. We had weekly Y camp themes, including hometown heroes honoring police, firefighters and veterans; wide world of sports; wizard academy; hakuna mattata; superheroes versus villains; color wars; seashore escapades water fun; a blast from the past enjoying music, clothes and culture from the 60's, 70's 80's and 90's; dinosaurs and explorers; and aloha summer. The themes made each week fresh, exciting, new and engaging.

Here are some more

comments from parents:

"My daughter was busy the whole time she was at Y summer camp. It was really a terrific program."

"The counselors developed a wonderful relationship with the kids. The whole thing was very well run and organized."

"My son is all about Legos, so he really enjoyed the special Lego camp. But really, the whole camp program with the field trips and special weeks was just great."

"This was the third year in a row that both my kids have gone to summer camp at the Bethlehem YMCA, and it continues to be a really good, fun experience for them. I'll definitely be signing up again for next summer."

This fall and winter, the Bethlehem YMCA will be coming up with even more ways to keep making our summer camp better and more special programming to keep kids busy, and to make sure that every camper has a fun summer camp experience each and every day.

— Mark Hansen

Business sense

Getting a business up and running can be daunting, and one of the biggest questions is how to find the financing you need to get your great idea off the ground. On Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m., the library will host a panel of experts that might just have the answer.

Featuring representatives from The Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region, New York Business Development Corporation and the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, the "Financial Resources for Businesses" program will discuss financing options available to business start-ups and expansions from a variety of sources, including conventional banks and non-traditional lenders. Topics will include credit, business planning, financial projections, do's and don'ts, and more.

This program is co-sponsored by the Bethlehem Department of Economic Development and Planning and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.



Borthwick Avenue update

We would like to thank our patrons for their patience and understanding as we deal with roadwork-related delays and disruptions. We will do our best to keep you informed about last-minute changes that affect access to the library. Check Facebook and Twitter (which also appears on our website's home page) for the latest, or give us a call at 439-9314. We'd also like to remind you that you can always search our catalog, make requests, renew items, and access our databases 24 hours a day at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Volunteers needed

The library is looking for volunteers to help

out with our costume swap in October. If you are interested, contact librarian Cathy Brenner at cathy@bplkids.org. Youth volunteers must be accompanied by an adult.

Trustee receives business award

Library trustee Tamra Wright, who serves as the board's treasurer, has been named one of The Albany Business Review's 2015 CFO's of the Year for her work as controller at the law firm Deily & Glastetter, LLP. Tamra has served on the library's Board of Trustees since 2006.

Upcoming events

Friday, Sept. 25

Preschool Math: Shapes, Sorting, and More

Explore shapes, sort them by their attributes, and more. For up to age 6 with caregiver. 10-10:45 a.m.

— Kristen Roberts

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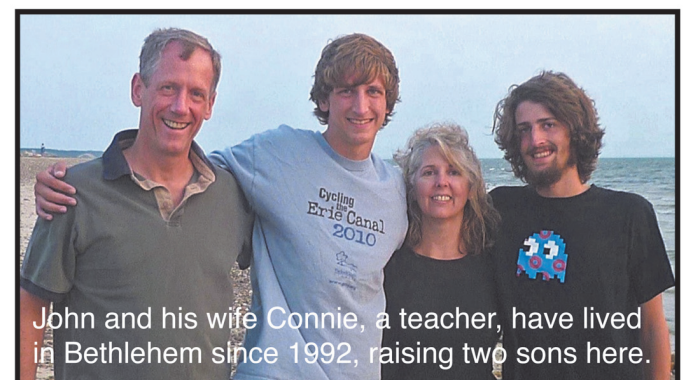
- Webcasting, Community Town Halls, Ethics Law
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✓ Keeping Bethlehem the special place it is

- Listening to the citizens first on development issues
- Focus on pedestrian safety, traffic calming, safety and flow
- Open Space Program, Conservation Easements & Street Tree Program

✓ Aiming even Higher for the Future

- New sidewalks, infrastructure, Delaware Avenue Enhancement, Street Tree Initiative and Rail Trail Improvements
- Parks master planning, Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve opened, and grants for new playground, fitness trail at Elm Ave & Hudson Kayak launch
- Fostering commercial growth in appropriate areas, such as Delaware Ave, Glenmont & Slingerlands commercial centers



John and his wife Connie, a teacher, have lived in Bethlehem since 1992, raising two sons here.

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COMMUNITY

Guilderland to NYC — no hassles

It's time for you to make your reservation for the annual bus trips to New York City, sponsored by the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce and the Guilderland Public Library.

There are two trips: Go on one, or go on both, it's up to you. The first trip is on Saturday, Oct. 10 — and if you want to go on this, you need to act soon — and the second is on Saturday, Dec. 12.

The Oct. 10 trip lets you enjoy the fall scenery, a (hopefully) cool, crisp day, and go shopping, or see a show before the holiday crowds descend upon the city. Hurry: there's just one bus for this trip.

The Dec. 12 trip is the one to take if you want to experience the city all dressed up for the holidays, but hate the hassle of driving down and back. (And parking? Fuhgeddaboutit!) As we have for the past two years, there will be two buses for this trip, but the

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seats fill quickly.

Making your reservations is simple. You can come to GPL and make your reservation in person at the circulation desk, or you can visit to the Chamber's website at www.guilderlandchamber.com, and click on the Calendar of Events. Go to Oct. 10 and click on "Autumn in the City" to purchase seats for the fall trip. Or go to Dec. 12 and click on "Holiday Bus Trip!" to make reservations for the holiday outing.

Can you go on both? Of course.

Here are details for both trips:

- Cost is \$45 per person.
- Buses leave the GPL parking lot precisely at 7:30 a.m., and arrive in NYC about 10:30 a.m.
- You will be dropped off in midtown, on 42nd

St., between 7th & 8th avenues.

• You have all day to enjoy all the sights, sounds and celebrations the city has to offer.

• Return trip: buses will meet you in front of the McDonald's (on 42nd St., between 7th & 8th avenues) just before 7 p.m. Please, be on time. The buses will leave NYC at 7 p.m., and get back to the GPL parking lot about 9:30 p.m.

Have a great time.

Eating disorders in adolescents

As part of the Adolescent/Teen Series with CDPHP, GPL is hosting a class on "Eating Disorders in Adolescents," with Julie Morison, PhD., on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m.

Eating disorders rank as the third most common chronic illness among adolescent females. If you're concerned about your child's relationship with food and/or body image, this workshop will help you learn to recognize the signs of a possible eating disorder and the ways you can help, including available treatment options.

Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 2, or online at www.guilpl.org.

International Batman Day

Celebrate International Batman Day at GPL on Saturday, Sept. 26, starting at 11:30 a.m. when the first of two major events kicks off.

Veteran actor Ritchie Coster, who played "The Chechen" in "The Dark Knight" Batman movie, will introduce a showing of the 2 1/2 hour film, which will begin at noon.

Batman Day continues with artist (and Guilderland resident) Greg Capullo. Join internationally renowned DC artist Capullo, principal artist for the Batman franchise, at 3 p.m. for a talk about the art of comic book drawing, followed by a signing of his memorabilia. Be sure to pick up some of the free Batman giveaways that Greg is bringing, and there will be collectible items for sale at the event. You can even bring a personal item for Greg to autograph.

'Think ya' used enough dynamite there, Butch?

This month's classic film on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m., is director George Roy Hill's Oscar-winning masterpiece "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," a western which paired Paul Newman and

Robert Redford.

Loosely based on the actual exploits of Wild West outlaws Robert LeRoy Parker, known to history as Butch Cassidy (Newman), and his partner Harry "Sundance Kid" Longabaugh (Redford), this film traces their search for a more successful criminal career in Bolivia, as they've barely managed to escape U.S. authorities.

Newman and Redford are simply marvelous together; their chemistry and dry delivery are a treat. Watch Redford turn epic failure into irony when he asks Newman "Think ya' used enough dynamite there, Butch?" as they watch what had been a ripe, cash-carrying boxcar into a shower of splinters and confetti.

The last Thursday of each month GPL screens a classic film. The series concludes on Oct. 29 when it shows "Nosferatu."

— Mark Curiale

Almost time to winterize your garden

It's time to "Put Your Garden to Bed." The Cornell Cooperative Extension will tell you just what to do on Friday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Join us for lunch at the Windowbox Cafe in Slingerlands before the program, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation. Van donation: \$7.

Take a trip with us to the Carrot Barn in Schoharie on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. We

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will have lunch, cost on your own, and shop for fresh fall vegetables, yummy homemade baked goods and a large array of Schoharie Valley and New York State products. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make your reservation. Van donation: \$10.

Take advantage of a free medication collection event on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Elm Avenue Town Park. Prescription and over-the-counter items in pill, liquid or powder forms are acceptable. The program is anonymous. You may remove identifying information from labels.

There are only a few seats available for our Broadway trip to see "An American in Paris" on Sunday, Oct. 18. Call 439-

4955, ext. 1176, for details.

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

Bethlehem Senior Transportation Service provides rides to medical, dental, therapy and clinic appointments, grocery

stores and a variety of social and recreational programs. The Bethlehem Food Pantry offers assistance to those in need and accepts donations of non-perishable food, as well as paper and household products. Come to the Senior Office in Town Hall for a copy of our newsletter or visit the Senior Services website at townofbethlehem.org.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets

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

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

— Wilma DeLucco

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Online banking can change your relationship with money

By RUTH MAHONEY,
President,
Capital Region, KeyBank

Technology is changing the way we bank. From ATMs to online banking and mobile apps, the ability to manage our finances at our convenience has never been easier.

Technology is also changing consumer expectations. Today, people want much more than easy and convenient access to their digital dollars. We expect value and demand expertise. In short, we want add-on services that put the power of our banks and knowledge of our bankers at our fingertips...and banks are rightfully racing to give it to us.

A new generation of technology

Customer expectations are the driving force behind most of today's technological innovations in the financial services industry. Just as passbooks gave way to online banking, cash and card-based transactions will give way to mobile payments and digital wallets like Apple Pay*, Google Pay*, PayPal*, Dwolla* and Square Wallet*. These smartphone apps hold your payment and loyalty card information and make it more secure and convenient to shop and track spending.

Electronic fund transfer (EFT) is what makes these technologies possible, and it defines the way we bank. Whether you are making a deposit or withdrawal at your local branch or conducting transactions from your computer or mobile device, money moves at the click of a button, touch of the finger or scan of your smartphone.



Ruth Mahoney

Consider mobile banking. Through mobile responsive websites or apps, you not only have an automated digital passbook, but you also have the ability to pay bills, transfer funds and make deposits. That's right, you can take a photo of a check with your phone and submit it for deposit. No trip to the bank or ATM is necessary.

From convenience to tools

Perhaps the most exciting thing about recent technological advances in banking is that they are allowing banks to transition from providing convenience to delivering valuable tools.

For starters, account alerts can notify you by email or text when important activity occurs in your account. In addition to knowing when large deposits or withdrawals clear, alerts can be a great way to combat fraudulent activity. If something suspicious happens, you'll know about it right away.

More important, banks are creating online applications that help you set and achieve financial goals. Here's an example of what some banks, including KeyBank, are providing free of charge to customers.

- Automated scheduling of transfers between accounts. This is a great tool for moving money from your checking to savings account to achieve savings goals.
- Interactive budgeting tools that help you plan for big expenses by providing real-time feedback about how what you earn and how much you spend will affect your savings timeline. It's a great way to forecast your earnings and ability to either save or invest.
- Account-based calendars that provide an intuitive interface for you to see when and where you are spending your money and when payments are due.

There are also a growing number of financial management sites like mint.com and learnvest.com that help you better manage and invest your money.

The theme is that people want to choose how and when they bank, as well as more powerful tools to personally control how they manage their money, and banks are innovating to meet their needs.

Relationships still matter

In the early 2000s, analysts were prognosticating the demise of the brick-and-mortar

branch. With the ability to bank from the convenience of their homes, why would customers continue to bank at branches?

More than a decade later we've learned that people value flexibility as much as convenience. They still like to have a relationship with a local banker. They like to feel valued—like they are more than an account number in a database, which explains why more than half of all bank or credit union customers visit their branch every month.**

As a result, today's most innovative banks are pairing service with technology. Bank representatives are subject matter experts and advisors trained to help

clients achieve their goals. Branches are resource rooms where clients can gather information to better manage their personal finances and/or grow a business.

Technology is the driving force behind it all. Instead of building a barrier between bankers and their clients, like many analysts expected, it is creating a bridge to more meaningful relationships in which people are more empowered than ever before to take charge of their financial destiny.

In the coming years, new tools and applications will continue to roll out to the public. Digital dollars are the future.

The best banks are not going to keep pace with the new technologies. They are going to drive and develop the new technologies, understanding that the only way to stay relevant in today's ever-changing technological landscape is to innovate and help make peoples' lives easier to manage and more meaningful—not because it's what banking customers like are demanding but rather because tools to improve financial literacy and grow wealth is what banking customers deserve.

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What to look for in an online banking platform

Technology may be changing the way we bank, but it is not fundamentally changing the relationship between banks and customers. The reason: people continue to have unique financial needs, so they continue to need equally unique banking solutions.

Online banking provides customers with a broader range of services and tools that help banks meet these unique needs. However, not every online banking platform is created equal. First and foremost, your online banking platform needs to be secure and provide you with access to all of your accounts across various devices via various channels.

Here are some of the other features you should consider when looking to expand your online banking activities.

- Mobile apps. You should be able to access your accounts, pay bills and transfer funds with your mobile device—anytime, anywhere. It's all about convenience. For example, some banks provide a mobile deposit app that allows you to take a photo of a check with your phone and then submit it for deposit. No trip to the bank or ATM is required.
- A mobile-responsive website. Your bank's website must also be accessible via your smart phone. You bank on the go, and you need to be able to get online to conduct

your banking activity when and where you want—without sacrificing the quality of your experience.

- Text banking. Programming your phone to send commands and instantly receive account information via text message push notifications allows you to manage and monitor your account 24/7.
- Account alerts. Signing up to be notified via email or text message when important activity occurs in your account is both a security feature and means to enhance your online and mobile banking experience.

It is also important that your bank follow best practices to protect your personal information. From automatically logging you out of your account after a period of inactivity to fraud monitoring, proprietary user login systems, firewalls and encryption tools, securing your data is paramount.

Your bank should also be able to provide you with a broad range of identity theft prevention resources, as well as provide you with security alerts that help you protect yourself across all your online activity.

Additional resources for identity theft prevention include FDIC Consumer News, National Better Business Bureau and Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Consumer Protection. If you do notice any suspicious activity on your account, contact your bank immediately.

COMMUNITY

Fashion show and luncheon

Please plan to join us at the Fashion Show and Luncheon at Colonie Golf & Country Club, 141 Maple Road (Route 85A), Voorheesville, on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at noon. Fashions by Liz's Closet, and modeling by our senior ladies.

Your luncheon entrée choices are: baked boneless pork chops with apples in a red wine reduction; broiled haddock Veronique served with lemons, panko and white grapes in white wine sauce; or chicken Francais, egg dipped and pan roasted with a lemon wine butter sauce. All entrées are served with soup du jour, carrot cake and coffee or tea.

Cost: \$ 23 per person. Tickets are available in the Senior Office from Sept. 7 through Oct. 9. Please make checks payable to "Town of Guilderland." Remember to indicate your luncheon choice and if transportation is needed.

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Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

If you are interested in volunteering "once in a while" for about an hour and half, this is an opportunity for you. Meals are delivered to Guilderland/Altamont residents on weekdays. Please call 356-1980, ext. 1048 for further information.

Learn about Medicare

Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please call the office to register for a presentation by Oct. 23.

Will you soon be 65? Come learn how Medicare works. You will be informed of all the factors that you should consider when making your choices.

Are you already in Medicare, but still having questions about your coverage options? There

are Medicare counselors trained to help you understand your choices and options. Attend a presentation designed to provide you with an understanding of Medicare and the choices available to you.

Having trouble paying your Medicare premium or related medical expenses? Find out if you may qualify for Federal assistance with your medical expenses.

Medicare appointments are available. Janet Kiffney from the Albany County Health Insurance Counseling Program will be in the Senior Office late October into November. If you would like to schedule an informative, one-on-one appointment between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., please call the Senior Office.

Pinochle players wanted

Pinochle is on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. We have players that are

willing to teach you the game, but if you already can play please come and join them. Please call for more info.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Scheduled shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones +
12:30 p.m. Mahjonn
12:30 p.m. Pinochle

Friday, Sept. 25

Scheduled shopping
10 a.m. Painting
10 a.m. Bridge
1 p.m. Quilting

Monday, Sept. 28

Scheduled shopping
9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Tuesday, Sept. 29

9 a.m. Strong Bones +
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: turkey divan or cold plate
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Rummikub

Retirement workshop

On Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m., the library will be hosting a free public information workshop designed to help participants ages 45-70 to better understand their Social Security retirement benefits and what they may be entitled to. Popular questions such as "when can I stop working," "how much can I expect from the government" and "what's the best claiming strategy to maximize my benefits" will be discussed.

This program will be presented by volunteers from Retirement Solutions. Registration is required and can be done online at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

WWI Movie

Join us at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4, for the WWI movie "Paths of Glory."

"Safe in their picturesque chateau behind the front lines, the French general staff

Voorheesville Public Library

passes down a direct order to Colonel Dax (Kirk Douglas): take the Ant Hill at any cost. A blatant suicide mission, the attack is doomed to failure. Covering up their fatal blunder, the generals order the arrest of three innocent soldiers, charging them with cowardice and mutiny. Dax, a lawyer in civilian life, rises to the men's defense but soon realizes that, unless he can prove that the generals were to blame, nothing less than a miracle will save his clients from the firing squad. A compelling masterpiece from world-class director/writer Stanley Kubrick." (Newsweek).

Light refreshments will be served. This movie is part of "The Great War Remembrance Series" of educational programs.

— Lynn Kohler

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COMMUNITY PLANNING



Look Ma, no hands

Computer driven cars are a thing of the present

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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The future promises many things, but sometimes it doesn't follow through.

Robert Zemeckis promised us all hoverboards by 2015 with his 1989 movie hit "Back to the Future II." But, alas, there are none. In fact, flying cars have long been promised before Marty McFly eluded Biff on such an anti-gravity devise. Flying cars are

With each passing year, car manufacturers are turning out vehicles with technology out of science fiction. One company has a car on the road that navigates through slow moving traffic, without any human interaction.

no closer to reality, but the notion of automated transportation is certainly in the realm of possibility.

The Capital District Transportation Committee discussed the very topic two weeks ago, on the heels of its released draft of the CDTC New Visions 2040 report. The committee is tasked with projecting the future transportation needs of the Capital District. Those projections, said CDTC Executive Director Michael Francini, directly impact funding for yet to be proposed capital projects. At nearly 130-pages thick, the report covers the full gambit of transportation options, from pedestrian and bicycle, to community transit, and the infrastructure it all utilizes.

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Lionheart

Troy Middle School student Roseanne Waters is making a name for herself out on the gridiron, as she has been named to Troy football's modified team. The 7th grade student, or #80 in your game program, is said to have established a good reputation with the coaching staff with her strong work ethic and her performance on the field.

Submitted photos



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ARTS

Hail to the boss

Reiss named as CEO of The Arts Center in Troy

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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TROY — Elizabeth Reiss is a self-proclaimed “New York girl” who realized at a young age she needed to get out of town to explore how the rest of the world did things before settling on the idea the Big Apple does everything better. She headed out West on her quest for knowledge. She stopped at Pittsburgh, and that’s about as far west as she got.

The newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of The Arts Center of the Capital Region in Troy sees similar parallels between the Collar and Steel cities. In history, the two each established a reputation for blue-collar workers that had a hand in building a nation. Pittsburgh steel would go into building America’s buildings and infrastructure, and Troy’s Uncle Sam personified the effort to feed its military. Today, they have both benefited from community projects aimed to revitalize each other. Dreary surroundings that once only hinted of glorious days gone by have come back again.

And, art certainly had a hand in that.

“Joining The Arts Center as CEO is incredibly exciting,” said Reiss on her new appointment as The Arts Center’s CEO. “I’ve dedicated my career to making the arts accessible

to the community at-large. With this role, I’ve been provided the opportunity to reach thousands of people in the Capital Region that enjoy and benefit from the classes, camps, exhibits and programs hosted by The Arts Center.”

Reiss takes the reigns of The Arts Center on Sept. 28, and will work towards increasing public engagement. Strategic planning to launch new programs that create and build upon The Arts Center’s brand is already on the agenda. And, she said, she hopes to continue to grow audiences and revenue and be an active leader in the creative and civic dialog.

“We’re thrilled to have Elizabeth join our team as CEO,” stated Susan Radzynski, Board Chair of The Arts Center. “Her commitment to the arts, her knowledge of strategic development, and heavy involvement with cultural advancement groups convinced the Board that Elizabeth is the leader that will guide The Arts Center to further growth.”

Her early work focused on museum education, teaching classes and camps and developing curricula for museums and schools. At the Museum of Art and Design in New York City, she developed replica working artist studios to enhance exhibitions. While there she developed the

national Quilts Across America program. Reiss opened and operated the Children’s Museum of the Arts in New York City and then enjoyed several years as the director of the Three Rivers Arts Festival in Pittsburgh.

In Pittsburgh, she was best known for producing innovative public art projects, including an artist-made skate-park and ground-breaking examples of environmental art. She was a founder of the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council and served on the boards of several artist led organizations, including Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre where she still serves as treasurer and advisor.

For the past five years Reiss has served as the Director of Development and Public Relations at the Albany Institute of History & Art where she improved the museum’s fundraising program and initiated new methods to engage current and future donors.

A few exhibits are on display, or soon on the horizon once Reiss takes the helm.

Reiss’ work with the Albany Institute is not finished. As of last week, she was still attending meetings and facilitating projects, to which she plans to do until her last day. But, she expressed her eagerness to start her new role, with a legacy all of its own.

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Elizabeth Reiss joins The Arts Center of the Capital Region to take the helm after five years working with the Albany Institute of History & Art.

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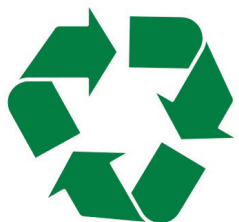
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■ BUSINESS

We've got spirits

Taco Bell selling alcohol in select markets, but not here

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Taco Bell, the Mexican fast food chain, made headlines last week as it announced it would test selling alcohol at select locations.

Taco Bell Cantinas will open in Chicago and San Francisco, testing a market where younger consumers have proven to be enamoured with wine and craft spirits.

Taco Bell Corp released a statement last Tuesday to announce the effort to rebrand the franchise to a "new urban restaurant" concept.

"These new urban restaurants are a critical part of our growth strategy in markets where people experience our brand differently," stated Brian Niccol, Taco Bell chief executive officer. "Today's consumers are living in more urban settings and our new restaurants cater to their lifestyle in adapting our traditional restaurant concepts to fit their modern needs."

The concept design addresses five



▲ Taco Bell is testing the market by offering wine and beer to compliment its fast food menu in San Francisco and Chicago.

Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

specific factors; urbanization, digitization, localization, the green movement and transparency.

Drive-thrus will be a thing of the past, which one may expect with the introduction to alcohol to the menu. The overall customer experience will take on a more 21st century feel. Digital menu boards and mobile apps will allow consumers to order food and pay for it with a simple touch of a finger. Restaurants will also utilize reclaimed elements and LED lighting in a more environmentally sensitive society.

A spokesperson at Taco Bell Corp. confirmed no cantinas are in the works for the Capital District. The locations presently doing business in the area will not be selling alcohol in the near future.

Taco Bell has more than 350 franchise organizations and 6,000 restaurants across the country. The food chain plans to add 2,000 more stores by 2022.

Gifting a name

New sign honors Massry family for \$5.25M gift

ALBANY — The University at Albany unveiled the signage for its Massry Center for Business last week, named in honor of the Capital District's Massry Family.

UAlbany President Robert J. Jones declared that its School of Business building will be named in honor of the family and their longstanding support of the University.

"We are proud to name this extraordinary facility for the Massry family in honor of their unprecedented gift," said Jones. "Their generosity will be felt across this institution as the School of Business strengthens our entrepreneurial ecosystem, and throughout the Capital Region as we prepare graduates with the skills, mindset, and real-world experiences to be the business leaders of the future."

Last December the University of Albany received a \$5.25 million



Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

gift — the largest gift bestowed upon the school — from the Massry family to support the School of Business, as well as key University-wide initiatives.

"Having had the pleasure of working with Morris Massry on the Foundation's Board of Directors for many years, I have witnessed firsthand his family's dedication to the Capital Region," said UAlbany Foundation President George R. Hearst III. "I would like to personally thank Morris, Norman and the entire Massry family for their belief in UAlbany's excellence. This is a fitting tribute to their generosity."

In addition to ensuring the new School of Business building remains

a state-of-the-art resource, the gift will be used to fund the Massry Lecture Series, conferences and visiting faculty to enrich the academic experience of School of Business students. The inaugural Massry Lecture, held this past March, featured Benjamin Lawskey, who at the time served as New York's Superintendent of the Department of Financial Services.

The Massry Center for Business, which opened in August 2013, has been ranked as the fourth most beautiful business school building in the world, higher than facilities at most of America's leading research universities, such as Duke, MIT, Cornell, Columbia, NYU, UC-Berkeley, University of Texas at Austin and the University of Michigan. US News & World Report has cited UAlbany's School of Business as No. 1 in the country for two consecutive years for job placement for full-time MBA students, while the *Princeton Review* has ranked the master's in business administration degree program ninth in the nation for offering "the greatest Opportunity for Women."

— Michael Hallisey

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ARTS

Pedal on through life

Albany troupe tackles award-winning play "4000 Miles"

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Clifton Park native, and now New York City thespian, comes back home to star in an award winning dramatic comedy on the Capital Repertory Theatre stage.

Amy Herzog's Obie Award-winning dramatic comedy, "4000 Miles," next up at Capital Repertory Theatre, Sept. 25 through Oct. 18, is a month in Leo's life after an epic cross-country bike ride from his home in Seattle, to his grandmother's couch in Greenwich Village. The 100-minute play — a Pulitzer Prize finalist that has been grabbing laughs at regional theatres nationwide — is a contemporary piece of work the REP's

producing artistic director Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill describes as, "an unexpected Odd Couple for the 21st century."

Leo has just hammered across the continent on his own, grinding the distance from Seattle to New York, where his grandmother, Vera opens her door to him. It's a bit of a modern-day "Odd Couple," with Leo as an idealistic millennial and Vera an ancient, 91-year-old, wise enough to know when to hold her tongue and when to lose it.

Cara O'Brien stars as Bec, Leo's girlfriend from back home, who is attending college in New York City.

"One of the things that drew me to Bec is that she is a huge feminist," said O'Brien, who attended Cap21 Conservatory in New York City after her high school days in upstate New York. "She stands her ground and knows what she believes in, which I

think is a good trait for a young woman to have."

O'Brien was exposed to the arts at a young age, having grown up in an extended family who was active in the local theatre community. By the time she was 15, she said she wanted to be an actor. She has since come up through the ranks at the REP, performing in both James Joyce's "The Dead and Gypsy: A Musical Fable" (as the young Louise). She was also frequently seen at Cohoes Music Hall.

In addition to the character, the overall writing of the play impressed the young, 24-year-old actor.

"It's a really wonderful play," said O'Brien. "It has something for everyone. There's comedy relief, and it tugs at your heartstrings. It will make you want to have those conversations you haven't had with your grandmother."

Mancinelli-Cahill notes Herzog's use

of contemporary colloquialisms; the characters speak as we all speak, she said. "It's a moving, funny story about unlikely people taking care of each other," said Mancinelli-Cahill. "I appreciate seeing a 91-year-old who still wakes up in the morning concerned about others around her. Goodness knows, I wish that for myself."

Eileen Schuyler returns to the REP as the peppery Vera Joseph, a dyed-in-the-wool New York Jew who has largely replaced religion with politics. Schuyler, most recently seen as the Player Queen in Kevin McGuire's *Hamlet*, is a longtime friend of the theatre, having appeared in "33 Variations," "You Can't Take It With You," "Our Town" and "Fuddy Meers." Known locally for extensive work with Stageworks/Hudson and the New York State



Clifton Park native Cara O'Brien returns home to take the Capital Repertory Theatre stage to star in Amy Herzog's dramatic comedy, "4000 miles."

Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

Theatre Institute, she is an Audie Award winner and serves as artistic director of Theatre Voices.

Miles G. Jackson makes his Capital Repertory Theatre debut as Leo

Joseph-Connell, a young man as shattered by the death of a friend as he is scattered in his feelings about life.

For more information, call the REP at 445-7469.

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ARTS CALENDAR

THEATER

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder

2014 Tony Award winner for Best Musical. Proctors Mainstage, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Sept. 26. Shows: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8 p.m.; Sept. 26 matinee 2 p.m.; Sept. 24 matinee 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$80. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

The Commons of Pensacola

Amanda Peet's drama about a woman who moves to Florida after learning of her husband's illegal activity on Wall Street, and then faces a visit from her daughter and the daughter's boyfriend. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, Sept. 4 through Oct. 3. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m. and Sundays 3 p.m., with a special matinee Sept. 12 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

4000 Miles

Amy Herzog's award-winning dramatic comedy



Bridging the gap

Singer-songwriter Sarah McQuaid performs both traditional and contemporary folk music. Catch her in action when she plays the Old Songs Community Arts Center Sept. 25.

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about a young man learning life lessons from his grandmother. Presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, Sept. 29 through Oct. 18. Shows: Tuesdays through Sundays. Tickets: \$20-\$50. Information: 445-7469 or www.capitalrep.org.

Death of a Salesman

Arthur Miller's famous play, presented by Classic Theater Guild, Fenimore Gallery, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, Sept. 25-27. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15.50-\$18.50. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

MUSIC

The Alan Doyle Band

Founding member of Great Big Sea takes solo turn. Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$28. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Yo La Tengo

Celebrating its 25th anniversary with an acoustic show. Sept. 23, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$27 and \$34. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

Rafael

Singer-songwriter. Sept. 25, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Sarah McQuaid

International singer and guitarist, performing folk songs both traditional and contemporary. Sept. 25, 8 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: adults \$20, children 12 and under \$5. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

Dave Hart

Acoustic guitar and mandolin player/singer-songwriter. Sept. 26, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany. Information: 512-5100 or www.ebalbany.com.

Tommy Emmanuel

One of the top guitar players in the world. Sept. 26, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza,

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ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)

Albany. Tickets: \$39.50.
Information: 473-1845 or
www.theegg.org.

Alex Torres and His Latin Orchestra

Latin jazz by way of Amsterdam-based group. Sept. 26, 9 p.m., Newberry Music Hall, 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets: advance \$8, day of show \$10. Information: www.newberrymusicall.com.

Glens Falls Symphony

Performing works by Brahms and Nielsen, featuring pianist Francois Dumont. Sept. 27, 4 p.m., Glens Falls High School. Tickets: adults \$25-\$30, students \$10. Information: 793-1348 or gfso.org.

Washington County Line

Bluegrass band begins Howlin' at the Moon concert series, with special guest Patrick Sharrow. Sept. 28, 7 p.m., Mabee Farm Historic Site, 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Tickets: \$5. Information: 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org/howlin.

Accents

Folk-rock quartet performs as part of September in the City Art Fair series, with special guest Angela Bove. Sept. 30, 11:30 a.m., Tricentennial Park, Albany. Information: 434-2032 or www.albanyevents.org.

COMEDY

Comedy Works Albany

Chris DiStefano headlines, Sept. 25, 500 Northern Blvd., Albany. Shows: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Advance tickets: dinner and show \$44.95, admission only \$20. Day of show: dinner and show \$49.95, admission only \$25. Sam Morril and Guests, Sept. 26. Shows: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Advance tickets: dinner and show \$39.95, admission only \$15. Day of show: dinner and show \$44.95, admission only \$20. Information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

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Barry Crimmins headlines, Sept. 25, 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Show: 8 p.m. Advance tickets: dinner and show \$39.95, admission only \$15. Day of show: dinner and show \$44.95, admission only \$20. Information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

MopCo

"Theatresports," a night of improvised comedy and music, Sept. 25, 8 p.m., Underground at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$6-\$14. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Nick Vatterott

2011 Andy Kaufman Award-winning stand-up comic headlines September's "Pretty Much the Best Comedy Show" event. Sept. 26, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$15-\$20. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Craig Ferguson

Scottish comic best known for hosting "The Late, Late Show" and "Celebrity Name Game." Sept. 27, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music

Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$37-\$57. Information: 273-0038 or www.troymusichall.org.

Kevin James

"The King of Queens" and "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" star goes back to his stand-up comedic roots. Oct. 2, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$25-\$75. Information: palacealbany.com.

Dave Chappelle

Famous comedian makes local tour stop, Oct. 4, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$58. Information: palacealbany.com.

DANCE

Single Squares of Albany

Modern western square dancing featuring caller Bruce McCue and cuer Dennis Viscanti. Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m., Colonie Elks Club, Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. Admission: \$7. Information: 674-2076.

TriDance

An evening of dinner, drinks, dancing and a Latin dance class to raise funds for cancer research and patient services through the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m., National Museum of Dance, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets: \$50. Information: 584-2225, ext. 3001.

Albany Dance-Sport Club

Monthly ballroom dance featuring 45-minute lesson and a mid-event showcase. Sept. 27, 6:15 p.m., Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. Admission: adults \$10, students \$5. Information: 456-3995.

English Country Dance

Called and taught by Melanie Axel-Lute, with live music by Alan Thomson, Eric Buddington and Laura Hagen. Oct. 4, 1:30 p.m., Channing Hall, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 405 Washington Ave., Albany. Tickets: adults \$12, Capital English Country Dancers members \$10. Information: 477-5684 or www.danceflurry.org/capital-english.

FILM

16 Acres

Documentary about the rebuilding of Ground Zero in New York City. Sept. 24, 7 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Information: www.proctors.org.

15 Minutes Max Film Festival

The College of Saint Rose-sponsored short film competition. Oct. 2, 5 p.m., Madison Theater, 1036 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. Information: www.15minmax.wordpress.com.

LITERARY

Conjunctions

Bard College-based literary magazine brings three of its featured writers — Bradford Morrow, Ann Lauterbach and Peter Straub — to town to read from their works. Sept. 24, 8 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Recital Hall,

uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

New York State Writers Institute

Fiction writer Ann Beattie and poet Peg Boyers read from their works. Sept. 29, 8 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Studio, Recital Hall, uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

MISC.

Olate Dogs

"America's Got Talent" Season 7 winners take to the stage to do their circus stunts and tricks. Sept. 27, 3 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: adults \$20, children \$10. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

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■ ARTS CALENDAR (cont.)

EXHIBITS

Albany Center Gallery

“Scott Brodie: Retrospective,” Sept. 4 through Oct. 3. 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information: 462-4775 or albanycentergallery.org.

Albany Institute of History and Art

“The Capital Region in 50 Objects,” Sept. 19 through April 3; “Seeing

Double: the Anaglyphs of Eric Egas,” through Oct. 25; 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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“Earth Exposed: Discover Our Planet’s Hidden Secrets.” Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

County Historical Society,

as well as pieces from the Iroquois Indian Museum, the USS Slater, Hanford Mills Museum, miSci and the City Mission. Sept. 18 through April 8. 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information: 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org.

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Food & Vino

Glazed Honey & Rosemary Grilled Pork

By **ANN LINDA CIOTOLI**
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The days have not shown us a hint of summer leaving town yet, but the nights have provided us with a cool, crisp reminder that autumn is, in fact, near. This recipe is reminiscent of some of the homecoming cookouts soon to be at our area colleges.

Glazed Honey & Rosemary Grilled Pork

Ingredients:

5 Tbs. honey
5 Tbs. extra-virgin olive oil
1 Tbs. chopped fresh rosemary
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
2 (12-16 ounce) pork tenderloins
salt and pepper

2 Tbs. fresh squeezed lemon juice

5 ounces (5 cups) baby arugula

2 ripe peaches, halved, pitted, and cut into 1/2 inch thick wedges

1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted

Instructions:

Whisk 1/4 cup honey, 1 Tbs. oil, rosemary, and red pepper flakes together in a bowl, and set aside

Pat tenderloins dry with paper towels. Brush tenderloins with 1 Tbs. oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill tenderloins over hot fire on a grill until well brown and meat registers 145 degrees (use a meat thermometer). 15-20 minutes. You can also bake in the oven at 400 degrees and thermometer registers same. Brush tenderloins with glaze and continue to cook, about 3-5 minutes longer. Transfer to cutting

board, tent with aluminum foil, and let rest for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk lemon juice, remaining 1 Tbs. honey, and remaining 3 Tbs. oil together in large bowl. Add arugula and peaches to bowl and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper to taste and sprinkle pine nuts over salad. Slice tenderloins and serve with salad.

Pairing:

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From page B1 ... Look Ma, no hands

One avenue approached by the committee may initially be perceived as a tip of the hat to science fiction fans.

Scott LeVine presented at the committee's most recent monthly meeting two weeks ago. LeVine is respected as an

international expert on automated transportation. He is an assistant professor in urban planning for SUNY New Paltz.

Cars that drive themselves conjure images of Tom Cruise in "Minority Report," but the notion is far from far-

fetched. The technology, to a large extent, is already being utilized.

"It's a question of time when we talk about automated driving cars on our roadways," said Francini, who cited a handful of car manufacturers that incorporate advanced technology that takes some tasks, such as checking a driver's blind spot or

parallel parking, out of the hands of the driver. "It's just a question as to when it all goes into one vehicle.

"I think it's going to happen. The potential for such a vehicle is huge. ... Most accidents on our roadways are caused by human error. You see people all the time with their heads down, probably texting." The technology would also allow for

increased freedoms for the elderly and disabled, said Francini.

"In the extreme scenario, when cars become self-driving, you may not need to own a car. You may be able to call for a car and have it pick you up."

The thought of Municipal Planning Organizations (MPOs) like the CDTC, planning for such technology would seem unconventional. Motorists who reside north of the Mohawk River are all too familiar with the rush hour commute on both the Northway and NYS Route 9 corridors. Those drivers would undoubtedly choose to expand the Eisenhower-era roadway to accommodate today's commute, and not rely upon technology that falls along the same lines as the flying car.

Francini discredited the popular belief that widening highways is the best solution to address congested highways. "We have computer models

that show, if you widen the Northway, that in two to three years, all the automobiles not using the highway today, would start using it," he said. The act of widening the highway draws the attention of drivers presently using alternate routes. Once lured to the expanded roadway, congestion returns within a short period of time. "Most congestion is caused by incidents, accidents or someone who is pulled over, or weather," said Francini.

Instead, the CDTC reviews everything, from today's trends that speak of a younger population wishing to walk and bike to work, to a future that calls for streamlining commuter buses and other means of public transit. Francini said the CDTC works with the Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) in assessing commuter needs. Public transportation, similar to what is facilitated by CDTA today, will continue to be needed, said Francini.

The question is, how will such transportation be maintained?

"Different players have different views," said LeVine. Maglev trains, rail transit, automated vehicles — each option has a different interest group pushing for the supporting technology. Automated cars as exhibited by Google provides an advantageous opportunity for the web provider and the advertisers associated with the publically-owned company. "The typical

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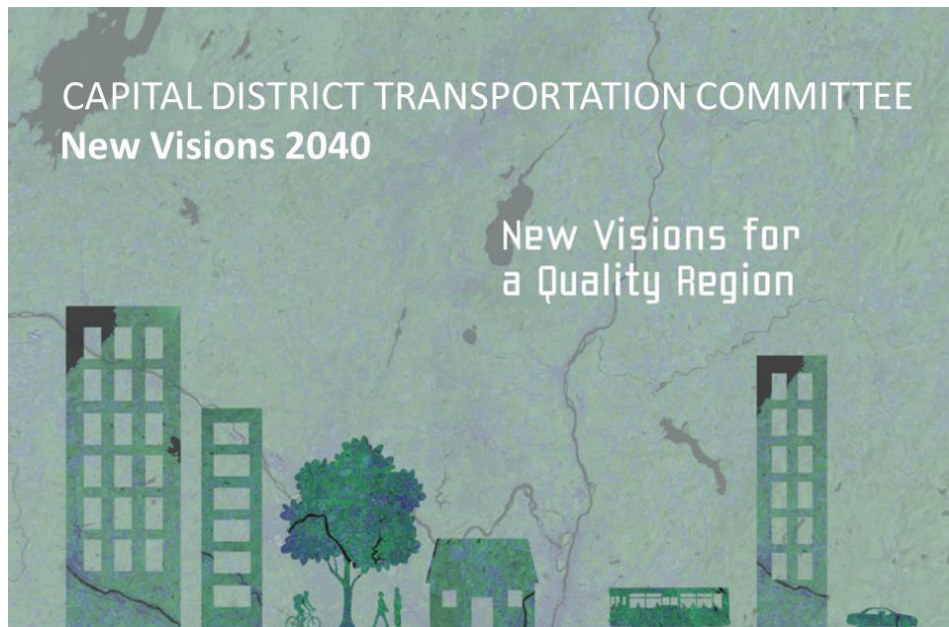
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The Capital District Transportation Committee's 130-page New Visions 2040 was released on August 27, and covers several factors that will impact the area in the next 30 years, including bicycle, pedestrian, transit, freight, infrastructure and land use.

person is on the move for an hour each day," said the professor. "If you take an hour a day, across the nation, the advertising aspect alone is incredibly lucrative."

"MPOs seem to be taking a cautious approach," said LeVine, in his presentation to the committee. "In my judgement, this seems both sensible and pragmatic, given that MPOs are not one of the primary actors at the movement. At present, 'this is happening and MPOs are adapting,' rather than 'MPOs are driving this forward,'" he said.

Two years ago, Mercedes Benz introduced its Intelligent Drive package exclusive to its 2014 S-class sedan. The technology captured within the \$90,000 automobile assists drivers with checking blind spots and rear-view assistance, features present in more affordable, domestic vehicles. But, that's where the comparisons end. An array of sensors and

an on-board computer with algorithms lends something akin to artificial intelligence, adjusting the vehicle to several conditions with the help of cameras: from adjusting suspension for potholes, to alerting speed and steering by judging the car's relation to lane markings. Up to certain speeds, the luxury sedan can steer and break on its own – a feature marketed to assist commuters in traffic jams. These kind of advancements have enabled Mercedes Benz, along with other car manufacturers Nissan, General Motors and Volvo, to predict they will have an completely autonomous car on the road by 2020.

Cities that have planned for completely self-driving cars number in the few. That's due in large part because planners can't control the development of the technology available. Of the 25 largest U.S. cities, only San Diego and Philadelphia address self-driving or connected vehicles into their

municipal planning. "This may change, however, if we talk more seriously about dedicated public infrastructure," said LeVine.

Francini said one of the biggest factors to address for the future is freight delivery. With consumers purchasing more through the Internet, those orders cause a precipitating affect on rail and truck delivery. Larger vehicles already apply automation by means of Global Positioning System. Many farms in the Mid-West utilize combines equipped with GPS to manage the fields autonomously.

So, does the professor see autonomous vehicles on our roadways in our lifetimes?

"They teach you when you're wet behind the ears, when you're a planner, is you give [the audience] a number or a date, but not a number and a date," said LeVine. "There are so many moving parts. It's very, very difficult to say that we'll see it in our lifetimes."



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From page B3 ...

Hail to the boss

"I look forward to continuing the hard work of the people before me," said Reiss.

The Arts Center will exhibit work from regional artist Greg Skochko, titled "Air, Fat, Sugar & CO2." The artwork will be on display now through Saturday, Oct. 10, in The Arts Center's Main Gallery located at 265 River St. in Troy. The exhibit's opening reception will be Friday, Sept. 25, from 5 to 9 p.m., and will be free to the public during Troy Night Out.

Skochko's sculptures function as fantastic

mechanical objects, fused with plausible scenarios and characters of his conjuring. His keen observation of the way that people live their lives has led him to experiment with American cultural issues, such as capitalism, classism and over-consumption, in a playful manner. To achieve this, the latest exhibit incorporates inflatables and recognizable cultural references that provide more movement and interaction from the viewer.

"Clairvoyance II: Art of the Visually Impaired," which is already on exhibit, will run until

Saturday, Oct. 10. This exhibit features artwork from the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany Blind Artist Society (NABA BAS), Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI), and the North Country Association of the Visually Impaired, Inc. (NCAVI).

The goal of this show is to proudly exhibit this extraordinary body of work and raise awareness in the arts that visual impairment can never stifle artistic creativity.

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Tony Iadicicco takes advantage of last week's beautiful weather by painting outside of The Arts Center Gallery in Albany. The executive director's piece takes elements from the popular modern work that has been on display at the Empire State Plaza over the years. The piece is in preparation of the 50th anniversary celebration of the South Mall.

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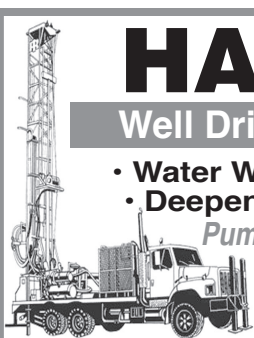
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Dr. Valerie Rapson, and with miSci providing administrative support to the Dudley Observatory.

Dudley Observatory Astronomer, Dr. Valerie Rapson, received a Ph.D. from the Rochester Institute of Technology in Astrophysical Sciences and Technology and a Bachelor's degree in physics and astronomy from the University of Rochester. She has extensive research experience in the chemical composition and structure of planet-forming disks around nearby young stars and in

atmospheric science and star formation as observed by infrared telescopes. Dr. Rapson brings extensive experience in the field of informal astronomy education reaching people of all ages from summer class students to senior citizens. Dr. Rapson's Senior Science program is featured in the October issue of Astronomy Magazine.

"I'm really excited to be spearheading the astronomy education programs at the Dudley Observatory. This facility offers so much wonderful history, and the recent

partnering with miSci will really help the observatory grow its educational programming. We hope to reach out to all members of the public, both young and young-at-heart, and teach them the wonders of astronomy," said Dudley Observatory Astronomer Dr. Valerie Rapson. "Everyone should have the opportunity to learn about the Universe. My goal for Dudley is to enhance the current programming beyond basic night sky observing and present scientific material in a fun and understandable way. You don't need to be a

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This tour is based on Carter's Southern Comfort album, released in 2014. On it, she explores the folk tunes her paternal grandfather, a coalminer, would have heard as he

toiled in Alabama — and the project expanded to include other folk tunes of the region.

Regina Carter website: <http://reginacarter.com/>

Tickets for Regina Carter are on sale to members today and will be available to the general public this Friday, September 18 by phone, 518-273-0038, online troymusichall.org, or in person at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Box Office, located at 30 Second Street in downtown Troy, NY.



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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



LUKE DOLE

Bethlehem soccer player Luke Dole is the Mar-Gas Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Sept. 20. Dole recorded a double hat trick (six goals) to lead the Eagles past Troy 9-0 Thursday, Sept. 17, in a Suburban Council game.

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■ INSIDE



A rough night

The Guilderland football team suffered its first loss of the season Friday, Sept. 18, as Empire Division rival Saratoga Springs beat the Dutchmen 40-7.

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■ BETHLEHEM

Eagles falter

Bethlehem loses to top-ranked Arlington after nine-goal outburst against Troy

By **ROB JONAS**

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BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem boys soccer team went toe-to-toe with the top-ranked Class AA team in New York, only to fall short.

Arlington scored the go-ahead goal with less than eight minutes left in regulation to edge the Eagles 2-1 in a non-league game Saturday, Sept. 19, outside Poughkeepsie.

Arlington scored seven minutes into the second half to take a 1-0 lead, but Bethlehem (6-1-0 league, 6-2-0 overall) tied the score when David Bell's long pass deflected off an Arlington defender into the net for an own-goal. Arlington regained the lead when it scored off a scrum in front of the Eagles' goal.

The loss to Arlington capped an overall strong week for Bethlehem. The Eagles defeated Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 2-0 Tuesday, Sept. 15, and then downed Troy 9-0 Thursday, Sept. 17.

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▲ Bethlehem's Luke Dole battles a Troy defender for the ball deep inside Flying Horses' territory during the first half of a Suburban Council game Thursday, Sept. 17. Dole scored six goals to lead the Eagles to a 9-0 victory over the Flying Horses.

◀ Troy goaltender Michael Rienze, left, covers the ball before Bethlehem can get a shot off during the first half.

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■ GUILDERLAND

Dutchmen suffer first loss of the season

Saratoga pulls away to beat Guilderland in division opener

By **ROB JONAS**

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GUILDERLAND

— After winning its first two games in dominating fashion, the Guilderland football team was on the other end of the scoreboard.

Saratoga Springs scored the final 34 points of the game to defeat the Dutchmen 40-7 Friday, Sept. 18, in an Empire Division game.

The Blue Streaks (1-0 division, 3-0 overall) grabbed a quick 6-0 lead when Brandon Hipsley intercepted a George Marinopoulos pass and returned it 13 yards for a touchdown. Guilderland responded with a quick drive of its own, capped by Cameron Long's 1-yard touchdown run. Jake Wheeler's extra point put the Dutchmen ahead 7-6

— the first time Saratoga trailed in a game this season.

Saratoga quarterback Brian Williams made certain that wouldn't last long. The senior connected with Nicholas Kondo on an 18-yard touchdown pass late in the first quarter to give the Blue Streaks a 13-7 lead. Williams finished Saratoga's next offensive series with a 9-yard scoring run up the middle to make it 20-7 at halftime.

Williams accounted for two more Saratoga touchdowns in the third quarter, as the Blue Streaks pulled away. After Dakota Harvey's 15-yard scoring run made it 27-7 and a Saratoga fumble recovery, Williams hit Kondo on a 23-yard touchdown pass. Williams capped the scoring with a 28-yard scoring run.

Girls soccer

The Guilderland girls soccer team defeated Queensbury 7-0 in a

non-league game Saturday, Sept. 19.

Amanda Rice led the balanced attack with a goal and three assists. Amanda Maselli tallied twice, while Alyssa Kogelmann and Bree Ford each added a goal and an assist for the Lady Dutch (4-3-0).

Guilderland began the week with a 4-1 Suburban Council victory over Averill Park Tuesday, Sept. 15. Rice struck for a goal and two assists, with the other goals coming from Kerry Gerety, Hayley Kmack and Karly Meacham.

The Lady Dutch followed up that performance with a 5-0 league win against Albany Thursday, Sept. 17. Kogelmann tallied twice to lead a balanced attack.

Boys soccer

The Guilderland boys soccer team raised its record to 4-1-2 with a 4-0 Suburban Council victory over Albany Thursday, Sept. 17.



▲ Guilderland quarterback George Marinopoulos (12) calls the signals during an Empire Division home game against Saratoga Springs Friday, Sept. 18.

◀ Three Guilderland players — including Tyler Hess (44) and Patrick Ghyll (42) — tackle Saratoga quarterback Brian Williams in the first quarter.

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■ VOORHEESVILLE

Blackbirds bounce back from defeat

Girls soccer edges Catholic Central in OT
in rematch of Sectional final

By **ROB JONAS**

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VOORHEESVILLE — Two days after suffering its first loss of the season, the Voorheesville girls soccer team regrouped to edge Catholic Central 3-2 in overtime Friday, Sept.

18, in a Colonial Council game.

The Blackbirds (6-1-0) scored twice in the second half to force overtime, and then notched the game-winning goal in the second overtime period.

Julia Voss tallied twice, and Veda Hensel added

a goal for Voorheesville, which lost to Catholic Central in last year's Section 2, Class B final.

The Blackbirds fell to Schalmont 5-3 Wednesday, Sept. 16. The score was tied at 3-3 after regulation, but the Sabres (7-0-0) struck for a goal in each of the two overtime periods to pull away for the win.

Alexis Horwedel scored two goals, and Vanessa

Wainwright added a goal and an assist for Schalmont. Voss tallied once and assisted on goals by Hensel and Rebecca Clair for Voorheesville.

Football

The Voorheesville football team rallied from a 21-9 deficit to edge Watervliet 22-21 Saturday, Sept. 19.

Quarterback Ryan

Daly threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Mike McGuinness late in the third quarter to get the Blackbirds (2-1) within five points of the Cannoneers. Daly then capped a fourth-quarter offensive series with a 6-yard scoring strike to Ethan Richardson to put Voorheesville in front.

Tailback Dalton Esposito contributed 182

yards and a touchdown for Voorheesville.

Boys soccer

The Voorheesville boys soccer team improved its record to 5-2 with a 7-1 Colonial Council victory over Catholic Central Friday, Sept. 18. The win came two days after the Blackbirds lost to Schalmont 5-1 Wednesday, Sept. 16.

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Eagles falter

Bethlehem needed to be patient against BH-BL's stingy defense. The Eagles applied steady offensive pressure in the first half, but they didn't score until Luke Dole tallied off an Eamon Conway assist in the 35th minute.

Conway and Mike Considine executed a give-and-go early in the second half, with Considine finishing the play with a goal to put Bethlehem ahead 2-0. BH-BL placed a couple of shots on net the rest of the game, with Bethlehem goalie Liam Dole making the necessary saves to secure the shutout.

Luke Dole was the star of Bethlehem's rout of Troy Sept. 17. The senior scored six goals to lead the attack. Noah Weinstock tallied twice, and Killian Ryan had the other goal for the Eagles.

Girls soccer

The Bethlehem girls soccer team rebounded from a 1-0 loss to Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Tuesday, Sept. 15, by shutting out Troy 5-0 Thursday, Sept. 17.

Shannon Russo tallied twice for the Lady Eagles (3-2-1, 4-3-1) against Troy. Olivia Miranda contributed a goal and two assists, while Sophia Calabrese and Lindsey Stento each added a goal.

Football

Bethlehem couldn't complete a rally in a 34-27

Liberty Division loss to LaSalle Friday, Sept. 18, in Troy.

The Eagles (0-1 division, 1-2 overall) came back from a 21-0 deficit by scoring three unanswered touchdowns, only to see the Cadets (1-0, 1-2) regain the lead for good on Jake Field's 2-yard touchdown run and Zach Hurst's extra point early in the fourth quarter. Bethlehem's Ryan Starr capped a drive with a 1-yard scoring run, but the extra point was no good, leaving LaSalle with a 28-27 advantage.

Tyler Harwood scored one touchdown on the ground and another through the air for LaSalle. Starr rushed for three touchdowns to pace Bethlehem.

Cross country

The Bethlehem cross country team had a strong showing at the Ballston Spa Invitational Saturday, Sept. 19, at Luther Forest.

The boys team won the varsity division title, and Dawson Homer and Holly Machabee each turned in individual victories for Bethlehem.

Homer led the boys team to victory with a winning time of 16:39.00. Derek Baranski was fourth with a time of 17:15.22, while Cameron Davis finished sixth with a time of 17:50.66. Lucas Culley placed ninth with a time of 18:02.59, and Riley Grossman rounded out Bethlehem's top five with

an 11th-place finish in a time of 18:11.08.

The Eagles claimed the boys varsity division title with 31 points, 21 points ahead of runner-up Ballston Spa.

Machabee won the girls varsity division race with a time of 19:25.02, more than 11 seconds faster than runner-up Maryanna Lansing of Shaker. Rachel Hodge was eighth with a time of 20:19.44, and Ruby Pan placed ninth with a time of 20:29.01.

The Bethlehem girls team finished second with 43 points, five points behind varsity division champion Greenwich.

Golf

The Bethlehem golf team defeated Shenendehowa by one stroke at the Suburban Council Tournament Thursday, Sept. 17, at Van Patten Golf Course in Clifton Park. The Eagles finished with a team score of 471, while the Plainsmen recorded a score of 472.

Bethlehem's Austin Fox was the top golfer in the tournament. Fox carded an 18-hole score of 70 to earn medalist honors.

Girls swimming

Shenendehowa defeated Bethlehem 109-77 in a Suburban Council girls swim meet Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Leigha Kosakowski led Bethlehem with victories in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. Olivia Healey finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke.

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■ EDUCATION

State's students to learn CPR in class

New law passed would make CPR lessons mandatory for schools

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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ALBANY — Cheers from moms who have lost children to sudden cardiac arrest were heard last week following the announcement that all students in New York State will now be required to have CPR training.

Four mothers told their stories of how their young children could have been saved had those present in their children's schools and on sports fields known how to perform correct CPR. For several years now, these mothers have been advocating with the American Heart

Association to get this legislation passed.

"I'm alive because of CPR," said Joe Mendrick, 15, of Colonie. Mendrick "remembers like it was yesterday," the day that a baseball hit him in the chest and stopped his heart four years ago. Luckily, a police officer, who knew CPR was nearby to save his life.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, on the steps of the New York State Board of Education building in downtown Albany, these mothers, and more than 40 other advocates from the American Heart Association celebrated the New York Board of Regents' approval of this measure.

Sudden cardiac arrest survivors like Mendrick, who was 11 years old when he suffered sudden cardiac arrest and J. J. Pesany of Lancaster, a senior in high school, who suffered an electrical shock while

moving football posts at the school, were also present.

According to the National Heart Association, having CPR performed doubles or triples a person's chance of survival in the event of sudden cardiac arrest.

After 15 years of advocacy from the American Heart Association, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the CPR in Schools bill into law in October of last year. Legislation was sponsored by then-Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg (D-Long Beach) and then Sen. Mark Grisanti (R-Buffalo).

Starting Oct. 7, all high school students must now receive training in hands-only CPR and training in proper AED usage in order to graduate. New York follows 25 other states in adopting this law. More than half the nation's

students, about 1.5 million people, will be trained in CPR when the law takes effect.

This legislation comes after the 2002 passage of Luis' law named for Luis Acompora, which requires an AED to be present in all public spaces. Since its passage, 87 lives have been saved in New York thanks to the AEDs the law requires.

Karen Acompora, as well as several of the mothers worked with the American Heart Association to pass both Luis' Law and the CPR in Schools Law. Suzy McCarthy of Evans is one of those mothers. After her five-year-old daughter Madison died of sudden cardiac arrest in her kindergarten classroom, she became an advocate for CPR instruction.

"If I could have hand-picked a group to be by Madison's side, I couldn't have picked a better group of people telling her they loved her, telling her that mom and dad were on their way," said McCarthy. "But not one person checked to see if she was breathing. Not one person started CPR."

Alongside these mothers' stories of loss, there are stories of success from people who were lucky enough to be surrounded by those who

were trained in CPR.

When Claudia Statshemko found her husband Joel, 57, of Loudonville, collapsed in bed she attempted CPR. But when her son Casey, then 14, saw her attempt, he pushed her aside and told her that she was doing it wrong. A mere month earlier, he had learned the correct CPR method during a health class at Sand Creek Middle School in Colonie.

"People argued that kids wouldn't be able to remember CPR or that it would be too stressful for kids to apply, but what's more stressful than having your own father dying in front of you?" said Claudia Statshemko. "Thank god he knew."

The training Casey Statshemko received almost didn't happen, as the school did not have enough CPR mannequins to train with. The American Heart Association donated those 30 mannequins, which eventually led to Joel Statshemko's life being saved.

Heart disease remains the number one cause of death in the U.S. According to the National Heart Association, it is estimated that for every minute that goes by without CPR, a person's chance of survival drops by

ten percent.

"Having one kid in every house with CPR training gives us a better chance of giving them a better chance," said Colonie EMT Robbie Maccue.

Some local schools, including the Bethlehem Central School District, already have CPR lessons required of their students. "Bethlehem recognizes the importance of CPR training," said acting Superintendent Jodi Monroe. "We would hope that such a mandate would be accompanied with appropriate funding from the state or that the cost would be offset by relieving school districts of other unfunded mandates."

Though most school districts should agree that the hands-only CPR is a beneficial addition to student's course loads, the required training with AED machines makes compliance with the mandate tricky, as each AED costs about \$1,500. So far, no funding has been announced.

The American Heart Association is a non-profit organization that fosters appropriate cardiac care in an effort to reduce disabilities and deaths caused by cardiovascular disease and stroke. To learn more, visit www.heart.org/HEARTORG.

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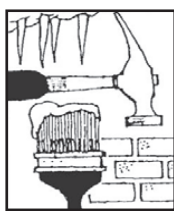
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Dan Moran, past chair of the New York State Advocacy Committee for the American Heart Association, leads a group of American Heart Association advocates in celebrating after the Board of Regents approved the CPR in Schools Law.

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GOVERNMENT

County proposal to ban microbeads

County legislators seek ban after similar state law fails

By **TRICIA CREMO**
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ALBANY COUNTY— Virtually indestructible and millimeters in size, microbeads can be found in many common household cosmetic products. New legislation in the Albany County Legislature would see them banned.

Because of their tiny size, microbeads pass through water treatment plants and end up discharged into our lakes and rivers. The plastics in microbeads then cause harm to both water systems and the wildlife that mistake them for food.

After a statewide

ban on microbeads fell through, the pressure is now on local counties to take action. Facewashes proclaiming the exfoliating power of microbeads are the main culprit, while some toothpastes also contain microbeads.

County officials are using New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's proposed "Microbead-Free Waters Act" as inspiration for the legislation. If passed, all sales of microbead products would be banned. The legislation is sponsored by County Legislator Bryan Clehan (D-Guilderland) and County Legislator Chris Higgins (D-Albany).

"Microbeads don't biodegrade, so the problem accumulates... If we don't ban them now, this will become very costly for taxpayers down the road," said Clehan when the

bill was introduced to Albany County Legislature Monday, Sept. 14.

As most current water treatment centers are unable to remove the nano-sized beads without adding costly retrofits, the legislation proposes to save taxpayers money by banning microbeads altogether. Of the 610 wastewater treatment plants in New York, 403 use no treatments that can effectively remove microbeads from systems.

Damage by plastics to our water streams is well documented in scientific literature, as plastics are known to accumulate poisonous chemical debris like PCBs as they biodegrade. When residents wash their face and brush their teeth with microbead products, they unknowingly send harmful chemicals to local water sources.

A study from Schneiderman looking at the Great Lakes of western New York showed increasing rates of these microplastics since 2012. The concentration rivaled the highest concentration of microplastics from the world's largest ocean garbage patches. Average concentrations of microplastics in the Great Lakes were higher than both the South Pacific Gyre garbage patch and the North Atlantic Gyre garbage patch, but not quite so high as the North Pacific Gyre, the largest garbage patch on earth.

"Microbeads are a pointless waste that compromises our wastewater system, pollute our waterways, harm wildlife, and ultimately become a public health concern," said Saima Anjam, environmental health director at

Environmental Advocates of New York.

The attorney general as well as many other environmental organizations are advocating for a ban in every county in the state. Although passage of the statewide ban had seemed assured when the measure received overwhelming bipartisan support in the State Assembly, the bill died in the Environmental Conservation Committee.

Erie County has just signed a similar ban into law, while Chataqua County, Cattarus County and the Town of Wilson are moving similar measures forward. Internationally, the Dutch Parliament is promoting a European ban on microplastics in cosmetics.

Companies like Wegman's and Tops have already voluntarily banned the sale of microbeads in

their stores. Neutrogena and Johnson & Johnson have also publicly pledged to phase microbeads out of their products, since learning of their harmful environmental effects.

Conservation societies such as the Environmental Advocates of New York, the Citizens Campaign for the Environment, the Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter and the Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper have all publicly supported the bill.

"Our commitment to protecting and restoring New York's waters is among our most important responsibilities," said Schneiderman. Under his "common-sense" legislation, the ban will "stop the flow of plastic from ill-designed beauty products into our vital waters, preserving our natural heritage for future generations."

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is 144 State Street Asset Management LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 18, 2015. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#93484

LEGAL NOTICE

159 DELAWARE LLC

Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/28/15. 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, 305 ASTOR CT, DELMAR, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#93986

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1894 STERLING PLACE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/17/15. 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#94181

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2051 33RD ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/29/15. 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#94198

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 207 SAINT JAMES PLACE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/17/15. 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#94186

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification 2160 Erie, LLC. Application for Authority filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) 08/05/2015. Office location Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 07/31/2015. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. Principal office of LLC: 2727 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004. Articles of Organization filed with NV Secretary of State, 202 N. Carson, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful purposes. Ad#92609

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 284 STERLING PLACE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/17/15. 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#94183

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 31-16 71ST ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/13/15. 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#94195

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 313 ATLANTIC AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/17/15. 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#94191

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is 35 Empire State Properties LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on August 25, 2015. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail

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a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#94929

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 81 TEN BROECK-ALBANY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed on 07/21/2015 with the Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY). Office Location: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to po Box 6632, Albany, NY 12206. Ad#93393

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF ATEN LLC First: The name of the limited liability company is ATEN LLC Second: The county, within this state, in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany Third: 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 against the limited liability company served upon hme or her is: ATEN LLC 305 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose any lawful activity. Ad# 94684

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: Attic Eye Home Inspections LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/21/2015. 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 Attic Eye Home Inspections LLC, 40 Exchange St, Albany, 12205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. Ad#94686

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BEAR DESIGN COMPANY, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on August 6, 2015. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#92579

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is BLESSING ROAD, LLC

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b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on August 6, 2015.

c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.

d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the 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 Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: BLESSING ROAD, LLC William D. Pfeiffer 20 Corporate Woods Blvd, 2nd Floor Albany, NY 12211

e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. Ad#92808

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BREAKTHROUGH PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/24/15. 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#94178

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CHONTONG THAI RESTAURANT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/31/2015. 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, 311 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: For operating a restaurant. Ad#94690

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Notice of Formation of CONFIDEO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/3/14. 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: all lawful activities. Ad#94177

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: DEDHAM POST EQUITY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 9, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall

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mail copy to 101 Dedham Post Road, Schenectady, New York 12303. Ad#95662

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EVENTS AT SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/29/15. 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#94214

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Notice of Formation of FACIALS BY BONNIE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/13/15. 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#94193

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Glenside Property Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/26/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 9 Woodlawn Ave. Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#95713

LEGAL NOTICE

GPT 81 MERCER, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/14/15. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Pep Real Esate, 25 Howard St., 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#95327

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Notice of Formation of HEXAGON DEVELOPMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/18/15. 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#94176

LEGAL NOTICE

Hong Tai Contracting LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 08/18/15. Office Loc.: Albany County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 1252 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. Ad#93409

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY INDEX #1140/14 FILED: 8/25/2015 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE. Plaintiff designates Albany County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-B, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-B Plaintiff(s), against, CLIFTON ALEXANDER, all possible unknown heirs at law of CLIFTON ALEXANDER if living, and if any be dead, their respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributes, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, ELEVATIONS BUILDINGS CORP, GEICO A/S/O T L JOHNSON-MCBRIDE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-B, MORTGAGE-BACKED

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CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-B AND FILING THE ANSWER WITHIN THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage which was recorded on the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany where the property is located on March 9, 2005 recorded in Liber 4924 of Mortgages at page 145, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany. Said mortgage was then assigned to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-B, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-B, by assignment of mortgage which was dated April 11, 2012 and the assignment of which will be recorded at the Clerk's office where the property is located covering premises known as 469 Orange St, Albany, NY 12206 (Section: 65.63 Block: 1 Lot: 59). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above to the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Gerald W. Connolly, an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York dated July 15, 2015 and filed along with the supporting papers in the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Albany and State of New York. SECTION: 65.63 BLOCK: 1 LOT: 59 said premises known as 469 Orange St, Albany, NY 12206. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of

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principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded. Entire principal Balance in the amount of \$70,506.86 with interest from June 1, 2012. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBT OR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME, ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with our lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BankNYS or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers

■ DEAN'S LIST

The following students were named to the president's list for the spring 2015 semester at SUNY Oswego:

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Ronald Diego of Delmar
Ian Dembling of Glenmont
Sophie Thies of Guilderland

The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at SUNY Oswego:

Ashley O'Brien of Altamont
Justine Polonski of Altamont
Brianna Ferrera of Delmar
Colin Wilson of Delmar

Frederick Docous of Glenmont

Brandon Hoenig of Schenectady
Matthew Jones of Schenectady
Michael Mangino of Schenectady
Thomas Benson of Slingerlands
Cameron Ebersold of Slingerlands

The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Ithaca College:

Casey Wyman of Delmar
Ashley Cohen of Slingerlands
Lindsey Woller of Delmar
Sarah Fielman of Selkirk
Alison Nickford of Glenmont

Nicholas DiNapoli of Slingerlands

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The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Paul Smith's College:
Nathanial Casaregola of Glenmont
William Matthews of Schenectady
Jacob Polfleit of Altamont

The following students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at the University of New Haven:

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF IVY LEAGUE FASHION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/26/2015. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Reginald S. Scantlebury, 23 School Master Court, Unit #1307, Athens, NY 12015. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#93991

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JP 81 MERCER, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/14/15. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Pep Real Estate, 25 Howard St., 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#95333

LEGAL NOTICE

JPT 81 MERCER, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/14/15. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Pep Real Estate, 25 Howard St., 2nd Fl, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#95334

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Name: L-VISION LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of New York (SSNY) on 9/9/2015. 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 the process the LLC to: 90 State Street, STE 700 Office 40 Albany, New York 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#94916

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Lever2, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 7/3/2015. Office: 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 processes to: C/O Lever1, LLC 510 W 5th Street Kansas City, MO 64105. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Ad#95319

LEGAL NOTICE

Levine Gipp Associates, LLC Notice of formation of Levine Gipp Associates, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 8/11/15. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it

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may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 298 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12211. Purposes: any lawful activity. Ad#92771

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LLC: Lily's Place, LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 7/1/2015. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 376 Northern Blvd, Albany, NY 12204. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. Ad#94571

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: McGuinness Home Solutions LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/21/2015. 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 McGuinness Home Solutions LLC, 19 Marlborough Court, Albany, 12209. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. Ad#94700

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the limited liability company is Merchants Restaurant Service Company, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on August 14, 2015 with the NYS Department of State. The County within the State in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this State to which the Secretary of State will mail a copy of

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any process against the LLC served upon him or her is 258 State Street, Albany, New York 12210. There is no specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve. The purpose of the business of the LLC is any lawful purpose permitted of a limited liability company in the State of New York /s/Thomas F. Gleason, Esq., Organizer Ad#93488

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MHO HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/17/15. 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#94179

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MILE HIGH ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/7/15. 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#94173

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Notice of Formation of MRD VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/29/15. 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#94212

LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: PixelBit Studios LLC Date of Filing the Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: August 4, 2015 Office of the LLC: Albany County The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom pro-

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cess may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 73 Daniel Street, Slingerlands Purpose of LLC: To create and publish video games Ad#91809

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Notice of Formation of PLATIGE FILMS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/3/15. 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#94197

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PROVA COUTURE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/22/15. 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#94215

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: PSP MEMBER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 18, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to MRP Associates LLC, 255 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. Ad#93539

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: PSP MRP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, June 18, 2015. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall

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■ FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Small beads, big problem

Here in 2015, it should come as no surprise, but we as human beings have a natural disposition for messing up the natural order of things.

Holy Scripture aside, Earth is not a commodity to be bought, sold or appraised, nor are the bounties from it everlasting. Scientists of today will point to increasing carbon emissions that will warm our air and acidify our oceans. They will direct us to the Mid-West and California, where climate change is effecting weather patterns and melting snow packs, drying out those regions and stressing crop output. And, then there are the polar ice caps.

The correlation between climate change and human-caused carbon emissions from cars, power-plants and deforestation has become politicized. It's a topic for political parties to debate over, and the color tie you wear often dictates your point of you in the matter.

The Albany County Legislature deserves kudos for taking a stand on an

environmental issue of a different matter. Last week the governing body legislation proposed to ban the use of microbeads commonly found in cleaning products, from facial cleansers to toothpaste.

An invention of convenience has turned into a potential disaster to natural wildlife, as it turns out these cleaning-aids are not filtered through our water treatment plants, and deposit out into our lakes and streams.

These plastic beads create problems in two ways. In one scenario, they are mistaken for food and are ingested. The other, harmful chemicals seep out into the water as the plastics degrade.

Microbead technology has been on the shelves for several years, so their accumulation has already been substantial. Since 2012, microplastics have increased at such a rate, the numbers rival that of the infamous garbage patches circumnavigating the world's oceans.

The proposed legislation still must go to vote, but may not find any opposition.

Local grocery stores like Wegman's and Tops have taken such products off their shelves. And, those companies currently using microbeads in their products, like Johnson & Johnson and Neutrogena, are already taking steps to phase them out completely.

Once the legislation is passed, products using microbeads will be banned from being sold in Albany County.

So, kudos to the Legislature will be reserved for once they do pass this into law. The next step will be to have this same kind of effort shared throughout the country.

TALK BACK

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■ GET TO KNOW ...



Joe Sapienza
Athletic director,
Voorheesville High

Hometown: Voorheesville
Residence: Voorheesville

What type of music do you listen to?

Classic rock — The Beatles, (Rolling) Stones, Led Zeppelin. I'm not much of a fan of newer music.

What do you watch on TV?

I like "Survivor" and "Modern Family." Other than that, I don't watch much TV at all.

What type of books do you like to read?

I mostly read news items, and the books I read are about American history.

What was the last movie you saw in the movie theater?

"Straight Outta Compton." I liked it because I thought there was some historical significance from that era. It defined a new era in music history.

What are some of your hobbies?

I like gardening and yard work. I'm still trying to play basketball from time to time. And I love going to the beach with my family.

Who is one famous person, dead or alive, you would like to meet, and why?

I would like to meet (Chicago Bears running back) Walter Payton because, obviously, I believe in the value of athletics for students, and I just perceive him as an unbelievable role model for young athletes. He went about his business in a dignified manner on and off the field ... and I think society today needs that.

What is your favorite local memory?

My favorite local memory would be growing up in beautiful downtown

Voorheesville.

What would your last meal be?

It would definitely be my wife's Montreal steak.

What three items would you bring to a deserted island?

My family, a football and my stuffed doggie from when I was a baby.

What is a surprising fact about you?

I really like art and music. I play some guitar — self taught.

"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

Support for Clarkson

Editor, The Spotlight

I have lived in Delmar more than 34 years. I am writing to express my support for the current Town of Bethlehem administration, under the direction of Supervisor John Clarkson.

When John and his team came into office they faced a complex set of issues but immediately went about dealing with them in a way that encouraged engagement of town residents. I like that.

I was not surprised that the Supervisor would approach problem solving in this way because I have seen him work through significant challenges while he was working for the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) in the division of Local Governments. In fact John and I were colleagues at OSC. He has long advocated for increased citizen involvement in various levels of government as well as

increased information sharing in order to help residents better understand the issues and options that are before their communities.

John Clarkson has an innate ability to understand and diagnose complex problems at both a strategic and operational level. But beyond that, he looks at the impact of policy decisions on the people. To me that balance is critical. I don't want a government that studies issues in isolation of the people. I have seen greater evidence of this "taking people into account" (both staff and citizens) under the Clarkson administration, than in previous administrations.

For example, this administration formed several advisory committees early in its term. I believe that seeking input from town residents through the advisory committees, hosting community town halls and making the town meetings

available on-line helps spark interest and citizen engagement.

In this town we are accustomed to a high level of service. These services are not without cost. While all localities face the challenge of providing service while keeping costs reasonable. I believe our current administration has done a good job of assuring

a high level of service while being mindful of spending. The \$776,000 grant that our Town received was earned for efficiency. Using it to address diverse needs in our community, including the rural areas, helps us achieve the balance between service and spending.

John Clarkson continues to show the

kind of leadership and professionalism that our town needs. Collaboration, personal integrity, citizen engagement, mindful spending, critical analysis of complex problems and experience at varying levels of government makes him ideally suited to continue to lead our town.

Sandra Powell,
Delmar

Word of thanks

I would like to thank all those who donated at the Annual Town Hall Blood Drive held Monday, September 14. We achieved 136 percent of our goal set by the Red Cross! Also highly commendable, we had 10 first-time donors!

I would also like to thank Liz Mosier for assisting with organizing and Lynda Bissonnette who volunteered at the sign-in and canteen tables.

Please take an hour of your time and offer to donate blood. Being potentially uncomfortable for the 4-10 minutes of actual donation time is so small when compared to the pain endured by those who will receive your blood. Depending on your blood type, your donation will

be in another person within 4-7 days so the need is real and unending. Each time you donate one pint of blood, you are potentially saving three lives.

Please visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation-v6> to find a drive or location convenient to you and schedule your next or first appointment. As an added bonus, all presenting donors in the month of September will receive an e-mail coupon for a free haircut.

We wouldn't have had such a successful drive without our volunteers and our generous donors. Thank you!

Susan Alexandar,
Town of Bethlehem

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From page 1 ... Volatile subject

YouTube by Fiero.

A student at Pennsylvania State University, Fiero wrote, produced and edited the video while interning this summer at the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation, Environmental Advocates of New York. The video, as well as a blog from Fiero, can be found on its website.

As she points out, should an oil train spill occur in Voorheesville, the local EMS, Fire Department, elementary school, a daycare center and some local businesses would be destroyed, and many lives would be lost. The creek supplying water to the many homeowners in Voorheesville that use wells would also be contaminated, leaving environmental damage that would take decades to correct.

The message Fiero is sending by pointing out these facts is clear—stricter safety measures are necessary to prevent

disaster.

Small towns sitting along rail lines are the victims in the oil train debate. Though the video shows the devastating effects a spill would have on Fiero's hometown of Voorheesville, these same effects could be seen in any of the small towns oil trains pass through.

Just two years ago in Quebec, 47 lives were lost after an oil train explosion. The blast radius reached over half a mile. An increasing rate of these explosions has occurred in recent years as hydrofracking has grown in operation. Trains carrying the crude oil produced by hydrofracking travel through many small towns on their journeys from western states and Canada to various shipping ports like the one in Albany.

Less severe crashes have occurred in nearby towns like Selkirk, Schoharie, Montgomery, Kingston and West Nyack in the past two years. These crashes thankfully did not

result in loss of lives or environmental damage.

Albany County Legislator Herb Reilly (D- District 33) and Voorheesville Mayor Robert Conway are also featured in the video, speaking out for increased restrictions.

"You would probably be surprised what actually travels through the village that people aren't paying attention to or aren't aware of," said Conway.

Albany County Executive Dan McCoy is one of only a few public officials nationally who have spoken about this issue. As such, he has spoken on many national talk shows and radio shows advocating for more regulations on oil train travel, and hopes that other counties across the country will follow his lead in restricting oil trains.

"I didn't go into this to be the national person talking about crude oil, but no one was doing anything about it... No one's really made the hard stance that we've made in Albany County," said McCoy. "Oil is above me. It's not like I deal with oil on a daily basis. But I've learned

a lot about the railroad industry."

In April, five state agencies delivered an oil train report ordered by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. The report called for minor regulations, but largely shifted responsibility of regulation to the federal government and local counties.

State officials have increased inspections of the two companies that transport crude oil through the port of Albany, but did not include any new laws restricting the movement of oil trains.

In early 2014, a law was passed in the Albany County Legislature, which imposes a moratorium on the amount of crude oil that could be processed at the Albany port, and fines railroad companies who fail to report oil spills in Albany County within 30 minutes. "The county is taking good steps in trying to alert people of what oil train explosions looks like. These oil trains are ticking time bombs," said Albany Legislator Herb Reilly.

Still, critics would rather see a ban of crude oil altogether. The feasibility of this, however,



Photo by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

is unlikely.

Others have also pointed to the type of train being transported as another culprit, while still more have pointed to fatigue of workers. Many of the trains, as well as the tracks carrying them are decades old, and conductors are only restricted to working 430 hours per month, versus the 100 hours, which pilots are restricted to.

Thus far, train

companies have been uncooperative in local efforts to restrict and manage their travel. Fiero's video shows just one instance of this, which some have interpreted as an instance of fossil fuel industry influencing decision makers in higher government

When residents of the Town of Voorheesville noticed an increasing amount of trains moving through the village in 2013, the Town Board attempted to create a quiet zone by the train crossing in town, requiring trains to only whistle in the event of an emergency.

To do so, two more gate crossings needed to be added to the two already in place at the crossing, in order to reduce the risk of car on train collisions. These efforts were slowed by lack of response from CSX.

After months of delay, an engineer then informed the town that the creation of these two gates would cost three times more than he originally stated, according to Steven Steven Schreiber, chairman of the Voorheesville Quiet Zone Committee. For Fiero, this instance is another reminder of how difficult the fight for increased oil train regulation will be.

"As I look around my hometown of Voorheesville... I am now even more aware of the constant threat we all face every single day," said Fiero. "I hope this video will open your eyes, too."

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